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Marine graduate injured in Iraq war

By HELENA PAYNE
Senior Staff Writer

First Lieutenant Dustin Ferrell, a 2000 Notre Dame graduate and U.S. Marine, was recently injured in Iraq, according to reports from the Associated Press and Ferrell's mother-in-law, who writes for the Michigan City (Ind.) News-Dispatch.



Ferrell

The AP reported that Ferrell had to receive a field tracheotomy after a Humvee accident that caused chest injuries and broken bones. The operation involves cutting a hole in the throat to allow air to pass through.

"People that have tracheotomies, they survive," said Patti Null, a local charge nurse at Memorial Hospital of South Bend.

As of Tuesday, it was reported that Ferrell was recovering in an Air Force hospital near Frankfurt, Germany.

Ferrell's mother-in-law, Deborah Sederberg, wrote about Ferrell Tuesday for the Michigan City paper, explaining how he

was injured.

"The details remain sketchy, but it looks as if Dustin and several other Marines were in an accident in a Humvee. A field tracheotomy by a Navy corpsman saved his life. His trachea had been crushed," Sederberg reported.

Sederberg also wrote about Ferrell's involvement at Notre Dame, where he was active in the Navy ROTC program, which had given him a scholarship.

"Between his academic classes and his military obligation, he seemed to be running or studying nearly every minute of his four years at Notre Dame, on his way to a degree in business and

a stint with the Marines," Sederberg said in the article.

Some current Notre Dame Navy ROTC students who worked with him also referred to his leadership.

"I remember him as being a great leader, and also, he had a great sense of humor," said senior John Seiter, who worked under Ferrell when he held the position of public affairs officer in Navy ROTC.

As public affairs officer, Ferrell edited the Navy newsletter. He also wrote a series of columns in The Observer that incited student reactions during his time as an assistant viewpoint editor.

"They did elicit good dialogue,"

said former Observer managing editor and 2002 graduate Noreen Gillespie, adding that, "He really wore the responsibility that they teach you in ROTC in office."

Ferrell, an accounting major originally from California, was living in North Carolina with his wife, Rachel, a Saint Mary's graduate, before he was sent to the Middle East. The two were married in August at the Basilica.

In the Air Force hospital, Sederberg reported that Ferrell has to use a ventilator to breathe.

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Ralph Nader to speak on campus

By JULIA MILLER-LEMON
News Writer

Consumer advocate Ralph Nader will address the Notre Dame community today at 3 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.

Titled "Legislating Corporate Ethics," the talk is sponsored by the Notre Dame Law School and is part of the business lecture series.

Nader ran for president in 2000 as a Green Party candidate and has been a prominent figure in consumer issues. He founded organizations responsible for the establishment of several major federal consumer protection agencies, including the Environmental Protection Agency, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the Consumer Product Safety Administration.

Numerous other consumer-action groups, such as the Center for Auto Safety, Public Citizen, the Clean Water Action Project, Disability Rights Center and the Project for Corporation Responsibility, were all started by the Study for Responsible Law. Nader's original research organization.

Organizers said that Nader is expected to speak about the



Nader

plausibility of legislating ethics at the corporate level and the effect that such legislation would have on the business world.

Nader has recently headed an effort to create a new organization to set standards for corporate accountants.

Lisa Casey, a Notre Dame law professor, said Nader will most likely address Wall Street scandals that have occurred over the past year and the need for legislation that will better protect consumers and their interests. Since the admission of false profits and the demise of Enron last year, the accounts of other major corporations have come under close scrutiny and more scandals have been revealed, leading many to question the integrity of corporate America.

Andrew Casad, the facilitator of Notre Dame Greens, said that he's very excited to hear Nader's thoughts on responsible business ethics, especially since

"The progressive issues don't get enough attention on campus, so it should be a very interesting lecture."

Andrew Casad
facilitator of Notre Dame Greens

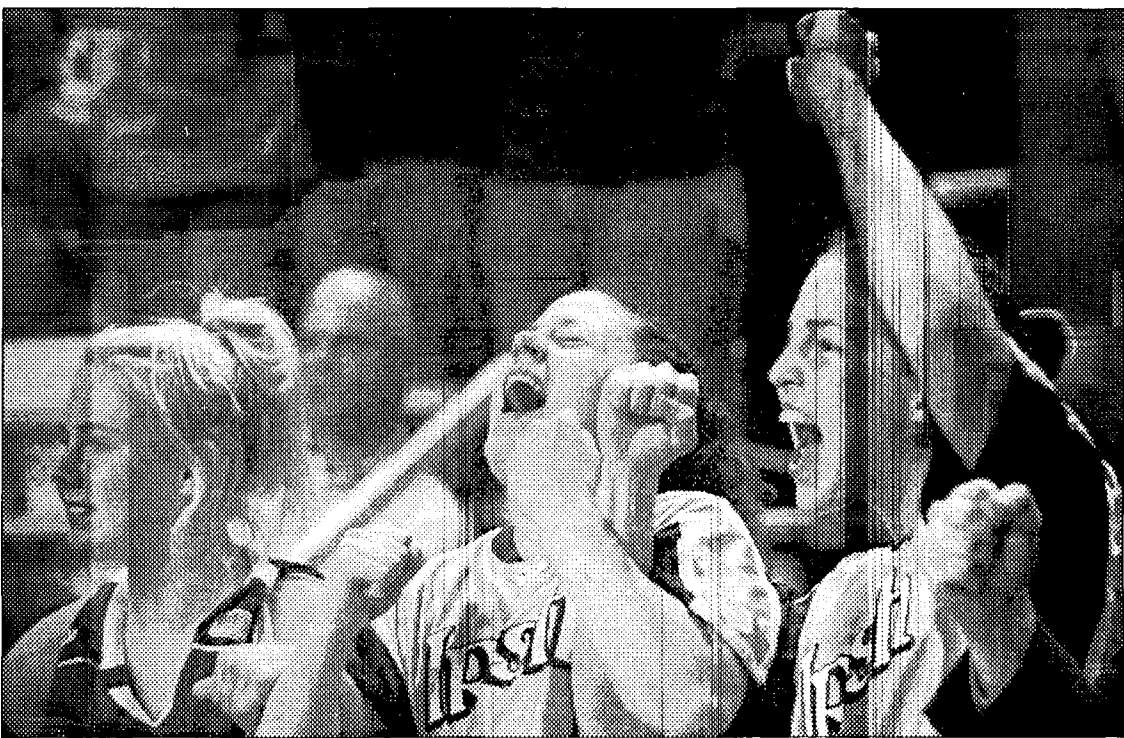
Nader is commonly regarded as "America's most well-known consumer advocate."

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Nader received his undergraduate degree from Princeton University in 1955, and graduated from Harvard Law School in 1958.

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HOW SWEET IT IS



KELLY GLASSOCK/Kansas State Collegian

Jill Krause, Karen Swanson and Anne Weese celebrate the women's basketball team's 59-53 victory over Kansas State, which put both the men's and women's basketball teams into the Sweet Sixteen in the same year for the first time. See "Severe Upset," page 24.

College posts emergency plan

By ANGELA SAOUD
News Writer

While the risk for terrorist attacks on schools is low, Saint Mary's is responding proactively by creating an Emergency Response Plan.

Rosemarie Harris, Saint Mary's Interim Director of Security, displayed the nine-page action plan Friday on the College's homepage.

"I want to strongly emphasize that we have not received any notification thus far to implement the plan," Harris said. "However, we are responding proactively to the threat. This is simply to make students aware of our heightened state of alert."

The heightened security alert encourages students to

increase awareness of their surroundings. Students are asked to watch for suspicious circumstances and report any behavior they find out of the ordinary.

Harris said students should not be fearful, simply alert.

The Emergency Response Plan would only be put into action under certain instances. These circumstances include a red alert issued by the government or a biological or chemical attack.

The plan suggests that students equip their rooms with supplies such as bottled water, non-perishable food items, first aid supplies, a radio and a flashlight. Students may want to prepare a kit that can be easily taken with them.

If the plan is implemented, students will be notified through e-mail, telephone calls and personal contact.

Upon receiving notification of a terrorist attack, students and staff should proceed to the basement of Regina Hall, preferably through the tunnels running below the campus. Signs have been placed directing students to appropriate locations, where further instruction will be given upon arrival.

Security suggests that students share this information with their families. They will set up additional phone lines for family members to call and receive news updates on the campus' condition.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Dancing king

Two days ago, a female finally spoke the words that I had been waiting to hear for some time: "You're a good lead."

Wait. Let me explain. Her comments were not in the context of a parietals violation or a role-playing activity in a gender studies class.

You see, I am currently enrolled in Latin Dance as part of my physical education requirement, and in addition to performing the endless turns, twists and steps at a pace seemingly faster than the Concorde, I have the added responsibility of leading.

Leading a dance means that the man must know the move that he and his partner will perform about 10 steps ahead of time. For someone who has difficulty remembering the clothes he wore two hours ago, this kind of foresight proves problematic.

I'm really not equipped to deal with these kinds of decisions, and I often find that my brain is forced to work overtime, a risky proposition for any college student.

Compounding matters, dancing and I have never been best friends. Suffice to say that Soul Train has not really come calling for an audition, and I haven't exactly been holding my breath either. I'm not sure how well they would respond to a person with two left feet and an uncanny ability for stepping on toes, tripping and face planting. Sometimes these mishaps occur simultaneously and they certainly would not win any style points with Sinbad.

In spite of these adversities, I find myself really enjoying the class. The music is often energizing, my instructor is blessed with an inordinate amount of patience and I get the pleasure of meeting a different dance partner every class period. I'm now able to spice up SYR dances in ways that don't involve a large consumption of alcoholic beverages. As an added bonus, I get to use my hands in ways that would normally result in a prompt slap and a sexual harassment lawsuit.

I also had to consider the alternatives: Volleyball (if only the net were lower), First Aid (Pamela Anderson and her Babewatch babes would not be present — what's the point then?) and Handball (non-existent hand-eye coordination would prove problematic). Latin Dance really seemed the best option.

Besides, there is hope for me in sight; I'm taking Ballroom Dancing next rotation.

I figure I'll get the hang of this dancing thing eventually. Right?

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Joe Trombello at jtrombel@nd.edu

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WHAT'S INSIDE

CAMPUS NEWS	WORLD & NATION	BUSINESS NEWS	VIEWPOINT	SCENE	SPORTS
Feminist Symposium shows 'The Righteous Babes'	U.S. forces kill at least 150 Iraqi soldiers near Baghdad	Fox News leading rival CNN	War focus has led to neglect of domestic concerns	Telling it like it is	Severe upset
Students at Saint Mary's viewed the feminist documentary "The Righteous Babes," and discussed contemporary perceptions of feminism with filmmaker Pratibha Parmar.	U.S. Army forces attacked south of the Iraqi capital. Casualties are estimated to be between 150 and 500 on the Iraqi side.	Conservative television network Fox News has drawn a larger war audience than CNN with 4 million viewers to CNN's 3.57 million.	Columnist Paul Graham argues that the war in Iraq is has caused cuts in domestic spending to pay for the war.	Student models prepare for the annual Black Cultural Arts Council Fashion Show. The theme is "Notre Dame: Tell it like it is."	Notre Dame's women's basketball team beat Kansas St. 59-53 in the second round of the NCAA Tournament to advance to the Sweet Sixteen.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- ◆ Ralph Nader speaks on "Legislating Corporate Ethics," 3 p.m. at Mendoza College Jordan Auditorium
- ◆ Coffee House for Peace featuring senior Emmeline Schoen, musician and songwriter; and poetry readings, 8 p.m., Coleman-Morse Lounge
- ◆ Student Senate agenda: Stepan Center resolution, Graduation Letter to Malloy, Naval Science minor, winter approval of BOT topic, hall dances; 6 p.m., LaFortune Notre Dame room

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ Talk by Manifesta Authors, 7 p.m., Madeleva Hall, Carroll Auditorium
- ◆ SAB Comedian — Megan Mooney, 7 p.m., Moreau Center for the Arts, Little Theatre
- ◆ Student Academic Council meeting, 7 p.m., 304 Holy Cross College
- ◆ Adult Children of Alcoholics meeting, 7 p.m., 317N Madeleva Hall

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

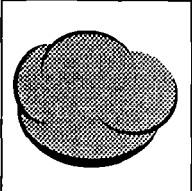
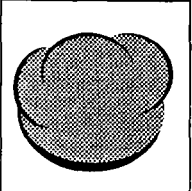
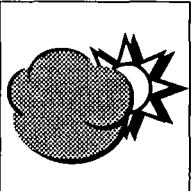

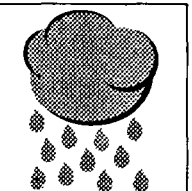
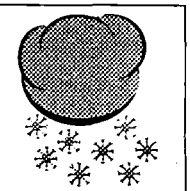
- Employee finds unauthorized signs**
A University employee contacted NDSP Monday after discovering unauthorized signs in DeBartolo Hall.
- NDSP investigates Stadium burglary**
A burglary at the Notre Dame Stadium was reported Monday. Police are investigating the case.
- Vehicle damages maintenance garage**
Property was reportedly damaged Monday after a vehicle backed into a support column inside the maintenance garage.
- CSC reports harassing phone call**
NDSP is investigating the Monday report of a harassing telephone call to the Center for Social Concerns.
- Worker claims off-campus vehicle theft**
A University employee reported to NDSP Monday that a theft from his vehicle occurred when the vehicle was parked off campus.
- Student injured on basketball court**
NDSP took a student to St. Joseph Medical Center for a sports injury that occurred Monday at the West Quad basketball courts.

~compiled from the NDSP crime blotter

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall	South Dining Hall	Saint Mary's Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Baked manicotti, pepperoni calzone, honey-mustard chicken breast, green beans amandine, cherry crisp, cheese and vegetable pie, baby lima beans, scrambled eggs, sausage patties, Texas french toast, hash browns, Italian beef sandwich, chicken and pea pod stir-fry, completa moderno feijoada, fiesta corn and black beans	Today's Lunch: Tortellini with basil cheese sauce, Bianco pizza, Greek pork loin, white beans with ham, cornbread, hot chunky applesauce, sauteed julienne vegetables, turkey pot pie, broccoli cuts, sliced carrots, steamed spinach, chicken nuggets, chicken macadamia and cheese enchilada	
Today's Dinner: Baked manicotti, Cajun pasta sauce, pepperoni calzone, beef tips and mushrooms, kluski noodles, broccoli cuts, cherry crisp, grilled salmon fillet, mushroom quiche, corn, peas, cauliflower au gratin, egg foo yong surimi, beef fajita and Lone Star rice	Today's Dinner: Bianco pizza, peppered flank steak, lentil and barley stew, black beans with tomato and cilantro, Buffalo chicken wings, grilled cod, BBQ rib sandwich, onion rings, peppered tangerine chicken, spicy grilled chicken, flame-roasted fiesta corn and black beans	

No Information available.

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Online service helps enforce Honor Code

By CAITLIN EARLY
News Writer

After introducing a number of sweeping changes to the Honor Code at the beginning of this academic year, the University Honor Code Committee recently compiled a set of statistics to evaluate this year's Honor Code cases and violations.

The statistics are representative of all Honor Code cases heard from the beginning of the fall semester through Feb. 3. Some cases were also drawn from the 2002 spring semester.

Across the University's various colleges, the College of Arts, which had 14 Honor Code violations brought before its Honesty Committee, far exceeded the number of cases in the College of Business and the College of Science. The College of Business had three violation cases and the College of Science had one.

Of these 14 Honor Code cases in the College of Arts and Letters, 13 violations were related to Internet plagiarism.

Professor Thomas Flint, faculty Honor Code officer, said the statistics and the number of cases involving Internet plagiarism did not surprise him.

"With my involvement in the Philosophy Department, I have seen the whole issue of Internet plagiarism become more and more serious," said Flint. "A significant number of cases involve basically good people who made bad decisions because the Internet was just two clicks away."

One of the most notable additions made to the Honor Code this year was the University's decision to contract the services of Turnitin.com, an online plagiarism-detection company.

Turnitin.com enables professors and faculty members to submit a student's paper and to receive a set of "Originality Reports" within 24 hours, revealing if any Internet documents or resources are used in the student's work.

While the most contested aspect of the plagiarism-detection company is the direct submission of students' work without any prior indication of plagiarism, Flint said that only a few professors are currently submitting all students' papers to Turnitin.com.

Turnitin.com was used to detect three of the 14 Internet-plagiarism violations in the College of Arts and Letters.

Flint said that most professors and faculty members use Turnitin.com in conjunction with various other search engines to detect student pla-

giarism.

To date, 63 Notre Dame faculty members are registered with Turnitin.com. In total, 535 students' papers and reports have been submitted to the service.

The University has extended its contract with Turnitin.com for the next academic year.

With the incidences of computer-related cheating on the rise across college campuses throughout the country, Flint said he realizes that there is no easy way to combat this widespread problem.

"In the most idealistic sense, it should be the aim of everyone in the Notre Dame community to pursue truth and goodness," Flint said. "Plagiarism cuts right at the heart of this idea by falsely presenting work which is not one's own. It goes against what we are and should be about at a Catholic university."

A series of other changes made to the Honor Code in the past year involve the organizational structure of the Honor Code Committee and increased student involvement.

Under the new provisions of the Honor Code, departmental honesty committees, which are now comprised of a majority of students, preside over Honor Code violation hearings.

