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Student leaders prepare to leave office

Lao, Chin express satisfaction with accomplishments

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
Associate News Editor

The past year has been one of many changes for Notre Dame's student government. However, through these changes, student body president Jeremy Lao and members of his office have tried to keep focused on their main goal: to serve the student body.

Student body vice president Emily Chin echoed this goal when speaking on the accomplishments of student government.

"I think that we have addressed some of the major student issues and interests on campus," she said.

Lao commented on his office's accomplishments.

"I would have to say that [our greatest accomplishment] would be Alcohol Awareness Week," he said. "The Board of Trustees applauded the event, and it showed that the Student Union is willing to work with the adminis-

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Above, outgoing Notre Dame student body president Jeremy Lao; at left, Saint Mary's president Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl and vice president Sarah Brown

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SOFIA BALLON AND
ALLISON NICHOLS

Jablonski-Diehl lauds BOG, communication with students

By NICOLE ZOOK
News Writer

Each spring, a change occurs at Saint Mary's. Whether students are immediately aware of it or fail to notice until the end of the academic year, student government turnover is the result of months of planning to ensure a smooth transition between administrations.

Outgoing student body president Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl and vice president Sarah Brown presided over their last Board of Governance meeting Monday. Today marks the conclusion of

their term. President-elect Sarah Catherine White and vice-president elect Mary Pauline Moran will take office Thursday.

The women have demonstrated leadership in a number of ways over the past year, affecting both policy changes and the everyday lives of students. Jablonski-Diehl, however, gives all credit to those who served along side her on BOG.

"No student body president acts alone," she said. "Student government accomplished its goals because we were able to act together, even when we disagreed. The remarkable women

who worked hard and creatively deserve the credit for a successful year."

Platform goals such as informing students about student government and improving communication were met, making the year a success, Jablonski-Diehl said. She emphasizes the vitality of communication between students and their representatives, and believes she and Brown have successfully accomplished that goal throughout the course of their term.

"We sought to improve relations between The Observer and student government. Improved

communications was one reason we resurrected the tradition of a State of the School Address," Jablonski-Diehl said. "We worked hard to let students know about the activities that we were planning. We worked even harder to listen to students so that we could really act as their representatives."

Jablonski-Diehl and Brown headed a board that not only listened to students' needs, but also worked to have those needs met. As a result, programs such as VISA, Friends With Sisters and

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ND helps seniors find jobs

By JEN ROWLING
News Writer

With graduation about a month away, seniors are left organizing their plans for the future. While some are more prepared than others, the class of 2004

is in a better position than last year's graduating class thanks to a stable job market, said Lee Svete, director of Notre Dame's Career Center.

Svete believes companies are realizing they may have underestimated their need for recruits. Consequently, Go Irish job postings are up 23 percent from last year. In addition, Hewlett-Packard recently notified the Career Center of its need to fill 104 positions.

"I don't want to be over optimistic," Svete said. "It has been a competitive year, yet I have seen more activity than last year."

Typically, within six months of graduating, 43 percent of seniors find full-time employment, 35 percent attend graduate school, 13 percent engage in volunteer work, four percent take military jobs and one percent take time off.

The University will not know the percentages for this year until a survey is conducted after graduation. As of now, full-time job positions

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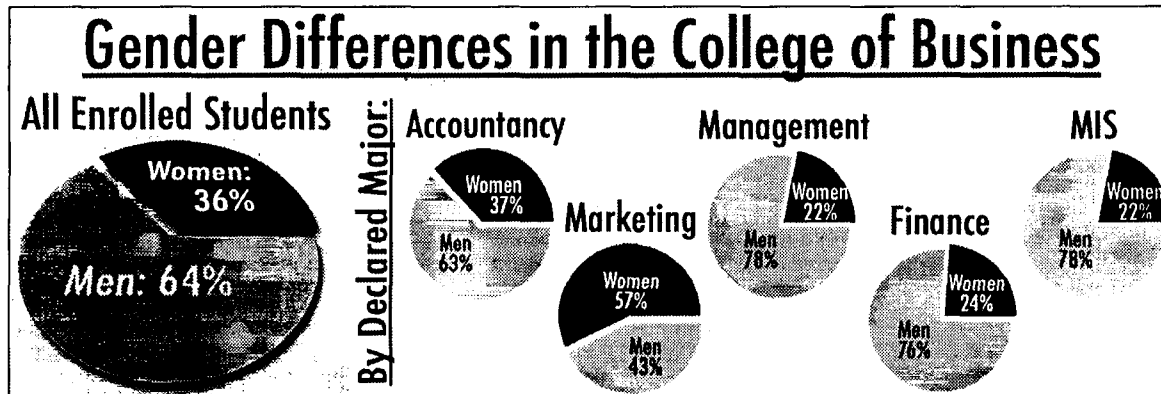
Male students dominate Mendoza College of Business

Editor's note: This is the third in a three-part series on gender representation in Notre Dame's colleges.

By KATE GALES
News Writer

Though nearly a third of Notre Dame's undergraduate students are enrolled in the Mendoza College of Business, the gender gap in this college is second only to the College of Engineering.

At the end of the fall semester, 64 percent of the 1,010 juniors and seniors with declared majors in the College of Business were men, according to the Office of Institutional Research. While students enrolled in Mendoza do not declare their specific major within the college until the end of their sophomore year, the trend continued with 63 percent of the



542 sophomores being men.

"We accept anyone that wants to be a business major," said William Nichols, associate dean of the college. "We don't actively recruit anyone to come here."

Notably, sex discrepancies varied considerably among the five business majors: finance,

accounting, management, management information studies and marketing.

Finance majors and accounting majors, the largest and third-largest majors in the college, enroll 76 and 63 percent male students respectively. The gender gap seems larger for manage-

ment and MIS majors, both of which have 78 percent male students. However, these numbers can be more misleading, as 108 students only declared management as of last fall. MIS is even smaller, with only 94 students enrolled.

Marketing — the college's sec-

ond-most popular major — directly opposes the other four, with 57 percent of the 279 marketing majors being women.

Nichols, who also teaches in the accounting department, said it is difficult to say why women are such a minority in all but one of Mendoza's majors.

"We're looking at Notre Dame students here, they're all really bright," Nichols said. "You can't just say 'I assume that men are more quantitative than women' — looking at students' SAT scores, you can't get into [Notre Dame] without being quantitative."

Especially within the college, students seem to choose majors according to personal interests and talents, not because of traditional sex roles.

Matt Frey, a sophomore in the

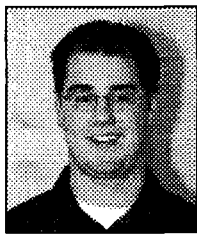
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INSIDE COLUMN

Corby's
or bust

As I write this column, it's a Tuesday evening and I don't want to be in the basement of South Dining Hall. I don't want to write about student government. I don't want to lay out the business page. I don't want to crop photos.

I have a few bucks in my pocket, a spring in my step and a thirst that only a \$3 pitcher can quench. That's right, I'm talking about Corby's Irish Pub, my favorite bar in the bustling metropolis that is South Bend.



Matt Bramanti

Senior Staff
Writer

Don't get me wrong; I don't mean to slight the other fine bars in the area. Boat Club is great, the 'Backer is a hell of a place and Fiddler's Hearth is a fun time. But Corby's has a special place in my heart.

This delightful little establishment on the corner of LaSalle and Niles is a treasure trove of good times.

Drinks are reasonably priced and pretty good. The aforementioned \$3 pitchers can be had in Miller Genuine Draft, Miller Lite or Coors Light. If that's a little too high class for you, a buck will buy the coldest can of Pabst Blue Ribbon you ever had. And the always attractive ladies behind the bar make the best gin and tonics in the state of Indiana.

But the drinks aren't the only thing to love — there's just so much to do. Take your pick from among five pool tables, all of which are occupied all the time. Toss darts at any of the five electronic machines, complete with taunting noises. Watch ESPN on the big screen TV. Dodge townies. Or just plain drink until you fall down, like a certain friend of mine did on her 21st birthday last week.

I've even heard a rumor they have food.

I just love the place. I love weaving my way to the bar through a couple hundred of my closest friends. I love the worn felt on the pool tables. I love the fenced-in patio behind the bar, even though it's 35 degrees every single day of the year. I love the hundreds of dollar bills stapled above the bar, bearing the signatures of delighted patrons.

I even love the graffiti in the men's room: "Please don't drop toothpicks into the urinals. The crabs have learned how to pole vault."

And it's Notre Dame through and through.

The bar scenes in Rudy were filmed there. The place has blue and gold sweatshirts for sale. A neon leprechaun and monogram ND are mounted prominently on the walls. It's packed with Domers, shoulder to shoulder. And I'm on my way to join 'em.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Matt Bramanti at bramanti.1@nd.edu.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO WOULD YOU GIVE AN HONORARY DEGREE TO?



Amella Hirschauer

Freshman
Farley

"What? I don't even know what that means."



Anna Nussbaum

Sophomore
Farley

"Boy George, Gender Studies."



Caitlin Smith

Sophomore
Farley

"Guster and Ben Folds, because we're going to their concert."



Carolyn Connor

Sophomore
Farley

"Monica Real, because at the rate she's going, that may be the only way she's going to get one."



Monica Real

Sophomore
Farley

"Myself. At this rate, it may be the only way I get one."



SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

Students take advantage of the warm weather Tuesday and move their exercise activities outside. Jogging and walking around the lakes are popular choices for students at both campuses.

OFFBEAT

Man burned after firing rocket inside car

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Shannon Kramer's plans to fire a rocket toward his girlfriend went awry when the firework ricocheted inside his car and dived between his legs, bursting in a display that burned hair and skin from his feet to his groin, police said.

Kramer, 35, told The Florida Times-Union he lit a fuse on the 6-inch-rocket, but wasn't able to get it out the window of his Ford Mustang before it went off.

Seconds later, after the rocket blasted around inside the car, Kramer was

burned and temporarily blinded.

"I thought I was dead," he said. "I couldn't see, I couldn't hear. I went to stand up and I couldn't walk."

Kramer said he was only playing a prank and was intending to fire the rocket out the window as he passed.

Man allegedly tries to buy vote with beer

LUDLOW, Ky. — Police have charged a northern Kentucky man with trying to buy a vote with a 12-pack of beer.

Edward Lucas offered

the beer to an 18-year-old student at Ludlow High School in exchange for a no vote on a proposed nickel increase in school property taxes, Ludlow police officer James Tucker said in an affidavit. The teen was not named.

Lucas, 40, denied the charge.

"I don't know the boy, and that's not exactly what was said," Lucas said. "I said, 'I hope it doesn't go through and if it doesn't, I'm going to have a big beer party.'"

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Angela Glover Blackwell, founder and president of Policy Link and former senior vice president of the Rockefeller Foundation, will give a lecture entitled "Search for the Uncommon Common Ground: New Dimensions on Race in America." It will take place today from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center.

Jim Wallis, editor of Sojourners Magazine, will lecture today on "How will you Vote: Politics and Values in 2004." Sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns, the Office of Campus Ministry and Lyons Hall, the lecture will take place at 12:30 p.m. in the Coleman Morse Lounge. Lunch will be provided.

Notre Dame favorites Gavin and Parker will perform on Saint Mary's campus tonight at 8 p.m. Take a break from studying and come to Dalloway's to enjoy their music.

"Catholic Perspectives on Economic Justice" will be presented by Teresa Ghilarducci of the Higgins Labor Research Center and Roberto Gutierrez, vice president of Public Relations and Communications, tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. The lecture will be held in the Coleman Morse Lounge and cover living as a Catholic in response to economic and social justice through different professions.

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

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Doctor discusses risks, benefits of controversial treatment

IU professor lectures on hormone replacement therapy for menopausal women

By ANDREW THAGARD
Associate News Editor

Dr. Marguerite Shepard, professor emerita of obstetrics and gynecology at Indiana University School of Medicine and a nationally renowned expert in reproductive endocrinology, lectured Tuesday on the risks and benefits of hormone replacement therapy.

The talk marked the second in the 10th annual "Mini Medical School Lecture Series" presented by the South Bend Center for Medical Education and sponsored by the Medical Education Foundation.

Shepard, who received her medical degree from Johns Hopkins University, said that hormone replacement therapy has the ability to relieve many of the symptoms that menopausal women experience but may also have some deleterious effects.

Hormone replacement therapy involves administering estrogen or a combination of estrogen and progesterone to ease symptoms of Menopausal Syndrome including hot flashes, night sweats, weakness, memory loss, anxiety, depression, joint pain and decreased sexual desire. The menopausal transition age range is 35 to 60 and the severity of the symptoms varies between individuals.

"This [menopause] is not a sudden thing," Shepard said. "It is a gradual process and it is more prominent in some than [in] others."

Although about 20 percent of women will have only mild symptoms, others will experience more extreme hot flashes, which hormone replacement therapy can help alleviate, Shepard said. She emphasized the importance of communicating with health care providers and seeking early treatment.

"Early treatment is important," Shepard said. "One shouldn't wait until things get beyond the point of no return."

The options of managing menopausal symptoms, Shepard said, include 'toughing it out,' estrogen or estrogen and progesterone therapy, alternative medicine and lifestyle modifications.

While 'toughing it out' may only be an option for those who have mild symptoms, Shepard said, making minor adjustments to a person's lifestyle, including

eating a healthy diet, exercising moderately and taking calcium and vitamin D supplements to combat osteoporosis, is something that everyone should consider.

"The choice that you're going to make may be situational," she said. "The woman who is working might have a shorter fuse than someone who is retired. It's a choice that has to be made by you."

Estrogen therapy has the potential to alleviate vasomotor symptoms, reduce vaginal atrophy and urogenital symptoms and prevent osteoporosis. Some studies, Shepard said, also show a reduction in

the risk of primary coronary artery disease, colorectal cancer and overall mortality.

At the same time, however, hormone replacement therapy can also increase the risk of developing endometrial cancer if estrogen is administered in the absence of progesterone and strokes and, to a lesser extent, breast cancer.

"The increased risk of breast cancer is there regardless of whether you take hormones, though there may be a slight increase [with hormones]," Shepard said.

She criticized the media's coverage of a World Health Initiative study which led many women to abruptly discontinue their therapies without consulting a physician — a potentially dangerous decision, she said.

"There was just this panic," Shepard said. "This is an example of how data can be manipulated in the popular press."

The WHI discontinued a study involving conjugated equine estrogen in 2002 because of fears that it causes adverse cardiovascular effects, particularly strokes.

"The stroke risk was not one such that people should stop immediately," Shepard said. "Much of the results were not statistically significant."

She criticized the studies for only using one form of estrogen and progesterone to be cost effective and the use of women with a median age of 63 — none of whom had menopausal symptoms. The study was conducted in this manner to prevent certain groups from realizing they received the placebo after their hot flashes remained.

"The criticism is if you're trying

to prevent something you need to start [prior to when] all the damage occurs," Shepard said.

The current recommendations for hormone replacement therapy are that it should be used for the relief of moderate to severe vasomotor symptoms, including hot flashes and night sweats, and not as a first choice to treat vaginal atrophy and osteoporosis.

Treating the symptoms individually, as they occur may be a viable option for some. Alternative medicine, including acupuncture, muscle relaxation techniques and relaxation responses, may also prove effective, Shepard said. She warned, however, against the use of over-the-counter, non-FDA approved products which may lack appropriate concentrations, be inappropriately prepared or not achieve what they promise.


"Your skin cannot extract progesterone from wild yam cream," Shepard said, adding that it must be altered in a laboratory first.

The "Mini Medical School Lecture Series" will continue next Tuesday with a presentation by Psychologist Dominic Vachon titled "Transcending Suffering: Spirituality and Maintaining Compassion in the Encounter with Human Pain."


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"The increased risk of breast cancer is there regardless of whether you take hormones, though there may be a slight increase [with hormones]."

Marguerite Shepard
lecturer





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Center aids SMC seniors in job hunt

By TERESA NOWAKOWSKI
News Writer

As graduation rapidly approaches for Saint Mary's class of 2004, seniors anticipate donning their caps and gowns and taking one final walk down the Avenue into the future that lies before them. Many look forward to a variety of occupations ranging from service opportunities to full-time salaried careers, said Jeff Roberts, associate director for career opportunities in the Counseling and Career Development Center.

