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Following White's journey to ND

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Editor's note: This is the second story in a four-part series looking at Notre Dame's athletic department under the direction of Kevin White as he enters his eighth year at the school.

Now entrenched at Notre Dame for more than seven years, Kevin White's career once seemed far less stable.

He was a star among young athletic directors, both an image-changer and a fund-raiser, sought by schools looking for a fresh face with a track record of success. By his mid-40s, White was exactly what colleges wanted, and at no time was that more evident than in the summer of 1997.

Just a year into his tenure at Arizona State, Division I-A universities were once again calling to see if White would be interested in leaving the ever-improving school. But White's answer was always the same, even if university presidents tried their hardest to make it change.

In his first year at Arizona State, the Sun Devils football team went 11-1, falling three points short of a national championship with a 20-17 loss to Ohio State in the Rose Bowl. Donations went through the roof.

That led to many would-be suitors, something White never denied. In the search for success and self-sufficiency — and a clean, spirited face to guide an athletic department — the 46-year-old White was a natural fit.

In an interview with the Times-

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KEVIN WHITE'S CAREER

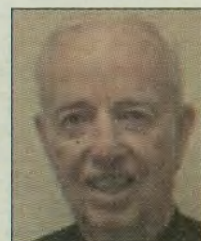
1982-87	Loras College
1982-85	White serves as Director of Athletics
1985-86	White serves as Vice President for Student Development, Dean of Students
1986-87	White serves as Vice President for College Advancement
1987-91	University of Maine, Director of Athletics
1991-96	Tulane University, Director of Athletics
1995	Tulane becomes charter member of Conference USA
1996-2000	Arizona State University, Director of Athletics
1996	Arizona State football goes 11-1
1998	\$5 million naming rights deal with Wells Fargo is centerpiece of \$20 million fund raising campaign
2000	Notre Dame hires White as Director of Athletics

Graphic by Madeline Nies

NDASK gathers experts

By JENN METZ
News Writer

Notre Dame Against State Killing (NDASK) held a forum Saturday and Sunday called "Achieving the Inevitable: Ending the Death Penalty in Indiana" — giving speakers and students a chance to discuss, learn and focus on the developments the club has made over the past year.



McNally

A group of students formed NDASK last fall through the Center for Social Concerns with the goal of achieving a moratorium on the death penalty in Indiana by building a statewide network of support for the cause.

The conference this weekend was a conclusion to the club's work during its first year. NDASK has about 30 active student members and a newsletter readership of 200 working to fight the death penalty through education.

Speakers at the conference included top experts on the death penalty in Indiana. Priests and lawyers, like Father Tom McNally, a Holy Cross priest and volunteer chaplain at the Michigan City Prison, and Chris Hitz-Bradley of the Indiana Information Center on the Abolition of Capital Punishment spoke on campus this weekend.

Junior Andrea Laidman, co-director of NDASK, said the forum turned into an unexpected summit

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NCAA report details academic success

Division I Schools* with Most Teams having consecutive years of Academic Progress Rates over 975

1. U.S. Naval Academy 14
- 2t. Boston College 12
- 2t. Stanford 12.
- 4t. NOTRE DAME 11
- 4t. Duke 11
- 4t. Rice 11
7. Northwestern 9
8. North Carolina 7

*Only schools with Division I football programs included.
Source: NCAA

Graphic by Madeline Nies

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

Notre Dame is recognized for its academics and its athletics, and Notre Dame student-athletes have demonstrated again that they are not mutually exclusive attributes.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) released its Annual Progress Report for U.S. colleges this week and Notre Dame athletes have once again ranked high in academic excellence when compared to peer institutions.

Eleven Notre Dame teams were honored for academic distinction — men's basket-

ball, men's cross country, men's fencing, men's golf, men's indoor track and field, men's outdoor track and field, women's fencing, women's soccer, women's softball, women's tennis and women's volleyball.

Only the U.S. Naval Academy, Boston College and Stanford had more teams honored for academic performance — Duke University and Rice University also had eleven programs honored.

This isn't unusual for Notre Dame, said Senior Associate Athletics Director John Heisler.

"Generally, this is where

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Faculty withholds 2008 campaign donations

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

While potential candidates for the 2008 presidential election have already begun touring the country and making appearances at rallies and talk shows, the election frenzy has yet to reach Notre Dame.

As of Thursday, no Notre Dame professor had made any donations to any campaign, according to the Federal Election Committee (FEC). This lack of donations follows the trend observed in the 2004 presidential election, when only five Notre Dame professors and no Saint Mary's professors donated to campaigns.

That's a striking contrast to the behavior of faculty members at other prestigious universities, as

130 professors at Georgetown made donations in 2004, and 18 have donated already to 2008 campaigns.

Georgetown, however, could arguably be expected to display a heightened political involvement, given its location in Washington and the high number of former government officials that serve the university as professors — including the father of presidential candidate Christopher Dodd. Boston College, however, also outnumbers Notre Dame in its faculty's political donations. In 2004, 38 Boston College faculty members donated to presidential campaigns, and seven have already donated in the current election cycle.

Additionally, at Northwestern, 115 faculty members donated for

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Liberal arts grads go off beaten path

Arts and Letters professors build careers after unorthodox job diversions

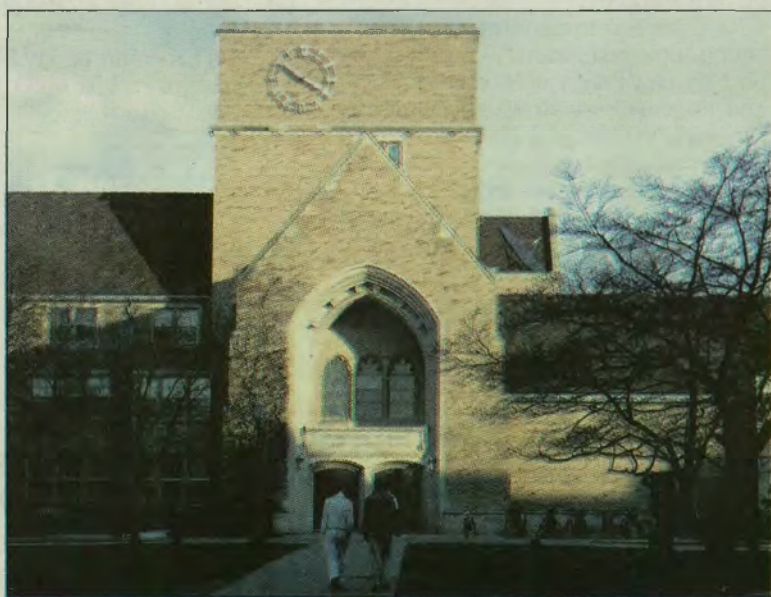
By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

As Arts and Letters seniors approach graduation, they must determine the answer to a question with which they are no doubt familiar — what can they do with their majors?

Notre Dame Arts and Letters professors faced the same question when they were liberal arts undergraduates. While they eventually pursued careers in academia, their experiences demonstrate the wide variety of uses for an Arts and Letters degree.

Associate professor of philosophy Bill Ramsey wound up working on "a massive laser about the size of a gymnasium" after gradu-

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Observer file photo

Two students walk toward O'Shaughnessy Hall, the building where the College of Arts and Letters is located.

INSIDE COLUMN

No dessert, please

The average genius knows that the restaurant industry is proliferating. According to smartmoney.com, Americans now spend roughly half their food budget dining out. In fact, this year, restaurants are expected to earn \$537 billion in revenue, a 67 percent jump in the past decade. Why are we dishing out more sums of cash for dishes that haven't really changed in the past few years?

Rohan Anand

News Wire Editor

True, population growth calls for more mouths to feed and raises the demand for outside dining if it's less time consuming or expensive than preparing meals at home. But the real reason is that restaurants possess some wily marketing tactics to lure the watering mouths — and wallets — of the American people.

One popular trick is the "dress-ups" for dishes and beverages, where you fork over cash for a meal worth four times as much as it cost the restaurant to prepare. Coffees, teas, and sodas costs them no more than 15 to 20 cents a serving, yet even moderately priced restaurants charge up to \$2.50 for these beverages, often without free refills.

The rip-off value multiplies with main course meals. Pasta literally costs pennies for restaurants, but with fixings like sauce or vegetables, they can be "dressed up" and sold for \$25 a dish or more. Additionally, restaurants will juxtapose a \$15 pasta dish on the menu with a \$21 chicken dish, and then the customer will fall for the trap, opting for the pasta mistakenly thinking they've found a bargain.

Watch out for fishy things with seafood. These items tend to be the priciest on menus if you're not at a renowned seafood restaurant or chain, and you might not get what you expect. Many customers fall for the illusion of "Maryland crab cakes" that never came from the Chesapeake Bay at all.

Maryland-style crab? Come on. Your crabs were most likely imported from Thailand or Vietnam at a frighteningly cheaper price than what you paid. Also, sometimes restaurants substitute inexpensive fish, such as pollock, for something pricier, such as cod.

You might want to remember to protect your arteries as well. If you think that a seafood, pasta and salad dish is "healthier" because you're avoiding red meat and cholesterol, think again. No limitation on butter usually means the average restaurant meal carries a sickening load of 1,000-1,500 calories. For instance, a burger at restaurant like Ruby Tuesday contains twice as many calories and fat grams as McDonald's Big Mac.

Be wary about how much you tip. In many restaurants, the 10 dollars that you offered gratuitously to the nice, pretty waitress may not make it home with her after all — instead, it may be divided up amongst the bartender, the apprentice waiter, etc. "Tip pools," as they are called, especially take in effect when restaurants state a 20% service charge for larger parties.

Now, this isn't to discourage you from eating out at restaurants — be adventurous! Try new things, new restaurants, and get some fresh air with the family. However, don't let your guard down. Check restaurant reviews, customer satisfaction ratings or seek advice from trustworthy friends, otherwise you may end up doing yourself more harm than good.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS SOMETHING THAT MOST PEOPLE WOULD NEVER BELIEVE ABOUT YOU?



Tim Loh
senior Keough

"I once pogo-sticked 4,000 times in a row."



Evelyn Hyder
senior Farley

"I can write in mirror-image fluently with either hand."



Katie Rooney
junior Howard

"It took me a whole half-hour to figure out an answer to this question ... and yes, they waited."



Doug Cummings
senior Sorin

"I am Batman."



Cheryl Zabrowski
freshman Lewis

"I like to spoon with Tiffany Moy."



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Howard Hall president Angelica Pangilinan, right, and vice presidents Maura Caufield, left, and Jeanine diCarantonio, center, load the hall storage truck between Howard and Badin Hall over the weekend.

IN BRIEF

Big Yellow Taxi, Notre Dame's service-oriented a capella group, will perform tonight from 6 p.m. to 7 in Washington Hall. The event is free, although donations are encouraged to benefit Dismas House, a local charity.

A funeral service for Corporal Nick Polizzotto, a South Bend Police officer killed in the line of duty, will be held today in the Joyce Center. The public is welcome to attend the service, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Civil personnel can enter the Joyce Center through Gate 10 and law enforcement personnel can enter through Gate 4. Significant traffic delays are expected on Edison Rd., Angela Blvd, and along Eddy St. between 12:15 p.m. and 1:45 p.m.

The last day of classes is Wednesday.

The Notre Dame Jazz Band will perform Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The Band will be joined by jazz musician Jeff Clayton. Tickets are \$5 for the general public, faculty, staff and students.

Penny Peng, the mother of the first woman from mainland China to graduate from Notre Dame, will lead a presentation and discussion of her book "On the Great Wall," Thursday from 4 p.m. to 5 in Montgomery Theatre in LaFortune. This event is free and open to the public.

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

OFFBEAT

Photographer plans largest nude shoot ever

MEXICO CITY — American photographer Spencer Tunick said Sunday he was hoping to draw his largest crowd of nude people for a shoot next month in Mexico City's enormous Zocalo plaza.

Tunick, famous for photographing crowds of nude people around the world, said the May 6 shoot could be bigger than one he did in 2003 with 7,000 volunteer models in Barcelona, Spain.

"This could be my largest work ever," Tunick told a

news conference. "We're really hoping that all eyes will be on Mexico City on May 6 because this could be ... bigger than Barcelona."

The historic Zocalo plaza measures about 21,000 square yards — the size of about five football fields — and can fit up to 85,000 people standing.

Tunick said last month that 3,700 participants had registered for the shoot. On Sunday, he said more were signing up but declined to give a figure.

Bill intends to make menu spam illegal

NEW YORK — You've heard of e-mail spam — now a New York City councilman wants to do something about menu spam, the unwanted menus and circulars that have a way of appearing on city doorsteps and under doors.

Simcha Felder has introduced legislation that would make it illegal to distribute menus, circulars and fliers to homes and apartment buildings that display a sign indicating promotional materials are unwanted.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 75 LOW 57	HIGH 65 LOW 55	HIGH 73 LOW 44	HIGH 64 LOW 42	HIGH 67 LOW 44	HIGH 68 LOW 46

Atlanta 84 / 55 Boston 69 / 42 Chicago 72 / 59 Denver 85 / 47 Houston 84 / 67 Los Angeles 74 / 58 Minneapolis 71 / 51 New York 73 / 49 Philadelphia 77 / 51 Phoenix 98 / 72 Seattle 62 / 45 St. Louis 88 / 65 Tampa 86 / 65 Washington 81 / 54

Seniors give recitals at SMC

Vocal performance majors take part in 'unique experience,' display talents

By KATIE KOHLER
Saint Mary's Editor

While their classmates write papers and complete exams on their way to graduation, senior vocal performance majors at Saint Mary's face a different final obstacle — the senior recital.

Laurel Thomas, associate professor of music and the voice and opera instructor in the department, said the recitals are a unique experience for seniors.

"This has been one of the most wonderful years of my teaching career, due in great part to these four students who have been such a privilege and a joy to teach," she said.

This year, the performance majors are Katelyn Wood, Mallory O'Brien, Erin Anhut and Lindsey Anderson.

Not all music majors are required to give a recital, although they are required to complete composition projects, which are "an in-depth historical and theoretical analysis of a composition," Thomas said.

"Only the performance majors are required to give a full-length senior recital," she said.

Each semester, these performance majors are also required to perform a "jury" in front of the music department faculty. A jury involves a high-level performance of the repertoire studied each semester, Anderson said. Performance majors are required to perform half a recital

their junior year and a full recital senior year.

"All of these requirements are what contribute to an exceptional department that is fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM)," she said.

Thomas' role is to help them choose their repertoire.

"Students sing arias and songs from four historical time periods in four languages — Italian, French, German and English," she said.

This requirement is a daunting task for the seniors.

"Being a senior music major and preparing for a recital is both demanding and exciting," Wood said. "Not only do we have to learn how to speak clearly in different languages, but we also have to know each translation of the musical text and how to relate it to the audience."

Wood's recital was based on folk songs in Czech and Russian as well as the four required languages.

"This year, every one of my students chose repertoire very specific to her personality and vocal strengths," Thomas said.

"Mallory [O'Brien] loves the smoky salon music of Poulenc and the voluptuous melodies of Strauss. Erin [Anhut] stole the show with her comic abilities throughout her recital and, while singing beautifully, gave the most convincing portrayal of the Doll's aria from Tales of Hoffman that I have ever seen or heard."

She had similar praise for Anderson.

"Lindsey [Anderson] is headed for a professional career," she said. "On Sunday, she [sang] one of the most exquisite song cycles of Schumann."

Besides the performance itself, seniors are also wholly responsible for planning and executing their recitals.

"Planning for the recital requires much more work than many people realize," Anderson said. "In addition to singing, the performers have to design posters, arrange for technical assistance in the theater, handle all publicity and plan a reception if they choose to have one. Even though it is a lot of work, it is done with a smile."

Wood planned her recital while at home over semester break.

"Unlike Lindsey [Anderson], I was not fundraising and handled everything at home," Wood said. "My parents and voice teacher helped me."

Anderson relied on assistance from the communications department to publicize her recital.

"I am very fortunate to have [public relations commissioner] Alanna Chiefari to help with publicity," she said. "Her knowledge of public relations has been so helpful and a wonderful way to create a liaison between our two departments."

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we fit in almost any of the measurements — we've been up among the leaders," Heisler said.

According to a 2006 NCAA report, seven men's teams and seven women's teams from Notre Dame have — in the last several years — scored perfect 1000s on the Academic Progress Rate, a measure of whether students meet NCAA academic goals.

Notre Dame athletes perform exceptionally well academically when compared to their peers due to the "general commitment of the University" to academics, Heisler said.

"This speaks to the way in which our coaches go about supporting the commitment to academics," Heisler said. "[Academics Services for Student Athletes Director] Pat Holmes and the Academic Services division have a lot to do with that as well."

Notre Dame football was not one of the sports honored for academic excellence, despite senior John Carlson being named to

ESPN The Magazine's first-team Academic All-America with a 3.59 GPA.

However, Heisler noted that the football team has improved its collective academic standing in the past two years. He said players have posted the "highest GPAs in the history of the program" in that time.