While the broad provisions set forth in the Honor Code Handbook guide the students serving on the honesty committees, the committees ultimately determine the specific type of the penalty based on the nature of the offense.

"The code is working very well procedurally. I have sat in on quite a number of hearings, and I am always impressed with the seriousness with which the honesty committees are conducted," Flint said.

While no new changes will be made to the Honor Code immediately, Flint cited that some additional issues, such as the implications of the honor code in study abroad programs, will be addressed in the years to come.

"In respect to our Honor Code system at Notre Dame, I would say it is far preferable to what many other universities have," Flint said. "There is no panacea for cheating or Internet-plagiarism because there will always be people who will take the short and easy way out, even at Notre Dame. I am hopeful that the Honor Code will encourage students to continue to remember what we're about as a University."

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Doctor lectures on early childhood brain development

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

Pediatrician and author Patricia Keener spoke on the brain and its development during early childhood in Tuesday's presentation titled "Surviving the Wonder Years." The event was the second in the Mini-Medical School Lecture Series.

Using a combination of slides, video clips and passing out copies of her reference book, "Caring for Kids," Keener focused on neural anatomy and how certain functions like language emerge in young children.

"I think it's one of the most exciting fields in medicine," she said.

According to Keener, collaboration among professionals involved in different aspects of neural development has recently revolutionized the understanding of brain structure and function.

"We have neurologists talking to psychologists," she said. "There's a great sharing of information."

Keener discussed the newborn's brain, a structure she said is only partially assembled at birth.

"Brains aren't like computers," she said. "[Infants] are not born hardwired. The various connections are wired after they're born."

The majority of the synapses that link neural cells together form after birth and their development is based on the environment. According to Keener, newborns have approximately 50 trillion synapses. The number peaks a year later at 1,000 trillion and then drops to 500 trillion by age 20. This makes toddlers ideally suited to learn, she said.

Caretakers need to be aware of this critical time and attentive to the child's emotional state, she said, adding that impersonal day care facilities can have adverse effects on a child's development.

Keener warned against the temptation of replacing human contact with toys designed to provide human-like stimula-

tion. She said that in 1997, only 10 percent of toys relied on electronics. By the year 2000, the percentage had jumped to 60.

"I think it's a problem when parents are spending money on these things instead of a rocking chair," she said.

Keener also focused on certain behaviors and functions that are time sensitive, using vision and language as examples.

"Cataracts in a newborn are removed very early," she said. "If you don't take that cataract out early that child will not be able to make the connections in the visual cortex and will not see."

Language, Keener said, is another function that requires early exposure. At birth, newborns have the potential to recognize and differentiate between every sound or phoneme in every human language. Early in development, however, associations for certain sounds are strengthened while the ability to distinguish between others is lost, as they are not reinforced.

Keener also spoke of the universality of "parentese," or baby talk, which leads parents to speak in a higher pitch, using shorter phrases and accentuating the vowels. This type of speech, she said, along with the babbling noises a baby makes, facilitates the successful development of language.

Keener is a professor of clinical pediatrics and assistant director for Medical Service Learning at Indiana University School of Medicine. From 1989 to 1992 she served as medical director of the Indianapolis Campaign for Healthy Babies, a program that addressed infant mortality problems.

The Mini-Medical School Lecture Series is presented by the South Bend Center for Medical Education and the Indiana University School of Medicine and is sponsored by the Medical Education Foundation. Next Tuesday, Michael Vasko will present a lecture titled "Pain: Why does it hurt?"

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Dr. Patricia Keener speaks about early childhood brain development on Tuesday as part of the Mini-Medical School Lecture Series.



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U.S. forces kill 150 Iraqi soldiers south of Baghdad

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

U.S. Army forces killed between 150 and 500 Iraqi troops Tuesday in a fierce fight after coming under attack near the central Iraqi city of An Najaf, a senior defense official said.

No U.S. casualties were reported, although the official cautioned that few details were immediately available.

Elements of the 7th Cavalry Regiment were east of An Najaf when they suddenly came under fire from rocket-propelled grenades, the official said. The Iraqis were on foot and it was not clear whether they were from regular army units, paramilitary forces or the Republican Guard.

Some of the 7th Cavalry's equipment was damaged in the attack, the official said.

Early estimates of the number of Iraqis killed in the fight varied widely, from 150 to 500. The Americans fired mainly the 25mm guns on their Bradley fighting vehicles, according to another U.S. official.

The U.S. troops were hunkered down during a severe sandstorm when they were attacked by a combination of Republican Guard and paramilitary Iraqi troops, another U.S. official said.

The attacks suggested the location of Iraqi strongholds in

the area, and the U.S. troops used thermal-imaging equipment to kill a large number of Iraqis as the sandstorm raged, the second official said.

The 7th Cavalry is part of the Army force driving toward Baghdad. Some elements of the force are farther north, near Karbala, with only the Medina armored division of the Republican Guard between them and Baghdad.

U.S. intelligence, meanwhile, has picked up signs suggesting the closer ground troops get to Baghdad the greater the chance they will face chemical weapons, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Tuesday.

The Army's 3rd Infantry Division has drawn to within about 50 miles of Baghdad, with the Medina armored division of Saddam Hussein's Republican Guard in its path. Elements of the 1st Marine Division are approaching the capital from a more easterly direction, and some analysts believe the Army's 101st Airborne Division, now in southern Iraq, will join the battle for Baghdad.

Asked about reports that Republican Guard forces ring Baghdad have been given authority to use chemical weapons, Rumsfeld cited "scraps" of intelligence suggesting that the closer the 3rd Infantry gets to the capital, the greater the danger.

He did not offer details of the intelligence indicators because



Reuters

British Royal Marines smile as they squeeze into their dug-in position after heavy rainstorms north of the Al Faw peninsula Tuesday. U.S. troops killed hundreds of Iraqi soldiers near the city of Najaf without losing a man, the Pentagon said Tuesday.

"who knows how accurate they are," he said.

Iraq denies it has any chemical or biological weapons. The Bush administration insists it has both and is trying to gain nuclear weapons. The risk of Iraq using chemical, biological or nuclear weapons or providing them to terrorist networks

was the central reason President Bush went to war.

Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the commander of U.S. forces fighting the war, Gen. Tommy Franks, has plans in place should Iraq use chemical weapons. He would not elaborate.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, in an interview with France 3 television, cited speculation that "there is a box around Baghdad, that if we penetrate that box," Saddam would unleash a chemical attack. "If he did," Powell added, "it would not stop the [U.S.] assault."

CHINA

9 passengers contract deadly disease on flight to Beijing

Associated Press

HONG KONG

Adding to fears that a deadly flu-like illness is being spread by air travelers, Hong Kong officials said Tuesday nine tourists apparently came down with the deadly disease after another passenger infected them on a flight to Beijing.

The World Health Organization insisted air travel is safe but said its scientists are investigating each case to make sure the disease is not spread through ventilation.

In recent weeks severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, has spread

beyond hospitals, where dozens of health care workers became infected, into at least one workplace, to air travelers and some schools have been closed as a precaution.

Hong Kong officials said the nine tourists became sick after a mainland Chinese man with SARS infected them on a March 15 Air China flight to Beijing.

If SARS can be more easily spread through the air — rather than by close contact with infected people who cough or sneeze — it could force travel and other restrictions to contain the disease.

"We would want to be sure that it was

people sitting next to that person and not the ventilation system in the airplane which was spreading the disease," said Dr. David Heymann, head of communicable diseases at WHO. "We have no evidence of the latter right now."

For one thing, he said, health investigators have followed thousands of passengers who flew with SARS-infected travelers and did not become sick.

However, he said that if they find there are cases that did not involve close contact with someone sick or at high risk, "we will then be very concerned that this might have become airborne."

The airplane cases seem similar to how the disease got its start here — from one hotel guest who spread it to six strangers staying on the same floor. One expert theorized it might have spread through the air-conditioning system.

From the Hong Kong hotel, the exposed tourists took the disease to Singapore, Vietnam and Canada.

The disease has spread most rapidly through Asian hospitals, some of which lacked the surgical masks and goggles needed to prevent catching the disease from patients. The WHO has been distributing such equipment.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Thai police kill 42 in massive drug raid:

Police said Tuesday they shot and killed 42 people during a seven-week-old crackdown on drugs that has drawn protest from human rights groups. Since the campaign began, police have arrested more than 42,000 drug suspects and seized 12 million amphetamine pills and assets worth more than \$12 million, said police spokesman Maj. Gen. Pongsaphat Pongcharoen.

Security Council calls emergency meeting:

The Security Council, responding to Arab and nonaligned nations that demanded an end to the war in Iraq and the withdrawal of U.S.-led troops, scheduled an emergency meeting for Wednesday. Guinea's U.N. Ambassador Mamady Traore, the current council president, announced Tuesday that he had received letters from both groups asking for an open meeting where any of the 191 U.N. member states can speak on the situation in Iraq. The meeting will begin Wednesday afternoon and is likely continue into Thursday, he said.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Hopeful Americans buy yellow ribbons:

Sales are booming for yellow ribbons, as people across the nation are reviving the traditional show of hope for American combat troops' safe return, retailers and manufacturers said Tuesday. As yellow ribbons began popping up on trees, poles and homes in communities of all sizes, the nation's largest ribbon manufacturer has added shifts to keep up with demand. "Yellow — by far — is No. 1 right now," said Nancy Schott of Berwick Industries in central Pennsylvania.

Bush issues order to maintain secrecy:

President Bush issued an executive order Tuesday that will delay the release of millions of historical documents for more than three years and make it easier to reclassify information that could damage national security. Bush signed the 25-page order three weeks before the government's April 17 deadline for declassifying millions of documents 25 years or older.

Ethics panel charges Kentucky governor:

A state ethics panel Tuesday charged Kentucky Gov. Paul Patton with doing favors for his lover, saying he intervened to make her construction company more likely to get state aid. If the four charges from the Executive Branch Ethics Commission are upheld after a hearing, Patton could face a \$5,000 fine and a public reprimand. He has acknowledged having an affair with nursing home owner Tina Conner but has denied her allegations that he used his office to help her during the affair and hurt her after their breakup.

NASA may limit crews, increase robot use:

NASA may have to live with a risk factor of two catastrophes for every 113 shuttle flights, so it should limit its crew size and use robots and unmanned rockets whenever possible, a missile and rocket expert said Tuesday. Aloysius Casey, a retired Air Force lieutenant general, also recommended to the Columbia Accident Investigation Board that space shuttle flights resume as soon as possible.

Feminism Symposium shows 'The Righteous Babes'

By SARAH NESTOR
Senior Staff Writer

Saint Mary's Third Wave Feminism Symposium held its third event Tuesday evening, showing the documentary film, "The Righteous Babes."

The movie is a documentary by filmmaker Pratibha Parmar that focuses on female recording artists and how feminism has been incorporated into mainstream music. The film was released in 1998, and even though some of the artists are outdated due to the continually changing nature of the music industry, it showcased such artists as Ani DiFranco, Tori Amos, Shirley Manson, Sinéad O'Connor, Chrissie Hynde ("The Pretenders") and Queen Latifah.

Through interviews with musicians, writers, professors and journalists, the film explored how female recording artists are also feminists and express this through entertainment. The film states that these women "trash the idea that we are supposed to be sweet and kept backstage."

The film also critiques the recording industry's recent use of selling "girl power," with such groups as "The Spice Girls." Artists such as DiFranco and O'Connor dismiss "The Spice Girls" as having nothing to do with girl power.

The critique of "The Spice Girls" led into a discussion after the film about feminism on Saint Mary's campus in the music industry and whether pop icons, such as

Madonna and Britney Spear, were feminists.

"Anti-feminism is palpable on this campus," Saint Mary's English and women's studies professor Astrid Henry said.

Members of the discussion agreed with Henry's assessment that feminism is a word that students are wary of using.

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Susan Almeda
student

Other members of the discussion attributed a lack of education to the fact that many members of the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame communities are leery of the word "feminist," and said that this could be

changed through reading, speaking and learning about the feminist movement.

"It's my second semester of my senior year and for the

first time I was asked what my definition of feminism was," Saint Mary's senior Katie Vincer said. "I had to sit down and think about it first."

Members of the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame community can learn more about feminism at the concluding Third Wave Feminism presentation this evening at 7 p.m. in Carroll Auditorium. Authors Amy Richards and Jennifer Baumgardner of "Manifesta: Young Women, Feminism and the Future" will lead the talk, "Can I be a Feminist and... Shave, Love My Boyfriend, Get Married, Make Money, Be Pro-Life?"

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Vaccine may cause heart problems

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Federal officials are investigating whether the smallpox vaccine contributed to the heart attack death of a Maryland woman and brought on heart problems in six others.

The vaccination has never been associated with heart problems before, but health officials are now recommending that people with a history of heart trouble refrain from being vaccinated while authorities investigate a possible link.

"It's a balance, and I think we want to err on the side of safety," Dr. Julie Gerberding, director of the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, said Tuesday.

Three of the seven people under investigation suffered heart attacks, including the Maryland woman who died, another woman who is now on life support and a third woman who was hospitalized and released. All three were health care or public health workers in their 50s.

Two other people developed angina, or chest pain.

All five of these patients had

risk factors for heart disease before the vaccination, such as diabetes, obesity, hypertension or use of tobacco, Gerberding said.

The other two patients under investigation suffered from heart inflammation, which is not associated with those risk factors.

Based on historic data, a small number of people who receive smallpox vaccinations will die and a few will develop life-threatening complications.

Those complications have never included heart problems, but the data were gathered during a time when most people being vaccinated were young children who were not likely to have heart trouble, Gerberding noted.

"We acknowledge that we don't have a lot of epidemiological or scientific information about the relationship between vaccine and cardiac illness in persons who are older," she said.

The CDC planned to gather cardiac experts on Wednesday to consider whether something in the vaccine might be triggering heart problems in people who already have risk factors.

Health officials also plan to compare the rate of heart problems in the pool of smallpox vac-

cine recipients with the rate expected in a similar population of people who have not been vaccinated.

Under the new guidelines, people who have been diagnosed with serious heart disease such as coronary artery disease, congestive heart failure, heart attack and angina are being told not to get the vaccine.

Gerberding emphasized that the program must move forward as the nation prepares for the possibility that smallpox could be used as a bioterror weapon. She said she does not expect the new guidelines to significantly affect the number who wind up being vaccinated.



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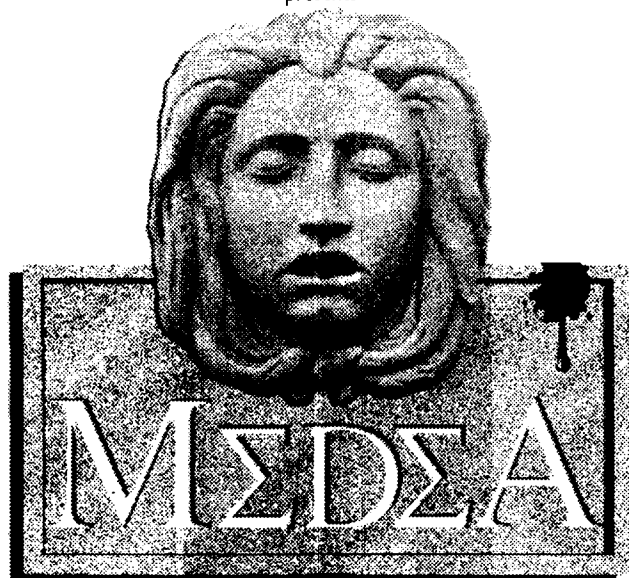
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IN BRIEF

Complaint filed against H&R Block

Several consumer groups filed a complaint Tuesday with the Treasury Department, charging H&R Block with improperly marketing mortgages and other financial services to taxpayers who use an Internal Revenue Service Web site to access the company's free tax preparation service. H&R Block said it adheres to a 1999 law that allows financial institutions to share customer information with their affiliates. That law repealed the Depression-era barriers that separated banking, insurance and securities systems. "The consumer groups' claims are inaccurate," H&R Block said in a written statement. "In fact, H&R Block secures its clients consent twice."

Great Plains Airlines stuck on ground

Great Plains Airlines planned to have two dozen planes in the air by now. But almost two years after its first flight, the carrier leases just two small jets, has never earned a profit and serves only five inland cities. The Tulsa-based airline is losing about \$800,000 a month. The company's latest setback came in late February, when financing stalled for four additional Fairchild Dornier 328 jets that could have led to Great Plains' first profit and served its first coastal destination, Washington. Knight and David Johnson, chairman of Great Plains' executive committee, blame the carrier's struggles on lenders wary of airlines' shaky finances following the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

Tiny discrepancy found in land suit

A study of mountains of records from government-managed American Indian land found a single discrepancy of less than \$61 between what was owed and what was paid to the landowners. That amount is much smaller than that claimed by the Indians in a federal lawsuit, but their attorney says the report, which was commissioned by Congress and cost \$20 million to produce, is based on inaccurate documents. The report summarizes royalty payments from oil and gas mining, timber harvesting, grazing and other uses of land owned by four American Indians from 1915 to 1999.

Fox News leading rival CNN

◆ Fox bests one-time leader in war coverage

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Fox News Channel has outdrawn CNN in the ratings through the first five days of the war, a further proof of Fox's audience appeal and a blow to CNN, which was hoping to revitalize the reputation it built during the first Gulf War.

