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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Members pass constitutional overhaul

By MATT BRAMANTI
Senior Staff Writer

It came right down to the wire. With less than an hour remaining in their term, members of the Council of Representatives approved the new student union constitution. The document, which has been in the works all year, represents a complete overhaul of Notre Dame's student government system.

Though the Wednesday evening meeting in LaFortune was briefly delayed because of a lack of quorum, members approved the 50-page document

article by article.

One significant point of contention, however, centered on the proposed renaming of the Student Union Board, Notre Dame's primary programming body. At previous COR meetings, some members had expressed a desire to change SUB's name, citing incoming SUB manager Jimmy Flaherty opposed renaming the body and saying that any change would require expensive investments in new signs, stationery and other materials. Flaherty said the changes would cost nearly \$10,000, a figure that outgoing SUB manager Charlie Ebersol, who supported the name change, disputed.

"These costs already exist, and replacing them would be frivolous," Ebersol said. "The grand total of costs is not \$9,998; it's \$1,517."

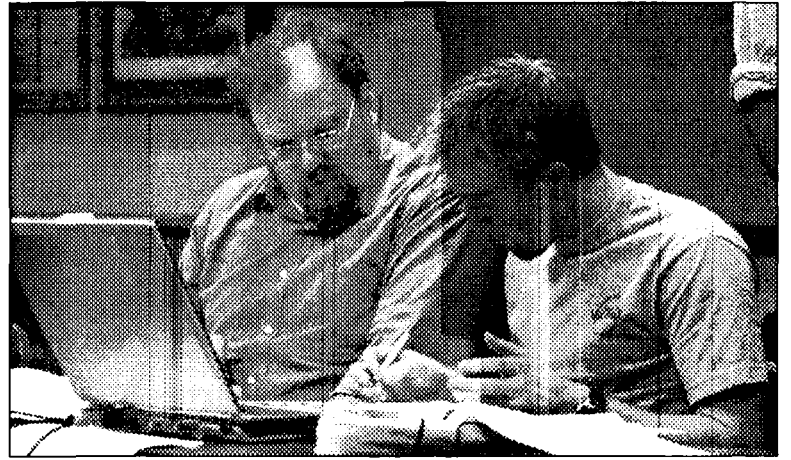
Flaherty defended his numbers, saying they had been thoroughly researched.

"Charlie's underestimating this," Flaherty said. "When it's all said and done, that \$9,998 number is realistic."

He also said the costs of a name change would divert scarce funds from SUB events.

"To throw a name change in there is really going to be a drawback to the programming,"

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Brian Coughlin, left, and James Lelto discuss proposed changes to the constitution during Wednesday's COR meeting.

Student leaders prepare for turnover

Istvan, Bell assume command, work to fill administration

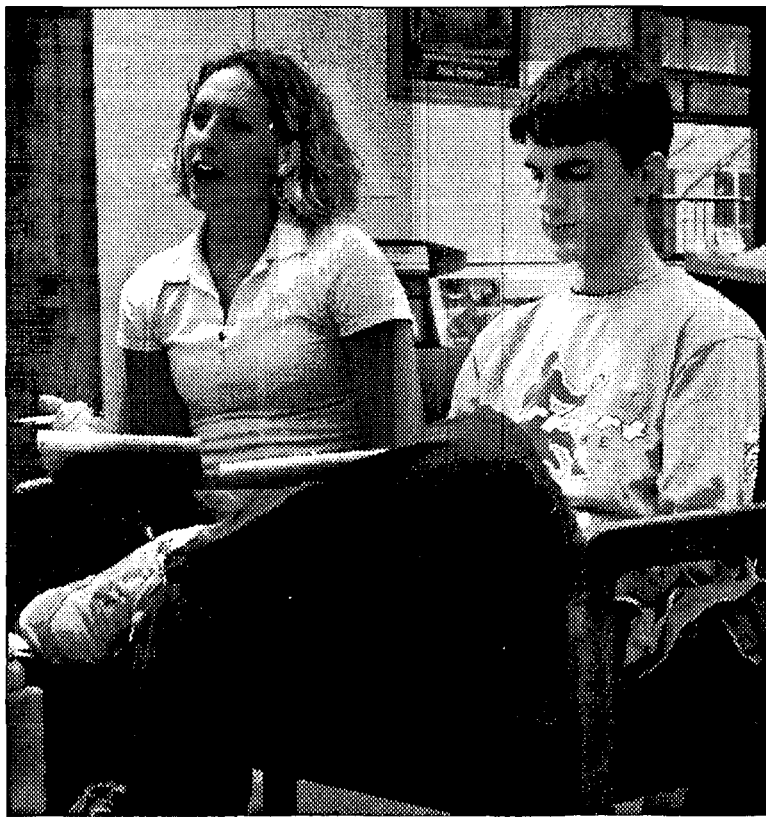
By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

Though the almost blank staff roster, empty office and brand new constitution may seem like part of an April Fools' Day prank, for Adam Istvan and Karla Bell, this is no joke.

After weeks of preparation and days packed full of meetings and interviews, the two will finally take office as the new student body president and vice president.

"Excited is the only word to describe what we're feeling right now. Well, tired might work too, but definitely excited," said Istvan.

With approval of the new Student Union Constitution



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Adam Istvan and Karla Bell, student body president and vice president, interview candidates for positions within their administration.

White, Moran enter office armed with high expectations

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD
Senior Staff Writer

Although nearly two months have passed since their election into office, Sarah Catherine White and Mary Pauline Moran have had little time to count the days until officially becoming Saint Mary's 2004-05 student body president and vice president, respectively. Their wait is over.

White and Moran acquire the positions today as the former administration of Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl and Sarah Brown concludes its term. The four women have been working closely since February to ensure a smooth transition not only for mem-

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Chávez concludes ND visit

By ANDREW THAGARD
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Father Eduardo Chávez, a priest from Mexico City who served as the postulator for the canonization of Saint Juan Diego, concludes his visit to Notre Dame today.

Chávez, who has been ordered by the cardinal of Mexico City to found a Catholic university there, came to Notre Dame in part to tour the campus and meet with University President Father Edward Malloy. His action-packed visit also included presentations to theology classes and meetings to finalize the translation of his book titled "El Encuentro de la Virgen de Guadalupe y Juan Diego." His visit was arranged by Father Virgilio Elizondo, a visiting theology professor, and the Institute for Latino Studies.

"This is my first time here and it surprised me," Chávez said during a Thursday afternoon interview with The Observer in which Elizondo helped to translate. "My [meeting] with Father Malloy was wonderful."

The proposed university, called La Universidad Católica Lumen Gentium, named after a Vatican II constitution placing greater emphasis on the people of God as the Church, is currently little more than a vision. Chávez, however, said that he hopes to start classes in education, history and law initially on the campus of a Catholic high school and

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New team takes control of Student Union Board

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

After a year when many students equated the Student Union Board name with disappointment, new SUB manager Jimmy Flaherty said that accountability to the student body will be of highest priority when the new Board of Directors takes office today.

"That's the first thing on our agenda - making sure we're accountable to the student body and that we're doing what they want to see," Flaherty said.

Despite a lack of big-name performers on campus during

2003-04, he expressed confidence in his fellow board members — programming director Bridget Meacham, controller Jon McCarthy and director of operations Heather Kimmings — to restore faith in the SUB brand.

"We want to see an increased presence and branding of the name," Flaherty said. "That's the problem — a lot of people don't associate enough of the things we do with the name."

If we're a bigger name on campus, more people want to get involved."

Flaherty said that student

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TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

SUB officers, left to right, Bridget Meacham, Jimmy Flaherty, Jon McCarthy and Heather Kimmings pose in their office Wednesday.

INSIDE COLUMN

Hath not a Domer eyes?

Some things used to be common property. It used to be that a writer could make reference to certain great works of literature, and be reasonably confident that not only would his readers pick up on his drift, but that most of them would be able to tell the story he was referring to. The American general readership knew their stuff. You can't do that anymore. Shakespeare is not dead, but most people have never met him. At Notre Dame alone, there are, performed in the course of a year, sometimes as many as 10 of his plays — but most students will not even see one. And in doing so, they're not merely missing great drama: they're depriving themselves of a critical library of phrases and ideas central to communication of great ideas from his day to ours.

There's something special, when telling your colleagues or friends about an opportunity which would be disastrous to miss, to take a cue from Brutus and remind them that "there is a tide." There's a richness of meaning in a reference like that. There's only one problem — these days, no one knows what it means. It's not our fault. Blame the schools maybe. Blame the movies. I don't personally blame anybody. But that's not to say that it's anything but a really sad situation when students at a place like Notre Dame have never met some of the most famous words of one of the most famous poets in human history.

Now, Shakespeare certainly wrote a lot of words, and you need a doctorate to really be familiar with anything more than a tiny fraction of them. But there are a few lines and phrases — 50 maybe, maybe even a 100 — without which a speaker of English is, literally, illiterate.

What I mean by this is that literacy is as much understanding what lies behind an author's words as it is deciphering symbols on a page into words and sentences. What is a pound of flesh? Why would an author writing about taxes mention one? And do business majors really learn how to take one? What is a sticking point, and how do I screw my courage to it? To be, or not to be?

Sure, Shakespeare has bored high schoolers ever since they were forced to sit through classes devoted to him. But it would be a tragedy — and not one that anyone would pay to see onstage — to give up on all the great stuff that's in his plays and writings, just because of a few less-than-stellar moments in high school.

After all, a twice-told tale may still catch the ear of a drowsy student.

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CORRECTIONS

In Wednesday's Viewpoint section the article titled "National defense vs. Education" was written by Brendan M. O'Connor who lives off-campus and not in Keough Hall. The Observer regrets the error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S THE FUNNIEST PRANK YOU'VE PLAYED ON APRIL FOOL'S DAY?



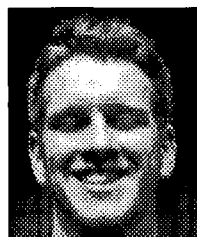
Chris Finch
Sophomore
Fisher

"Saran Wrapped [my] sister's toilet seat at night."



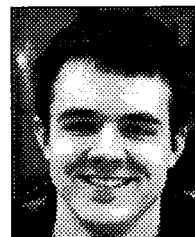
Dawn Parks
Senior
McGlinn

"In grade school, my friends and I convinced the teacher to write out fake detention slips for us, which we showed to our parents."



Joe Barron Jr.
Junior
St. Edwards

"I convinced my grandmom I was gay. She went to church to pray for me."



Patrick Thornton
Sophomore
Fisher

"I was born on April Fool's Day, that always gets a laugh."



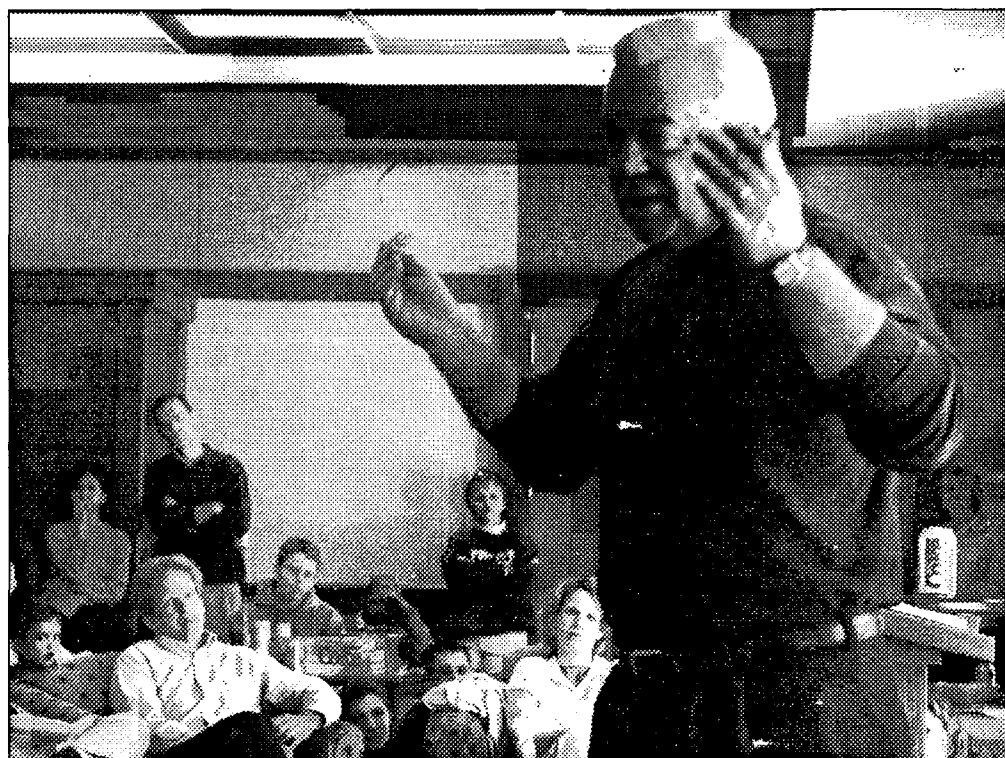
Sean DiTullo
Freshman
Dillon

"I woke up in the middle of the night and stole my roommate's ladder."



Tom Mulcrone
Freshman
Siegfried

"I don't know, but my brother once woke us all up at 5 [a.m.] by running around the house yelling 'Fire!'"



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Rev. Jim Wallis, a speaker, author and activist, lectures to Notre Dame students and faculty about applying faith to politics. The lecture was titled "How Will You Vote? Politics and Values in 2004."

OFFBEAT

Police chief sued over alleged paddling

WARREN, Ohio — A part-time police chief has been suspended after a lawsuit accused him of assaulting a teenager by paddling the boy as part of a crime diversion program for a speeding ticket.

Carol Woolf of Vienna said she initially agreed to let her 16-year-old son be paddled, then refused to have him return for 14 more sessions because of the welts he suffered.

"This child is traumatized," Woolf said.

James Martin was suspended as part-time police

chief of Fowler Township and also as a full-time police officer in nearby Howland Township, pending investigations by state officials and the FBI. No charges have been filed.

Cops: Man robs banks after leaving prison

TARENTUM, Pa. — A man was charged with robbing two banks less than one day after getting out of prison for a botched 2001 convenience store robbery in which he held a can of ravioli under his shirt to simulate a gun, police said.

Thomas Rokosky, 28,

was arrested Tuesday morning a few minutes after someone robbed the First Commonwealth Bank in Tarentum, about 20 miles northeast of Pittsburgh.

Police said an alarm system sent a distress call directly to a dispatch center and helped them quickly locate Rokosky, of Tarentum, and his vehicle, which matched witness descriptions. Police said he also had a note demanding money from a teller.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The International Women's Club presents a continuation of its annual International Children's Festival today from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the University Village Community Center.

Father Thomas O'Meara, professor emeritus of theology, will deliver a lecture this afternoon titled "Karl Rahner's Influence on Vatican II and U.S. Catholicism" on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Rahner's birth. The lecture starts at 4:30 p.m. in DeBartolo 209.

A panel discussion titled "Women on and off the Career Track" will take place this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse lounge. The panel will include Colleen Meiman, Viva Bartkus, Tricia Bellia and Cyndi Bergman.

A symposium panel will tackle prison sentencing tonight at 6 p.m. in DeBartolo 141. The symposium, titled "Does the Time Fit the Crime? Mandatory Minimum Sentencing and the Curtailment of Judicial Discretion," will feature John Martin Jr., a former U.S. district court judge, Bill Mateja, deputy attorney of the U.S. Department of Justice and Jimmy, professor at Notre Dame Law School. A reception will follow.

The Class of 2006 will sponsor a rosary recitation tonight at 9:30 p.m. in the Coleman Morse Chapel.

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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STUDENT SENATE

Senators hold final meeting

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

As the last Senate meeting before the student government turnover, Wednesday's session was a mix of gravity, levity and sincerity as senators bid farewell to their positions and left their final mark on Notre Dame by pushing through several resolutions.

In a continuation of last week's presentation by Gay/Straight Alliance president Joe Dickmann, the Senate unanimously approved the open letter to the Notre Dame administration in favor of granting United In Diversity club status. The resolution was tabled last week to allow the senators to gauge support from their respective dorms.