The students themselves deserve the most credit, Heisler said, with their "commitment to being successful academically."

"You don't come to Notre Dame to cut corners," Heisler said. "From a recruiting standpoint ... if you don't have an interest in academics, Notre Dame's not going to be a place for you."

Notre Dame also possesses a high retention rate and a "complete lack of attrition" for student athletes, Heisler said.

"If you're here for four years, the odds of your receiving a degree are hugely high in your favor," Heisler said. "We don't lose people from an academic standpoint. The University takes great pride in that."

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John Heisler
senior associate
athletics director

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.

The Web Designer position is open to any student with advanced scripting skills. Systems Manager applicants should be highly adept at computer troubleshooting.

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Tulane, White was pressed about previous offers for his services.

"I don't want to get into that," White told the reporter. "Leave it at a handful."

A decade later, White still shies away from claiming success as an administrator and boasting about how badly schools wanted to hire him.

"I'm a displaced New Yorker ... that has been very, very fortunate," White said in an interview with *The Observer*. "I have been surrounded by great administrators, great coaches and a wonderful, highly talented group of student athletes at every institution. ... It came together at different places and at different times."

When he was at Tulane and badgered about his rising stock, White might have wanted to "leave it at that," but top universities didn't.

Flirting with Boston College

Boston College Athletic Director Chet Gladchuk left Chestnut Hill for Houston on July 17, 1997, after the program found itself at the center of a betting scandal.

Boston College wanted a fresh start with someone who had experience cleaning up messes but could also provide sound leadership for the coming years. Veterans in the Chestnut Hill athletic department contacted Gene Corrigan, who had recently stepped down as NCAA president after serving as commissioner of the Atlantic Coast Conference and, before that, as Notre Dame's athletic director from 1981 through 1987. Boston College hired Corrigan as a "consultant," and he offered his take of who were the best-qualified people for the job.

Kevin White was on top, according to the *Boston Globe*. The other two names in the mix were Marquette Athletic Director Bill Cords and Northwestern Athletic Director Rick Taylor.

To most observers, Cords and Taylor were only fallbacks — Boston College wanted White. But White had been at Arizona State just a year, and he didn't want to jump ship so early. Just two months earlier, White withdrew his name from Virginia Tech's search for a new athletic director — another one in which White appeared to be the main target. He was happy with the Sun Devils and told Boston College he would gladly serve as a consultant in its search.

Yet Boston College kept hoping White would change his mind.

In an interview with the *Boston Globe* published Aug. 14 that year, White was succinct.

"I'm not a candidate," he said.

Two weeks later, the *Globe* reported White had made the "short list," despite his public statements that he was not interested in the job. White insisted he was merely a consultant for Boston College and had no aspirations to take the job at the time.

Two weeks after that, Boston College President Father William P. Leahy received a letter from White asking that his name finally be withdrawn from consideration for the open position. In the letter, White recommended two people — San Francisco Athletic Director Bill Hogan and DeFilippo, the latter who was later hired by the Eagles.

Since coming to Notre Dame, White's name rarely has come up in articles as either a candidate or a consultant for job openings.

"In certain settings, some things become more public than in other settings," White said in an interview with *The Observer*. "Here, I've worked very hard, so to speak, not to abuse the platform. But I'm deeply involved in a zillion things. People have been very kind to me, very generous, and they invite me into those conversations all the time. I'm not any less involved than I was at Arizona State. I'm probably more involved. I just hope my involvement sometimes isn't quite so public."

In a telephone interview with

The Observer last October, Corrigan said he believes White and DeFilippo are two of the most talented athletic directors in Division I — and that they are still friends.

But since White served as a consultant for Boston College, his relationship with the school has changed at least somewhat as other troubles between the two schools emerged.

In 2002, some Boston College players celebrated their 14-7 victory of the then-unbeaten Irish at Notre Dame Stadium by tearing up grass and causing damage to the visiting locker room.

A year later, Boston College backed off its initial condemnations of Miami and Virginia Tech for bolting the Big East for the ACC and followed the Hurricanes and Hokies to the conference. Notre Dame joined the Big East for most sports in 1995.

Since then, White has said the football rivalry between the two schools could end after 2010 because Notre Dame agreed to play three Big East teams a year, and the Eagles wouldn't fit because of the other longstanding Irish series.

Boston College officials told the *Globe* that Notre Dame was refusing to play the Eagles, though Associate Athletic Director John Heisler reiterated to the Associated Press that the scheduling issue and commitments with the Big East are the reason for the series' discontinuation.

White's journey

White graduated from St. Joseph's College (Rensselaer, Ind.) with a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1972. He earned his Master's degree in athletics administration from Central Michigan in 1976 and his Ph.D. from Southern Illinois in 1983. His dissertation, "An Appraisal of the Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Programs, and the Relationship to Men's Athletics at the Big Ten Conference Institutions Before and After Title IX Implementation," followed four years of postgraduate studies at

Michigan State.

At Tulane, White put his dissertation in action at a southern school struggling to keep up with the still-controversial Title IX rules.

In a column on the day White announced he would accept the Arizona State job, Dave Lagarde of the (New Orleans) *Times-Picayune* highlighted White's role in increasing the Green Wave's athletic department budget and the transition to Conference USA. But he started with the progress he brought to female sports.

"White's accomplishments in his five-year stay at Tulane were many," he said. "He brought the Green Wave's women's athletic programs up to speed with the complicated and controversial Title IX."

White had a successful five years at Tulane, where he rebuilt and reorganized an athletic department that had been mired in scandal in the 1980s. He did that, and improved nearly every sport at the school, on an operating budget about one-third of the size of Notre Dame's current yearly expenditures on football alone.

Quelling crises

In April and May 1998, White faced what may have been his toughest challenge before coming to Notre Dame.

Before he was the athletic director at Arizona State, White held the same position at Tulane for five school years (1991-96). When White arrived there, the men's basketball program was just re-starting after four years without a squad as the result of a points-shaving scandal in 1985.

But a new scandal emerged at Arizona State.

In the summer of 1997, the FBI began investigating a points-shaving scheme allegedly tied to two Arizona State players. Now on thin ice, Sun Devils coach Bill Frieder vigorously defended the program against the illegal gambling charges. But early that September, two other players were accused of theft in a dormi-

tory, and White forced Frieder out with a \$350,000 buyout of the \$1 million remaining on his contract.

As White sought a full-time coach, he wound up associated with an unusual departure of the coach of one of the Big East's most storied basketball teams.

White was connected with the unexpected resignation of Fran Fraschilla at St. John's in New York City in March of 1998. The *New York Times* reported that Fraschilla used his contacts with White — in the search for a new basketball coach at Arizona State — to force St. John's into giving him a high-paying contract extension. Some reports said Fraschilla claimed White offered him the ASU job, but, through a spokesman, White denied offering anyone but eventual coach Rob Evans the job — a philosophy adopted by White, that only the acceptor even gets the chance to say "yes."

"Kevin did discuss the job with Fran," Arizona State sports information director Doug Tammaro told the *Times*. "[Fraschilla] was not offered the job."

The St. John's job eventually went to Mike Jarvis, who told the *Washington Post* he talked to White about the Arizona State position but never had an interview.

With the way he handled the situation — and the image he earned as someone who could clean up programs mired in scandal — White's stock was on the rise. Two years later, as Notre Dame's athletic department was reeling in the wake of an age discrimination lawsuit and a booster scandal, University President Emeritus Father Edward Malloy hired White to reinvigorate and restore the tradition-filled school.

The third part of this series will run Tuesday and look at Kevin White's tenure at Notre Dame.

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ating from the University of Oregon with a major in philosophy.

"I just wanted jobs that were low commitment and gave me lots of free time, so I bussed tables and I baked bagels, and then I worked for a research and development firm," Ramsey said.

So for eight months, Ramsey worked as the expeditor at a company building a laser as part of Ronald Reagan's Star Wars program during the Cold War.

"It's a crazy job," Ramsey said. "But it just shows you how a philosophy major can kind of wind up doing things you would never expect."

Although he was looking forward to being laid-off after the laser was finished so he could travel and climb, Ramsey was surprised when the company asked him to stay on as an engineer — even after his boss and other members of the company had been fired.

But since the laser "[didn't] do anything except discolor some tissue paper," Ramsey decided it was time to move on.

While Ramsey spent time working low-commitment jobs after graduation, he believes his philosophy degree would have made him a qualified candidate for a professional career after graduation if that was what he had want-

ed to do.

"The thing that was holding me back was I didn't want to go the serious career route just then," he said. "If I decided that I really wanted to go into business or something like that, I wouldn't have had any real problem."

English professor and published author Valerie Sayers taught economics at a new technical college — even though she graduated from Fordham with a degree in psychology. The technical college "desperately needed somebody to teach social science courses," Sayers said, explaining why she was hired with just a bachelor's degree.

"They asked me if I could teach economics and I said 'sure,'" Sayers said. "I just read the textbook as fast as I could."

Originally, Sayers had planned to go to graduate school to become a clinical psychologist, but plans changed when she realized toward the end of her college career that she wanted to be a writer.

"I took a year of my life [after undergraduate school] to decide whether I could be a writer and take a kind of minimal earning and write every day," she said. This was when she moved back to her home town and took the teaching job.

Although Sayers considered this a sort of "test year," she was anxious as to how things would turn out.

"I was terrified. I was scared to death because my original plan had been very professional," she

said. "To be a psychologist was a clear path ... but to be a writer seemed to have no path whatsoever. It was as if I had to hack out my own path."

Unlike Ramsey and Sayers, music professor Alexander Blachly knew that he wanted to attend graduate school right after graduating from Haverford College with a B.A. in music and a concentration in composition.

Blachly went straight to Columbia, where he received a Master's degree in historical musicology in 1972 and then a Ph.D. in 1995 with the intention of being "an academic." Blachly, however, also founded the professional singing ensemble Pomerium in New York, which he still directs.

"My career path has not been typical. ... I had always had a dual career, even as a graduate student, as a performer and as an academic," he said. For Blachly, having two careers makes his situation "a little unusual."

Performance was not something Blachly expected to pursue when he was an undergraduate. He said he thought that performing would be a "sideline" to a career in academia.

Since he had already been accepted to Columbia's graduate program at the time he graduated from Haverford, Blachly said he did not face much anxiety over what the years following his graduation would bring.

"That part of my future — those immediate next few years — was already mapped out for me," he said. "I only applied to one gradu-

ate school. My feeling was that I wanted to go there, and if I didn't go there, I would do something else. That's also not very common and probably not very sensible looking back on it, but that's what I did."

Department of Film, Television and Theater assistant professor Christine Becker never planned to become a professor when she went to graduate school after she finished her undergraduate education at University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign with a humanities degree.

Film was a humanities option at the university, and when Becker chose it, she said she "didn't really have a career in mind," but knew that film was something that she "really loved."

While Becker's immediate family and friends were supportive of her decision to pursue her love of film, she recalled her aunt telling her that her major was a "waste of brains."

Blachly — who said that his parents also supported his decision to pursue music through graduate school — said that "luck" played a role in his career path.

"There is always an element of luck and the sort of good fortune that is involved in getting an

appointment [to a job]," he said.

Sayers noted that the lower cost of living — something that graduating seniors today do not have — also helped her to turn her goal of being a writer into a reality.

To Blachly, choosing a career path that could be more financially promising may not be the most beneficial.

"If you go into something just for the money, I think that's ultimately going to lead to discontent," he said. "I think you should do the things that you find fulfilling, and trust that things will work out."

For Ramsey, trusting that things will work out may require that students be willing to learn new things as they build their careers. He said his experience working on the laser serves as an example that in the professional world, employees must figure things out as they go, especially since most employers know that they will have to train their new hires anyway.

"[Employers] are looking for people with the right kind of raw materials, and that's exactly what a liberal arts degree gives you," Ramsey said.

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"To be a psychologist was a clear path ... but to be a writer seemed to have no path whatsoever. It was as if I had to hack out my own path."

Valerie Sayers
English professor

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

China fails to improve human rights

BEIJING — China has failed to live up to promises to improve human rights for the 2008 Olympics in Beijing despite reforms to the death penalty system and more freedoms for foreign reporters, Amnesty International said in a report Monday.

The report catalogs a wide range of persistent abuses, from extensive use of detention without trial to the persecution of civil rights activists and new methods to rein in the domestic media and censor the Internet.

The London-based group welcomed the new rules for foreign journalist and the referral of all death sentences to China's Supreme Court since the start of the year.

"Disappointingly, they have been matched by moves to expand detention without trial and house arrest of activists, and by a tightening of controls over domestic media and the Internet," Catherine Baber, deputy Asia-Pacific director of Amnesty International, said in a statement.

Iran to attend conference on Iraq

BAGHDAD — Iran agreed Sunday to join the U.S. and other countries at a conference on Iraq this week, raising hopes the government in Tehran would help stabilize its violent neighbor and stem the flow of guns and bombs over the border.

In an apparent effort to drive home that point, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki told an Iranian envoy that the persistent violence in Iraq — some of it carried out by the Shiite militias Iran is accused of arming — could spill over into neighboring countries, including those that are "supposed to support the Iraqi government."

Iraq's other neighbors as well as Egypt, Bahrain and representatives of the five permanent U.N. Security Council members have agreed to attend the meeting Thursday.

NATIONAL NEWS

3 dead, 2 wounded in mall shooting

KANSAS CITY, Mo — A shooting at a shopping center Sunday afternoon left three people dead, including the gunman, police said.

Two people were shot about 3:30 p.m. in the parking lot of the Ward Parkway Center, according to police. Then, the gunman went inside the mall and fired more shots, wounding at least two people, police spokesman Tony Sanders said.

The man was shot to death inside the mall, Sanders said. Police fired shots, but it was not immediately clear if he was killed by police.

Highway bridge collapses after crash

OAKLAND, Calif. — A stretch of highway near the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge collapsed Sunday after a gasoline tanker crashed and burst into flames, leaving one of the nation's busiest spans in a state of near paralysis. Officials said traffic could be disrupted for months.

Flames shot 200 feet in the air and the heat was intense enough to melt part of the freeway and cause the collapse, but the truck's driver walked away from the scene with second-degree burns. No other injuries were reported.

"I've never seen anything like it," Officer Trent Cross of the California Highway Patrol said of the crumpled interchange. "I'm looking at this thinking, 'Wow, no one died — that's amazing. It's just very fortunate.'"

LOCAL NEWS

Slot machines could provide tax relief

INDIANAPOLIS — Lawmakers appeared closer to a deal Sunday to allow slot machines at Indiana's two horse racing tracks — a move that would funnel more than \$500 million toward property tax relief for homeowners.

It would be Indiana's biggest expansion of gambling since the Legislature authorized riverboat casinos in 1993, but lawmakers were working on another bill to crack down on illegal gambling elsewhere. That proposal would step up enforcement against illegal video gambling machines sometimes found in back rooms of bars, gas stations, truck stops and other locations.

TURKEY

Demonstrators demand resignation

700,000 march against pro-Islamic government, call prime minister a 'traitor'

Associated Press

ISTANBUL — At least 700,000 people marched Sunday in a massive protest against the possible election of an observant Muslim as president, a conflict that is pitting Turkey's religiously oriented ruling party against the deeply secular military and civilian establishment.

Waving the country's red flag and singing nationalist songs, demonstrators in Istanbul demanded the resignation of the pro-Islamic government, calling Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan a traitor. Erdogan's foreign minister, Abdullah Gul, is widely expected to win the presidential election by the country's 550-seat parliament.

"We don't want a covered woman in Ataturk's presidential palace," protester Ayse Bari, a 67-year-old housewife, said in reference to Gul's wife Hayrunisaah who wears the Muslim headscarf. "We want civilized, modern people there."

The election has reignited a conflict over Turkey's national identity that has brewed since Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, an army officer in World War I, founded the secular republic after the collapse of the Ottoman Empire. He gave the vote to women, restricted Islamic dress and replaced the Arabic script with the Roman alphabet.

But Islam remained potent at the grassroots level, and some leaders with a religious background have portrayed themselves as an alternative to the secular establishment.

Many, including powerful generals, fear Gul would use the presidency — a post with veto power over legislation — to assist his ally, Erdogan, in chipping away at the separa-



Pro-secular demonstrators walk beneath Turkish flags bearing portraits of Turkey's founder, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, during a national rally in Istanbul Sunday.

tion of state and religion. For example, secularists want to preserve a ban on Islamic headscarves in government offices and other public places; Gul's wife once appealed to the European Court of Human Rights for the right to wear the scarf to a university.

The military hinted it may step in to resolve the deadlock over Gul in parliament. And many Turks are calling for early elections in the hope of replacing the parliament, which is dominated by Gul's pro-Islamic ruling party.

"Turkey is secular and will remain secular!" shouted thousands of protesters, many of whom

traveled to Istanbul from across the country overnight.

Turkish police estimated their numbers at about 700,000 and cordoned off the protest area, conducting searches at several entry points.

More than 300,000 took part in a similar rally in the capital Ankara two weeks ago.