Roberts said that the CCDC exists for students who "just want to come in to create a plan that is unique to them." The center does not help with specific advising in class, but does answer questions students may have about their degree or how to pursue a job.

Roberts only works with juniors and seniors, while other staff members cater their services to freshmen and sophomores.

According to Roberts, 50 to 60 percent of Saint Mary's graduates typically decide to move on to full-time positions, 25 to 27 percent pursue post-graduate education, 10 to 15 percent consider one year of voluntary service and a small group chooses occupations in the military or decide to take a year break.

This year's seniors fall within many of the groups Roberts describes.

Marianne Orfanos, a history major, is applying to work at the Mercy Home for Boys and Girls in Chicago. Orfanos says she continues to await a response, but that isn't stopping her from pursuing what she wants to do.

"I want to work with kids and I'm happy doing that," she said.

If the Mercy Home does not work out, Orfanos hopes to set her sights on other service opportunities.

Chemistry major Stephanie Cunningham plans to continue her education to obtain a master's and possibly Ph.D. in

industry and research development. Cunningham attributes getting into graduate school to personal recommendations from Saint Mary's professors.

"[They] are more than just, 'Oh, she turned in her homework, I don't know who she is,'" she said.

Mary Beth Broviak, an English writing major, does not have a job following graduation. She is looking for a career in publishing or public relations, but acknowledges that neither field tends to hire in advance. She plans to maintain her job at Victoria's Secret, relocate to a different city and, once there, find a job in the area of her choice.

Jeanne Berger, a marketing and international business major, has had several job offers including a position in banking management and sales at National City and an offer to teach in Japan.

"Business is really competitive, but the market has improved a lot," she said.

Most of these women agree that Saint Mary's prepared them well for what lies ahead.

"Having a Saint Mary's degree behind my name is meaningful," said psychology major Yvonne Benson, who is pursuing graduate work at Fairfield University in Connecticut.

"There are a lot of companies that like to hire SMC women," Broviak said.

However, Berger feels that while a Saint Mary's degree may be an asset in surrounding states, it may not have the same mark of recognition in others.

While many seniors said they utilized the CCDC for purposes such as proofreading resumes, finding jobs and locating internships, some suggest improvements for next year.

"They need someone specifically for the sciences," Cunningham said. "I don't think they know what [the] industry is looking for."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Man blows self up in Bolivia

LA PAZ, Bolivia — An angry miner with dynamite strapped to his chest blew himself up inside Bolivia's congress Tuesday, also killing two police officers, authorities said.

La Paz Police Chief Guido Arandia said the man — whose demand for early retirement benefits underscored the grievances of many low-paid miners in Bolivia — stormed into congress around midday and went to a part of the building away from the congressional chambers.

The miner detonated his vest laced with at least five sticks of dynamite as congressional security police tried to negotiate, killing himself and fatally wounding two of the police, Arandia said.

Police had evacuated Congress earlier Tuesday after receiving reports that disgruntled miners planned to force their way into the building. Police had no immediate report on whether the bomber was acting alone or with others.

Recruit lured with cell phone

NABLUS, West Bank — Islamic militants tried to recruit a 15-year-old as a suicide bomber, at one point locking him in a dark room, but also luring him with clothes, a cell phone and promises of paradise, his family said Tuesday.

The story of ninth-grader Tamer Khweirah, who was rescued by an alert older brother, underscores the growing use of children by militant groups and has stoked debate over what is permissible in the fight against Israel.

Tamer is one of four teens arrested by the Israeli military in Nablus in the past week on suspicion they were recruited by militants.

NATIONAL NEWS

Weapons still not found in Iraq

WASHINGTON — Still unable to find banned Iraqi weapons, the new U.S. weapons inspector said Tuesday his strategy is to expose Saddam Hussein's intentions regarding weapons of mass destruction.

Charles Duelfer, the CIA's special adviser on the weapons hunt, said the Iraq Survey Group he oversees is looking for a comprehensive picture, not simply an answer to the question: Were there weapons or not?

He did not say how long the effort might take.

"We're looking at it from soup to nuts, from the weapons end to the planning end to the intentions end," Duelfer said at a Capitol Hill news conference, nine weeks after he took over the weapons search.

Mass. debates same-sex marriage

BOSTON — Gov. Mitt Romney ran into resistance from his attorney general Tuesday after arguing that gay marriage should be put on hold for at least another 2 1/2 years now that lawmakers have backed a ban on same-sex weddings.

Legislators approved a constitutional amendment Monday that would ban gay marriages while legalizing civil unions. If passed a second time during the next session, the measure would go before voters in November 2006.

STATE NEWS

Indiana receives \$44 million

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana has received \$44 million from the federal government to help equip and prepare police, firefighters and emergency medical workers to respond to terrorist attacks, officials said Tuesday.

Over the next few weeks, the state will assess where the new money from the Department of Homeland Security can best be spent to support the state's anti-terrorism strategy, said Jonathan Swain, a spokesman for Gov. Joe Kernan. He said officials would determine what kind of equipment and training is needed and which areas of the state are at the greatest risk. Some of the areas considered would be ports on Lake Michigan and sensitive installations, Swain said.

Bush now says Rice will testify

National Security Adviser will speak to 9/11 commission publicly, under oath

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush agreed Tuesday to do what he had insisted for weeks he would not: allow National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice to testify publicly and under oath before an independent panel investigating the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The White House also agreed that Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney would answer questions — together, in private — before the entire commission.

The turnabout reflected administration concern that the president's strongest point with voters — his leadership in the war on terror — could be eroded if the high-publicity dispute over Rice's testimony lingered.

"I've ordered this level of because I consider it necessary to gaining a complete picture of the months and years that preceded the murder of our fellow citizens on Sept. 11, 2001," Bush said.

"Our nation must never forget the loss or the lessons of September the 11th, and we must never assume that the danger has passed," he said in short remarks in the White House briefing room. He took no questions.

The commission's Republican chairman, former New Jersey Gov. Thomas Kean, welcomed the decision and said the White House shouldn't be concerned that the testimony would violate the principles of executive privilege or separation of powers.

"We recognize the fact that this is an extraordinary event," Kean said. "This does not set a precedent." He said there was still no time set — either for Rice's public testimony



President Bush announces Tuesday that National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice will testify before the commission investigating the Sept. 11 attacks.

or for Bush and Cheney's private appearance. Administration officials said her appearance probably would come at the end of next week.

Bush is staking much of his re-election bid on his performance as president after the 2001 attacks.

But former Bush counterterrorism adviser Richard Clarke — in a best-selling book and testimony before the Sept. 11 commission last week — contended the president had been slow to act against al-Qaida before the attacks

and compromised the anti-terror battle afterward by going to war in Iraq.

Opinion polls suggest support for Bush's handling of the war on terror has declined. Two surveys out this week show the president's approval ratings on that issue are now in the high 50 percent range after being in the mid-60s for months.

Although the erosion has not hurt Bush in one-on-one polling against Democratic rival John Kerry, the White House saw a brewing problem.

It waged a vigorous counterattack on Clarke's credibility. But the many hours Rice spent rebutting Clarke in the news media only raised anew the criticism of the White House refusal to let her testify publicly.

Even Republicans began saying the administration's argument on separation of powers should be tossed aside.

Commissioner Slade Gorton, a former Republican senator from Washington state, said he was delighted at Bush's change of heart.

ENGLAND

Police arrest eight, seize explosives

Associated Press

LONDON — Police arrested eight men and seized half a ton of ammonium nitrate, a fertilizer compound used in the Oklahoma City bombing, in raids by hundreds of officers — one of the biggest anti-terrorism operations in Britain since the Sept. 11 attacks.

Home Secretary David Blunkett, who has warned for months that London is a prime terrorist target, said the arrests Tuesday were a "timely reminder" of the threat from al-Qaida. But a Muslim leader warned that the headline-grabbing dawn raids risked demonizing the whole community.

Press Association, the British news agency, said all eight were of Pakistani descent, but police would

not comment.

In a sweep involving 700 officers, eight suspects were picked up in London and towns to the south and west on suspicion of involvement in the "commission, preparation or instigation" of acts of terrorism, London's Metropolitan Police said.

Authorities recovered the ammonium nitrate — often used in terrorist bombings — from a self-storage facility in west London, police said. It was the largest seizure of potential bomb-making material in England since the Irish Republican Army suspended its campaign of violence in 1997.

"Part of the investigation will focus on the purchase, storage and intended use of that material," said Deputy Assistant Commissioner Peter Clarke, head of the force's anti-ter-

rorist branch.

Clarke said the suspects were British, aged 17 to 32, and were arrested as part of an operation targeting alleged international terrorist activity. He said the operation, which involved five police forces, was not connected to the Madrid train bombings this month or to Irish terrorism.

Clarke gave no details of the suspects' background or religious affiliation, but he told reporters that "we in the police service know that the overwhelming majority of the Muslim community are law abiding and completely reject all forms of violence."

Three of the arrests were in Uxbridge and Slough, near Heathrow Airport west of London, and four in Crawley and Horley, near Gatwick to the south.

Join the Conversation!

50th Anniversary of Brown V. Board of Education

Monday, April 5th, 7:00 -9:00 pm

ETS Theater in McKenna Hall (CCE Basement)

Screening of *The Road to Brown* followed by a panel discussion, "The Legacy of Brown"

Rhonda Brown, Director, Office of the Institutional Equity

William Carbonaro, Assistant Professor of Sociology

Walter F. Pratt, Associate Dean, Law School

Richard Pierce, Carl E. Koch Chair of History

Tuesday, April 6th,
7:00 - 8:30 pm

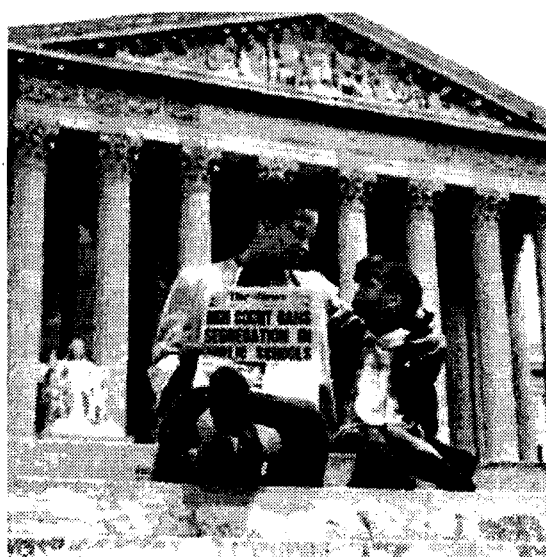
Coleman-Morse Lounge (1st Floor)

Panel discussion led by Notre Dame students: "Desegregation and the South Bend Schools"

Frankie Beecroft, Christian

McNamara, Mary Murphy,

Shanida Sharp and Sarah Wear



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willing to work with the administration in tackling the important issues on campus."

He said that Alcohol Awareness Week will be continued in the future, partly due to the high praise the student government received.

"Some people have said that they've never seen that type of response come out of the [Board of Trustees]," he added.

Lao also cited other advances on issues made during the past year, including approval for a gender resource center, renewal of services for students with temporary disabilities, the creation of the Sustained Dialogue program on campus and the organizing of a task force on the Campus Life Council to look into a mandatory course on diversity and social issues.

The issue of TCE publication was also present within the administration, but it has hit some roadblocks throughout the year.

A subcommittee was created within the CLC to look into TCE publication, but Lao said there have been additional questions and concerns raised by this committee. However, Lao added that he will continue to act on this issue.

"We're going to have a TCE resolution [today] showing student support," Lao said. "I'm going to continue meeting with administrators, and I will include additionally ... a TCE section in my [Board of Trustees] report."

There are some issues, Lao said, on which he wished student government had given more concentration.

"I think in general, we could have worked on better relationships with other offices of the University and built stronger contacts with the Office of the Provost

and University Relations," he said. "I think we've done a great job building relationships with Student Activities and the Board of Trustees, but we could have done a better job with everyone else."

Chin also mentioned relationship building as something this administration could have worked on more.

"I think the office could have worked on collaboration with other student government organizations," Chin said.

Some of this relationship building could have fallen to the way-side with the transition of the student body presidency from former student body president Pat Hallahan to Lao, although both Lao and Chin applaud the way their office handled the transition.

"I think our transition has been quite smooth," Lao said. "It gave us fresh perspective for the rest of the semester. I don't think we ever slowed down in regard to the 'April attitude' that happens in the office because of that perspective."

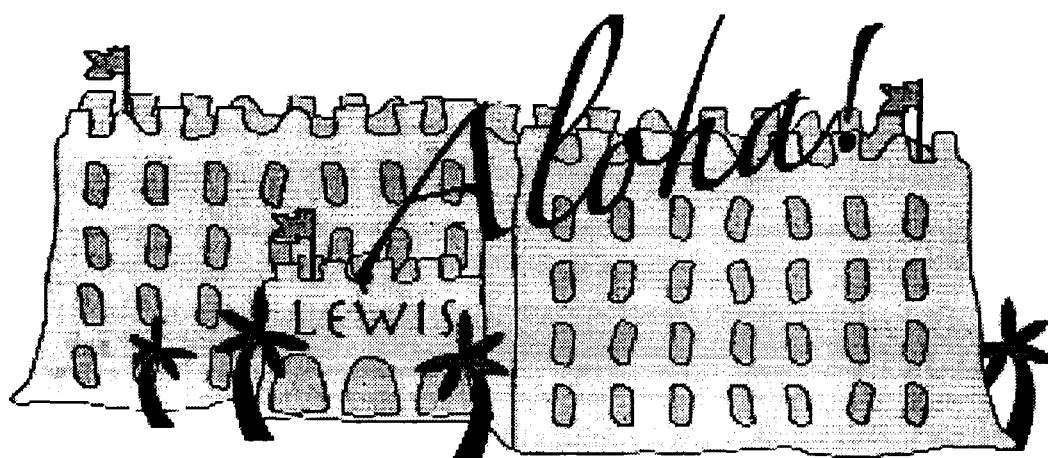
Chin praised the staff for making the transition a smooth one.

"We have an amazing staff that pulled through the transition and knew their goals and accomplished them," she said. "We didn't have any problems within our office."

With the next transition - to student body president-elect Adam Istvan and vice president-elect Karla Bell - only a day away, concerns still remain regarding the unfinished Student Union Constitution. The Council of Representatives will meet tonight in order to approve the final changes, according to Lao.

"We would like [the Constitution] to be done," Lao said, "but the way I view the Constitution in general is that it's a continuous process. ... The Student Union will never be done, and we'll continue to improve."

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IN BRIEF

Consumer confidence unchanged

NEW YORK — Consumer confidence was stagnant in March amid lingering worries about the job market.

The Conference Board reported Tuesday that its consumer confidence index slipped to 88.3 this month from a revised 88.5 in February. The February reading was down sharply from 97.7 in January.

The March reading — the lowest level since October, when it reached 81.7 — was slightly better than analysts had expected, in light of the terrorist bombings in Madrid and the subsequent sell-off on Wall Street.

The Present Situations Index, which measures consumers' assessment of current conditions, rose to 84.1 from 83.3 in February. The Expectations Index, which gauges their outlook for six months from now, fell to 91 from 91.9.

"While consumers claimed business conditions were more favorable in March than last month, they also claimed jobs were less readily available," said Lynn Franco, director of the Conference Board's Consumer Research Center.

Treasury official discusses jobs

WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary John Snow reignited the political argument over U.S. companies shipping jobs overseas Tuesday with comments that "outsourcing" was an integral part of a global trading system.

Snow's comments in economically hard-hit Ohio were published as President Bush was delivering a speech defending his free trade policies in Wisconsin, a state that has lost 80,000 manufacturing jobs.

Democrat John Kerry is hoping to capitalize on Americans' concern about an economic recovery in which job growth has lagged badly and the country's manufacturers have suffered more than 3 million lost jobs since mid-2000.

Asked in a newspaper interview whether he thought outsourcing of jobs to other countries made the U.S. economy strong, Snow replied, "It's one aspect of trade and there can't be any doubt about the fact that trade makes ... America strong."