Dillon senator Jack Laskowitz presented a resolution that would serve as a statement from the Senate in favor of the publication of the TCEs.

"We've hit a roadblock in the process of getting it published, so this resolution would in essence say that we're committed to their publication, no matter how long it takes," said Laskowitz.

Student body president Jeremy Lao also spoke on the importance of passing the resolution.

"There needs to be a public show of student support, because without it, the credibility of all of our efforts is gone. We need to keep this publicized," said Lao.



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Student senators give outgoing president Jeremy Lao a standing ovation during Wednesday's meeting.

The Senate also unanimously approved a resolution to send a letter to rectors regarding the completion of rector evaluation forms. Presented by the Committee on Residence Life, the letter encourages rectors to have their RAs hold floor meetings to emphasize the importance of the evaluations and oversee their completion.

Pasquerilla West senator Jana Lamplota spoke at the open podium for the Committee on Residence Life's drive to publicize the upcoming ROTC Presidential Pass In Review. Despite efforts to move the ceremony to an outside area, the Pass In Review will remain in Loftus this year. Lamplota said that the committee is putting together an advertising campaign to encourage students to attend the event.

"The Presidential Pass In Review is especially important to ROTC seniors, and we want to give them a good going-off party," Lamplota said.

In what student body vice president Emily Chin called a "light-hearted end to the meeting," senator Brin Anderson presented a joke resolution that would confer emeritus status on the Committee on Residence Life. The resolution was passed — not unanimously — in a roll call vote.

In other Senate news:

♦ The Ethics Committee presented their nominee for the Michael J. Palumbo Award in a closed session at the end of Wednesday's meeting.

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'Women of ND' week promotes awareness

By KATIE LAIRD
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Notre Dame will host a "Women of Notre Dame" series this week as an effort to promote greater awareness of the future careers and opportunities that exist for women.

"Our students, male and female, need strong female role models to help them achieve their potential," said Julia Douthwaite, assistant provost of Campus International Development and a professor in the department of Romance Languages and Literatures.

The network of professional women was co-founded in March of 2000 by Douthwaite and Lee Svete, Director of the Career Center, as a means to celebrate co-education at Notre Dame. Funded by the dean of Arts and Letters, Mark Roach, and aided with mailing and listings by Chuck Lennon, president of the Alumni Association, the program hopes to help women who struggle with their careers and family life. It is sponsored by the College of Arts and Letters, the Career Center and the Alumni Association.

The series opens with a "Brown Bag Lunch Discussion," which will take place today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in 131 Decio Hall. This invitation-only event will focus on undergradu-

ate women involved in political science or who have a strong interest in public service or public policies.

Later in the afternoon, there were will be a panel discussion titled "Women in the Workplace: On and Off the Career Track." Viva Bartkus, assistant professor of marketing and a former member of corporate America, will discuss her personal experiences of being in the work place. Patricia Bellia, an associate professor at Notre Dame Law School, used to be an attorney but later entered academia. Bellia will discuss the tensions and problems that women face. The discussion will take place from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Coleman Morse lounge.

On Friday at 2 p.m. Walsh Hall's south lounge will host a gathering discussing the real life experiences of Colleen Meiman of "The West Wing." Meiman is an alumna who was a White House staffer and worked on Capitol Hill. She will compare the reality of a career in Washington with that on television.

"We hope this will be of great relevance to the student population, and that they will think carefully of strategies they want to pursue," Douthwaite said.

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bers of student government, but for the Saint Mary's community as a whole.

"Elizabeth and Sarah have been very helpful in terms of letting us know what we need to do at various points," Moran said. "We really have a good foundation to build off of. Anything that comes from us will be brand new and demonstrate what we can offer Saint Mary's."

By shadowing their predecessors at administration and committee meetings, White and Moran feel they have a better understanding of potential challenges and opportunities that could surface over the next year.

They do, however, plan to maintain the priorities listed on their platform.

"I think the biggest challenge is making sure that we have an informed perspective when we do come to make decisions," White said. "Now more than ever, I realize how much of a priority it is."

The pair also credits Jablonski-Diehl and Brown for offering encouragement and advice. Jablonski-Diehl made specific reference to maintaining a presence both on campus and in the local community, Moran said. She added that the two worked diligently to tie up any loose ends before leaving office, enabling an effective turnover.

"I think everything they started will be looked at by us, but then again, we're going to add our own perspective and touch to how it will be done," White said.

One of the first steps that White and Moran plan to take will be to inform the campus community of their presence.

To do so, they anticipate sending newsletters, wearing nametags and encouraging word-of-mouth conversations.

They also look forward to establishing communication with Carol Mooney as she too prepares to assume her new position as President of the College.

"I think that, in general, people will be more aware of this switchover than any other in the past, simply because of the high profile election," Moran said.

The pair have already interviewed and selected members to serve alongside on Board of Governance. BOG, along with past and new members of student government, attended its annual retreat last weekend.

"We encouraged everyone to embrace the change," White said.

Having already worked together as junior class president and vice president and optimistic about the diversification of student government, both women said that they are confident that the change will be smooth.

White and Moran will preside over their first BOG meeting Monday.

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Turnover

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coming on the eve of the turnover, the pair must be prepared for changes in the organization of their office and staff.

"We're familiar with the proposal [which was not passed at the time], and the biggest changes seem to be the bringing of the Office of the Student Body President into the Senate, and the changing of the Chief of Staff position into the Chief Executive Assistant, which will be held by Dave Baron," Istvan said.

Baron, Istvan and Bell have been interviewing students for

staff positions since Monday, and plan on having the majority of their team in place by next week. Upwards of 50 candidates, equally distributed among class levels, applied.

"I was surprised and pleased by the number of applications," said Istvan. "I think this shows that people want to get involved, and see potential for next year's government to accomplish some great things."

With the new term starting, Istvan and Bell are putting their priorities in order so as to most efficiently get things done. They

said that they hope to resolve the issue of staplers and hole-punches in the computer clusters before the year is up, plan on moving forward with the DVD rental area in LaFortune and want to explore the option of getting a bus that would go from campus to popular off-campus residence areas on Friday and Saturday nights.

"Our biggest priority is going to be seeing how the new government works and evaluating it for any glaring errors, so that we can get changes through

right away," said Baron.

Though Istvan said he knew of no great weakness in the Hallahan-Lao presidency besides the departure of Hallahan halfway through the term, he also said that his administration would focus less on making changes to student government and more on giving back to the students.

For today, the focus remains the aesthetics of the presidency — including a new office at their disposal.


"I can't wait to tear down these posters and put up some Metallica and Def Leppard," joked Baron.

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"I was surprised by the number of applications."

Adam Istvan
student body president

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UN learns of ND nuclear weapons

Program funded with record-high tuition rates

By RADIOACTIVE LEADER
News Writer

The United Nations imposed sanctions on the University of Notre Dame after weapons inspectors discovered that the University had created a vibrant nuclear weapons program. The Absurder has learned.

Inspectors were initially shocked that a small private University possessed the financial resources and technical knowledge to develop nuclear

weapons.

"But then we started looking at the tuition increases over the last few years," chief weapons inspector Duke Nukem said. "That's when everything started to fall in place."

"There was no way that much money could be funneled into education. We narrowed it down to either paying off the remainder of Bob Davie's contract or nukes before we saw those kids from Zahm. It's quite sad what radiation can do to humans."

Officials believe research and development began two years ago when the University instituted a new alcohol policy banning hard alcohol. School officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said that they hoped more "geeks" would come to Notre Dame to help create the first nuclear weapon at a university.

"Screw being the Harvard of the Midwest," University President Punk Polloy said. "We want to be MIT."

President George W. Bush responded to the U.N. report

by deploying troops to the C lot and threatening regime change if Polloy didn't resign within 24 hours. "We believe the citizens of Notre Dame will welcome us with open arms," Bush said. "They need to be liberated from the yoke of tyranny."

Nukem said the University decided to develop nuclear weapons in response to the massive amount of dorm parties that kept administrators from getting a good night's

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He can't live with losing

Two-time student body presidential candidate running for union head spot

By H TO THE IZZO
News Writer

Desperate to win an election — any election — Notre Dame junior Barley Neversaw announced plans to run for president of the South Bend Teamster's Union Wednesday.

Neversaw gained notoriety at Notre Dame last month after the student government insider's slick campaign and family wealth failed to impress voters during the student body presidential election.

Neversaw hit rock bottom last week after suffering a stunning defeat in the race for hall monitor of Miss Cindy's second grade class at St. Thomas Elementary School. He lost 20-2 in a race that pitted him against 7-year old Billy Sinclair. Sinclair attributed his landslide victory to increased popularity after sticking two C r a y o l a

crayons up his nose and the fact that his opponent is not actually a member of the c l a s s . "Barley's a booger head," he added.

Neversaw, however, said that his loss was due to a failure to relate to the

average worker and not nasal discharge — something he plans to change in the upcoming Teamster's election

"I think [Teamster Union] workers will see we have a lot in common," the son of a multi-million dollar MBC executive said. "They make Hummers, I drive one."

Notre Dame political science professors and South Bend Teamster Union workers, however, seemed less optimistic. "This isn't your grandfather's union," Irving Tower, a government professor, said. "Neversaw's failure to assuage workers' concerns regarding pollution by supporting the Kyoto Treaty will inevitably lead to his downfall."

Union members were more blunt.

"The closest think that prissy boy is getting to a vote from me is my foot up his [rear end]," said Barry Simon, a 25-year Union member.

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WNDU radar discovers life on Mars

NewsChopper16 being prepared for interplanetary travel

Editor's Note: This article is the first in a 300 part series that only the author, the people he quotes and general nerds will read.

By BRAT SPUMANTE
News Writer

In a stunning coup for weathermen, WNDU chief meteorologist Spike Boffmann announced Wednesday that the station's Live Super Duper Doppler 16 radar has discovered intelligent life on Mars.

"I'm happy to announce we've found Martian life," Boffmann said during a Wednesday telecast. "We're not only Michiana's weather leader, but we're top-notch scientists too."

Boffmann said the discovery vindicates the station's decision to install the obscenely expensive 200,000-watt radar tower, which is located at the South Bend Regional Airport.

"People laughed when I wanted to drop \$13 million on the radar," Boffmann said. "Well, who's laughing now, punks?"

However, NASA's top planetary scientist, Ann Tenna, was skeptical about the station's announcement.

"We've spent 30 years looking for little green men, and some Mongoloid weatherman finds them?" Tenna said. "What a load of crap."

WNDU officials also revealed they will dis-

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Courtesy WNDU

An artist's rendition of NewsChopper16 hovering about the Martian surface. After Live Super Duper Doppler 16 discovered life on Mars, WNDU announced the helicopter will fly to the Red Planet for a mission called "MarsShot16."

Saint Mary's bans students from visiting ND



Artist Rendering

Saint Mary's plans to import the Great Wall of China to keep its students from coming to Notre Dame.

College president: 'If they don't see us, they can't stereotype us'

By ONHERKNESSA
WHIPCORD
News Writer

In an apparent response to derogatory stereotypes that exist in the Keenan Revue, Saint Mary's President Larilue Elrond announced Wednesday that the College has placed a ban on all students from crossing the street — a decision that will cut the only remaining tie to Notre Dame.

"Thank God," Elrond said. "If our women are cut off

from interacting with those people, it will put an end to the ridiculous and blatant stereotypes that only those who've barely rounded second base could come up with.

"All of our students display academic quality and notable character that we as an institution take pride in," she added. "What is done behind closed doors is their own business. I didn't hear anything if you didn't."

Effective immediately, the ban will force members of the Notre Dame community

to venture to Saint Mary's campus should they feel the need to do so. Elrond, however, acknowledges the reality of the situation.

"They've never come over in the past," she said. "Why would they start now?"

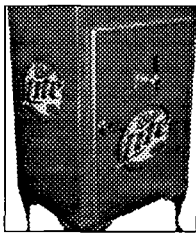
This year marked the first time that the Keenan rector met with an assessment board before being performed. Although members at both schools deemed its content appropriate, Elrond said the Revue provides an

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Staff Drunk

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but i ajm loking b ack at whast I wroate and i cna'st read it so goo d but i thhnk i got off trackl. so any-way my point was htat drunk IIMING is sooooooo bad for coummnuntca-tion. Rjuins relationsihps ands stuff. We shouslnt' be alloweds on IM without supresvison wen wer'e wasted. YOu might do stuff liek me snad IM thasat guy lyou like ands say i hate hyou because he swas grinding wiht some other ho girl or you rmight IM htat guy rfom class whoese screen n ame you have b edcause your frien gavae it to you but he dojse'nt know ands normall you juist read his away mesages. stupid stuipd stupidl. it's all the sfault of IM. we shohld stick to nor-mal conversaiton and the pjhone to save ourselves. bescsause it's al about the hhuman contact. Interaction, p eoople. Especially bonding ovr drinking and at bars. And beer poing and cups. Awesome. So now i gotta go Pas s otu. Thansk fofr listneing, you INside Column faithful followers. Peace outt. ttlyl. :).

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of The Observer, since we can't remember which editor was too drunk to read this..

CORRECTIONS

We never make mistakes. Ever. And if we do, we really don't want to hear about them. Especially from little runts like you. Call us at 1-4541 to hear Mr. Garrison from South Park say, "You go to hell. You go to hell and you die."

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF SCHOLASTIC?



Eric Johansen

Sophomore
Keough Hall

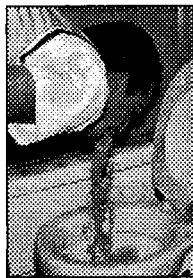
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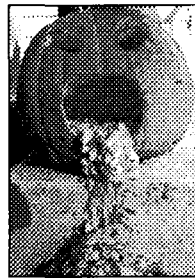
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John Abrams

Senior
Off-Campus

"Bleeeaaah."



Pumpkin Man

Chief
Vegetable

"Bleeeaaah."



Black Lab

Man's Best
Friend

"Bleeeaaah."



Teddy Smith

Junior
Siegfried Hall

"Bleeeaaah."



NOTRE DAME PHOTOGRAPHY

Newly appointed Executive Vice President Michael Hannigan visits with Father Mark Poorman, vice president for student affairs. Long known as the most influential student on campus, Hannigan was an easy choice for the search committee to appoint to replace Father Timothy Scully. A former Knott Hall assistant rector, Hannigan holds a bachelors and law degree from Notre Dame and is a dual-citizen of Ireland.

BEATOFF

Sandiego Identified as key suspect

SOUTH BEND — Notre Dame Security and Police are hot on the trail of the culprit who stole the giant ball from the atrium in the Coleman-Morse Center.

Based on preliminary evidence, investigators issued an arrest warrant for the renowned international criminal Carmen Sandiego. But they're not quite sure where she is, and effort to capture Sandiego are so far proving futile.

"Where in the world?" mused one top-ranking

official.

Student constitution on verge of key amedement

LAFORTUNE — Student leaders on the Council of Rejects are close to passing an amendment to the student union constitution.

The amendment would ban gay marriage in all areas of the world located above the Tropic of Cancer.

"We feel this is a vital issue that students care deep about," student body president Kung Pao said.

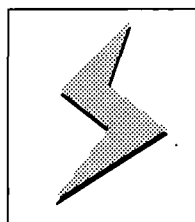
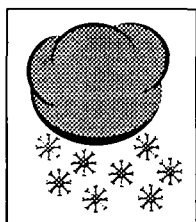
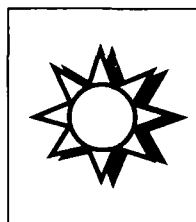
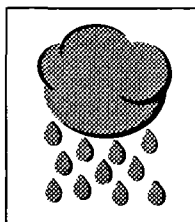
Legion disbanded

JOYCE CENTER — Shortly after being grant-

ed club status, the Leprechaun Legion was dispaned after Irish Coach Hike Frey realized that they did nothing to gain student support. The cheat sheets they distributed were too long and Irish players did worse at home when they announced the sixth man of the Irish as "The Leprechaun Legion." Students cheered loudly at the announcement, promising to put spirit the next year at an even higher level than it was this year.

Information compiled from Observer writers.

