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ND drinking habits not affected by ban

Officials: no decline in alcohol use since '02, but drop in consumption was not purpose of rule changes

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Associate News Editor

Editor's note: This is the second story in a three-part series examining the use and abuse of alcohol at Notre Dame, the University's attempts to solve alcohol-related problems and the future of the campus' drinking culture.

In the summer of 2002, Notre Dame banned hard alcohol on its campus, and infuriated students said the changes in the University's policy would not curb their drinking habits. Five years

later, those students have graduated, but their successors are still upholding that vow, as the number of students that used or abused alcohol in 2006 approximate the 2002 figures, the Office of Drug and Alcohol Education (ODAE) said Tuesday.

Annie Eaton, an ODAE assessment counselor, said the number of students referred to her office dropped immediately after the announcement of the ban on liquor — but the lull did not last.

"There was a change after the policy was implemented," Eaton said. "Students were afraid of the consequences in the beginning. They did cut down on their alco-

hol ingestion for some time, but when they got over their initial fear of the new consequences, the numbers of referrals were back on the rise."

Eaton said students quickly discovered that the fines they feared were only being levied per bottle of alcohol, and "since mostly students can afford to pay those fines," they returned to their previous practices.

Associate Vice President of Residence Life Bill Kirk confirmed Eaton's observations, saying approximately 60 percent of the disciplinary cases that go through his office every year are related to alcohol use and abuse

— a statistic that has remained "roughly consistent" in the last five years.

The University, however, did not expect the 2002 modifications to convert students to sobriety, Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman said.

"It was never our belief that the changes to the alcohol policy would solve all of our problems," he said. "We have seen some drop in our binge-drinking rates since the changes five years ago. But there is clearly more work to be done."

Rather than reduce the num-

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College celebrates SMC Tostal

Canoe race, fireworks included in activities

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

As Notre Dame hosts its week of AnTostal events, Saint Mary's is celebrating spring its own way — with SMC Tostal, which takes place today.

Sponsored by the Student Activities Board (SAB), the event will feature henna tattoo and caricature artists, an outdoor picnic and a screening of "Dreamgirls" on the Library Green, among other activities.

This year's event planners, juniors Noelle Whiteside and Cassie Callon, decided to include canoe races on Lake Marion and a fireworks display over Angela Athletic Facility at dusk, in contrast to last year's "concert-series atmosphere," headlined with a performance by the band Phantom Planet.

"We decided to have the activities of the day centered around a heritage theme," Callon said.

Earlier in the semester, SAB sent students a survey regarding what they would like to see at this year's SMC Tostal.

The response to the survey was unfortunately underwhelming, Callon said, but students seem to be positive about the chosen activities nonetheless.

"We have heard a ton of positive feedback from the student body regarding this year's activ-

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Extended NDH hours satisfy diners



Observer File Photo

Students enjoy the salad bar at North Dining Hall, which has stayed open an hour later during weekdays since spring break.

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

Grabbing dinner has been a bit easier for busy students since North Dining Hall extended its weekday dinner-time by an hour — and the responses to this change have been nothing but positive, North Dining Hall General Manager Reggie Kalili said.

North Dining Hall extended its hours until 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday after spring break. The extra hour was in response to student demand, because South Dining Hall was only open weekdays after seven, Kalili said.

Reaction from students who use North Dining Hall (NDH) has generally been positive, Kalili said, and the dining hall

staff has provided "positive comments" about the change as well.

Recent surveys at North Dining Hall have shown a sharp jump in the rating for "satisfaction with operating hours," Kalili said.

The push to extend NDH's hours has been in the works since 1998, when SDH began staying open until 9 p.m., Kalili said.

It took so long to implement the change, Kalili said, because usage statistics revealed that South Dining Hall "wasn't busy enough after 7 p.m. to justify having both Halls open."

Kalili said after taking into account the responses on last semester's dining hall satis-

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STUDENT SENATE

Government to focus on action in upcoming year

Brown delivers State of the Student Union

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

Delivering her first of three State of the Student Union addresses Wednesday, student body president Liz Brown urged members of the Student Senate to shift their focus from dialogue to action, challenging them to produce tangible results for the student body.

"Gone are the days where students only hear about what student government talked about in their two-hour Senate meeting," Brown said. "Dialogue truly has a place and a purpose in student government, but I look forward to a year

where students truly believe we can use fruitful conversation as a basis for concrete, positive changes to student life at Notre Dame."

The prolonged student body president elections in February — a process Brown referred to as a "spectacle" — fed negative impressions that the student government was focused more on dialogue than on results, she said.

Brown and student body vice president Maris Braun were elected by a majority vote in a closed Senate meeting after they failed to win the 50 percent plus one of the vote that was required in both the general

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CHRISTIAN SAGARDIA/The Observer

Student body president Liz Brown gives the State of the Student Union address Wednesday.

Committees establish 2007-08 agendas

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

Following student body president Liz Brown's call for more student government action during her State of the Student Union address Wednesday, Senate committee chairs briefed the group on their plans for the 2007-08 school year.

Lai-Nin Wan, chair of the Multicultural Affairs committee, said MAC will work on making Martin Luther King Jr. Day a day off from classes, so students will be free to participate in programmed activities. Wan said she will look at Notre Dame's peer institutions to

see how they observe the holiday.

Student body vice president Maris Braun presented the report for the Community Relations committee, since committee chair Colin Feehan is currently studying abroad in London. Community Relations is working on creating a community-based Web site that will provide a guide to restaurants in the South Bend area and will give other information about life and entertainment in the community, Braun said.

Academic Affairs committee chair Carol Hendrickson said she is

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INSIDE COLUMN

Words from the basement

Tonight is officially my last night working at The Observer. Bizarre, really, to think about a younger, wide-eyed version of myself, mousing into this office for the Frosh-O Open House. And now, almost four years, countless 4 a.m. nights and more than 150 articles later, here I am, watching as the next batch of ambitious reporters take the reins.

Amanda Michaels
Assistant News Editor

I've always balked at the thought of writing an Inside Column about working at The O — too meta for my taste — but I feel like, just for tonight, it might be appropriate. After all, of the lessons I've learned the hard way in college, one of the most important came from this basement office.

A lot of people don't believe how much work the writers and editors here put in. None of these people, however, have lived with me. Or, perhaps, even casually encountered me.

There was a time — called sophomore year — when my life was literally not my own. It got to the point when my then-boyfriend would cringe whenever my cell phone rang, knowing that I was going to be unreachable for the rest of the night. The Observer was always my top priority, and I staunchly defended my decisions to drop everything (and everything) to work when I was needed.

And then I got sick. Really sick. But I wouldn't stop working. I barely slept. I survived on coffee and gum, but I still worked. And I had the people I loved most in life begging me to stop, to help them, to help myself.

Somewhere in that mess, there was a breaking point. I honestly don't remember what it was, but since then, I've quit The O twice. Effective, clearly. But even though I've kept coming back, each time I've learned how to put more and more distance between myself and this place. I've realized that yes, it's all right to tell people 'no' every once in a while. And no, people won't hate you if you don't always say 'yes.'

And you're rolling your eyes by now. This is all quite melodramatic, I know. But I guarantee that many of you will face the same problem, sooner rather than later.

As you start your first jobs, you'll be expected to work longer and harder than the next person. Your boss will ask you to work late, work on Saturday, work on Sunday, work on Christmas ... and many of you will say yes, afraid that it'll mean the difference between a promotion and a pink slip.

As you start your families, you'll be faced with the choice between board meetings or ballet recitals, conference calls or coughing kids. And what about making time for exercise? Church? Sleep?

Priorities will only get harder to keep in order as we move through life, so now is the time to try to sort them out. Draw your boundaries, and be prepared to defend them.

It's a lesson that took me four years to learn.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Amanda Michaels at amichael@nd.edu.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: DO YOU PREFER PCs OR MACS?



Genevieve Nield
freshman
Breen-Phillips

"PC, because it's what I know."



Krystie Traudt
sophomore
Welsh Family

"Macs, because they're just so cute."



Kyle Neary
sophomore
Zahm

"01001101
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Leo Rubinkowski
sophomore
Stanford

"PC, because I'm computer-illiterate."



Tashi Thomas
junior
Farley

"PC, because I hate Macs."



QUENTIN STENGER/The Observer

Two ducks happily splash around in a puddle on Main Quad that was formed after Tuesday night's thunderstorm.

OFFBEAT

Ohio judge frees man after Bible quiz

CINCINNATI — A man arrested on Wednesday for allegedly trying to use a stolen credit card at a drugstore got a break from a judge after passing a sort of Bible quiz.

When Eric Hine appeared in court this morning, his attorney described him as a church-goer, hoping the judge would set a low bond.

Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge John Burlew was skeptical and asked Hine to recite the 23rd Psalm.

He did: all six verses. Some in the courtroom applauded.

Burlew was satisfied and released Hine on a \$10,000 appearance bond, meaning he'll have to pay that amount if he doesn't show up for his next court date.

'Captain America' faces criminal charges

MELBOURNE, Fla. — A doctor dressed as Captain America was arrested after groping a woman at a bar and fighting with her boyfriend, authorities said.

Patrons at the bar were dressed in costumes as part of a bar crawl Saturday night, police spokeswoman Jill Frederiksen said.

A man carrying a burrito

and dressed as Captain America approached her, began to say dirty things and touched her inappropriately, police said. He then brawled with her boyfriend, authorities said.

Several patrons who had dressed as the super hero were asked to step outside so the woman could identify the suspect, Frederiksen said.

She picked out Raymond Adamcik, 54, police said.

After he was arrested, he tried to flush marijuana down a toilet at a police station, police said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Badin Hall will host its annual Badin Breakdown today from 4 p.m. to 7 on South Quad.

Leonardo Morlino, professor of Political Science at the Instituto di Scienze Umane in Florence, Italy is speaking on "Hybrid Regimes and Democratization: Is There a Role for the European Union?" today at 4:15 p.m. in Hesburgh Center Room C-103.

The documentary "Helvetica" will be shown tonight at 7 p.m. in the Annenberg Auditorium at the Snite Museum of Art. The 80-minute film examines typography, graphic design and global visual culture.

The Student Union Board is presenting Flogging Molly in concert tonight at 10 p.m. at Legends. The event is open to all ND, SMC and HCC students with IDs at no charge.

The last AcoustiCafe of the year will be held tonight at 10 p.m. in the basement of LaFortune.

SUB will hold a free salsa dancing event Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Fieldhouse Mall.

Notre Dame men's soccer will play the Mexican U-20 National team Friday at 7 p.m. at Alumni Field. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for kids 18 and under.

The Notre Dame Jazz Band will perform Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. For tickets, call 631-2800.

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

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Obstacles block way to U.S. jobs

International students struggle to find permanent employment, experience after graduation

By GENE NOONE
News Writer

Job searching may be daunting enough to any senior on the verge of graduation, but to those who are international students, the task of finding a job in the U.S. is even more difficult.

Most international students struggle when trying to land a job in the U.S., said senior Yacinta Fanardy, from Indonesia.

Fanardy is one of the University's 275 international undergraduate students who, upon graduation, face the challenge of finding employment in the U.S. There are roughly 868 international students currently enrolled at Notre Dame, including 593 graduate-level students, said International Student Services and Activities (ISSA) director Bong Miquiabas.

Although some international students may choose to return to their countries after receiving their diplo-

mas, Miquiabas said a large number decide to stay in the U.S.

"In our experience, most international students want the option of working in the United States after graduation, knowing they can, in most cases, always return to their home country for work," he said.

Many international students look for U.S. jobs with plans to live permanently in America, while some, like Fanardy, hope their U.S. job will give them the experience necessary to get a better job in their home countries.

"I hope to find a job in the U.S. and get some experience before going home for good," Fanardy said. "Most people would like to get some experience first before going home, and hoping, with that experience, they would be able to get a better job back home."

Getting that experience is difficult, however, because many employers aren't willing to go through extra steps required when hiring a non-

U.S. citizen.

"Unfortunately, we have heard that many U.S. employers are reluctant to expend time and money to hire an international student," Miquiabas said. "Unlike U.S. citizens, international students face additional paperwork that some employers deem excessively burdensome."

For an international student to get a job in the U.S., he must undergo an extensive government process. U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services (USCIS) permits up to one year of practical training for international students in the United States. If a student wishes to work longer, he must apply to change his citizenship status. To do that, he or his employer must hire an immigration attorney to file for a new visa.

Even if a foreign student follows every procedure perfectly, he may still not get his visa since working visas are limited in validity and, for specialized skills, limited in the total number issued in the U.S. each year, Miquiabas said.

"This is where the problems lie. There are not enough working visas for the number of students who want to keep working in the U.S.," Fanardy said. "This year, the visa application process was already overloaded on the first day of the application, so they had to draw a lottery to decide who got visas and who didn't."

Although many businesses may be reluctant to hire employees because of the extensive visa process, Miquiabas said the time and money are a worthwhile investment, especially for an employer trying to gain a certain international perspective or appeal to an international market.

"The Alumni Association and other campus departments routinely ask ISSA to help connect them with international students who possess a certain language proficiency or a geographic background that might be attractive for employers," Miquiabas said.

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Former Law School dean dies

Special to the Observer

William B. Lawless, former dean of the University of Notre Dame Law School, died Monday in San Francisco after an illness. He was 84.

A native of Buffalo, N.Y., Lawless was editor of the Notre Dame Lawyer before receiving his law degree from the University in 1944. He did naval service in the South Pacific following his graduation, studied at the University of Buffalo and earned a degree in constitutional law from Harvard University in 1950.

He was in private practice in Buffalo and served from 1960 to 1968 on New York's Supreme Court before returning to Notre Dame where he served as dean of the Law School from 1968 to 1971. The Law School doubled in size and established its London program during his tenure, which also included the school's centennial celebration.

The Lawless family has requested that, in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to support scholarships for Notre Dame law students. The address is: Notre Dame Law School Annual Fund, 1100 Grace Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

The Observer is now accepting applications for Controller, Web Designer and Systems Manager for 2007-08.

The Controller position, which provides great accounting experience, is open to rising juniors. It is a two-year position; the 2007-08 Controller will become the 2008-09 Business Manager.

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faction surveys, he decided to implement the later hours — choosing the period after spring break because the number of students who eat after 7 p.m. decreases in the winter months.

“On nicer days more people are out later and coming to [the dining hall] later,” Kalili said.

The new hours may not be permanent, however.

Kalili said if enough students don't take advantage of the later hours this semester, they may not be offered next year.

While the dining halls track usage patterns electronically, the statistics for this semester will not be analyzed until after the semester ends, Kalili said.

“We'll see how many people came in prior to [the dining

hall] staying open until eight and see if more people are coming in than before and at what times,” he said. “At the bottom line, that's what it is — are people using it?”

Another option under consideration is having later hours up until fall break and after spring break, when temperatures are warmer, Kalili said.

Kalili said he was able to extend North's hours by adjusting the labor schedule for dining hall cooks, monitors and service associates. Shifts were changed from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. — to 12 p.m. to 8 p.m., which Kalili said has been generally well received by staff.

“We've been trying to move

our labor around so we have people here when we need them and not occur any overtime or additional labor,” he said. “I don't think it's costing us anything at this point, but we'll evaluate this at the end of the semester to see if that assumption is true.”

Sophomore Jonathan Poelhuis, a Stanford resi-

dent and frequent visitor of North Dining Hall lauded the effects of the extended hours.

“I like how it spreads out the eating schedule so that people eat at different times,” he said. “It makes coming to the dining hall much more fun.”

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Jonathan Poelhuis
sophomore

Senate

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working on plans for promoting the College Readership Program to incoming freshmen.

Social Concerns committee chair Karen Koski has been exploring the creation of a global studies minor and said she will continue to organize classes and faculty for the program.

Gender Issues committee chair Patrick Tighe discussed planning another eating disor-

ders conference next year. He said he was brainstorming ideas to attract more men to the event, perhaps by featuring a male athletic celebrity to talk about body image.

Chair Mariana Montes said Residence Life will take a “grassroots approach” to the committee's focus this year.

She encouraged senators to go to their dorms and survey students about concerns they have with their residence halls.

University Affairs chair Callie Pogge is preparing for faculty-student debates and said she hopes to get the campus involved in the Rock the Vote

2008 campaign.

In other Senate news:

◆ Last week, the student government provided posters for students, faculty and staff to sign messages of condolence for the victims of the Virginia Tech shooting. Brown said 17 posters were filled with signatures, and they handed out approximately 600 yards of maroon and orange ribbon.