Through Monday, Fox News Channel has averaged 4 million viewers each day to CNN's 3.57 million. Fox's audience was bigger when the war began March 19, and every day through Monday, according to Nielsen Media Research.

While Fox has been the top-rated cable news channel for more than a year, industry experts wondered whether that lead would hold during a big breaking news story. CNN overtook Fox, for example, on Feb. 1 when the space shuttle disintegrated.

Despite CNN's overwhelming advantage in reporting manpower, more Americans — at least so far — want to watch the war unfold on Fox.

"I think it's a pretty big surprise," said Erik Sorenson, MSNBC president, on Tuesday. Because of CNN's experience with the first Gulf War, "I think people thought CNN would win, at least in its early stages. One of the executives there said they would own the story, and I don't think they do."

CNN spokeswoman Christa Robinson downplayed Fox's ratings advantage, saying Nielsen shows that more people at least sample some of CNN's coverage during the day. Fox's ratings are higher because its viewers watch for a longer time.

CNN also draws viewers to its Headline News and has a greater presence overseas than Fox, Robinson said.

"We're perfectly comfortable having the biggest



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Demonstrators gather to protest CNN's coverage of the U.S. war against Iraq Saturday in Hollywood, Calif. CNN is losing a war-coverage ratings battle with Fox News Channel.

audience in the world," she said.

CNN has planned meticulously for its war coverage, hoping that it would turn the tide against Fox. With Nic Robertson and Rym Brahimi, it had the last two staff members of an American TV network in Iraq until they were expelled on Friday.

A Fox News Channel spokesman didn't return a call for comment.

Fox's war coverage tends to be more uplifting, emphasizing the positive and trying to beef up morale and national identity, said Robert Thompson, professor of media and popular culture at Syracuse University.

The network usually maintains an American flag graphic on the upper left corner of its screen, and

anchorman Shepard Smith wore a flag pin in his lapel on Tuesday.

Fox's fans seem to like the network's style more than the traditional news coverage of CNN, said Alex Jones, director of the Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy at Harvard University.

The conservative ideology that drives its prime-time programming seems to be spreading more into its news coverage, he said.

"The Fox view is a useful one to have out there," Thompson said. "It's not as if they are hiding it or pretending that it's not there. You have three networks out there, they don't all have to be doing the same thing."

More viewers are watching war coverage with itchy fingers on their remotes,

frequently shifting channels to find more action, Thompson said.

A survey released Tuesday by the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press found that nearly four of every five people gave the press good marks for its war coverage. The survey found that people who agreed with the decision to go to war were happier with the coverage than those who disagreed.

During the busy first three months of the year, Fox's viewership has grown by 75 percent over the same period last year, Nielsen said. Fox and TNT are now tied for second behind Nickelodeon as the top-rated basic cable channel. CNN's audience has grown 53 percent year to year and MSNBC's 32 percent.

Stocks rise with prediction of victory

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Wall Street moved moderately higher Tuesday as President Bush's prediction that U.S.-led forces will prevail in Iraq prompted investors to pick up bargains following Monday's steep decline.

Analysts said investors seemed to take heart from a variety of developments, including a somewhat positive consumer confidence report and reports of a civilian uprising in southern Iraq. Volume also was light, creating sharper price swings.

"We had a bunch of small stories that have added to the stronger-than-

expected economic data which has helped stabilize the market," said Todd Clark, head of listed equity trading at Wells Fargo Securities.

"The market is sort of settling into a feeling of while war is going to take a while, we're back in control," he said.

The Dow closed up 65.55, or 0.8 percent, at 8,280.23 after declining 307 points in the previous session on disappointment about war developments over the weekend. Monday's loss was the largest one-day point drop since Sept. 3, 2002.

Earlier Tuesday, blue-chip stocks had climbed as much as 123 points before losing some momentum after the Senate unexpectedly voted to cut

Bush's proposed \$726 billion tax cut in half.

The broader market also finished higher. The Nasdaq composite index gained 21.23, or 1.6 percent, to 1,391.01, after Monday's loss of 52 points. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 10.51, or 1.2 percent, to 874.74, having dropped 31 points on Monday.

On Tuesday, U.S. and British forces slowly edged closer to the Iraqi capital, hampered by swirling sandstorms. U.S. Air Force Gen. Richard Myers and British Prime Minister Tony Blair said the war would be a tough fight with likely difficult days ahead.

Jury deliberations begin in Tyson case

Associated Press

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. A federal jury began deliberating Tuesday in the immigrant-smuggling case against poultry giant Tyson Foods.

A Tyson attorney said in closing statements that the nation's largest meat producer and three managers who are co-defendants tried to follow immigration law with a voluntary employment screening program endorsed by the government.

Tom Green, an attorney for Springdale, Ark.-based Tyson, told jurors that immigration laws allow a company to hire a "refugee from the North Pole or the man from Mars" if the worker has identity documents that look genuine.

Earlier, Assistant U.S. Attorney John MacCoon said Tyson's top executives knew illegal workers were being hired at poultry plants in a corporate scheme to "keep the chickens moving, the profits flowing."

"Headquarters had a million red flags that things were not right," MacCoon said.

The federal jury began deliberating Tuesday after seven weeks of testimony, but adjourned a short time later.

Since the case began, U.S. District Judge Allan Edgar has dismissed 24 of 36

charges stemming from a three-year undercover investigation of Tyson. Remaining are charges of conspiracy, transporting illegal immigrants and fraudulent documents.

Tyson and three of its managers are accused of seeking illegal immigrants to boost production when they couldn't find Americans willing to work the \$7-an-hour jobs. Executives testified the company does not encourage the hiring of illegal workers, and the managers who did so acted against corporate policies.

Six managers were charged with Tyson in a December 2001 indictment. One fatally shot himself a few months later; two others made plea agreements in January and testified for the government.

Robert Hash, 50, a regional vice president and the highest-ranking current Tyson official on trial, faces seven charges, including two conspiracy counts.

A single conspiracy charge remains against plant manager Keith Snyder, 44.

Gerald Lankford, 64, is accused of conspiring to violate immigration laws and obstruct their enforcement.

The managers face jail time and fines if found guilty. If Tyson is found guilty, the company could face millions of dollars in fines.

Air Force Academy makes changes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Four top officers at the Air Force Academy will be replaced — at least two of them by women — after a series of rape reports and allegations by female cadets of an academy culture that blames victims for assaults.

"The evidence indicates now that we need to have some changes in leadership at the top," said Sen. Wayne Allard, R-Colo. "I think they're moving in the right direction."

Air Force Secretary James Roche briefed the Senate Armed Services Committee in private Tuesday to discuss the military's response to allegations that female cadets at the academy were ostracized and reprimanded after they reported they were raped.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., said Roche told senators that four leaders at the academy would be replaced and at least two women would be moved into top spots. She said the changes show progress, but more needs to be done.

"We don't send [cadets to the academy] to become part of a fraternity where they defend one another and protect one another against criminal activities that keep going on, so it's not just a change in leadership. It has to be a change in values from top to bottom," she said.

The Air Force has identified 56 cases of rape or sexual

assault reported at the Air Force Academy since 1993. Allard says 50 cases have been reported to his office, many by women upset with the way the academy handled their complaints and a significant portion occurring within the last two years.

Roche would not answer questions as he left the Capitol on Tuesday. Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman John Warner, R-Va., said personnel changes would be made, but would not elaborate.

A congressional source said the four who will be replaced are Brig. Gen. S. Taco Gilbert III, the commandant of cadets and second in charge at the academy; Col. Steve Eddy, vice superintendent; Col. Bob Eskridge, vice commander, and Col. Sue Slavec, training group commander and the highest-ranking woman at the academy.

Lt. Gen. John R. Dallager is expected to remain as superintendent and the top official at the 4,100-cadet institution until his scheduled retirement in June.

Gilbert, who declined to comment, is scheduled to leave the academy this summer after completing a standard two-year tour.

According to Rep. Joel Hefley, R-Colo., other changes will include clustering together female cadets' dormitory rooms and providing round-the-clock security; training medical personnel how to respond to sexual assault cases; giving amnesty

to people raising allegations of sexual assault; allowing only juniors and seniors at the academy to discipline freshmen; and expelling any cadet found to provide alcohol to an underage cadet.

The academy also will remove a prominent sign that says "Bring Me Men ..." from its spot near the campus courtyard and parade area.

The Air Force scheduled a news conference on Wednesday to announce the changes.

Allard said he also expects new directives affecting record-keeping and the way rapes and sexual assaults are reported at the academy north of Colorado Springs. Air Force officials were vague about the timetable for the changes, Allard said.

Roche also met Tuesday with the Air Force chief of staff, the secretaries of the Navy and Army, the superintendents of the Naval Academy and West Point and other officials.

"They discussed our agenda for change at the Air Force Academy and shared observations for best practices on the service academies," said Lt. Col. Dewey Ford, a spokesman for the Air Force.

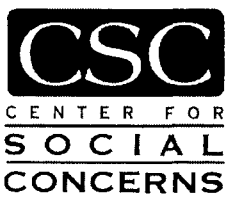
Also on Tuesday, Rep. Grace Napolitano, D-Calif., Rep. Diana DeGette, D-Colo., and 18 other female House members sent a letter to Roche seeking a meeting with the secretary and urging the Air Force to provide more support for victims of sexual assault and harsher sentences for the perpetrators.

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NASA panel fears for crews

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Unless NASA installs a crew ejection system in its space shuttles, it can expect to lose at least one more astronaut crew before 2020, a safety panel told the space agency's top officials Tuesday.

Sidney M. Gutierrez, a member of NASA's Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel who flew Columbia during a 1991 flight, said the agency's record of two shuttle disasters violates NASA's own safety margin requirements. The Feb. 1 Columbia accident reduced safety margins two magnitudes below NASA's minimums, he said.

"If we fly this vehicle until 2020, we can be assured we'll lose another vehicle and maybe two," he said.

Gutierrez said upgrades to other parts of the complex shuttle program would not bring the spacecraft in line with those safety requirements. Only a crew ejection system offered that promise.

"The gut feeling is, we're losing people too often in space," Gutierrez said.

The safety panel on Tuesday presented its latest report, which covered the months immediately

preceding the Columbia shuttle accident. The 106-page report noted that it was finished before the Feb. 1 accident and that no changes were made because of Columbia.

The report also concluded that NASA should re-examine the way it certifies shuttles as safe to launch because of increasing problems discovered last year blamed on the shuttle fleet's age. But it concluded that safety for the shuttle program has been a priority "first and foremost" at the agency.

Gutierrez challenged NASA to conduct new studies for designs of crew ejection systems, which could include individual ejection pods for astronauts or a reinforced, pressurized crew cabin designed to separate safely from a disaster.

Gutierrez said the safety panel does not believe NASA must install crew ejection systems before the shuttle's next flight.

NASA's associate administrator for safety, former astronaut Bryan O'Connor, said he was anxious to see studies on whether improved ejection systems can be installed on the shuttle. O'Connor, who was pilot on a 1985 flight of Atlantis and crew commander with Gutierrez aboard Columbia's mission in June 1991, participates on the safety panel as an ex-officio member.

NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe noted that the agency is developing an orbital space plane that can be used to fly astronauts

to the International Space Station. Once that vehicle is flying, the shuttle could be used merely to haul cargo, O'Keefe said.

Gutierrez said that deferring the ejection system until the space plane is flying was "not acceptable."

The panel cited some minor problems during the five shuttle missions in 2002 that it blamed on the fleet's increasing age. It said cracks, leaks and other failures "provide evidence of this degradation and indicate the need for re-evaluation of the certification criteria" for shuttle parts.

The panel found that these flaws "escaped detection by standard preflight tests and were found late in the launch process," causing launch delays. The failed systems had adequate backups, and "no significant safety impacts resulted from these events."

The board investigating the Columbia accident already has indicated it is looking into whether Columbia's age played a role in the breakup. Admiral Harold Gehman, heading the investigation, declined to comment Tuesday on the safety panel's report, saying he had not yet read the findings.

Columbia, the oldest of NASA's four shuttles, was built in the late 1970s and made its first flight in 1981. But O'Keefe noted at a congressional hearing last month that Columbia just underwent an 18-month structural inspection, and that it returned safely from one flight in 2002 since that review.

Alleged al-Qaida trainee pleads guilty

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y.

An American of Yemeni descent pleaded guilty Monday to training in an al-Qaida camp in Afghanistan, becoming the third defendant to reach a deal with prosecutors in a case that sent shock waves through the Buffalo suburb where they live.

Yahya Goba, 26, is one of six men charged with providing support to Osama bin Laden's terrorist organization by training at the camp in spring 2001.

The men, all in their 20s and American citizens of Yemeni descent, lived within blocks of one another in Lackawanna.

Goba's plea agreement, in which he detailed his trip to Afghanistan, said four unidentified men helped steer him and his five co-defendants to Afghanistan. His plea deal was the first to mention the four unidentified men.

He described two of the men as having recruited the Lackawanna group to prepare for jihad, or "preparation for a possible battle against people not of the same faith," as prosecutor

William Hochul described it. Federal prosecutors declined any further comment on the unidentified men.

Goba's plea came one day after co-defendant Shafal Mosed pleaded guilty to the same charge: providing material resources to a foreign terrorist organization. A third suspect, Faysal Galab, pleaded guilty in January to a lesser charge of supporting al-Qaida.

Prosecutors said they would seek a seven-year sentence for Galab, eight years for Mosed and the maximum 10 years for Goba, whom they believe to be one of the group's leaders. The original two-count indictment carries a maximum 15-year sentence.

Prosecutors and defense attorneys said negotiations were continuing to reach plea agreements with the other defendants.


Investigators will rely heavily on the defendants' cooperation, Hochul said.

"Every time somebody has pled guilty, there are some additional details that can be brought to the table and can be followed up and pursued by the FBI and the Joint Terrorism Task Force," Hochul said.

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Forgive and forget or forget forgiving?

When it comes to cheating in a relationship, when should you forgive and forget and when should you forget forgiving?

We all enter into relationships with varied expectations and project different levels of commitment to our significant others. For example, some couples make the decision, mutually, to become exclusive. Some relationships, however, are simply mutually exclusive. The larger question may be: In a world of break-ups, make-ups and random hook-ups, what even counts as cheating these days?

Could it be simplified down to the numbers and be directly proportional to the length of time you've been dating? For example, if two people have been dating for a month or so and then one of the parties gets a little more than chemistry notes from their lab partner one night, is that considered cheating or simply dating around?

The line is blurred and the terms are vague. When exclusivity has never been discussed within a new relationship, we often consider it perfectly acceptable to test the waters or at least give others a watered down version of our relationship status with our current love interest. However, when a relationship hits that proverbial let's-talk-about-us stage, the boundaries are often set and the idea of cheating takes on a larger, more ominous implication.

Cheating has always been a part of the dating scene. It's practically biblical — after all, the prophet Abraham had dozens of wives. Cheating is a notion that U.S. presidents have embraced, songwriters have put to music and the Academy has given Oscars to for best actor in their various philandering roles.

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However, though cheating may be biblical, presidential and even cinematic, it's usually not quite forgivable.

After all, can you really forgive someone who has stolen your heart?

The funny thing about cheating is that, in the real world, cheating and stealing are criminal offenses. When we cheat on a test, we fail the class, or at least are guaranteed a date with Bill Kirk. When we steal from a store, we suffer the consequences, à la Winona Ryder. However, when someone steals our hearts and then cheats on us, it is the cheated that often suffers the consequences.

The cheater may be left feeling guilty, but the cheated is left hurt, confused and angry.

Let's be honest. Cheating on someone isn't painful. Being cheated on is. Flirting isn't cheating. Looking isn't cheating. Admiring isn't cheating. However, when the ante is upped and we begin to play for keeps in a relationship, the misdemeanors can add up.

Yes, people do make mistakes in their relationship endeavors — ones that they can be very sorry for. And sometimes, depending on both the people and the specific relationship, cheating is forgivable — or at least correctable. After all, many relationships survive it, some are defined by it and some never encounter it.

However, in any situation, it's still not considered the way to properly behave in a relationship. And the worst thing possi-

ble is to try and downplay it. No matter what kind of spin we put on our actions — blaming it on the atmosphere, the attraction or even the Amstel Light — rationalizing cheating by is really just adding insult to injury.

That said, there very well could be a simple, quick solution to the problems we have with cheating — mainly as a means of deterrence. It's been said that in the old days, if a man were caught stealing, they would cut off his hand to make him pay for his crime. Now imagine what they would cut off if he were caught cheating on his wife.

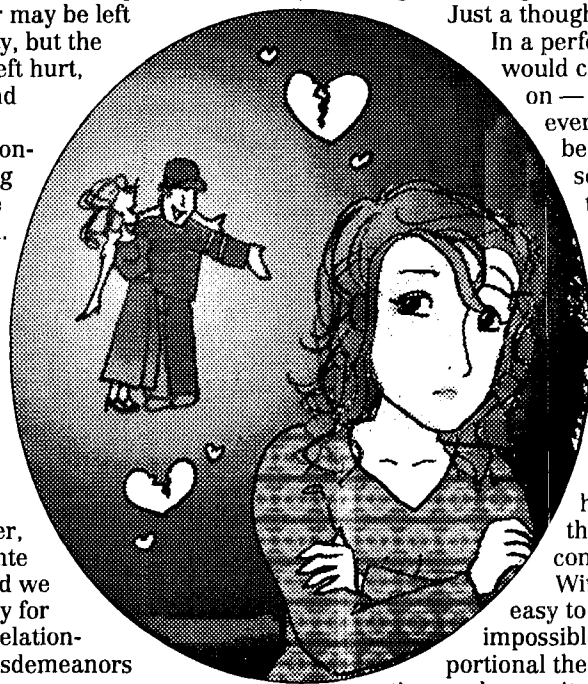
Just a thought.