"This government is the enemy of Ataturk," said 63-year-old Ahmet Yurdakul, a retired government employee among the demonstrators on Sunday. "It wants to drag Turkey to the dark ages."

On Friday, Gul failed to win a first round of voting in parliament after opposi-

tion lawmakers boycotted the vote. The opposition then appealed to the Constitutional Court to annul the result on grounds that there was not a quorum present at the time of the vote. That night, the military threatened to intervene in the election and warned the government to curb Islamic influences.

"It should not be forgotten that the Turkish armed forces is one of the sides in this debate and the absolute defender of secularism," the military said in a statement. "When necessary, they will display its stance and attitudes very clearly. No one should doubt that."

Rice warns against challenging Bush

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush will not sign any war spending bill that penalizes Iraq's government for failing to make progress, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Sunday, a fresh warning to Congress about challenging him.

Bush is expected to veto a bill this week that would order U.S. troops to begin withdrawing from Iraq by Oct. 1. Lacking the votes to override a veto, the Democratic-led Congress is considering a revised plan to pay for the way while requiring Iraq to meet benchmarks for progress.

Congress has not decided whether to punish Iraq for falling short. Rice sent lawmakers a clear message,

saying Bush would not agree to a plan that penalizes the Baghdad for insufficient progress.

"To begin now to tie our own hands — and to say 'We must do this if they don't do that' — doesn't allow us the flexibility and creativity that we need to move this forward," Rice said.

Democratic lawmakers, eager to wind the war down, showed little appetite for establishing goals without consequences. Iraq has struggled to keep its own promises for distributing oil wealth, refining its constitution and expanding democratic participation.

"The benchmarks — the Iraqis agreed to it, the president agreed it," said Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., who

heads a House subcommittee that controls defense spending. "We're saying to them, 'Well, let's put some teeth into the benchmarks.'"

Even if they agree to scrap a troop withdrawal timetable, Democratic lawmakers say they want to link U.S. support to Iraq's performance in some way. But they must find an approach that win Republican support to pass a new bill that Bush is willing to sign.

Bush is expected to veto the war bill by Tuesday, then meet Wednesday with congressional leaders on the next steps. The current legislation would provide \$124.2 billion, more than \$90 billion of which would go for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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for these experts.

"They were all glad to have a chance to meet up," Laidman said. "The speakers seemed to learn a lot from each other and students had the chance to get more expertise and to get a framework together for next year."

Getting these different actors together is an important step, she said.

"In order to be successful, we need to integrate as one solid group of people with different beliefs and messages," Laidman said.

That integration is already taking place, Laidman said, citing the varying backgrounds of the forum's speakers. Some stand against the death penalty based on beliefs in criminal justice, she said, while others take a religious stance against state executions.

This weekend's events included a screening of "The Exonerated" and a keynote address by Paula Sites, assistant executive director of the Indiana Public Defender Council. NDASK also held panel sessions entitled "The American Bar Association & Indiana: Moving toward a Moratorium," "Prison Ministry: Building Relationships with Death Row Inmates" and "Mental Illness and the Death Penalty: Arbitrary, Capricious and

Inhumane."

There was also an art show with works created by death row prisoners, including five pieces of art from an Indiana death row inmate with whom Laidman and NDASK co-director Will McAuliffe — who is a columnist for The Observer — meet with on a regular basis.

"It's important to consider that these [prisoners] are everyday people with their own beliefs and talents," Laidman said.

She said the weekend's events were especially important because they allowed the club to "capitalize on everything that's happened," referring to the Indiana execution of David Woods scheduled for Friday at 12 a.m.

NDASK held a vigil at the Grotto

Saturday in remembrance of Juan Placencia, the victim of Woods' crime. Woods was convicted of stabbing his 77-year-old neighbor to death in 1984 in Garrett, Ind.

Death row inmates in Indiana, including Woods, have argued against the use of lethal injection. Laidman said there have been problems associated with using this method of execution, which she said can constitute cruel and unusual punishment when inmates are not fully sedated before execution.

NDASK has created an online petition available through its blog, ndask.blogspot.com, asking Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels to grant Woods clemency. As of Sunday night, the petition had 465 signa-

tures out of its target 500.

The club is taking bus reservations for a planned execution vigil Thursday at the Michigan City prison.

Daniels has not yet announced whether he will reject Woods' application for clemency.

NDASK hopes to continue its education about the death penalty in the coming years, Laidman said, and has "incredible people lined up to come [next year]."

Students will continue to build a network and lobby for their desired moratorium with Daniels and leaders from their political districts, Laidman said.

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Native Americans hit hard by meth addiction

Associated Press

WIND RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION, Wyo — Just off the deserted highways, the silver pickup truck eases down quiet streets, its driver offering a numbing tour of a remote reservation framed by the beauty of snowcapped mountains.

There, Leon Tillman says, over there — the house on the right, a white, two-story building set off by itself. It used to be a big drug house. Now it's shuttered, its owners in prison.

A man dressed in an army green shirt and pants appears on the side of the road, his thumb up, looking for a ride. "That's a meth head," Tillman says. "He's bumming right now."

A few more drug houses and Tillman's tour of the despair of methamphetamine ends.

Not long ago, most people here had never even heard of meth. But today, most know someone on meth or in prison because of it. Tillman, 39, knows too many to count.

"It's everywhere," he said.

Indeed, American Indians have been especially hard hit by meth. Drug cartels have targeted Indian Country because the people are vulnerable, and law enforcement struggles to keep up.

But the story of how meth came to this remote reservation is really quite remarkable.

Like a cancer, a Mexican drug gang permeated the reservation and its families. It left behind a landscape strewn with broken lives.

Some 12,000 Indians — members of the Northern Arapaho and the Eastern Shoshone tribes — live on 2.2 million acres, an area so vast many homes are separated by miles of barren land.

Poverty and unemployment are high, alcoholism is rampant and the police department is so understaffed — patrolling such a large area — that the average response time is 15 to 20 minutes.

Jesus Martin Sagaste-Cruz knew that. And he knew the reservation's isolation would be perfect for his business.

Authorities learned of the Sagaste-Cruz drug ring back in 1997. Sagaste-Cruz and his Mexican gang had already been selling around Indian reservations in South Dakota and Nebraska.

But it was an article in The Denver Post that changed the way they did business. The story talked about how a Nebraska liquor store near the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota did

millions of dollars in business. Sales were especially high immediately after Indians received their per capita checks — their share of their tribe's income.

Sagaste-Cruz figured if there were already so many Indians addicted to alcohol, it would be easy enough to addict them to methamphetamine.

So around 2000, the Mexicans moved in and near Wind River Reservation.

"They came to a place where people don't have anything," said Frances Monroe, who works in the Northern Arapaho Child Protection Services office.

They started with free meth samples. The men pursued Indian women, providing them with meth even as they romanced them and fathered their children. Eventually, the women needed to support their habit, so they became dealers, too — and they used free samples to recruit new customers.

It was all part of the plan.

For the next four years, the gang sold pounds and pounds of meth, much of it 98 percent pure. The drugs came from Mexico, then on to Los Angeles; Ogden, Utah (where Sagaste-Cruz lived); and finally Wyoming, where gang members had a handful of local distributors, each with their own customer base.

Customers became dealers and recruiters, and their customers did the same.

Before, meth was barely mentioned on the reservation. Police reported only sporadic arrests.

But now the reservation was saturated with it. Crime soared. From 2003 to 2006, cases of child neglect increased 131 percent. Drug possession was up 163 percent; spousal abuse rose 218 percent.

The Wind River reservation is not alone. The Bureau of Indian Affairs found that methamphetamine was listed as the greatest threat to Indian communities by police departments.

Mexican drug cartels take advantage of the often complicated law enforcement jurisdictions in Indian Country. Isolated communities are hit the hardest, and sometimes even tribal leaders are not immune, said Heather Dawn Thompson, director of government affairs for the National Congress of American Indians.

Here on the Wind River, a tribal judge, Lynda Munnell-Noah, was arrested in a 2005 drug ring bust and accused of trying to assault and murder a Bureau of Indian Affairs law enforcement officer.

Donations

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2004 campaigns, and 20 have already donated for 2008, including 16 who are financially supporting Barack Obama's candidacy.

Notre Dame clearly lags behind competing universities in providing monetary support to candidates, but this lack of faculty contributions to campaigns is not a sign of political apathy on campus, College Republicans president Sarah Way said.

"I believe if you were to look up the contributions that were not financial, you would see a number of professors who actually worked for campaigns," she said.

The five Notre Dame professors that did write checks in 2004 did not lack political fervor either.

Philosophy professor Michael Detlefsen, one of four faculty members who donated to John Kerry's campaign in 2004, was emphatic about his reasons for donating. He said he believed President George W. Bush is "incompetent and corrupt" and "easily the worst president in my voting lifetime," and said he has been "reckless with the lives

and welfare of both many Americans and many Iraqis."

Detlefsen, however, said he had not decided yet if he would lend his financial support to a candidate in 2008.

"I may support a candidate in the next election, but I don't know yet whether I will," he said. "If I do, it will be someone I think is of high moral character, who will seek peace rather than war, and who will make meaningful efforts towards addressing the mounting crisis in health care in America."

Detlefsen said he thinks it is too early to support a candidate at this point in the election cycle, but that he will not necessarily wait until the general election kicks off to donate to a campaign.

English professor Stephan Fredman, who also donated to Kerry's campaign in 2004, said he believes that it is his civic duty to be active in politics and that he will donate to somebody in 2008.

"I don't yet have a favored presidential candidate, though, so I will wait to donate until I find one — which may be either before or after the primary election," Fredman said.

Way said she was not surprised by the professors' support of the

Kerry ticket.

"Notre Dame may have a general reputation as being conservative, but I am not sure this represents both the faculty and the students," she said.

The fifth professor that made a campaign donation in 2004 to support Bush's reelection bid, Patrick Schlitz, is no longer associated with the University.

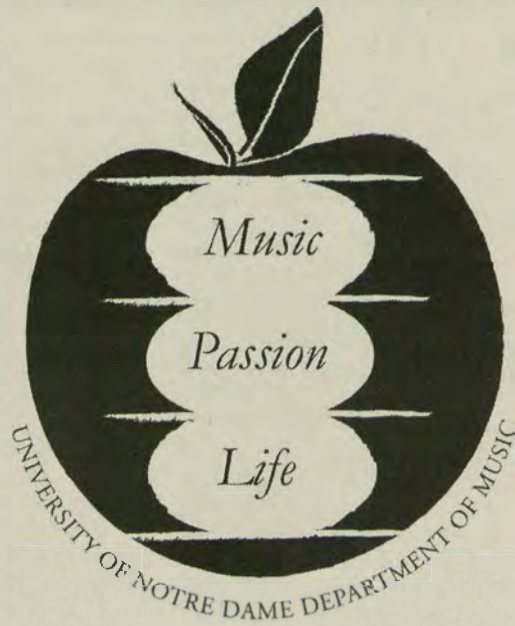
Generally, the number of faculty members at rural colleges who donate to political campaigns — even at the local level — pales in comparison with those who donate at universities located in larger metropolitan areas, according to the FEC Web site.

It's important faculty members stay uninvolved with political financing, Way said, since their primary job is to teach students.

"I am not surprised, nor concerned, with Notre Dame professors' lack of donations to campaigns," she said. "In fact, this separation from 'party politics' is a very good thing."

Impartial professors make it easier for students to develop their own political opinions, she said.

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IN BRIEF

Microsoft third quarter profits rise

SEATTLE — Microsoft Corp.'s fiscal third-quarter profit jumped 65 percent, buoyed by sales of its new versions of Windows and Office and by upgrade coupons for the operating system issued over the holidays.

Earnings for the quarter ended March 31 rose to \$4.93 billion, or 50 cents per share, from \$2.98 billion, or 29 cents per share in same period last year.

Results included legal charges amounting to 1 cent per share, but tax benefits boosted profit by 2 cents per share.

Analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial forecast a profit of 46 cents per share.

Revenue for the quarter rose 32 percent to \$14.4 billion. Wall Street was looking for \$13.89 billion in sales.

Microsoft started selling its newest operating system, Windows Vista, to consumers at the end of January. Its "client" division, responsible for Windows, brought in \$5.27 billion in sales, 67 percent higher than a year ago.

Farmers experiment with biodiesel

LOS ANGELES — California farmers are hoping to strike oil — vegetable oil, that is — with a series of experimental trials involving crops that can be processed into biodiesel.

Some of the efforts to produce the sought-after fuel call for growing hearty crops such as canola on unproductive land that can't support higher-value produce.

Other farmers are eyeing oilseed plants as a cover crop that might improve soil quality between more profitable plantings of berries or leafy greens.

Researchers have even started experimenting with varieties of algae that can be farmed in ponds and converted into biodiesel.

"We have one of the world's most fertile and productive growing regions," said Salinas Mayor Dennis Donohue, a radicchio farmer. "It doesn't make any sense that we shouldn't be involved in the future that's shaping up."

The trials are being conducted as high gas prices and stringent environmental regulations drive the market for alternative energy sources such as biodiesel. Derived from vegetable oils and other sources, the fuel is used to run diesel engines that have undergone slight modifications.

Organic baby food market grows

Concerned parents account for increase in sales, prompt companies to expand offerings

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Pauline Amell-Nash worried that the pesticides and additives used to grow and preserve food were bad for her 1-year-old daughter Sophia, not to mention the earth itself. That's why the pureed carrots, sweet potatoes and fruits Sophia ate were purchased from makers of organic baby food.

"She is so small I just thought that the more pure, honest things she ate would be better for her," the Claremont, Calif., mother said. "I also thought it benefits the environment. I want to raise my child with an idea of social responsibility."

The environment has become a very hot topic these days, especially among parents who want to protect their children's health and the world they'll be inheriting. Parents like Amell-Nash are propelling a surge in organic baby food sales, and that has prompted more companies to either join or expand their offerings in the sector.

Organic food still accounts for a tiny portion of the overall baby food market, but it is definitely growing. Whole Foods Market Inc. said it has tripled the space allotted to organic baby products in the last five years. Last year, baby food institution Gerber Products Co. rebranded and broadened its organic line, while Abbott Laboratories introduced an organic version of its Similac baby formula.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture inspects food producers to insure they meet its standards for organic products. They include banning the use of conventional pesticides, fertilizers made with synthetic ingredients or sewage sludge for produce, and antibiotics or growth hormones for animals.



An organic food display at a Colorado Whole Foods Market demonstrates the growing demand for natural products, especially in the baby food industry.

Organic baby food sales soared 21.6 percent to \$116 million in the 52 weeks ended Feb. 24, after jumping 16.4 percent a year earlier, according to The Nielsen Company. Meanwhile, overall baby food sales rose 3.1 percent to \$3.7 billion in the same period, after being essentially flat a year earlier. The data was gleaned from U.S. grocery, drug and mass market retailers, excluding Wal-Mart.

Gerber Products replaced its Tender Harvest brand last year with a line called Gerber Organics and added products such as cereals,

juice and food for toddlers.

The change was meant to make it more evident that the food was organic, said Anna Mohl, vice president of marketing-infant nutrition at the baby food maker owned by Novartis AG and now being sold to Nestle SA. "We needed to be more explicit," Mohl said. While Tender Harvest, which was introduced in 1997, was selling well, its growth wasn't matching the overall organic baby food category, she said.

Mohl said Gerber didn't consider leaving the category because she believed moms wanted to purchase

organic baby food from a brand they trusted. She declined to give the brand's sales.

Big companies aren't the only ones addressing the demand for organic baby products. Two years ago, Gigi Lee Chang started Plum Organics, a line of frozen baby foods, now a very hot area, according to Whole Foods officials.

Lee Chang got the idea to start the company when she heard friends talking about her son's healthy appetite. She decided that the organic foods she had been preparing for him might be a good business opportunity.

Mutuals shy away from global warming

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Investors pressing companies to say more about the possible financial effects of global warming haven't found an ally in large mutual funds.

While global climate change appears to be drawing more attention in the United States from lawmakers and businesses, no large mutual fund companies voted in 2006 to support shareholder resolutions seeking added disclosures about the possible financial effects of global warming.

The 28 investment houses that run the country's 100 largest mutual funds either abstained from or opposed the handful of resolutions that reached a vote last year, according to data compiled by Institutional Shareholder Services for Ceres, a Boston-based environmental investment group.

"Most mutual funds tend to wall off social and environmental resolutions

as a separate category from governance resolutions. On the social and environmental side they tend to show more deference to management's actions and policies than they do on the governance side," said Doug Cogan, director of climate change research at ISS, a proxy adviser.

Cogan contends U.S. companies operating overseas and even those only in business domestically face increasing environmental regulation, such as caps on greenhouse gas emissions. Such changes could increase costs for power companies and automakers, for example. On the other hand, warmer weather could extend growing seasons for agricultural companies.

"It's truly a business issue that will have financial impacts," he said.

The study found investors filed 30 climate-related resolutions last year and that seven of those proceeded to shareholder votes.