◆ The Senate passed a resolution that removed reference in the Student Union Constitution to the defunct Diversity Affairs committee and added the names of the Community Relations, Social Concerns and Multicultural Affairs committees.

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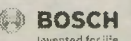
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election and the run-off election.

The subsequent impeachment and removal hearings for former Morrissey senator Greg Dworjan — who violated the Student Union Constitution by using the copy machine in the student government office for campaign purposes and displaying “Campaign to Abstain” posters without the permission of the Judicial Council or the Student Activities Office — added to these impressions.

“Over and over again, I hear criticism of student government's purported preference for dialogue over taking concerted action to positively affect student life,” Brown said.

Brown urged the senators and the committee chairs to combat these perceptions. The members of the student government can change these negative opinions, Brown said, by “aggressively campaign[ing] for improvements to student life — not by talking about how we can change students' preferences, but rather by stimulating positive changes that students will have no choice but to notice.”

Brown said she and Braun have created a platform to spur these changes. By center-

ing their ideas under five main areas — community relations, social concerns, academic environment, student government and student life — Brown said they can make changes and improvements that students will notice.

In the three and a half weeks since she and Braun took office, Brown said they have already made significant improvements — a rate of progress she said she hoped to continue next year.

Brown said she and Braun have met with the Center for Social Concerns regarding a community-based curriculum, and said they will work on an action plan for this over the summer. Preparations are also underway for a faculty-student debate series, which will pair students with faculty members to debate current events.

Brown and Braun are also working with Food Services to explore the possibility of a guest meal exchange program so students can convert their remaining meals for use by their visiting family members or friends.

Brown said she anticipated that a student government Web site would be created over the summer with message boards and forums so students can have access to their representatives.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Bayrou won't support candidates

PARIS — They wooed him hard, even leaving messages on his cell phone, and on Wednesday he spurned them both.

Beaten but defiant, the third-place finisher in France's first-round presidential ballot said he would not throw his 7 million voters behind either conservative front-runner Nicolas Sarkozy or Socialist Segolene Royal, the two candidates still fighting for the top job.

Instead, Francois Bayrou said he will form a new party in the political center, setting his sights on the next election in 2012.

The decision not to play kingmaker in the May 6 runoff was a major gamble that could reshape France's political future — or kill his career.

Bin Laden behind February attack

CAIRO, Egypt — A top Taliban commander said al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden was behind the February attack outside a U.S. military base in Afghanistan during a visit by Vice President Dick Cheney, according to an interview shown Wednesday by Arab broadcaster Al-Jazeera.

Bin Laden planned and supervised the attack that killed 23 people outside the Bagram base while Cheney was there, said Mullah Dadullah, the Taliban's main military commander in southern Afghanistan who has had close associations with al-Qaida.

"You may remember the martyr operation inside the Bagram base, which targeted a senior U.S. official. ... That operation was the result of his wise planning. He (bin Laden) planned that operation and guided us through it. The operation was a success," Dadullah told Al-Jazeera.

NATIONAL NEWS

Katrina cruelty charges dropped

NEW ORLEANS — The state on Wednesday dropped 36 counts of cruelty to the infirm against the owners of a nursing home where 35 people died in the flooding of Hurricane Katrina.

Salvador Mangano and his wife, Mabel, still face 28 counts of cruelty to the infirm and 35 counts of negligent homicide.

State prosecutors said the Manganos, who own St. Rita's nursing home in St. Bernard Parish, should have taken steps to evacuate patients before flood waters rose due to the Aug. 29, 2005 storm.

Texas hit by at least two tornadoes

EAGLE PASS, Texas — David Sanchez was fixing a car at dusk when the winds began to howl and the rain began to pound his home, like spring storms are known to do around here.

Suddenly, the dog house flew by. Shingles peeled off the roof. Mesquite trees snapped around him, ripped up by a tornado that cut through this border town Tuesday night. Tornadoes killed at least 10 people in Eagle Pass and across the Rio Grande in Piedras Negras, Mexico.

"I never pray, and I was praying," the 50-year-old mechanic said in Spanish, as his daughter translated.

Two Texas elementary schools and a church were wrecked, and hundreds of homes on both sides of the border were damaged or destroyed by at least two tornadoes.

LOCAL NEWS

Student charged with making fake IDs

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — An Indiana University student was charged Wednesday with making hundreds of fake identification cards that showed up in at least seven other states.

Nicholas Richardson, 21, of Bloomington faces a felony charge of counterfeiting and a misdemeanor charge of distribution of false government-issued identification, Indiana State Excise Police said.

The agency began its investigation last month after seizing dozens of false IDs at local bars, liquor stores and grocery stores.

ISRAEL

Olmert rejects ground offensive

Five-month cease-fire given one last chance to succeed despite smuggling

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and his top security chiefs on Wednesday rejected calls for a massive ground offensive in the Gaza Strip following a renewal of rocket attacks on southern Israel by the Hamas militant group.

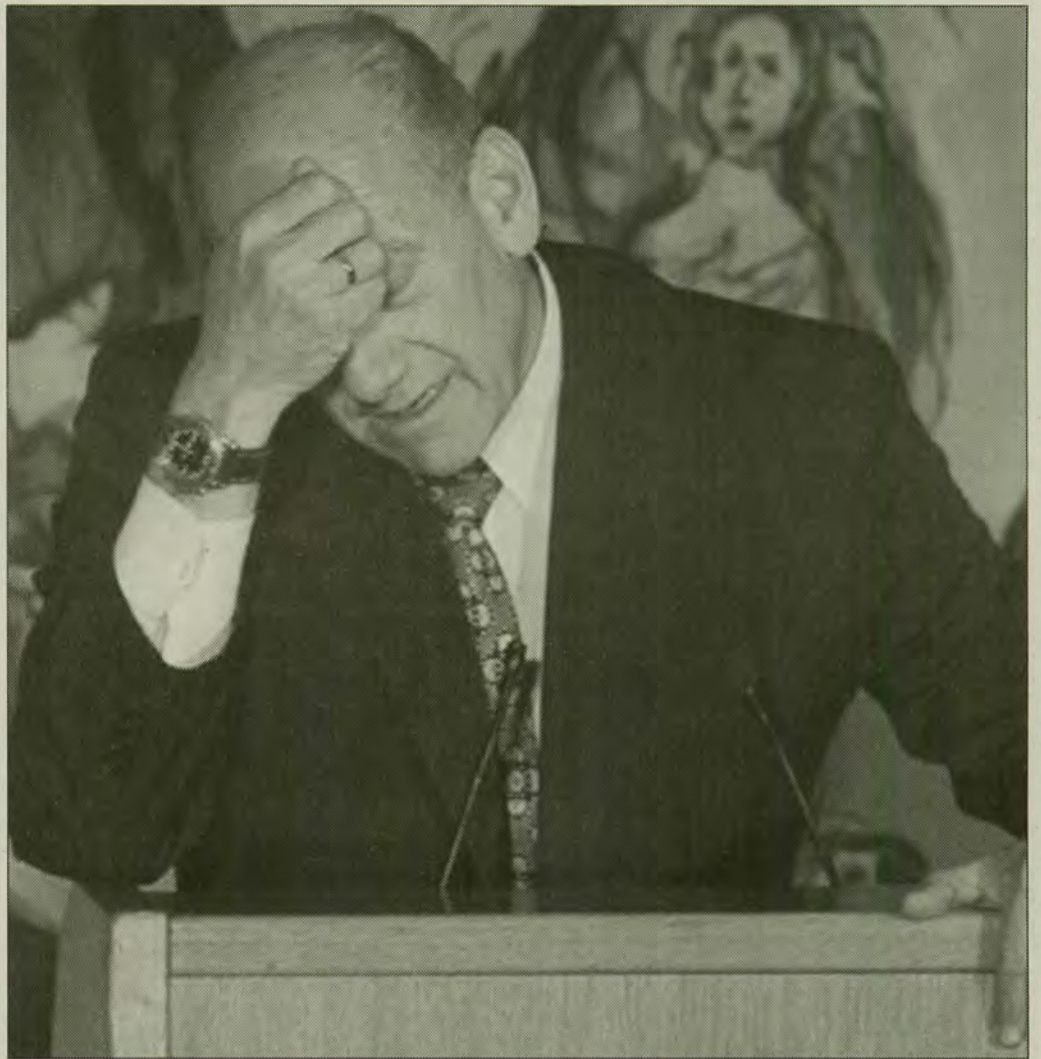
The decision gave a five-month cease-fire one last chance to succeed, despite repeated warnings by military officials that Hamas has been using the lull in fighting to smuggle large amounts of weapons into Gaza. But Israeli officials warned of "harsh steps" if the rockets keep falling.

In a separate development, the government's chief watchdog recommended opening a criminal investigation into a 2001 government transaction that involved Olmert before he became prime minister. The announcement further weakened the embattled Israeli leader ahead of a potentially explosive inquiry report next week on last year's war with Hezbollah guerrillas in Lebanon.

Olmert and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas announced the Gaza truce in late November, declaring an end to Palestinian rocket fire and Israeli attacks, including airstrikes.

Some Palestinian militant groups have continued sporadic rocket attacks but Hamas, which leads the Palestinian coalition government, has kept its distance from the violence. According to the Israeli army, militants have fired 230 homemade rockets at Israel since the truce, compared with about 600 launchings in the five months before the deal. The rockets have caused no serious injuries since the truce.

On Tuesday, Hamas said it fired dozens of rockets and mortar shells toward Israel to avenge deadly Israeli arrest raids in the West Bank, which is not covered by the truce. Israel counted only a dozen



Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert reacts at the Knesset, Israel's parliament, building, in Jerusalem Wednesday. He rejected the call for a ground offensive after the Hamas attacks.

strikes.

Eight Palestinians were killed in fighting in the West Bank last weekend, and another was killed in a rare missile strike at a Gaza rocket squad. Palestinian officials said two civilians were among the dead.

With tensions rising, Olmert convened an emergency meeting of senior security officials Wednesday to discuss a response.

Meeting participants said Israel would limit its activity to "pinpoint" operations aimed at halting rocket fire and other threats — effectively maintaining its policy of recent months.

Olmert's spokeswoman, Miri Eisin, said there would be no large-scale military

raid in Gaza for the time being.

"They didn't plan any operation," she said. "They decided to leave all options open."

Hamas already has threatened more attacks, with its spokesman saying Tuesday it was ready to kidnap and kill more Israeli soldiers.

The head of the Egyptian security delegation, Col. Burhan Hamad, met Wednesday with leaders of factions, including Hamas, Fatah and Islamic Jihad, and urged them to maintain the truce.

"I explained to them the dangers. I hope they are convinced," he told AP by phone.

Senior intelligence officials, including the head of Israel's Shin Bet internal security

service, have warned in recent months that Hamas — which has killed hundreds of Israelis in suicide bombing attacks — is preparing for all-out battle.

They say Hamas has used the lull to smuggle some 30 tons of explosives through tunnels from neighboring Egypt into Gaza. They also say Hamas has sent militants to Iran for training.

Senior military officials have called for a wide operation in Gaza to pre-empt Hamas. Others, however, have questioned the wisdom of sending ground troops into Gaza's crowded urban landscape. Similar operations since Israel withdrew from Gaza in 2005 have failed to halt the rocket fire.

FCC orders report on TV violence

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Communications Commission said Wednesday a correlation exists between bloodshed on television and violence in real life and that the government should take action on such programming.

The agency released a long-awaited, congressionally ordered report that lays out ways the government can regulate violence on television — cable, satellite and broadcast.

The report contains suggestions for Congress, but it stops short of making specific recommendations.

The commission concluded that "exposure to violent programming can be harmful to children," FCC

Chairman Kevin Martin wrote in a statement accompanying the report. "Congress could provide parents more tools to limit their children's exposure to violent programming in a constitutional way."

Among those tools, Congress could require cable companies to sell their programming on a per-channel or family tier basis, rather than only in pre-bundled packages.

As for broadcast television, the report cites Supreme Court precedent to suggest the agency could regulate violent programming much as it regulates sexual content and profanity — by barring it from being aired during hours when children are watching. Or it could create a family-viewing hour.

It also says that technology intended to help parents shield their children from objectionable programming, such as the V-chip, is inadequate.

The report indicates that Congress could develop a definition of excessively violent programming but that such language "needs to be narrowly tailored in conformance with judicial precedent."

Martin has been joined in his push for cleaning up the airwaves by Democratic Commissioner Michael Copps, who wrote: "It is not an easy challenge to develop rules that pass constitutional muster, but given what amounts to a public health crisis at hand, I believe it is a challenge that must be met."

Alcohol

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ber of students who consume alcohol, Kirk said, the changes were made to teach students about healthy drinking limits "through rules and regulations."

"Residence Life is intimately involved in the students' education, just like any other department at the University — second only to the faculty," Kirk said. "And one of the things you'll learn in college is how to act responsibly and maturely."

He said the changes in the policy clarified the guidelines his office uses to intervene in cases where a student's use or abuse of alcohol may be destructive.

"Do [the changes] mean that the use and abuse of alcohol among students have declined?" Kirk said. "No, I don't think so — but I think we are better equipped with the rules and regulations that we have in place to address problems and issues with the use of alcohol."

Unfulfilled prophecies

On March 18, 2002, Poorman sent students an e-mail explaining the upcoming ban on liquor and

other changes to the University campus guidelines, including the termination of dances inside the residence halls.

"Hall staffs spend a disproportionate amount of time and energy addressing behavior related to alcohol," Poorman said in the letter.

In the following days, students voiced their dissatisfaction, rallying more than 600 protesters outside LaFortune Student Center to burn copies of duLac, the student handbook, and bear signs that read "Save Liquor."

A second demonstration brought more than 100 angry students to the steps of the Main Building at midnight on a weekday. Protesters hurled beer bottles at the windows before scattering at the arrival of Notre Dame Security/Police.

They also sent Poorman a petition with more than 4,000 signatures and a letter that summarized the thoughts and objections of the student body, including fears that taking hall dances elsewhere would threaten dorm traditions and unity.

Before 2002, dances were hosted in the 24-hour spaces of residence halls, but Poorman said few students remained in those spaces during the dances. Students

would, instead, go upstairs and host their own dances in their rooms — forcing the hall staff to scatter to try to monitor the entire building, he said. The sparse supervision gave way to cases of vandalism, sexual and physical assault and alcohol intoxication across the hall, Poorman said.

After the changes were announced, students said moving the dances to off-hall venues would drive more students off campus, but the percentage of on-campus students did not change, staying at 80 percent throughout the last five years, according to the Office of Residence Life and Housing.

"The predictions that students would move off campus because of the changes in the alcohol policy have proven to be mistaken," Poorman said. "Based on my observations and my own experience residing in one of the male dorms, I would say the halls are the same vibrant, spirited communities today that they've always been."

Junior Fernando Contreras said he has enjoyed every minute in Alumni Hall, the residence hall where he has lived since his freshman year.

"I kind of wish I could see what the Wake used to be like before,

because I've heard stories that you could bring three different girls as your dates to the dance, and about how everyone would get drunk together in the hallways that whole week," Contreras said.

The Wake, one of the hall's signature traditions, once featured a procession of Alumni residents and pallbearers that carried rector Father George Rozum into the dance inside a coffin, symbolizing the death of the hall's set of laws during Wake Week, he said.

"Apparently, it was total anarchy for a whole week," Contreras said. "I mean, the Wake is still fun because it's the thing you do with your dorm, but I bet it would've been insane to be there when it was so wild."

Despite the taming of the Wake in the aftermath of the revised alcohol policy, he said he "wouldn't trade living in Alumni."

Besides its effects on the long-standing traditions of the halls, student demonstrators in 2002 also said the policy changes would only force students to drink liquor off campus rather than in their rooms — and they predicted the number of accidents and deaths related to driving under the influence of alcohol would increase.

One person did die in the fall of 2002 — but Poorman refused to

connect his death with the policy changes since the police could not answer all the questions surrounding the tragedy.

On December 12, 2002, freshman Chad Sharon disappeared one night after attending a party on Corby Boulevard. He was not seen for two months after that night, until his body was found in Saint Joseph River with a 0.224 blood-alcohol content — almost three times the Indiana limit for drivers.

"Many believe that after leaving the party alone on a wintry, icy night, he fell into the river and was drowned," Poorman said. "The extent to which alcohol played a role in this accident is not known."

He said while he did not know the exact circumstances of Sharon's death, he did know "there are dozens of students on college campuses across the nation that die every year because of alcohol poisoning."