In a perfect world no one would cheat or be cheated on — nor would they even want to. We would be happy with ourselves and our relationships and never be found wanting. However, we don't live in a perfect world and we're not a perfect people. We make mistakes. We are forgiven for some of them. Others we are not. We simply have to learn from them and endure the consequences.

With cheating, it's not easy to forgive and almost impossible to forget. As proportional the cheating scale is to time and commitment, it's not a matter of numbers divided and offenses committed. And no matter what the result, we always take it as an equation of the heart.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Look at history before making change

This letter is written in response to the suggestion by junior class president Meghan O'Donnell that the Executive Cabinet should receive more power under the Constitution and that the Senate is not representative of the opinions of the Student Body.

I had the privilege to work on the original revision of the Constitution as a District Senator during the 1993-94 school year. At that time, the composition of the Student Senate was very similar to the current composition of

the Executive Cabinet. One of the reasons behind the change in the composition of the Senate to its current form was to make it more representative of student opinions and a more effective advocate of those opinions. Moreover, there was a recognition that student government was responsible for both advocacy and programming. The current composition of the Senate and the Executive Cabinet is reflective of this division of duties.

I do not wish this letter to discourage Ms. O'Donnell or any interested

student from trying to take a more active role in effecting positive change at Notre Dame. However, I encourage students to be aware of history before attempting to change the structure of the Student Government. Moreover, if someone truly feels that the Senate is not adequately representing student opinion, they should strongly consider running for a position on that body.

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*"Peoples and governments have never
learned anything from history, or acted upon
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German philosopher

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War focus has led to neglect of domestic concerns

As our nation advances towards Baghdad, let us continue to pray for those who suffer directly or indirectly from the war. This war affects families in Iraq as well as families here in South Bend. Both pro-war and anti-war people can, at the very least, simply pray for all those in the Middle East, for peace and for a quick end to the war.

Paul Graham

Another Perspective

It is imperative that everybody honor the women and men of our military. But as we continue to pray during the fighting in Iraq, we cannot neglect issues that trouble our economy. We cannot overlook the costs this war has on our nation and the questionable solutions put forth by the Bush administration.

There is little question that this war will financially cost our government a great deal. Laurence Lindsay, former economic advisor to President Bush, estimated that this war could cost up to \$200 billion, not including reconstruction.

At the same time that these war costs grow, the strain on the national budget increases. Just recently, the Bush administration estimated a deficit of over \$304 billion for the 2003 fiscal year. The national surplus has already fallen around \$4 trillion, from over \$5 trillion in 2001 to about \$1 trillion in

the 2003 fiscal year. On top of the depletion of the national surplus, the administration's proposed tax cuts are looking to cut \$1.3 trillion between fiscal years 2004 to 2013. With all the spending on the military combined with the lack of resources, funding for social programs will be cut or eliminated.

This means sharp cuts in Social Security, education, Medicare and other social programs, leaving millions of Americans helpless. According to the Economic Policy Institute, in 2001 an estimated 41.2 million Americans did not have health insurance, meaning millions of citizens were, and still are, unable to afford doctors or necessary medicine or medical supplies. To compare the cost of the war with the problem of the uninsured, the estimated \$200 billion that will be spent on this war is enough to provide health care to all uninsured children in the United States for the next 10 years.

School systems and teachers will suffer as well. Teachers are one of the most valuable resources of our nation, with an average starting salary just under \$29,000. Much research on classroom population has concluded that smaller classroom sizes are more conducive to learning. But in Indiana, 1,500 teachers were laid off for budget reasons. The American Federation of Teachers estimates that an additional two million qualified teachers must be hired to reduce classroom sizes. For

this to happen, Bush must take a stronger stance on education and provide the money necessary.

While these programs suffer, Bush is pushing for more and more tax cuts. These attempts to stimulate the economy will in the end benefit nobody but the rich of our country, and fail to boost our economy. According to The Institute for Taxation and Economic Policy, the bottom 60 percent in our nation's income bracket, families earning less than \$46,000 per year, would receive on average a \$131 tax cut. The top 10 percent, families earning more than \$104,000, would receive on average a \$5,578 tax break. Tax cuts for this income bracket receive 60 percent of the total share in tax cuts.

These tax cuts will not help those that really need the money. These tax cuts do not create jobs. They do not improve education. They do not help the uninsured afford medical care. It seems as if Bush is not only attempting to fight a war in Iraq, but also a war against the poor and working America by cutting strained social programs and giving the rich major tax cuts.

This "War against Labor" can be seen in the administration's active stance against workers' legal right to organize. On Jan. 9, the Bush administration, in their constant efforts to make our nation secure, revoked the right of baggage screeners at airports from unionizing by declaring that "collective bargaining conflicts with

national security needs." On Jan. 30, collective bargaining was also revoked from 1,300 workers at the National Imagery and Mapping Agency. Adding to this, the 170,000 plus public service employees that work for the Homeland Security Department and the Justice Department have been stripped of their right to a union.

Collective bargaining is one of the few ways in which workers can incorporate democracy in the workplace through negotiating fair contracts that help determine wages, seniority, working conditions and more. This is a right protected under the National Labor Relations Act of 1933. Labor is in no way a threat to national security. It is tragic that Bush would use the rhetoric of fear and violence to advance a system of greed.

As we think about the implications for this war, we cannot overlook what is happening here domestically. We cannot be fooled that the suffering of the working poor is for security reasons. We must pray for our troops, but we must also act here in our own country.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Concern for effects of war

I am proud of my country. I am sad for what is about to come. My immigrant grandparents came to this country with the hope of a better life and love of what America stood for. As part of a generation that was torn apart over Vietnam, I am faced with a war that has long lasting consequences for my daughter's generation.

Just for the record, I do not make apologies for my country's economic and military leadership. We are a great nation, strengthened by our diversity and pursuit of our national destiny of personal, religious and economic freedom.

President Bush came into office promising to be "a uniter not a divider," and he kept his word. He has united France, Germany, Russia and China (hardly historical friends) against us. He has demanded the leader of a nation to leave his country within 48 hours or face the consequences of war.

I am not delusional about Saddam Hussein — he is evil. The doctrine of "first strike" under these circumstances will echo for generations. I respect and admire our military. No one demonstrates a more basic love of our country than these outstanding men and women. However, I grieve at the prospect of the price they will pay.

Our new doctrine of "first strike" is reasonable only if there is no alternative. Our president has failed the American ideal by pushing us into a conflict that we will win in the short term, but I fear history will judge us most harshly.

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Defending Velasquez and Azteca

The Observer recently published an appeal from the Progressive Student Alliance and an editorial written by Paul Graham, both regarding a labor dispute at Azteca Foods in Chicago. Both the appeal and the editorial asked Arthur Velasquez, the owner of Azteca Foods and a distinguished alumni of Notre Dame (class of 1960) to "negotiate a fair deal with his workers."

From my perspective, Mr. Velasquez and his negotiating team have acted fairly while the striking workers have resorted to unethical tactics to promote their side — and only their side — of the issue to the Notre Dame community and to the general public.

I have the good fortune to work at Azteca Foods in a sales management capacity and have been employed by the company for over 12 years. I came to Azteca after 15 years in the Mexican food and grocery industry. The reason I decided to accept Azteca's employment offer was the respect that I had for

Mr. Velasquez, his father and his whole family due to their many acts of philanthropy and support of the Hispanic community in Chicago and at Notre Dame.

My experience at Azteca has, if anything, only deepened my respect for the Velasquez family and for their community service efforts. The personal nature of the attacks on Mr. Velasquez and the half truths and inaccuracies in the appeal and in Mr. Graham's editorial were disheartening to see in print and

made me wonder about the journalistic principles espoused by the current Observer staff for allowing such articles to be published without further investigation.

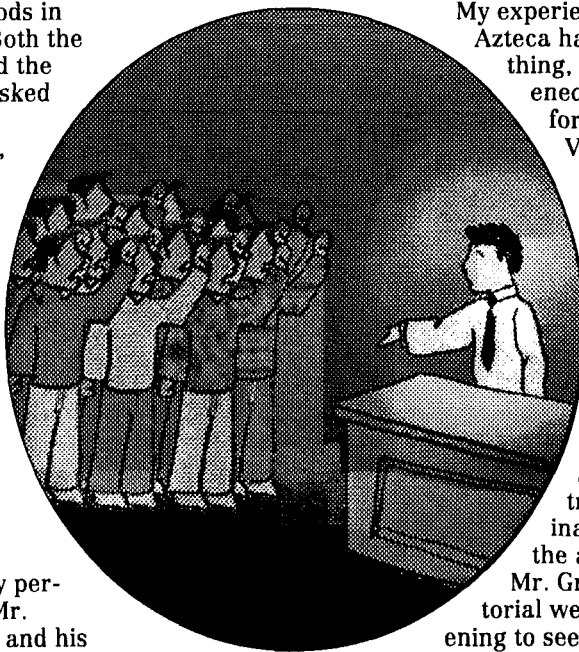
Plant employees of Azteca Foods earn wages at the very high end of the tortilla industry pay scale, enjoy benefits such as generous vacations (3 weeks plus on average), are given a health insurance package better than all others in the industry and receive overtime pay in accordance with their current contract. Plant employees have enjoyed these benefits for many years.

Most other tortilla manufacturers offer few if any of the above benefits. In addition, Mr. Velasquez was instrumental in helping many of the plant employees earn permanent resident status and eventually U.S. citizenship, dating from back when it was a standard industry practice to exploit undocumented workers and abandon them when immigration authorities would crack down. Mr. Velasquez hired an attorney and paid all legal fees for the workers who filed for permanent residency.

A number of plant employees chose to go out on strike while a new contract was being negotiated. At no time were they prevented from returning; in fact, they were encouraged to return from the first day while the negotiations continued. Five months now have passed, the new union has been unable to present a workable new proposal and now apparently out of desperation the union negotiators have begun a campaign to try to smear Mr. Velasquez's good name and rightly deserved high reputation in the Chicago and Notre Dame communities. Shame on those misguided individuals.

I agree with Mr. Graham that "the workers need our help;" they need our help, though, not to protest against Mr. Velasquez, but to realize that they have been misled by a small group of disgruntled employees and a union looking for notoriety.

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'Beyond Therapy'

*Everyone's a little bit crazy when the Student Players present Christopher Durang*By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

In the spectrum of insanity, can there ever really be a line drawn between therapist and those in therapy?

Anyone who's ever wondered exactly what it means to be a little over the edge might find a few answers in the Student Players' performance of Christopher Durang's "Beyond Therapy" this week.

The play tangles patients and doctors together in an indistinguishable twirl and quite a quirky little love story. Bruce (Chris Nygren) and Prudence (Tara Murphy), two thirty-something singles in search of love, begin to try out personal ads when their love lives refuse to work out to any sort of satisfaction.

Prudence, an uptight perfectionist working for People Magazine, is not entirely sure Mr. Right exists, since Leonardo DiCaprio is too young for her. Bruce, who cries at the slightest provocation, compliments Prudence on her breasts almost immediately, and has not yet worked out the situation with his live-in male lover Bob (Paul Sifuentes), hardly makes a good first impression. But when Prudence accidentally answers another of Bruce's ads and meets him in the same bizarre restaurant where the waiter (David

Buckley) never gives the couple service, she decides to give the romance a try.

Bruce and Prudence don't seem to be having any more luck getting help from their therapists than from the suspiciously absent waiter at the restaurant. Charlotte (Candace Adams), Bruce's psychologist, can barely formulate a sentence, let alone remember the details of her patients' lives. Stuart (Jake Imm) is too busy trying to put the moves on Prudence to offer her any kind of insightful advice.

Though Bruce and Prudence struggle with their therapy, differences and emotional hang-ups, it soon becomes clear that the two have something that draws them together. In the process of trying to decide whether they should get together and how that should happen, all

the characters in the play learn a little more about how they want to deal with the world.

"Beyond Therapy" has the same dark but optimistic humor typical of Durang's work. The Yale graduate, once described by former Dean of the Yale School of Drama as a "Catholic lapsarian," doesn't let anyone off the hook of being a bit crazy. Unlike Prudence, who vehemently states that she "see[s] no reason not to be embarrassed at being human," Durang accepts his characters as flawed but



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Bruce (Chris Nygren), Prudence (Tara Murphy), Charlotte (Candice Adams) and Stuart (Jake Imm) watch Bob's antics as he learns to express his anger.

ultimately goodhearted.

Durang's humor, ranging from dry to all out slapstick, makes "Beyond Therapy" a fun play not only for the audience but for the actors and director.

"The play's lighthearted and farcical," said director Dan Fisher, a senior art history major. "It's a bit of escapism from schoolwork."

At times the witty word play requires actors to almost be able to read Durang's mind as to what their characters are supposed to be. The cast, featuring some of Notre Dame's most active student actors, generally lives up to the challenge.

"The part [of Charlotte] requires divorcing yourself from logic," said Fisher. "Candace does a fantastic job."

With such convoluted conversations, the actors have had to learn to work well together onstage to connect with each other and with the audience. Working together since early February, the cast has developed a good rapport onstage. The small McKenna hall theater also helps the cast keep the inherently personal play personal.

"I liked that it has such a small cast," said Fisher.

"There's a lot of cast chemistry and bonding."

Although the performance is not flawless, "Beyond Therapy" is good for a few laughs and some introspection. Students could do far worse than to spend an evening exploring the confusion of aging, dating and psychology in the modern world.

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Charlotte encourages Bruce's scorned lover Bob (Paul Sifuentes) to be more assertive in his personal life.



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Jealous therapist Stuart spies on Prudence and Bruce at their favorite restaurant.

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Telling it like it is

*The Black Cultural Arts Council highlights Notre Dame culture for prospective students*By COLLEEN BARRETT
Scene Writer

Say the word "DeBartolo" to a new freshman, and he thinks, "Classroom building." Say the word "DeBartolo" to a seasoned upperclassman, and he thinks of the jungle of people that plants itself immediately outside the main doors of the building.

At the annual BCAC Fashion Show this Saturday, visiting prospects will see a side of Notre Dame from those who experience it first-hand — those who know it well enough to poke fun at the idiosyncrasies that make Notre Dame what it is.

"The show is a humorous look at life at Notre Dame," said Veronica Berger, president of the Black Cultural Arts Council. "It's meant to be taken lightly and enjoyed."

"Life at Notre Dame: Tell It Like It Is" is a fashion show with a story line. The models do not speak, so through the help of a PowerPoint back screen depicting instant messenger conversations or text messaging, the audience follows Notre Dame students through the inevitable: spring visitation, first day of classes, Boat Club and graduation. Each scene is a parody of the event from the students' perspective.

"In some aspects it has to do with African American life at ND," said one of the show's coordinators, Andrea deVries. "But it really has to do with everybody."



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The participants in the BCAC Fashion Show prepare for their performance this weekend. The show is one of the most popular events among visiting prospective students.

While the show does parody experiences that the broad spectrum of Notre Dame students undergoes, such as sweaty, under-age groping at the local dive, some elements specifically target what it is like to be a minority at Notre Dame. Berger and deVries report that a scene in the show will depict a freshman swimming class comprised of mainly minorities, and expect that while non-minorities will understand the parody, minorities will

appreciate it because they have experienced it.

The models represent a cross section of students, many of whom participated in Asian Allure this past fall. Iris Outlaw, director of Multicultural Student Programs and Services at Notre Dame, feels that the BCAC show has been much more inclusive as a result of the African American students at Notre Dame becoming much more involved in the community.

"They encourage their friends to be models, and the diverse group reflects a greater unification on campus," Outlaw said.

The show takes place during Visitation Week, which is not a coincidence. Notre Dame wants prospects to see the opportunities avail-

able for diversity on campus.

Freshmen Fabiola Quinones and Rhea Boyd as well as many others attended the BCAC Fashion Show last year as high school seniors and thought it was funny. DeVries reported that in surveys taken by prospects after Visitation Week, the BCAC ranked as one of the favorite activities. Those involved with this year's show are determined to maintain that status.

"We have been working for three hours at a time, two times a week, and sometimes on Saturday since January," said Boyd. "The people in the show are all working hard to do a good job and make sure people have a good time."

Outlaw would like to see the Notre Dame community come out to support the efforts of its peers, as well.

"It will be entertaining, and will not only celebrate the African American presence on campus," said Outlaw. "It also raises funds for the Thurgood Marshall scholarship, which is given to a female and male African American non-athlete each year."

Though the focus of the show will be the Notre Dame experience, it is still a fashion show, and the models will be wearing clothes

from local stores such as D.E.M.O., Casual Corner, Gingis, Day Furs, Inspire Me and the Hammes Bookstore, all of which donated the clothes for the length of the show.

The students involved in the show find different motivations for their involvement. Junior Sonjia Stanley has been doing the show for three years, and said that her all-time favorite part of doing the show was the actual performance.