CORPORATE SCANDAL

Jury still out in Tyco fraud case

Ninth day of deliberations closes with no decision; Swartz testimony re-read

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jurors at the Tyco International corporate-looting trial began hearing a lengthy readback Tuesday of testimony from former chief financial officer Mark Swartz about \$72 million in bonuses given to him and the company's former CEO.

The jury had first requested the readback last week, then asked the judge to delay it because they were making progress in the jury room. Deliberations later broke down in infighting, nearly bringing the case to a mistrial.

But jurors continued their deliberations for a ninth day, also hearing a brief readback of testimony Swartz gave about a conversation with former chief executive L. Dennis Kozlowski about loan forgiveness.

Swartz and Kozlowski are accused of looting Tyco of \$600 million and spending the money on lavish lifestyles. They are charged with 32 counts of grand larceny, falsifying business records and violating state business laws. They each could face up to 30 years in prison if convicted.

The defense argued that the two men earned every dime and that the board of directors and the company's auditors knew about the compensation and never objected.

Swartz testified that he did not do anything he believed was illegal. He said he and Kozlowski received bonuses and had their loans forgiven at many informal company board meetings at which no minutes were recorded.



Dennis Kozlowski, former CEO of Tyco, enters the New York State Supreme Court Tuesday as jury deliberations continued in his corporate-looting trial.

ed. Kozlowski did not testify.

State Supreme Court Justice Michael Obus said the readback of the Swartz testimony would likely stretch into Wednesday.

Earlier Tuesday, a defense lawyer complained that a heavily scrutinized juror has been the subject of venomous attacks in Internet chat rooms.

The juror, No. 4 on the

panel, has been depicted in some news accounts as a holdout for acquittal.

"It is staggering, sir, to understand the venomous and outrageous statements made about this juror in that environment," said Charles Stillman, a lawyer for Swartz.

The judge said he would consider the matter later. Obus rejected a motion for a mistrial on Monday that was based on defense

complaints that some news organizations had named the juror.

Juror No. 4 became the object of intense scrutiny when some media organizations reported that she had made an "OK" gesture directed at the defense while walking to the jury box on Friday.

The New York Post featured a sketch on its Saturday cover depicting her making a clear "OK" gesture.

ENTERTAINMENT

Trump casinos in financial trouble

Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — While Donald Trump basks in the popularity of his runaway hit reality TV show, "The Apprentice," the auditors for his Atlantic City casino property are raising alarms over the financier's real-life debt load.

Shares of Trump Hotels & Casino Resorts fell 11 percent Tuesday on news of auditors' concerns that, barring a bailout, the company might not be able to continue as a "going concern."

In a letter to the company's board of directors, auditors for Ernst & Young LLP said that the debt-laden company, which runs three Atlantic City casinos and a Gary, Ind., riverboat, is struggling under stiff competition, recurring operating losses and

had a working capital deficit as of Dec. 31, 2003, the auditors said.

The letter, which is dated earlier this year, was made public Tuesday as part of Trump Hotels' annual report filed with regulators.

"The company is working on various alternatives to improve the company's financial resources ... Absent the successful completion of one of these alternatives, the company's operating results will increasingly become uncertain. These conditions raise substantial doubt about the company's ability to continue as a going concern," the auditors said.

Last month, Trump announced that Credit Suisse First Boston had agreed to make a \$400 million cash infusion into the company in exchange for a controlling stake.

If approved by bondholders, the

deal would result in Trump's removal as chief executive officer. He would stay on as chairman, but the company would be called Trump International, under the plan.

Trump Hotels, which carries \$1.8 billion in debt, has been unable to finance major capital improvements at its Atlantic City properties at a time when competitors — including the new Borgata Hotel Spa & Casino — have been luring away gamblers.

Trump, who initially declined comment on the auditors' letter Tuesday, noted later that the 11.25 percent notes issued by subsidiary Trump Atlantic City Associates will not come due for another two years.

"The debt doesn't come due until May of 2006. That's a long time. We are addressing the situation immediately, as we speak," he said.

Career

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and graduate school attendance appear to be the norm, Svete said.

Throughout the year, the Career Center has provided guidance for seniors with career fairs and personal counseling. In all, 1,230 seniors have utilized individual guidance sessions, Svete said.

The 25 seniors members of the "Job Club" learned how to make alumni connections and were provided an online contact system. Svete, serving as director for the program, affirmed that many students found skills they learned in the club to be beneficial. Next year, he predicts the group will grow to 100 or more members.

The Career Center also ensures that Notre Dame remains part of the largest online virtual career fair. The Big East Conference E-Fair offers names of companies and jobs available to students of member schools in the Big East Conference. This E-Fair can be accessed through the Career Center home page and offers information on employment with companies such as AT&T Wireless, Morgan Stanley and Bloomberg.

On April 15, the Career Center will initiate City Tour, a new program designed to assist seniors in finding jobs and relocating. The program

has a unique web site providing list serves capable of finding jobs for a student's particular field within a specific location. The program also helps students locate alumni in their area.

Senior Caitlin Willard plans on giving a year of health service to either Providence Volunteer Ministry or Redeemer Ministry Corp.

She said the service fair assisted her in finding this

position.

"I feel pretty confident in my ability to face challenges, but I feel I will not have an idea of whether or not I am prepared until I am put in the real world," she said.

Jackie Barrett also received assistance from the Career Center in discovering her job at

McKinsey Company, a management consultant firm

"In my four years at Notre Dame [two] things have prepared me for the real world — accessible, exceptional professors and close friends."

John Kennedy
senior

located in Pittsburgh.

"I was contacted by someone from McKinsey who looked at online profiles provided by the Career Center," she said.

Senior John Kennedy will attend civil engineering graduate school at Marquette University or Tufts University.

"In my four years at Notre Dame [two] things have prepared me for the real world — accessible, exceptional professors and close friends," he said.

Other seniors plan to utilize time after graduation to pursue various interests.

"I am going to move to the middle of Wisconsin, I am going to drive in my VW bus cross country to California where I am going to surf and

bartend until I have enough money to start my own record label," Joe Schmidlin said.

While Schmidlin's plans don't classify as the norm, Gino Signoracci looks at the education gained in four years at Notre Dame as something to prepare a graduating senior for anything.

"I believe Notre Dame prepares you for the real world as long as you choose a path that makes things interesting for you," Signoracci said. "It is also vulnerable to people who come in with narrow minds that can easily go through four years without changing."

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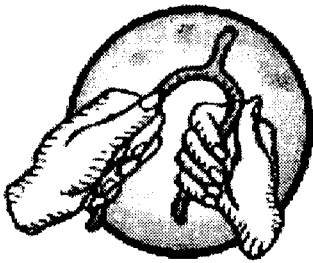
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the Alumni Shadowing Program flourished. The student body also held a celebration for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception to honor the school's patroness. They celebrated again at Midnight Madness when the fight song — with lyrics and music written entirely by students and voted on by the student body — was sung for the first time in school history.

Perhaps the most noticeable change, however, was the first ever Reading Day held on Dec. 12. The concept was first debated in 1992 and formally proposed in 2002 after 89 percent of students polled were in favor. The day reserved for

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students to prepare for final exams was widely appreciated across Saint Mary's campus and will take place again before the spring semester concludes.

Jablonski-Diehl said that the incoming administration of White and Moran is fully qualified for the positions from which she and Brown are leaving.

"The hard part about turning BOG over to new leadership is that I am still intensely interested in making student government work for all of the women here. They deserve nothing else," Jablonski-Diehl said. "The difficulty is eased by knowing that the new BOG leadership and members are very competent, smart, and as intense about student affairs as I was. Saint Mary's marches on."

Looking back on her time leading the student body, Jablonski-Diehl seems to have few regrets.

"Serving on Saint Mary's Student Government Association has been one of the most meaningful experiences of my life. It is with pride that I hand over the reigns to the next administration," she said. "I am proud of everything Sarah and I have accomplished, and I can honestly look back and say that I gave it everything I had."

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Dear Undergraduate Students,

The Institute for Latino Studies (ILS) offers Notre Dame undergraduates the minor in Latino studies. Latino studies is a field of academic inquiry that rigorously examines the historical and contemporary experiences of Latinos in the context of American society and its institutions. Latinos include people who trace their heritage to Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, and Central and South America.

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All the best,

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college, said that he did observe a slight discrepancy in the numbers of men and women in his declared major. "I am a [declared] accounting major, and I do notice a few more males than females," he said. "I picked accounting because it's the major that seemed to come naturally to me. I am very analytical and I like numbers."

Frey offered a possible reason for the male majority in most of the business college.

"I think there are more men in business because business has always been portrayed as 'a man's world,'" he said. "The mold needs to be broken, but it's hard to change a stereotype that has been around for years."

Angela Celis is one of those breaking the stereotype. The sophomore described herself as a "numbers person" and plans to major in accounting. However, she has had an important female role model in her life — her mother is also an accountant.

First-year advisor Holly Martin, for one, is optimistic about the presence of women in the College.

"The dean of the business college is a woman [Carolyn Woo]," she said. "That not only says that you can go into business, but that you can be a leader."

Martin said she has observed a high level of interest in the business college from both men and women in the First Year of Studies.

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The (dis)United Nations

The United Nations needs another reality check. Eleven of the 15 members of the U.N. Security Council voted in favor of a Palestinian-backed, Algerian-proposed resolution Thursday, condemning Israel's assassination of Hamas "spiritual" leader Ahmed Yassin. Three abstained, while the lone veto came, of course, from the United States, who, as one of the five permanent members on the Security Council, effectively blocked this nonsensical resolution from passing.

Upon first glance, the resolution might not seem so absurd because extrajudicial executions are in violation of international law. But in this case, when the language of the resolution conveniently failed in any way to condemn Hamas and the countless "extrajudicial executions," or better-termed maniacal terrorist bombings, the organization carries out every day, it is impossible for any member of the U.N. Security Council to have justified voting for such an egregiously slanted measure. Just days before the Yassin assassination, a suicide bomber in Ashdod killed 10 innocent Israelis. Where were the peace-loving Algerians then?

Well, they certainly weren't drafting a U.N. resolution condemning the Palestinian Authority's less-than concerted effort to stopping Hamas terrorists living under their watch. How could Algeria and the nations who voted with them treat an evil terrorist organization like Hamas as a political body equivalent to the nation of Israel? How could they even begin to take a man like Hamas political leader Mohamad Ghazal seriously, who, according to a Reuters article Friday, referred to the United States as "the chairman of the axis of evil in the world" and said the U.N. Security Council veto was "Israel's green light to carry out assaults and crimes." Talk about the pot calling the kettle black.

On the very same day that these comments were made, Israeli soldiers

gunned down two would-be Hamas frogmen snipers, who swam across the Mediterranean attempting to launch a sneak attack on the Jewish community of Tel Kateifa. But I guess Mr. Ghazal does not classify terrorist attacks like these committed against Jews and Americans as assaults and crimes.

Here's something those countries who voted for the resolution ought to consider: assassinating a terrorist without so much as touching a hair on an innocent bystander's head is not the same as blowing up a bus full of school children. Yassin, one of the masterminds of the 1993 U.S. Trade Center bombing, was a man responsible for the deaths of hundreds of innocent people, including his own. Israel has every right to defend its security against animals like this. There was nothing tragic about Yassin's death. The world is a safer place without him.

According to an Associated Press article written Thursday, Nasser al-Kidwa, the Palestinian representative to the United Nations, had the gall to say after the vote, "Israeli policies are not part of the battle against international terrorism; it's part of the problem of creating terrorism. Israel's actions have escalated tensions in Gaza and the region, and could set back our effort to resume progress towards peace." If such a comment does not reveal the Palestinian Authority's total unwillingness to crack down on Hamas and curb terrorism, then does al-Kidwa need to actually come out and say, "The Palestinian Authority will not stop Hamas and other radical terrorists organizations akin to them because we secretly agree with their ultimate objective of wiping Israel off the face of the earth" for the U.N. to recognize Palestinian hypocrisy? Taking it one step further, what about the entire Arab world's hypocrisy? For if Algeria, Egypt, Syria and the rest of their Arab brothers wanted peace they would not remain so conspicuously silent after terrorist bombings carried out by Muslim extremists not only against Israel but the United States and predominantly Christian nations in Europe as well. They also would not allow their national newspapers equivalent

in circulation to the The Wall Street Journal or The New York Times to print hate-filled lies about these same places as a way to deflect attention from the the shortcomings of their own governments, none of which take the form of legitimate democracy. The truth hurts sometimes. A combination of severe economic equality, corrupt governments, intolerant religious extremism and a crippling "blame everyone else but ourselves" mentality is the root cause of the Arab world's problems, not any Israeli or American policy.

As an international governing body, the U.N. is supposed to be even-handed, unbiased and impartial at all times. One-sided resolutions such as these are clearly not in line with this mission. By rightfully wielding its veto power, the United States showed once again why it has replaced the U.N. as the objective leader of the world. As John Negroponte, the U.S. Ambassador to the U.N., bravely pointed out before last Thursday's vote, "This Security Council does nothing to contribute to a peaceful settlement when it condemns one party's actions and turns a blind eye to everything else occurring in the region."

Even Britain, the U.S.'s staunch ally in the war on terror and true diplomatic friend in every sense of the word, dropped the ball on this one, electing to abstain rather than veto. In the wake of the U.N. vote, it might seem as if the U.S. is the only nation with any moral backbone left. But that would be grossly unfair to Australia, who defied the unfair resolution. It's just unfortunate Australia is not a permanent member of the Security Council. They certainly should be. After losing 88 citizens among the 202 innocent people who died in the horrific Bali bombing on Oct. 12, 2002, Australia understands what the war on terror is all about.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

National defense vs. education?

I want to congratulate Roque Strew on another persuasively shrill diatribe in the March 29 issue of The Observer.

I get it now. President Bush proposes and passes the No Child Left Behind Act with an overwhelming bipartisan majority in Congress and whose purpose is to close the achievement gap between rich and poor students in America's more than 89,599 public schools, and he is an axe murderer for doing it. Oh yes, and President Bush also increases federal funding for education more than 59.8 percent between the years of 2000 and 2003. He only increased funding for education 60 percent, while Clinton did nothing for eight years.

Come on, Bush, what's more important? National defense and the war on terrorism or "free" education for Roque

Strew? Roque's peers are serving and dying on the streets of Afghanistan and Iraq for the cause of freedom and democracy while he whines about the size of Pell Grants. I have a simple question for Roque: Why is it that the more we spend federal and state money on education, the more the cost of education goes up? Who cares? I am taking to the streets right now so that Roque does not have to pay a dime for his fancy private school education. Join me, all you apathetic moderates, because Roque Strew says so.

Brendan O'Connor
junior
Keough Hall
March 30

OBSERVER POLL

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I think there are only three things America will be known for 2,000 years from now when they study this civilization: the Constitution, jazz music and baseball."

Gerald Early
author

A different kind of 'Madness'

It's no secret that for the past two weeks, our nation's efficiency has plummeted to Communism-like levels thanks to a widespread, obsessive-compulsive addiction to the NCAA tournament. During the first-round weekday games, classrooms appeared uncharacteristically empty, office desks were littered with doodled-on brackets and rumor has it Hilary Clinton even forced Congress to temporarily suspend deliberation in order to watch twelfth-seeded Manhattan knock off fifth-seeded Florida so that she could play-a-hate on Florida Senator Bob Graham.

Clearly, America is infatuated with tournaments. Whether it's the unparalleled raw emotion of watching a favorite team emerge victorious in the final seconds of a game, the sheer excitement of witnessing a seemingly-impossible upset or even the prospect of winning both cash and bragging rights for filling out the most accurate bracket in a pool, only a tournament can cause both a New York lawyer and a Montana farmer to simultaneously scream at a referee from their sofas for calling a charge against Zakee Wadood of East Tennessee State.

With this inexplicable phenomenon in mind, I see no reason why this passion for upsets, brackets and all things tournament cannot be transferred to other aspects of life that everyday Americans simply do not find interesting enough to spend hours glued to the television watching, namely, the Democratic presidential primaries.