"In a great many instances, these students consumed large quantities of hard alcohol in a very short period of time," Poorman said. "Banning hard alcohol in the halls was a concrete, practical step we could take as a university to reduce the risk of this happening at ND."

The changes to the alcohol policy, he said, were not passed to end alcohol consumption on campus but rather to reduce the risk of extreme intoxication by banning drinks that have twice the alcohol content of beer.

The third story in this series will examine the projected future of Notre Dame's drinking culture in light of national trends and the actions the University is taking to address alcohol use and abuse on campus.

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Tostal

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ities," Callon said. "We're very excited for the event and are praying for good weather."

While the forecast calls for rain today, this would only affect outdoor events. All of the events in the Student Center will still occur. However, if it does rain, dinner will be moved into the Noble Family Dining Hall, and the screening of "Dreamgirls" will be moved into Vander Vennett theater in the basement of the Student Center.

In case of rain, the canoe races and fireworks will not occur today, but they will not be canceled completely.

"The firework display and canoe races will clearly need to be rescheduled for another date sometime before the end of the semester," Callon said.

The event is open to the Saint Mary's, Holy Cross and Notre Dame communities, and all of the activities are free.

"I'm really excited about SMC Tostal," sophomore Jessie Sobczyk said. "Although I wish the events were on a weekend so they wouldn't conflict with classes and I could participate in more of the events."

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IN BRIEF

Health insurer's stock falls, profits rise

INDIANAPOLIS — WellPoint Inc. said Wednesday its first-quarter profit rose 7 percent, but the nation's largest health insurer's stock fell amid Wall Street's concerns over rising costs for its state-sponsored business in two states, including California.

Net income rose to \$783.1 million, or \$1.26 per share, from \$731.8 million, or \$1.09 per share, a year ago, including a penny per share in net realized investment losses.

Revenue grew 9 percent to \$15.08 billion from \$13.84 billion in the prior-year period, driven by premium rate increases in the company's local group business, growth in the Medicare Advantage business, increased reimbursement in the Federal Employee Program, and higher state-sponsored membership.

The profit and revenue matched the expectations of analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial, but analysts repeatedly questioned company executives about the costs WellPoint is incurring in its California state-sponsored business. WellPoint shares fell \$3.40, or 4.1 percent, to close at \$78.84 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Hearst Corp. settles antitrust lawsuit

SAN FRANCISCO — Hearst Corp. and MediaNews Group, Inc. have settled an antitrust lawsuit initiated by a San Francisco businessman that alleged a business partnership between the two newspaper publishers would create a regional monopoly on readership and advertising.

The two companies agreed to rescind an agreement to share national advertising, distribution and production in the Bay Area under a settlement announced Wednesday with San Francisco businessman Clint Reilly.

New York-based Hearst, which owns the San Francisco Chronicle, invested \$300 million in MediaNews in a complex deal that helped finance the Denver-based publisher's purchase of the Contra Costa Times, Monterey County Herald and San Jose Mercury News last year.

In the federal lawsuit filed in July, Reilly alleged that the business partnership would limit competition in the regional newspaper market, drive up subscription prices and reduce journalistic diversity. He cited the April 2006 cooperative agreement between the two companies.

Delta emerges from bankruptcy

After 6,000 job cuts, nation's third-largest airline reorganizes, restructures fleet

Associated Press

NEW YORK — It took almost two years and 6,000 job cuts, but Delta Air Lines on Wednesday at last received the approval it sought to emerge from bankruptcy protection as an independent company.

On Monday, it plans to be reborn, with new shares, a restructured fleet and lower labor costs, but without the protection from creditors that the court provided.

Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines Inc. will again have to answer to shareholders, who likely will want to see results quickly.

Delta estimates it will be worth \$9.4 billion to \$12 billion. During its reorganization, the nation's third-largest airline slashed \$3 billion in annual costs.

More than 95 percent of creditors voted to endorse the plan for Delta to leave bankruptcy as a stand alone carrier. That plan had been put in jeopardy by a \$9.8 billion hostile takeover bid launched last fall by Tempe, Ariz.-based US Airways Group Inc. Delta successfully persuaded creditors to back its blueprint to emerge from bankruptcy and reject the buyout offer.

Airline industry analyst Robert Mann said Delta was not likely to try to combine with another carrier in the near term. Industry watchers have speculated that Delta might join with Northwest Airlines Inc., which filed for bankruptcy the same day Delta did.

Mann said an acquisition was less likely outside of bankruptcy.

"That sense of urgency has passed, not because it really has, but because the perception is that we've dodged that bullet," Mann said. "I think it's a decidedly positive event for Delta."



Ed Bastian, chief financial officer of Delta Air Lines, spoke to the press after he exited bankruptcy court in New York Wednesday.

He said Delta's success depends on its ability to grow its international routes, and that its expansion was by no means guaranteed. The international air travel marketplace is increasingly competitive, especially given the possibility of more competition on routes across the Atlantic and to China.

Now that it is leaving court protection, Delta may sell off its regional carrier subsidiary, Erlanger, Ky.-based Comair, which has received poor marks for lost baggage and flight

delays. Grinstein said Wednesday not to expect any "immediate action" on Comair since the company has a new board of directors.

Delta's board will also choose a successor to Executive Gerald Grinstein, who plans to retire. Grinstein, who is 74, has said the two leading internal candidates are Chief Financial Officer Ed Bastian and Chief Operating Officer James Whitehurst.

Delta will celebrate its emergence Monday in

Atlanta. Shares in the reorganized Delta, with the ticker symbol DAL, are scheduled to begin trading again next Wednesday on the New York Stock Exchange.

"I feel elated," Grinstein said Wednesday. "For the 47,000 (employees) ... they're the ones who went through all the angst and made the sacrifices. It's for them I feel extreme relief."

Delta's reorganization plan will give unsecured creditors between 62 percent and 78 percent of the value of their allowed claims as shares of new Delta stock.

Northeast businesses affected by floods

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Many small business owners in the Northeast are still trying to recover from floods caused by as much as eight inches of rain earlier this month. Those who had flood insurance can recoup some of their losses, but those who never purchased such coverage are now dealing with the fact that a disaster doesn't have to be a hurricane, tornado or earthquake to cause catastrophic damage to a company.

Insurance industry analysts and people who advise small businesses say many companies find themselves underinsured when disasters happen. Many don't have the specialized policies that would cover disasters or they have coverage that falls short in dollar terms of what they need. Or they find they didn't read the fine print about what was and wasn't covered when they

bought insurance.

Being underinsured for a disaster is a common problem for businesses, especially younger ones, said Cathy Weatherford, executive vice president with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, an organization of regulatory officials from the 50 states, the District of Columbia and five U.S. territories.

Cost is a factor when owners decide not to purchase specialized disaster insurance; the premiums and deductibles tend to be high because damage tends to be heavy and insurance company payouts in turn are large. Small business owners without a lot of spare cash often decide to take their chances, and hope that disaster never strikes.

Equally problematic, Weatherford said, is the attitude of "this can't happen to me" that many business owners

have.

"Not until you become a victim or you come very close to losing everything do you decide this is something essential for you that you cannot do without," she said.

Flood insurance tends to get the most headlines, particularly since Hurricane Katrina inundated New Orleans in 2005. But there is other specialized disaster coverage such as earthquake insurance that many businesses in California buy, and landslide insurance, policies that businesses in the Puget Sound area of the Northwest should consider.

But a disaster isn't limited to a catastrophe wrought by Mother Nature — a fire that destroys a business can be just as disastrous. So a small business needs to consider whether it's adequately insured for any and all possibilities.

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Shoulda, woulda, coulda

Quarter dogs cost a quarter; hence the name, "quarter dog."

To understand this concept, you needn't have fulfilled Notre Dame's six-credit math requirement; instead, you simply needed a post-midnight Huddle trip.

By the end of your collegiate career, aside from accumulating a staggering 120 credits, you undoubtedly consumed many a quarter dog. And with mere weeks until graduation, the "what ifs" of the past four years inevitably creep into the consciences of the senior class.

If you could do college again, what would you do differently?

I asked some Notre Dame employees what they thought — what did they wish that the soon-to-be-graduates had done differently?

"Hot dogs don't have barcodes. You can't scan 'em," one late-night Huddle employee advised. He said that it was not uncommon for you and the other post-midnight inebriated to stumble over to the register and wave quarter dogs in front of the price scanner, then wait for the cashier to announce the total. Aside from your obvious oversight that a quarter dog always costs a quarter, your continued attempts to scan a barcode-less item created quite a scene — one that could've been different.

One late-night Sbarro employee said she'd seen it all during her shifts, from flying pizzas to people dressed as Power Rangers. Yet what she saw didn't disturb her as much as what she heard — chats chock-full of the "f-word." So what did she wish that you'd done differently? She suggested, "If you can cuss somebody out without

using one cuss word, then that shows that you're an intelligent person."

While Sbarro patrons littered LaFortune with their language, others littered the dining halls — literally. During a typical South or North Dining Hall lunch, you and your fellow students essentially tablecloth-ed table after table with copies of The Observer or the Chicago Tribune. As one dining hall monitor said, "If the monitors didn't recycle the newspapers, the dining hall would be buried under them."

And the monitors weren't the only dining hall staffers equipped with suggestions. "I wish everybody would stop eating mustard," one plate-scraping dish cleaner said. According to this rubber-gloved worker, mustard is not the easiest-to-clean condiment. And what else did she wish you wouldn't have done? Stuffed a napkin in your drink or stuck a fork in your apple.

And just as forks don't belong inside of apples, banana peels don't belong inside of books. Thus the advice of a woman on the Hesburgh Library's book restoration crew: "Don't use a banana peel as a bookmark." Precedent has proved that it leaves behind a moldy yellow mush. For you of the Internet age, book research can be excruciating enough — let alone when there's a putrid stench protruding from between the pages.

Throughout your past years, reading for class also proved excruciating. And don't think that your lack of class preparedness slipped past your professors. One history professor said that while at the helm of the class, "You do see a lot of blank stares. It'd be nice to see the students engaged." And how, in this hypothetical "next time around," could you go about appearing "engaged"? This professor's suggestion: "Well, stay awake." He'd rather you nod along with his lectures, as opposed to nodding off.

But sleep is an integral part of col-

lege. And class isn't the only unsuitable place to sleep; apparently, lofted beds aren't the best option either. One Health Services nurse cited the obvious "germ-sharing" and the not-so-obvious "lofted beds" as two of the guiltiest culprits of your visits to St. Liam Hall. This nurse's "next time around" solution to the ubiquitous falling-out-of-bunk problem — "just put some padding on the floor."

Padding is key for cushioning a fall, and as a Notre Dame student, you probably needed some feathering to fall on. While fulfilling your math requirements, you also tottered on a tightrope; four years of college can throw you off of more than just your lofted bed.

In hindsight, you can clairvoyantly see those words that you should — or shouldn't — have spoken. You can see what — or whom — you should've paid attention to. You even can see what you should've disposed of, whether it is those already-been-read newspapers or those bad-for-you relationships. If you could repeat these four years, you'd undoubtedly make some modifications.

But of course, there's plenty that you wouldn't change, regardless of how many chances you had to re-live college. You graduate with at least 120 credits, but to your credit, you leave with far more life lessons than could ever be quantified — or even paid for at the Huddle. And I don't know about you, but I like mustard, especially on quarter dogs.

If college is comparable to tightrope walking, then wow — sign me up for the circus.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"When the president does it, that means it is not illegal."

Richard M. Nixon
impeached U.S. president

Make a good ending

The end of the semester and the end of the 2006-07 school year is upon us. Some of you won't be back next year due to graduation, travel abroad or transfer to another school. Others will return next fall filled with hope for a fresh start to a new year. Whatever your circumstances, it would be easy enough just to stumble out of here with your suitcases, exhausted and stressed-out from finals, leaving your post-"packed-for-summer-storage" empty, dingy room and the roommates who used to be your best friends — and who are now driving you crazy — in the rear-view mirror.

Kate Barrett
FaithPoint

Don't do it! Give your best effort towards summoning up the energy to say what you need to say. Tell someone you love her. Thank your friends for their kindnesses. Offer forgiveness, or ask for it. Senior week and commencement offer graduates lots of chances to say "good-bye," "thank you," and "I'm sorry," but the rest of us will have to make sure that such exchanges happen. And as local, national and global events have taught us just recently, there's no point in waiting until some "appropriate" future time to seek peace, express gratitude or offer love.

Just this past Tuesday, even as the South Bend community was concluding memorial events for Cpl. Scott Severns, a police officer killed in the line of duty one year ago, Cpl. Nick Polizzotto, also a South Bend officer, died after being shot while responding

to a "shots fired" call at a local motel.

On Monday, nine paratroopers from the famed 82nd Airborne were killed and 20 more wounded when a suicide truck bomber attacked their convoy. Perhaps no more can even be said that hasn't been said already about the shootings at Virginia Tech last week, or about the innocent people of Iraq or Darfur dying by the hundreds each week.

But don't you hope that Cpl. Polizzotto gave his young son a big hug before he left for work on Tuesday? And the students and faculty at Virginia Tech who died so tragically and the soldiers who gave their lives in Iraq — don't you long to believe that they each had happened to call home or e-mail their moms and dads; that they hadn't just by horrible coincidence left unresolved an ugly argument with a friend or family member?

Time is precious as the last, partial week of the semester approaches. Finals, packing, storage, travel and work all contribute to making this one of the less-appealing times of the academic year. But if you have even just a few minutes, think about who you need to call or e-mail or text message or speak to. If you have even just a few more minutes, take a look at some of the letters of Paul in the New Testament. At the time of his writing many people, including Paul, thought that Jesus' return — and the end of the world — was imminent. Paul's letters reflect a concern to help believers figure out how to live when time could be short; when the "day of the

Lord" could come "like a thief in the night" (1 Thes. 5:2). In that same letter, he offers a plea to the Thessalonians that might help us, no matter how challenging it seems at this time of year: "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances" (5:16-18).

God willing, in a few weeks most of you will leave and some of us will stay, under much more peaceful circumstances than those our neighbors and fellow university members and armed forces have faced recently. Make a good ending this year. I say "make," not "have," because happy endings — differences resolved, love expressed, forgiveness received, gratitude articulated — must be intentional, especially when you have three finals and two papers and a lab and a room to pack up and a summer job to find.

It's not just going to happen on its own, especially at this time of year. As Paul would say, "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful" (Col. 3:15). And if you are sorry, or concerned, or thankful, or you love someone ... say so.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wear 'The Shirt'

"Together As One" — It's a concept that has been as powerful as any other in history. The strength that results when many individual parts come together as one whole was recognized long ago by ancient armies (anyone seen "300"?), throughout history by political revolutionaries and more recently on a less fatal battlefield, in the world of sports. Basketball, soccer and hockey teams know they cannot win without teamwork. Kobe can put up 80 in a night, but when was the last time the Lakers won a World Championship? No team can win without its entire cast on the same page, working tirelessly toward the same goal. In no sport is that idea more essential than in football. We all know what happens when just one part of a football team fails to achieve perfection. What sets our school apart from all others is that the team extends beyond the players and coaches on the field. There are other parts that have to achieve that perfection. In the words of Bob Costas, "There is the myth, the Stadium in South Bend, and history's team, Notre Dame. ... In their home, you also

play against their past." Any team that walks through the tunnel without the Notre Dame on their uniform doesn't play against 11 men every down — they play against 80,000. That's what makes Notre Dame's past. That's what makes Notre Dame football special. To bring all the components of the Notre Dame football tradition into one T-shirt would be basically impossible. What The Shirt Committee 2007 attempted was to show just a glimpse of what makes Notre Dame. When all the parts are brought together as one, there is nothing like it. "Together As One" means we, the students, with the alumni, with the rest of the fans, with all the traditions from the back of The Shirt, with the coaches, with the offense, defense and special teams, standing shoulder to shoulder, are all impenetrable and unstoppable. Go Irish. Wear The Shirt 2007.

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U-WIRE

Courtesy has come a long way

Don't get the wrong idea, my fellow campus dwellers, for I've been generally pleased with the courtesy I've experienced around this fine institution.

I can hardly express just how happy I am when you hold the door open for me, or when you acknowledge my sneeze with a "God bless you." All of it makes this campus a nicer place to be — it really does.

However, any job worth doing is a job worth doing greatly, and so I have a few suggestions for you all to help us push the envelope of campus courtesy.

And, no, as much as I can't stand that vibrating cell phone going off in class every couple of minutes, I won't repeat the mantra from every syllabus that says you should turn the damn thing off.