"You just get a rush being up there under the lights with all of your friends clapping for you," said Stanley. "It's such an adrenaline rush."

Fifth year senior Yogeld Andre was also upfront about why he is participating in the show.

"My girlfriend," said Andre.

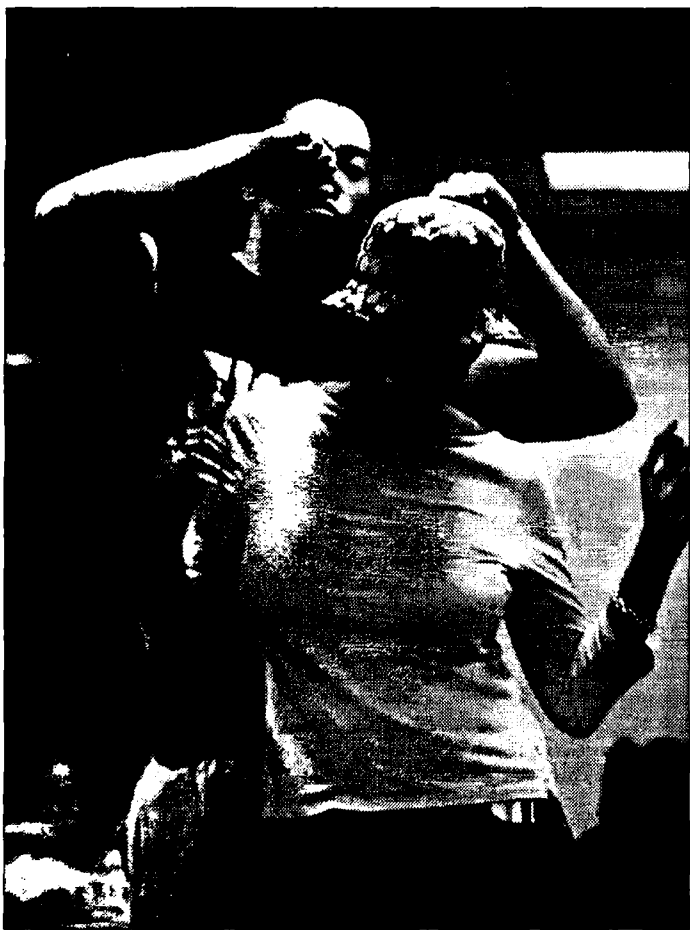
Her involvement resulted in his, and he will be dancing an updated version of the tango come this Saturday.

Tickets for the BCAC fashion show are \$6 dollars for students and \$7 for non-students, which include the price of dinner. The doors of the Stepan Center will open at 7:30 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m.

Quinones promises a good time for all who attend, whether they are prospective students or seasoned veterans at breaking parietals.

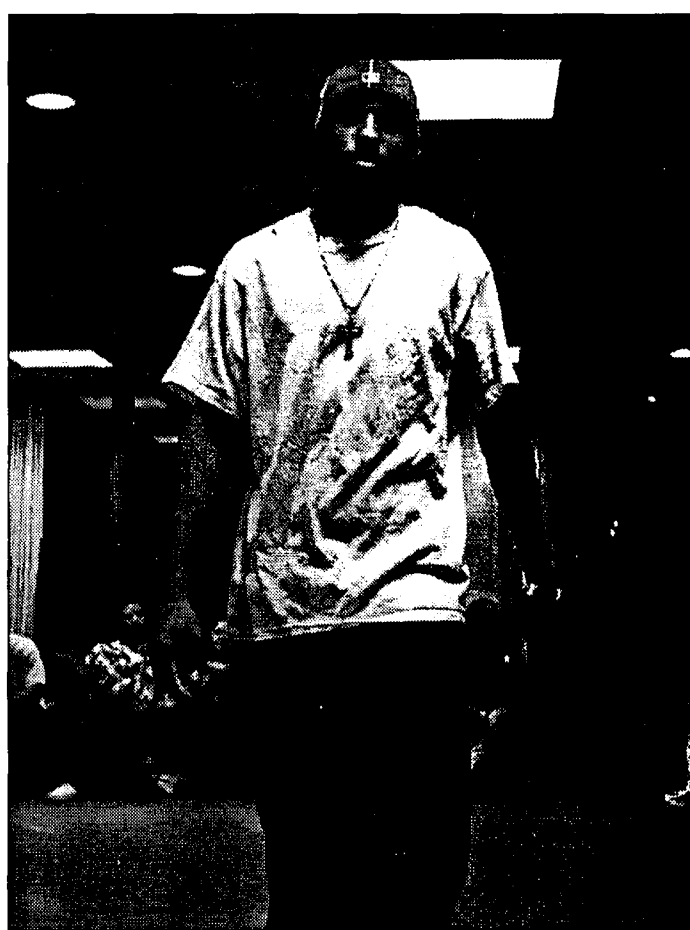
It will be a laugh," she said. "I can't tell you why. If you want to know, you have to come and find out."

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Andrea de Vries and Pete Boldin rehearse for the BCAC Fashion Show.



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Adam Senior and other students model fashions from D.E.M.O., Gingis, Inspire Me and other stores.

NBA

Bryant scores 15 in the fourth and leads Lakers to win

Associated Press

ATLANTA

Fans in Atlanta are so starved for a decent NBA team that they turned to a proven winner. Unlike the hometown Hawks, Kobe Bryant did not disappoint.

Bryant scored 15 of his 28 points in the fourth quarter, prompting Atlanta fans to chant "MVP! MVP!" as the Los Angeles Lakers pulled away for a 108-91 victory.

"It felt good," Bryant said. "It's good to have fan support."

Shaquille O'Neal scored 31 points in 32 minutes and was able to rest the entire fourth quarter. The Lakers won for the third time in their last eight games away from Los Angeles.

Bryant turned the sellout crowd of 19,280 in his favor as he hit four consecutive 3-pointers to turn an 11-point lead into a 99-80 margin with 4:59 remaining.

After missing his last 3-point attempt at the 4:20 mark, Bryant left with a team-high 10 rebounds and six assists.

"In the first half, they scored 51 points," Bryant said. "We let the Hawks get back in the game, but we felt like we had a pretty good set and rhythm. It was a matter of tweaking things a little bit."

Glenn Robinson scored 22 points to lead the Hawks, who had won two in a row and five of eight. Jason Terry handed out 16 assists, but three of his five turnovers came in the third quarter as Atlanta fell behind for good. The Hawks never led after Robert Horry hit a pair of free throws to make it 67-65 with 4:09 remaining.

"Obviously, the turnovers in the second quarter gave them momentum, and we couldn't get out of the hole," Atlanta coach Terry Stotts said. "It seemed like the turnovers took away from any flow that we had offensively, gave them some life, gave them some easy baskets. It's hard to push it when they're on the free-throw line."

O'Neal gave the Lakers their first double-digit lead with two free throws. The Hawks never got any closer after Bryant stole the ball from Terry at the top of the key and soared for a tomahawk dunk for an 87-76 lead.

"It was a nice, soulful crowd, and hopefully the Hawks will get it together because the city will support them," said O'Neal, who maintains a part-time residence in Atlanta. "If I was here, then it wouldn't be a problem."

Derek Fisher, who scored 12

points for the Lakers, finished with a season-high five steals. Los Angeles forced 21 turnovers and committed only 10.

Bryant, who had six assists after getting none in a nine-point loss Sunday at San Antonio, credited the victory to the Lakers' ability to get the ball inside to O'Neal, who did the rest.

Cavs 124, Warriors 103

The Cleveland Cavaliers remembered the way Jason Richardson embarrassed Carlos Boozer during All-Star weekend.

Boozer had 19 points and a game-high 14 rebounds as the Cavaliers won consecutive games for the first time this season, beating Richardson and the Golden State Warriors.

Richardson showed off at Boozer's expense last month during the rookie-sophomore game by bouncing the ball off Boozer's head, then hitting a 3-pointer as time expired.

The Golden State guard said before the game that he apologized to Boozer during All-Star weekend, but the Cavaliers clearly didn't forget.

"They wanted to win for Boozer," coach Keith Smart said. Ricky Davis scored 28 points and Zydrunas Ilgauskas added 23 as Cleveland shot 52 percent and played aggressively all the way, outrebounding the Warriors 54-40.

"I appreciate it," Boozer said. "We definitely needed another win. It's great to get two in a row."

The Cavaliers led most of the way and took over in the third quarter when Ilgauskas started an 11-3 run with a no-look flip pass over his head to Davis, who slammed it home.

That sparked Davis, who hit his next four jumpers — including two 3-pointers — for an 88-77 lead late in the third.

The lethargic Warriors missed their first six shots in the fourth quarter as the Cavaliers expanded their lead.

"There had been a lot of trash talking, at least between a couple of guys," said Antawn Jamison, who led Golden State with 23 points. "So we knew they were going to come out with a lot of energy."

Golden State fell 3 1/2 games behind Houston for the final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

Gilbert Arenas had 21 points and Richardson scored 17 of his 20 in the first half.

Ilgauskas had 10 rebounds. Davis added 11 assists.

Cleveland opened a 97-80 lead with just over eight minutes left. The Warriors fell apart after that, missing on several quick 3-pointers.

The Cavaliers opened the third quarter with a 6-0 run, but Golden State tied it at 74 with 5:23 left on four straight points from Troy Murphy.

Darius Miles gave Richardson a little payback, too. He was charged with a flagrant foul for grabbing Richardson's shoulder and knocking him to the floor on a fastbreak.

Richardson made one of two free throws for a 75-74 lead with less than five minutes left in the third quarter — the Warriors' first lead since the first quarter.

It didn't last long. Davis took over the game, taking the Cavaliers' next five shots and hitting all of them.

"I was trying to bury them. They were pulling in close — just trying to take over," Davis said.

Timberwolves 108, Heat 91

The Minnesota Timberwolves won a home game against a struggling team, and saw it as a sign of growth.

Kevin Garnett and Wally Szczerbiak scored 26 points apiece as Minnesota moved 20 games over .500 with a victory over the lottery-bound Miami Heat.

The Timberwolves are 20 games over .500 (46-26) for the first time since March 5, 2002, when they were 40-20. Szczerbiak made 10 of 13 shots and Garnett went 10-for-15.

Garnett added eight rebounds and eight assists, ending his franchise-best streak of 19 straight double-doubles. He leads the NBA with 60 double-doubles this season.

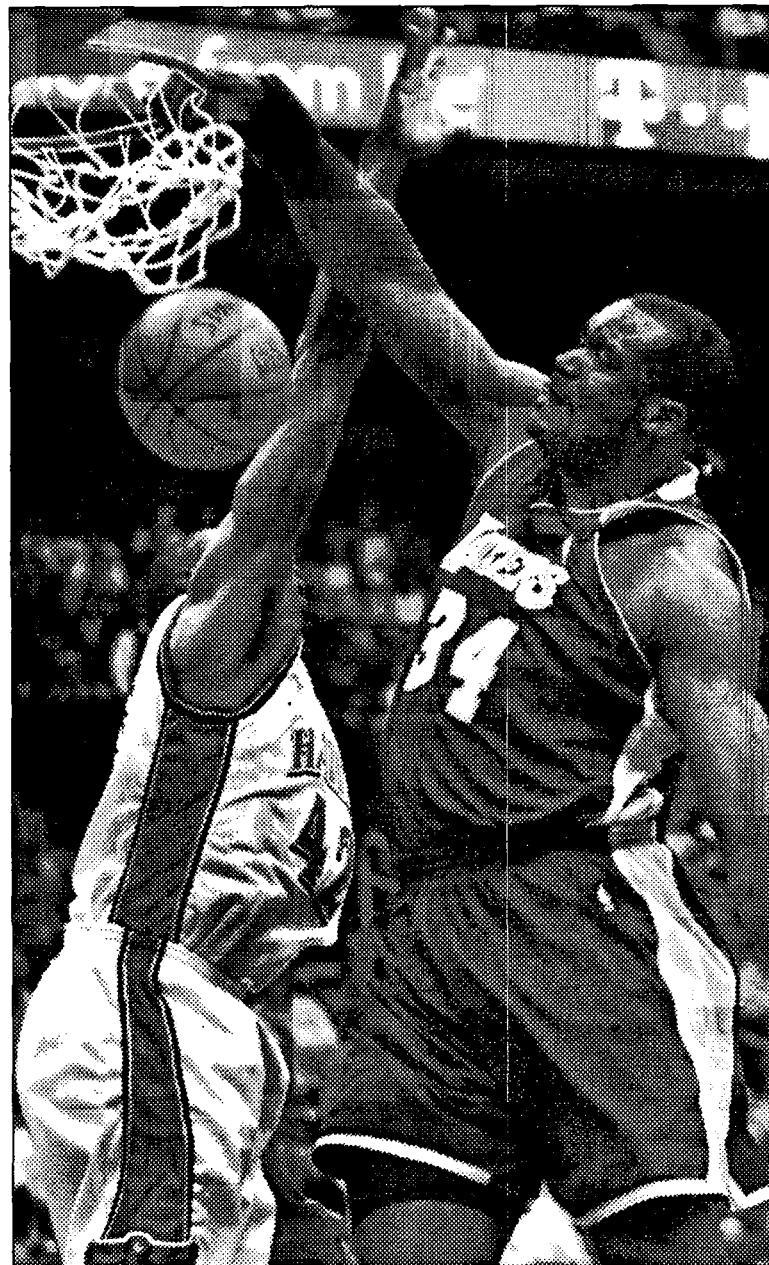
Miami has allowed at least 96 points in each of its last five games.

Marc Jackson had 10 points and 10 rebounds for Minnesota, fighting Portland for the fourth spot and home-court advantage in the first round of the playoffs. The Wolves have won four straight after beginning March with a 3-5 record.

Caron Butler scored 21 points and Anthony Carter had a career-high 15 assists for Miami, which has lost 10 of 12.

The Wolves started slow but took control by the middle of the first quarter and never relinquished it.

Minnesota missed its first six shots, and the Heat scored seven of the game's first eight points. But Szczerbiak scored 10 points



Los Angeles center Shaquille O'Neal dunks over Atlanta center Theo Ratliff in the Lakers 108-91 win over the Hawks Tuesday night in Atlanta.

and the Wolves went 7-for-10 in a 20-4 run that gave them a 21-14 lead.

"The key is you have to come out and grab it from the beginning," Troy Hudson said. "I think we did that. We kept our composure."

Spurs 107, Bucks 94

Tim Duncan scored 31 points and Speedy Claxton had 12 points, 11 assists and nine rebounds to lead the San Antonio Spurs over the Milwaukee Bucks 107-94.

Spurs center David Robinson, who plans to retire after this season, was honored at halftime and after the game for his 13 years with the team. He scored 10 points.

Claxton came off the bench to replace starting point guard Tony Parker, who left with a sprained right wrist at the end of

the first quarter. The third-year guard finished with career highs in assists and rebounds.

Malik Rose added 18 points for the Spurs.

Sam Cassell led the Bucks with 19 points. Desmond Mason had 17, Tim Thomas 15, Michael Redd 15 and Gary Payton 12.

The Spurs swept the season series from the Bucks for the first time since the 1997-98 season.

San Antonio led the entire way and took its largest lead of 21 points at the 4:24 mark in the fourth quarter, when Rose hit a 15-foot jumper.

The Spurs shot 50 percent from the field and made 22 of 26 free throws.

Milwaukee tried to make a run but could only cut the deficit to 11 when Cassell hit a 3-pointer with 51 seconds to go.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Teams not graduating athletes

♦ **Ten of sixteen remaining teams under 50 percent in recent years**

Associated Press

NEW YORK

For all the profits and fun of the men's NCAA basketball tournament, too many players wind up with nothing more than memories.

A study released showed that 10 of the schools in this week's round of 16 have failed to graduate even half of their players in recent years. Black players are less likely than whites to finish their careers with degrees, according to the study of NCAA graduation rates.

Butler posted the best numbers and Oklahoma had the worst. They play each other Friday in the East Regional semifinals.

Butler, a small private school in Indianapolis, graduated 86 percent of its basketball players and all of its black players over a six-year period starting with the 1995-96 season. Oklahoma had a zero graduation rate, although the school challenged the criteria as misleading.

A school is credited with graduating students within six years of their freshman year, and is not credited for trans-

fers or junior college players who may get their degrees.

"Our graduation rate is 100 percent," Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson said. "That freshman class (1995-96) was Bobby Joe Evans and Michael Cotton, and they both graduated — Bobby Joe from here and Michael from Boston College."

"They can stereotype us all they want, but the bottom line is our kids are graduating."

Calling the results "disturbing," the study by Richard Lapchick of the Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport at the University of Central Florida found:

♦ Five of the 16 teams had graduation rates a third to a half lower than the school's overall athletic graduation rates.

♦ Six schools had graduation rates for black basketball players a third to three-quarters lower than overall athletic rates.

♦ Only three schools — Butler, Duke and Kansas — graduated at least two-thirds of their black basketball players, while just those and two others — Marquette and Notre Dame — graduated at least two-thirds of all basketball players.

♦ Only six schools graduated at least 50 percent of all basketball players, and seven graduated at least half of their black players.

Men's basketball, where 57

percent of the players are black, has the worst graduation rates of all college sports, Lapchick said, with 58 of the 328 Division I teams failing to graduate a single black player in six years.

"It is a nightmare waiting to be fixed," said Lapchick, one of the nation's leading sports sociologists.