On average, the resolutions put to a

vote drew support from 17 percent of shareholders, the study found. In some instances, the "yes" votes were much higher; at home builder Standard Pacific Corp., 39 percent of shareholders voted for added disclosures.

Ceres spokesman Peyton Flemming said at companies such as Alliant Energy Corp. and Great Plains Energy Inc., shareholders last year withdrew resolutions after the companies agreed to disclose their potential financial exposure to climate change.

Cogan said about half of shareholder resolutions are typically withdrawn before they come to a vote because companies agree to provide data investors are seeking, Cogan said.

Large mutual fund companies typically don't wade into environmental issues. It appears many would consider it, however, if it they determined such concerns would have a sizable effect on a company's business.

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Damage control

The Bush administration and its cronies have directed a huge portion of their resources toward damage control. The problem is: they're about 6,000 miles off target with their efforts. Instead of focusing on protecting the millions of troops and civilians in Baghdad and other areas of Iraq against IEDs, they've chosen to defend themselves and their policies against verbal attacks and calls for resignation. As the scope of long-overdue oversight investigations expands, so too does our knowledge of the actions that the White House has taken, or has failed to take, these past seven years. Instead of providing sufficient explanations or holding the appropriate people accountable for failures and missteps, however, this administration and its compatriots have chosen to stonewall, finally succumbing only to the almighty subpoena. Even this, however, has proven at times to be a futile exercise in accountability.

The amount of things that Attorney General Alberto Gonzales can recall could seemingly be counted on one hand. His testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee was an absolute joke, racking up over 70 answers of "I don't know" or "I don't recall" by the end, despite the appropriate focus of the questions. His inability to recall crucial facts about his role in firing eight U.S. Attorneys was ludicrous and, as has been stated by many pundits, either reflects his refusal to share facts or simply an inability and altogether lack of diligence in carrying out his duties. President Bush's response to Gonzales' absurd lack of integrity,

capability and testimony: "The attorney general gave a very candid assessment ... in a way that increased my confidence in his ability to do the job."

So, just to be clear on this: Attorney General Gonzales took an entire month preparing for this testimony and, in effect, didn't testify to much else beyond his incompetence. As a result, President Bush has increased confidence in him. Got it? Moving on.

Paul Wolfowitz, the former Deputy Secretary of Defense who was previously best known for his hawkish consistency in calling for attacks on Iraq well before 9/11, was installed as President of the World Bank in January of 2005. However, Wolfowitz's romantic interest, Shaha Ali Riza, was already working for the World Bank, creating a conflict of interest for Wolfowitz. Taking a page from the book of cronyism as written by President Bush and Vice President Cheney, Wolfowitz decided that the appropriate action would be to facilitate a transfer of Ms. Riza to the State Department where she would work under Elizabeth Cheney, daughter of Dick Cheney. As a notable perk, Ms. Riza received an enormous pay raise, ultimately earning a salary higher than Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Like Gonzales, Wolfowitz has ignored resounding calls for his resignation, choosing instead to leave it up to the President or an official vote. It seems like these guys just don't know when they've lost.

These two cases, however, are simply symptomatic of the overt nepotism and sheer hubris of the Bush administration. In a villainous stroke, allegiances to the American people, the Constitution and fundamental notions of human rights and dignity have been replaced by allegiance to the President. The extensive politicization of law enforcement shown in

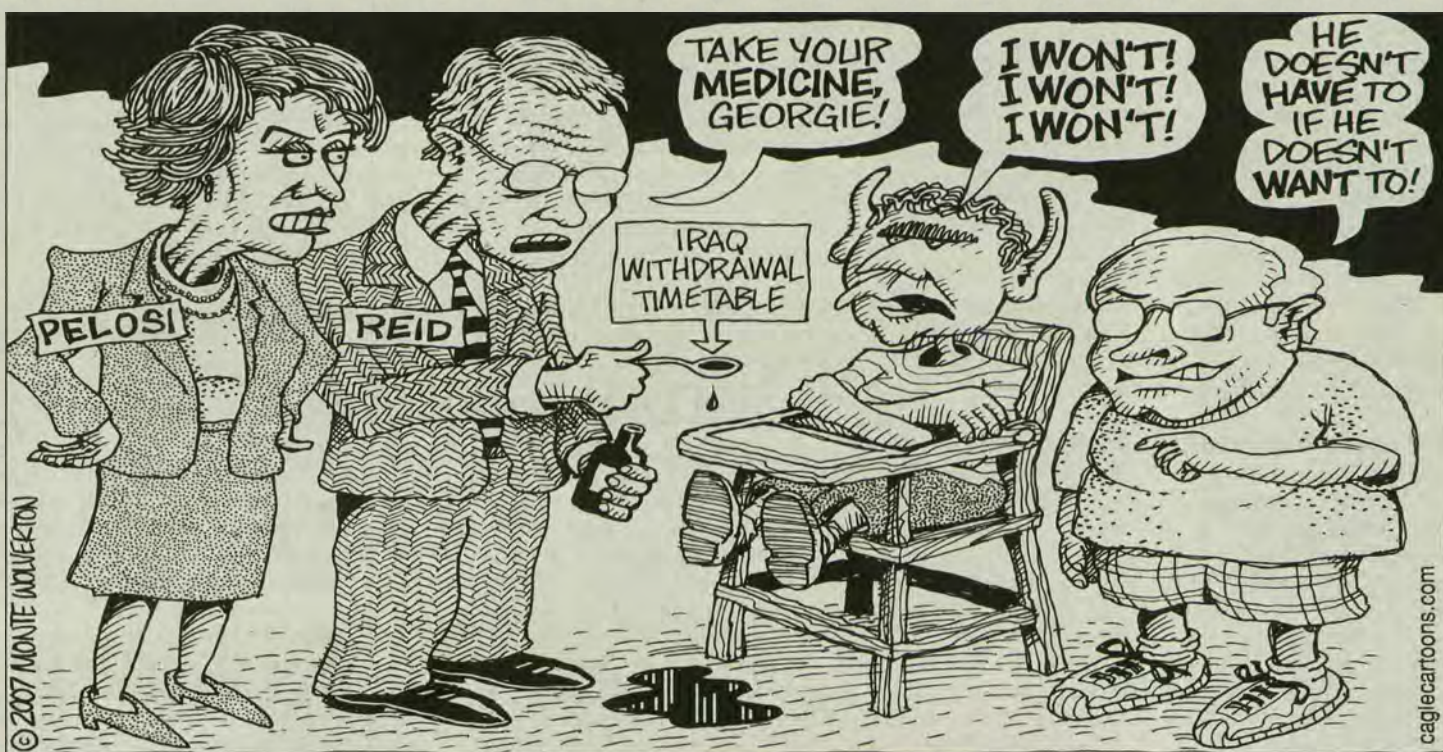
the Federal Attorney firings, the disrespect for transparency and accountability demonstrated by the "loss" of about five million e-mails between top government officials, and the failure of the administration to take responsibility for their negligent actions, all point towards a blatant disregard for public service and ultimately a dismissal of the American constituency as being relevant to the country's direction. Time after time we are being sold this notion that we're not capable of determining what's best for our country, and that our sense of history is askew. President Bush has said time and time again that he only cares how he is judged by history, but fails to acknowledge that this Machiavellian take on leadership is definitively ignorant of the population that he was elected to serve.

Accountability has gone missing along with Habeus Corpus and the Geneva Conventions these past several years, but the newly-elected, Democratic-majority Congress is at long last trying to make it right. With 61 percent of Americans disapproving of Bush's efforts in last week's CBS/New York Times poll, the people have indeed spoken. However, this administration has also spoken, stating that they are not by the people, for the people and of the people. Instead, it is by their boss, for the history books, and of those who happen to agree with Bush and Cheney.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others whenever they go."

Oscar Wilde
playwright

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The countenance is the portrait of the soul, and the eyes mark its intentions."

Marcus Tullius Cicero
Roman statesman

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Church condemns slavery

In response to my column on the natural law and the Magisterium of the Church ("Natural law still applies," April 24), professor Christian Moevs claims that "until 1888" the popes were "condoning slavery" ("Natural law proves fallible," April 25). Normally, a reader who comments on a column should have the last word. But the Moevs comment is inexcusably simplistic and misleading.

Slavery antedated the Church by centuries. The Latin "servitus" can mean either "slave" or "servant." It embraced servitude by "just title," as in punishment for crime or by voluntary contract, as well as the unjust servitude which we know as slavery. The 1866 Holy Office document to which Moevs apparently refers, recognized that distinction — a point which Moevs fails to mention. In 1866, the Pope over the Holy Office was Pius IX who, in beatifying Peter Claver in 1850 for his work among slaves, had called slavery "supreme wickedness."

For further information I suggest Rev. Joel Panzer's

book, *The Popes and Slavery* (Alba House, 1996). Panzer analyzes 12 explicit papal condemnations of slavery, dating from the 1400s when the modern age of slavery arose. Prior to the Civil War, some American bishops taught that, although trading in slaves was immoral, owning slaves was not. Panzer demonstrates that this erroneous teaching contradicted the teaching of the popes. The fact that some bishops fail to do their duty should not surprise us today.

The teaching authority of the Church, exercised by the Pope and the bishops in union with him, has been consistently right on slavery as it has been on contraception, homosexual activity, economic injustice and other issues that bother today's cafeteria Catholics.

Charles Rice
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 April 29

Unawareness of awareness weeks a problem

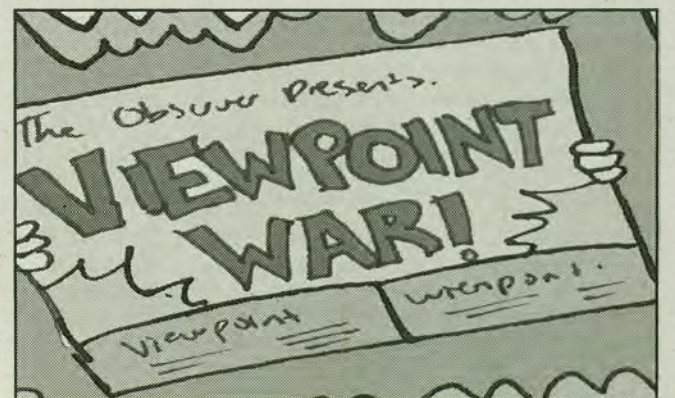
The Observer editorial of April 27 ("Effectiveness of awareness weeks questioned") makes several good points concerning the proliferation of awareness weeks. Now it is time to move from words to action. How about an Awareness Weeks Awareness Week?

John Sitter
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 April 27

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Flogging Molly an Irish success at Legends

It's likely that few events in the history of Legends were as anticipated as Thursday's Flogging Molly concert.

This was the event for which Legends set up an overflow tent on its patio, complete with projection TVs and sound equipment. This was the event that had people lining up hours beforehand in the pouring rain to get a good spot inside.



Sean Sweany
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Scene Editor

This was the event that delivered.

Flogging Molly — one of the world's premier Irish bands — gave a concert that lived up to the expectations, bringing down the packed house with its high-energy performance and intense music.

The band may be labeled as punk rock, but it certainly doesn't act like it.

Flogging Molly doesn't play so loud and fast that you can't actually hear what's going on, nor are its lyrics overly angry or violent. Sure, it's fast paced and not as gentle as The Chieftains, but the band is smart enough to play at a level where all of its many instruments come together to contribute to the performance.

Dave King (lead vocals and guitar) and Bridget Regan (fiddle and tin whistle) stood out as the anchors of the group, and also its most talented members.

King is a great host, mixing in touch-

ing stories about his youth in Ireland with jokes about having to drink his beer out of a plastic blue Legends cup. He has that distinctive voice of a great Irish storyteller and used it very well Thursday night.

Regan is hands down one of the best fiddle players around — something you really notice a lot more in a live concert compared to Flogging Molly's CDs. All the other instruments seemed to play off her fiddle for most of the show, and she even held her ground when she switched to the tin whistle. Regan wins the Most Valuable Performer award.

There were quite a lot of diehard Flogging Molly fans at Legends, and the band didn't disappoint by playing most of its popular songs, including "Drunken Lullabies," "Rebels of the Sacred Heart" and "What's Left of the Flag." For the encore, the acoustic introduction to "Black Friday Rule" was the only thing that managed to calm the Legends crowd on the night — and that lasted for only a few minutes until the whole band brought the energy back to a raucous frenzy.

Kudos to Flogging Molly for putting on an amazing show at such a small venue — and for putting up with what it did. Band members made the best of their plastic beer cups, a leaky roof and poor crowd control, constantly cracking jokes and keeping everything light-hearted.

That brings me to my one complaint about the night: Legends.

I'm thrilled that a name as big as Flogging Molly was brought in for a show — something like this should

Flogging Molly doesn't play so loud and fast that you can't actually hear what's going on, nor are its lyrics overly angry or violent.



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Flogging Molly's much-anticipated performance at Legends Thursday night was a huge success, with students lining up for hours before the concert began.

happen much more regularly. I think it's great that the tent was set up to accommodate the large crowd, and its too bad the band didn't want the back doors opened so those people could see inside.

The club clearly wasn't expecting that such a large crowd would be excited, possibly drunk and hard to control (who knew?) and didn't have any barricades set up between the crowd and the band. Because of this, work lights were on for 20 minutes or so while barriers were put in place — a nuisance, but a good move overall. In the end, the concert was handled

very well, and I think Legends will learn from this next time. (Maybe we can fix that leaky roof too, perhaps?)

There's no doubt that the concert was a great success. This was a great band for a small, intimate setting like Legends and it gave an unforgettable performance. Flogging Molly needs to be invited back, and it needs to be soon.

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THEATER REVIEW

Farley Hall Players show one to 'Take With You'

By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Editor

It's an eccentric household, to put it nicely. The Farley Hall Players put on a production of "You Can't Take It With You" Friday and Saturday night in Washington Hall. Set inside the cozy confines of the Sycamore family living room, the play follows a love story between Alice Sycamore (Caitlin Murphy) and Tony Kirby (Steve Iwanski). Unfortunately for Alice, chaos ensues when she brings Tony home to meet her family.

And what a family it is. It's difficult to decide where to begin when describing this wacky lot. Alice's impish sister Essie is a self-deceived diva who aspires to be a ballerina. As a result, she spends nearly all of her time onstage practicing her pirouettes with a vapid expression on her face. Her hubby Ed encourages her by clanging away on the xylophone.

Mr. Sycamore (Dan Justice) has the entire house in perpetual danger of going up in flames as the family's resident tinkerer and subterranean rocket

scientist.

Alongside him is Mr. De Pinna (Joe Edmonds), Sycamore's pot-bellied assistant and harebrained partner in crime, who moves around with a truly unique and strange herky-jerky strut. Maid Rheba (Carly Torres) and her oblivious fiancée Donald (Adam Hembree) also get mixed up with the Sycamores. And then there's Grandpa Martin Vanderhof, the book-cooking patriarch of the Sycamore clan.

Presiding over all of the madness is mother and playwright Penny Sycamore, who's fairly harmless but spends much of her time running around dealing with everyone else.

Among some of the other unique characters scrambled into the mix is Miss Wellington, a hard-boozing actress who — despite spending much of her stage time in a dead-to-the-world inebriated coma — manages to pop up for the odd hilarious moment or three.

Will Haley steals the show and hams it up as the bushy-eyebrowed Boris Kolenkhov, Essie's Russian ballet instructor who is given to impromptu wrestling matches. Finally, the Grand Duchess Olga Katrina (Lis Tuholski)

makes an appearance and, if nothing else, should never be accused of being "stingy with the blintzes."

Some of the show's highlights include:

◆ The federal investigation of Grandpa Martin Vanderhof by FBI Agent Jim (Andrew Wright). Looking perfectly poindexter in suspenders, glasses and high flood water pants, the agent begins losing his mind as he loses an argument in which he tries, unsuccessfully, to explain to Grandpa why he must pay his back income taxes.

◆ An extremely unfortunate game of word association orchestrated by Penny in which Tony Kirby's parents — the haughty, high-class couple Mr. Anthony Kirby Sr. and Mrs. Miriam Kirby — end up divulging far too much information about both Wall Street and their sex life.

◆ The return of the federal investigators (played by Nate Forte, Lauren Mangiaforte and Andrew Wright) who stop at nothing in the pursuit of pecuniary justice, including the frisking of

an audience member or two in search of hidden contraband. After finding explosives in the house, the entire kit and caboodle ends up getting locked in the slammer.

What makes "You Can't Take It With You" such a cheeky comedy is that it's a "Meet the Parents" (or is it "Meet the Fockers?") type of meet-and-greet. The Sycamore family captures perfectly the "stranger than fiction" feel to the whole affair and the awkward nature of bringing a significant other home for the first time. At times, you can't help but cringe for the young couple as the insanity unfolds all around them.

As senior director Alyse Kinchen wrote in her notes in the show's playbill, "I wanted to pick a show that was entertaining, fun to perform, and just an overall great experience for everyone involved." She certainly succeeded in that endeavor.

Despite the title, it's clear that audiences took a lot away from "You Can't Take It With You."