Sure, the results of these events were of the utmost importance and always seemed to merit the front page of next-day newspapers, but who can admit to having gone to such extremes as checking live exit polls from the Iowa caucuses on their cell phone in the middle of chemistry class? And how many people skipped classes on Super Tuesday to constantly monitor the CNN news ticker for live updates of John Edwards' voting totals in California? Most likely, unless your Deadhead parents thought it would be funny to name you Wolf Blitzer, you did not go to these seemingly insane ends that are actually quite customary in the world of college basketball.

In more practical terms, one only needs to look at the peculiar pattern of voter preference during the primaries to realize that some changes should be in order. For months, the raw idealistic nature of Howard Dean's campaign mounted him securely atop the field of contenders, only to have all that come crashing down because a few corn farmers in Iowa were not particularly fond of his personality. Likewise, in nearly every state primary that followed, voters seemed to nonchalantly jump onto the John Kerry bandwagon because of his Iowa success, even though many Americans never truly clicked with Kerry as they had with Dean

or even with the presidential-looking John Edwards. Unfortunately, Kerry's momentum had become irreversible, and America's Democrats found themselves stuck with a guy whose campaign was partly funded by a hot dog condiment.

How, then, can America spice up the primary process enough to attract the constant attention of the electorate? A tournament, of course! The process would probably proceed as follows:

Sometime around Christmas, CNN would publish a printable bracket complete with seedings of the top Democratic contenders. This past year's tournament would probably have involved Dean taking home the number one seed, setting him up to play the winner of the play-in primary between eighth-seeded Dennis Kucinich and ninth-seeded Carol Moseley Braun. On the other side of the bracket, Kerry, the number two seed, would have started with a match-up against America's favorite underdog, seventh-seeded Al Sharpton. In the more evenly matched head-to-head primaries, third-seeded Dick Gephardt would have squared off against sixth-seeded John Edwards, and fourth-seeded Wesley Clark would have duked it out mano a mano with fifth-seeded Joe Lieberman.

Just imagine the buzz that would have generated amidst the American public as they furiously filled out brackets with their favorite picks to enter into office pools or Yahoo! online fantasy presidential primary tournaments. You can even picture the conversations.

"Should I go with the Sharpton over Kerry upset?" "No way! That primary is being played in Massachusetts! Sharpton doesn't stand a chance against Kerry's home crowd!" "Well, Anderson Cooper likes Edwards over Gephardt, so I'm going with him on that one." "Not a bad pick. Edwards has a great RPI. So who do you have in your Final Four?" "I'm going with Kerry, Edwards, Dean and Lieberman, with Dean pulling it off in the end."

March Madness? More like Presidential Primary Psychosis! By setting up the primaries as a tournament-style series of head-to-head matchups, interest in the currently tiresome election process will increase a thousand-fold. The same allure that draws fans to NCAA basketball — brackets, upsets, buzzer-beaters, Bill Raftery and gambling — will certainly elicit the same response in the world of American politics.

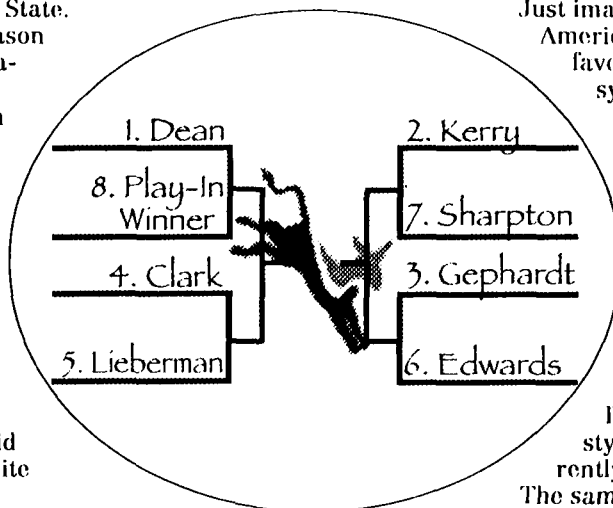
Now if only we could get the University of Texas cheerleaders on board ...

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Growing numbers of women in engineering

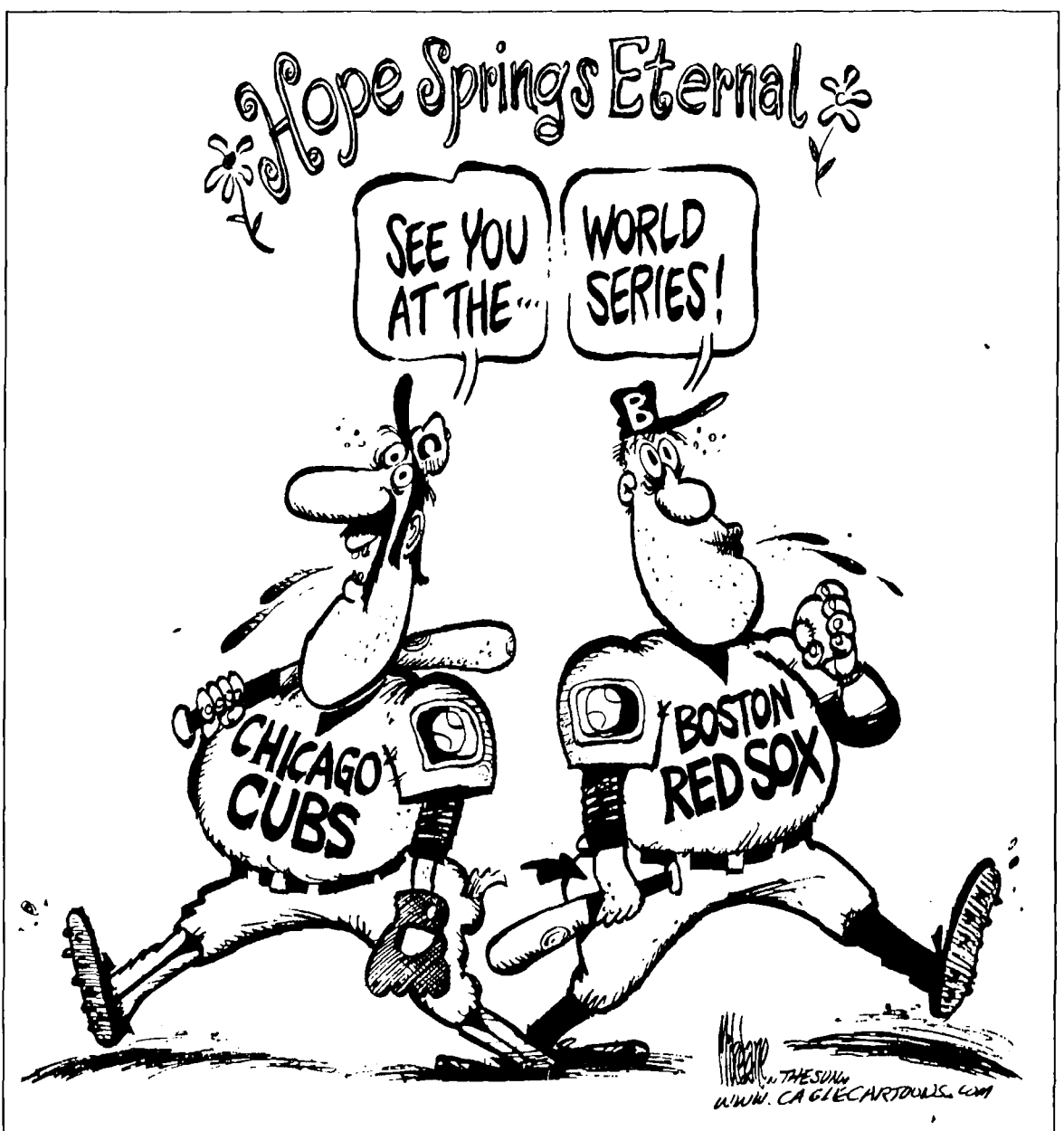
The article on women in engineering published on March 29 wonderfully conveyed many of the positive things the College of Engineering is doing to increase our numbers of women students and faculty.

Drawing on perhaps an outdated source, the article indicated that the College has only five female faculty when, in fact, we currently have 10 female faculty in the three departments mentioned. Moreover, we will add at least two female faculty this fall in our other two departments, one in electrical engineering and a senior female faculty member in aerospace and mechanical engineering who will leave a chaired position at Cal-Berkeley to pursue her research interests here. Several other offers have also been extended to outstanding female candidates, and we hope to continue to increase the proportion of women on our faculty.

I am proud of the leadership and initiative shown by our dean, Frank Incropera, and by every department in the College of Engineering on the issue of hiring female faculty. We are now at the national average for female engineering faculty members (around 10 percent) and we continue to work hard to bring more women into our ranks.

Cathy Pieronek
director
Women's Engineering Program
March 29

EDITORIAL CARTOON



Virtual ninjas, Jame

Scene's video game reviewers take a look at

REVIEWS BY MARK BEME

Ninja Gaiden

Mark: Finally, a game made by old school gamers for old school gamers. Games nowadays are getting easier than they were in the past. Am I the only one that remembers games that gave you three continues, marginal lives and expected you to defeat an army of super cyborg/ninja/zombie/squirrels? If one died, it was back to the start. Now, people tend to respawn in the same place with only a marginal penalty, or they can quick-load their last save.

"Ninja Gaiden" uses the checkpoint system of saves with the checkpoints spaced far apart. This forces gamers to move with caution, and actually contemplate their actions carefully. A quick warning — this game is not for those easily frustrated. Many of the levels are designed without the survival of a lone ninja in mind.

One particular area early in the game stands out as an example. After moving with less than ninja stealth through an army of soldiers armed with guns and rocket launchers, our hero encounters a tank. This tank is not of the ordinary

video game variety that falls apart after being tapped a few times. This one withstands explosion after explosion, and is more than able to end one ninja's life.

After fighting a grueling battle, one would think a little break would be due. But no, as soon as the first is defeated, a garage door lifts open and out pops a second with no save point in between. Then, immediately following the two tanks comes an attack helicopter. This almost relentless slew of challenges could frustrate any gamer.

However, just because it is frustrating does not mean it is impossible. This game will challenge you often, cause cursing even more often, but overcoming those challenges will bring a sense of accomplishment that hearkens back to the old NES days.

Trevor: Beautiful graphics and tight gameplay accentuate this X-Box exclusive platformer in the sea of mediocre knockoffs of the popular "Devil May Cry" series for the Playstation 2. The controls are quick to learn, but difficult to master. After watching stunning aerobatics and ninja quick reflexes destroy soldiers and tanks, I jumped into the game only to be destroyed by the computer within 10 minutes. Though the path of a ninja may look fantastically fun and dangerous, complete mastery of the many moves and weapons is necessary to make any forward

progress.

Strategy is key and foresight a must if you want to see the end of the game. Simple button mashing and good luck is not enough to overcome a dark army. This being true, precision and timing are key, as any ninja can attest. The weary gamer should tread lightly, for "Gaiden" is not for the faint of heart.

This third-person ninja action draws on the strengths of its predecessors. The famed gameplay of "Devil May Cry" is

brought to an entirely new level, with a combat system comparable to "Soul Calibur II," and mind bending environmental puzzles reminiscent of those found in "The Legend of Zelda" series.

"Ninja Gaiden" is a must have for the hardcore gamer, and something to be strongly to be considered by anyone else looking for impressive and challenging gameplay. If I could have only buy five games this year, "Ninja Gaiden" would be one of them.

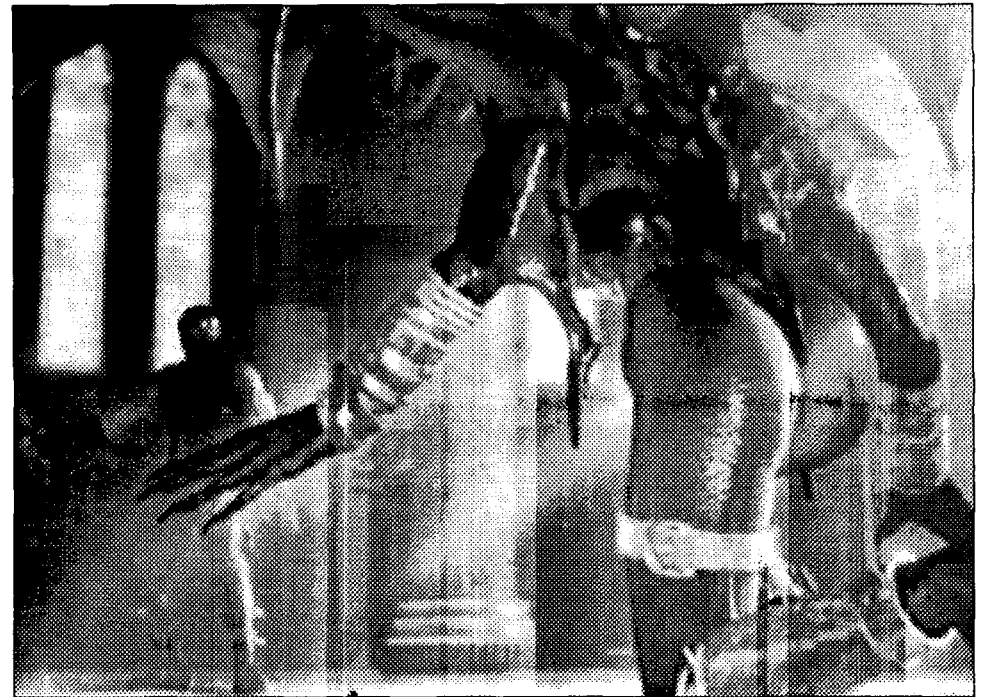


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Ninja Gaiden

Tecmo

Available for xBox and
Nintendo NES

Mark's Rating: A+

Trevor's Rating: A



NFL Street

Mark: Following the tradition of games that don't make it easy for the player, "NFL Street" will often cause the player to go off on a string of words that would make any mother blush. Similar to the "NFL Blitz" series, "Street" has a faster paced, arcade style game play that purists may scoff at. Those purists might be making a mistake.

"Street" is a rather deep football game for those that enjoy football, but can't quite get into the Madden or NCAA games. However, there are many

elements of "Street" that football fans will enjoy, such as the building of a team from the bottom up. Building a team can get quite frustrating however as the season starts with average Joes off the street making up your team while your opponents are set NFL teams. A comparison of the stats reveal that your team is about half the skill level of theirs.

However, once the initial hurdle is passed, the game becomes quite enjoyable, as your team is able to not only

take on, but also stomp those of the NFL on a routine basis. Almost all of the aspects of your team can be customized, from their running stats to their dress apparel.

True, this game does branch off of the Madden series in many areas such as the aforementioned arcade style of game play. The cartoonish look of the players may turn off some. However, all the players are recognizable and move fluidly. One thing this game may have above Madden would be the multi-player option.

It's fast paced sheer lunacy disguised as a football game. Never before seen in a football game, there are walls on a field that introduce a new element into the game. A big running back may end up charging the length of the field, bouncing off the wall while staying on his feet.

Trevor: Definitely a game to challenge your friends with. Not only can you run a pass for a 70-yard touchdown, but with the unique style points feature, you can rub it in their face by initiating one of several player taunts (my favorite is the "Figure Hate") while racking up credit to the unlock the infamous "Gamebreaker" option (souping up your players until there is a turnover or a touchdown).

Customizing every individual player on your roster is half the game's challenge. From names to apparel to height and offensive and defensive skills, you affect their playing ability with each change. Upgrading your player's skills is done through defeating opposing teams while satisfying certain requirements and gaining development points. Then comes the dilemma as to either making your receiver taller to better his chance of grabbing a high pass, or increasing the quarterback's weight to make his run power more effective. With all the customizing, the team you start off with is something you can truly call your own, which makes stomping your best friend that much more satisfying.

As a single player game, "Street" can be insanely difficult with cheap artificial intelligence, but is rewarding in the end. As a party game, this is a must for any football fan.



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NFL Street

Electronic Arts

Available for xBox,
PlayStation2 and GameCube

Mark's Rating: A-

Trevor's Rating: B



es Bond and beyond

at some of the hottest new games of 2004

N D E R F E R A N D T R E V O R G A S S

Breakdown

Trevor: Before you start breakin' it down with this innovative first-person shooter/fighter for the X-Box, you will want to break out an industrial size bottle of Dramamine. Not only does the action throw you through burning skyscrapers and across alien planets, but you might find that your travels will send you to the bathroom as well due to the nauseating camera motion.