The study lends support to NCAA president Myles Brand's drive to reward or punish schools by tying the number of scholarships to graduation rates.

"It confirms what we've known for some time," Brand said. "It shows why we need to take steps in order to correct the situation through a clear and fair policy of incentives and disincentives."

Lapchick said schools would "do themselves an enormous favor" if they used the type of system Brand favors.

"I think he's got a moment in time, where there have been enough scandals happening, to try to mobilize college presidents to say this is an embarrassment to us as a group. We have this window here, let's use it to do something real."

"The challenge is that there are going to be a lot of powerful coaches who will argue that this would deny opportunities, particularly to African-American students who wouldn't be able to come to their schools."

NFL

Officiating changes made to postseason

Associated Press

PHOENIX

The officiating gaffes in last January's playoffs have produced a dramatic change in NFL policy.

Postseason officials will now come from cohesive crews who spent the season together instead of those who were rated the highest at their positions.

In other words, the difference between a team and a collection of all-stars.

"The commissioner said, 'We can't stay status quo,'" director of officiating Mike Pereira said Tuesday. "One way of doing it is to revamp the evaluation system."

Under the new policy, the eight highest-rated crews will officiate the 11 playoff games, two fewer crews than in the past. The three that are rated at the top will do two games — a wild-card or divisional-round game, plus one of the divisional championship games or the Super Bowl.

The result is that 56 of the 119 officials will work the playoffs instead of 70.

In the past, crews were put together for the playoffs based on the ratings of each official. These all-star crews, though, sometimes lacked cohesion.

"We have always hammered home the importance of being a

crew, of teamwork," Pereira said. "But the ultimate reward, the playoffs and Super Bowl, was individual. We think this system reinforces what we want to do."

The change was motivated in large part by commissioner Paul Tagliabue's rare public criticism of the officiating. It came following San Francisco's 39-38 wild-card victory over the New York Giants.

With six seconds left, the Giants lined up for the winning field-goal attempt, the snap was botched and holder Matt Allen threw a desperation pass downfield. The Giants were called for an illegal receiver downfield, but tapes showed the 49ers should also have been called for pass interference.

That would have resulted in offsetting penalties and allowed New York a second shot at the winning field goal. The next day, Tagliabue issued his statement.

The crew involved in that game was made up of officials from different crews and included two of the three second-year officials who received playoff assignments. Normally, first- and second-year officials do not make the playoffs.

That policy will continue. First- and second-year officials on crews that qualify for the postseason will be replaced by veterans who score the highest at the various positions.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

James the focus of McDonald's All-American game

Associated Press

CLEVELAND

LeBron James tore through another high school basketball season, leading his team to a 25-1 record and a third Ohio state title in four years.

Now he's about to take on some players who are a little closer to his exceptional talent level.

James will be the marquee attraction at the McDonald's All-American High School Basketball Boys Game on Wednesday night. James, a 6-foot-8 senior from Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary High School in Akron, probably won't stand out the way he did during the Ohio Division II season, when his games packed gymnasiums

and drew national TV coverage. His fellow All-Americans can't help but be somewhat in awe of him, though.

"He's amazing," said J.R. Giddens of Oklahoma City. "This kid, he's really the real deal."

Giddens went up against James in Monday night's slam dunk contest, which James won by soaring well above the rim for slams. Giddens, who is headed to Kansas, said he wants another shot at James in the McDonald's game.

"Maybe I can guard him and he can guard me a possession," he said. "Everybody's got to go after the top dog to try to take him down."

James, who's expected to be the No. 1 player selected in this

year's NBA draft, will be a heavy crowd favorite. The game is being played in the 20,562-seat Gund Arena, about 40 miles from Akron. His presence could help set an attendance record for the game, which was set last year with 16,505 at Madison Square Garden.

James plays for the East team, and West coach Gary Ernst said his players are eager to match up with the superstar.

"There's three or four kids who've already come up and said, 'Coach, I want to work against him,'" said Ernst, who is from Mesa, Ariz. "They want the chance to see how they stack up against him. That's pretty impressive to accept that kind of challenge."

East coach Ron Hecklinski of

Anderson, Ind., said he didn't design any special plays for James during the two days of practice.

"He has a tendency to take over the game naturally," Hecklinski said. "I don't think you have to run a lot of sets for him."

James, who has been named the McDonald's National Player of the Year, said he doesn't feel any pressure to impress.

"I'm just going to go out there and play my game," he said. "I think I'll put on a good enough show for the people that have paid their money to come and watch us play."

The McDonald's All-American staff limited reporters to questions about the game during a 10-minute news conference

Tuesday with James. That request was made by James' family.

A McDonald's staff member wouldn't let James answer a reporter's question about whether he felt he needed to impress NBA scouts in the game.

Cameras snapped before the news conference as James ate lunch with players from the McDonald's girls' team. James joked, "What do I look like?" when one of them asked him to get up and grab some drinks off a nearby beverage table. He returned smiling with a couple of sports drinks.

"He's cool," said Ivory Latta, winner of the girls' 3-point competition. "He'll make you laugh."

Coach loses job for rewarding players' defensive play

Associated Press

DALLAS

Earl Carson wanted his high school basketball team to play better defense, and he had an idea: Every time a player drew a charge, the coach would pay him a dollar.

The team did play tough defense, but the ploy had other consequences. Carson resigned as coach, cited for violating amateur rules.

"It was a frivolous thing, poor judgment, and if I had it to do

over, I wouldn't do it, obviously," Carson said. "It was foolish. I was trying to motivate them."

Carson was the coach at Denison High School, about 70 miles from Dallas, near the Texas-Oklahoma border. He spent nine years there and has averaged more than 20 wins a season during 17 years overall as a coach.

The 56-year-old coach began talking to his players after Thanksgiving about the \$1 reward for drawing offensive fouls.

"I said, 'I'll tell you what. I'll give you a dollar for every time you take a charge,'" Carson said. "I never really intended to pay the kids, to tell you the truth. I just wanted to get their attention. Well, we started keeping a chart on it. The kids started to focus more on defense, and we started playing better."

After starting the season 3-10, Denison won 12 of its last 17 games before losing in the playoffs.

Carson said when the season

was over he figured that he owed \$23, divided among 12 players. Within two days, Denison athletic director Bob Brown told him there was a problem.

Brown checked with the University Interscholastic League, which governs athletic and academic competition in Texas public schools and was told the offer violated amateur rules.

Carson said that some of his players got \$1 and "some of them got quite a bit more, like

maybe \$10, and that violates the amateur intent. We collected the money back, so it's not going to affect anybody's eligibility."

Carson appeared before the Denison school board March 5 and presented a letter of resignation, which was accepted. He's teaching physical education until the end of the school year.

Carson hasn't applied for another coaching job yet, but he is putting a resume together.

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AROUND THE NATION

Baseball Polls

Baseball America

team	team
1 Rice	Rice (30) 1
2 Georgia Tech	Arizona State (7) 2
3 Arizona State	Georgia Tech (4) 3
4 Cal State Fullerton	Cal State Fullerton 4
5 Long Beach State	Florida State 5
6 Florida State	Baylor 6
7 Baylor	Stanford 7
8 Stanford	Auburn 8
9 Auburn	Long Beach State 9
10 Richmond	Mississippi State 10
11 Mississippi State	Texas 11
12 Texas	Richmond 12
13 Louisiana State	Clemson 13
14 Clemson	Miami 14
15 Miami	Florida 15
16 Nebraska	Alabama 16
17 North Carolina State	South Carolina 17
18 Florida Atlantic	LSU 18
19 Tulane	Nebraska 19
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21 Arizona	North Carolina State 21
22 NOTRE DAME	Wake Forest 22
23 Alabama	Texas A&M 23
24 Washington	Arizona 24
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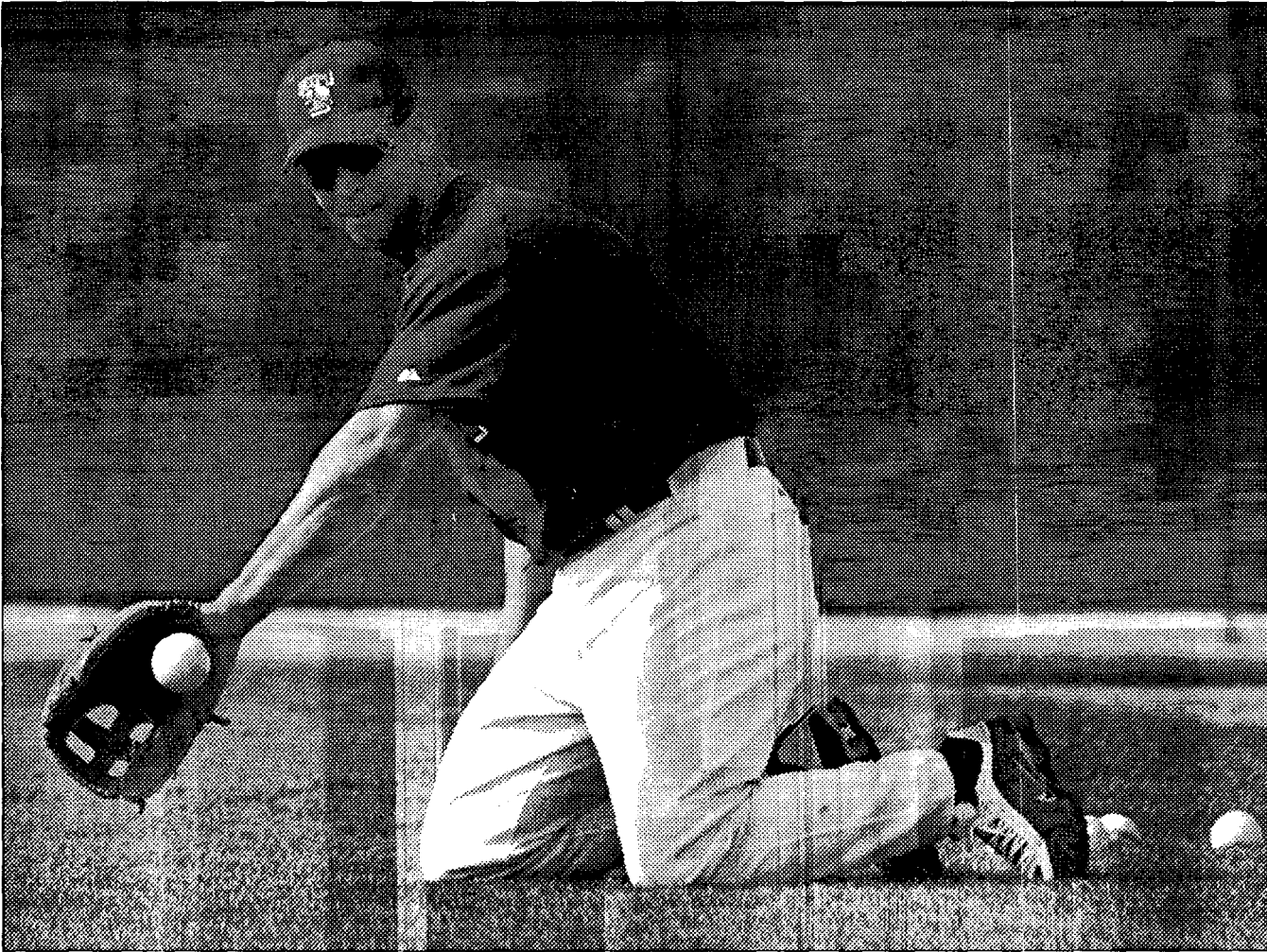
Softball Polls

team	record	pts.
1 UCLA (14)	26-2	445
2 Arizona (4)	31-3	426
3 Washington	31-2-1	421
4 Oklahoma	27-4	389
5 Texas	25-5	357
6 California	27-7	354
7 Nebraska	19-7	343
8 Cal State Fullerton	23-9	338
9 Stanford	19-7	293
10 DePaul	19-10	293
11 Georgia	24-8	287
12 LSU	16-3	249
13 South Carolina	31-5	230
14 Arizona State	23-9	213
15 Michigan	15-6	194
16 Oklahoma State	24-6	185
17 Florida State	23-9	155
18 Alabama	25-10	132
19 Oregon	17-6	122
20 Texas A&M	23-11	106
21 Oregon State	20-11	92
22 Northwestern	13-6	45
23 South Florida	34-10	34
24 Ohio State	14-10	31
25 Massachusetts	13-10	30

Womens Lacrosse Big East

team	W-L	Perc.
Georgetown	2-0	1.000
NOTRE DAME	1-0	1.000
Syracuse	2-1	.666
Rutgers	0-0	.000
Connecticut	0-0	.000
Boston College	0-2	.000
Virginia Tech	0-2	.000

MLB



All-Star shortstop Alex Rodriguez is expected to play in the Texas Rangers' season opener after his successful performance in a minor league game. Rodriguez had not played since March 12 due to a neck injury.

Rodriguez to play in season opener

Associated Press

SURPRISE, Ariz. Rangers shortstop Alex Rodriguez went 2-for-8 with a homer and handled four fielding chances cleanly in a minor-league game Tuesday, his first game since being diagnosed with a herniated disc in his neck nearly two weeks ago. Rodriguez batted once an inning and played seven innings in the field for Triple-A Oklahoma against Portland, San Diego's Triple-A team. Rodriguez said he felt fine after he was done, and would be ready for the season opener Sunday night at Anaheim.

"I'm right on schedule," Rodriguez said. "My timing was a little off, but it was really good to get out there. I got in eight solid at-bats. It was good to be able to see some live pitching." In addition to his two-run homer, Rodriguez had a single and drove in two other runs. He struck out just once. All of the fielding chances were routine plays. "I was so happy to be out on the field. I felt like I got stronger as I went along. I was a little unsure at first, but it got easier," he said. "If this had been opening day, I would have been ready to play. This has been really tough for me. I have to keep

telling myself not to do too much." Rodriguez, baseball's highest-paid player, has played in all 324 games the past two seasons in Texas since signing his record \$252 million, 10-year contract. The Rangers weren't sure what the next step would be, and whether Rodriguez would play in another game Wednesday. If he does play, it was unclear if he would play in another minor-league game or with the major-league squad. After Tuesday's game, Rodriguez spent about an hour in the batting cage and then about 40 minutes in the

training room getting treatment on his shoulder. "I didn't see this game as a test," he said. "It was more of a benchmark of where I am and what I still need to do. I'm feeling good." Rodriguez hasn't played a major league spring game since March 12, after he experienced fatigue and stiffness in his left shoulder following two straight games. The five-time All-Star and AL home run leader the past two seasons returned to Dallas for tests that revealed a small herniated disk in his desk. He resumed limited workouts March 17 after rejoining the team in Arizona.

IN BRIEF

Jurevicius' infant son dies

The infant son of Tampa Bay Buccaneers receiver Joe Jurevicius has died nearly 10 weeks after being born prematurely during the Buccaneers' run to the Super Bowl. Michael William Jurevicius, born on Jan. 14, died Monday night at St. Louis Children's Hospital. The receiver's wife, Meagan, gave birth gave birth to the couple's first child five days before the NFC championship game. Jurevicius missed three days of practice following the baby's birth, then flew to Philadelphia to help the Bucs defeat the Eagles 27-10. Jurevicius' only reception in the conference title game, a 71-yard catch-and-run, set up Tampa Bay's first touchdown. Jurevicius had four catches for 78 yards in the Super Bowl, including a 33-yarder that led to a TD in Tampa Bay's 48-21 rout of the Oakland Raiders. "Meagan and I want to thank everyone for their support and wishes dur-

ing this time. The last few months have been both joyous and difficult for our family," Jurevicius said. "Michael was very courageous and he enriched our lives for the short time that he was with us. We want to thank all of the doctors and nurses ... for their help and care, and all our fans for their support. Now we just need time to grieve." The baby also received care at St. Joseph's Women's Hospital and Tampa General Hospital. "The thoughts and prayers of the entire Buccaneer organization are with Joe and Meagan over the loss of Michael," Bucs general manager Rich McKay said. **Rivera to open season on DL** New York Yankees closer Mariano Rivera is expected to open the regular season on the disabled list with an injured right groin. Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said Tuesday there is no timetable for how long Rivera will be

out, but said players typically need three weeks to recover from groin problems. "Unfortunately I think he'll have to be disabled," Cashman said. "If we play this thing wrong, we have more than a short period of time that we can damage here. We could jeopardize a much longer period of time, so we'll take the safe approach." Rivera felt discomfort while making his final pitch in the ninth, an inning-ending double play grounder by Travis Chapman in Detroit's 4-2 win on Monday night. "I've been treating it," Rivera said. "That's all they're going to do. It's a little sore. It's better than last night." Rivera spent time on the disabled list last June with a groin strain in the same area. He exercised Tuesday, but is not throwing a ball. Rivera was also on the DL last season with a shoulder injury. He has been dominating this spring, allowing one unearned run and striking out 12 batters in 3 innings.

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NBA

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ND WOMENS LACROSSE

Lackluster first half too much for Irish to overcome

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

Forced to play from behind after trailing 3-0 six minutes into the game, Notre Dame was unable to pick up its first win over a ranked team this season in falling to No. 17 Ohio State 12-9 this afternoon at Moose Krause Stadium.

Despite a number of valiant tries to catch the Buckeyes, the Irish fell just short of a ranked foe for the second straight game.

"I think we kept kind of pushing it," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "We had our chances, the goalie made some good saves and that's just the way it goes sometimes."