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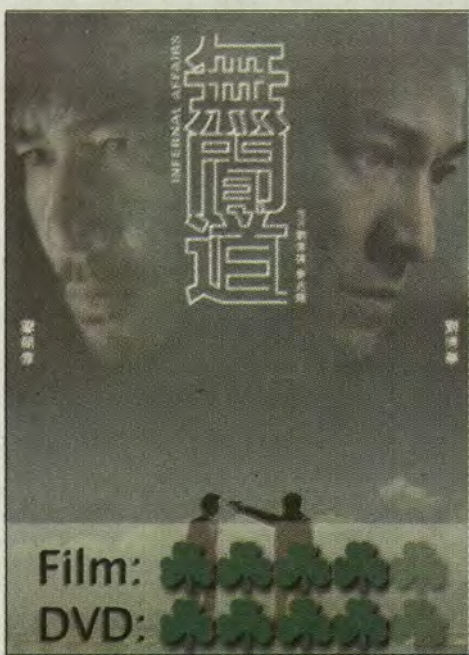
DVD REVIEW

Hong Kong box set an 'Affair' to remember

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Senior Staff Writer

Improving upon a great film is a daunting task, and often a futile one. But Martin Scorsese proved capable of the challenge when he undertook a remake of "Infernal Affairs," the highly acclaimed 2002 Hong Kong crime thriller.

Scorsese's masterful reinvention debuted under a different title — "The Departed" — but it rippled through Hollywood as powerfully and as easily as its predecessor had through Asia. Terrifically entertaining, brilliantly acted and superbly photographed, "Infernal Affairs" started a chain of events that would leave a lasting impact halfway across the world. It caught the eye of an appreciative Scorsese,



Film:
DVD:

whose remake garnered the legendary 64-year-old director his long overdue Oscar.

More than any other, Scorsese's win is a testament to the strength of the original material. Proving the cyclical nature of such success, the praise showered on "Departed" led to the release of the "Infernal Affairs" trilogy in a new three-disc box set from the Weinstein Company.

While the first "Infernal Affairs" film was previously available, this release marks the first time that "Infernal Affairs II," a prequel, and "Infernal Affairs III" — a sequel that includes intervening flashbacks à la "The Godfather: Part II" — are available on DVD in America. Together, the three films weave a compelling and intricate tapestry of the Hong Kong underworld.

Of the trio, "Infernal Affairs" is by far the best. It has become an instant classic on the strength of its concise storytelling and visual grandeur. The best scenes in the movie come in the briefest interactions between Tony Leung and Andy Lau, who play the characters that inspired Leonardo DiCaprio's Billy Costigan and Matt Damon's Colin Sullivan, respectively. They spend much of the movie dodging one another, but the narrative builds to their climactic rooftop dust-up, a scene that pops with tension-filled verve thanks to Leung and Lau's engaging chemistry. Compounding this beautifully played scene is the rich cinematography, which captures the great expanse of Hong Kong's skyline as the backdrop to this very private struggle.

Two different endings were shot for "Infernal Affairs." Shot to appease Chinese officials concerned with the film's difficult content, the second is much more upbeat and much less effective. Both are included on the DVD and allow for a good comparison.

While "Infernal Affairs II" and "III" struggle when compared to their elder sibling, both films are able-bodied examples of Hong Kong



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Known in America primarily as the basis for "The Departed," the Hong Kong "Infernal Affairs" trilogy has gained worldwide recognition in its own right.

cinema's greatest strength: pure, frenzied energy. Like most sequels, money was a clear motivation for their making. As a result, both movies feel less organic. They are chained to habitual albeit impressive set pieces as opposed to subtle character development. Still, it's satisfying to see Leung and Lau reprise their roles coolly and effortlessly in "Infernal Affairs III."

The recent DVD set features strong picture and audio quality that amplify the trilogy's impressive production values. Each of the three DVDs also houses bonus material unique to the individual films. They include trailers, featurettes on the making of each installment, deleted scenes and a subtitled commentary track for "Infernal Affairs II."

Unfortunately, there are no commentaries featuring Leung and Lau, but the special features that are included strengthen the overall package.

Watching "Infernal Affairs" after "The Departed," it's easy to see what caught Scorsese's discerning eye and inspired his imagination. Spread across three movies, the intrigue of this story comes from observing two enthralling leads. These men sink so far into the quicksand of their concealed lives that they begin to question who they were and what they've become. The dilemma sparks a fascinating drama.

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MOVIE REVIEW

'Kickin' It Old Skool' gets high marks for effort

By ERIN MCGINN
Assistant Scene Editor

"Kickin' It Old Skool" is proof that sometimes you just can't pick movies based on the reviews at rottentomatoes.com. Although the movie is currently enjoying a zero percent rating on the popular critical Web site, for fans of 1980s pop culture, it's an enjoyable trip down memory lane.

12-year-old Justin Schumacher is an average kid of the 80s — trading Garbage Pail Kids collectible cards with his friends, emulating the fashions of professional breakdancers and developing a crush on classmate Jennifer. After Jennifer shoots down the advances of "cool kid" Kip and makes it known that she like Justin as well, a freak accident occurs and Justin flips himself off the stage during a talent show, lands on his head and goes into a coma.

Flash forward 20 years and a 32-year old Justin (Jamie Kennedy) finally wakes just as his harried parents Marty (Christopher McDonald) and Sylvia (Debra Jo Rupp) are about to pull the plug on his life support. In the spirit of the '80s classic, "Big," Justin remains the 12-year old stuck back in 1986 and has to find a way to adapt to a world that has continued to

change and evolve without him. When he overhears that his parents are financially strapped from all his medical bills and are about to lose their house, Justin pieces back together his old circle of friends, the Funky Fresh Boyz — Darnell (Miguel A. Nunez, Jr.), Aki (Bobby Lee) and Hector (Aris Alvarado) — and convinces them to compete with him in a dance contest offering a grand prize of \$100,000. As they start their training, Justin also faces a grown-up Jennifer (Maria Menounos) entering back into his life. She, of course,

happens to be engaged to Kip (Michael Rosenbaum), as arrogant as an adult as he was as a preteen.

While not a terrific movie on its own, "Kickin' It Old Skool" shines in its ability to reference nearly every beloved '80s icon. The film also includes the obligatory cameo by

David Hasselhoff, who appears in a "Don't Hassle the Hoff" T-shirt while delivering the Trans Am from "Knight Rider."

Kennedy is wide-eyed and sweet as Justin, but tends to overreach by portraying what appears to be a mentally disabled person, rather than a kid in an adult's body. He would have done far better studying Tom Hanks' performance in "Big" and trying to emulate the childlike persona that Hanks nailed.

In her major acting debut, Menounos (formerly an "Entertainment Tonight" and "Channel 1" correspondent) is dreadful as



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Justin (Jamie Kennedy), right, was a 12-year old breakdancer who fell into a two-decade coma, only to awaken in modern times in "Kickin' It Old Skool."

the object of Justin's affections. She's pretty to look at, but has the emotional capability of a Barbie doll and hits a wall whenever she has to sell a line of dialogue. It's not all Menounos' fault, though — her character was written as a dim bulb, which becomes infuriating during the film. Her motivations are also completely lacking, since it is never believable that a sweet girl like herself would be involved with the borderline-sociopathic Kip, who treats her and everyone else like dirt.

Rosenbaum (TV's "Smallville") plays the bad-guy boyfriend part with an exaggerated lack of redeeming qualities and delivers one of the better performances of the film.

This is one of those movies that can only really be enjoyed with a great audience. If people aren't clapping or shouting inappropriate comments at the screen, the movie loses the only value it has.

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Kickin' It Old Skool
Director: Harvey Glazer
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Starring: Jamie Kennedy, Christopher McDonald and Maria Menounos

NBA

Bulls finish sweep of defending-champion Heat

Nash dishes out 23 assists as Suns take 3-1 series lead over Lakers; Carter's 27 points lead Nets over Raptors

Associated Press

MIAMI — Michael Jordan's old Chicago jersey hangs over the Miami Heat's home floor, a tribute to the six-time NBA champion.

Now, a new bunch of Bulls want a title of their own after ending the Heat's reign atop the league with a four-game sweep.

Ben Gordon scored 24 points and Luol Deng had 22 to lead Chicago past Miami 92-79 Sunday in Game 4 to clinch the first-round Eastern Conference series. The Bulls advanced in the postseason for the first time since Jordan's last title in 1998.

Chicago, which meets Detroit next, became the first team to oust a defending champion in the first round since Phoenix did it to San Antonio in 2000.

"We felt confident coming into this series," Bulls guard Kirk Hinrich said. "We felt like we could win."

With good reason. Including playoffs, Chicago was 7-1 against Miami this season, start-

ing with a 108-66 win on opening night, spoiling the Heat's championship-ring celebration, and ending their season by allowing only two points in the final 5:27 of the clincher — closing the game with a 14-2 run.

The coach of that Suns team that beat San Antonio seven years ago? Scott Skiles, who coaches the Bulls now and who put together a plan that befuddled Miami all series long.

"It's an accomplishment," Skiles said. "We're in a funny position here. We want to enjoy it. It was great. We played well. We played hard all four games. We deserved to win — but we want to keep playing."

Chicago became the 80th consecutive NBA team to advance after taking a 3-0 lead in a series. Only three teams in major pro sports have overcome such a deficit, and the Heat won't be joining the 1942 Toronto Maple Leafs, 1975 New York Islanders and 2004 Boston Red Sox in that exclusive club.

"We ran into more than a for-

midable opponent," Heat coach Pat Riley said. "They are a great team. ... They deserved to win. There's no doubt in my mind. They can go a long way."

Dwyane Wade scored 24 points for Miami on 8-for-22 shooting, and added 10 assists. Shaquille O'Neal had 16 points, Alonzo Mourning scored 14 and James Posey had 18 rebounds — a club-playoff-record 17 on the defensive end — for the Heat.

Suns 113, Lakers 100

Steve Nash did what he usually does — only better than he's ever done it.

With that, the Phoenix Suns have a commanding 3-1 lead over the Los Angeles Lakers in their first-round playoff series.

Nash had a career-high 23 assists — one shy of the NBA playoff record — to go with 17 points, and the Suns raced to victory over the Lakers on Sunday to move within one win of advancing to the second round.

Amare Stoudemire had 27 points and a career playoff-high 21 rebounds for the run-and-gun Suns, who vowed to speed things up after a lethargic performance in Game 3.

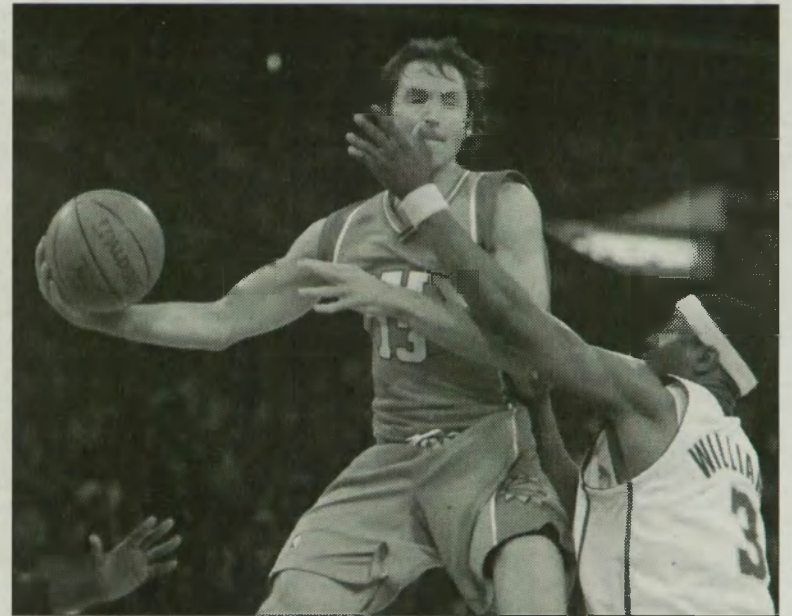
"We just wanted to be in the right spots and just wanted to be a lot more aggressive," Nash said. "I just felt like I was going to be more aggressive, put the onus on myself to make plays."

The Suns averaged an NBA-leading 110.2 points during the regular season, scoring at least 100 in all but 14 of their 82 games and less than 90 only twice. After losing Game 3 to the Lakers 95-89, coach Mike D'Antoni and his players knew they had to quicken the pace.

Did they ever.

Shawn Marion had 22 points and 11 rebounds, supersub Leandro Barbosa scored 16 points and James Jones added 11 for the Suns.

"The speed of the game was ours," D'Antoni said. "They surprised us with their intensity in Game 3. Today wasn't a surprise. We have our system, and



Suns point guard Steve Nash passes around Lakers guard Shammond Williams in Phoenix's 113-110 win Sunday in Los Angeles.

we ran it pretty good today. We had 34 assists on 41 baskets and that's because of our spacing. That's what we do — we've done it all year."

D'Antoni said had the Suns shot the ball like they usually do, Nash might have had 30 assists.

Nets 102, Raptors 81

The New Jersey Nets made quick work of the Raptors again.

Now they head back to Toronto looking to put a quick end to the first-round series.

Vince Carter scored 27 points, Richard Jefferson added 23, and the Nets took a 3-1 lead over the Atlantic Division champions Sunday night with a 21-point victory — their second-biggest ever in a playoff game.

Jason Kidd added 17 points, 13 assists and eight rebounds for New Jersey, which can advance to the Eastern Conference semifinals with a victory in Game 5 on Tuesday night. If the Raptors win that one, Game 6 would be back in New Jersey on Friday.

Toronto's first postseason since 2002 is shaping up as a

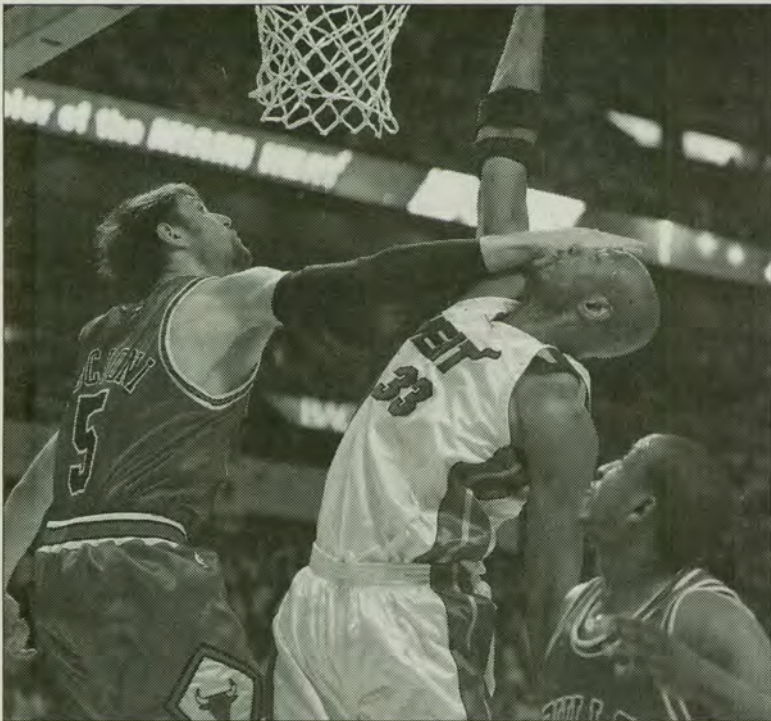
short one. Teams taking 3-1 leads in series have won 158 and lost only eight.

Andrea Bargnani scored 16 points for the Raptors, who led for all of 15 seconds in the two games at the Meadowlands. Toronto has lost eight straight road playoff games since beating Philadelphia on May 6, 2001, in Game 1 of Eastern Conference semifinals.

Kidd, who missed practice on the eve of Game 3 with a sore knee that Raptors coach Sam Mitchell doesn't seem to believe he had, sat the entire fourth quarter. That's probably all that prevented him from a second straight triple-double, leaving him with 10 in the postseason, tied with Larry Bird for second on the career list.

The Nets punished the Raptors with their fast break in the first three games, outscoring them 49-25. New Jersey did its damage from the 3-point line Sunday, making a franchise playoff-record 14.

The first round in the East is shaping up as a brief one. Detroit and Chicago both swept their series, and Cleveland is up 3-0 on Washington in the other.



Bulls forward Andres Nocioni fouls Heat center Alonzo Mourning in Chicago's 92-79 win Sunday to take the series 4-0.