The "Breakdown" storyline is fast-paced, and though it is nothing we

haven't seen before — you play as an amnesiac on a quest to save the planet and discover your identity — it manages to remain engrossing. This makes up for the repetitive play through the first half of the game. It may be intentional to allow gamers time to become accustomed to the realistic viewpoint's disorientating gameplay and for them to nail down the numerous alien crushing melee combos that are an integral part of the game given that it is insanely hard.

A downfall in "Breakdown" comes from the targeting system that automatically locks on enemies. This is made into even more of a chore given the camera becomes fixed on the enemy, so don't be surprised when you find yourself caught up on obstacles outside of your view. The combat mechanics could have been more polished as well.

You will find that the main weapons in the game are neither effective nor accurate and that many of your hand-to-hand combos will end up short of their mark. The fighting itself is repetitious and can quickly turn into a tedious game of block and strike. When you break it all down, "Breakdown" is a solid title worth looking into. Rent before buying.

Mark: Breaking down "Breakdown" can often break down your tolerance for breaking Alien neck. Insanely hard? More like insanely cheap.

"Breakdown" is exactly what every gamer has been waiting for. Finally, here is a game that truly simulates the sensation of deep-sea fishing in stormy weather. Too bad it actually has nothing to do with fishing. On a positive note, due to the nausea breaks that people will be forced to take while playing this game, it will last awhile and gamers may feel like they got their money's worth.

Mentioned earlier were the amazing variety of environments, from alien worlds

to tall buildings. It's a shame all of these environments are plain and almost ugly when compared to the other games out there. The corridors in the burning building, pre- and post-explosion, are almost all identical with the only indication of where to go being the doors with green access plates as opposed to red. For a game as innovative as this is supposed to be, not much is actually new.

The story, although cool, feels recycled. The human bad guys feel lifted out of the superior "Half-Life," while the aliens seem to have traces of the Borg from Star Trek. The only thing truly innovative is the fact that it is a first-person fighter.

However, that alone could have redeemed the game slightly if Namco had spent a little more time revising it. Too much motion and routine actions further diminish what may have been a revolutionary title. I know it's supposed to be immersive, but why must I bend over and manually pick up, examine, and pocket every single item I come across?



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Breakdown

Namco

Available for xBox

Mark's Rating: C

Trevor's Rating: B-



James Bond 007: Everything or Nothing

Trevor: With fighting games taking on the first-person perspective, James Bond jumps into the third-person arena for the first time in "Everything or Nothing." Gameplay is reminiscent of the Playstation 2's "Metal Gear Solid" and Tom Clancy's Splinter Cell series (check out "Pandora Tomorrow"). "Everything or Nothing" opens with a bang in typical Bond style — having you rappel from the top of a power plant, drive your Aston Martin in a high speed pursuit, duke it out with the ever popular Bond nemesis Jaws in hand to hand combat and destroy an enemy base after a chase down with in a helicopter.

All these action-packed sequences are found within the first few stages of the game. Bond takes the gaming experience to another level with its cinematic storyline featuring actors Pierce Brosnan, Willem Dafoe and singer . Mya. "Everything or Nothing" introduces a new benchmark in movie-like gaming.

Bond as a multiplayer game shines as well, with its cooperative option throwing you and your best friend into a supplementary storyline that requires direct cooperation between players. If you own a Playstation 2, you will be able to engage in online gameplay. Since communication is necessary, a headset is essential to relay information.

Gameplay wise, "Everything or Nothing" is in essence, a duck and shoot game. The lock on aiming system isn't perfect when the computer refuses to target the desired enemy or throws the camera around into awkward angles, which can be problematic in tight hallways or hazardous areas. Shooting the enemy consists of holding one button to aim and the other to fire, something very reminiscent to Koei's Winback or Namco's kill switch.

"Everything or Nothing" is a game worthy of the James Bond name. It delivers in the action and storyline elements and graphically, Bond has never looked better.

Since "Everything or Nothing" is on all three major gaming systems, there is no excuse for any respectable gamer to not own a copy.

Mark: Bond certainly likes to throw a lot at the average gamer. Possibly the best Bond since "Goldeneye," "Everything or Nothing" is certainly the most differentiated game out

on the market right now. From driving to flying to free-falling off the face of a cliff, there are not many things that have ever been in a Bond movie that does not occur in this game.

However, even though it does a good job imitating various genres, each one feels rather shallow in its own right. All the segments excluding the third-person shooting feel kind of shallow, as if they ran out of time while designing them. The car, nor the bike control quite right, and the cliff diving segment was an exercise in frustration.

The multiplayer was great, well, the co-

op part was. A lesser third-person arena based fighter has replaced the multiplayer first-person shooter. Fans of "Powerstone" for the Sega Dreamcast will know what I mean by that. Odd Job also makes a return as a playable death match character, but due to the new nature of the multiplayer death match, his diminutive stature is no longer a benefit.

It was awesome to see the likeness and voices of famous actors used in the game, particularly that of the exceptional Willem Dafoe. It's too bad this was just a game with no movie backing it. It would have been great to see Dafoe as a Bond villain.

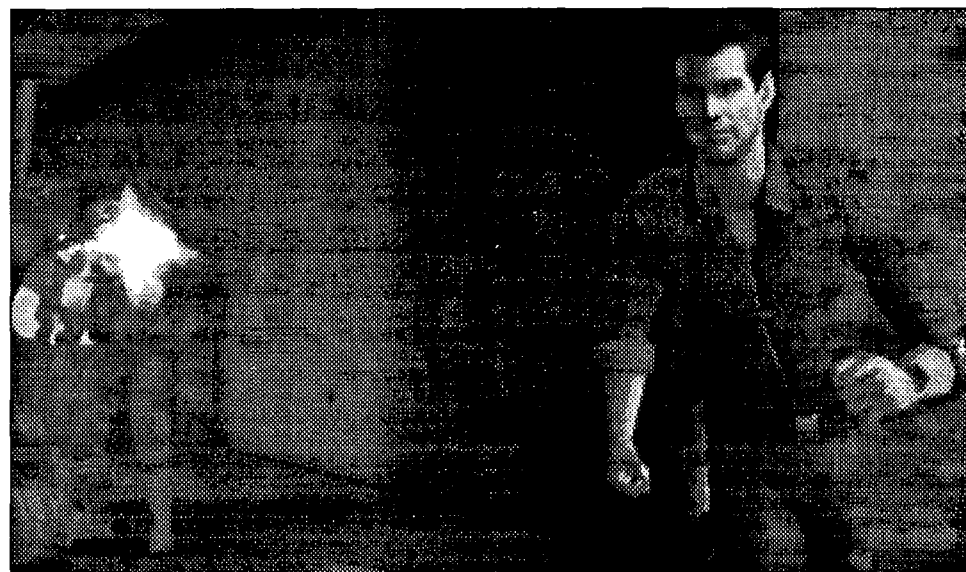


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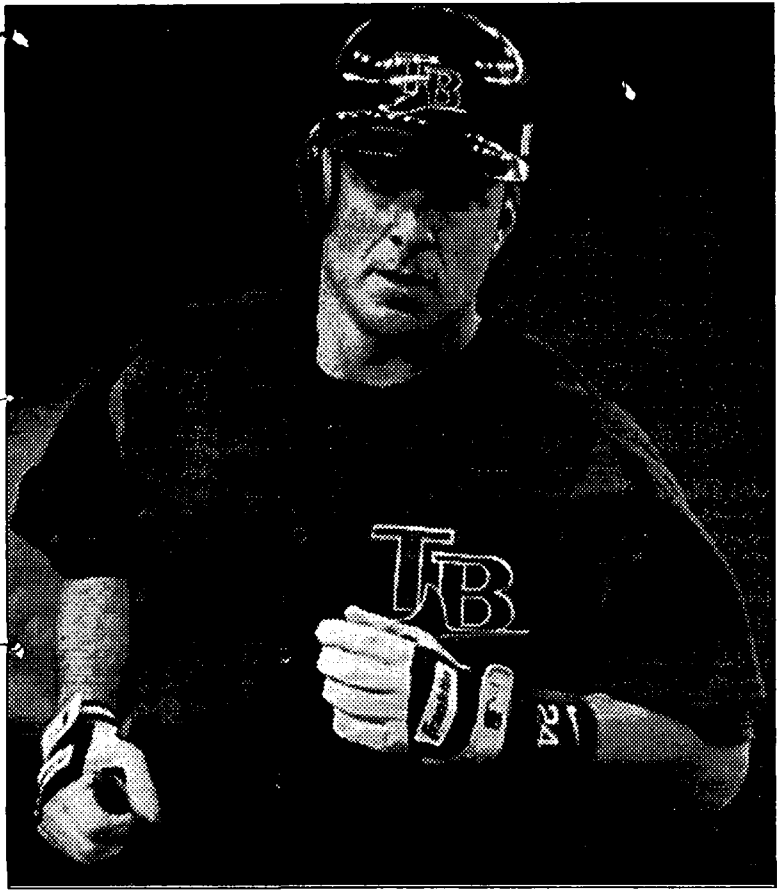
Mark's Rating: B+

Trevor's Rating: A



MLB

Devil Rays beat jet-lagged Yankees in Tokyo



Associated Press

TOKYO — Fans in the Tokyo Dome seemed surprised. The ones back in New York must have been shocked.

On the other side of the world, playing when the rest of baseball was in bed, the New York Yankees looked lost.

Jose Cruz Jr. hit a tying home run that sparked a comeback. Tino Martinez put away his former team with his 300th career homer and the lowly Tampa Bay Devil Rays roughed up Mike Mussina for an 8-3 victory Tuesday over the Yankees in the major league season opener.

People back home got up in the middle of the night to see this?

"Hopefully, it's 5 a.m. and not many people were watching," Alex Rodriguez said, thinking of when the game began, New York time.

The team that dominates the AL East couldn't do much in the Far East, getting out-hit 15-7 and playing sluggishly in the field.

A-Rod's first game in pin-stripes won't be remembered fondly in the Bronx. He took called third strikes his first two times up before doubling and

popping out. But he did make three sparkling defensive plays at third base, the position he switched to when Texas traded him to New York last month.

Hideki Matsui had the first hit of the major league season, a first-inning double in front of the fans who adore their home-grown hero, and he scored on Jason Giambi's two-run homer to left. Gary Sheffield also had a checked-swing RBI double in his first game for New York.

Aside from that, the defending American League champions seemed jetlagged against the younger Devil Rays.

"We don't look like we're that alive, yet," said Mussina, who hasn't slept well since making the 7,250-mile trip last week. "We need a little life, and we just didn't have it."

At the sushi stands and sake bars in the Big Egg, the talk was about baseball's most famous club. Yet after circling halfway around the globe, all those All-Stars fell flat against one of baseball's least-known teams.

"I'm sure that there are a lot of people driving to work right now saying, 'Who are those guys?'" Devil Rays owner Vince Naimoli said.

In the second opener played by major league teams in Japan, Mussina looked as if he would have rather been back home in Montoursville, Pa. Trying to become the 100th pitcher with 200 wins, he gave up a broken-bat, two-run single to Toby Hall in the fourth, then let Cruz tie it 3-all in the sixth with his homer.

Martinez, Julio Lugo and Toby Hall followed with consecutive doubles for a 5-3 lead, chasing Mussina, who took the loss.

Paul Quantrill got three outs on three pitches to end the inning, but left after his fourth pitch, when Rodriguez banded into his right knee trying to field Rocco Baldelli's bunt single leading off the seventh.

Felix Heredia let the game spin away, making a wild pickoff throw for a two-base error before his first pitch, then allowing a single to Aubrey Huff and a two-run homer to Martinez, playing his first game for his hometown team.

"Obviously, to beat the Yankees is great," said Martinez, who helped New York win four World Series titles from 1996-00. "The fans here love them, but we made them cheer for us, too."

Tino Martinez circles the bases after homering against the Yankees in Tokyo. Martinez's Devil Rays beat New York 8-3.

Associated Press

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Underdog Minnesota wins again, advances to Final Four

Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. — Lindsay Whalen and Minnesota ended Duke's championship dreams.

The seventh-seeded Golden Gophers got 27 points from Whalen and 20 points and 18 rebounds from Janel McCarville to oust the top-seeded Blue Devils 82-75 in the Midwest Regional final Tuesday night.

Minnesota already had bounced second-seeded Kansas State and third-seeded Boston College on its improbable run to the Final Four.

The Golden Gophers led most of the way and answered every Duke rally.

"Coach [Pam] Borton said the most aggressive team was going to win and that's the way we've played all year," Whalen said. "Tonight we just got a few things to go for us and we just played loose and played together."

Duke (30-4) was turned away in its last bid to win a championship for All-American Alana Beard and fellow senior Iciss Tillis.

Beard scored just 10 points on 4-for-14 shooting and was in tears as the game ended.

"You guys don't understand how it feels to go out there every single year thinking you're going to win the national championship and it doesn't go your way," Tillis said. "It hurts. It's really painful."

The Blue Devils had reached the Final Four the last two seasons, but lost in the semifinals both times.

Tennessee 62, Stanford 60

Tasha Butts scored in the lane with 1.7 seconds left and Tennessee beat Stanford on Tuesday night to advance to the Final Four for the third straight year.

Butts, guarded by All-American Nicole Powell, spun to her right and threw up a right-hander, which banked off the glass and fell through. Two nights earlier, Butts hit two free throws after a disputed end-of-game call to lift the Lady Vols past Baylor in the

Midwest Regional semifinals.

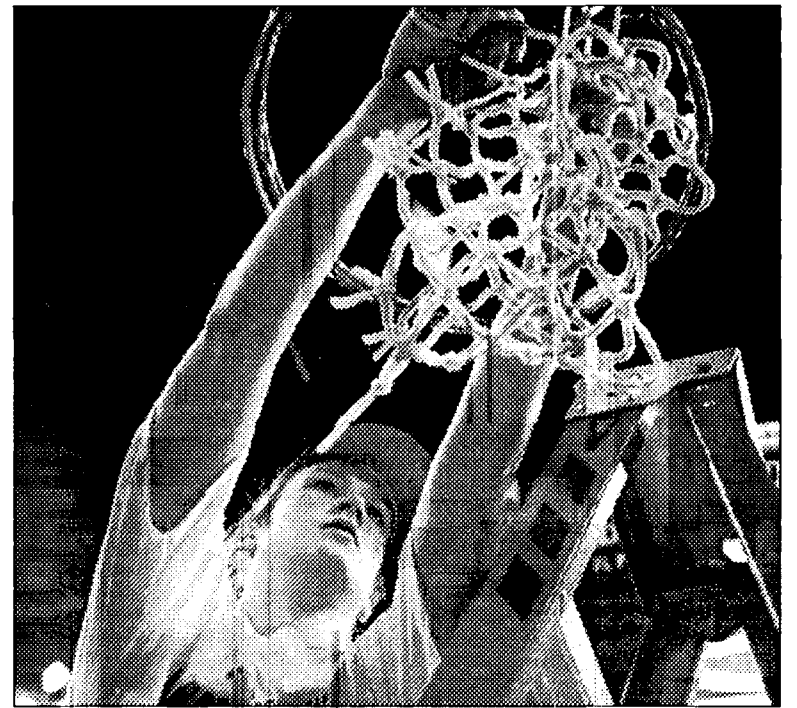
After the basket Tuesday, Butts ran back on defense, slapped the floor with both hands and got a bear hug from Shyra Ely as Tennessee coach Pat Summitt called a timeout.

Powell caught a long inbound pass on the right wing and heaved a 3-point attempt toward the basket, but it banged off the rim and out, and she exhaled in disappointment.

Tennessee had possession after Butts missed a layup from the right block and Stanford's Chelsea Trotter knocked the rebound out of bounds under the basket with 21.7 seconds left.

Butts ran the clock down to 8.4 seconds before Summitt signaled for a timeout to set up the final play.

Butts led Tennessee with 14 points, Ely scored 12 and LaToya Davis had 10 for Tennessee (30-3), which advances to play Southeastern Conference rival LSU in the Final Four on Sunday.



Associated Press

Lindsay Whalen cuts down the net after her Golden Gophers defeated top-seeded Duke 82-75 to advance to the Final Four.