To start (and forgive me, ladies, if this is just a guy thing), can you please remember to flush the toilet when you finish up in the bathroom, instead of leaving your Honey Nut Cheerios-scented urine on display for all to appreciate? I just don't get it.

Every time I walk into a bathroom here, I have to flush twice — once for you and once for me. I know some of you aren't too keen on putting your spotless hands on the bacteria-covered handle, so do what I do: Use your elbow or your foot. You really should be washing your hands anyways, but we're taking baby steps here. We'll work on that next semester.

Secondly, I urge you all to start trying to be better pedestrians. I'm talking to you, buddy — the one walking down the left side of that narrow stairway with your eyes on your cell phone. You just made 12 people a few more seconds late to class because they had to sidestep your text-messaging ass. Get to the right like everyone else.

I'm also talking to all you groups of five, trudging along at an earthworm's pace, laughing it up, completely unaware of the girl who's trying to squeeze by without getting a grass stain on her brand new flip-flops. Try walking in a bunch instead of an impenetrable line across the walkway.

It's not a military march. And I'm especially talking to you — yes, you — the one who just cut me off even though you're walking slower than I am.

You're walking slow, and I'm walking fast; you're free the rest of the day, and I'm already nine minutes late to the class where the teacher locks the door after 10 minutes, and you still didn't let me pass by.

When you're in a rush and I've got nothing to do, I promise to let you by — it reminds me how lazy I can be the rest of the day.

Third suggestion: Shut up when you're walking by the open door of a class that's in session. It makes my professor stutter and roll his eyes every time. I know you're aware of the class going on in here because you're peering in to see if there are any cute girls you can check out. If your conversation about last night's episode of The Ultimate Fighter is too stimulating to put off for a few seconds, then at least lower the volume so your fellow students can focus on class.

And finally, please, for the love of fresh air, keep the smelly leftovers out of the classroom.

You know who you are and I know you're reading this. You're a nice guy and I always listen when you speak up in class, but I can smell your chili-cheese fries three rows away.

I understand the aversion to throwing food away, but I don't know if that can justify the damage it does to our noses and the focus it takes away from class. Stash it in a secret spot outside; give it to a homeless person; whatever you do, keep it away from the classroom.

This is all I ask of you; our courtesy is strong, but we just need to dot the I's and cross the T's. I'll get off your case the first time I walk into the bathroom and see nothing but water in the toilets.

This column originally appeared in the April 25 edition of the Spartan Daily, the daily publication at San Jose State University.

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

What happened with Affleck-Graves' money?

Last week my spouse received a letter from an associate provost congratulating him on being named a recipient of the Edmund P. Joyce C.S.C., Award for excellence in undergraduate teaching. \$1,500 would accompany the award. The letter concluded with an offer of help in facilitating donation of the money to a charity, if my spouse so chose. (OXFAM America and our parish on the southeast side of South Bend would welcome the assistance.)

I mention this after reading the report in The Observer ("Affleck-Graves on loan company board," April 16) of Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves' \$59,000 bonanza: compensation for "eight months as a director for Student Loan Corporation, a lender affiliated with Notre

Dame's preferred lender, Citigroup." I wonder if University President Father John Jenkins, with whom Affleck-Graves is said to have discussed the ethics of the appointment, was minded to offer the University's help to disburse the reward to charity — or possibly a scholarship fund for indigent students?

Surely Comrade Affleck-Graves did not need the money? Given his position in the Party's apparatus, his remuneration must rank with the very highest on campus.

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MOVIE REVIEW

'Fracture' breaks mold for murder thrillers

By JAMES COSTA
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Gore Vidal once said of Los Angeles, "It is unique in its bright horror." And after spending two hours in the theater watching Gregory Hoblit's "Fracture," it seems that he's right. It is a gripping film with all the twists and shocks you'd expect out of an LA cat-and-mouse murder thriller. But it's also a lot more: intelligent, witty and far more thought provoking than most movies today.

The film's basic premise is that very successful aeronautical engineer Ted Crawford (Anthony Hopkins) attempts to murder his wife Jennifer (Embeth Davidtz). After the cops surround his home, he surrenders peacefully and acts extremely cooperative. He even gives the arresting officers the murder weapon. (Don't worry; I'm not giving anything away. You can see all this in the preview.) Yet from here, everything starts to get confusing. A rising star out of the District Attorney's office, Willy Beachum (Ryan Gosling) takes on the case just before he's set to change jobs and join a major LA law firm. The film hits its stride once Beachum and Crawford meet and develop an intense rivalry of mind and cunning, a tension that runs

through the rest of the film.

It is clear that Gregory Hoblit constructs his film in a genre he has been successful in; the comfort shows. After directing films like "Primal Fear" and "Hart's War," Hoblit again tackles the courtroom drama. However, he does not focus entirely on the courtroom. Rather, he takes the viewer on a journey through the mind of Beachum as he attempts to maneuver his own success and future — as well as the District Attorney's office — on the axle of the same case.

While Hopkins is electrifying throughout the film, Hoblit does not overplay his role. He also does not place Hopkins and Gosling together gratuitously in scenes. This is both a good and a bad thing. It is good because it ensures

that the film cannot be considered just another "Silence of the Lambs," which became famous for the magic between Hopkins as Hannibal Lecter and Jodie Foster as a new FBI agent in the original film. The downside, however, is that the Hopkins and Gosling do share strong scene chemistry. When they're together, it truly is riveting stuff.

The film is very stylish and slick in its production, a bit like the recent "Breach," which starred Ryan Phillippe as a fledgling FBI employee trying to bring down a major spy within the Bureau. However, the film does not deserve classification as sim-

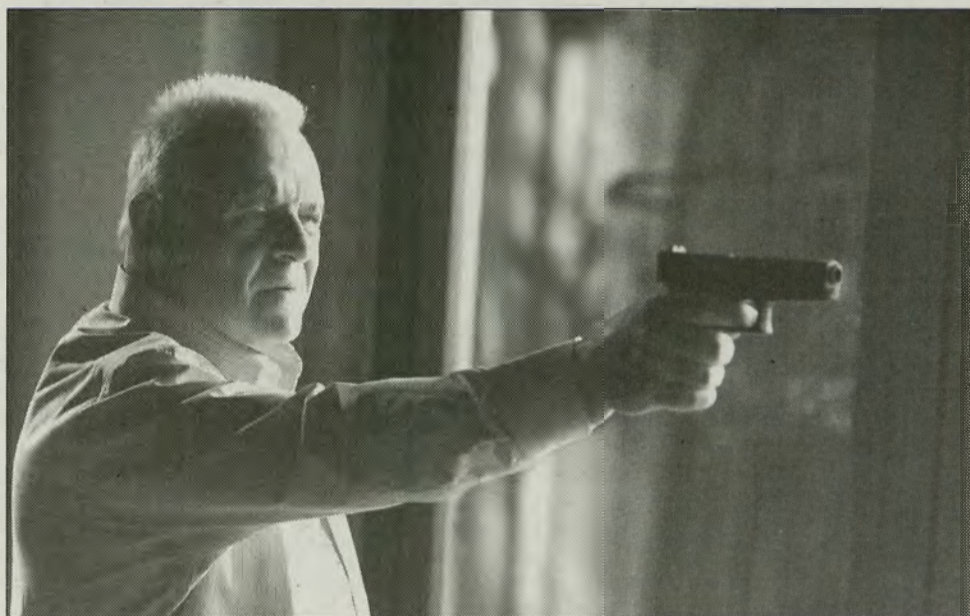


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"Fracture" stars Anthony Hopkins as Ted Crawford, an aeronautical engineer who attempts to kill his wife. The murder-thriller is directed by Gregory Hoblit.

ply "smooth" or "stylish." Sure, it's full of gorgeous camera angles and superb lighting effects, but the movie also addresses serious societal issues in a clever and thoughtful manner. Rather brilliantly, the film juxtaposes the relaxed acting style of Gosling to the rigid and old school style of Hopkins to magnificent effect. While it always seems like Hopkins is performing, the viewer gets the impression that Gosling is mostly being himself.

Not merely thriller, the intelligent aspect of the film is its treatment of Gosling and his career desires and decisions. Quite applicable to seniors about the graduate and preparing for

the real world, the film places Gosling in a situation in which the choice of to do right or to do wrong is incredibly important. It is not merely his reputation at stake. Rather, it is the reputation of the DA's office and the freedom of Hopkins sitting across the table at the defendant's desk. We witness Gosling undertake a journey that accentuates both the strongest moral rights and the darkest moral wrongs. Where does he come out on the moral scale? I can't tell you, but it's worth a watch to find out.

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DVD REVIEW

'Kingdom of Heaven' rights its course on DVD

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"The Path to Redemption" is an apt title for the centerpiece of the four-disc director's cut DVD of "Kingdom of Heaven." Boasting a two-hour, 24-minute runtime, the robust documentary is a compelling and lavish look behind the scenes at one of the most intriguing Hollywood failures in recent years.

The 2005 film was supposed to be director Ridley Scott's medieval age opus, an ode to noble knights and valiant crusades. On paper, it certainly looked the part. But

somewhere along the way, the film became hopelessly lost. It was greeted by jeers from critics and apathy from the same audiences that exalted "Gladiator," Scott's Oscar-winning Roman epic. Budgeted at \$130 million, "Heaven" was razed at the box office, ending its theatrical run with a paltry domestic gross of \$47 million.

Fortunately, the story didn't end there. In an industry where failure is rarely forgiven, the movie's re-release as a 194-minute cut is an uncommon boon. The new additions, totaling 50 minutes, reveal a vastly different film — the version Scott always intended but never got the chance to show us.

Where the theatrical cut played like a simple-minded and bombastic rock concert, the director's cut feels like a nuanced concerto. Aided by much stronger character development and clearer motivations, its visual majesty is now matched by a soulful message of tolerance that distances it from the vapidness of other blockbusters, a description that surely haunted Scott and his crew following the film's theatrical ruin.

Spread over the first two discs, "Kingdom of Heaven" is granted a beautiful video transfer and a roaring soundtrack. Each pristine frame reflects cinematographer John Mathieson's gorgeous photography, which fits a movie that is easily one of the best-looking efforts of Scott's acclaimed career.

Once again, the special features on this DVD reaffirm Ridley Scott as one of the medium's great enthusiasts. Like Peter Jackson, David Fincher and Robert Rodriguez, Scott is that rare filmmaker who loves to pack his DVDs with comprehensive documentaries, informative commentaries and invaluable peeks at moviemaking



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In "Kingdom of Heaven," Orlando Bloom plays a commoner who finds himself thrust into war. The director's cut DVD is 50 minutes longer than the theatrical cut.

magic, a trend that continues here.

The copious bonus material includes cast rehearsals, storyboards, trailers, deleted scenes and three commentaries with various members of the cast and crew. The best of the trio is easily the first, featuring Scott, writer William Monahan (who won an Academy Award for "The Departed," but was skewered for this script, his first) and star Orlando Bloom. All three are separate, but their comments are combined to form one of the most revealing and consistently entertaining tracks in recent memory.

But the crème of the crop of this release is "Path to Redemption," a superb and insightful piece that charts the film's progression from conception to production to release. Nearly every major member of the cast and crew takes the time to contribute reflections

on the movie's formation. There is a genuine love and affection for the project in these interviews, which adds greatly to their appeal.

There were many reasons bandied around for the theatrical demise of "Kingdom of Heaven." Among these were nagging Fox executives who hoped to shorten the story to what they saw as a lean two-hour action-adventure romp. But in doing so they excised much of the film's raw beauty.

Thankfully, the once-wayward "Heaven" is redeemed with this release. Using the alchemic power of the DVD medium, Scott succeeds in restoring the luster to his tarnished gem.

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DVD REVIEW

Tragedy of 'The Queen' truly fit for royalty

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Princess Diana's death was a key moment in British history. It shook the foundations of the social hierarchy and threatened the monarchy in a way that few events before or since have rivaled. Stephen Frears' "The Queen" reconstructs the event in a meaningful and insightful way — the director creates a film that is about a family more than an event, while simultaneously producing what was easily one of the best performances of 2006.

"The Queen" follows the royal family, led by Elizabeth II (Helen Mirren), as it copes with the tragic death of Diana. The

family clings to tradition, refusing public displays of grief (like waving the flag at half-mast). This leads to declining public opinion and also causes conflict with the new prime minister, Tony Blair. Blair believes that the family has to adapt to changing times, which greatly worries Elizabeth and the rest of the royal family.

The biggest reason to see "The Queen" is Mirren's pitch-perfect performance. Her take on Elizabeth II is at once respectful and complex, with far more nuance and emotional weight than might be expected. Like Forrest Whitaker's performance in "The Last King of Scotland," Mirren's portrayal of the queen brings a historical figure to startling life.

Unlike "The Last King," however, the rest of the film doesn't bring the key performance down. Frears constructed a meticulous recreation of the events leading up to — and immediately following — the death of Princess Di, and his steady control and strong sense of composition lends itself to a beautiful and complex picture. Some of the symbolism is overwrought and heavy-handed, and some people may object to the portrayal of Prime Minister Blair, but the overall presentation is quite strong. Recently, films of this sort have tended to fall into two camps: a great performance in an otherwise mediocre picture ("Ray," "The Last King of Scotland") and a delicately understated film that supports its performances beautifully ("Capote"). Thankfully, "The Queen" falls into the latter category, and while it's not a stone-cold classic, it's much more engaging and entertaining than might be expected.

"The Queen" is ultimately a film about willingness to adapt to changing times. Unfortunately, Miramax hasn't shown that same willingness. The DVD has



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Helen Mirren plays Queen Elizabeth II in "The Queen," a film that centers around the death of Princess Diana and how the family reacts to the tragedy.

fewer features than some discs more than a decade old. The picture is sharp and clear, and the sound (in Dolby Digital 5.1) is acceptable. There is also an audio commentary track by Frears, writer Peter Morgan and British historian Robert Lacey. Informative and interesting, the track is easily the best feature on the disc.

The featurette "The Making of 'The Queen'" is quite good, but several more features could have easily been added, especially since most of the key people in the film are still alive. It would have been interesting to get the perspective of members of the royal family, which means that the DVD of "The Queen" squanders

its chance to be a comprehensive examination of not only the film but also its context. It's possible a better edition will someday be produced, but this version should suffice for casual fans.

"The Queen" is an excellent picture, and its critical acclaim is well deserved. It's a shame that Miramax didn't put more effort into the DVD, since it's obvious the picture was meticulously constructed. "The Queen" comes highly recommended, but fans big on extra DVD features might be better suited waiting for a more comprehensive edition.

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SCENE & HEARD

O'Donnell's ABC absence will be a sight to behold

Yesterday on "The View," Rosie O'Donnell announced that she and ABC were unable to reach a contract agreement, so she will be leaving the show this June. During the show, creator Barbara Walters remarked that they "have had, to say the least, an interesting year."

That barely even begins to sum up the number of controversies that Rosie started during her brief tenure.

Most notably was the long-standing feud between her and The Donald. When Trump said he was allowing the luscious Tara Conner to retain her crown as Miss USA, Rosie started a tirade on "The View" that declared him unfit to be the moral compass of today's youth. Not one to just roll over and take a heaping spoonful of slander, The Donald responded by calling her ugly — among other things. Over the last four months, the two continued to hurl insults at each other, culminating this Monday when, while hosting the Matrix Awards (given to the most accomplished women in media), Rosie concluded a rant about Trump by grabbing her crotch and shouting, "Eat me!"

Truly classy.



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She also got into heaps of trouble for what is now referred to as the "Ching-Chong" controversy. On Dec. 5, Rosie made a comment in reference to the large amounts of publicity that "The View" received for Danny DeVito's hung-over appearance after a night of taking shots with George Clooney. She joked that the event was being talked about as far away as China and said, "You know, you can in China it's like, 'Ching-chong, ching-chong. Danny DeVito. Ching-chong, ching-chong-chong. Drunk. The View. Ching Chong.'" The remarks set off a media firestorm and Rosie subsequently apologized for her tasteless humor.

At least she apologized that time. My favorite celebrity moments tend to be when stars feign knowing about things that they clearly don't understand. Tom Cruise popularized this antic when he informed Matt Lauer how much he really "knows" about the history of psychiatry and psychiatric treatments. Rosie embarked on a similar crusade during the March 28 episode of "The View" when she promoted her conspiracy theories regarding 9/11. During her rant she claimed to have a complete understanding of physics and explained that it was "impossible for [World Trade Center 7] to fall the way it fell without explosives being involved." She concluded, "Miraculously, [for] the first time in history, steel was melted by fire." The magazine "Popular Mechanics" published a point-by-point response debunking each of Rosie's claims.