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Major League Baseball

American League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Boston	16-8	.667	7-3	-
Toronto	12-12	.500	4-6	4
Baltimore	12-13	.480	4-6	4.5
Tampa Bay	11-14	.440	5-5	5.5
New York	9-14	.391	2-8	6.5

American League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Cleveland	14-8	.636	8-2	-
Minnesota	14-11	.560	4-6	1.5
Detroit	13-11	.542	4-6	2
Chicago	12-11	.522	6-4	2.5
Kansas City	8-17	.320	4-6	7.5

American League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
LA Angels	14-11	.560	8-2	-
Seattle	10-10	.500	5-5	1.5
Oakland	12-13	.480	4-6	2
Texas	10-14	.417	4-6	3.5

National League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New York	15-8	.652	6-4	-
Atlanta	15-9	.625	5-5	.5
Philadelphia	11-13	.458	7-3	4.5
Florida	11-13	.458	5-5	4.5
Washington	8-17	.320	3-7	8

National League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Milwaukee	15-9	.625	7-3	-
Cincinnati	12-13	.480	4-6	3.5
Pittsburgh	11-12	.478	5-5	3.5
Chicago	10-13	.435	5-5	4.5
St. Louis	10-13	.435	4-6	4.5
Houston	10-14	.417	2-8	5

National League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
LA Dodgers	14-10	.583	4-6	-
Arizona	15-11	.577	5-5	-
San Diego	13-11	.542	5-5	1
San Francisco	12-11	.522	7-3	1.5
Colorado	10-15	.400	3-7	4.5

Baseball

Big East Standings

team	Big East	overall
1 St. John's	14-4	29-12
2 Louisville	13-5	30-13
3 Rutgers	13-5	25-16
4 Pittsburgh	11-6	19-18
5 USF	10-11	28-18
6 NOTRE DAME	8-9	24-19
7 Cincinnati	8-9	23-20
8 Villanova	7-11	22-19
9 West Virginia	6-11	24-16
10 Seton Hall	5-10	19-20
11 Connecticut	6-12	21-23
12 Georgetown	5-13	16-28

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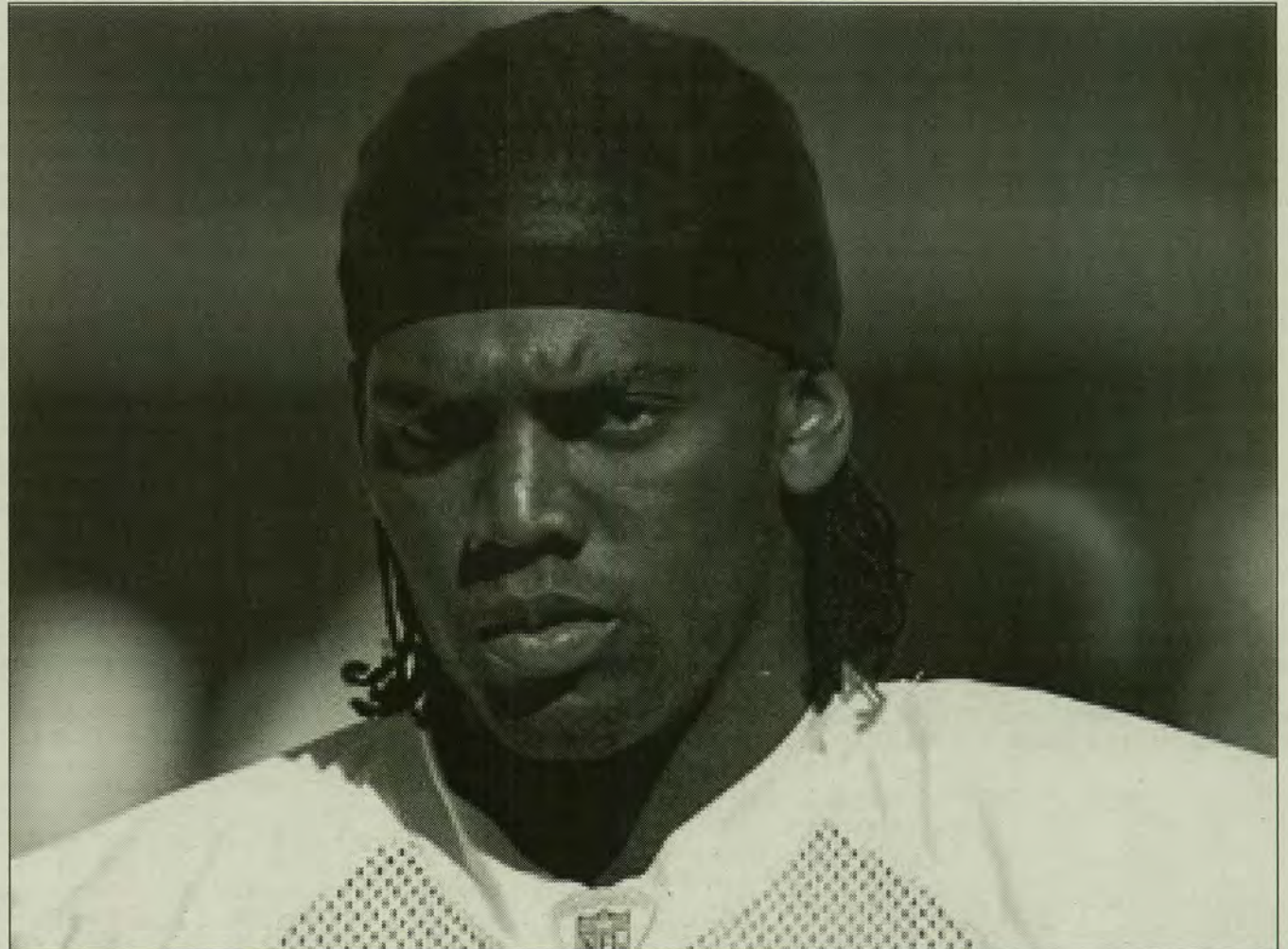
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MLB

Cardinals at Brewers
7 p.m., ESPN

NFL



The Patriots acquired veteran wide receiver Randy Moss, pictured during Raiders training camp in 2005, from the Oakland Raiders Sunday for a 4th round draft pick.

Patriots get veteran Moss from Raiders

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The Patriots' newest wide receiver hopes being with a winner will put the focus more on his catches than his controversies.

"The Moss of old is back," he declared Sunday. Is that the Randy Moss who made the Pro Bowl in five of his first six seasons? Or is it the one who was fined \$10,000 for pretending to pull down his pants in front of a Green Bay crowd — among other transgressions?

New England obtained Moss from the Oakland Raiders for a fourth-round draft choice Sunday, the

second day of the NFL draft. The Raiders used that pick on Cincinnati cornerback John Bowie.

The Patriots see signs that Moss will behave properly, a point of emphasis with team owner Robert Kraft since he bought the team before the 1994 season.

Running back Corey Dillon was disgruntled while playing with a losing franchise in Cincinnati but was a good teammate after coach Bill Belichick and vice president for player personnel Scott Pioli traded for him in 2004. Dillon wasn't re-signed after last season.

"Bill and Scott have

shown that they can assemble players, especially veteran players, who can acclimate to our culture," club owner Robert Kraft told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "If people don't adjust to our standards, they won't be here."

Moss kept repeating how excited he was to join the Patriots because of their chances of winning a fourth Super Bowl this decade. He even renegotiated downward a contract that would have paid him \$9.25 million in 2007 and \$11.25 million in 2008.

"I've made a lot of money and I still have money in the bank. So by

me coming to an organization such as the New England Patriots, why would money be a factor?" Moss said in a conference call. "I'm still in awe that I'm a part of this organization."

Belichick has built the Patriots as a team of players who shun individual glory. Three-time Super Bowl winning quarterback Tom Brady makes sure to credit his teammates — and spreads passes to many receivers.

Is Moss OK with not being THE go-to guy?

"Of course, I am," he said after a brief pause. "I've never been a selfish ballplayer."

IN BRIEF

Gordon passes Earnhardt on wins list at Talladega

TALLADEGA, Ala. — At the track where Dale Earnhardt dominated, and on the day he would have turned 56, Jeff Gordon scored career victory No. 77.

It was the fitting venue, the perfect day, for Gordon to move past Earnhardt on NASCAR's wins list.

And, as expected, it was wildly unpopular.

Fans littered the track with debris Sunday as Gordon crossed the finish line under caution at Talladega Superspeedway to move into sixth place on the win list.

"I never caused a riot before for winning — well, maybe once or twice," Gordon laughed.

It was the same reaction he received last week in Phoenix when he tied Earnhardt's mark and flew a No. 3 flag on his victory lap. That gesture didn't sit well with Earnhardt fans.

Athletics trade for outfielder Langerhans

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Oakland Athletics got some relief for their injury-depleted outfield Sunday, acquiring Ryan Langerhans in a trade with the Atlanta Braves for a player to be named or cash.

Langerhans will join the A's in Boston on Tuesday and is slated to start in center field for the opener of the two-game series with the Red Sox.

"He plays all three outfield positions, and given our situation with all the injuries, we need as many healthy bodies as we can get," A's general manager Billy Beane said. "He's a player we've liked in the past. He's off to a rough start in Atlanta and he became available to us."

To make room on the roster for Langerhans, Oakland optioned Sunday's losing pitcher, Dallas Braden, to Triple-A Sacramento.

Wheldon finally wins in Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Dan Wheldon has seen too many close finishes at Kansas Speedway — from just behind the winner.

But for one of them, he might be a two-time defending IndyCar Series champion.

Wheldon is no longer 0-for-Kansas, though. After finishing second in 2005 and 2006, both times by less than a second, he made Sunday's race a rare yawner.

Wheldon was 10 seconds ahead of Dario Franchitti late in the Kansas Lottery Indy 300 and won under caution when Scott Sharp crashed with two laps to go.

"It was a very different race for Kansas," Wheldon said. "Kansas is normally a producer of close finishes. I have to say I much prefer the much wider margins than the shortest, because I lost the shortest."

TRACK AND FIELD

Split Notre Dame team grabs qualifying marks



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Irish distance runner Todd Ptacek leads the pack at the Alex Wilson Invitational March 2 at Notre Dame.

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

In the last meet before the Big East championship, Notre Dame garnered 11 Big East qualifying marks as well as four NCAA Mid-east regional qualifying marks this weekend. The team split up, with some athletes competing at the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa, and others traveling to the Hillsdale Gina Relays in Hillsdale, Mich.

One of the four regional qualifications went to junior Austin Wechter, who ran the 400-meter hurdles at the Drake Relays in a time of 52.34 seconds.

"I was able to concentrate on my own race," Wechter said. "I'd done a lot of work on it. I'd had some good races up until then so I just had to put everything together. I knew I was going to put everything together in this race."

Wechter's time was his best of the season. Since he qualified for regionals last year, the qualifying mark was weighing heavily on his mind.

"I was pretty frustrated all year not being able to get the regional qualifier," Wechter said. "It's pretty much all I've been concentrating on. I'm just glad it's off my back now. There was a lot of stress trying to get that regional qualifier out of the way."

Two Irish relays ran very well over the weekend. The 4x1600 relay took first at the Drake Relays, setting a school record with their time of 16:21.27. That time was 16 seconds better than the rest of the field.

Senior Todd Ptacek, sophomore Patrick Smyth, junior Jake Watson and senior Kurt Benninger made up the relay team. This is the second consecutive year and fifth time

overall the Irish have won the mile relay at Drake.

The 4x800 relay took second place at Drake, crossing with a time of 7:22.42. Junior Adam Currie, freshman Cameron Eckert, junior John Cavanaugh and senior

Thomas Chamney made up the team, which ran the second-fastest time in school history.

Freshman Jaclyn Espinoza increased her regional qualifying distance in the discus, winning the event

at Hillsdale with a throw of 49.76 meters. Freshman Elise Knutzen won the javelin for the second week in a row, taking the event at Hillsdale with a throw of 41.37 meters. Sophomore Anna Weber earned her regional berth in the hammer by throwing for 54.31 meters, her best throw of the season.

Gaining Big East berths at Drake were junior Brett Adams, senior Dave Viken, freshman Matt Schipper and sophomores Tray Morgan and Jeff Mensch. Adams ran a personal-best

3:47.85 in the 1,500 meters. Viken and Schipper cleared 4.85 meters in the pole vault and improved their qualifications, while Morgan cleared 4.55 meters to earn his first qualification.

Mensch threw the shot put a personal-best 46.87 meters to qualify.

For the women at Hillsdale, junior Elizabeth Philipp and senior Ann Mazar both qualified for the conference championship. Philipp ran a personal-best 11:20.52 in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, while Mazar also ran a personal-best in the 5,000 meters, crossing in 17:42.60.

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MLB

Cardinals pitcher Hancock killed in morning car crash

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The St. Louis Cardinals are mourning a teammate for the second time in five years, and it isn't any easier this time.

Josh Hancock, a relief pitcher who helped the team win the World Series last season, died early Sunday when his sport utility vehicle slammed into the back of a tow truck, bringing back painful memories of Darryl Kile's death in June 2002.

"There's a big hole that's going to be there," St. Louis manager Tony La Russa said. "This is brutal to go through."

The Cardinals postponed their home game Sunday night against the Chicago Cubs. La Russa informed Hancock's family of the accident.

"What words can you give somebody in a situation like this?" Cubs manager Lou Piniella said.

Police said the 29-year-old Hancock was alone in his 2007 Ford Explorer when the SUV struck the rear of a flatbed tow truck at 12:35 a.m. The tow truck was in the left lane with its lights flashing while assisting another car that had crashed, Police Chief Joe Mokwa said.

Hancock died upon impact, Mokwa said. The driver of the tow truck, whose name was not released by police, was in the truck at the time of the crash but was not injured. Mokwa said the truck driver saw Hancock's SUV swerve just

before it hit the tow truck.

Mokwa said it appeared Hancock was driving at or just above the speed limit, and there were no alcohol containers in his vehicle.

"We may never know what occurred," Mokwa said. "It appears that he just merely didn't see the tow truck."

The medical examiner's office said an autopsy had been scheduled. Services were planned for Thursday in Tupelo, Miss., where Hancock's family lives. Hancock was single.

"All of baseball today mourns the tragic and untimely death of St. Louis pitcher Josh Hancock," baseball commissioner Bud Selig said. "He was a fine young pitcher who played an important role on last year's World Series championship team."

The Cardinals will wear patches with Hancock's No. 32 on their sleeves for the rest of the season. The team also planned a memorial for the bullpen, which already features a tribute to Kile.

A Cardinals-Cubs game also was postponed five years ago after Kile was found dead in his hotel room in Chicago. The 33-year-old pitcher died of a coronary artery blockage.

General manager Walt Jocketty said the Cardinals, who are off Thursday, plan to charter a plane to Hancock's funeral. The team begins a three-game series in Milwaukee on Monday and returns to St. Louis on Friday.

"Obviously, this is very diffi-

cult for all of us, especially those of us who were here five years ago when we lost Darryl Kile," said Jocketty, his eyes red. "There's no way we could have played tonight's game."

La Russa met with players shortly before a news conference Sunday afternoon to provide details of the accident and share memories. Late in the afternoon, two Cardinals jogged together in the outfield in a nearly empty Busch Stadium.

"This has obviously been a very difficult time," St. Louis pitcher Braden Looper said. "Josh was a great teammate and a great friend to everybody, and he was a key part of our success."

News of Hancock's death began to circulate around the majors on Sunday morning. Seattle Mariners pitcher Jeff Weaver, who won the World Series clincher for St. Louis in October, got a call from Cardinals reliever Randy Flores.

"I never really had a phone call like that before. It's kind of mind-boggling."

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SMC TENNIS

Netters drop first-round match, finish fifth in conference

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

After losing their first match this weekend, the Belles were only able to grasp fifth place in the MIAA conference tournament.

"I think that the tournament went well. We didn't do as well as we hoped but as a team we came together and did the best we could," senior captain Kelly McDavitt said. "We all supported one another and that helps the players. It was a good experience overall."

In the first match of the weekend, the Belles fell 5-2 to Calvin College. In the first singles spot, McDavitt dominated, defeating Knight's freshman Elizabeth Geenen in two straight sets, 6-2 and 6-2.

In No. 3 singles, Knights senior Allyson Logan narrowly defeated Belles freshman Lisa Rubino in three matches, 6-3, 1-6 and 6-1. Belles senior Tara O'Brien also fell in the number four spot to Knight's freshman Rachel Strikwerda. Belles junior Cassie Quaglia fell in two sets to Knight's freshman Rachel DeGroot.

Though the Belle's powerhouse duo of McDavitt and freshman Camille Gebert shut out the Knight's duo of Strikwerda and Kara Lipinski 8-0, Grace Gordon and Tara O'Brien fell at No. 2 doubles 8-6 to Logan and Jill VanVeen. In the third doubles match, the Belles freshman duo of Rubino and Erin Kaplan narrowly fell to

Geenan and DeGroot.

The loss to Calvin placed the Belles in the loser's bracket, where they next went on to play Alma College. In the second match of the weekend, the Belles dominated nearly shutting out Alma College 5-1.

The Belles won every singles set of the match, McDavitt defeating Laura Kendrick 6-2 and 6-1 in the number one spot, Gebert defeating Kelly Schwartzkopf 6-0 and 6-2 in the second spot, and Gordon defeating Betsy Bulthuis 6-1 and 6-2 at No. 6.

In doubles competition, both Gebert and McDavitt and Gordon and O'Brien won, 8-5 and 8-4, while the No. 3 doubles duo of Kaplan and Rubino fell narrowly, 9-7.

Winning the match against Alma allowed the Belles to compete in the fifth place match, where they defeated Olivet 7-2.