LOCAL WEATHER



Look people, you live in South Bend. It could be raining one minute, sunny the next, snowing in five and thunderstorming by the time you go home. So, wear a jacket and take an umbrella. The weather is never right here. You should have learned to be prepared by now.

Nobody leaves South Bend and you have the same access to weather.com that we do, so in the unlikely event that you do leave, look up the weather yourself.

IN BRIEFS

A girl in PE will be taking off her shirt around 9 p.m. tonight. Best views can be gotten from rooms in Knott Hall. An enterprising freshman will be selling tickets at the door for \$5.

Women in Lewis Hall will be looking at "Cosmopolitan" from 8 p.m. until midnight tonight in the common room. Women can bring their favorite copies of the magazine and hot guys who are willing to take their shirts off are also invited.

The men of O'Neill Hall will be playing video games such as Halo all night, until 4 a.m. this morning when they will begin doing homework.

An all-night Pajama Party will take place in McCandless Hall this evening. SMCurity has been informed that the event is taking place, so feel free to come and scream your heart out.

Lyons and Morrissey Halls will sponsor a "When the Rectors are away, the residents will play" party all night, until NDSP shows up after an anal student calls them. Cover is \$5 and you are free to drink until you puke.

Feminist Carrie Freewoman will be giving a lecture on the vagina tonight in Stepan Center at 8 p.m. Also, don't miss out on the Campus Ministry protest that will take place immediately before the event, starting with a rosary at the grotto at 7 p.m. followed by a march to Stepan Center.

The Kroc Institute for Peace Studies will be sponsoring a lecture "The Effect of Expansion on the European Union" at 6 p.m. tonight in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. Pizza will be provided because the organizers are afraid that if they don't offer food, no one will come.

Professor of American Studies Bob Martin will be giving a Last Lecture Series talk in the Dillon Hall chapel this evening. To make it more realistic, organizers will be holding a loaded gun to his head throughout the event.

If you have interesting things going on, let us know by e-mailing absurder@nd.edu.

POINTLESS

Thursday, April 1, 2004

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No more freshman letters

Stop. Writing.

Freshmen, we know you are shocked that the dining hall doesn't serve meat on Fridays, that the University is so repressive it enforces parietals and that the janitor hasn't cleaned your hall's bathroom in weeks. But we really don't care. We are already aware of that, and we've already gotten over it. You're not telling us anything new, and we've heard your arguments ten thousand times before. You might as well sign your letters 'Captain Obvious,' because you sound like complete tools. The Absurder, therefore, has made a merciful decision, one which will benefit both would-be letter-writers and subscribers while bolstering the readability of the Pointless section.

Letters written by freshmen will no longer be published by The Absurder. If you're not savvy enough to know when you're embarrassing yourselves, we, at least, can save you from your own self-humiliation by refusing to print your inane material. We suggest that, if you need an outlet to express your outrage or indignance, you share it

with each other, since you're all on the same naïve level. Have a complaint session while you're congregating at FlipSide events or while the Legends disco dance parties die down during the early hours of the weekend mornings. Even better — conduct your rants when you're locked in place at a dorm room party; the people around you are trapped there, anyway, so they'll be forced to listen. Just leave your elders out of it, because we're sick and tired of listening to your childish whimpering.

Face it, frosh, you're the low ones on the totem pole, and you don't know what you're talking about. If you really can't survive without writing letters to The Absurder, then send them in — though we've researched the option, we can't prevent you from sending us letters through e-mail or snail mail. So have a field day, if you want; we might look at your letters and laugh, but there is not a chance under the sun that you will ever see your words in print.

It's for the best, children. You'll thank us some day.

The Absurder Editorial

Ban sinful poker playing

A new, disturbing trend is sweeping campus and now that the University has eradicated hard alcohol from the dorms, administrators need to set their eyes on a new evil: gambling.

I have been lured into temptation many times by upperclassmen promising a fun game of Texas Hold 'Em. But I always leave the table penniless and have lost hundreds of dollars in this pursuit. I simply do not have the willpower to say no to playing these games.

And as administrators removed the sinful temptation of hard alcohol from students, they should similarly remove gambling. Students should not have to say no to bad things, the administration should make these decisions for students.

As Jesus said in John's Gospel when he drove the moneychangers from the Temple, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise."

The administration must act swiftly to return the dorms to a place of study and worship and one that is not dominated by evil pursuits.

Sore Loser
Zahm Hall
freshman
March 31

Editor's Note: See policy on freshman letters to the editor.

Please, get out of my way

The simple activity of walking into a building is not something that most people, I think, would consider complicated. Most people, however, are not petite, five-foot-tall girls, and they are not trying to get into DeBartolo.

I, on the other hand, am a constituent of that minority, and walking into DeBartolo is a huge problem for me. I physically cannot wade through the sea of athletes. They are big and scary, and they are everywhere. I can't shoulder past them, because my shoulder barely reaches their waists. They can't even see me trying to get through, and when I try to shout up to them to politely ask them to move, they can't hear me. They are often too engaged in cell phone conversations with other

athletes five feet away. My voice becomes drowned by their joking and laughing, and I remain stuck outside, jostled around as they do all sorts of secret handshake greetings and high-fives and pats on the back. I am forced to dodge elbows and knees and bikes and backpacks, and it's horribly frightening. I have nightmares. Going to class, for me, has become traumatic.

Therefore, I would like to nicely ask athletes to be cognizant of the little people like me. It might be hard for you to see us, but we are there. Please let us through; it would make life much easier. Thank you.

Midgett Minnieskert
Badin Hall
Sophomore
March 31



For the love of God, shut up already

I would like to direct this letter to all those students who feel the need to talk every five seconds in class — particularly the kid in my philosophy lecture who apparently has a fetish with raising his hand. You are not interesting. You do not sound smart. You are an annoying, conceited kiss-up driving everyone else crazy with your attempt to out-talk the professor. Shut up.

As Notre Dame students, we go to class to learn — that is how most universities work, you see. We do not go to teach or to voice our own unresearched, rambling, idiotic personal philosophies. If you feel the need to

engage in prolonged discourse with the teacher, go for it. But do it on your own time. I'm sick of hearing your nasal voice babble, and I'm pretty sure I speak for the other 150 students in the lecture hall, too.

And one more thing. Two minutes before class ends is not an appropriate time to broach the broadest question in existence. No time during class is really appropriate for such an irrelevant query, but right before class ends is completely unacceptable. Get a clue. It's called common sense. People will hate you, and a good number already do.

So for your own good and for ours, you mind-numbing, butt-kissing pseudo-intellectual dork, try to remember that you're not the professor. Try to remember that your classmates and the teachers themselves would rather hear the lesson plan than an uneducated personal thesis from you. So be quiet, you freakish attention whore, and may God have mercy on your soul.

Will Ushutupplease
senior
off campus
March 31

You know what? You're right

In response to Mr. Imright's viewpoint letter yesterday responding to my letter printed the day before responding to Ms. Nolife's original letter printed March 19, I would like to say two words: You're right.

Imright's arguments were completely flawless; his persuasive evidence swayed me, and I cannot believe I was ever so stupid to suggest that the Zahm Winter Carnival is nothing but a frivolous freak show of animals and Zahmbies on a cold quad. As Mr. Imright eloquently pointed out, the event is a lively exposition of creativity and an invaluable show of school spirit. The carnival is praiseworthy and holds an integral place in the Notre Dame identity.

I apologize for my faulted comments and ridiculous arguments. To anyone convinced by my letter: Please disregard it. I was foolish and mistaken, and I thank Mr. Imright for setting me straight.

Once again, I was wrong, you were right, and I am grateful to the Pointless section for providing an opportunity for personal growth and education.

Nevva Gonahapen
Sophomore
O'Neill Hall
March 31

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."

Mahatma Gandhi
Hindu nationalist leader

QB hearthrob trades gridiron for runway

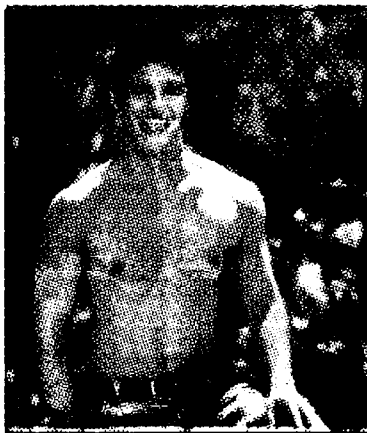


Photo courtesy of Grady Flynn

This Irish quarterback will be appearing in magazines, but not the Sports Illustrated kind.

By SHEILA QUINN
Sports Writer

Encouraged by his popularity with the female student population and disappointed with the football team's record, quarterback Grady Flynn announced Wednesday he will leave the University to pursue a modeling career.

"It just seems like a better choice for my future," Flynn said. "I mean, let's look at it logically. The football team is far from stellar, but hey, the ladies love me."

He said the idea first occurred to him on a random Tuesday in January, while he was eating

lunch in North Dining Hall.

"I saw my reflection in a spoon and realized that I'm really, really, really, ridiculously good-looking," Flynn said. "So I decided to do that for a living — be professionally good-looking — instead of playing football."

Prestigious modeling agencies have already started inundating Flynn with offers, clamoring to sign his "tall, dark and handsome look" and his "big guns," said Marty Scheisterman of the New York-based modeling agency Show It Straight Models.

"Who has arms like that? He's a marketing dream come true — all-American, boy-next-door athlete," Scheisterman said. "And

he's straight! My God, if we could get him, it'd be beautiful."

But Flynn said he has not yet decided with whom he will sign.

"I'm not positive what I want to do yet — you know, catalogues, television, runway, etc.," Flynn said. "I'm still exploring my options."

But the women on campus said they believe he will be successful in any endeavor.

"Oh my God, he's so hot," said sophomore Eileen Onjerzees. "He's, like, a mix between Ben Affleck and Colin Farrell. He's going to be, like, amazingly famous."

"I already have my walls papered with his pictures from

the paper," junior Wynne Forgypper said. "I can't get enough of him!"

Male students agreed Flynn will find success but voiced overwhelming bitterness.

"I'm so sick of hearing 'Grady Flynn, Grady Flynn,'" freshman Lou Zerr said. "All the girls are obsessed with him just because he's supposedly good-looking."

"Whatever happened to nice personalities?" said senior Holden Outforlusk. "Flynn'll do great because that's all girls care about — looks. They don't give a [hoot] about what's on the inside."

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Alumni: AD is dumb

Letter chastises ND for keeping green jerseys

By P. O. MONEYBAGS
Sports Writer

A group of 57.4 alumni have sent a letter to the Board of Trustees criticizing the athletic department for what they called "a decade of stupidity" because the Irish continue to wear green jerseys in key games.

"That's like the freaking death sentence," the letter said. "When was the last time we won wearing those things? The stone age?"

The letter writers pointed to the recent struggles of the football and basketball teams, who are a combined 1-100 when wearing green in the last 10 years. The lone win came in 2001 when the No. 1 seed women's basketball team beat No. 16 seed Alcorn State.

"Please, that one doesn't count," IrishHomer69 said, who agreed to speak only if his Internet name would be used. "A tulip had a better chance of beating a bulldozer."

The letter suggests three options to fix the green jersey problem. Athletic department officials can burn the green jerseys



Photo courtesy of your mom

This Penn State player got too close to green jerseys and paid a painful price. Alumni want the Irish to never wear green again.

sees in a massive bonfire on South Quad, put them in deep storage in Bond Hall, or bribe NASA to launch them into orbit.

"I personally prefer the Bond Hall option," IrishHomer69 said. "Nobody ever comes out of that building, so we know the jerseys would stay there for a while."

Athletic director Bevin Black responded by saying that the green jerseys were an integral part of Notre Dame tradition and

that Notre Dame teams would continue to use them.

"*&%," IrishHomer69 said. "More losing."

Black did say at least one good thing came from the alumni letter.

"At least they're off my case about the stupid football team," he said.

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5-7? Fine by these hard-core Irish fans

By ILUV DeIRISH
Sports Writer

Several die-hard Notre Dame students declared the Blue-Gold game "Irish Solidarity Day" and said they were planning to hand out kelly-green T-shirts that said, "5-7? Fine by me."

The group's leaders said they were upset at the people who kept criticizing the football team for its piss-poor performance last year.

"It's really important that we stick behind our team," sophomore Johnny N. Dame said. "After all, they go to class just like we do."

"Well, most of them do, anyway."

Dame said the project originated when he and his buddies watched Notre Dame Stadium empty when Florida State annihilated the Irish last November. "It just wasn't right," he said, "for everybody to run away like that. And I got really mad at everybody who started booing too. It hurt my feelings. And I felt bad, imagine how horrible the players felt."

Students who had already grabbed the shirts said they supported Irish Solidarity Day.

"All the football players I meet at Finnegan's are really nice guys," freshman Jacque Snifer said. She added, "I don't care how bad we are as long as Grady Flynn stays nice to look at."

But other students criticized the effort, saying that sometimes negative reactions are needed to spark change.

"They really need to start a constitutional amendment banning being a douchebag," senior Frank Cinic said. "That would put most of these people in jail. They're so obsessed with everything Notre Dame, they actually cheer on the fencing team."

"That's not true. We have limits and ..." Dame said before being interrupted by the sound of the Victory March on his cell phone.

"Gotta go, it's Bob Davie," he said. "He said he wants a shirt. Something about remembering his last year as a coach."

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ND moves home games from Joyce, senior citizens revolt

By U. SHER
News Writer

A lack of fan excitement at the Joyce Center has prompted officials to move all future basketball games to the Fort Wayne Coliseum, where last week's game created the most excitement in the town since the 1979 county fair when an elephant got loose.

Irish coach Hike Frey praised the decision, saying the Fort Wayne arena has a crowd energy like no other.

"The reception they gave our boys last week was outstanding," he said. "And with Hooters next to the coliseum and beers sold during the game, it will ensure that our fans come in excited, are always yelling because they are too drunk to know what's going on and will go home happy."

Notre Dame Director of Ticketing Tim Jaleigh said that the move came after an investigation as to whether fans became stuck in seats and their voices became muted when entering the Joyce Center, preventing them to stand and cheer for their team.

"We thought there must be some reason that the Joyce Center never gets exciting," he said. "But it turns out our fans here in South Bend would rather watch a game on their fannies than getting up and doing anything to support the team."

Officials at the Sunset Assisted Living Community, where large numbers of seniors attended each game, said there was an attempted mutiny when residents heard they would no longer be able to see games at the Joyce Center. Staff were able to get residents to return to their rooms when they threatened to withhold the

afternoon snack of prunes and said they would try to start a Bingo night at Notre Dame.

"Bingo, why now that seems like a more appropriate event for our fan base," Jaleigh said.

The decision to move games will also decrease the stress on an aging corps of ushers, most of whom were on the waiting list for Sunset, and were more likely to suffer a spell during the game than the average fan.

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

FENCING

Irish win national title

In related news, a tree fell in the forest and didn't make a sound.

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TEXAS HOLD 'EM

Moneymaker Chan 2 1

Luck continued to prevail for Moneymaker as he beat Chan by flopping five Aces.

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The Belles finally find an athletic endeavor at which they can excel.

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The campus newspaper continues its mid-season struggles.

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BILLIARDS

If Notre Dame's pool tables in the dorms were good, maybe we'd actually be able to play pool well.

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DRINKING

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The University's president can still throw 40s down, as shown by his crushing victory over the ResLife captain.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

World court rules against U.S.

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — The world court ruled Wednesday that the United States violated the rights of 51 Mexicans on death row to receive diplomatic help, and ordered Washington to review their cases.

The ruling by the International Court of Justice could mean a reprieve or another chance of appeal for the inmates, including one scheduled to die May 18 in Oklahoma. It also could have implications for other foreign citizens in U.S. prisons who were not told they could receive help from their governments.

The order raised questions from the eight states holding the inmates, but no assurances that the states will try to address the court's concerns.

OPEC to cut crude production

VIENNA, Austria — With fuel costs already at uncomfortable levels for consumers, OPEC took a step that could push prices even higher by announcing Wednesday that it would cut its crude oil production target by 4 percent.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries hopes the cut, which takes effect Thursday, will prevent a slide in prices this spring, when the global demand for oil usually slips to a seasonal low.