On her blog, Rosie wrote that she "read



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Rosie O'Donnell, second from left, is pictured here with the cohosts of ABC's "The View." O'Donnell is leaving the show in June because of contract disagreements.

the whole thing i still believe explosives were used to bring down WTC7."

If you still aren't convinced as to her complete lack of intelligence and taste, then that blog should finish the job. Rosie's daily rambles can be read at www.rosie.com. She rarely uses complete sentences (and completely disregards all possible understanding of the English language) — it pretty much is whatever loosely constructed thought happened to be in her mind at the time of typing. In a recent entry, she talks about an encounter with the paparazzi:

"they lept at the car like i was britney or lindsay pushing flashing yelling breaking news in america."

It's the little things in life that we should be thankful for each day. I'm thankful that Rosie has, at least for the time being, been taken off the airwaves.

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NBA

Spurs hold off late Nuggets rally, tie series

Gooden makes it rain over Wizards in 109-92 win for 2-0 lead; Mavericks even up series after two Warriors ejected

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Manu Ginobili knew Game 2 would have to be different after the San Antonio Spurs' top three scorers delivered less-than-stellar performances in the opening-game loss to the Denver Nuggets.

He was right and the Spurs won 97-88 on Wednesday night to even the first-round series.

"A sense of urgency is what kept us matching that aggressiveness," Ginobili said. "Today we were much more aggressive. We fight for loose balls and boards and that's what we've got to do every single game."

It almost wasn't enough as the Nuggets cut a 17-point, fourth-quarter deficit to three points with 45 seconds to play.

But Ginobili, Tim Duncan and Tony Parker, who all struggled offensively in Game 1, were able to help the Spurs hold off the sixth-seeded Nuggets, who were looking to return home with a second round win.

Ginobili scored 15 of his 17 points in the second half in Game 2.

"You had two basketball teams knocking it out and we were able to get the lead and hang on," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "We were able to hang on more than anything."

Duncan led San Antonio with 22 points and five blocked shots. Parker had 20 points and Michael Finley added 14.

"I feel good about our situation," said Denver's Allen Iverson, who had 20 points. "I feel good about being down the way we were tonight and fighting back. That showed them a lot and it showed us a lot."

Carmelo Anthony led the Nuggets with 26 points and 10 rebounds. Iverson added 20 points, Nene had 17 points and Marcus Camby had 10 points and 18 rebounds.

"Tonight we showed that we're going to fight," Anthony said. "Whether we're down 50

or we're down two, we're going to fight you until the last whistle blows."

The Nuggets got within 91-88 on a 3-pointer by Iverson with 45 seconds to play, but Duncan's jump shot and two free throws each by Finley and Parker put the Spurs on even footing with Denver.

"We knew they were going to come in with the mind-set that they let one slip away, or that they gave one away and that they were going to come back and fight," Anthony said. "They did what they had to do. They took care of their home court and now they have to go on the road."

Game 3 in the best-of-seven series is Saturday in Denver.

The Nuggets trailed 74-60 after three quarters. They were down 82-65, but a 16-5 run capped by Iverson's 3-pointer brought Denver within 87-81 with 3:23 left. It was the closest they had been since 7:11 was left in the first half.

Nene's dunk with 1:12 left made it 89-85. Ginobili scored for the Spurs, but Iverson's second 3 of the quarter made it 91-88. Duncan's jump shot with 27 seconds to go put the Spurs up 93-88.

Finley hit two free throws after being fouled by Iverson with 16.5 seconds left and Parker added two more with 9.9 seconds left.

Cavaliers 109, Wizards 92

Once he dropped in his sixth straight jumper, Drew Gooden spun around and looked over at Cleveland's bench. Then, he placed his hands in front of his face and wiggled his fingers.

"That's called making it rain," Gooden said.

On Wednesday night, Gooden poured it on for the Cavaliers.

Usually a member of Cleveland's supporting cast, Gooden co-starred with LeBron James by scoring 19 of his 24 points in the first half in leading the Cavaliers to victory over the Washington Wizards and a 2-0 lead in their first-round series.

James, playing on a tender left ankle, scored 27 points



Spurs guard Manu Ginobili drives around Nuggets guard J.R. Smith in the first quarter of game two. The Spurs won 97-88 to tie the first-round series at one.

with eight rebounds and seven assists. He also helped the Cavaliers hold off a furious rally by the Wizards, who clawed within three points in the final minute.

But it was Gooden's first-half flurry — he scored 15 points in just over five minutes — that energized the Cavs and pushed them to the commanding advantage in the best-of-seven series, which moves to Washington for Game 3 on Saturday.

Gooden normally doesn't have many offensive plays called for him by Cleveland coach Mike Brown, who may have to rethink that philosophy after the forward came through on a night when James was clearly not himself.

Gooden's performance came exactly one year after he had 24 points and 16 rebounds in Game 2 of the Cavs' first-round series against the Wizards. Cleveland lost that

game before winning the series in six.

But the 6-foot-10 Gooden, who is growing out an 1980s-style ducktail hairdo, helped make sure recent history wouldn't be repeated.

Mavericks 112, Warriors 99

The Dallas Mavericks finally discovered that beating the Golden State Warriors isn't as hard as they had made it look.

And it's even easier when Baron Davis and Stephen Jackson lose their cool.

Jason Terry scored 28 points, Dirk Nowitzki had 23 and Josh Howard led a 15-2 run in the third quarter that sent the Mavericks to victory over the Warriors in Game 2 on Wednesday night, evening their first-round series.

Dallas had lost six straight to Golden State dating to last season. The Mavericks even tried a new starting lineup in Game 1, but that only led to a 12-point

loss.

They went back to the formula that won 67 games in the regular season and were in synch from the start. The Warriors hung tough, though, until everything changed midway through the third quarter.

Dallas already was leading when Terry dribbled into Jackson, drawing a foul, then kept going into Davis. All three wound up with a technical foul.

Davis got another tech, and was automatically ejected, for arguing about a foul with 0.2 seconds left in the third quarter. He was smiling and clapping at the time, although coach Don Nelson was warning him to cool it.

Teammate Matt Barnes tried covering Jackson's mouth, first with his arm then with a towel as he escorted him to the locker room.

The series shifts to Oakland for Game 3 on Friday night, and there's little doubt the emotions will remain high.

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Major League Baseball

American League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Boston	12-7	.632	7-3	-
Baltimore	11-9	.550	7-3	1.5
Toronto	10-10	.500	4-6	2.5
Tampa Bay	9-11	.450	5-5	3.5
NY Yankees	8-11	.421	4-6	4

American League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Cleveland	10-7	.588	6-4	-
Chicago Sox	11-8	.579	6-4	-
Minnesota	11-9	.550	5-5	.5
Detroit	11-9	.550	5-5	.5
Kansas City	6-14	.300	3-7	5.5

American League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Oakland	11-9	.550	7-3	-
LA Angels	10-10	.500	4-6	1
Texas	8-11	.421	4-6	2.5
Seattle	6-9	.400	3-7	2.5

National League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Atlanta	13-7	.650	6-4	-
NY Mets	13-7	.650	6-4	-
Florida	9-11	.450	3-7	4
Philadelphia	8-11	.421	6-4	4.5
Washington	6-14	.300	4-6	7

National League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Milwaukee	13-8	.619	7-3	-
Cincinnati	10-10	.500	4-6	2.5
Houston	9-10	.474	5-5	3
Pittsburgh	8-10	.444	4-6	3.5
St. Louis	8-11	.421	3-7	4
Chicago Cubs	8-13	.381	4-6	5

National League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
LA Dodgers	13-7	.650	6-4	-
San Diego	12-8	.600	6-4	1
San Francisco	10-8	.556	8-2	2
Arizona	10-11	.476	3-7	3.5
Colorado	9-13	.409	4-6	5

Women's FILA Collegiate Tennis Rankings

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2 Georgia Tech	88.99
3 Georgia	87.40
4 Florida	84.35
5 Northwestern	80.83
6 NOTRE DAME	79.70
7 Clemson	79.18
8 Southern California	77.53
9 Miami (Fla.)	74.51
10 California	73.90
11 UCLA	70.77
12 North Carolina	70.38
13 William and Mary	60.00
14 Vanderbilt	59.82
15 Baylor	57.48
16 Fresno State	57.07
17 Wake Forest	48.27
18 Florida State	48.06
19 Arizona State	45.86
20 Tennessee	44.92

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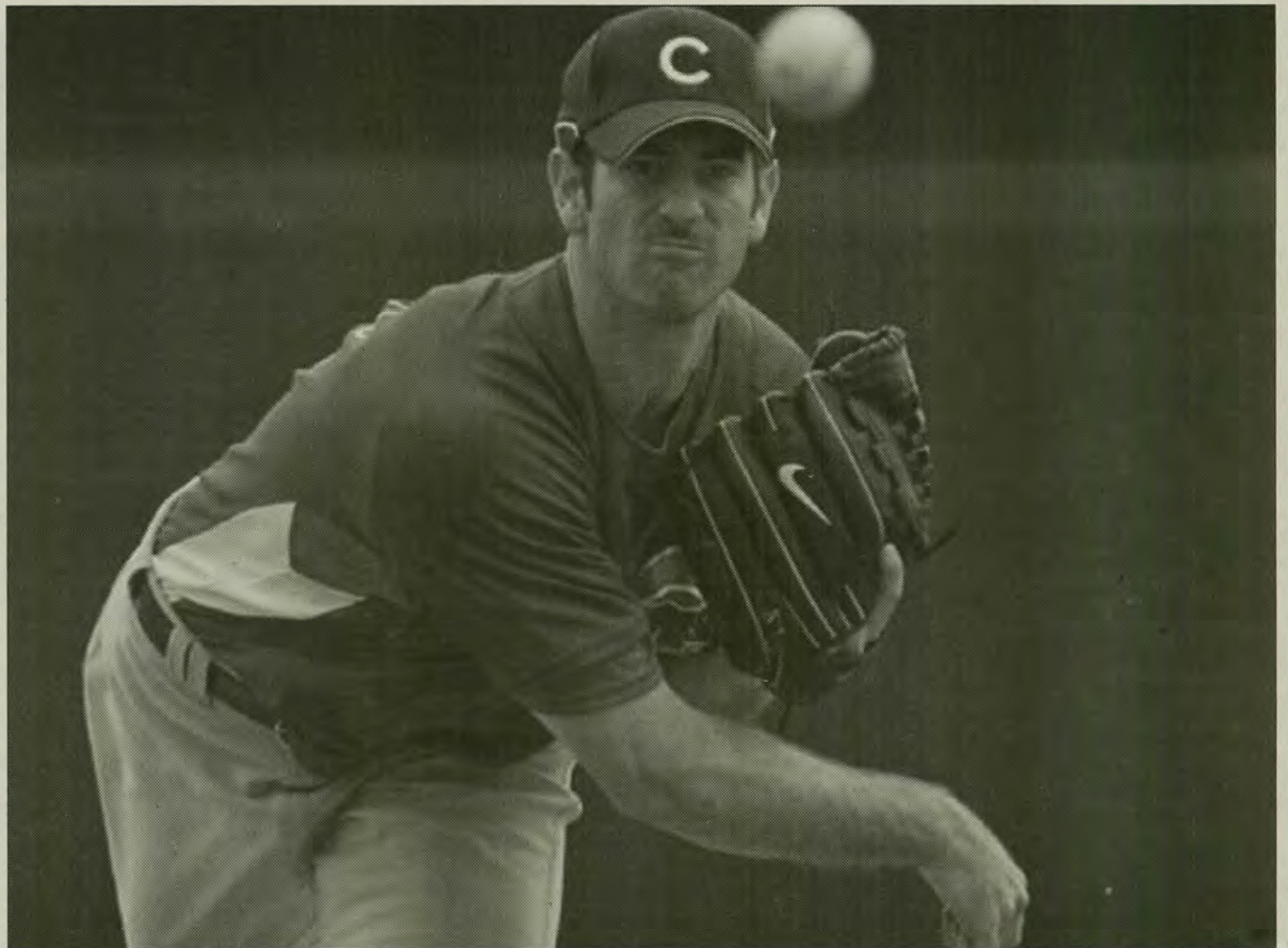
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10:30 p.m., TNT

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MLB



Chicago Cubs pitcher Mark Prior, who played only nine games in 2006, will miss the entire 2007 season after he had surgery Tuesday on his right shoulder.

Cubs lose Prior for entire season

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Oft-injured Cubs pitcher Mark Prior will miss the entire 2007 season after surgery on his right shoulder, a setback that isn't expected to finish his once-promising career.

The 26-year-old Prior had surgery Tuesday by noted orthopedist Dr. James Andrews in Birmingham, Ala. Andrews also worked on Prior's rotator cuff.

"Obviously, Mark is done for the year," Chicago general manager Jim Hendry said. "From my conversations with (trainer) Mark O'Neal and John Boggs, Mark's agent who talked to Dr. Andrews last

night, Dr. Andrews feels comfortable that he will still have a career. This is certainly not career-ending."

"He felt optimistic that he would be able to pitch next year. ... At his age, he should not have a problem responding and coming back after a strenuous rehab."

Hendry said it was way too early to set a timetable for Prior's return or discuss what it means for Prior's future with the Cubs. Prior started his rehabilitation program Wednesday, and it will continue into the offseason.

Prior has been beset by injuries since his first full season in the majors in 2003. He made just nine starts last year

for the Cubs after three trips to the disabled list.

Prior was not on the Cubs' active roster to start this year and was optioned to Triple-A Iowa after limited innings in spring training. He instead went on the minor league disabled list.

At extended spring training in Arizona, he pitched only two innings on April 12 before reporting discomfort in his shoulder.

"Obviously he had some things wrong physically and he's getting them corrected," Cubs manager Lou Piniella said before Wednesday's game against Milwaukee. "So, this is a step in the right direction."

The injury was the latest

problem for the struggling team. The Cubs, who have not reached the World Series since 1945, made many major changes in the offseason yet began the day in last place in the NL Central with a 7-13 record.

Kerry Wood, who teamed with Prior to nearly pitch the Cubs to the NL pennant in 2003, is back on the disabled list with tendinitis in his shoulder. Like Prior, Wood has been sidetracked by injuries.

Hendry said Wood might resume throwing this week. Wood has not pitched since a spring training appearance on March 25 when his arm felt weak and then stiffened up the next day.

IN BRIEF

Stewart unhappy with NASCAR debris cautions

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Two-time champion Tony Stewart likened NASCAR to professional wrestling and accused it of using bogus caution flags to shape races in biting comments made on his weekly radio show.

Stewart's appearance on his Tuesday night show was his first since skipping a post-race press conference in Phoenix. He dominated Saturday night's race but lost after a late exchange of leads with winner Jeff Gordon. Stewart said he refused interviews to avoid bashing NASCAR after officials threw four cautions for debris on the track.

"It's like playing God," he said on his Sirius Satellite Radio program. "They can almost dictate the race instead of the drivers doing it. It's happened too many times this year."

Stewart, who said he was fighting a fever and left the two-hour show early, went on to say fans are complaining about debris cautions and NASCAR isn't listening.

Rutgers gives Stringer seven-year contract extension

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Rutgers women's basketball coach C. Vivian Stringer will be paid the same base salary as football coach Greg Schiano under a seven-year contract extension announced Wednesday.

Stringer will earn \$450,000 in base pay and could earn up to \$500,000 in additional compensation under terms of the agreement, Rutgers said. Schiano signed an extension in February with \$450,000 in base pay but a total compensation package worth \$1.5 million per year.

The 59-year-old Stringer had one year left on her existing contract.

This past season, Stringer made a total of \$605,800, which included \$212,400 in base pay and bonuses of \$115,400 for leading the Scarlet Knights to the national title game, where they lost 59-46 to Tennessee.

The new deal will make her one of the five highest paid women's college basketball coaches in the country.

Rams trade fifth-round pick for Chiefs speedster Hall

ST. LOUIS — The St. Louis Rams' long search for a return man ended Wednesday when the team acquired Dante Hall from Kansas City in exchange for a fifth-round pick in this weekend's draft.

"We have filled a need with one of the top players in football at his specialty, returning punts and kicks," Rams coach Scott Linehan said. "Dante will fit nicely on our special teams and can be utilized as a receiver in certain situations."