In the final match of the 2007 season, Saint Mary's dominated in

singles play. Olivet's Rachel Vilums retired at No. 1, giving the win to McDavitt. At No. 2, Gebert retired, and Olivet achieved their only singles win. Rubino defeated Abbie Utberg 6-1 and 6-1. O'Brien dominated as well, shutting out Jaime Morrison in two straight sets 6-0 and 6-0. Quaglia defeated Celeste Gruber 6-2 and 6-1 at No. 5. In the final singles match, Gordon defeated Olivet player Lindsey Struble 6-4 and 6-4.

In doubles competition, the first Belles duo of Gebert and McDavitt fell to Vilums and Mallory Bailey 8-3. O'Brien and Gordon narrowly defeated the Olivet team of Utberg

and Jaclyn Mummaw 8-6 at No. 2, and Rubino and Kaplan defeated Olivet players Corey Jager and Struble 8-4 in the final spot.

With an overall record of 13-13 and a conference record of 5-3, the Belles finished the season tied for fourth place with Calvin College.

"We did pretty well this season. We improved a lot since last year, and we're going to be ready for the next season," McDavitt said. "We had many strong freshmen this year who learned a lot this season and will take their experience into next season and help lead the team."

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SMC SOFTBALL

Amran throws no-hitter as Belles take doubleheader

By REBECCA SLINGER
Sports Writer

In a twice-rescheduled matchup, the Belles split a doubleheader Friday against Hope College (24-11, 12-4 MIAA), posting a 5-6 loss and a 7-6 win on a rain-soaked field.

But Saturday, the Belles swept Kalamazoo 10-2, 2-0 as Saint Mary's hurler Kristin Amram threw a no-hitter in game two — the first no-hitter in the MIAA in more than a year.

Head coach Erin Sullivan insisted Friday's conditions weren't a major problem for the Belles.

"The weather really wasn't even an issue," she said. "The only thing was being careful with the field conditions and drying the ball off."

In game one, the Belles managed 10 hits off Hope, but the Dutch responded with 10 hits off sophomore pitcher Calli Davison.

Hope started off the first inning by plating a run, but Saint Mary's quickly knocked in a run of its own in the first, scored by Davison off freshman outfielder Ashley Peterson's double.

The Belles kept the playing field even after Hope scored another two runs in the second inning. Freshman second baseman Maureen Healy hit sophomore first baseman Katie Rashid in while sophomore outfielder Cathy Kurczak scored on Peterson's sacrifice fly.

With the score 3-3 in the third, Rashid hit one out of the ballpark for her fourth home run of the season. The Dutch had two more runs in the

fourth and one run in the sixth to make the score 6-4.

Kurczak led the Belles' attempted comeback with an unearned run but could not score again in the sixth or seventh, and the game ended a 6-5 loss for Saint Mary's.

The Belles turned their luck around and handed Hope a 7-6 defeat in the second game. "We knew we should have won the first game," Sullivan said. "We kind of lost it ourselves. We knew if we made changes in the second game, we were going to win."

In the second game, the Belles played with gusto. Healy went 4-for-4, Kurczak 3-for-3, Davison 2-for-3 and senior short-stop Sarah Miesle 3-for-4. Sophomore pitcher Amram gave up nine hits and struck out eight. The Belles got 14 hits off Hope's pitching staff.

Hope started off the game well, scoring twice in the first, but the Belles swung their way back with four runs in the second from Rashid, Kurczak, Healy, as well as a homer from senior third baseman Laura Heline. In a game marked by multiple long balls, Miesle banged a homer in the fifth and Davison homered in the sixth, knocking in Healy.

With the score at 7-3, the Dutch made a run back, scoring three times in the seventh. It wasn't enough to tie the game, however, and the Belles walked away with the 7-6 win.

On Saturday, the Belles secured the No. 4 spot in the MIAA standings by sweeping the Kalamazoo Hornets. Davison gave up just two runs and eight hits while the Belles hit 12 off Kalamazoo's pitching.

The Belles squashed the

Hornets with their strong offense as Healy, Davison, Heline, sophomore catcher Ashley Fusaro and Miesle scored five runs in the first. Junior designated hitter McKenna Corrigan, Miesle and Fusaro pounded out three more runs in the third to make the score 8-1. Peterson's run in the fourth and Kurczak's single to hit in Heline in the fifth ended the game at 10-2 because of the slaughter rule.

In their second win over Kalamazoo, the Belles had more trouble driving in runs, but still managed to pull off a 2-0 victory — thanks for a no-hitter from Amram.

It is the third time in Amram's career that she has thrown a no-no and the first no-hitter in the MIAA since Saint Mary's alum Bridget Grall threw one April 1, 2006, in a 5-0 win over Adrian. In Amram's perfect game she struck out nine, bringing her season total to 147 strikeouts.

That pitching performance was key, Sullivan said, because the Belles' hitting wasn't coming through.

"The first game we hit really well," Sullivan said. "The second game, we had good hits but we couldn't string them together. But our pitching and our defense was amazing."

Heline scored in the second and Miesle tripled to hit Healy in during the fifth inning.


The Belles (23-7, 8-6 MIAA) will face Adrian College (15-11, 4-8 MIAA) today in their last conference game of the season in Adrian, Mich. at 3:30 p.m.

"They've got a tough team," Sullivan said of seventh-ranked Adrian. "They hit well and they've got a couple of good pitchers. We're definitely not taking them lightly. We're going to come out strong."

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LEGENDS OF NOTRE DAME

ROWING

Irish capture fourth consecutive Big East title in Massachusetts

By DANIELLE KELLER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame captured its fourth consecutive Big East championship Sunday in Worcester, Mass., after it raced for its second straight day after taking down two ranked teams Saturday.

"It wasn't the easiest thing to do; it was pretty difficult. We raced some great teams and then rode five hours on a bus and had to perform against some top-level competition," head coach Martin Stone said.

Notre Dame was able to cope with the back-to-back races, winning the varsity eight, varsity four, and novice four races, garnering enough points to claim the Big East title.

"It was a risk we took, racing back-to-back. But we were able to

get it done," Stone said.

Louisville took second place, while Syracuse earned the number three spot. Other teams present at the regatta included Georgetown, Rutgers, Connecticut, Villanova, Cincinnati, and West Virginia.

Stone and assistants Joe Schlosberg and Marnie Stahl earned the Big East Coaching Staff of the Year Award for the second straight year.

On Saturday, Notre Dame's varsity eight boat continued its winning streak with two more victories over top-10 ranked teams.

The teams traveled to New Jersey for races against No. 5 Virginia, No. 7 Princeton and George Washington. The Irish varsity eight crew of Maria Romano, Lauren Buck, Meghan Boyle, Christine Trezza, Allison Marsh, Lauren Pearson, Mary Quinn, Amanda Polk, and Julie Sobolewski finished

the 2,000-meter course two seconds ahead of second-place Virginia.

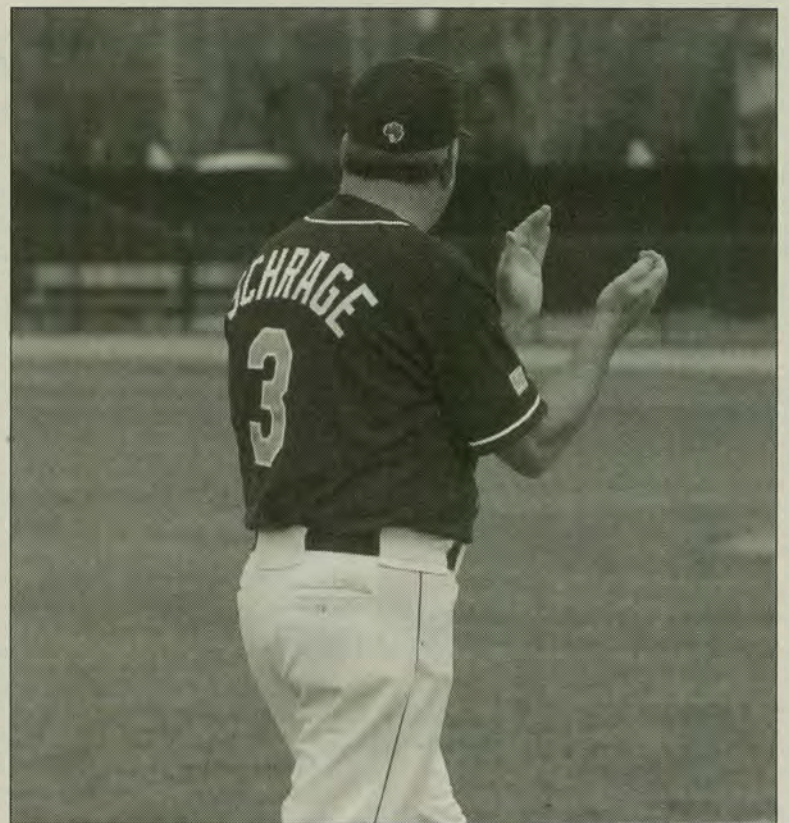
The second varsity eight, varsity four, novice eight, and second varsity four boats all finished third in their respective races, while the novice four boat took second in its race.

The novice eight crew entered Saturday's race with a perfect 7-0 record. The crew lost their first race of the season, finishing third place behind Virginia's two novice eight boats. The Virginia A boat posted a winning time of 6:42:01, 14 seconds ahead of Notre Dame.

The Irish compete again May 12-13 when they travel to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, for the Central/South Regional NCAA Championships.

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SCHRAGE CELEBRATES



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Irish baseball coach Dave Schrage encourages the team during a 6-4 win over Rutgers Sunday, the 500th win of his career.

BASEBALL

Schrage takes win No. 500 in series finale over Rutgers

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame won its third straight Big East series this weekend, taking two of three from host Rutgers in Piscataway, N.J. — and Irish coach Dave Schrage earned his 500th career collegiate win on his birthday.

Schrage, the first-year Irish coach who turned 46 Sunday, said he will never forget the milestone triumph.

"It's special to [win your 500th game] on your birthday, for Notre Dame, in the fashion we did today," Schrage said. "It's something I'll remember forever. It was just a great win."

The teams traded blowouts in their doubleheader Saturday before the Irish took the rubber game in a thriller Sunday.

The Irish improved to 24-19 overall and 8-9 in conference play, moving them into a sixth-place tie with Cincinnati in the Big East standings with just three series to play before the conference tournament.

"This is what we needed to do," Schrage said. "You want to be playing your best baseball when it comes close to tournament time."

Rutgers, meanwhile, fell to 25-16 overall and 13-5 against Big East foes, dropping out of first place in the league standings for the first time in nearly a month. The Scarlet Knights exited the weekend tied for second in the conference with Louisville, a game behind league-leader St. John's.

Notre Dame 15, Rutgers 3

Irish sophomore David Phelps ran his record to 7-3 while he gave up three runs in seven innings and the productive Irish offense plated 15 runs on 13 hits.

Phelps' earned-run average (1.64) rose slightly during the contest, but it remains among the lowest in the Big East. The right-hander scattered seven hits and struck out seven without walking a batter.

"[Phelps has] been just outstanding for us," Schrage said.

"He's really taken hold of that

number-one spot [in the rotation] and pitched like you're supposed to."

Irish shortstop Brett Lilley and sophomore rightfielder Ryan Connolly each reached base five times, while fifth-year catcher Matt Weglarz provided pop from the cleanup spot, hitting his third home run and racking up five RBIs.

The Irish plated one run in the first inning and two more in the second, before blowing the game open in the fourth. Senior centerfielder Danny Dressman led off the fourth with a single that rebounded off the glove of Rutgers third baseman Tim Querns, sparking a Notre Dame rally in which six runs were scored before the side was retired.

The Irish took advantage of five more hits, a walk and an error by Scarlet Knights shortstop Todd Frazier to build a 9-0 lead for Phelps.

Phelps surrendered two home runs but little else to the Rutgers offense that boasted five starters who came into the contest with batting averages over .300.

Scarlet Knights catcher Frank Meade hit a solo home run in the fifth and Frazier hammered a two-run blast in the seventh.

But the Irish pushed across three runs in each of the final two innings to put the game even further out of reach.

Rutgers 7, Notre Dame 0

In the second half of Saturday's doubleheader, Rutgers senior Steve Healing worked the complete game, scattering seven hits and striking out two Irish batters. The right-hander did not surrender a walk.

"Our offense was great in game one, but they really shut us down in game two," Schrage said.

Sophomore second baseman Jeremy Barnes was the only Irish player with multiple hits in the game.

Irish sophomore right-hander Kyle Weiland suffered his first loss of the season as he surrendered four runs on five hits and three walks over 4.2 innings.

Rutgers jumped on Weiland early, scoring a run on Meade's double in the second inning. In the fifth, the Scarlet Knights plated three more on three hits, including a two-out RBI double by catcher Jon Gossard.

The lead was more than enough for Healing, who improved his record to 6-3 on the season.

Notre Dame 6, Rutgers 4

The Irish gave Schrage his 500th victory of his NCAA career when they came back from a 3-2 eighth-inning deficit to win in front of a record crowd of 1,024 at Bainton Field Sunday afternoon.

Leftfielder Ross Brezovsky gave Notre Dame the lead when he doubled home Connolly and third baseman A.J. Pollock with two outs in the eighth. But Gossard continued his big weekend for Rutgers by hitting a solo home run off junior Joey Williamson to tie the score.

Despite giving up the homer to Gossard, Williamson picked up the win after Notre Dame pushed across two more runs in the ninth.

Dressman led off the frame with an infield single then scored when Barnes tripled to centerfield.

"Barnes hitting that triple gave us a huge lift," Schrage said.

Barnes scored an insurance run for the Irish on senior first baseman Mike Dury's sacrifice fly.

But the two-run cushion proved unnecessary as freshman Eric Maust and sophomore Sam Elam combined to strike out the side in a scoreless ninth.

After Maust surrendered a walk and a single, Elam relieved him with two outs and struck out Rutgers first baseman Tom Edwards to end the game. It was Elam's first save of the season.

Notre Dame took the early lead, scoring a run in each of the first two innings.

In the second, Irish freshman designated hitter Ryan Miller hit a solo home run, his second round-tripper of the season.

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two more goals for the Irish, but Stanwick scored her fifth goal of the half to give Georgetown a 7-4 lead at the break.

Less than a minute into the second half, sophomore Jillian Byers netted an unassisted goal to cut the Hoyas lead to two. Georgetown then stormed out on a 4-0 run, to take a commanding 11-5 lead with less than 15 minutes remaining in the game.

"Our backs were against the wall, and we had the choice to lie down or play, and we stepped it up and started to compete in the second half," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "When we started to play aggressively, we got back into the game."

Notre Dame would not go quietly though, as McKinney and Byers scored consecutive goals to cut the lead to 11-7. Stanwick's sixth goal of the game for the Hoyas looked to put the game out of reach for the Irish with just over five minutes left, but Notre Dame continued to play aggressively.

The Irish scored three times in the next four minutes, with two more goals from McKinney and another from Byers. After winning the draw control after

the goal, Byers's shot was stopped by Georgetown goalkeeper Maggie Koch and the Hoyas ran out the clock for the victory.

"We came here to win a Big East championship and didn't get it done," Coyne said. "I thought we played very tentatively in the first half, but in the second half we were more aggressive and got back in the game."

Stanwick, the Big East player of the year, led the Hoyas with six goals on all six shots and an assist. Junior Schuyler Sutton also tallied two goals for Georgetown.

The Irish were led offensively by McKinney's five goals, and Byers added three goals of her own. Despite the loss, Notre Dame held the advantage over the Hoyas in shots, groundballs, draw controls and turnovers on the game.

"The whole time, our team had faith that we could come back," McKinney said. "We responded late and fought back, we just started too late."

The Hoyas advanced to face off against second-seeded Syracuse in the finals. The Orange, who defeated Rutgers to reach the championship game, dispatched Georgetown 12-7 to capture the inaugural Big East championship.

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"We came here to win a Big East championship and didn't get it done."

Tracy Coyne
Irish coach

ND SOFTBALL

Irish lose seventh straight

Notre Dame drops two games to No. 11 DePaul in the Windy City

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Notre Dame fell twice at the hands of Big East rival No. 11/15 DePaul in a doubleheader Sunday in Chicago.

The Blue Demons remained undefeated in Big East play and improved to 35-7 overall, while the Irish dropped to 24-21 and 9-7 in conference play at fourth place.

In the first half of the doubleheader, sophomore Brittney Bargar started for the Irish and faced some resistance early in the first inning. After two walks, Notre Dame senior catcher Gessica Hufnagle gunned down a runner attempting to steal, and Bargar was able to pitch her way out of trouble.

Hufnagle also threw out another runner attempting to steal in the third inning after a DePaul single.

In the fourth inning, senior Stephanie Brown reached base on a single and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt. Two subsequent outs, however, ended the Irish rally.

The Blue Demons claimed

the first two runs of the game in the bottom of the fourth when sophomore third baseman Amber Patton and junior Sandy Vojik led off the frame with singles. A sacrifice advanced the runners into scoring position until sophomore catcher Jackie Tarulli brought them in with a single.