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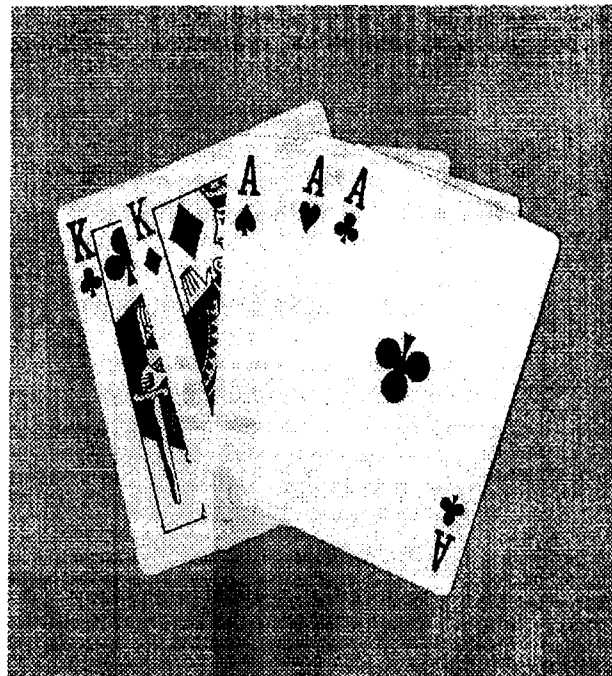
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NCAA FOOTBALL

Two more women accuse CU football players of rape

Rapes allegedly took place during initial reports of scandal

Associated Press

BROOMFIELD, Colo. — The head of a rape crisis center said Tuesday that two women have come forward to say they were sexually assaulted by University of Colorado football players in the past three months.

If the allegations are true, it would mean football players were assaulting women even as the school's recruiting scandal was making national headlines and university officials were vowing to crack down.

Eight women since 1997 have accused Colorado football players or recruits of rape. No assault charges have

been filed in any of the cases.

Three of the women have sued the school, saying they were raped at or just after an off-campus party attended by football players and recruits in 2001.

Janine D'Anniballe made the allegation during a public meeting of a panel investigating whether the football team used alcohol and sex to entice recruits.

D'Anniballe, executive director of Moving to End Sexual Assault in Boulder, said confidentiality rules barred her from disclosing details, including whether the players are still on the

team.

A spokesman for Attorney General Ken Salazar, who is leading a separate criminal investigation into the scandal, declined to comment when

asked whether new cases had been reported. Campus and Boulder police both referred calls to Salazar's office.

University spokeswoman Michele Ames said the new information underscores the

importance of the ongoing investigations. She declined further comment when reached by telephone.

Luis Rovira, commissioner of the eight-member panel investigating the team's prac-

tices, wouldn't comment on D'Anniballe's statement Tuesday.

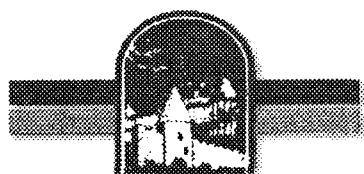
"I have no reason to believe her and no reason to acknowledge it's incorrect," he said. "I just don't know."

"I have no reason to believe her and no reason to acknowledge it's incorrect."

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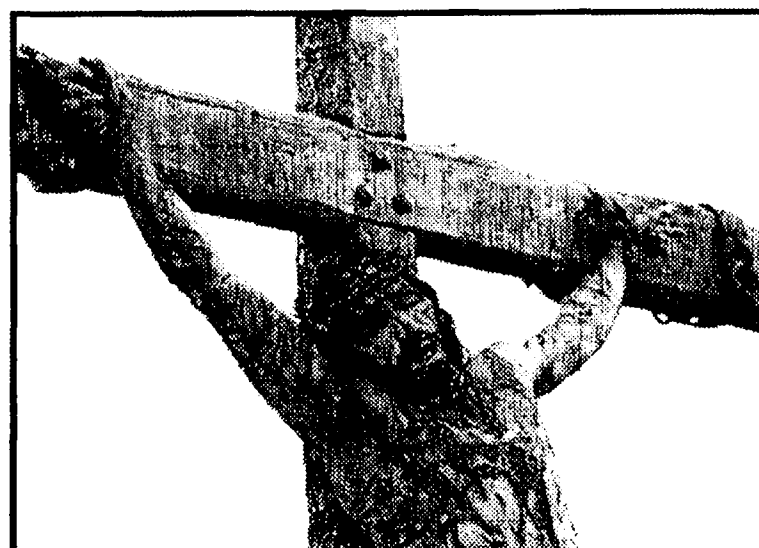
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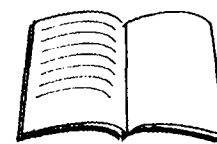
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Happenings

March 31, 2004

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A male mentor is needed for a 17-year old boy. Contact Diana Cotton at 234-5914.

Christian Center School is seeking tutors in high school English, Physics and Math. Tutors are needed from 9am-11:45am any day of the week. Contact Gena, Sue or Mr. Barlage at 299-4253

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'Pledge' Signing Celebration

Throughout the week of March 29, a committee of seniors will display the "Notre Dame Class of 2004 Pledge of Social Responsibility" on a large canvas in classroom buildings, dining halls and LaFortune for seniors to sign. Those who sign the canvas will receive a wallet-sized card with the pledge on

it. As a culmination of the week of signing, there will be a celebration with hors d'oeuvres served and speakers from various departments of the University.

Where: Legends

When: Thursday, April 1 from 8:30-9:30 pm,

Dusk til Dawn Night

Students will spent the night on South Quad to raise money for the St. Peter Claver Catholic Worker. The night will include mass, speakers, the movie Entertaining Angels, free breakfast, and more. Sign-ups will be Monday, March 15-Wednesday, March 17 from 11-1 at LaFortune and 5-7 at

the dining halls. There is a \$5 registration fee and all proceeds will go the Catholic Worker. For more information, email jclark2@nd.edu or mmccart3@nd.edu.

When: April 2 at 8:00 pm to April 3 at 6:00 am

Where: South Quad

Experiential Learning Council Apps Due

The ELC is an organization that fosters and develops experiential learning on behalf of the students at Notre Dame and St. Mary's. The ELC is a developing organization that serves over 700 students a year. Highlighting its importance, the ELC currently receives

the largest fiscal allocation of any student-run organization. One area of focus for the 2004-2005 year is service networking with aims to expand ND service-earning opportunities. Other priorities include action for justice and development of new resources.

Week of Action Events

The following events, sponsored by Amnesty International and Progressive Student Alliance, will happen next week

Catholic Perspectives on Economic Justice:

Catholic Perspectives on Economic Justice: Panel featuring Teresa Ghilarducci of the Higgins Labor Research Center and J. Roberto Gutierrez, Vice President of Communications and Public Relations. They will discuss the Church's social teachings on economic justice and issues of labor rights.

Where: Coleman-Morse lounge.

When: Wednesday, March 31 at 7:00 pm

"Poverty Outlaw"

KWRU Documentary "Poverty Outlaw": a story of hard choices posed by living in poverty without a safety net.

When: Thursday, April 1 at 7:00 pm

Migrant Seminar Presentation

Migrant Presentation with students from Migrant Seminar showing photos and discussing their experience.

Where: Coleman-Morse lounge.

When: Friday, April 2 at 11:30 am

Taco Bell Protest

Students will demonstrate in front of Taco Bell for the Coalition of Immokalee Workers.

Where: Meet at Main Circle at 4:45 for a ride.

When: Friday, April 2 at 5:00 pm

Bread and Roses film

Screening of Bread and Roses, a film that chronicles the organizing drive for Los Angeles high-rise janitors.

Where: Hesburgh Center auditorium.

When: Monday, April 5 at 4:00 pm

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Wednesday, March 31, 2004

NBA

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New Jersey	42-31	.575	3-7	-
Miami	36-36	.486	8-2	6.5
New York	35-40	.467	6-4	8.0
Boston	34-40	.459	6-4	8.5
Philadelphia	31-43	.419	5-5	11.5
Washington	23-51	.311	3-7	19.5
Orlando	19-55	.253	1-9	24.0

Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Indiana	54-19	.740	7-3	-
Detroit	47-27	.635	8-2	7.5
New Orleans	37-36	.507	4-6	17.0
Milwaukee	36-37	.493	3-7	18.0
Cleveland	32-41	.438	5-5	22.0
Toronto	30-43	.411	3-7	24.0
Atlanta	24-50	.324	4-6	30.5
Chicago	20-54	.270	2-8	34.5

Western Conference, Midwest Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Minnesota	51-24	.680	6-4	-
San Antonio	49-25	.662	7-3	1.5
Memphis	48-26	.649	8-2	2.5
Dallas	45-28	.616	5-5	5.0
Houston	42-31	.575	5-5	8.0
Utah	38-36	.514	6-4	12.5
Denver	38-37	.507	4-6	13.0

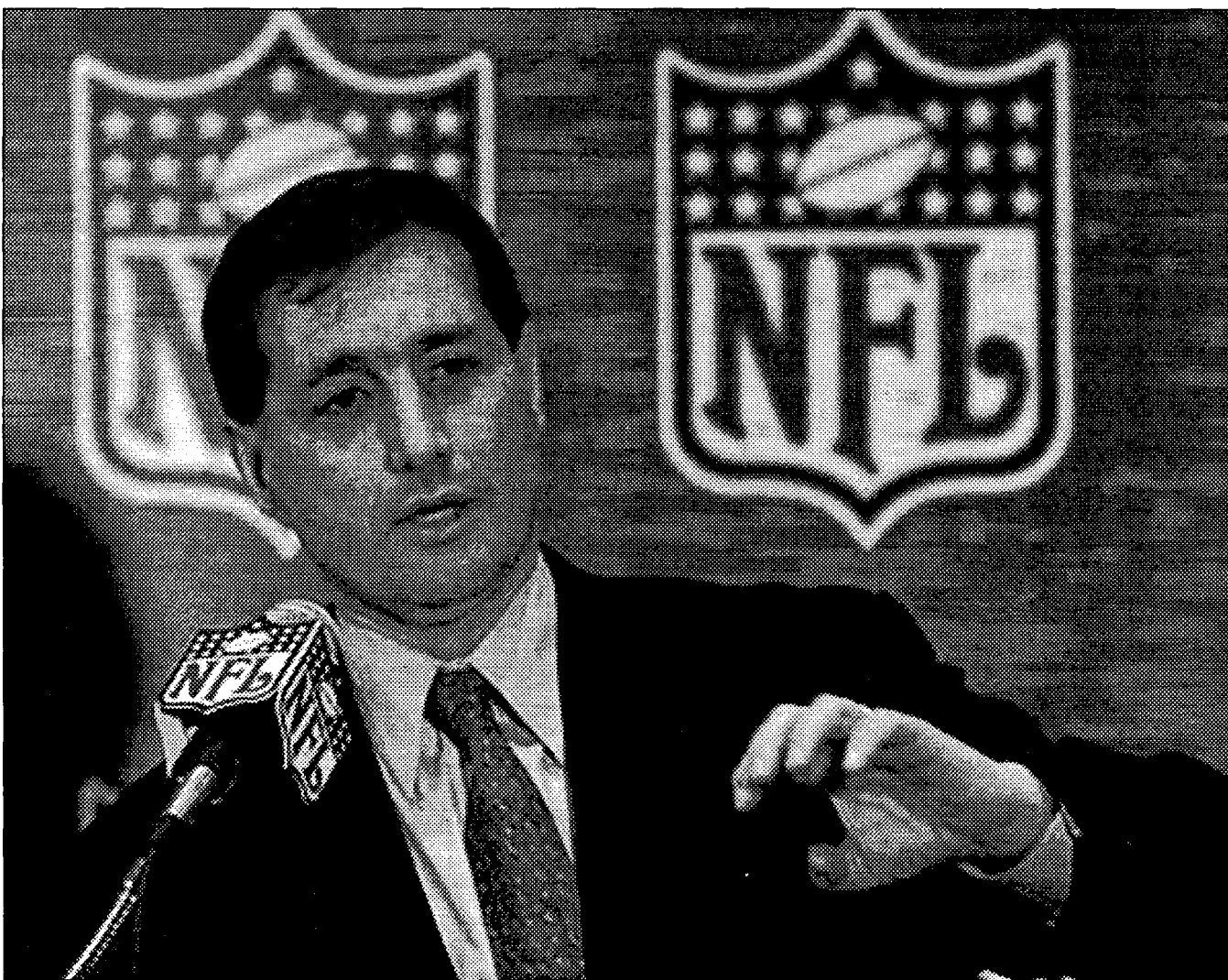
Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Sacramento	52-21	.712	5-5	-
LA Lakers	50-23	.685	9-1	2.0
Portland	47-36	.567	7-3	15.0
Seattle	34-39	.466	7-3	18.0
Golden State	32-40	.444	7-3	19.5
LA Clippers	27-48	.360	1-9	26.0
Phoenix	26-49	.347	5-5	27.0

Baseball America Top 25

	team	record	previous
1	Stanford	20-3	1
2	Texas	20-4	2
3	Louisiana State	21-4	3
4	Rice	20-6	5
5	Miami	22-5	6
6	South Carolina	21-4	4
7	Long Beach State	18-7	7
8	Mississippi	20-3	8
9	Texas A&M	23-6	10
10	Wichita State	12-2	11
11	Tulane	19-7	12
12	NOTRE DAME	17-3	13
13	Auburn	20-6	14
14	Arizona State	21-7	9
15	Southern Mississippi	20-4	16
16	Florida	24-5	17
17	UC Irvine	18-6	19
18	East Carolina	21-6	18
19	Nebraska	16-5	20
20	North Carolina	20-6	24
21	Florida State	21-7	15
22	Florida Atlantic	25-5	22
23	Central Florida	23-5	23
24	Tennessee	21-6	21
25	Vanderbilt	18-5	NR

NFL



NFL chief counsel, Jeff Pash, will lead the NFL in an appeal against the court ruling that allowed underclassmen like Maurice Clarett to declare for the NFL draft.

Appeals court will decide Clarett's NFL future

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A federal appeals court will hear the dispute over whether Maurice Clarett can enter the NFL draft less than a week before it takes place.

The NFL on Tuesday tried to convince a three-judge panel of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that it should block Clarett's entry by staying the effect of a lower court judge's ruling he be allowed in the April 24-25 draft, even though the for-

mer Ohio State running back is only two years out of high school.

The appeals panel instead agreed to set oral arguments for April 19 and suggested it might immediately rule whether Clarett can enter the draft, with a written ruling to follow explaining its reasoning.

NFL lawyer Gregg Levy told the appeals court he was satisfied with the plan.

"We want a decision before the draft. That's what's important to us,"

he said.

Added NFL chief counsel Jeff Pash, speaking at the NFL meetings in Palm Beach, Fla., "We are very optimistic. We think it is a positive indicator of the seriousness with which the court of appeals is taking the argument."

Pash said if the court rules in the NFL's favor before the draft, Clarett, Southern California sophomore Mike Williams and seven others would not be included.

Clarett's lawyer, Alan Milstein, convinced the

appeals court not to stay the effect of the lower court ruling Tuesday, saying such a ruling would cause NFL teams not to take his client as seriously before the draft.

"They did not issue a stay," Milstein told The Associated Press. "They set forth an expedited briefing schedule. Nothing happened today that was unexpected. The court is just doing what it needs to do to work hard and get Maurice in the draft — and with plenty of time to do it."

IN BRIEF

Iverson done for remainder of regular season

PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia 76ers All-Star Allen Iverson will miss the rest of the regular season because of persistent pain in his right knee.

The team announced Tuesday night that an MRI on Iverson showed no meniscal or ligament damage to his knee, but he has a small lesion under the knee cap.

The injury was diagnosed Monday by New York Giants team doctor Russell Warren.

"It was better now to sit him down so it doesn't linger a lot longer," said team president Billy King. "It's probably best to get it where his knee is 100 percent. It's not a situation where Allen doesn't want to play. His knee just keeps swelling up."

Messages left for Iverson and his agent, Leon Rose, were not immediately returned.

The Sixers had eight regular-season games left heading into Tuesday

night's game against Golden State. Philadelphia is 10th in the Eastern Conference, three games behind eighth-place Boston.