The trade could have draft-day implications. The Rams had expressed strong interest in Ohio State's Ted Ginn Jr., as much for his return ability as for his resume as a receiver. St. Louis also has several needs on defense.

As part of the trade, the teams swapped positions in the third round — the Chiefs moving up to 82nd overall, the Rams down to 84th.

MLB

Marlins rally in ninth for comeback victory

Phillies win fifth straight of season over Nationals; Sheets injured in 9-3 loss to Cubs; Rockies pound Mets with 20 hits in win

Associated Press

Tim Hudson was masterful for eight innings. Against the feisty Florida Marlins, that wasn't enough.

Miguel Olivo scored the winning on a passed ball to cap a four-run rally in the ninth inning against Hudson and Bob Wickman, and Florida beat the Atlanta Braves 4-3 Wednesday night.

Hudson had a career-high 12 strikeouts and took a six-hit shutout into the ninth before the ball began to bounce the Marlins' way.

"When you get lucky, you win games," said Alfredo Amézaga, whose flared single tied the score.

"I feel bad for Hudson that he doesn't win the game," Olivo said. "But that's baseball."

Hudson gave up singles to the first three batters in the ninth, then departed after throwing 112 pitches. His ERA, a major league-best 0.62 ERA to start the game, nearly doubled to 1.22.

"For me, it's the most disappointing loss of the season for us," Hudson said. "I felt as good as I have all year. But it stings that we didn't win the ballgame."

Olivo doubled home Florida's first two runs. With one out and the bases loaded, he scored without a play when a sinking fast-ball eluded catcher Brian McCann.

"I just dropped it," McCann said. "I'm not going to make any excuses. I have to catch it."

The unearned run was the first run off Wickman this season, and the blown save was his first in seven chances.

"All I had to do was get three outs before they scored three runs," Wickman said.

Instead, Florida took the series 2-1, and the Braves lost for the 12th time in their past 17 games Miami.

The Marlins' Scott Olsen gave up homers to three of Atlanta's first seven batters — Kelly Johnson, Jones and Matt Diaz. Olsen then settled down and went eight innings, striking out 10.

"It was only three runs early," Olsen said. "A lot can happen."

It did — but not until the ninth. "We got dominated for absolutely two hours," Florida's

Aaron Boone said, "and then win in the last 15 or 20 minutes."

The ninth began with consecutive ground singles by Miguel Cabrera, Cody Ross and Boone to load the bases.

"Three straight groundballs in the ninth — not one was close to anyone," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "It was the most amazing thing."

Wickman (1-1) came on, and Olivo lined his first pitch for a two-run double. Joe Borchard was intentionally walked to reload the bases.

Wickman fell behind Josh Willingham 3-0, then struck him out swinging. But with third baseman Chipper Jones playing in, Amézaga looped a RBI single over him to tie the game.

"The Amézaga at-bat killed us," Hudson said. "Wicky couldn't have made a better pitch, and he hit it about 80 feet for a hit."

With the count 1-1 to Dan Uggla, McCann failed to handle Wickman's pitch, and the ball went to the backstop. Olivo slid home, and the Marlins erupted in celebration.

The stunning turnaround prevented Hudson from improving to 4-0.

"We kept saying, 'We're going to get him. We're going to get him,'" Ross said. "It was a little later than I anticipated."

The Braves began the game tied for NL lead 26 homers, and their first three batters hit the ball nearly 1,200 feet. Johnson led off with his fifth home run, Edgar Renteria flied out to the warning track, and Jones hit his seventh homer. Diaz ended an 0-for-17 skid with his second homer in the second.

Phillies 9, Nationals 3

Jon Lieber is far more productive as a starter than reliever.

Lieber limited the Nationals to two runs in six innings, Chase Utley was 5-for-5 with three RBIs, and the Philadelphia Phillies beat Washington Wednesday night for their fifth straight win.

Jimmy Rollins hit his NL-leading eighth homer and Ryan Howard added a two-run shot, helping the Phillies (9-11) move closer to .500 after a terrible start.

Lieber (1-0) gave up five hits, striking out five in his second

start since moving into the rotation after ace Brett Myers was sent to the bullpen to bolster a struggling relief corps.

Lieber tossed 5 2-3 scoreless innings at Cincinnati last Friday. The veteran right-hander allowed three runs in 2 1-3 innings in the bullpen, but has a 1.54 ERA in his two starts.

Myers pitched a scoreless eighth to preserve a four-run lead before Rollins connected to make it 9-3 in the bottom half of the inning.

Utley had three singles and two doubles for his first career five-hit game.

John Patterson (0-4) retired the first two batters in the third inning before Utley doubled off the left-field wall. Left fielder Robert Fick turned the wrong way on the ball, though he probably didn't have a play.

Howard then snapped a 1-for-9 slump with his third homer to give the Phillies a 3-0 lead. Howard hit a straight fastball into the right-field seats. The reigning NL MVP is hitting .213 with 23 strikeouts in 61 at-bats.

The Phillies scored three times in the sixth to extend their lead to 7-2. One run came in when second baseman Ronnie Belliard dropped Shane Victorino's pop to shallow right field for an error with the bases loaded. Utley followed with a two-run single to left.

Lieber retired the first nine batters, getting all five of his strikeouts. But Felipe Lopez singled to start the fourth and Belliard followed with an infield single. After Ryan Zimmerman hit into a double play, Dmitri Young looped a single just past second baseman Utley's glove to cut it to 3-1. Austin Kearns followed with an RBI double that nearly cleared the center-field fence to make it 3-2.

Cubs 9, Brewers 3

Cliff Floyd can sleep easy, at least for one night. A stream of losses had left one of the newest Chicago Cubs tossing and turning, unable to get his rest.

"I'm going to sleep like a baby tonight," Floyd said Wednesday after he and Derrek Lee had four hits each to pace a victory over the Milwaukee Brewers.

Milwaukee lost ace Ben Sheets to a groin strain in the third inning. The Cubs then stopped a three-game losing streak, using a five-run fourth inning that matched their run output of the previous two games. They are still just 4-9 at Wrigley Field.

"Sometimes it's a little difficult to play at home. The expectations are a little higher," Floyd said. "I told myself to have some fun and get ticked off at the pitcher, not yourself. You know what I mean? It's amazing how things can turn around if you put a little focus, a little anger into some things."

Sheets pitched three scoreless innings before leaving. In the bottom of the third, he reached down to tag out Ryan Theriot at third base, but actually got the injury after the final pitch of the inning on a chilly and damp 44-degree day.

"I didn't necessarily feel it on the pitch. It grabbed when I turned to look on that last ground ball," Sheets said. "I don't recall doing anything. I'm sure the elements probably played a part in some of that."



Phillies first baseman Ryan Howard snares a line drive in the sixth inning of a 9-3 Phillies win over the Nationals Wednesday.

But the first-place Brewers weren't going to take any chances, so Sheets left. In came Elmer Dessens, who gave up five unearned runs.

"It wasn't that it was excruciating, by any means," Sheets said. "There was really no sense in pushing through it and taking that chance right now, especially with the weather the way it was."

Milwaukee's Ned Yost, managing his second game wafter breaking his broken collarbone while running near Wrigley Field on Tuesday, said Sheets will be re-evaluated Friday. He wasn't sure whether Sheets will miss his next start.

The Brewers' weary bullpen yielded 12 of Chicago's 16 hits and all nine runs. The Cubs' offense benefited from Sheets' departure.

"Hopefully he's OK now. But it's never fun facing him. He's a great pitcher," said Lee, who hit his first homer since Sept. 11, a fifth-inning drive off Matt Wise.

Lee, batting .393, got the silent treatment from his teammates in the dugout after his first homer came more than three weeks into the season.

"Honestly, I haven't been too worried about it," Lee said. "I feel really good at the plate and like I said, home runs are mostly by accident. And today it just happened to be a higher pitch and got into the air. My home runs are going to come."

Ted Lilly (2-2) allowed two runs — one earned run — and six hits in seven innings.

After Dessens (1-1) replaced Sheets, the Cubs scored quickly, helped by an error by shortstop J.J. Hardy, which made all five runs unearned.

"J.J. should definitely make that play. And when you don't, you have to find ways to cover it up. We just didn't cover it," Yost said.

Aramis Ramirez walked and, one out later, Hardy couldn't come up with Jacques Jones' grounder. Mark DeRosa hit an RBI single, Felix Pie blooped a single that loaded the bases and Theriot delivered a two-run single. Floyd followed with a two-run double.

Rockies 11, Mets 5

Benched for two days, Willy Taveras languished in the Colorado dugout, trying to find his way out of a slump that had dropped his batting average as

low as .135.

"I know what I can do," the Rockies center fielder said. "I know what I have. I just need to work hard on my game."

Restored to the top of the batting order on Wednesday, Taveras had five of Colorado's season-high 20 hits as the Rockies broke out of an offensive drought in a rout of the New York Mets.

Todd Helton had four hits and three RBIs and John Mabry added a three-run homer for the Rockies, who salvaged the victory after managing just one run in each of the first two games of the series against the Mets.

Twice, Taveras beat out bunts to energize big innings for the Rockies.

"When I was benched, I worked real hard with the hitting coach," Taveras said. "It worked for the better. I was ready to play. You want to have good at-bats. You want to contribute."

Manager Clint Hurdle saw the difference.

"He was much more polished at the plate today," Hurdle said. "It's not many days you show up at the ballpark and have five hits."

For the Rockies, it was a welcome change. The team has been struggling offensively and a measure of that was Mabry's three-run homer in a five-run third inning against Mike Pelfrey (0-2).

It was just the eighth homer all season for Colorado, lowest team total in the major leagues. And the five runs in one inning were more than the Rockies had scored in any game in the last week. The team had scored more than five runs in a game just five times in 21 games before Wednesday.

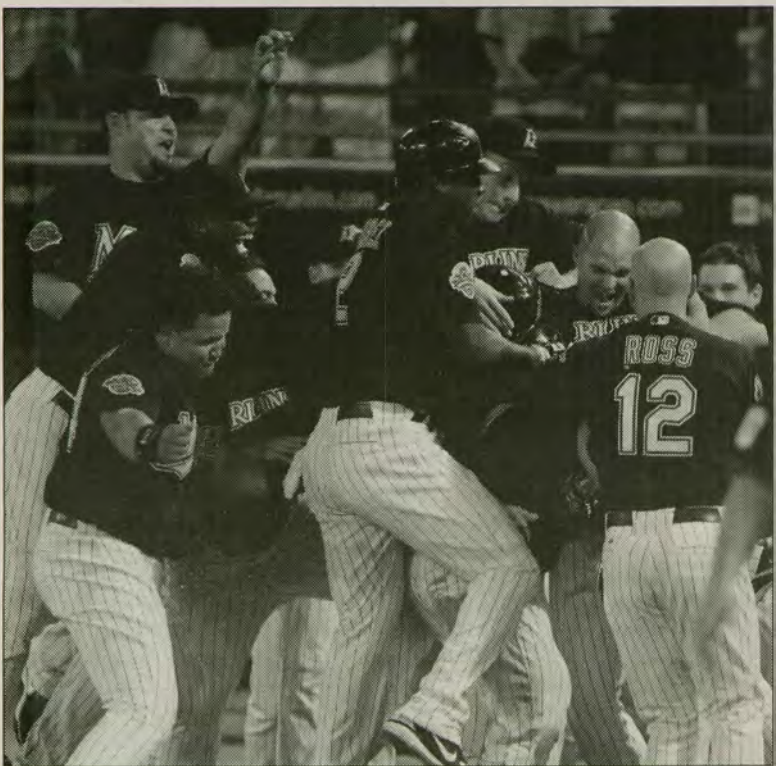
"We needed to come out and play a good game, bust out with the bats," Hurdle said.

"Mabry's home loosened us up a bit, no doubt."

Josh Fogg (1-1) retired the first nine New York batters and contributed a pair of singles. He scored twice as the Rockies roughed up Pelfrey.

The Mets' first-round draft choice blamed himself.

"I just kept throwing fastballs," Pelfrey said. "They kept hitting it and I kept throwing it. Maybe I'm too stubborn."



Marlins players surround catcher Miguel Olivo after he scored on a passed ball for the winning run 4-3 over the Braves Wednesday.

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- ... 6:15 p.m. Opening remarks from Fr. Jenkins
- ... 6:30 p.m. Keynote speech from Ms. Brosnahan followed by panel discussion

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

- ... 9:00 a.m. Breakfast buffet in the Grand Hall of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies
- ... 9:45 a.m. Keynote speech from Fr. Anderson followed by panel discussion
- ... 11:00 a.m. Concurrent presentations of student papers (including roundtable discussions with faculty and students)
- ... Noon Lunch in the Grand Hall of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies
- ... 1:00 p.m. Continue with concurrent presentations of student papers

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- ... Ms. Mary Brosnahan, director of the Coalition for the Homeless in New York City and a 1983 graduate of Notre Dame
- ... The Very Reverend Philip Anderson, O.S.B., Prior of Our Lady of the Annunciation of Clear Creek Monastery

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OLYMPICS

Six Austrians receive lifetime Olympic bans

Associated Press

BEIJING — It took more than a year to punish anyone in the doping scandal that shook the Turin Winter Olympics. When the verdicts came down Wednesday, the penalties were unprecedented.

Six Austrian cross-country skiers and biathletes received lifetime bans from the Olympics for involvement in an organized blood-doping scheme — the harshest sanctions given to athletes by the International Olympic Committee.

And the case isn't closed yet. Next month, the IOC will investigate the role of Austrian coaches, officials and doctors.

It's the first time the IOC has disqualified athletes for doping violations without positive tests, and the first time athletes have been banned by the IOC for life. Based on evidence seized in Italian police raids, the Austrians were found guilty of possessing prohibited substances and taking part in a doping conspiracy.

"It is a milestone," IOC spokeswoman Giselle Davies said.

The results of the Austrian athletes from the 2006 Games were annulled, although none won medals.

Those banned were cross-country skiers Martin Tauber, Juergen Pinter, Johannes Eder and Roland Diethart, and biathletes Wolfgang Perner and Wolfgang Rottmann. The six are ineligible for accreditation in any capacity at the Olympics — as athletes, coaches or officials.

"The severity of the sanctions

is motivated by the fact that these cases go further than straightforward possession of prohibited substances and methods and are clear instances where a network, including athletes, colluded to manipulate blood and to engage into doping practices," the IOC said.

The IOC action applies only to Olympic competition. It would be up to the Austrian and international ski federations to suspend the athletes from non-Olympic events.

IOC vice president Thomas Bach, a German lawyer who led the internal investigation, said the probe will continue with hearings for non-athletes next month. He did not identify them. The IOC can also ban coaches and other accredited team personnel from the Olympics.

Also Wednesday, the IOC executive board endorsed president Jacques Rogge's proposal for a Youth Olympics starting in 2010 for athletes aged 14-18, and reiterated that the IOC won't pressure China on human rights or other political issues ahead of the 2008 Beijing Games. The three cities vying for the 2014 Winter Games — Pyeongchang, South Korea; Salzburg, Austria; and Sochi, Russia — made public presentations with less than three months before the IOC vote.

Italian police raided Austrian team lodgings outside Turin on Feb. 18, 2006. The move followed a tip that former Austrian coach Walter Mayer, who was implicated in a blood-



Austrians Juergen Pinter and Roland Diethart change during the men's cross country 4 x 10K relay at the 2006 Olympics. Pinter and Diethart were among six Austrians banned for life for their involvement in a doping scandal.

doping case at the 2002 Salt Lake City Games and banned from the Turin Olympics, was in the area.

Mayer fled after the raid. He crashed his car into a police roadblock after crossing into Austria, ending up briefly in a psychiatric hospital.

In tandem with the police action, Olympic drug-testers conducted surprise doping checks on 10 Austrian athletes. The tests came back negative, but the IOC said it would contin-

ue its investigation based on the police findings.

The IOC received the report from Italian investigators this year, and a three-man disciplinary panel held two days of hearings on the case this month in Lausanne, Switzerland. All the Austrian athletes who were asked to appear declined.

The Italian police report, as quoted by the IOC, detailed a stunning array of doping products, methods and equipment. Police found syringes, needles,

blood bags, butterfly valves for intravenous use, bottles of saline and devices for measuring hemoglobin levels and determining blood groups, as well as the banned substances hCG and albumin.

The police report said one athlete, Rottmann, even threw a plastic bag out his window during the raid that contained illicit materials.

"What is remarkable is that all this material was in possession of the athletes," Bach said.