The Irish got on the board in the next inning when freshman Christine Lux hit her second home run of the season, cutting the deficit in half.

DePaul added an insurance run — the last of the game — in the fifth after a bunt single, a stolen base and an RBI single from senior Kate Sheaks.

Bargar received her 11th loss of the season in the first contest of the doubleheader.

The second game started with the Irish loading the bases, and then leaving them full. Brown and Hufnagle both singled to reach base. And after junior Katie Laing's sacrifice bunt advanced the runners, Lux drew a walk to load them up. A strike out and a ground out later, the Blue Demons were able to

breathe easier in the scoreless game.

After a dropped fly ball in the bottom of the second, and two singles later on in the frame, DePaul broke through with their first run of the game.

In the fourth, the Blue Demons added to their lead when junior Marcy Wilus drove in Katie Hanson with a single. On an attempted tag-up at home, a DePaul runner was gunned down with a good relay throw from the outfield.

Two more insurance runs were added in the sixth with Vojik's RBI fielder's choice and Wilus' second RBI of the game on a double.

That was all the offense on the day, as Bargar fell to 16-12 on the season. The pitching staff hasn't received much support during Notre Dame's seven-game losing streak — the offense has produced only five runs during the drought.

Notre Dame will travel to Chicago again Tuesday for its game against Loyola Chicago.

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starting the season 3-3, the Irish won seven consecutive games, improving their overall record to 10-3 to go along with a perfect 4-0 mark in conference play. During its winning streak, Notre Dame has outscored its opponents by an astounding 93-29 margin.

"Starting 3-3, we knew at that point that we would have to win out to have any kind of impact on the season," Polk said. "The fact that we came together as a team to grind out seven going on eight victories is a big statement to who we are as a team and a unit."

Perhaps none of Notre Dame's seven consecutive victories has been as impressive as Saturday's win over Ohio State. Coming into the game, the Buckeyes had won four consecutive contests and sat a half-game ahead of the Irish in the GWLL standings.

Strong defense and timely offense ultimately helped turn what had been a close game into a comfortable victory for Notre Dame.

Entering the fourth quarter, the Irish held a slim 8-6 advantage before rattling off four consecutive goals to end the game.

Polk started the run by tallying his fourth and final goal of the day off a pass from freshman attack Will Yeatman. Sophomore attack Duncan Swezey added his second goal of the day to push the Irish lead to four with only 4:35 remaining. Yeatman then notched his second goal of the day off a pass from junior midfielder Michael Podgajny, who finished the run with a goal of his own.

On the other end of the field, Notre Dame's defense tightened up, allowing only four shots on goal — all of which were stopped by junior keeper Joey Kemp who had 13 total saves on the day.

"We came around in the second half," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "We finished the opportunities we had, and we didn't give them many opportunities. When they did get opportunities, Joey [Kemp] was all over the ball. He wasn't letting anything get by."

The first half was a different story. After taking leads of 3-0 and

5-1, Notre Dame made some mistakes that let Ohio State cut the lead to 7-5 by halftime. During the stretch, the Irish missed three one-on-one opportunities at the Buckeye end of the field and allowed Ohio State to recover and score on a play where the Notre Dame defense forced a ground ball.

In the third quarter, Ohio State's Joel Dalgarno cut the Irish lead to one with 11:46 remaining in the third quarter, but Notre Dame's Ryan Cunn pushed the Irish lead back to two with 1:52 left in the period, and that would be as close as the Buckeyes would get.

"We played well throughout, but we didn't finish everything well," Corrigan said. "We had some defensive plays that cost us some goals. We missed three one-on-one's at the offensive end. All of a sudden, it's 7-5 at halftime. In the second half, we didn't make those mistakes."

Notre Dame will finish its regular season next Saturday when it travels to Quinnipiac to try to clinch a perfect conference record.

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IRISH GOALIE JOEY KEMP AND DEFENSEMAN KELLY MCKENNA AWAIT A SHOT DURING A 16-4 WIN OVER THE AIR FORCE FALCONS APRIL 13. VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Champs

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the advantage they needed to edge out the Mean Girls. Big men Kuntz and fellow football player — and Mean Girl — Konrad Reuland battled each other down low the entire game and Castle Point's Ben Lepak grabbed several big boards.

"There were a lot of big guys out there, so we definitely expected that it was going to be [physical] going in," Mean Girls captain Mike Ortiz said. "Down the stretch they just hit their shots, and we didn't."

Ortiz, who was named the 2007 Mr. Bookstore following the game, had no problems hitting shots throughout most of the game or the tournament.

Team Castle Point took over

the momentum after Sergio Brown hit a fade-away jumper from three-point range as he was fouled. The crowd, which was riled up after the Mean Girls previous basket, was quickly silenced by Brown's swish.

The win was a complete team effort with all five players filling their roles.

Tournament MVP Robby Parris picked up several key baskets during the second half with his aggressive play. Brown, who joined the squad halfway through the tournament to replace an injured Richard Jackson, also

pitched in with several points of his own.

"We were able to isolate Sergio on the wing, and he got some big buckets from outside," Pogge said.

The Mean Girls were disappointed to let the opportunity slip away from them but said

the loss was bitter sweet since they had made it so far in the tournament. They made it to the championship by defeating the No. 1-seeded Kramer Properties 22-20 in a thrilling semifinal game Saturday.

"I think we delivered a good game, there were a lot of fans there, and they seemed happy," Ortiz said about the loss.

He is the only senior on the team and expects teammates Nick Possley, Rob Seery, Garret Flynn and Reuland to avenge their loss in next year's tournament. In order to do so, they will have to get through the Castle Point squad once again, who will return all five players next spring.

The champs are sure to be a favorite on their quest to become the second straight back-to-back champs, but Pogge wasn't willing to make any predictions yet.

"It's hard to tell, the tourney is so hard to win, and it takes so long. It really just comes down to who hits the big shots when they need them."

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Draft

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pick in a trade with the Dallas Cowboys.

"Once I heard about the trade, I knew it was about me because of the rumors and the fact that the Browns called me," Quinn said. "They said that they were trading up for me and that was a pretty good indication. I couldn't have anticipated things working out the way they did."

Quinn was the first of seven former Irish players selected during the two-day draft.

On Saturday, defensive end Victor Abiamiri was chosen by the Philadelphia Eagles in the second round, and offensive tackle Ryan Harris was taken in the third round by the Denver Broncos.

On Sunday, defensive tackle Derek Landri was selected by the Jacksonville Jaguars in the fifth round, cornerback Mike Richardson was taken by the New England Patriots in the sixth, and both guard Dan Santucci and safety Chinedum Ndukwe were drafted by the Cincinnati Bengals in the seventh round.

Four other Notre Dame players — Darius Walker, Chris Frome, Rhema McKnight, and Marcus Freeman — signed free agent deals after going undrafted.

With the No. 3 pick, the Browns took offensive tackle Joe Thomas out of Wisconsin. Miami picked Ohio State wide receiver Ted Ginn Jr. instead of Quinn at

No. 9 — a decision that, according to published reports, caused boos to rain down at the Dolphins' draft-day pep rally.

Quinn said the Browns warned him ahead of time they had decided on Thomas, but that he was surprised when Miami passed on him.

"I was more shocked about the ninth pick. At the same time, you can't believe what everyone says to you because there are smoke screens that are put up," he said. "I knew about the Cleveland situation going into it and I told everyone not to get their hopes up. I guess you really never know until it happens."

After the Dolphins' selection, a series of teams with established quarterbacks picked in a row, meaning Quinn knew he had a long wait. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell allowed the quarterback to wait in a private room, rather than in the main auditorium, to avoid ESPN cameras.

"I sat in Mr. Goodell's green room for a little bit and thought about possibilities," Quinn said. "It wasn't as much agonizing for me as it was on my family. They want the best for me and they always felt I would be drafted higher. Everything worked out in the end."

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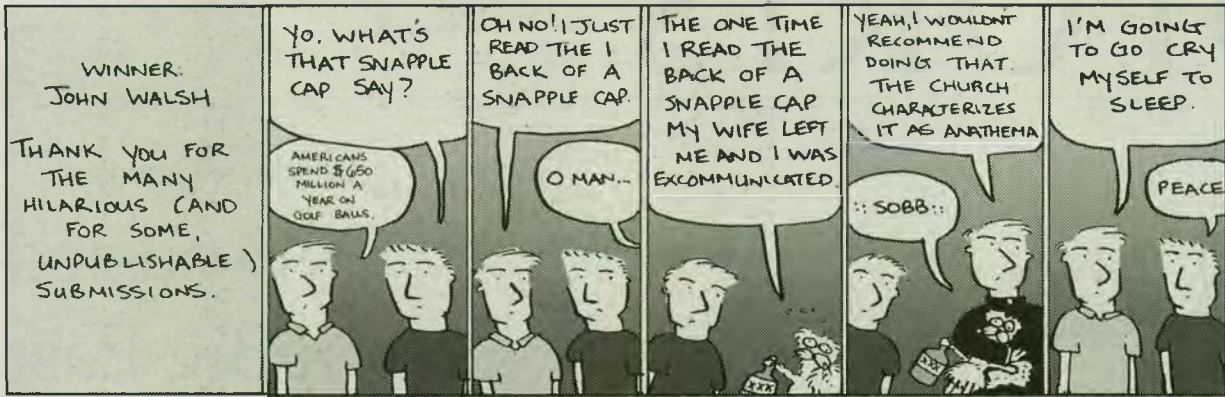
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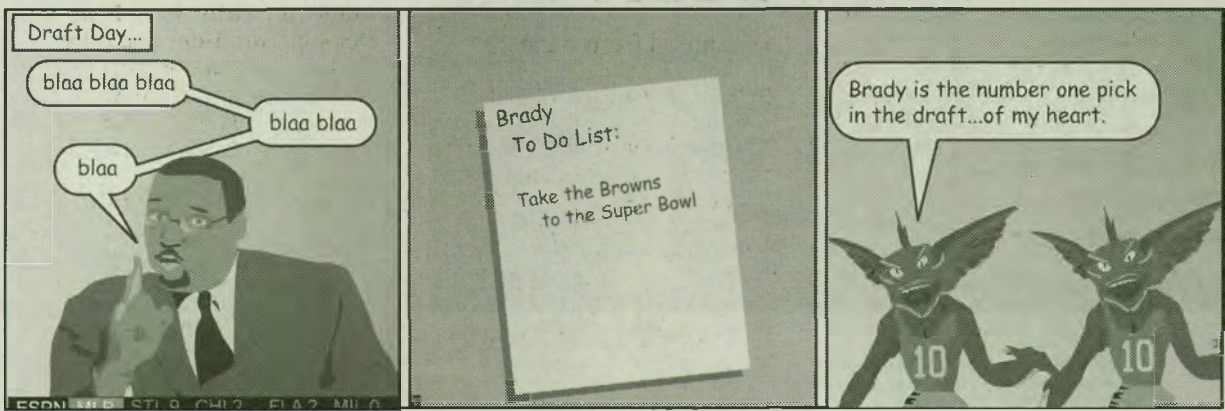
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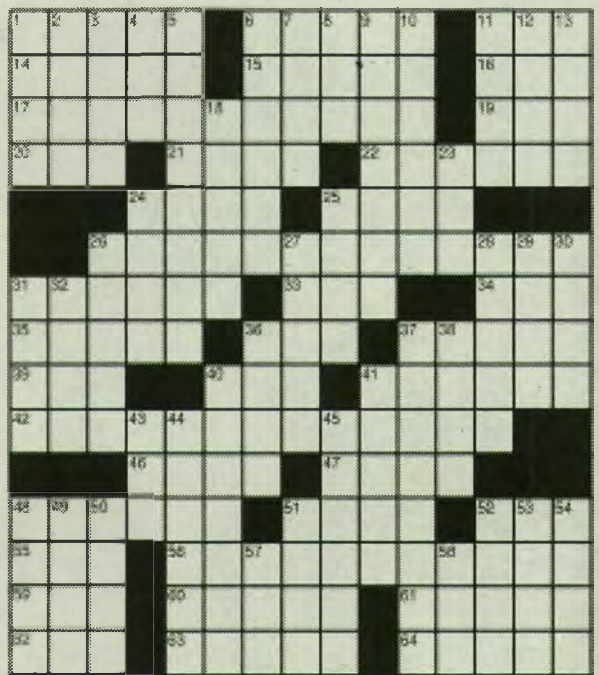
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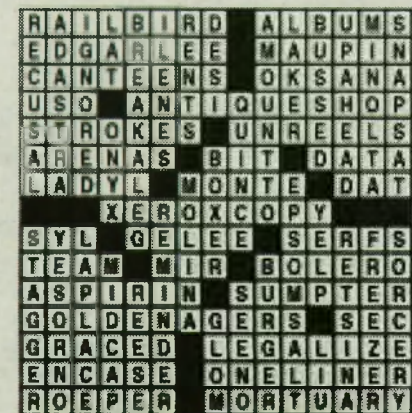


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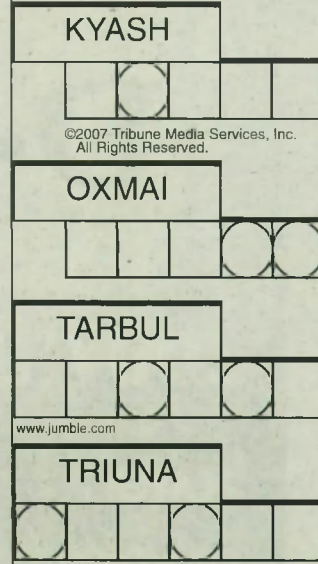


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FOOTBALL

D-Day

Quinn and six other Irish players selected in the 2007 NFL Draft

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

Brady Quinn waited a little longer than he expected to, before he heard his name called in Saturday's National Football League Draft.

The former Notre Dame quarterback was unexpectedly passed over by both the Cleveland Browns at pick No. 3 and the Miami Dolphins at pick No. 9. Both teams had expressed interest in making him a top-10 first-round selection, but instead, Quinn fell to No. 22, where the Browns finally ended his nearly three-hour wait.

"I'm so excited to be in Cleveland and this is a dream come true for me," Quinn, an Ohio native, said in a teleconference Saturday. "Things were tough the way they started out, but I think it worked out the best way it could have."

Cleveland received the 22nd

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Ryan Harris	OT	Denver	3rd
Derek Landri	DT	Jacksonville	5th
Mike Richardson	DB	New England	6th
Dan Santucci	OL	Cincinnati	7th
Chinedum Ndukwe	S	Cincinnati	7th

NOT DRAFTED:	RB	Darius Walker
	WR	Rhema McKnight
	TE	Marcus Freeman
	OG	Bob Morton



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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

ND ousted in Big East semifinals

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

The first-ever Big East championship was one No. 12 Notre Dame would rather forget. The fourth-seeded Irish dropped their third-straight match Friday, a furious comeback ending just short in a 12-10 loss to No. 1 seed Georgetown in the semifinals.

The Irish, who had defeated the Hoyas at home during the regular season 13-8, fell behind early in the first half when Georgetown scored the first four goals. The Irish gained some ground midway through the first half with goals by junior Caitlin McKinney and sophomore Jane Stoeckert.

The Hoyas countered quickly however, when senior captain Coco Stanwick scored two goals for a 6-2 lead. Sophomore Mary Carpenter and McKinney responded with

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish clinch GWLL against Buckeyes



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer
Ryan Hoff, left, and Brian Hubschmann celebrate against Denver April 15. The Irish won the GWLL over Ohio State 12-6 Saturday.

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

The Irish are headed back to the NCAA Tournament, and this time, they're doing it on their own terms.

After qualifying for last year's NCAA Tournament as one of the final at-large teams, No. 10 Notre Dame gained an automatic bid to this year's tournament with a 12-6 victory over No. 20 Ohio State that secured the 2007 Greater Western Lacrosse League (GWLL) title

for the Irish as well as the league's automatic Tournament bid.

"Last year, we kind of snuck in," senior midfielder Lucius Polk said. "If we're 11-3, we're going to the tournament anyway, but it's nice to be going to the tournament this year with a higher seed."

With the way Notre Dame has played recently, it is making a strong case to the selection committee for one of the top seeds in the tournament. After

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXVI

Castle Point crowned champions



Top, Castle Point's Robby Parris drives during Sunday's championship game. Right, Konrad Reuland dishes a pass to the corner from his spot in the low post.

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Big crowd watches as No. 3 seed captures Bookstore Basketball title

By DAN MURPHY
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Team Castle Point was crowned kings of the Bookstore court Sunday afternoon with a 21-18 victory over Mean Girls.

Sophomore Pat Kuntz banked in the final hoop of the tournament after being fouled down low by one of the Mean Girls. Fouls proved to be the difference maker in Castle Point's win as they hit three huge baskets from the charity stripe to close out the game.

"We didn't get all the calls we were looking for, but thankfully we got enough to help us out at the end," Castle Point captain Paul Pogge said.

Rebounds and physical play gave Castle Point

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