Some analysts said the cut could soon push crude prices above the psychologically important threshold of \$40 per barrel, though futures markets fell on Wednesday. The decision could also worsen the pain for U.S. motorists, who have been paying the highest prices in recent years for gasoline.

NATIONAL NEWS

Rice to face difficult questioning

WASHINGTON — When she testifies before the commission reviewing the Sept. 11 attacks, Condoleezza Rice will face pointed questions about what outgoing Clinton administration officials told her about terrorism — and how urgently the new Bush administration regarded al-Qaida's threat.

She also may face questions about her credibility.

"We want to hear from Dr. Rice ... [about] the kind of threats and dangers that were apparent to her before 9-11," said Thomas Kean, the Republican chairman of the Sept. 11 commission and a former New Jersey governor.

Kerry undergoes brief surgery

BOSTON — Democrat John Kerry had complication-free outpatient surgery Wednesday to repair a tear in his right shoulder and bicep tendons and will be back shaking voters' hands soon, although not too forcefully.

The four-term Massachusetts senator planned to be off the presidential campaign trail for the remainder of the week. Dr. Bertram Zarins, chief of sports medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital, said Kerry would be in pain for a few days and probably in need of an ice pack and narcotic painkillers.

STATE NEWS

Army ready to destroy nerve gas

CLINTON — The Army said it plans to begin destroying the VX nerve agent at the Newport Chemical Depot in about two months regardless of whether it hauls the waste to another disposal site.

The Army could store the hydrolysate — the caustic byproduct from the neutralized VX — in tanks at the western Indiana site if plans to ship it the waste to New Jersey for final treatment and disposal fall through, said Col. Jesse Barber, a project manager for the Army Chemical Materials Agency.

Barber fielded questions during a public meeting Wednesday at South Vermillion High School in Clinton, north of Terre Haute.

The Army plans to begin neutralizing the VX at Newport this summer by mixing it with hot water and sodium hydroxide.

IRAQ

Crowd mutilates U.S. bodies

Four U.S. civilian workers killed by roadside bomb, burned, strung from bridge

Associated Press

FALLUJAH — In a scene reminiscent of Somalia, frenzied crowds dragged the burned, mutilated bodies of four American contractors through the streets of a town west of Baghdad on Wednesday and strung two of them up from a bridge after rebels ambushed their SUVs.

Five U.S. soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division also were killed when a bomb exploded under their M-113 armored personnel carrier north of Fallujah, making it the bloodiest day for Americans in Iraq since Jan. 8.

The four contract workers were killed in Fallujah, a Sunni Triangle city about 35 miles west of Baghdad and scene of some of the worst violence on both sides of the conflict since the beginning of the American occupation a year ago.

Chanting "Fallujah is the graveyard of Americans," residents cheered after the grisly assault on two four-wheel-drive civilian vehicles left both SUVs in flames.

Residents in Fallujah said insurgents attacked the contractors with small arms fire and rocket-propelled grenades. After the attack, a jubilant crowd of civilians, none of whom appeared to be armed, gathered to celebrate, dragging the bodies through the street and hanging two of them from the bridge. Many of those in the crowd were excited young boys who shouted slogans in front of television cameras.

Associated Press Television News pictures showed one man beating a



An Iraqi throws a rock at a burning car in Fallujah on Wednesday. Angry residents mutilated the charred bodies of four Americans killed by a roadside bomb. A crowd dragged the bodies through the streets before hanging them from a bridge.

charred corpse with a metal pole. Others tied a yellow rope to a body, hooked it to a car and dragged it down the main street of town. Two blackened and mangled corpses were hung from the green, iron bridge spanning the Euphrates River.

"The people of Fallujah hung some of the bodies on the old bridge like slaughtered sheep," resident Abdul Aziz Mohammed said. Some corpses were dismembered, he said.

The White House blamed terrorists and remnants of Saddam Hussein's former regime for the "horrific attacks" on the American contractors.

"It is offensive, it is despicable the way these individuals have been treated," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said.

Referring to the planned

June 30 transfer of sovereignty to Iraqis, McClellan said "the best way to honor those that lost their lives" is to continue with efforts to bring democracy to Iraq.

State Department spokesman Adam Ereli said the contractors, all men, "were trying to make a difference and to help others."

U.S. officials did not identify the dead or the nature of their work because the next of kin had not yet been notified.

However, early evidence indicated they worked for Blackwater Security Consulting, a company based in Moyock, N.C., the company said in a statement. The security firm hires former military members from the United States and other countries to provide security training and guard services. In Iraq, the

company was hired by the Pentagon to provide security for convoys that delivered food in the Fallujah area, the company statement said.

The abuse and mutilation of the contractors' corpses was similar to the scene more than a decade ago in Somalia, when a mob dragged corpses of U.S. soldiers through the streets of Mogadishu, eventually leading to the American withdrawal from the African nation. The images were broadcast worldwide and became the subject of the book and movie "Black Hawk Down."

But Wednesday's images of the four civilians killed in Iraq filled television screens worldwide Wednesday but were largely shunned by American television that deemed them too graphic.

PBS marks 35 years of 'sunny days'

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Here's a kids show that still boasts plenty of street cred.

Now beginning its 35th season, "Sesame Street" remains a daily destination for millions of preschoolers, an evergreen cityscape as much a part of their world as any other play space.

It's been that way for generations of kids, as any of the show's estimated 74 million "grads" will recall from "Sesame Street Presents: The Street We Live On." This retrospective airs on most PBS stations 8 p.m. EST Sunday, then serves as the season opener the next day.

Even if you haven't caught "Sesame Street" since around the time it premiered Nov. 10, 1969, you will be struck by how things seem much like you left them. The Muppets; the diverse community of humans; the letters and numbers that "sponsor" each hour.

Even parts of the 'hood are the

same, notably the set for the brownstone apartment building at 123 Sesame St. (as it exists on Stage G at Kaufman Astoria Studios in Queens). Now nearly 35 years old, it should qualify for landmark status.

Clearly "Sesame Street" was designed for the ages by the "urban planners" at the upstart Children's Television Workshop [now renamed Sesame Workshop]. But the era that gave rise to "Sesame Street" remains part of its culture.

A telling trace lives on in the theme song: "Sunny day, everything's A-OK." Popularized by pioneers of the U.S. space program, the term A-OK is as identified with the 1960s as granny glasses and tie-dye jeans.

So, perhaps, is the idealism surging in those years. Four months before "Sesame Street" premiered, that can-do spirit had helped put the first man on the moon. Likewise, it fueled dreams of helping put things right for the nation's kids.

"'Sesame Street' grew out of the Great Society programs," says executive producer Lewis Bernstein, referring to the Johnson administration's social initiatives. "That was a period when politics, educational needs and the social milieu all converged to say, 'You influence kids at an early age and you can give them the skills they need to navigate their way through school and in life.'"

And, with the civil rights movement at full throttle, racial equality became another part of the show's message.

"When I first came here (in 1972) there were a lot of ex-hippies working here with a spirit of Let's Change the World. Maybe some of us have cut our hair," Bernstein says with a chuckle, "but the passion hasn't changed."

Early on, the "Sesame Street" brand of passion paved the way to many kids-show innovations: the racially integrated cast, the inner-city setting, the fast-paced, bite-sized structure of each episode.

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begin construction of the university within five years. The proposed university will serve the needs of Mexico City's middle and lower class residents, many of whom don't have access to Catholic higher education. At the same time, it will be open to all people regardless of their economic status.

Chávez is unsure how the university will be funded but added that he is confident everything will come together.

"I don't know [about money] but I know Our Lady of Guadalupe and God will help us," he said.

Chávez also credited his visit to Notre Dame and meeting with Malloy — a man he praised for his sense of humility — for providing him with a vision.

"For me this University is an inspiration," he said. "We need the big vision and [we] need to go step by step ... with a good sense of vision."

Chávez also described his work on the canonization process of Juan Diego, a 16th century Native American who many believe witnessed visions of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Jesus' mother Mary, on a hill outside present day Mexico City.

Chávez got involved with the project by serving on a commission that extensively researched the historical Juan Diego. Later, Church officials asked him to serve as postulator, a position that involves investigating miracles attrib-

uted to the saint and acting as a bridge between the Mexican Church and the Vatican.

"[Participating in the canonization process] was the most beautiful thing in my life," Chávez said, adding that the experience reaffirmed his decision to become a priest and historian. "Juan Diego was a man with a sense of great humility. [He] put himself totally in the hands of Our Lady to accomplish a mission."

Chávez investigated one miracle in particular that helped propel Juan Diego to sainthood. On May 3, 1990 a young man in Mexico City decided to end his life by jumping off a three story balcony. His frantic mother tried unsuccessfully to pull him away but the man plunged head first into the pavement thirty feet below, Chávez said.

As her son was falling, the woman cried out to Juan Diego to save him. The young man remained conscious after the fall and started walking around. As he sat down, he began hemorrhaging and was rushed to a hospital via ambulance.

Doctors at the hospital, including expert neurologists, concluded that the man's condition was terminal and they placed him in a non-critical care hospital ward, presumably to die, Chávez said. A few days later while Juan Diego was being beatified by Pope John Paul II at the Basilica of Santa Maria de Guadalupe, doctors discovered that the man's cranium had almost healed. Three days later he walked out of the hospital, never having received treat-



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer
Father Eduardo Chávez poses in front of a painting depicting Our Lady of Guadalupe Wednesday.

ment.

"It wasn't anything beautiful," Chávez said. "Most miracles are experiences people want to tell everyone [about] but he was ashamed because he [had] wanted to commit suicide."

Chávez's position as postulator also allowed him to get to know the Pope, a man he described as having a certain magnetism about him.

"When [His Holiness] smiles he looks right into your eyes and your whole soul is moved," he said, praising the Pope for his devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe whose image adorns his office and bedroom.

Chávez flies back to Mexico this afternoon after a four day visit to Notre Dame.

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interest has already been encouraging, as the Board has seen a high turnout of over 40 applicants for programming positions on various committees. He added that students who are not directly involved with SUB will also be sought out for input through various surveys, beginning with a campus-wide survey through the Office of Information Technologies that Flaherty said would be sent out by the end of the semester.

He stressed that the Board's use of creative marketing strategies, such as working closely with the Hall Presidents' Council and improving the SUB website, will be essential in increasing communication and capturing attention.

Outgoing board members expressed confidence in their successors' training and abilities.

"[Flaherty] has a lot of qualities like me," said former board manager Charlie Ebersol. "He's going to make a good leader."

Former programming director Ty Romero said that the new executive board would benefit from inside experience, as McCarthy and Kimmings both held the same positions last year and Flaherty and Meacham worked within SUB extensively.

"I think as an outgoing board we're pleased by the fact that we had so many people applying to stay on, and also that people who have been able to watch our successes and our failures are going to be able to work on [SUB] next year," she said.

Flaherty said that after accountability, the Board intends to stress consistency and enthusiasm as its key values.

"We want to get consistency with programming — it's not the quantity but the quality we bring in," he said. "We don't want to bring in one big thing and then not be able to bring anything else."

SUB plans to split its big-name concert budget for two shows, with 60 percent spent in the fall and 40 percent in the spring, Flaherty said. A high-profile speaker is also a goal for spring semester, as are smaller year-round events such as comedians, hypnotists and continuing concerts at Legends.

While he praised the programming that last year's Board brought in, especially in the spring, Flaherty said that both Ebersol and Romero have assured the new Board that more can be done.

"[Ebersol] and [Romero have been] very helpful in the transition," Flaherty said. "We really want to try to continue and build on that success — understanding what they've done well, what this office can do better on, and how we can implement the changes that they've started."

Flaherty reiterated the need for the Board's core principles to be applied to all events in order to fulfill student expectations.

"If we stick to these ideas of accountability, consistency and enthusiasm in all of our programming we're going to have a lot of success next year," he said.

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IN BRIEF

Factory orders rebound in Feb.

WASHINGTON — America's factories saw orders bounce back a bit in February, a sign that manufacturing is continuing to emerge from a three-year slump.

The Commerce Department reported Wednesday that orders placed with factories increased by a modest 0.3 percent last month, compared with a drop of 0.9 percent in January.

Although February's rebound wasn't as strong as the 1.5 percent increase economists were forecasting, it was still encouraging that factory orders managed to recover some ground last month.

Demand for "durable" goods — costly manufactured products, including automobiles, household appliances and computers — rose by 2.5 percent in February.

Stewart attorney seeks new trial

NEW YORK — Martha Stewart asked for a new trial Wednesday, saying one of the jurors who convicted her lied about an arrest on assault charges.

Stewart lawyer Robert Morvillo said in papers filed in federal court that he would have sought to strike juror Chappell Hartridge had he known about his past.

"These facts, in and of themselves, establish that Ms. Stewart is entitled to a new trial," Morvillo wrote.

Big box retailers post Q4 gains

MINNEAPOLIS — The country's two largest electronics retailers reported strong quarterly earnings on Wednesday, but only one of them is happy.

A 51 percent earnings jump in the fourth quarter capped a "banner year," according to Best Buy Co. Inc. president Allen Lenzmeier. But at Circuit City Stores Inc., chief executive W. Alan McCollough said he was dissatisfied with his company's full-year loss of \$89.3 million, despite of a 26-percent fourth quarter profit increase that exceeded Wall Street expectations.

Best Buy earned \$469 million, or \$1.42 per share, for the fourth quarter ending Feb. 28, up from \$311 million, or 96 cents per share, for the same period last year.

Wittenbach faces taxing job

Veteran COBA professor teaches accounting majors to cut Uncle Sam's share

Editor's note: This is the fourth in a Thursday series focusing on interesting classes in the Mendoza College of Business.

By MATT BRAMANTI
Senior Staff Writer

"Let me tell you how it will be," the Beatles sang in "Taxman."

"There's one for you, nineteen for me."

But that's not the case for students in accountancy professor James Wittenbach's course on taxation. The course, required of accountancy majors in the Mendoza College of Business, teaches students about individual and corporate tax policies.

Federal Taxation, or just "Tax," as the course is known to students, emphasizes the role tax considerations play in business decisions.

Wittenbach said students are able to immediately apply what they learn in the class.

"Everyone has to do a tax return," Wittenbach said. "Everyone's got a neighbor that needs help."

Students, like senior Kelly Smith, said Wittenbach is adept at bringing realism to the classroom.

"He makes it really relevant to the business world," Smith said. "Plus he's a really nice guy."

Wittenbach said that relevance drew him into the study of taxation.

"What attracted me to it was the consulting nature of tax and the ability to help a client minimize his or her taxes," Wittenbach

said. "I like the planning strategies that go into helping a client."

He said the course aims to change the perceptions regarding tax preparation.

"A big problem with people is they only think about tax planning in December or in April," Wittenbach said. "They need to think about it all year long."

"If you're in business, taxes are just another cost you need to minimize."

However, he said that minimization can go too far if professionals do not have a firm ethical foundation.

"It basically comes down to tax avoidance versus tax evasion," Wittenbach said. "We're talking about tax avoidance — limiting yourself to the legal means of minimizing taxes."

He criticized tax practitioners — including major accounting firms — that have been pushing the envelope on tax shelters.

"Some of these firms have crossed that magic line ... and it borders on tax evasion," Wittenbach said. "Some of the firms have gotten flat-out too aggressive."

He said firms selling these tax shelters are playing "the audit lottery" — betting that their clients' tax returns will escape IRS scrutiny.

"The chances of getting audited in this country are pretty slim," he said.

However, he acknowledged that tax issues are not always delineated in black and white.

"A lot of it is a gray area," Wittenbach said. "The IRS will interpret the



Photo Courtesy of the Mendoza College of Business

Accounting professor James Wittenbach has taught in the business school for 32 years. Wittenbach's class applies taxation principles to business situations.

law one way, the [U.S.] Treasury will interpret the law another way and the courts will interpret the law a third way."

Wittenbach, who has been a Notre Dame faculty member for 32 years, said he has seen tax laws come and go during his lengthy tenure.

"Once you understand the basics of taxation, it doesn't matter who changes the rules," Wittenbach said. "You can

adapt really quickly."

Wittenbach said he has students in his class whose parents' took the same course.