After the early deficit, the Irish came back to within one goal on three different occasions, the last of which came in the middle of the second half when a goal from Anne Riley pulled the Irish within 9-8. Consecutive goals from the Buckeyes pushed the lead back to three at 11-8 with only a few minutes remaining.

"There were a lot of aspects of our game that I was pleased with," Coyne said. "It's just a matter of putting it together for 60 minutes. We had spurts today where we played very well. It's just a matter of starting out strong and maintaining."

Ohio State was led by sophomore midfielder Regina Oliver, who scored four first half goals to push the Buckeyes out to the early lead.

"Regina is a very good player, she's very athletic and has very good speed and quickness,"

Coyne said. "I think we did a better job in the second half of containing her, but a player like Regina is difficult to completely shut down."

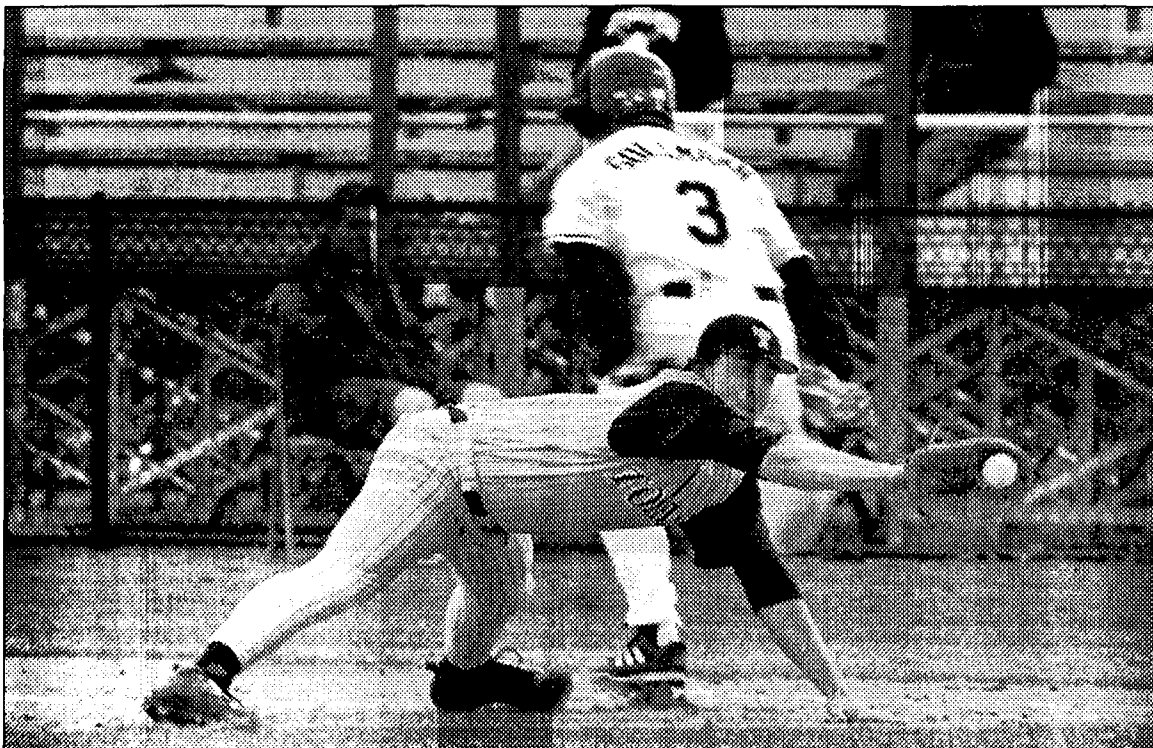
The Irish offensive effort was paced by senior Danielle Shearer who registered two goals and an assist, while junior Lauren Fischer added two first half goals.

After being down 3-0 after six minutes, the Irish responded with two goals to cut the deficit to 3-2. Ohio State pushed the lead back to 7-4 on Oliver's third

goal of the first half, before Shearer and Meredith Simon scored to get the Irish within one at 7-6. Oliver's fourth score put Ohio State up by two at the break at 8-6.

The Irish now have three consecutive Big East showdowns beginning with trips to Virginia Tech (1-7) and No. 8 Syracuse before coming home to face Connecticut.

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Junior captain and leadoff hitter Steve Sollmann touches races down the first base line in today's game against Toledo. Sollmann began two rallies for the Irish.

CHIP MARKS/The Observer

Baseball

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third. After Sollmann took second on a botched pickoff attempt, Grogan followed with a similar bunt, placed perfectly between the pitcher and third baseman. The defensive indecisiveness cost the Rockets, allowing Grogan to reach base and Sollmann to advance to third.

Sollmann then scored on one of Kovacs' five wild pitches.

With Grogan on third after a stolen base, and Billmaier on first after being hit by a pitch, Javier Sanchez smacked a single through the left side, scoring Grogan.

Two batters later, Cody Rizzo knocked Billmaier home with a single to center to give the Irish a 4-2 lead.

In the fifth inning, Rizzo once again came through; bringing home two more runs on a towering double to left-center. Greg Lopez knocked in his freshmen teammates Rizzo and Craig Cooper with a single through the left side, giving the

Irish an 8-2 lead.

Rizzo and Lopez combined to drive in five of the eight Irish runs.

"A lot of the freshmen did the job tonight for us," Mainieri said. "We got big hits from Lopez and Rizzo."

Martin Vergara replaced Doherty in the top of the fifth in a planned rotation move, thus preserving the win for Doherty. Vergara allowed only one run on four hits while striking out four in four innings of work.

"I thought we played pretty well," Mainieri said. "Doherty and Vergara both pitched well."

Senior Matt Laird pitched the ninth, allowing one hit but finishing off the Rockets with relative ease.

Now 12-6, the Irish will face Purdue in an intrastate rivalry match tonight at 5 p.m.

"Purdue's playing really good ball right now," said Mainieri. "There's a rivalry between the two schools in all sports, so we're looking forward to the challenge."

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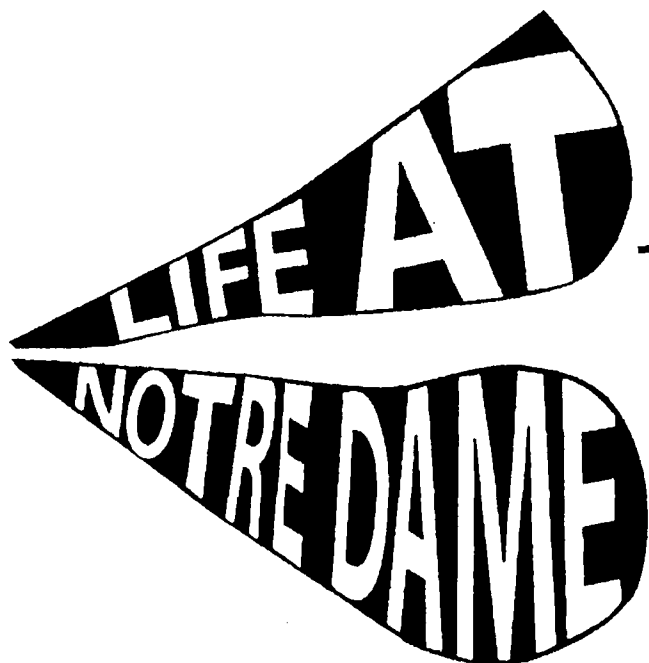
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Thomas

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"In the pickup games, that matchup was intense," Brey said. "They are great friends, but they are the kind of guys that when they are between the lines they want to tear each other's heart out."

Thomas said that when his Pike High School team played Gardner's North Central squad, Thomas' team emerged with a 3-1 record. And while the Irish point guard isn't one to focus on individual matchups — "It hurts the team," he simply said — the spotlight will shine brightly on both players Thursday.

Gardner enters Thursday's clash averaging 14.3 points and just under five assists per game. One of many seniors on a veteran Wildcat team, Gardner passed up the opportunity to turn pro a season ago for the chance to win a national title with Arizona.

In some ways, he represents the kind of point guard Thomas could become in a few years.

"He's been to the Final Four. He's been to the championship game. He's played against the top players," Thomas said. "He's a leader and a captain, and is what makes that team go."

The same could be said about Thomas for the Irish. Often the sparkplug for Notre Dame's offense, Notre Dame tends to win when Thomas plays well and lose when Thomas plays poorly.

Cognizant of that fact, Brey spent much of the time before the NCAA Tournament challenging Thomas to work on manag-

ing the game. Whatever Brey said paid off tremendously in Notre Dame's first Tournament games.

Against Wisconsin-Milwaukee's full-court press, Thomas played all 40 minutes and committed just five turnovers. But he was even better in Notre Dame's 68-60 win against Illinois.

In the first half, when the Irish seemingly couldn't miss from 3-point range, Thomas was instrumental in pushing the ball up

the court quickly. But when the Irish had trouble getting points in the beginning of the second half, Thomas settled the Irish down into more of a half-court offense. And in the final minutes of Saturday's game, the Irish often let the shot clock wind down to under five seconds thanks in part to Thomas' role in controlling the tempo of play.

"As I've always said, he's a work in progress as a point guard and is learning," Brey said. "But I thought he was

great in Indy."

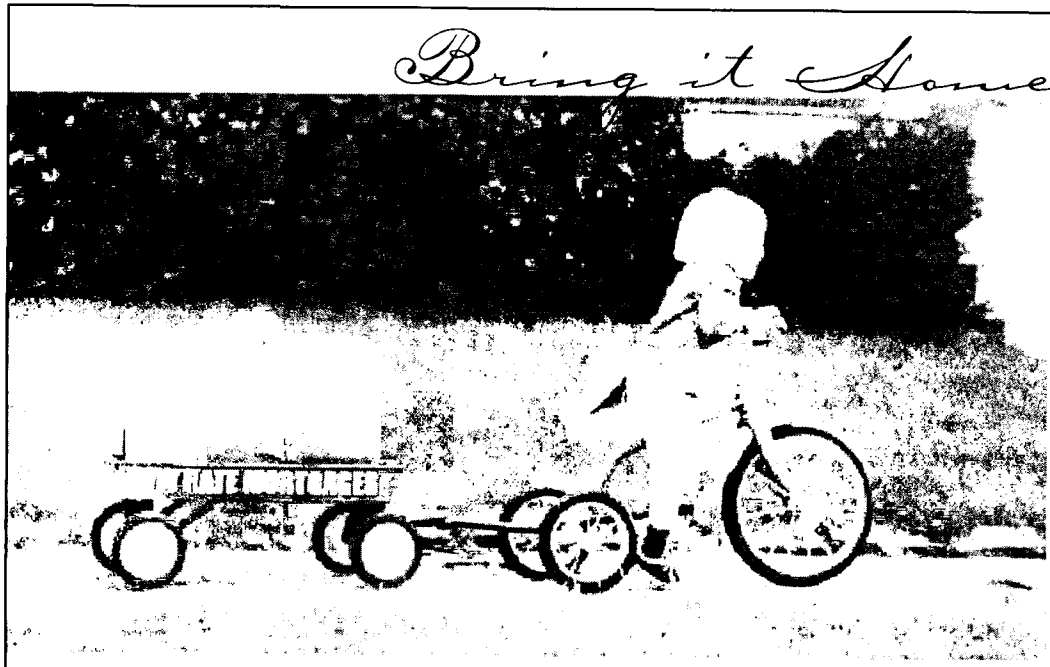
Thomas, whose happy-go-lucky personality disappeared as Notre Dame struggled down the stretch, seems to be in a much more jovial mood in the NCAA Tournament. He orchestrated Notre Dame's mass head-shaving — even saying Monday he might have to bring out the clippers again — and is back to cracking the occasional joke in press conferences.

When Notre Dame got off the bus Saturday, the players got to

watch the last few minutes of the Arizona-Gonzaga double-overtime game. And as Thomas watched, he knew what team he wanted to win.

"I was hoping in the back of my mind that we would get Arizona," he said. "That would be my only chance to play against Gardner and it would be a great step for this program."


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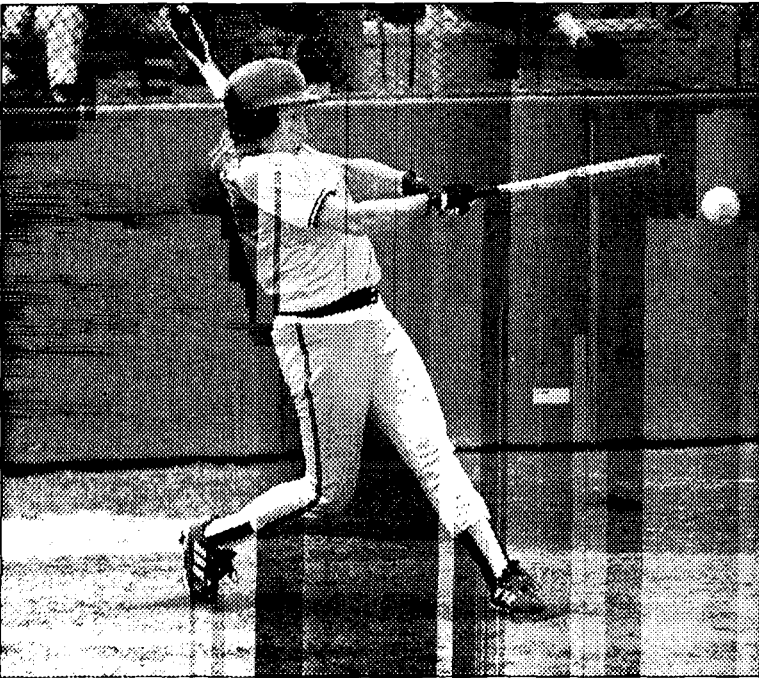
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ND SOFTBALL

No problems in beginning the home season this year



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Outfielder Liz Hartmann drives the ball in a game last season. The Irish open their home schedule today against Northwestern.

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

Last year, the Irish played their first home game 12 days after their home opener was initially scheduled.

This year, there will be no wait.

With today's forecast calling for mostly sunny skies and a high of 54 degrees, Notre Dame will begin its home campaign against No. 24 Northwestern this afternoon at Ivy Field at 3 p.m.

"We are very excited. At this point of the season, just getting games in is what we want since we have missed eight already," Notre Dame coach Deanna Gumpf said. "It is exciting to be looking outside and seeing the sun."

Just like any team, the benefits to playing at home are the same in softball.

"There is nothing like playing at home," Gumpf said. "You are comfortable, people are in the stands cheering for you and we get to sleep in our own beds afterwards."

In the 2002 season, the Irish were 18-2 at home and had a home winning streak of 26 games snapped against Syracuse in April.

So far this year, the Irish are 10-9 and the comparisons to last year's 8-12 start have started. In 2002, the Irish won 36 of 41 games to end their season and finished one game short of the College World Series, losing to Nebraska in the regionals.

"It is very similar, I just hope the finish is similar. If we can just win one more game at regionals, that's our goal," Gumpf said. "Starting the way we started isn't what we wanted. These girls know they can still do it. The start of our season was spring training and we need to learn from it."

Notre Dame started the regular season portion of its schedule last weekend in sweeping a doubleheader at Western Michigan. In that game, the Irish came out and scored five runs in the first inning of game one and five runs in the first three innings of game

two. Taking control of the game early, as they did last weekend, needs to happen today against the Wildcats.

"We need to hit the ball. If we hit the ball well, that takes them out of their comfort zone," Gumpf said. "If we score in the first inning, that changes momentum like we did when we scored in the first two innings at Western Michigan."

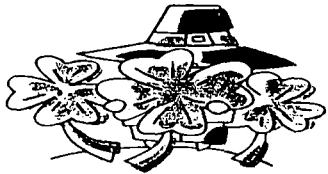
Northwestern (13-6) and Notre Dame haven't played since the 1997 season. Its top win this season came Feb. 28 when Northwestern defeated defending national champion California 4-3 in eight innings.

To stay with the higher-ranked opponent this afternoon, the Irish need to take care of the basics.

"They are very aggressive, very well-coached, very disciplined and do the little things well," Gumpf said. "Our pitchers need to be in control for seven innings and we need to play strong defense. If we play well in those three areas, then we should have a good chance at winning the game."

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points, took control herself and drove to the basket to grab some very important lay-ups for the Irish.

Notre Dame's speed was an advantage for the Irish tonight — an advantage they're not used to. But Severe made use of that speed on her way to the basket.

"[Severe's speed] was one of the things we talked about at practice," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

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Muffet McGraw
head coach

McGraw said. "We wanted to get her driving the baseline against their zone."

Where she left off, LaVere picked up. The freshman center, who had already scored 15 points in the first game of the NCAA tournament, added 14

more to her total, including two free throws in the final 60 seconds of the game.

Those charity shots, coupled with 4-for-4 shooting in the final seconds from fellow freshman Duffy, spelled the six point difference

between the victorious Irish and the defeated Wildcats.

"Courtney's played great in games all year long and Megan had a great tournament," McGraw said. "Those two freshman really played like seniors."

The Irish take on second-seeded Purdue in the Sweet Sixteen on Sunday in Dayton.

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ND WOMENS TENNIS

Doubles teams lead Notre Dame to win over Michigan

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

When the No. 27 and No. 28 teams met on the hardcourt Tuesday, a close match was expected.

Notre Dame pulled ahead from the start and prevented Michigan from securing an upset as they won 5-2 in their second to last home game of the season.