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NBA

Pacers coach Carlisle fired after four seasons

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Now that coach Rick Carlisle is out as the coach of the Indiana Pacers, the team needs to figure out what is next.

Carlisle was fired Wednesday after four tumultuous years leading the Pacers, after a season in which the team failed to make the playoffs for the first time in a decade.

The Pacers finished the season 35-47, their worst since 1988-89. Indiana was 29-24 shortly after the All-Star break, but lost its next 11 games to fall out of the top eight in the Eastern Conference.

Carlisle said he enjoyed coaching the team but understood that it was time for the Pacers to hear a "new voice." With the first major postseason move out of the way, team president Larry Bird said anything is possible — and the new coach might have to adjust.

"We don't know the direction," he said. "We have an idea, but if there's something out there that can be a major trade, we'll probably do it if it benefits us. He's got to understand going in that we will trade any one of these players, and it might not be what he likes, but he's got to know that going in."

"Any of these players" includes forward Jermaine O'Neal and point guard Jamaal Tinsley, the

team's top commodities. O'Neal says he's not interested in being part of a rebuilding project and Tinsley could follow Ron Artest and Stephen Jackson as Indiana players traded following off-the-court offenses.

O'Neal averaged 19.4 points, 9.6 rebounds and 2.6 blocks in one of the best seasons of his 11-year career. He's a six-time All-Star who finished third in fan voting this year for the Pacers' 40th anniversary team.

But O'Neal missed 13 games with various injuries and illnesses. He underwent surgery Wednesday to repair a meniscus tear in his left knee that hobbled him the last two months of the season. He has missed 82 games the past three seasons — an amount that equals an entire regular-season's worth of games.

Tinsley had one of his best seasons and was more durable than usual. He averaged 12.8 points and 6.9 assists in 72 games, the most games he's played since 2002-03.

But Tinsley's off-the-court problems include a felony charge he faces from a February bar fight in Indianapolis. He also was present in October at a fight outside a strip club that has Jackson facing charges for firing a gun.

Bird's pledge to continue to crack down on such behavior puts Tinsley's status as a Pacer in jeopardy.

Brown

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remember a guy whose worked harder in the past," Frank said. "I've never seen a guy who works as hard as this guy when it comes to recruiting. He's constantly on the phone, he's constantly [text messaging] and he's staying on top of the top defensive players plus everybody he has within his own particular reach."

When he first arrived, Brown had to battle the image that the 3-4 personnel system he planned to implement with the Irish was going to affect potential recruits negatively. A defensive end, Justin Trattou, went back on his verbal commitment to the Irish because of the defensive switch.

But since then, Brown has been able to turn this image into a positive one, emphasizing the flexibility of the 3-4 system to attract recruits of different sizes and body types.

"He had to let everybody know, 'This is my defense, this is my philosophy, and this is why things are going to change at Notre Dame.' I think he had to get that message out there," Frank said. "And the only way he was going to do that without showing them on the field ... is to get on the phone and talk to as many of these top guys as he can and explain to them, 'Here's why we like you, and here's how

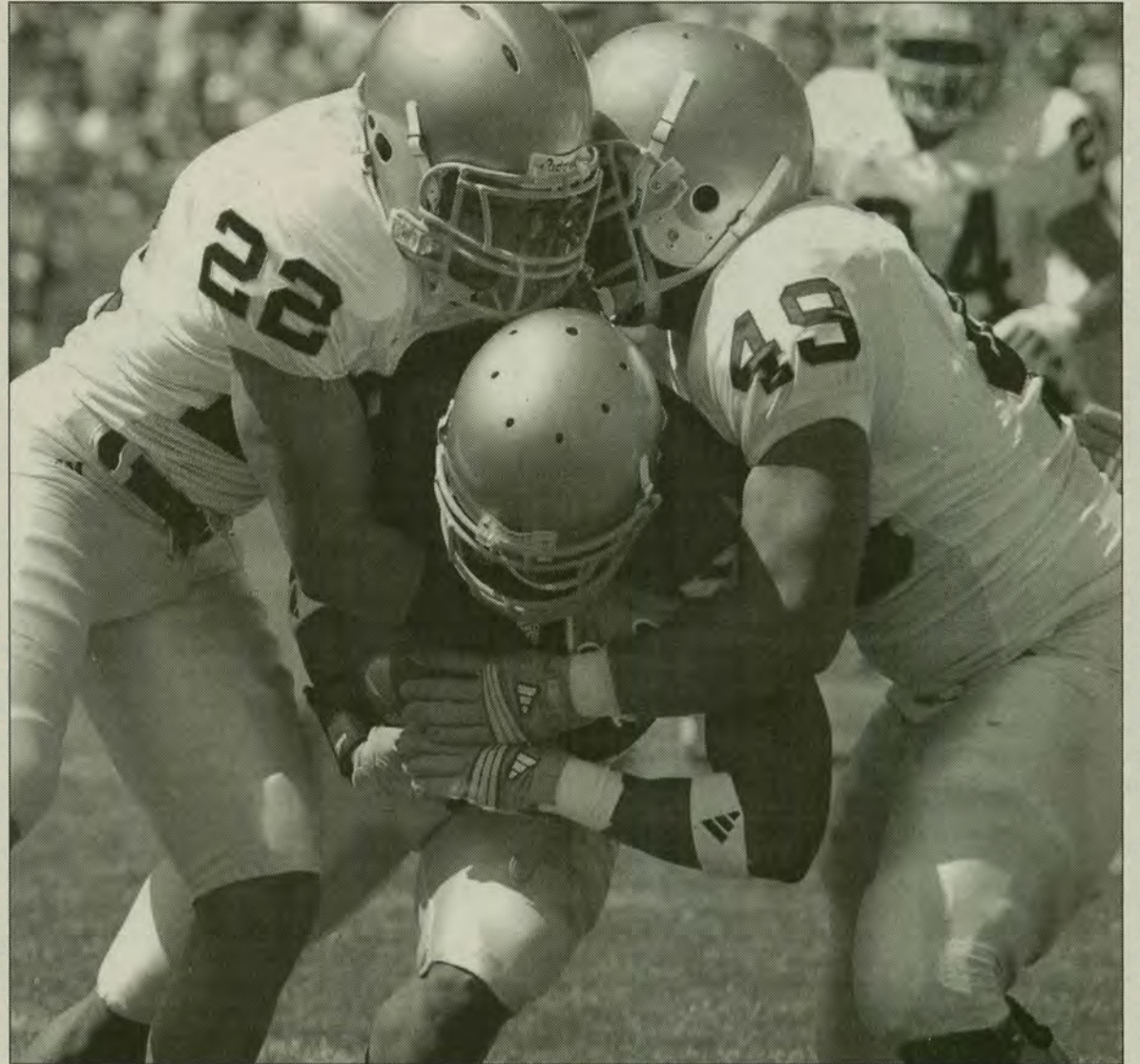
we think that you can help us on defense, and here's where we envision you playing.' He's done an outstanding job of communicating that message and getting these top, top players interested in coming to play for him."

Frank said he believed the four recruits Brown has nabbed so far would have had more schools coming after them if it was later in the recruiting process and other coaches had the chance to look and evaluate them.

But regardless of who he has coming in, Brown's success in the recruiting game will hinge on how Notre Dame's defense — a defense that finished 61st in total yardage allowed last season — progresses this season. They may not be one of the tops in the country, but if they can show significant improvement in stopping big plays, or as Brown likes to call them "explosives," and getting some "explosives" of their own, Brown and his defense could build the foundation for getting the Irish defense pointed in the right direction.

Then, maybe those recruits who Brown went out of his way to see Saturday will walk with him inside the tunnel and into Notre Dame's locker room. But even if they do not decide to come to Notre Dame, it will not be because Brown failed to try hard enough to get them here.

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Irish defensive Ambrose Wooden, left, and linebacker Toryan Smith, right, tackle running back Armando Allen during Notre Dame's annual Blue-Gold Game Saturday.

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NHL

Sabres knock off Rangers

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Ales Kotalik and the Buffalo Sabres provided an answer to anyone questioning whether they are the elite team in the NHL.

It's a response that came through loud and clear in a 5-2 victory over the New York Rangers in Game 1 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series on Wednesday night.

"I think we showed everybody we were ready," Kotalik said. "A lot of things were said before the game, and we made sure we showed to respond not in the paper but on the ice."

Kotalik was referring to Rangers coach Tom Renney's comments suggesting the top-seeded Sabres weren't the league's "cream of the crop."

"Yeah, obviously, everybody heard it," Kotalik said. "We talked about it. It's a good thing."

Thomas Vanek scored twice and Kotalik once during a three-goal second-period that broke open a scoreless game and put the Sabres in control.

It was a vintage outburst — Buffalo scored three times on four shots in a 4:05 span — for a potent Sabres team that scored a league-leading 308 goals in the regular season. And it erased whatever lingering memories the Sabres had after they were inconsistent in dispatching the New York Islanders in five games in the first round.

"When we finally got that first one past (goalie Henrik Lundqvist), it was, 'All right,'" Sabres co-captain Daniel Briere said. "For us, it gave us confidence and we just kept attacking."

The five goals were the most the Sabres have scored this

postseason and were one short of the total the Rangers allowed in a four-game, first-round series sweep of Southeast Division champion Atlanta.

Game 2 of the best-of-seven series is Friday at Buffalo.

Jason Pominville and Drew Stafford, with an empty-net goal, also scored for the Sabres.

Marcel Hossa and Brendan Shanahan scored third-period goals for New York, which never got closer than two goals in the final 20 minutes.

"Mentally, we weren't as sharp as we needed to be, and not as sharp as we'll be next game," Shanahan said. "I don't know if they outplayed us, but they outperformed us."

The Rangers went 1-for-5 in power-play chances, but failed to score during a 2-minute, two-man advantage early in the third period.

"We haven't played in a while and it really showed," Renney said, noting the Rangers played their first game in a week.

Rust wasn't the only problem. New York had difficulty keeping up with the Sabres' depth and speed.

That was apparent when the Sabres finally got one past Lundqvist, who was otherwise sharp in stopping the first 23 shots he faced.

Vanek opened the scoring 14 minutes into the second period with a power-play goal. Parked in front and a step ahead of defender Daniel Girardi, Vanek was in perfect position to deflect in Dmitri Kalinin's shot from inside the blue line.

Buffalo's fourth line struck for the next goal when Kotalik, set up by Adam Mair's pass, split two defenders and

snapped a shot from the right circle that beat Lundqvist high on the far side.

Vanek capped the surge when he got by Karel Rachunek at the Rangers' blue line, drove in and around Paul Mara, and scored on a defenseless Lundqvist.

"We've been known when we can get a couple of quick ones, we can get the third one fairly soon after that," Sabres coach Randy Ruff said. "We said, 'Let's keep attacking.' That looked a lot like the team that played most of the year."

Ryan Miller stopped 32 shots, having his shutout bid foiled when Hossa beat him with a one-timer with 9:16 left, briefly cutting Buffalo's lead to 3-1.

Miller's best save came a few minutes earlier during the Rangers' two-man advantage, when he snagged Shanahan's shot despite being screened by New York's Sean Avery.

"We have the utmost respect for our opponent," Renney said. "We'll be well-organized and well-prepared."

The Rangers welcomed back Rachunek, who had missed 16 games with a sprained right knee. But New York then lost Michal Rozsival, the Rangers top offensive defenseman, who didn't return after hurting his leg early in the second period.

◆ Notes: Renney listed Rozsival as day to day. ... The Sabres have won five consecutive series-openers, dating to last year. That is important since Buffalo is 1-13 when losing Game 1 of a best-of-seven series. ... With Rachunek back, D Thomas Pock was scratched after having three assists in four games against Atlanta.

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working its way up the Big East standings after a rough start.

Notre Dame (22-18, 6-8 Big East) took two of three from West Virginia at home last weekend and travels to conference leader Rutgers this weekend for three games over two days.

For his part, Pollock is second on the team with a .360 batting average, has whacked three home runs and has 23 RBIs.

He has also personally scored 28 runs, a number that would be higher if it weren't for Notre Dame's struggles with runners in scoring position this season. Clutch hitting has been a thorn in the Irish side for much of the year. Late March — when Notre Dame stranded 38 runners in three games — was the low

point.

But Pollock knew the team would come out of it — which it has.

"It seems like things are really coming together," Pollock said. "Upperclassmen like [first baseman] Mike Dury and [centerfielder] Danny Dressman are getting big hits."

Another struggle for Pollock this year has been adjusting to a new position. All through high school, he played shortstop, but when he arrived at Notre Dame, the coaching staff decided to put former third baseman Brett Lilley at shortstop and move Pollock to third.

"This is the first time I've played third base," Pollock said. "It's still a work in progress. I'm just trying to get comfortable."

Pollock said Lilley has helped him make the transition.

"He knows the ins and outs of playing third base," he said. "He's always helping me with where to play and things like that which I haven't mastered yet."

Still, Pollock said the fundamentals are pretty much the same.

"You field the ball, and you throw it," he said.

Notre Dame was scheduled to take on Valparaiso Wednesday at Frank Eck Stadium, but the game was rained out.

The team will leave Friday for New Jersey for its weekend series with the Scarlet Knights.

"It's still a work in progress. I'm just trying to get comfortable."

A.J. Pollock
Irish third baseman

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TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Sophomore right hander Brittney Bargar releases a pitch during her no-hitter in Notre Dame's 3-0 win over Ball State April 18.

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"I just focused on working really hard and trying to become one of the best." Notre Dame was Bargar's last scheduled college visit, and it made the biggest impact on the high school star.

"I loved all the girls here and fit in well with them," Bargar said. "I couldn't pass up an opportunity like Notre Dame, it's an amazing place."

Bargar was a key addition to the Irish pitching staff in 2006, pitching second in the rotation and finishing with a 15-9 record. Bargar was named to the Big East honor roll that season and had an ERA of 2.92. Highlighting her rookie season was an eight-inning no-hitter against Big East rival Connecticut in April 2006, the first in Irish history.

Assuming her role as the ace of the pitching staff this season, Bargar has continued to elevate her performance and succeed. A power pitcher who has always been able to rely on her velocity, Bargar has

become more effective this season by adding more pitches to her arsenal.

"I've learned a couple new pitches that have made me successful this year, including a drop and a changeup," Bargar said. "As well as physically, I've developed mentally and become much more mentally tough."

Bargar leads Notre Dame and the Big East with 16 wins and 176 innings pitched and is second in the conference with 174 strikeouts. She has pitched 19 complete games for the Irish, all while holding opponents to a .233 batting average.

Although only a sophomore, Bargar has evolved into a leader on Notre Dame.

"As a pitcher, we set the tone of the game," Bargar said. "I have to come out from the first inning on and have a positive start and lead by example."

Bargar will start for the third-place Irish in a crucial doubleheader Sunday against Big East leader No. 17 DePaul.

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NHL

Ducks upend Canucks 5-1



Vancouver goalie Roberto Luongo watches a shot go past him in the third period Wednesday night. Anaheim defeated Vancouver 5-1 Wednesday in the Western Conference semifinal game one.

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Andy McDonald had his first career hat trick and assisted on another goal as the Anaheim Ducks opened their first series against the Vancouver Canucks with a 5-1 victory on Wednesday night.

After Jeff Cowan gave Vancouver a 1-0 lead at 7:07 of the first period, the Ducks responded by scoring three times — twice by McDonald — on their first nine shots against goalie Roberto Luongo.

Teemu Selanne had a goal and assist during the outburst, and Chris Kunitz assisted on all three goals.

Jean-Sebastien Giguere finished with 26 saves for the Ducks.

Ryan Getzlaf gave Anaheim a three-goal pad midway through the final period, and McDonald capped the scoring on a shot from just right of the crease when the Ducks had a two-man advantage with 52 seconds remaining.

"It's pretty exciting," McDonald said of his first hat

trick, playoff or otherwise. "It's just nice to be able to contribute. The first game is always tough in the series. I am pretty fortunate to be able to play with such great players."

With the first multi-goal playoff game of his career, McDonald tied the Ducks' record for most points in a postseason contest and became the second player to have a hat trick. Joffrey Lupul had a four-goal game last May against Colorado in Game 3 of the conference semifinals.

The second game of this series is Friday night in Anaheim before the best-of-seven Western Conference semifinal series shifts to Vancouver for games Sunday and Tuesday.

Luongo faced 31 shots as the Ducks kept the pressure on by crowding in front of the Vancouver goal. He was replaced by Dany Sabourin after Getzlaf's goal, and Sabourin faced six shots and gave up McDonald's third goal.