"After 32 years, you start teaching the children of students, and that's been really rewarding for me," he said. "I've seen the link between generations and how important that is at Notre Dame."

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CORPORATE SCANDAL

Tyco jurors focus on theft charges

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jurors in the Tyco International corporate-looting trial, their deliberations on track after being nearly derailed by infighting, reviewed testimony Wednesday about millions of dollars in bonuses and forgiven loans to the company's former top officers.

Jurors had asked last week to review testimony by Mark Swartz, Tyco's former chief financial officer, but later asked for a delay as their deliberations suffered a rancorous collapse that threatened to cause a mistrial.

Readback of Swartz's testimony began Tuesday and resumed Wednesday, with two court reporters reading from a thick stack of court transcripts. The jurors then began their 10th day of deliberations.

In his testimony, Swartz tells of conversations with Dennis Kozlowski, Tyco's former chief executive, about \$37.5 million in forgiven loans and \$72 million in bonuses

they received.

Swartz says a Tyco board member asked him and Kozlowski to accept the loan forgiveness in partial payment of bonuses they were supposed to receive.

Swartz, the trial's only defense witness, testified that he and Kozlowski accepted the offer. He also said he and Kozlowski did nothing illegal and had received many Tyco benefits at informal board meetings at which no minutes were kept.

Prosecutors charge that secretly forgiven loans and multimillion-dollar bonus grabs were among the ways Kozlowski and Swartz stole \$600 million from Tyco when they were running the company.

Later in the morning, jurors asked in a note for clarification of three counts that relate to prosecutors' charge that Kozlowski and Swartz stole \$38.5 million from Tyco by disguising it as forgiveness of a loan.

State Supreme Court Justice Michael Obus explained that one "aggregate count" covers the entire

alleged theft, and the two additional counts refer to the individual amounts allegedly stolen by Kozlowski and Swartz, each with the other's help.

Swartz, 57, and Kozlowski, 43, 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.

On Tuesday, a defense lawyer asked for a mistrial and said an intensely watched juror has been the subject of venomous attacks in Internet chat rooms.

Juror No. 4 has been depicted by some news media as a holdout for the defendants' acquittal. Some news media reported that on Friday the 79-year-old woman used her right index finger and thumb to make an "OK" gesture at the defense while walking to the jury box. Whether she made that gesture, or intended to gesture at all, was in dispute.

Obus said he would consider the Internet matter later.

Prosecutors focus on theft in Nichols trial

Associated Press

MCALISTER, Okla. — Prosecutors at the murder trial of Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols used a drill bit Wednesday to try to connect him to the theft of blasting caps and detonation cord from a rock quarry.

Two expert witnesses testified that a bit seized from Nichols' home after the April 19, 1995, bombing made the distinctive markings found in a drill hole in a padlock at the quarry near Marion, Kan.

"That was the drill that was used," said James Cadigan, a retired FBI tool-mark examiner.

A variety of explosives,

including detonation cord and blasting caps, were stolen from the quarry less than seven months before the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. The quarry was about 25 miles from Nichols' home in Herington, Kan.

Prosecutors say detonation cord and blasting caps were among the components of the 4,000-pound fertilizer-and-fuel bomb that destroyed the federal building, killing 168 people.

George Krivosta, of the Suffolk County Medical Examiner's Office on Long Island, N.Y., said he was certain the one-quarter-inch drill bit made the markings "to the exclusion of any other tool ever manufactured."

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Flaherty said.

Chief of staff Pat Corker characterized the debate as frivolous.

"I find it hard to believe that anyone outside this group ... would care what the name is," Corker said.

In the end, council members voted to change SUB's name to the Campus Programming Council.

Following that vote, council members approved the remaining articles in rapid succession, making mostly cosmetic changes as they went along.

The last section to be approved was Article I, which transferred the power to amend the constitution to the Student Union Senate.

Members applauded after the vote, and outgoing student body president Jeremy Lao posed for a celebratory photograph with

council members, a victory cigar between his teeth.

Outgoing secretary Meg Smith praised the new constitution, saying it will improve campus life.

"It's been a lot of work and a lot of long hours," Smith said. "But in the long run, it will be beneficial to the students."

Brian Coughlin, the group's adviser, praised the council's work over the last year.

"The Council of Representatives worked very hard," Coughlin said. "They have a lot to be proud of."

As he prepared to hand his office over to incoming president Adam Istvan, Lao said the constitution is an important step in the continued progress of student government at Notre Dame.

"Improving the student union will always be an ongoing process," Lao said.

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GOP discord sidelines highway bill

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A major highway and transit spending bill temporarily stalled Wednesday in the House as Republican leaders struggled to deal with a presidential veto threat and disunity within their ranks.

After hours of closed-door meetings, House Republicans said they were ready to try again Thursday to pass a six-year, \$275 billion bill. The veto threat still loomed, although the main point of dispute among lawmakers was how the states would divide up one of the largest pots of money that Washington makes available to state governments.

The legislation, which would spread infrastructure projects around the country and create hundreds of thousands of jobs, is a top legislative priority this year. But it has faced a rocky legislative path, with lawmakers seeking more money to make roads safer and less congested and the administration demanding a smaller budget in the interest of fiscal discipline.

The White House released a statement Tuesday, saying the House bill was too costly and that if it were sent to the president, his advisers would recommend a veto. The White House likewise threatened to veto a \$318 billion bill that the

Senate passed in February.

The administration has proposed spending \$256 billion, up from \$218 billion in the last six-year period.

The status of the bill is "very, very tentative right now," said Deborah Pryce, R-Ohio, who chairs the House Republican Conference, after a two-hour afternoon meeting where GOP rank-and-file members vented their complaints with the legislation.

She said some lawmakers thought the \$275 billion figure was too high, others that it was too low, while some raised state and regional issues.

A sticking point in the bill is the discon-

tent of some states such as Florida that pay more into the federal highway trust fund than they get back from the federal government in grants. The trust fund, paid for by the federal gas tax of 18.4 cents per gallon, is supposed to provide for all federal highway grants.

The White House also has raised a veto threat over language in the House bill that would reopen it for further negotiations in two years if Congress fails to enact a law ensuring that every state will get back at least 95 cents for every dollar contributed by 2009, the last year of the program.

GOP aides said House Transportation Committee Chairman Don Young, R-

Alaska, met with lawmakers from "donor" states late in the day and agreed the House would take up an amendment that would expand the scope of those projects covered by the current law's minimum guarantee, which is a 90.5 percent return.

Young said he doubted that they would rewrite anything in the bill in the face of the presidential veto.

"I don't listen to the president," Young said. "I just don't know what the president is going to do. He has to speak for himself."

Young and other members of his committee sought a much larger bill, of \$375 billion, but the White House rejected his proposal to pay for it by raising by gas tax by about five cents. His committee said a bill of that magnitude would sustain 1.7 million new jobs over the six-year period.

On the other side, fiscal conservatives condemned the special interest projects in the bill that they said would cost billions. Taxpayers for Common Sense said the bill was "paved with pork," with 3,200 designated projects, for horse trails, auto museums, pedestrian walkways and parking, worth \$9.7 billion.

"I'm sure that taxpayers everywhere would be disgusted to know that every time they go to the pump and fill up their tank, they're funding projects like this," said Rep. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz.

House Democrats, while not involved in the negotiations, were generally supportive of the \$275 billion bill, said Jim Berard, spokesman for Rep. James Oberstar of Minnesota, top Democrat on the Transportation Committee.

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UW student found in marsh

Associated Press

MADISON, Wisc. — A missing University of Wisconsin student was found alive and healthy Wednesday in a marsh near campus, four days after she vanished from her nearby apartment with no coat or purse.

Police gave few details on what happened to Audrey Seiler and would not say whether she had been abducted. But police were looking for a man they believed had a gun and a knife in the area where she was found.

Seiler, 20, was treated at a hospital and released after being there less than six hours. Dr. Philip Schultz said Seiler was cold and dehydrated and had muscle aches.

"Audrey is doing well. She's happy to be back," said her father, Keith Seiler. "Needless to say she's thrilled to be home again with her family and friends."

The discovery capped an intense search in which dozens of volunteers from Seiler's hometown slogged through marshes and woods around campus and investigators scoured phone records and apartments for any clue into the disappearance. Police also used dogs, planes and boats in the search.

Officer Larry Kamholz said Seiler was found after an employee at a nearby office building

called police to report what she thought was a body in the marsh less than two miles from Seiler's off-campus apartment.

Officers with weapons drawn searched the heavy brush, and a helicopter with heat sensors was brought in to aid the search.

Rejoicing residents took to the streets to tear down missing-person posters in Seiler's hometown of Rockford, Minn., a small town about 30 miles west of the Twin Cities.

"Right now it's just an unbelievable feeling," said Roman Pierskalla, principal of the high school in Rockford. "Today, the prayers of everyone in the Rockford community have been answered."

Seiler was last seen on a surveillance tape from her apartment building early Saturday morning. She apparently left without her car or any personal belongings, and her door was left open.

More than two dozen investigators involved in the case are reviewing files of sex offenders and others with a criminal history

living in the area of Seiler's apartment.

Seiler was involved in another mysterious incident on Feb. 1, when she was struck from behind by an unknown assailant and knocked unconscious, police said. She was then moved about a block from where she was

attacked but was not sexually assaulted or robbed, authorities said.

Police are unsure if there was any connection between Seiler's disappearance and the attack.

"Audrey was worried after having been attacked and, as a result, was more careful to walk with friends and make sure she was safe," said her uncle, Scott Charlesworth-Seiler.

The disappearance had been a shock to people in Rockford, even though it happened so far away.

"A lot of people out here sleep with their doors open," said Nate Rivera, a supervisor at the Phillips 66 Quick Shop. "That's probably not going to happen much longer, even though it happened in Wisconsin."

"A lot of people out here sleep with their doors open. That's probably not going to happen much longer, even though it happened in Wisconsin."

**Nate Rivera
Rockford resident**

Georgia ban on gay marriage approved

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Georgia House voted Wednesday to put a gay marriage ban in the state constitution.

The 122-52 vote gave final approval to an amendment that will appear on the state ballot this fall. If voters agree, the state constitution would say Georgia will not recognize same-sex unions, even if they're performed in other states.

Gay marriage is already illegal in Georgia, but the matter is not addressed in its constitution. Amendment supporters said the law would not prevent a judge from allowing same-sex couples to marry.

"We cannot let judges in Boston, or officials in San Francisco, define marriage for the people of Georgia," said GOP Rep. Bill Hembree, the amendment's sponsor, referring to other hotspots in the national debate over gay marriage.

The amendment was narrowly defeated by the Democratic House last month after breezing through the Republican-controlled Senate earlier this year.

Last time, nearly all black lawmakers opposed the amendment, comparing the gay rights

debate to the civil rights struggle. A month later, after heavy lobbying from black clergymen and other social conservatives, several of those opponents voted yes, giving the amendment the needed two-thirds majority.

One opponent of the measure called Wednesday's yes votes "unacceptable."

"This limited the freedom of people! That's unacceptable for a member of the minority caucus to be limiting freedom of another minority," said Rep. Ron Sailor, a minister from Decatur.

But another black lawmaker, Democrat Rep. Randal Mangham, after abstaining from the first vote, voted for the amendment this time.

"I don't appreciate having to explain to my 9-year-old why two big husky guys are kissing," Mangham said, then added: "God discriminates against the act, but he loves the person. I will continue to protect people who live that lifestyle."

In Rhode Island, meanwhile, the debate over same-sex marriage took a personal turn as the House majority leader announced publicly that he is gay.

Gordon Fox said he's been in a committed relationship for six years and that he supports a bill that would allow same-sex marriages.

Fox, a Democrat, said he hadn't planned to make the public announcement, but felt the time was right. "It's an important message to get out," he said.

Competing bills have been offered in Rhode Island. One would allow same-sex marriages; another would define marriage as between a man and woman and make gay marriages approved in other states illegal.

Currently, 38 states have laws that define marriage solely as a heterosexual institution.



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Procession begins @ Grotto

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Rome Underground

Upon you I build my church

by Fr. Kevin Rousseau, C.S.C.
Director, Freshman Retreat Program

It was only a few weeks ago, the week before St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's, that we were on Spring Break. For 40 of us at Notre Dame, Spring Break took us to Roma Italy! It was not my first time to Rome but it will stand out as one of the most memorable for several reasons.

Our group was fortunate to have a Scavi tour scheduled during our stay in Rome. The Scavi tour takes us underground the Basilica of St. Peter's and takes us back 2000 years to the site where St. Peter was hung upside down on a cross. Our tour guides were seminarians who encouraged us to treat the 75 minute tour as a 'miniature pilgrimage.' We began this pilgrimage with scripture:

"Amen, I say to you [Peter], when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go" John 21:18.

Under the Basilica of St. Peter's, pre-Christian tombs are revealed; the ancient walls of the Basilica that Emperor Constantine had built are unearthed; Christian heroes and popes are buried; and most impressive to me lies the bones where the Church has always maintained St. Peter the apostle was buried. During World War II, with much strife and unrest in Europe, scientists and other professionals studied these bones and determined that they belong to a robust man from the first century. We believe these bones to be the remains of the Prince of the Apostles: St. Peter!

It's difficult to describe the experience of being huddled in small rooms reliving history of the Church and of Rome. In the last small room, with the help of a red laser-pointer, our pilgrims were able to gaze on the bones of St. Peter. The seminarian read: "And I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." Mt 16:18. Chills went up and down my arm at these words; God is still with us - God continues to protect us from evil and guide us back towards holiness!

There has been much unrest in the American Church these past years. Differing opinions about how the Church should be governed, what our moral norms should be, and even scandal from some who are supposed to be trusted shepherds. As a priest who was ordained just months before the sexual abuse cases reached newspapers across the world, I feared that the gates of the nether world might have an upper-hand. The peacefulness and reassurance I felt at St. Peter's bones have given me hope and confidence that God indeed still provides.

Next week is Holy Week which leads us to Easter. The Saturday after Easter is the annual ordination date for the Congregation of Holy Cross. Six men who are brothers to me will be commissioned by the Church minister in the name of Jesus Christ. They will be told to preach the gospel, celebrate the sacraments, reach out to those who are marginalized, and to be faithful men of prayer devoted to their community.

God continues to build his Church in extraordinary ways through ordinary people like those men preparing for ordination. While we all can spend a lot of time resumé-building in other aspects of our lives, we all tend to underestimate our capacities when it comes to living as a disciple of Jesus. Each of us is called like Peter to be a 'rock' in the Church. How is God using YOU to build tomorrow's Church? What is unearthed in your heart as you listen to God's call?

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7:00 p.m.

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Sunday's Scripture Readings

1st: Isaiah 50:4-7 2nd: Philippians 2:6-11 Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

The search continues

Notre Dame still looking for top VP

By WOO KARES
News Writer

The University has encountered never-before-seen difficulties in hiring a new executive vice president to replace Father Jim Sully, who resigned from the post in May.

Sully resigned after University President Father Punk Polloy told the Board of Trustees he would leave if Sully didn't. Sully also was involved in several confrontations, including an incident where he allegedly assaulted WNDU reporter Connie Strucker who was on campus to cover a Mass for a missing student and made the nearly-fatal mistake of parking in Sully's reserved space in the South Dining Hall lot.

"It has been very difficult to find a candidate will work well with Polloy, is a tea-totaller and can control his temper," search committee chair Whei Mei said.

No one has been able to pin down exactly who has performed Sully's duties since May. However, South Bend pet stores did report that University Human Resources officials were purchasing unusually high numbers of gerbils.

Since resigning, Sully has spent a good deal of time in Chile, where he has helped bring democracy to the country.

"Why should I come back to Notre Dame? Nobody likes me there and in Chile people are nice to me," Sully said as he sucked his thumb and clang to a bottle of Jack Daniels.

In an effort to invigorate the search process, Mei said he has been contact with members of the campus magazine, the



Photo provided

Stan and Billy Bob, shown above, are the two candidates the University is considering for executive vice president. There is a chance that both could share the position.

Scholastic. According to Mei, Scholastic, which bills itself as a bi-weekly magazine, only publishes about once a month.

"They've obviously figured out something there," he said. "We've never been able to not do our work like that so we want to know what their secret is."