"It was a really close match," Irish senior captain Katie Cunha said. "I'm really proud of everyone."

Despite the score, there was a point in the match when the Wolverines had a prime opportunity to rally. Cunha destroyed Michigan's hopes as she defeated Leanne Rutherford 6-3, 7-6 (7-4) to bring the score to 4-1 and to guarantee an Irish victory. Cunha also scored a personal victory by ending a four-match losing streak, which was particularly impressive against Rutherford, who has gone 15-1 this spring.

The afternoon began in the favor of the Irish from the start when the No. 2 and No. 3 doubles teams won their matches to obtain the doubles point for the fifth consecutive time on their home courts. The doubles portion was close though, with the clinching No. 2 match coming down to a tiebreaker after the Wolverines' Michelle DaCosta and Rutherford had upset the 27th ranked duo of Cunha and freshman Kristina

Stastny.

Playing at No. 2 doubles, freshman Lauren Connelly and junior Alicia Salas survived Jen Duprez and Kim Plaushines 9-8 (7-3) to give the Irish the advantage heading into singles play. Another junior-freshman duo — Caylan Leslie and Jennifer Smith — contributed to the doubles point as they defeated Joanne Musgrove and Chrissie Nolan, 8-3.

Defeating Michigan in doubles gave the Irish confidence heading into the second portion of the match.

"I was really impressed with their doubles," Cunha said of the Wolverines.

The doubles team of Cunha and Stastny has been a key component of Irish success this season, but of late they have had some struggles.

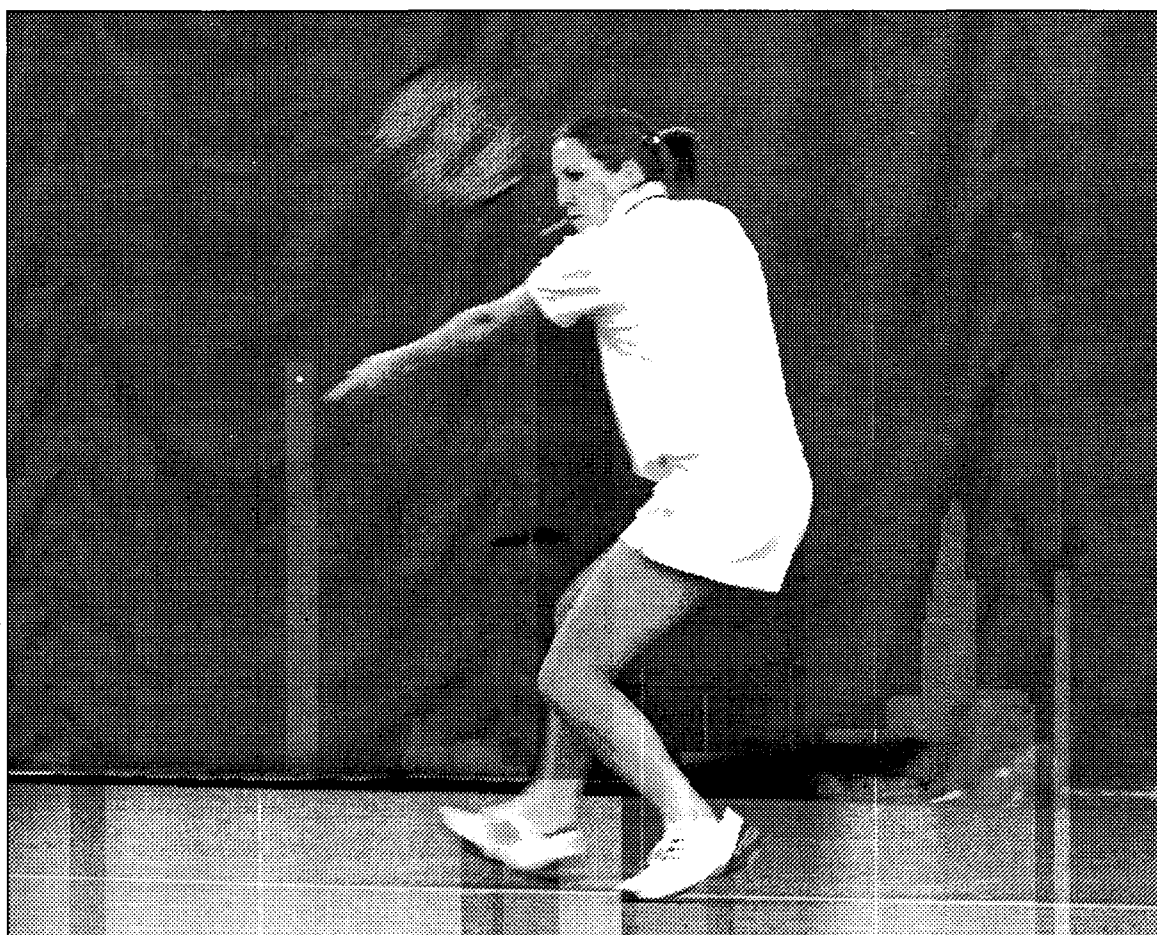
"We didn't play all that bad," Cunha said of their performance against the Wolverines. "I think we were a little

tentative in the beginning of the match. We got down in a hole pretty early, but then we played a little bit better. [Stastny] and I make a great pair, but we're in a little bit of a rut."

In singles, Lauren Connelly put the Irish up 2-0 with her efficient 6-1 straight-set halting of Duprez, who had been riding on a six-match winning streak. Then Michigan earned its first point when Plaushines defeated Stastny in straight sets, 6-3, 6-3, but No. 65 Salas overcame Nolan 7-5, 6-3.

"It was a really close match. I'm really proud of everyone."

Katie Cunha
Irish senior



Senior captain Katie Cunha returns the ball in Notre Dame's 5-2 win over Michigan Tuesday afternoon at the Eck Tennis Pavillion.

Then it was up to either Cunha, Leslie or sophomore Sarah Jane Connelly to hand Notre Dame the win.

Leslie, ranked No. 51 nationally, was nearly the clincher, after she had won her first set 6-1 against DaCosta. In the second set she became ill and was forced to retire. Consequently, DaCosta was afforded the win.

After the match was decided, the older Connelly achieved her fifth straight victory when she triumphed 3-6, 6-0, 7-6 (7-3) over Musgrove. Connelly is proving herself to be adept at rallying from behind — each of the last four times she has lost the first set, she has bounced back to secure a win.

In the midst of a week full of matches, the Irish will play No.

54 Purdue at 4 p.m. today in their last home match. Given that Boilermakers beat the Irish last year, there is some desire for vengeance among Notre Dame's players.

"A lot of us want to seek a little bit of revenge," Cunha said.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles hope for good weather at Valparaiso

By LISA REIJULA
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's tennis team is hoping for a little cooperation from the weather as they travel to Valparaiso in the second attempt at playing a match with the Crusaders. On March 19, the match was postponed due to rain.

"Last week we only played one game before it started pouring," junior Kaitlin Cutler said. "We were disappointed, so hopefully we'll get to go this time."

The Belles (5-1) come into the matchup with confidence stemming from a 9-0 pounding of Tri-State University Sunday. All six singles players and all three doubles teams won their matches.

"I thought we did really well on Sunday," Cutler said. "I was happy with the outcome. We hadn't played outside in awhile, so it takes getting used to the windy Indiana weather."

Valparaiso enters the contest with a 2-3 record overall in spring play. The Crusaders defeated Bradley 7-0 and Wisconsin-Green Bay 5-2. They were shut out by both Arkansas-Little Rock 7-0 and Embry-

Riddle 9-0. Their other loss was to St. Louis University, by the score of 5-2.

With only six players listed on their roster, the Crusaders don't appear to be an extremely tough opponent for the returning MIAA champion Belles. Valparaiso will also be playing their second match in two days. The Crusaders faced Indiana State on the road Tuesday.

"[Valparaiso] is a good team, so we want to play them and have the competition," said Cutler.

In preparation for this week's matches, the Belles have been concentrating on communication and teamwork in their doubles pairings.

"We did so well in singles over break, so we've been working more on doubles in practice," said Cutler. "The No. 1 and No. 3 teams are new partners and it takes a while to get used to playing together. It's coming along well."

The Belles face the Crusaders of Valparaiso today on the road at 2:30 p.m. at the Brown Courts.

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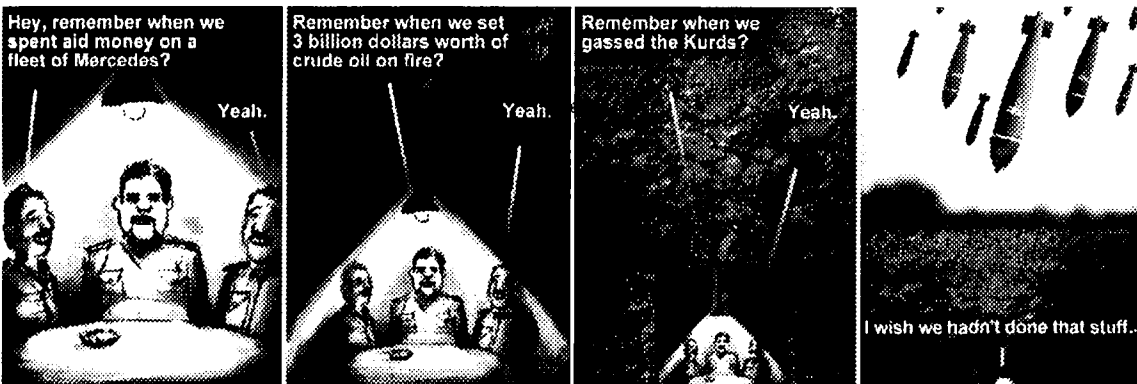
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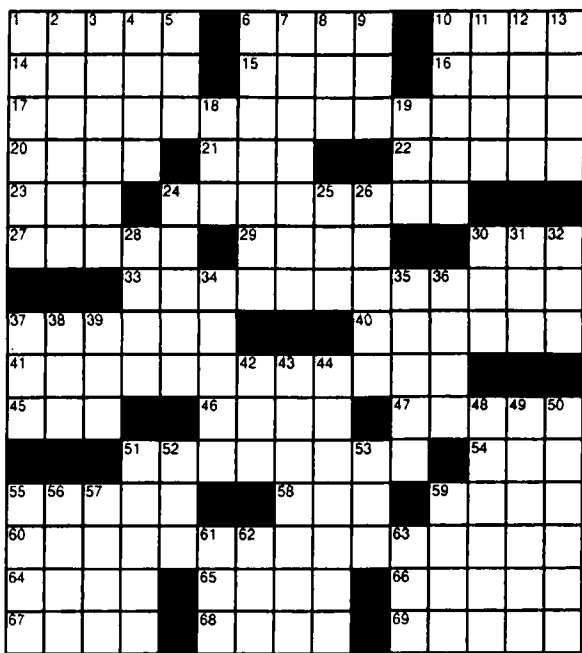
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 - 17 Advice to a driver, part 1
 - 20 Hardly genteel
 - 21 Court feat
 - 22 Hardly genteel
 - 23 Literary monogram
 - 24 ___ Park (Manhattan neighborhood)
 - 27 Barcelona title
 - 29 One-in-a-million
 - 30 Botanist Gray
 - 33 Advice, part 2
- DOWN**
- 37 Clear of the sea bottom
 - 40 Moulin Rouge performance
 - 41 Advice, part 3
 - 45 Buck's mate
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 - 47 Reasons to cram
 - 51 Garden ornaments
 - 54 Beer may be on it
 - 55 Waters on stage
 - 58 Polo Grounds legend
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 - 65 Tech support caller
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 - 67 "Why not?!"
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WOMENS BASKETBALL

Severe upset

◆ Severe scores 17 on way to Irish upset of No. 3 seed Wildcats

By KATIE McVOY
Senior Staff Writer

The few hundred Notre Dame fans in Manhattan, Kan. Tuesday night were making more noise than nearly 12,000 Kansas State fans. Due to another outstanding Irish defensive effort, the Wildcats' 22-game home win streak broke right along with the Wildcats' tournament dreams.

The final No. 3 seed in the NCAA tournament fell Tuesday night and No. 11 seed Notre Dame kept its NCAA dreams alive, upsetting Kansas State 59-53 on the way to the Sweet Sixteen.

"We knew that we were better than an 11 seed but we must not have shown the selection committee that during the year so we're showing that now," Severe said. "We're reaching our potential now."

In the final minutes of the game, Kansas State just couldn't collect the points it needed. Whenever the Wildcats brought the game within two, they would foul the Irish. With Megan Duffy and Courtney LaVere perfect from the charity stripe in the final minute, the Wildcats could not bring the game within one possession when they controlled the ball.

The Notre Dame defense is mostly to blame for breaking the 22-game home

win streak the Wildcats had heading into Tuesday night's game. In a similar fashion in the win against Arizona on Sunday, the Irish forced a messy offensive game and let their defense do the talking.

A Kansas State team that averages more than 75 points a game scored only 53.

"We knew we had to get up on the shooters, especially Koehn because she can hit it way out," Severe said. "We knew what we had to do and we knew we could do it."

The "Big Four" — Kansas State's Kendra Wecker, Nicole Wecker, Megan Mahoney and Laurie Koehn — were the only Wildcats who could score points, grabbing all 53 of Kansas State's points. Despite the fact that the Irish could not control Koehn outside the arc as she went on to 23 points, no other Wildcat hit a single trey.

Offensively, Notre Dame again showed that when it counted, someone would step up and get the work done. Notre Dame's leading scorer, Jacqueline Batteast, fell short again offensively, hitting only one of 10 shots, raising her total for the NCAA tournament to 2-of-26 from the field.

But where Batteast fell short, her teammates stepped up. Severe, the junior guard, took a role she usually doesn't take for the Irish — she scored and scored and scored. Severe, who usually dishes the ball to teammates and often grabs more assists than



KELLY GLASSUCK/Kansas State Collegian

Irish forward Jacqueline Batteast battles a Kansas State player for a loose ball in Notre Dame's 59-53 victory.

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BASEBALL

Doherty impresses in opener

By BRYAN KRONK
Senior Staff Writer

A new season at Eck Stadium began with a new face on the mound performing the same old dominating routine for Notre Dame, as freshman Ryan Doherty hurled his way to a win in his first career start in the 8-3 Irish win over Toledo in the home opener for the Irish Tuesday night.

"I was really happy for Ryan, his first career start, and he pitched real well out there," Notre Dame coach Paul Mainieri said.

The homecoming was a welcome sight for the Irish, who returned home after an 11-6 record in a month's worth of road games.

"It was a lot of fun being out there tonight," Mainieri said. "After 17 games on the road, our guys were so excited about being back on our home turf."

You could see there was a little extra bounce in their step, and they were genuinely excited about playing."

An opening day crowd of over 1,400 witnessed the victory for the Irish, which saw the home team start the game with a familiar sight — an early run.

Leadoff hitter Steve Sollmann popped a double down the right-field line that was just out of reach of a charging Toledo fielder. After freshman Brennan Grogan sacrificed Sollmann to third and Matt Edwards walked on four pitches, senior Kris Billmaier hit a sacrifice fly to get the Irish on the board first.

While the Irish would take advantage of shaky Toledo pitching all night, the Rockets were held stagnant by Doherty, who struck out six of the first eight batters he faced.

"[My performance] was good," Doherty said. "We just

came off a real good weekend at Villanova, so it was just my job to get a good start in there."

Doherty was poised to retire the side in order for the third straight inning in the top of the third, until an error by short-stop Matt Macri extended the inning for Toledo. After allowing a single, Doherty walked the bases loaded before allowing a two-run single to give the Rockets a 2-1 lead.

Doherty was able to recover, striking out one more Rocket batter to close out the top of the third.

Notre Dame capitalized on another poor outing by Toledo starter Brian Kovacs. Once again, it was the junior captain Sollmann who started the rally, this time by reaching base on a perfectly executed bunt down the third-base line to lead off the bottom of the

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MENS BASKETBALL

Old friends Thomas and Gardner to meet

◆ Irish point guard impresses coach with his improved control of tempo

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

They first met on an Indianapolis basketball court. One was two years older than the other, but that didn't stop them from becoming fast friends even as they clashed at rival Indiana high schools.

One won Mr. Basketball honors and headed to Arizona. Two years later, the other one won Mr. Basketball honors and headed to Notre Dame.

They played often in the summer and worked out together. And last July, both served as counselors at Nike's basketball

camp.

But little did Jason Gardner and Chris Thomas know that when they met for the first time in college, the loser would be heading home for the season.

"We always played in the same leagues growing up, and we played on the same team [when I was in] seventh grade," Thomas said, jokingly adding of the 5-foot-10 guard, "I think he was the same size as he is now."

Gardner and Thomas, two of the nation's top point guards and two close friends, will clash Thursday when fifth-seeded Notre Dame takes on top-seeded Arizona in the West Regional semifinal.

But all Irish coach Mike Brey can think back to is when the two played each other at the Nike camp in July.

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Notre Dame 5
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The No. 27 Irish took an early lead and held on to defeat Michigan.

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With their last match-up against the Crusaders postponed due to weather, the Belles hope to get their match in today.

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The Irish will play a doubleheader against the No.24 Wildcats at Ivy Field.

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ND WOMENS LACROSSE

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The Irish lost to the No. 17 Buckeyes Tuesday afternoon at Moose Krause Stadium.

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