King said Iverson's health would be re-evaluated if the Sixers make the playoffs.

"Worse case scenario, surgery would be an option if it does not calm down," King said. "Rest and rehabilitation hopefully will do it."

NFL decides to continue use of instant replay

PALM BEACH, Fla. — The NFL once again compromised on instant replay, deciding Tuesday to continue it for five more years rather than putting it in permanently.

The owners did decide, however, to add an extra challenge for teams who have successfully used two challenges. Since replay was reinstituted in 1999, teams were limited to just two challenges, except for the last two minutes of each half, when a replay official could order a review.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue and league counsel Jeff Pash also said that a federal appeals court in New York agreed to hear arguments to overturn the lower court ruling allowing Ohio State sophomore Maurice Clarett and other underclassmen and high schoolers into the draft. Pash said if the court rules in the NFL's favor before the April 24-25 draft, Clarett, Southern California sophomore Mike Williams and seven others would not be included.

Should that happen and the NFL subsequently loses the appeal, a supplemental draft for those players would be held within 10 days of the court decision.

The vote on replay was 29-3, with Kansas City, Indianapolis and Cincinnati voting against, but Arizona voting for it for the first time in the two decades it has been considered.

"Some people were still concerned about replay," Tagliabue said about not instituting it permanently.

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NHL

Detroit at Columbus, 7 p.m., ESPN2

NBA

Milwaukee at Indiana, 7 p.m., FOX Sports Net

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been shooting the ball well recently."

Following goals by midfielders Brian Hubschmann and Steve Clagget to open the game against the Pride, the junior netted his first two goals of the game to open a 4-0 Notre Dame lead early in the first quarter. His next shot attempt snuck by the Hofstra goaltender at the 6:41 mark of the second quarter to make the score 10-2. Two quick goals in the fourth quarter gave Giordano five goals, while his teammate Hubschmann finished with four.

Giordano's effectiveness at the mid-field position has been rewarded in the past. The GWLL made him a first-team all-league honoree last season. In high

school, Giordano received Player of the Year honors in New Jersey from the Trenton Times after becoming the career scoring leader at the Hun School with 262 points.

Still, his talent and effectiveness were visible again against Hofstra. Giordano seems confident that the once foreign position now fits him.

"I think coach just figured he could use my strength best at the midfield [when he switched me]," Giordano said. "We already have great attackmen in [senior Matt] Howell and [senior Dan] Berger."

Giordano played in all 13 games his freshman year and started in 12 of

them. The Princeton, N.J. native scored nine goals and notched 10 assists as an attackman. After the switch to midfield, Giordano's production hardly went down. As a sophomore, he scored 13 goals and had five assists, earning himself that first-team all-league honor.

His goals, however, remain team-oriented. League play begins today against Ohio State, and Giordano realizes nothing is bigger than maintaining team chemistry.

"Coming off our last game against Hofstra, if we bring that same energy and enthusiasm we can play with the best teams in country," he said.

Giordano said the Irish lost to Loyola,

a team that defeated Hofstra this season, because of a lack of effort. But against Hofstra, the attitude was different. And so was the result.

"We were really fired up," Giordano said. "We beat them on ground balls. It was more of an emotional effort. We know we are a team capable of being a top-five team in the country."

"[Against Ohio State] we'll have to out work them and we're hoping we can continue that for the rest of the season."

The junior does not seem to care where he is playing on the field, as long as the team is winning.

"I obviously haven't been switched back [to attackman]," he said. "So I think things are working out, for me and for the team."

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"I think coach just figured he could use my strength best at the midfield [when he switched me]."

Brian Giordano
Irish midfield



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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

ND's Simon, Kinnik earn Big East honors

Special to The Observer

The awards and honors just keep on coming for the red-hot Notre Dame women's lacrosse team.

Senior midfielder Meredith Simon was named the Big East offensive player of the week for her play in No. 3 Notre Dame's wins over Virginia Tech (18-11) and Boston College (17-7) last week. Senior defensive standout Andrea Kinnik was chosen the league's co-defensive player of the week for the week ending March 28.

For Simon, this marks the second time in the month of March that she has been hon-

ored by the conference, as she was co-offensive player of the week on March 8.

What Simon is to scoring for the Irish, Andrea Kinnik is to stopping opponents from scoring. The senior defender helped the Irish extend their record to 7-0 on the year and 2-0 in the Big East last week as she recorded six ground balls, had three draw controls and caused three turnovers in the two victories.

She also set up Notre Dame's first goal in the 17-11 win over Boston College when she forced a turnover, raced the length of the field and fed Crysti Foote for a goal just 3:55 into Sunday's win.

Baseball

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.277 as a team in the three victories. Second baseman Steve Sollmann, who entered the weekend struggling at the plate with a .227 average, had a good series offensively by going 5-for-11 with a key two-run home run to put the Irish ahead for good in the third

game against the Mountaineers.

Shortstop Greg Lopez also continued his hot hitting, batting 6-for-12 in the series with three runs scored in the final game. Lopez now leads the Irish starters in several categories, including batting average (.411), hits (30), doubles (eight), total bases (44) and slugging percentage (.603). He has also hit a pair of home runs on the season.

Third baseman Matt Macri is currently the Irish leader in RBIs with 22, and Sollmann leads the Irish in runs scored with 21.

The Broncos have stumbled out of the gate this year, going 1-4 to start the season, but come into today's game against the Irish having beaten Notre Dame in three of their last four meetings.

Over the weekend in West Lafayette, Ind., the Broncos split a pair with Purdue and took two games from Cleveland State.

Western Michigan boasts just a .259 team batting average and has only four players batting .300 or better on the season, led by first baseman Justin Carter (.315) and infielder Matt Bolton (.312). Carter is also the team leader in RBIs with 18 and home runs with two.

The Bronco pitching staff has posted a 5.04 ERA on the season, with opponents batting .289 against them.

The first pitch is scheduled for 5 p.m. today at Frank Eck Stadium.

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Football

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aged 336 yards and 20 points per game last season and took much of the criticism for the team's poor performance throughout the year.

But this season, the Irish seem optimistic that the offensive woes of the last few years will change for the better.

"We feel like we have a sense of urgency this year," rising junior receiver Maurice Stovall said. "We know we had a real bad season last year, not the type that Notre Dame should have. We just want to bring Notre Dame back on top and strive toward a national championship every year."

The players at spring practice this season have all had at least one year playing under Diedrick's pro-style offense. Stovall said this experience will help the offense become more productive.

"It is definitely important to have experience in the offense," Stovall said. "There are lot of guys that feel more comfortable and a lot of guys that [know] their plays more. I think as a whole offense, we're coming together."

The biggest concern for Notre Dame during spring practice last season was the offensive line. But this year, Diedrick said getting each individual player to perform better is the

greatest obstacle for the offense.

"Your concern is — especially when you have an experienced group — that everybody raises their game up a notch," he said. "Through the off-season conditioning and the ability to come in and not only play better but play more consistent. With the experience across the board at all positions, what you're looking at now ... [are] roles where guys are going to fit in."

One of the biggest voids on offense this season could be replacing Jones, who rushed for 1,268 yards and 10 touchdowns in 2003 and had three 200-yard rushing games. Ryan Grant, who rushed for over 1,000 during his sophomore season, is the No. 1 back with rising junior Marcus Wilson and rising sophomore Travis Thomas close behind.

Diedrick said replacing Jones will be difficult, but certainly not impossible.

"Yes, you can replace Julius Jones," Diedrick said. "You've got good competition back there. ... You may not replace [Jones] with one guy, but you may replace him with a couple, and I don't mind having it be by committee."

The Irish line should be improved from last year's squad, which struggled early in the season before evolving into a solid unit. Center Bob Morton said the group is simply trying to improve during spring and

come together.

"It sounds easy sometimes [because] we are older," Morton said. "We've come a long way from where we were but we have a long, long way to go."

Despite just two practices

into spring ball, Diedrick said he's excited about the possibilities of this season's offense.

"You've got experience at receivers, you've got experience at the tight end position, you've got experience at the offensive line and you've got

experience at running back," Diedrick said. "I'm very excited about that. We feel that is one of the pluses going in."

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FOOTBALL

Experience helps Wilks land Irish job

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

Sometimes knowing the right person helps in getting a job. Just ask new Notre Dame coach Steven Wilks.

The Notre Dame secondary coach replaces Trent Walters, who accepted a job to coach with the Philadelphia Eagles. Wilks met Walters at a coaching convention last year and kept close contact with the former Notre Dame secondary coach. When Walters left for the NFL, he told Wilks to apply for the open position and recommended him to Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham.

"Based on past experience, he's a bright coach," Willingham said. "He has the ability to articulate what we need to do on defense to our young men. He has experience which really belies his youth so we think it's a good combination."

Now that he's been hired, Wilks is excited to be a part of Notre Dame's tradition-rich program.

"This is, without a doubt in my mind, the best place in the world for college football," Wilks said. "The tradition here, the history, the fan base the excitement and enthusiasm is what college football is all about. Just having the opportunity to be a part of the Notre Dame family is great."

Wilks brings an array of experience to Notre Dame. He was

the head coach at Savannah State University in 1999 and is a former defensive coordinator at Savannah State, East Middle Tennessee State and Johnson C. Smith University. He coached defensive backs at Bowling Green University last season and had a player lead the MACC in interceptions and another in forced fumbles.

Willingham said the fact that Wilks' had been a head coach and a defensive coordinator is one of best attributes.

"There is no substitute for experience," Willingham said. "There is no substitute for having a total perspective of the total game and not just an individual segment."

Wilks said one of his goals for his players is to mold them into not just good football players, but good people.


"[I] know what it takes to get young men to the next level and not just on the football field. I am trying to develop them as young men," Wilks said. "That's what's important to me — developing the overall person."

Wilks' job will be trying to find ways to improve a secondary that loses former starters Vontez Duff and Jerome Sapp. The Irish do return experienced players in Dwight Ellick, Preston Jackson and Quentin Burrell for the 2004 season.

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Steven Wilks
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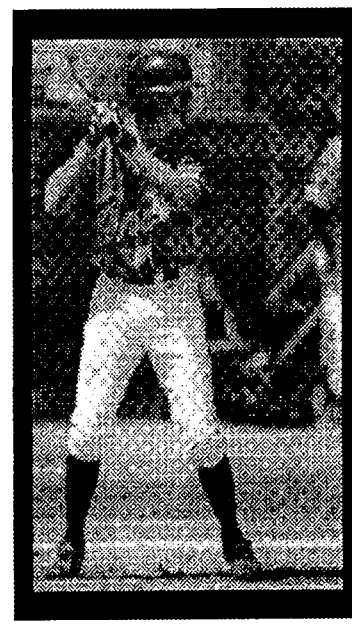
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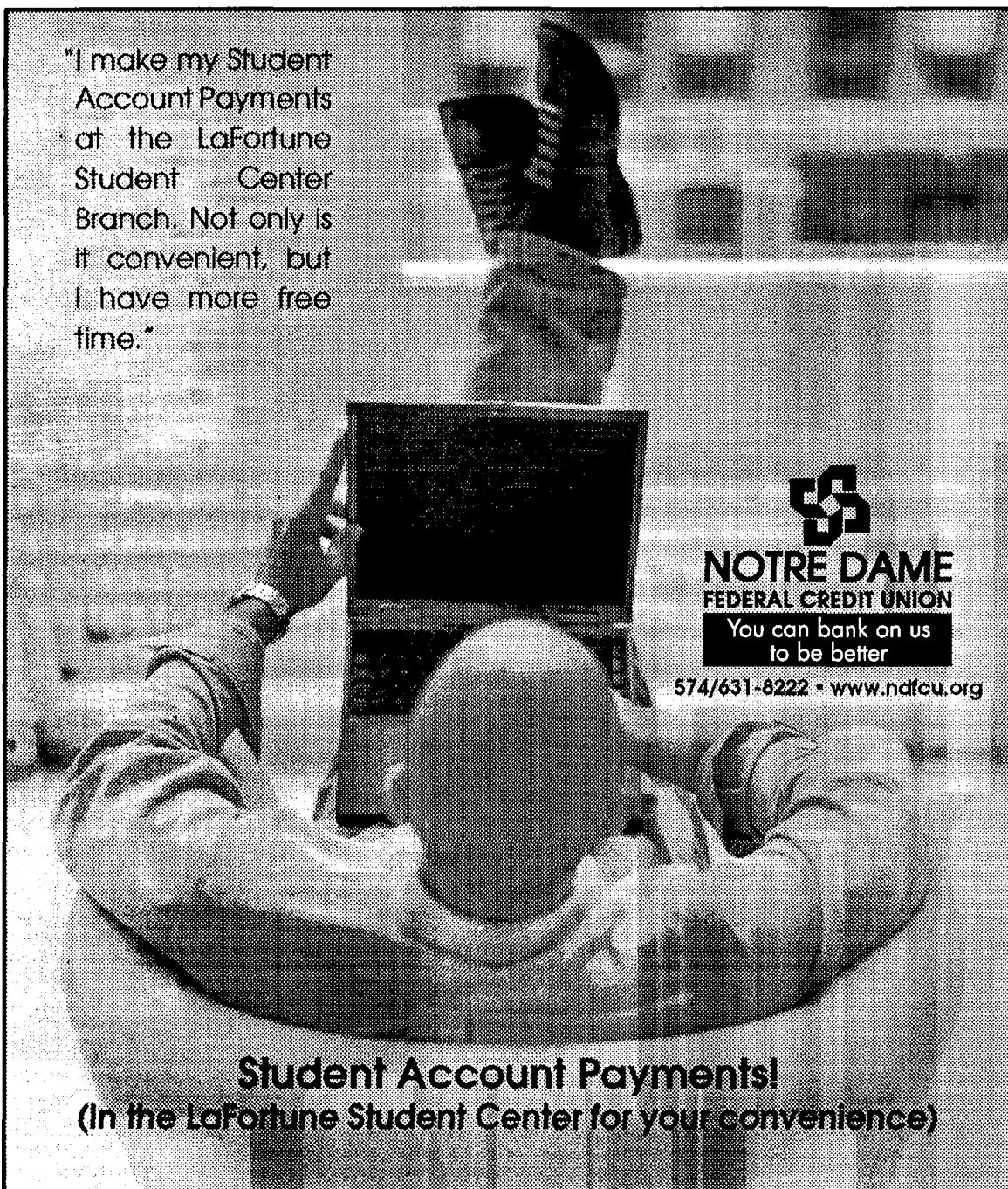
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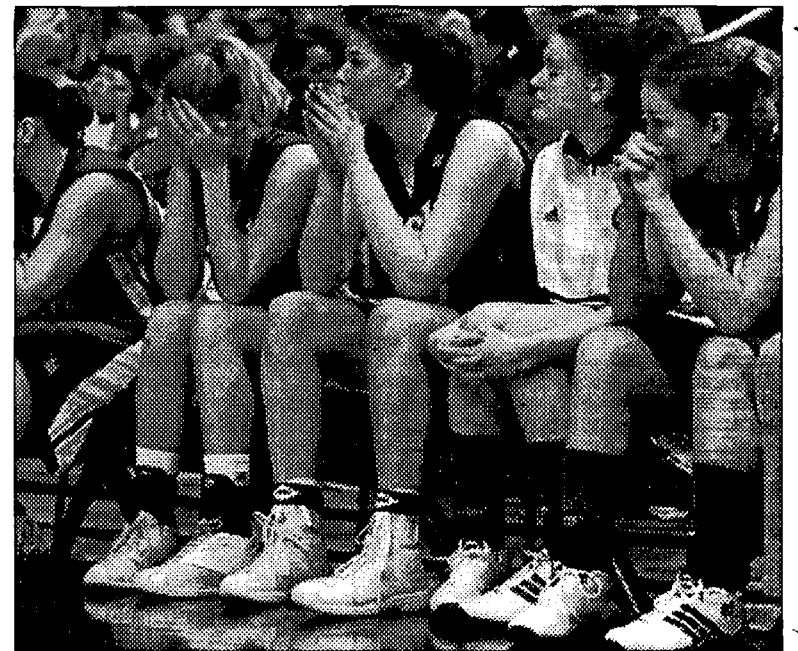
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Members of the Notre Dame team watch dejectedly from the bench in the final seconds of Saturday's 55-49 NCAA loss.