Mei said that he was also impressed with the leadership Scholastic showed when selecting its new Editor-in-Chief. Unable to choose just one candidate, Scholastic chose two, neither of which are presently in the country.

"This is a wonderful idea," Mei said. "We would like our executive vice president to fulfill a role similar to Vice President Dick Cheney, always being in an undisclosed location. Scholastic seems to have found a way to run their publication from

abroad — or find a schmuck that will do it for a few months and then step down — so we need to capitalize on that."

In other resignation news:

Sully's resignation was not the only high-profile priest who left campus last year. Father Slam Smickers, former rector of Sorin Hall, left campus in disgrace after it was revealed he had a sexual relationship with a student. Smickers was banned from Notre Dame's campus, but has been reassigned to minister to a home for wayward girls in Wisconsin.

"We figured that he couldn't screw them up anymore then they already were," Smickers' superior, who declined to be named, said.

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COBA acquires ND in \$29 billion deal

Punk Polloy fired as Dean Who assumes DomeCorp presidency

By ADMIN STOGE
News Writer

In an unprecedented \$8 billion deal, the Mendoza College of Business has acquired the University, Dean Marilyn Who announced Wednesday. The new organization, to be called DomeCorp, will be run by Michael Bendovza.

Who said current University president Punk Polloy will be dismissed for what she called "financial incompetence."

"We have to face facts," Who said. "This guy pisses away money like a drunken sailor."

If approved by federal regulators, the deal will mark the nation's first acquisition of a university by a subordinate division.

Who said the acquisition will usher in massive changes at the university, which had been under non-COBA control for the last 162 years.

"We've already launched thorough audits of every department," Who said. "We expect to trim quite a bit of fat."

Several academic departments have already been impacted by the acquisition. Effective today, students in the Program of Liberal Studies will be put to work in sweatshops, manufacturing sweatshirts and other Notre Dame merchandise.

"That whole department was what we call a 'cost center,'"

Who said. "It's about time those people put down the Odyssey and started bringing in some revenue."

Among the long-term initiatives Who unveiled are plans to demolish the hamster-powered energy plant at the northern edge of Notre Dame's campus. The College of Science will now be part of a joint venture with the Nuclear Radiation Center to develop alternative sources of power on Notre Dame's campus.

Who said that COBA will begin automating various jobs at the University, expecting to reduce the overall work force by at least 25 percent. Possible areas that will be eliminated include dining hall card swipers, who will be replaced by a Rolfs-style swipe machine. Additionally, Who said workers who guard the exits to the dining hall will be eliminated, as the possible loss of an occasional ice cream cone did not warrant the expense of paying full time employees.

"There are so many jobs that we no longer need a human to do and can be replaced by machines," Who said. "It was nice for the University to employ many people."

Who refused to release further details on the acquisition, stating confidentiality agreements that had been signed. She did hint that she would consider making an initial public offering of DomeCorp stock, but said this would not come for months while extensive research was conducted.

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Mars

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patch NewsChopper16 on a mission — dubbed "MarsShot16" — to the Red Planet. The plan is believed to be the first-ever attempt at interplanetary travel by a news helicopter.

Anchor and would-be spaceman Berry Smickfadden will pilot the modified Bell Jet Ranger helicopter, despite no flight experience.

"It's an honor to represent NewsCenter16," Smickfadden said. "Before you know it, the NBC peacock will spread its tail from the Martian surface."

However, aerospace engineering professor Chuck Yeager said the mission was "doomed from the start," adding that the helicopter cannot carry enough fuel for a 90-million-mile journey.

"He's gonna run out of gas, crash and burn," Yeager said. "I bet they bury him in an Altoids box."

A defiant Smickfadden said he was fearless in the face of certain death.

"I'm a steely-eyed missile man," he said. "But I have to admit, I'm going to miss my hot sister."

NASA astronaut instructor Buzz Machten likewise doubted the station's ability to pull off the mission, which carries an estimated price tag of \$110 billion.

"I don't think anyone at that station has 'the right stuff' for the rigors of space flight," Machten said. "I mean, these are the same guys who let a priest smack them around."

Even some WNDU employees were not convinced about the wisdom of the mission.

"How can we possibly compete if we don't have the only news helicopter in Michiana?" cameraman A r c o t Ramathorn asked. "Now the Five Degree

Guarantee is going to rip us a new one!"

However, students praised the mission, which will send Smickfadden about 80 million miles for an exclusive interview with the leader of the Martian race.

"I'm really excited about it," junior Katie-Maureen O'McFitzpatrick said, gazing skyward. "[Smickfadden] isn't coming back, right?"

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Band seeks cool status from almighty Senate

By ACCORDION STYLIST
News Writer

The Student Senate rejected a petition from a group of marching band members asking for the Senate to pass a resolution acknowledging that the band was "cool."

"Look, our whole lives we've been shoved in trash cans and made fun of because we go to band camp," trumpeter Ima Doork said. "Now that we're at college, can't we put this behind us and be cool like everybody else?"

"No," student body president Kung Pao said.

Band members pointed to the fact that they throw parties just like everybody else and get sent to ResLife like everybody else as to reasons why they should be able to, as Doork said, "fit in."

But senators, who alternated between shooting looks of pity at the less cool and doing the crossword puzzle, criticized the band's party-throwing skills.

"Look, I went to one of your 'parties' once," O'Neill senator I.P. Freely said. "You wimps were only serving Amaretto Sours — and that was at the tuba party. You didn't even have a stripper. Give me a break."

"You're not cool. I'm sorry."

This prompted the three glasses-wearing, pimple-faced band members standing before the Senate to break down in tears.

"What more do we have to do?" drummer Stud McMuffin said. "We dance during performances. We even played Mario this year."

Senators also pointed out that, since the band members played the Victory March but didn't sing it, it was highly doubtful that they knew the words to the Notre Dame fight song since they never had to sing it. "And you have to know the fight song to be cool," Pangborn senator E. Z. Lei said.

"What gives you guys the right to decide who is cool?" asked falto Irene Velent. "What do you even do anyway?"

"We do lots of stuff," Pao nervously said, five minutes later, the Senate passed a two-part proclamation saying that all senators are cool and that

the Senate does stuff. "And what the hell is a falto?" Pao said. While band members were disappointed with the Senate's decision, they still remained optimistic that somebody would call them cool one day.

"We're working with the PA announcer at basketball games," Doork said. "We want him to say, 'The oldest band in the land, and the coolest!'"

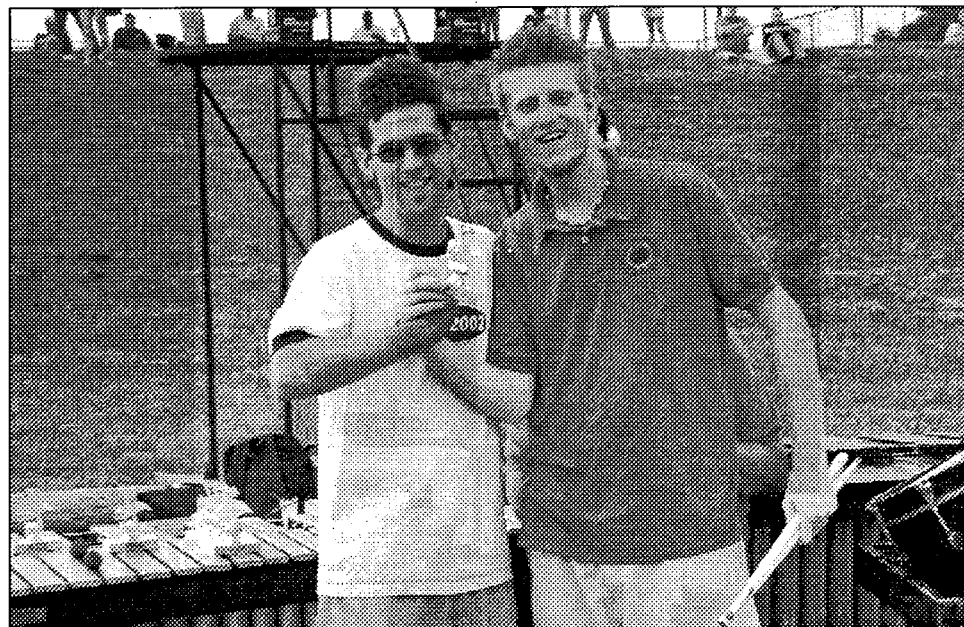
"Then, when all those fans cheer, we'll smile because we know we are cool."

The Joyce Center PA announcer was not available for comment because he was laughing too hard.

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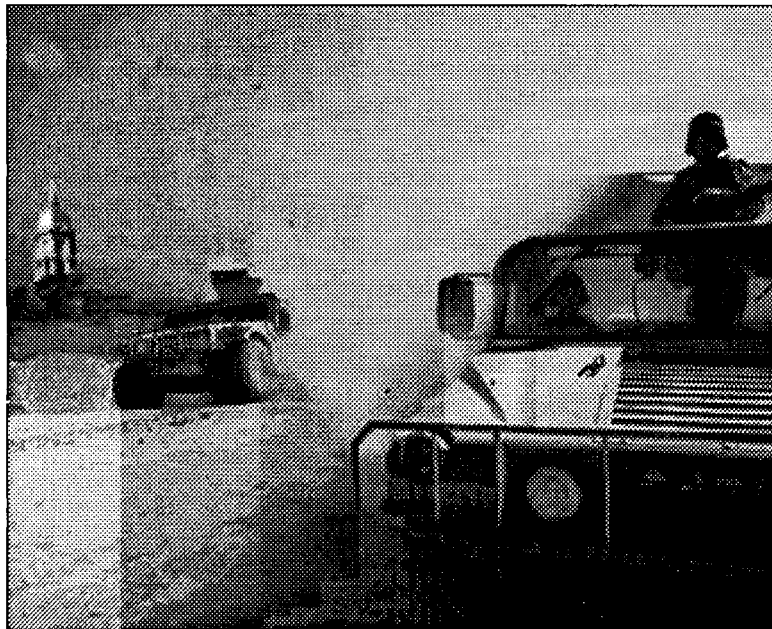
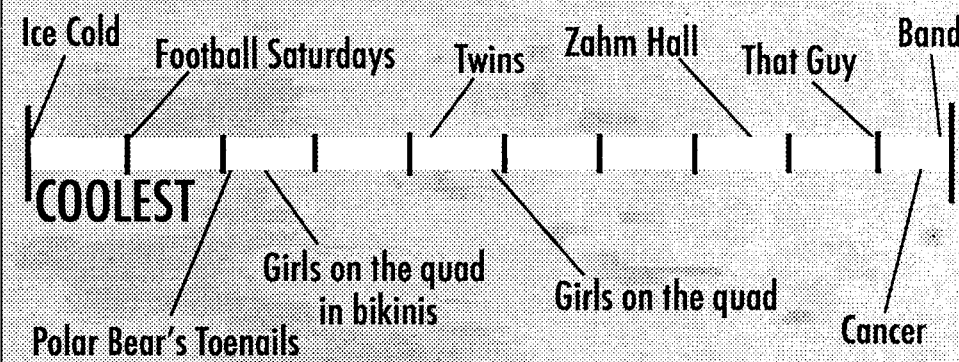
Ima Doork
trumpeter



HIP MARKSMAN/The Observer

Band members take a break from practicing, showing that they are never too busy to be tools. But they aren't cool, according to the Student Senate.

METER OF RELATIVE COOLNESS



SPIM MACKTAR/The Observer

U.N. weapons inspectors arrived on campus Tuesday to search for illegal weapons of mass destruction.

Nukes

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sleep. The alcohol policy, he said, was just the first step of cracking down.

"Nothing like dropping a low-yield nuclear device in a crowded room to get those damn kids to shut up," vice president for student affairs Bark Boreman said. He added that officials were trying to evaluate excuses to explain how Rally in the Alley was broken up with a well-timed mushroom cloud.

To date, inspectors haven't found any rocket devices that could be used to deploy nukes across the globe. But they cautiously add that they found it suspicious that the statue of Mary on top of the Dome was replaced with a "missile-type" device.

University officials said they plan to appeal the sanctions, which include a ban on future nuclear research and the elimination of Stepan Center. "Yeah,

we know that building has nothing to do with their program," Nukem said. "But it's damn ugly."

The report also calls for Notre Dame to reduce tuition to pre-Industrial Revolution levels. "The only way those kids can attend this school in the future is if their parents are princes of oil-rich countries," Nukem said. "Oh wait, I guess some already are."

The University plans to appeal.

"Sure, we'll stop the nuke stuff — we got most of the partiers out of here anyway," Polloy said. "But we still need that extra tuition money."

"What am I going to do when I need money to throw a kegger?" he continued. "I mean, the Board of Trustees is going to kill me if I bring Natty Light again to our next meeting. And I'm still holding out hope I can get a statue of me on campus somewhere."

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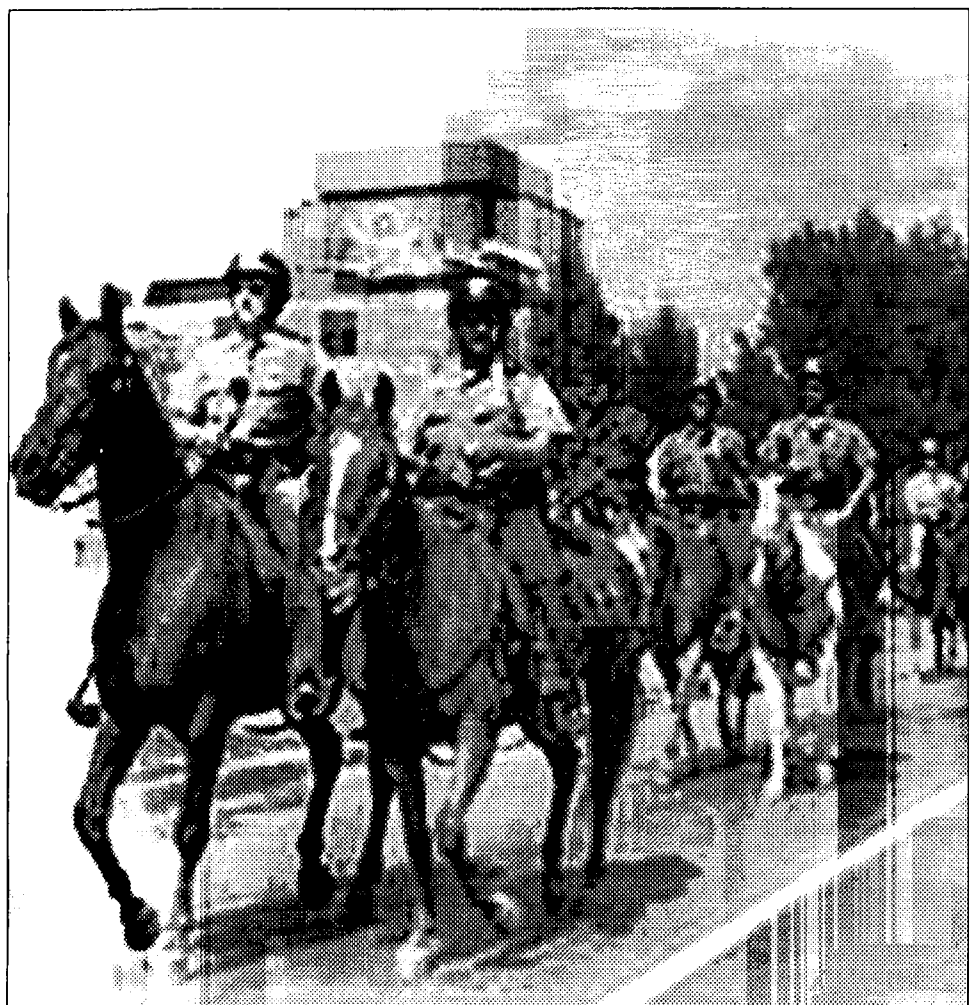
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Excise, Posse bust underagers at Legends



THE ST. JOSEPH COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE MOVES DOWN JUNIPER ROAD TOWARDS LEGENDS, WHERE THEY BUSTED UNDERAGE STUDENTS FOR BEING IN A LAME-ASS CLUB.