"He's a great goaltender," McDonald said of Luongo. "We

had to have a good night. We moved the puck around and used our speed."

After starting the game relatively slowly and with the Canucks on the attack for the first few minutes, the Ducks quickly shook off the rust.

Anaheim hadn't played since wrapping up the opening series against Minnesota last Thursday. The Canucks didn't really get a day off. They had taken a 3-1 lead in the series against Dallas, but lost the next two before finally concluding the series with a Game 7 win on Monday night. Tuesday was a travel day.

Notching the first multi-goal and four-point game of his playoff career, McDonald scored his second goal of the night to give the Ducks a 3-1 lead at 19:11 of the opening period.

On a 2-on-1 rush, Selanne skated down the right side, waited for the defender to commit toward him, then slid the puck across to McDonald. The Ducks' center beat Luongo with a shot between the pads.

Hope

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second baseman Maureen Healy said. "We're eager to put into play what we've been practicing."

The Belles and the Flying Dutch are evenly matched, but Saint Mary's has some slight advantages. While Hope junior Jessica Regnerua is hitting .540 in 87 at bats, the Belles (.353) top Hope (.326) for team batting average in the league and have a solid and consistent hitter in freshman outfielder Ashley Peterson, who is hitting .430 in 86 at bats.

The Belles also have a stronger pitching lineup than the Dutch. Saint Mary's sophomores Kristin Amram and Calli Davison combine for a 2.35 ERA, which is second in the league. The Dutch are third in the league with a 2.38 ERA.

Both teams' best pitchers have winning records: Amram (1.06 ERA) is 8-4, while Dutch freshman pitcher Deidra Enochs (2.00 ERA) is 8-5. Amram and Davison have held their opponents to low batting averages — 125

and .260, respectively. Opponents bat an equally low .250 against Enochs.

Healy said execution of play will be the edge the Belles have against Hope.

"Doing the little things like stringing hits together and not leaving runners on base [will give the Belles the advantage]," she said. "Hopefully luck will be on our side too."

The Belles will look to sluggers senior Sarah Miesle, sophomore catcher Ashley Fusaro and Peterson to widen the gap between the Belles and Dutch similar offenses. Miesle is second in the league with 33 runs and third with 32 runs batted in. Fusaro is second in the league with seven homeruns and fifth for runs batted in (29).

The Belles hope to ride momentum from sweeping the last three teams they've faced—Goshen, Olivet and Albion.

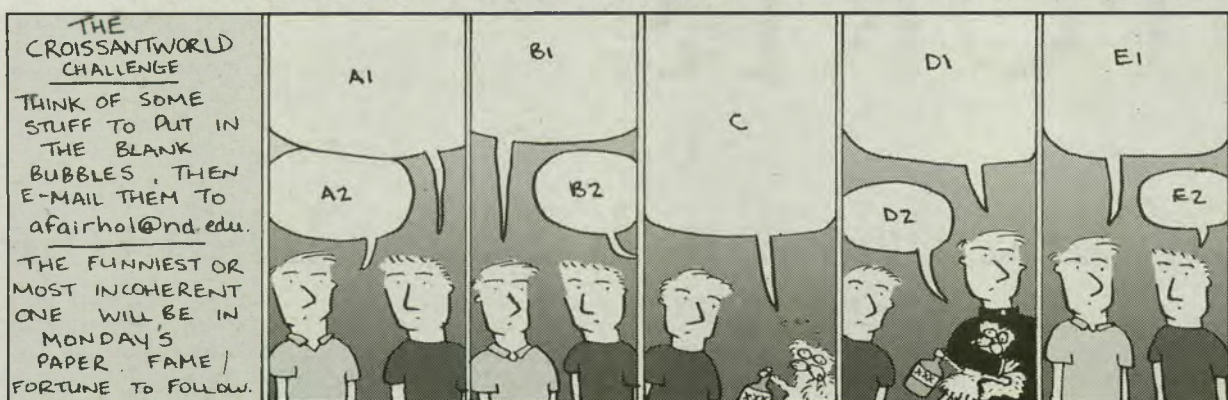
"We're going to continue what we've been doing the last three games and win every inning," Healy said.

The Belles will take on Hope today at 3:30 p.m.

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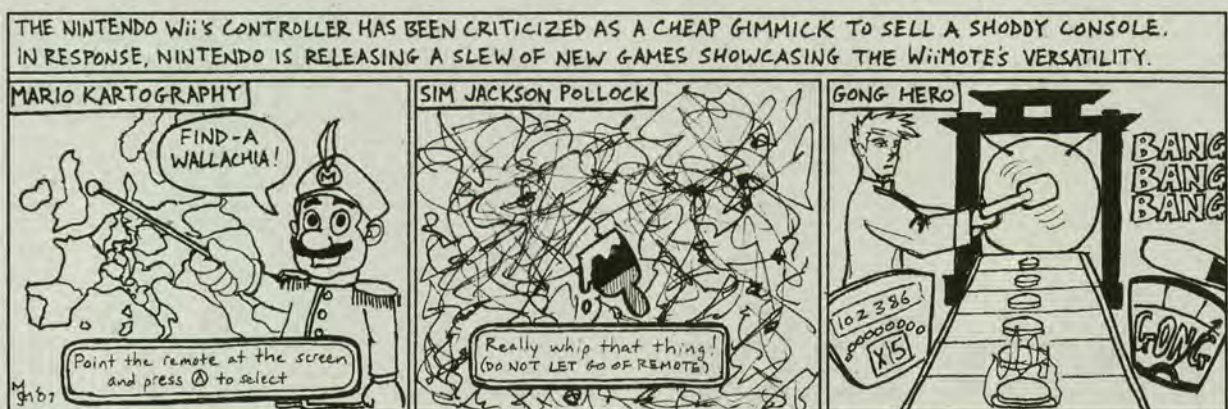
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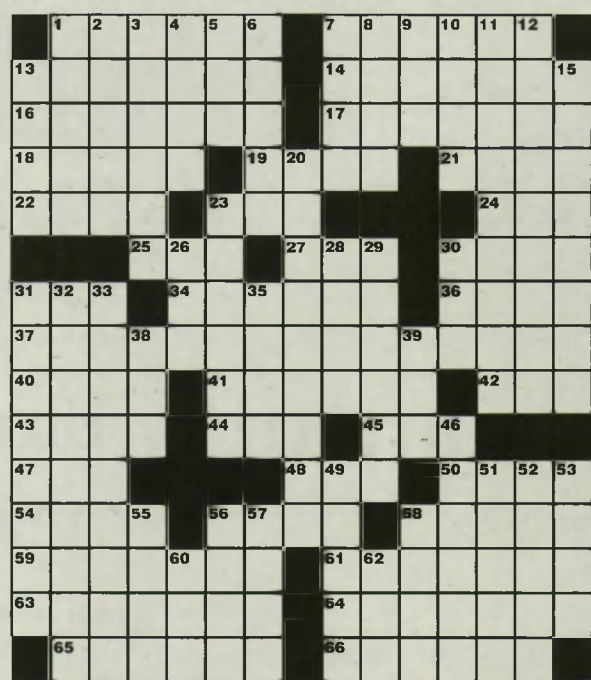
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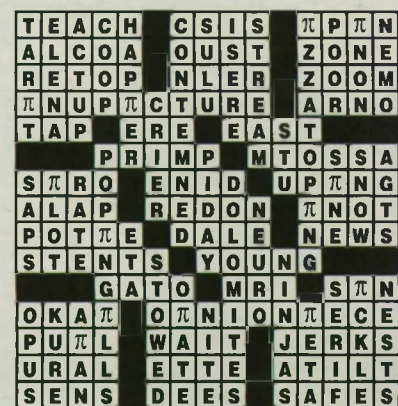
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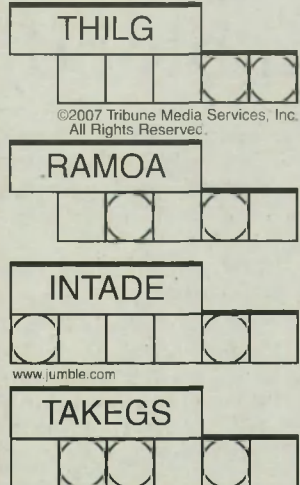


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ND SOFTBALL

Pitching in blood, Bargar steps into leading Irish role

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

In a sport where its athletes aren't known for their toughness, Notre Dame pitcher Brittney Bargar stands out.

The sophomore workhorse, who leads the Irish in innings pitched and complete games, once took a hard line drive off her face in a high school game. When her concerned

coach and teammates rushed out to help Bargar, she calmly jumped back up into the pitching circle and faced the next batter.

Pitching runs deep in the veins of the Bargar family — Brittney's father Lance played baseball and pitched on the collegiate level as well.

"I started playing softball because of my dad," Bargar said. "He would always tell me stories about his games, and it

made me interested."

Bargar picked up softball at age eight, at first playing with her father and then joining a recreational league. She showed talent on the rubber from an early age and made an immediate impact as a freshman at Corona High School in California. Named team co-MVP as a freshman, Bargar was an integral part of a very successful Corona team.

"My high school career was

amazing," Bargar said. "We were very talented, and I got to play with a bunch of girls I loved and became best friends with."

The Corona team and Bargar had their best season in 2005, in her senior season. Ranked as high as third nationally, Corona reached the finals of the California Interscholastic Federation tournament. As a senior Bargar garnered several individual awards, including

Riverside County player of the year. For her high school career, Bargar posted a sparkling ERA of 0.39, and tallied a 66-18 record.

Despite Bargar's dominance in high school, the hurler said she hardly thought about her future in softball until scholarship offers started coming in.

"I didn't really realize what my future held," Bargar said.

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BASEBALL

Fresh face

Notre Dame freshman A.J. Pollock has had no trouble adjusting

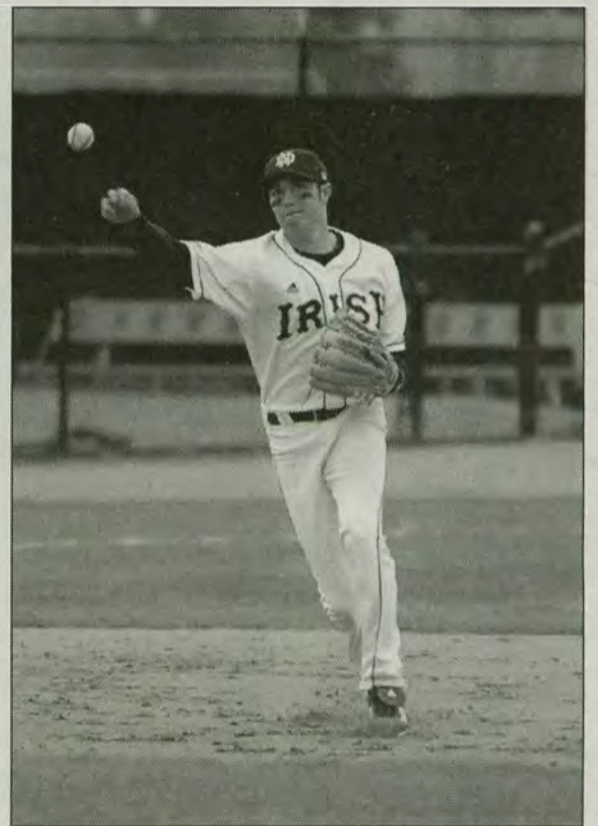
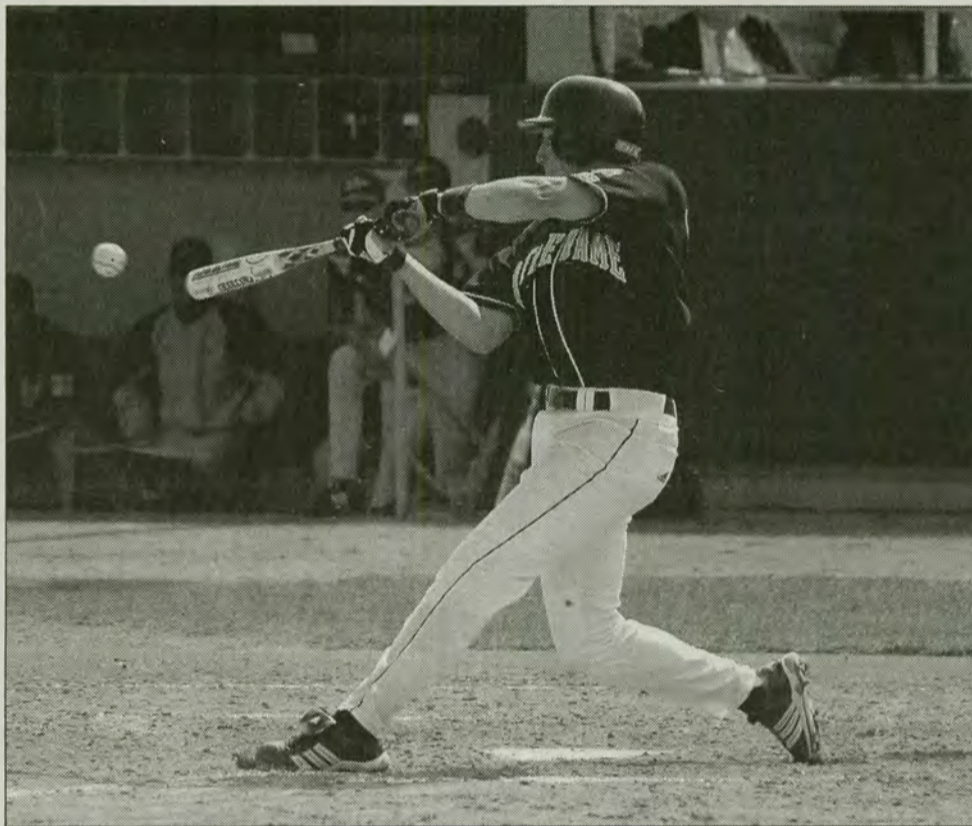
By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

A.J. Pollock has always been confident.

Soon after he arrived last fall, a freshman just months removed from batting .462 his senior season at Regional Hebron Andover and Marlborough (RHAM) High School in Hebron, Conn., Pollock was sure he would be in the Notre Dame starting lineup come spring.

"I wanted to win a spot, and after the first couple weeks I knew I could play with anybody," he said.

Now, at the end of his first year in South Bend, Pollock is the everyday third baseman and second hitter for an Irish team that is slowly



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Left, Irish third baseman A.J. Pollock follows through on a swing in Notre Dame's 9-1 loss to South Florida March 25. Right, Pollock throws to first in Notre Dame's 1-0 win over Purdue April 18. Pollock is a dominating force in his rookie season with the Irish.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles and Hope square off



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Sophomore pitcher and outfielder Calli Davison looks to advance to third base in Saint Mary's 9-1 win over Olivet Saturday.

By REBECCA SLINGER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will take on Hope today to preface what will be a competitive MIAA conference tournament.

The No. 4 Belles (20-6, 5-5 MIAA) and No. 2 Hope College (21-8, 9-1 MIAA) face off this afternoon at Gainey Field. The Flying Dutch have a .833 winning percentage in the conference, while the Belles are .500.

If inclement weather doesn't cancel the game again — the matchup was originally scheduled for April 4 — the Belles will finally have a chance to show Hope exactly why they are contenders for the MIAA championship.

"[The delay in playing Hope] has given us more time to prepare," freshman

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FOOTBALL

Brown works hard for new defensive recruits

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

As the rest of the Irish made their way into the tunnel after Saturday's Blue-Gold game, defensive coordinator Corwin Brown decided he would take a little detour on his way to the locker room.

Brown cut through the slowly moving herd of blue and white jerseys, and the significantly less intimidating mass of reporters gathered outside the tunnel, to say "hello" to a few people — the potential recruits at Saturday's intra-squad game.

Brown has been hard at work this spring getting the word out to prospects that he is building Notre Dame's defense into a national force.

And so far, Brown's hard

work on the recruiting scene has yielded success.

At this point last season under former defensive coordinator (and resident scapegoat) Rick Minter, the Irish had no recruits that verbally committed on the defensive side of the ball.

This season under Brown, four defensive prospects — defensive tackle Sean Cwynar, defensive end Darius Fleming, and linebackers Anthony MacDonald and David Posluszny have said they plan to attend Notre Dame for the class of 2012. Mike Frank, who covers Notre Dame recruiting for irisheyes.com, said Brown's work ethic is a big part of his early success.

"As somebody who follows this very, very closely, I can't

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