Women

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year, they will also look for junior Jacqueline Batteast to come in with another season like this one.

"Jackie was just really incredible this season," McGraw said. "We're really pleased with her."

Batteast's outstanding season came after a disappointing sophomore year that ended with an even more disappointing postseason. But this year was a whole new year, and a whole new Batteast.

She averaged 16 points and 8.6 rebounds a game, good for all-Big East first-team. Batteast was also named honorable mention All-American by the Associated Press, and was a finalist for the Kodak/WBCA All-American team as well as for the Naismith Award.

During the NCAA tournament, Batteast upped her averages to 22 points and 11.7 rebounds, good enough to earn her a spot on the NCAA East Regional all-tournament team.

"She feels really good about the way she played in the tournament," McGraw said. "She proved why she is going to be one of the top five players in the nation next season."

Batteast will be joined next year by Big East Most Improved Player Megan Duffy, who averaged 9.9 points and 3.9 assists after taking over as the point guard this year.

Duffy will lead a tournament-tested team, as the Irish have played in the Sweet 16 in consecutive years.

Next season, Duffy will be joined in the backcourt by two new faces. Charel Allen, a 5-foot-10 guard from Monessen, Pa., and 5-foot-8 Tulyah Gaines from North Las Vegas, Nev. will vie for playing time next year.

Allen scored more than 3,000 points in her high school career, and is highly touted as a driver and slasher.

Meanwhile, the Irish also gain another post presence in 6-foot-5 Melissa D'Amico, a resident of Manorville, N.Y. She will take the title of the tallest member of the Irish team.

D'Amico joins a corps that includes Courtney LaVere, Teresa Borton and Erwin. LaVere will only be a junior, while Borton will bring experience to the table as a senior. Erwin, named preseason Big East Freshman of the Year, has come along since the beginning of the season and should provide depth at the post position next year.

But the bright future of this team can't dim the lights of this season, despite the loss to Penn State in the same round as last year.

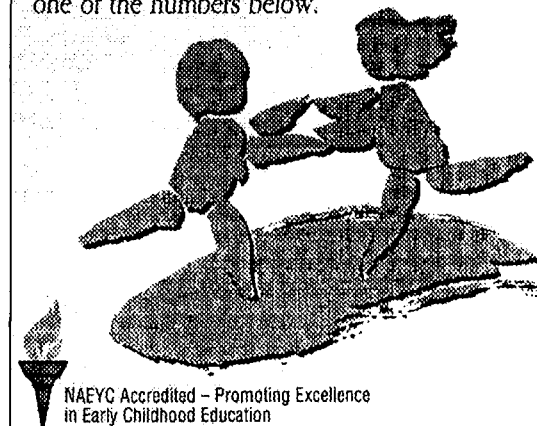
So now the Irish take the loss and put it behind them. They have just two weeks off leading up to the Easter holiday April 9. After Easter, McGraw said the team will work out three days a week, including two hours of individual workouts.

"I felt we achieved our potential," McGraw said. "We played our best basketball at the end of the year. We lost to a No. 1 seeded team in a game that could have gone either way."

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish open GWL league play against ranked Ohio State

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

At today's game, the Irish will be trying to get the most bang for their buck.

The hard-nosed Buckeyes of Ohio State (5-2) are expected to be a challenge for No. 13 Notre Dame (2-3). Last season, both teams were among the conference tri-champions at the end of the year.

It will be the first conference match for the Irish this season. Notre Dame heads into the match with hopes of regaining their momentum after losing three of the last four games.

Ohio State is the sixth-nationally ranked opponent the Irish will be facing this season. A win against the Buckeyes could potentially place the Irish within the top 10.

But the Buckeyes are coming off of a four-game winning streak after dropping two one-goal decision games earlier this season. They are led offensively by leading scorer Anthony Gilardi, who is nationally ranked 19th (1.71). Other top scorers include midfielder Shaun Lyons, attack Kyle Olson, and midfielder Tom Randisi. Greg Bice leads the team with 25 ground balls.

Ohio State is currently 18th in the nation for scoring. Additionally, the team is ranked third nationally in goals allowed per game (6.29) — an aspect of the game which has been their strength early on this season.

However, the Irish lead the series 18-8 series, and seem poised to pull out a victory since their win against Hofstra. Attack Pat Walsh said he has noted a change in the team's

confidence level at practice and feels the team is prepared for the match.

"When we were playing hard against Hofstra, we knew we were that talented," Walsh said. "That is our goal for this week against Ohio State and Dartmouth. Just go out hard the results will be similar."

Key players for the Irish include Walsh, the fourth-leading scorer in the nation (4.60), Steve Clagett and Chris Richez. Clagett and Richez both had five ground balls against Hofstra to help achieve a season high 47-32 advantage for Notre Dame. Matt Ryan also had a notable performance last week after setting career highs by scoring three points and registering four assists.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles look to extend win streak at Albion

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

The Belles will look to continue their winning streak today against Albion College at 3 p.m. Coming off two big wins against Tri-State on Monday, Saint Mary's will pack up its momentum traveling to Michigan.

"Winning the last two games helps prepare us for Albion, without a doubt," Katrina Tebbe said. "We came ready to play, and we played aggressively from the first pitch to the last out and that is how we need to bring every game day, especially against conference teams. Two wins [were] great preparation as it boosted our confidence and put all aspects of the game together."

Aggressive play is exactly what they will need against Albion.

The Britons (9-5) are currently tied with Alma for first place in the MIAA after winning two games against Olivet earlier this month. Last season, Saint Mary's split a doubleheader with Albion. In their victory, the Belles tallied 10 hits and got two RBIs from

Marnie Walsh and Jackie Zurcher

Walsh has been on a tear lately. She went 6-for-6 Monday and added three RBIs. On the season she has an average of .377, only second on the team behind Laura Heline.

Albion, who finished second in the MIAA a year ago is led by Megan Russell and Beth Striffler and should present a very good test for the Belles.

Winning both games against Albion would give Saint Mary's a big boost as they prepare to play four more conference rivals over the next two weeks. Already tied for last in the conference, the Belles (7-11 overall, 0-2 in the MIAA) must avoid losing any more if they plan on being a threat in their conference.

"The next doubleheader is very important, as one of our team goals is making the conference tournament," Tebbe said. "It would also be nice to get two wins early in conference competition."

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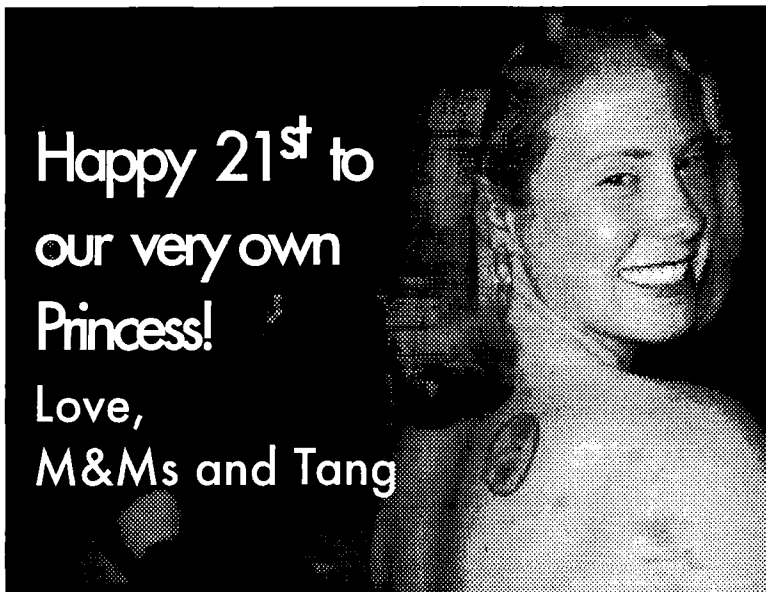


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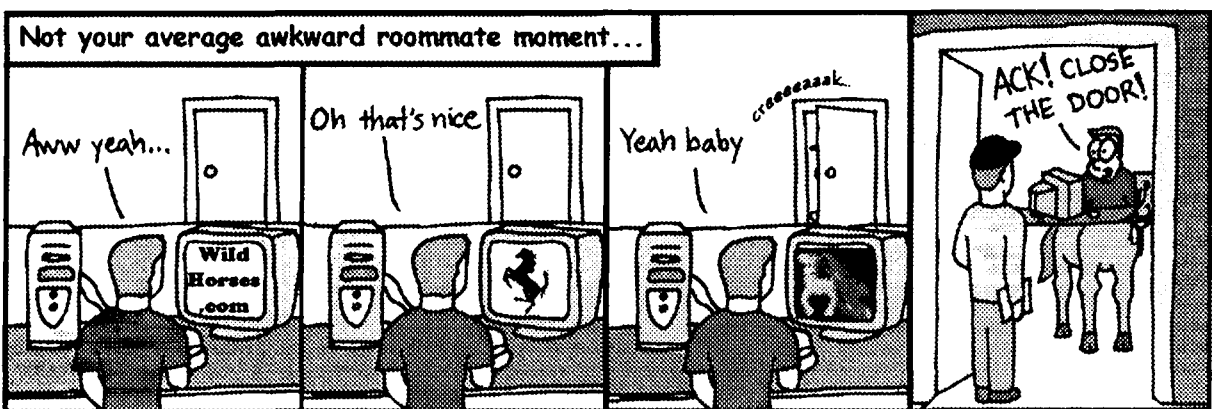
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WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- Shout from the sidelines on TV
 - "Monty Python" ailer
 - "Concentration" puzzle
 - Expo '70 site
 - "Seinfeld" uncle
 - Visibly shocked
 - Casino slickster
 - Caddie, basically
 - Dangerous cargo, in modern lingo
 - Humble reply
 - "Charlotte's Web" author
 - Sheriff's party?
 - Snickers
 - Like some eels or catfish
 - Genesis first-born
 - Sleek, in car talk
- DOWN**
- "I'm so glad!"
 - Elevs.
 - Toaster treat
 - State Dept. figure
 - Comics shriek
 - Met number
 - Opposite of endo-
 - Shows contempt for
 - Potential retiree
 - Gold rush territory
 - Shamefaced
 - W.W. II ally
 - Major fiction
 - "Go ahead, ask!"
 - What 17- and 37-Across and 11- and 25-Down each comes to?
 - Two-door conveyance
 - Aladdin's sidekick
 - Instant message recipient, maybe
 - Like unlucky terrors
 - Iron-pumper's unit
 - Writer who's in the minority

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACDC LINE BATTY
AREA ITEM ALOHA
HENRYFORD DINER
SETTEE DANG END
ENVS SOUP
WALTERCHRYSLER
VID ASTA SIEGE
ELIS TAINT SOYA
ICEUP NOUN NPR
LOUISCHEVROLET
TYPO ANTI
LAD CATT ACTSAS
EPOCH BIGWHEELS
AEIOU ELIA REIN
FSTOP DENY SPAS

- Ad
- "Love Sick" (Daniel poem)
- Deface
- Gave the go-ahead
- Five iron
- Mark, as a trail
- Road shoulder
- Accede to the district attorney, perhaps
- Blow the whistle (on)
- Self-server
- Bad coffee, informally
- Manipulator
- Light-footed
- Panama and porkpie
- "... is human ..."
- Makes acquaints
- Much traveled
- Sugary cocktail
- Clucker
- Nae sayer
- Trouble constantly
- "You are not!" retort
- RoboCop, e.g.
- Bench locale
- Mork's leader on "Mork & Mindy"
- Place for cocktails
- Chang's twin
- Low Countries locale
- Margarita feature
- Ratify by stamping
- In a lather
- Maritime grp.
- "Buzz off!"
- Sensation, slangily
- Sitcom newsman Baxter
- Lobster eggs
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FOOTBALL

No more offensive offense

Irish hope 8 returning starters will help erase 2003 woes



Irish quarterback Brady Quinn takes a snap during the first day of spring practice Monday. Offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick said currently, Quinn is the only offensive player who knows he is going to be starting Notre Dame's season opener in the fall.

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

Besides quarterback, every position on Notre Dame's offense will have battles for playing time this spring — and that's good news for Bill Diedrick.

Notre Dame's offensive coordinator says the team's depth should make the offense

better in 2004.

"The thing that competition creates is each person has to elevate their game," Diedrick said. "Those that elevate continue to play and those that don't kind of wash out. That's the nice thing — finally having some depth and some competi-

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Wilks land Irish job"
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tion because now you're not locked into starting a guy just because he's it by nature of being the only guy there."

Notre Dame loses starting lineman Jim Molinaro, tailback Julius Jones and receiver Omar Jenkins, but return every other offensive starter from last season's 5-7 squad. Notre Dame's offense aver-

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BASEBALL

Broncos gallop into Eck

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Senior Staff Writer

Following a three game sweep at West Virginia to open Big East conference play, the Irish (17-3, 3-0 in the Big East) return home today to take on Western Michigan at Frank Eck Stadium.

With the three victories against the Mountaineers, Notre Dame finished the week 4-1 and moved up to No. 5 in the Collegiate Baseball Newspaper poll. The Irish are also ranked No. 6 by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association poll, No. 9 by the Sports Weekly/ESPN Coaches poll and No. 12 by the Baseball America poll.

Notre Dame should be wary hosting the Broncos (8-11) today, as the Irish saw first-hand last week how dangerous mid-week games can be when they lost 4-1 to Central Michigan.

But the Irish offense started to get back on track over the weekend, as Notre Dame hit

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Switch not so hard for ND's Giordano

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

least it did last week.

The league named Giordano its Player of the Week after the junior tied a career high with five goals in a 19-11 Irish upset of No. 13 Hofstra March 24.

Giordano's other five-goal performance came during a 13-4 victory over Air Force on April 12 of last season. While a potent weapon on Notre Dame's attack, Giordano attributes his recent success to the abundance of talent on the Irish front lines.

"We just have a lot of great offensive players," he said. "I'm just finding some passing lanes and my teammates are putting the ball on my stick. I didn't do anything spectacular [against Hofstra], but I've just

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When Brian Giordano made the switch from playing attackman to manning the midfield after his freshman season, he had no problem with the change. He trusted his coaches knew what was best for the team. He understood he would have to adjust.

But that doesn't mean the transition was easy.

"I had never played defense in my life before I got to college," Giordano said. "Now I was playing midfield, and I had to learn to play offense and defense. So it was a big transition, but I think it has been a positive move."

The Great Western Lacrosse League would agree — or at

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Future bright for next year

Promising Sweet 16 run reveals Irish talent



Monique Hernandez chokes back tears during Notre Dame's 55-49 loss Saturday.

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

When the final horn sounded Saturday afternoon at the Hartford Civic Center in Notre Dame's 55-49 loss to Penn State in the third round of the NCAA Tournament, there were looks of disappointment across the faces of the Irish. But deep down, these women know the best is yet to come.

"We've got a good returning group," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

The group McGraw refers to is headed by physical presence Crystal Erwin and defensive stopper Breona Gray. Adding to the mix is shooter Susie Powers, who

saw limited action this season.

"The freshmen will be the difference," McGraw said. "Breona, Susie and Crystal all have a lot to contribute next season. They will all play a bigger role in what we are going to do."

The trio of freshmen will have to step up to replace the three seniors — Monique Hernandez, Jeneka Joyce and Le'Tania Severe. Each had her own role and excelled in it. Hernandez was in for defense, Joyce was the shooter and Severe was the scrappy hustler and slasher that the Irish counted on for a spark.

But while McGraw tries to replace these players next

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The Belles hope to win their first MIAA games today.

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Ohio State at
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The Irish hope to end a rut where they have lost three of four.

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NFL

On the same day that owners decided to keep instant replay, a judge said the NFL will be able to appeal the Maurice Clarett ruling before draft day.

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NBA

Dealing a blow to the Sixers' playoff hopes, Allen Iverson announced he will miss Philadelphia's final eight games of the season with a knee injury.

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Devil Rays 8
Yankees 3

After the season opener in Tokyo, New York finds itself in last place in the AL East.

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A University of Colorado official said that two women have claimed they were raped by football players in the last three months.

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