By FALLON LEFLOOR
News Writer

The lights came on and the music screeched to a halt.

Excise police had swooped in on another bar frequented by underage students. But this one wasn't owned by a shady businessman: it was owned by the University.

Less than one year after being opened, Legends was busted by members of Excise Police and the St. Joseph County Sheriff's Posse, who cited 45 students for "Minor in a Lame-Ass Tavern" and 16 students for Public Intoxication.

While students were used to dealing with Excise Police for previous infractions, few had ever been arrested by a deputy on a horse.

One particularly intoxicated student attempted to mount a horse, thinking he was back on his farm on Montana. He got pushed off into a pile of horse manure.

"What the hell is this?" he asked. "I want my mommy."

Deputy Bow Rider, on his horse Hung, commented that one officer on horseback can control up to 12 people.

"We didn't know what we'd encounter here, we didn't know what kind of people would frequent Legends underage," he said. "We wanted to prepare for any skull-duggery that those damn kids would present to us."

Lt. Gotta Bustem of the Michigan City division of the Indiana State Excise Police explained that the "Minor in a

Lame-Ass Tavern" citations are rarely issued, but are reserved in a situation like this where a minor attempts to drink at a respective bar instead of the dive establishments they usually frequent.

"We can't understand it," Bustem said. "Usually underagers go out to get drunk, not to have just have a beer and hook up on University property."

Students generally agreed with this sentiment.

"Man, if I knew that I was going to get busted, I would have just gone to Boat Club," he said. "I thought I could drink safely at Legends, but I should have just got wasted at Boat and taken my chances walking back."

Excise had been planning the raid for months with the cooperation of University officials.

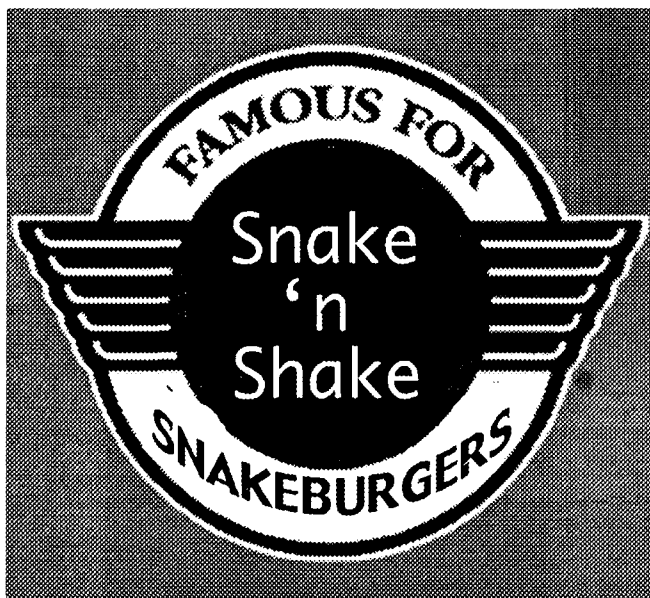
"I really shouldn't be telling you this, but the University thought that by busting something on their property students would think that they didn't have anything to do with the other busts," he said.

Bustem said that the University could face a wide variety of penalties for the bust, including the loss of its liquor license, or a large fine.

"I really don't see it as a huge loss," he said. "The University charged too much anyways, so we are just really saving these guys from being sucker punched by the bartender. If you want to get drunk, go get some Mad Dog."

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easy way out — regardless of the fact that it occurred nearly two months ago.

"Forget the 'brother school, sister school' pitch we give," she said. "We've been looking to separate ourselves from Notre Dame for awhile now. We're good enough, smart enough, and gosh darn it, people are starting to have heard of us."

Students expressed mixed emotions in response to the announcement.

"I don't know what to do," said Saint Mary's junior Sasha Faintsalott. "The guys over there are so afraid we're just looking for commitment, there's no way they'll come over. They won't even call. Besides, all of the short skirts I wear come from my friend at Notre Dame. How am I expected to go out on the weekends now if I can't leave to borrow them?"

According to senior Allie Optimiste, a 20-foot brick wall surrounding the campus has been added to the College's Master Plan to help enforce the ban. Elrond told her in confidentiality, she said.

"So what if I am loose? I'll only be here for another month, but I want to assure the underclassmen that this won't be as bad as it seems," Optimiste said. "The wall can't make things any worse than the South Bend bubble we already live in."

Notre Dame students are also confident about the situation and many feel it will bring the two student bodies closer.

"I'll help out any Saint Mary's girl," said sophomore Richard Egoman. "As long as she has a fifth on that side of the wall, I'll show her how to climb over. It can't be any harder than breaking parietals."

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A&L students must play hippie sports



Students play hacky-sack on the South Quad Wednesday. Students in the College of Arts and Letters are now required to take an additional physical education requirement, such as this.

By ARTSY FARTSY
News Writer

Reflecting the preferences of its students, the College of Arts and Letters announced Wednesday that students will be required to take an additional physical education course in either Ultimate Frisbee or hacky-sack.

Dean Mark Roachclip said he expects students will embrace the new requirements.

"Let's face it, students who major in PLS or peace studies already know their way around a Frisbee," Roachclip said. "We might as well give them a few easy hours."

Gender studies major Moonbeam Johnson praised the new classes.

"Wow, that's pretty far out," Johnson said through filthy dreadlocks. "I haven't been this fired up since that Ralph Nader rally."

But not everyone in the college was quite so enthusiastic.

"The emphasis on physical activity is just another example of our racist, homophobic, phallocentric culture," said anthropology major Tamika Gutierrez-McGoldstein. "I'm going to report this to the ombudsman ... I mean ombudsperson."

And some students, like English major Patty O'Phournachure, appeared not to notice the changes.

"Huh?" O'Phournachure said as she lit an enormous tie-dye-colored bong.

However, some students, like architecture major Jim Vesuvius, criticized the new PE classes as "freakin' nutty."

"You have got to be kidding me," Vesuvius said from his windowless cubicle in the basement of Bond Hall. "What's the matter, are those interpretive dance classes just too tough?"

Vesuvius, brandishing an X-Acto knife, had to be physically restrained by his fellow architecture majors.

Roachclip also said other changes are on the horizon for the college, Notre Dame's largest.

"Educational research shows that music can be an effective pedagogical tool, so we're issuing Phish boxed sets to every undergraduate," Roachclip said. "Oh man, it's gonna be awesome."

Some business students said the changes will further hurt Arts and Letters students' job prospects.

"As if those long-hairs needed any help finding the unemployment line," accountancy student Arthur Deloitte said.

But Leo Sweaty, director of the Career Center, dismissed allegations that the college's changes will reduce graduates' chances of employment.

"Oh, I think they've pretty much bottomed out," Sweaty said, fighting back tears of laughter. "I don't think a little Frisbee is going to make a difference."

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Terrorists take over NDTV

No one watches broadcast of their manifesto

By TECH GUY
News Writer

If a tree fell in the forest and nobody was there, would it make a sound?

If terrorists took over NDTV to broadcast their manifesto, would anybody notice?

Not for a while, it seems.

A concerned citizen contacted the St. Joseph County Police at 3 a.m. Sunday morning, saying that a terrorist was on the public access channel. Comcast cable representative Always Down confirmed that it wasn't until the third screening of the NDTV show that the problem was first noticed.

"I'm rather embarrassed about the whole thing," the television viewer, who did not want to be named to save himself public humiliation, said. "I was surfing channels and there was this guy speaking in some weird language, yelling at the television. It scared me, so I called the cops. I don't normally watch NDTV, I swear."

The St. Joseph County Police contacted the Notre Dame Security/Police and organized a raid on the NDTV studios, a closet in the basement of South Dining Hall. When they arrived, they found NDTV's three staff members had been tied up in the corner and were suffering from dehydration, having



Tool

"If people could just watch us instead of their porn DVDs, it would be so much better."

Ima Tool
NDTV Student Leader



Courtesy of NDTV

Terrorists took over the NDTV to broadcast their manifesto. No one noticed the terrorists until an unsuspecting channel changer saw the terrorists and alerted police who freed NDTV.

been locked in for days without anyone noticing them missing.

Rather than blaming the terrorists, NDTV's student leader Ima Tool was incensed that no one watched his show and knew there was a problem earlier.

"Those terrorists actually seemed pretty nice," he said. "They were polite and said that they hated to tie us up, but they needed time to sneak out of the country before they could be found. I just can't believe that no one watches our show. They thought someone would come to free us quickly."

Tool lamented the fact that Notre Dame students do not

have cable and cannot watch his show in their room.

"If people could just watch us instead of their porn DVDs, it would be so much better," he said. "But nobody wants to watch our show in the lounge and let the rest of the dorm know that they actually watch NDTV."

Tool also said that he was considering new methods of advertising his show.

"And I'm not advertising with Scholastic anymore," Tool said. "Those ads got us no publicity, otherwise we would have been out of there days earlier."

To prevent further issues, Down, the Comcast representative, said that an unlucky member of his staff who showed up late to the next team meeting would screen future episodes of NDTV before they went live.

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Judge grills doctor on fetus pain

Associated Press

NEW YORK — In questioning that at times turned graphic, a judge deciding the constitutionality of a new ban on some abortions grilled a doctor Wednesday on whether a fetus feels pain during the procedures.

The inquiry came in U.S. District Court in Manhattan after lawyers on both sides had finished questioning Dr. Timothy Johnson, a plaintiff in one of three lawsuits brought to stop enforcement of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.

"Does the fetus feel pain?" Judge Richard C. Casey asked Johnson, saying he had been told studies of a form of abortion usually performed in the second trimester had concluded they do.

Johnson said he did not know, adding he knew of no scientific research on the subject.

The judge then pressed Johnson on whether he ever thought about fetal pain while performing abortions involving dismemberment. Another doc-

tor a day earlier had testified that a fetus sometimes does not immediately die after its limbs are pulled off.

"Simple question, doctor," the judge told Johnson. "Does it cross your mind?"

Johnson said it did not. "Never crossed your mind?" the judge asked again.

"No," Johnson answered.

The exchange touched a key element of the government's argument that the ban blocks a particularly gruesome type of abortion that causes pain to the fetus and is not needed to protect a woman's health because other options are safer.

Abortion-rights advocates and their physician witnesses say the procedure in which the fetus is partially outside the woman's body before the abortion is completed is sometimes the safest option and often protects a woman's health rather than harms it.

The constitutionality of the law, signed by President Bush in November after eight years of congressional research, is being decided in simultaneous trials

in New York, San Francisco and Lincoln, Neb. Before the start of the New York trial this week, Casey declined to exclude evidence about fetal pain.

Casey also questioned Johnson about whether physicians warn women that a fetus is dismembered during an abortion.

"So you tell her the arms and legs are pulled off?" Casey asked. "I mean, that's what I want to know. Do you tell her?"

"We tell her the baby, the fetus, is dismembered as part of the procedure, yes," answered Johnson, a University of Michigan professor and research scientist at the school's Center for Human Growth and Development.

Casey asked Johnson if doctors tell women that the abortion procedure they might use includes "sucking the brain out of the skull."

"I don't think we would use those terms," Johnson said. "I think we would probably use a term like decompression of the skull or reducing the contents of the skull."

Publisher sentenced for spying on Iraqis

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A suburban Chicago newspaper publisher convicted of spying on Iraqi dissidents for Saddam Hussein was sentenced Wednesday to three years and 10 months in federal prison.

Khaled Abdel-Latif Dumeisi, 61, is expected to be deported after he finishes his prison term.

U.S. District Judge Suzanne B. Conlon also said he may not re-enter the United States without permission from the attorney general.

Dumeisi was convicted of failing to register as a foreign agent, conspiring to fail to register, lying to a federal grand jury and lying to an immigration agent. He was not convicted of espionage, which involves theft of defense secrets, nor was there any allegation the case involved terrorism.

"I don't think anyone at the

trial would conclude that Mr. Dumeisi was a sophisticated spy," the judge said, characterizing his offense as more like fraud.

Witnesses said Dumeisi spied on Iraqi dissidents living in the United States who were opposed to Saddam's regime and that he forwarded his information to Iraqi intelligence agents who worked at that country's U.N. mission under the guise of diplomats.

His tiny suburban newspaper, Al Mahjar, was full of articles critical of U.S. Mideast policy and praising the Iraqi dictator.

During his weeklong trial in January, prosecutors presented evidence including a videotape of Dumeisi giving an anti-American speech on Saddam's birthday in which he called the Iraqi dictator "our great leader" and praised missile attacks on Israel during the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

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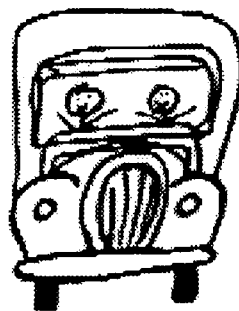
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Defining future generations

We are a generation in the making. During these young days in college and in the years soon after, many of us will make pivotal decisions that will set the course for our generation and the next one that we will give birth to. The roles we play particularly in relationships and families will be crucial. Yet, we are inheriting a world from our parents' generation that is marred by growing rates of divorce. Here, our community can assert its power to promote the values that lead to lasting relationships and families.

There is a definite place for developing family values here at Holy Cross College, Saint Mary's and Notre Dame. These values are consonant with the highest ideals of our institutions. If our graduates are to make a difference, then we will stoke our concerns about relationships and family.

I asked Dean Ava Preacher in the College of Arts and Letters about role of colleges in cultivating family values. She championed the concept saying, "Higher education is not just about teaching values in the abstract, but how to incorporate those values into everyday experience."

Our community already has the values that create a strong family atmosphere. But do our schools foster the values in the students that specifically lead to good long-term relationships and families? Wouldn't our time now in community be an opportune chance to discuss a little more deliberately what has succeeded and failed in our different family experiences?

In the wake of unprecedented rates of failed marriages and split families among our parents' generation, I have hope for what our generation can do. Many of us have felt the sting of our parents' failure. Our heartbeat echoes the deepest voice of our soul: "Never again, never again."

Andrew
DeBerry

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Times

We can swear now to do whatever possible while we can to keep ourselves and our friends from repeating destructive decisions. We can make progress, especially here during this time in college.

We can do better at avoiding the common follies that are made when young bliss isn't checked by concerned friends or an environment of "smart romance." We can drastically mistake the early euphoria in a relationship for everlasting love. We can feel so much but think too little. We can make choices in a relationship that commit more than we really intended to give, only to realize our mistake far too late.

Passionate feelings and physical attraction do have a role; they are a must for any sustained relationship. But beyond this there needs to be an objective, rational evaluation of compatibility. The importance of dating becomes clearer here as it helps refine this integration process of heart and mind.

The skills developed in dating become lifelong assets in marriage. Dating helps us learn about the non-passionate elements of a relationship that can make or break a marriage later on. These elements include financial compatibility, long-term goals, adaptability, personal convictions, communication style, time management and fighting fairly. Understanding these areas is worthwhile but it can take a very long time.

Those having flowery, romanticized perceptions of love can fail to see the importance of this long-term commitment to hard work: Successful relationships aren't 50-50. They require 100 percent from both people. At times this commitment can be anything but glamorous. But this love found first in shared sacrifice will give rise later to shared joy.

So what can we do now to cultivate values for strong relationships and families?

First, conferences, discussions and dorm presentations could be planned around theme of dating, marriage or

raising a family. Preacher notes that events with this theme, like Theology on Tap discussions have had a huge draw in the past. More events like this could also combat the negative dating karma associated with our community.

Second, professionals — especially female professionals — could be brought in to act as mentors and to speak about innovative ways they have found to work with their spouse and employer to balance family and work. The "Women of Notre Dame project" already tries to do just that.

Third, we can talk to our parents and grandparents more about their love stories. As we get older, it becomes easier to rediscover a relationship with our parents as peers. This means finding out more about our parents than they wanted us to know in the past and learning from their successes and bloopers.

Fourth, we can find more ways to integrate romance and faith. John and Sylvia Dillon, who counsel couples getting married at the Basilica, underscore the results of studies showing that marriages have a stronger foundation and lower chance for divorce if they incorporate the elements of an active faith, like compassion, listening and forgiveness.

We will soon begin to make the decisions that will define our generation and create the world our children will receive. If we have hopes of making a difference and changing times, we must be sure to look at ourselves and the values we will carry into relationships. Here and now in our community is a perfect time and place for this growth.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Keep standards of excellence

Paul Hornung's recent comments about admissions standards for athletes should be denounced by everyone within the Notre Dame community. While the racially insensitive tone of those remarks is certainly despicable, I wish to respond to the idea that we have to lower our academic standards if we want to succeed in athletics.

Although Hornung would have our fine University compromise its integrity in order to win more football games, I personally find the idea disgraceful. Notre Dame has always stood for certain principles, among which is academic excellence. To diminish that aspect of our University would be to shatter a pillar upon which Notre Dame was built. Athletics is a major source of pride for this community and one which I celebrate often. I can also

appreciate the revenue generated by the athletic department. But we must not forget that this is an institution of higher learning first and foremost.

While Hornung did not have to rely on a degree for his profession, he is the exception rather than the rule. In fact, most of our fine athletes will not become professional athletes. Like all other students they will rely on their education once they graduate. Perhaps it is easy for someone in Hornung's unique position to lose site of the bigger picture. But the students of Notre Dame work extremely hard. They work hard not only to earn their degree, but also to earn the opportunity to come here. To lower admissions standards would devalue all of our hard work. Moreover, our pride in athletics comes not just from winning. It

also comes from the fact that we win the right way. National Championships at places like Notre Dame and Stanford mean so much more because of that commitment to academics. I cringe at the idea of lowering ourselves just so we can win on Saturday. Those places tolerate low classroom standards for athletic achievement, and wind up becoming little more than minor league franchises. So I say to our administrators and athletic department: please do not take the "student" out of "student-athlete." The University of Notre Dame would never be the same.

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off-campus
March 31

OBSERVER POLL

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Aerodynamically, the bumble bee shouldn't be able to fly, but the bumble bee doesn't know it so it goes on flying anyway."

Mary Kay Ash
entrepreneur

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Loving all people

I am writing in response to Casey Staton's March 30 letter to the editor. Staton assumes that by taking a moral and religious objection to homosexual conduct, that Catholics do not love those who are inclined to homosexual conduct. We should love all people, black, white, heterosexual, homosexual, Catholic, Protestant or Jewish. But that does not mean that we must condone and support lifestyles that are inconsistent with the Catholic Church, nor need we facilitate people to commit sin.

Yes, ultimately, God will be the judge of all of us and we should not judge each other, but neither should we help, encourage or facilitate others to commit sin. By giving approval to United in Diversity, a student homosexual organization, the University would be doing just that.

Catholics should not give money to Planned Parenthood, should not allow cohabitating couples to live in their homes, pay for women to use contraceptives or support the formation of homosexual clubs that do not support the teachings of the

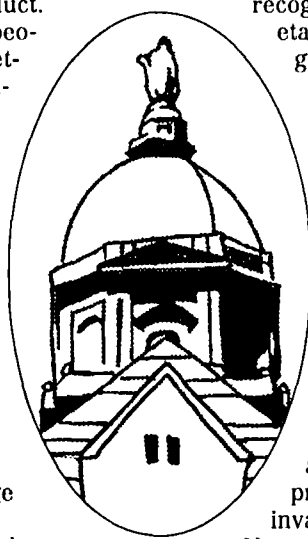
Church. It is one thing for Notre Dame to provide counseling to those who are feeling homosexual tendencies, in order to allow them to realize the sin inherent in that activity, but it is another thing for the University to

recognize and give monetary support to a group that believes that homosexual conduct is acceptable, and indeed, praise worthy.

In the last few months, we have seen the Notre Dame administration wobble in its truly Catholic stance by allowing the Vagina Monologues, Queer Film Festival and non-Christian prayer events to invade this campus.

Notre Dame has found itself in an identity crisis that has begun to lead it down the wide road to meaningless Catholicism. At least on this issue, the University has chosen correctly. One can only pray that the University will realize this is but the first step to return Our Lady's University to its Catholic character and mission.

Courtney Lee Tawressey
first year
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Showing compassion

I think in the whole homosexuality debate, we have missed an entire group of people: those with unwanted homosexual tendencies. These are people who struggle silently without anyone knowing what they experience. Maybe he or she lives in your dorm, down the hall, next door — maybe it's you.

How are these people affected by all this talk about homosexuality? Chances are they have no desire to deal with the issue, just like we all do when we face big problems. We try to put off confronting them because it's painful. My point is two-fold. First, these "taboo" tendencies make those who struggle with them absolutely no different than anyone on this campus. We all struggle with various issues, and in that sense we are all united — united in that we struggle and united despite our diverse struggles. Most importantly, though, we are united as children of a merciful and loving God, a God who gives us these struggles that we might use them to increase our virtue and eventually emerge from them victorious.

My second point is that we need to realize that homosexuality is an issue that can't just be dealt with in terms of right and wrong. OK, the Catholic Church teaches — and I believe — that homosexual sex is mortally sinful and that homosexual tendencies are not sinful yet still objectively disordered. Some of you disagree. This letter is not going to change your mind.

I would ask you though, whatever your position, to understand that there are people out there — I know some — who have these tendencies and who despise them. They deal with this issue and fight with it, and they need our support. What they don't need is people yelling at them from all sides telling them its OK, its not OK, it doesn't matter. That's just confusing. I applaud the University for refusing United in Diversity (UID) club status, but I ask the University to be consistent and more

vocal in proclaiming the Church's stance on homosexuality. Allowing events like the Queer Film Festival sends the wrong message.

I don't like to be critical, but after reading up on the Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs and going to the panel discussion on homosexuality on March 18, I have to say that I have lost any faith I had in the Committee's value for helping homosexuals live chastely as the Church calls them — and all men and women — to do.

Several of the students on the Standing Committee are involved with OutreachND — (a.k.a. UID) and the panel discussion, which included the Chair of the Standing Committee, was not about much more than ways to get UID recognized.

In response to this situation, there needs to be a decent support system specifically for homosexuals and those with unwanted homosexual tendencies, and it should be organized by people unwavering in their Catholic position and filled with genuine Christian love.

In closing, I want to say that this letter is not about winning any battles with those of differing ideologies. I hope it is clear that what I have said and proposed does not stem from simply a moral right or wrong standpoint.

It should also be said that neither does the Church's view. The Church's teaching on the issue is not an attempt to hinder anyone's freedom; instead, it is one of radical love for all mankind that frees us from our vices that we succumb to because it's easier that way. Our sins permeate the world and do more damage than we can imagine. It is easy enough to see how our greed in the U.S. has spurred others to hate us. Let's begin with ourselves, then, and start making a difference.

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Defining partisanship

Mike Marchand's March 29 column falls short of condemning partisan attacks, well short. Despite the obvious puns on Dick Clark(e), the essay demonstrates his own plight into partisanship.

How do I define partisans? Those that utilize or accept rhetoric and spin in lieu of mindful analysis. From such partisans engaging in the "taxpayer-paid character assassination campaign," to quote Clarke — that apparently extends even to our very own Observer — the slinging has carefully misrepresented his testimony and writings to create an untrue portrayal.

After hearing all 2 hours and 40 minutes of Clarke's testimony before the 9/11 commission, numerous interviews including "60 Minutes" and "Meet the Press" and reading the transcripts of the White House assault this past week, I believe Clarke successfully refutes the partisan attacks with convincing arguments and facts.

I challenge those that are unable to separate their political associations from rational judgments to watch his testimony before the commission. With a surreal patience and poise, Clarke built the case for his conclusions as to the failures resulting in the 9/11 attacks. His narrative of America's modern counter-terrorism campaign provided a rarely heard story of the policy process and a look into the mechanisms within White House.

Clarke's most important testimony was not a critique of the War on Terror, it was a description of the challenges in the bureaucratic policy making process to urgent action. While not suitable for news media sound bites, his testimony best explained how from the perspective of a person who knew the threat of terrorism before the rest of us our government failed — himself included.

As the head of Counter-Terrorism, Clarke

served our country in ways few have the security clearance to know of. He fought terrorism on a daily basis for the last four Presidents, and long before 9/11 drafted a strategy in January of 2001 proposing a series of continuous, rolling strikes against the terrorist camps in Afghanistan. Documentation supports Clarke's assertions on this point and identifies him as one of the sad few that recognized the homeland threat posed by transnational terrorism.

The 9/11 commission has been charged with identifying the series of complex errors and misjudgments committed prior to the attacks. Clarke and others who identified the threat, for one reason or another — for one President or another — could not break through to the policy makers the urgency of the threat. The unanimous consensus of those that have access to the congressional reports and testimony of Clarke publicly deny the substance of his critics, former Senate Select Intelligence Committee Chairman Bob Graham, for example.

Truly the most detestable element of the last week was the blind personal assaults on Clarke based upon half-truths and rumors. Sen. Bill Frist's accusation of perjury and questioning of Clarke's patriotism was a deplorable act from a respectable man. How can anyone label a 30-year government bureaucrat an opportunistic pariah? It's been said that when you have something important to say, write a book. Clarke had something to say and we should listen — his position and experience warrant at least that.

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A numbers game

This past week, The Observer has run a series of articles about gender and balance in the different colleges. The main source for these articles has been data gathered by the Office of Institutional Research. However, these stories have only been covering half the issue. Numbers only tell one side of the story, an objective side. By using these numbers to attempt to make a more subjective comment about gender imbalance, the series of stories has done an injustice to reality.

The stories are filled with quotes from students enrolled in the particular colleges telling why they want to be there. That is fine. But why didn't The Observer ask students why they did not choose one college or major over another? Why aren't all the girls enrolled in English enrolling in engineering or science? Maybe they just don't want to.

There are many, many factors that go into choosing a major that cannot be revealed by numbers or clever pie charts. People choose things for many different reasons — which I believe have nothing to do with "gender bias"

or "imbalanced" departments. There is no subjective voice in any of these articles. They're all based on a number game.

My roommate started off in math but switched to art history. Was she threatened by the lack of female co-students or female faculty? No. It was hard and she wanted to cultivate her other gifts for interpretation and her love of studying something less objective.

My father started off as an engineer here in the late seventies, he graduated with a degree in accounting and then went on to law school. He was forced into engineering and hated it.

There are a myriad of reasons why students choose one major over another, none of which were articulated in the three-part series of articles this week. I would recommend asking classmates why they chose what they did and what led them to their major choices, rather than relying on statistics.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Christian release urges listeners to get 'Happy'

By REBECCA SAUNDERS
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Happiness is not quite a virtue, but Matthew West would probably think that it should be. West is a new, up and coming Christian singer/songwriter who's single "More" is topping Christian charts all over the country. The Chicago singer has been writing songs since college and touring for years, but has not yet experienced the success he has found with his new album *Happy*. With an album cover displaying his feet next to a pair of feet in clown shoes, West seems to be a genuinely happy guy. His silly nature shows through in his album and his song's messages, yet an incredibly deep spirituality is also apparent.

The album is a good mix of slow, fast, serious and "happy" songs.

Happy has some good songs, a couple of great songs and a couple of less than good songs, but there is not a below mediocre song on the album. One of the strongest points of the album is the hit single "More." "More" is a huge ballad that sounds like a Christian hit, and that is exactly what it has become. With strong and beautiful lyrics throughout the song, "More" is a definitive Christian song. "More" sings of the unconditional and infinitive nature of God's love. West sings, "I love you more than the sun and the stars / that I taught to shine / you are mine and you shine for me too." There are not many ways to say that more eloquently or beautifully, and West certainly sounds great singing it.

Another huge high point on the album is "Every Second," another Christian ballad, but with a bit more of a rock flavor. "Every Second" could be interpreted as a love song, or a love song

to God, either way it is a beautiful song that proclaims, "I don't want to let this moment fade away / I want to soak up every single second / I just want to fall in love along the way / I just want to soak up every single second / In your presence."

Again West finds a way to express an emotion that would simply leave others speechless, and he does it all to a great melody that will stick in listener's heads for days (as soon as "More" gets out of there).

Happy also has a good deal of faster, more upbeat songs. "The Lie" is an impressive, somewhat rock-infused track that talks about the lies that people tell you, betrayals by friends, etc. "I Can't Hear You" is also a great track that hits even closer to the rock genre. "The End" is another song of the same type with a hint of folk paired with hopeful lyrics. West sings about how bad situations aren't "The End," crooning, "Sometimes it rains all over your parade / It's like reaching for the sun and landing in the shade / But it's not the end, the end of the world."

Overall *Happy*, Matthew West's

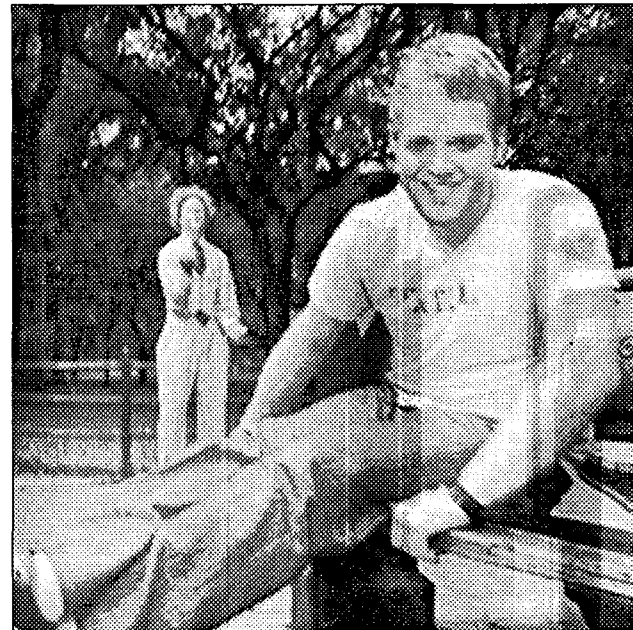
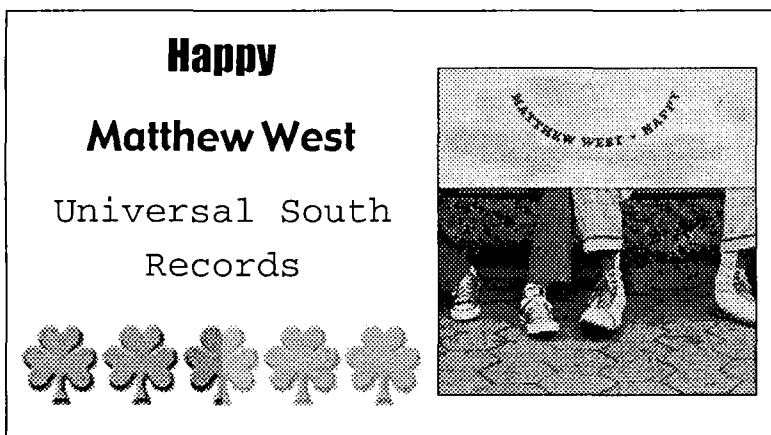


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Matthew West is gaining exposure with his hit song "More," the first single off his latest release.

newest album, is a good listen with some great songs. The lyrics are excellent and worth listening for. The hit "More" is the best part of the album; *Happy* is not going to blow many away, but it just may make them a bit "happier."

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ALBUM REVIEW

Notre Dame's own gets 'Shagnasty'

By EMILY TUMBRINK
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A far cry from other notable "fair-skinned" rappers, including Vanilla Ice, Eminem and Bubba Sparxx, Notre Dame's own Brian "B Shags" Shaughnessy, a resident assistance in Stanford Hall, has already established his reputation through regular Acousticafe performances. Fans craving more of this unique artist no longer have to wait patiently for Thursday nights. B Shags has now released his debut album, *Stream of Conscience*, on his very own label, Tight Yo Records, and has a new album in the works tentatively titled *Shagglorock*. Though *Stream of Conscience* cannot quite compare to the overall experience of Shags' live performances — just a sign

of Shags' chops as an entertainer — it is a solid effort from an aspiring rapper.

With the help of producer J. Dizzy, a friend from Indianapolis, and armed with beats downloaded from the Internet, Shags recorded *Stream of Conscience* by covering his head with a towel to block out any background noise while saying his rhymes into a mic connected to his computer.

On the first track of the album, "Stream of Conscience," B Shags invites listeners to "come spend a day in the shoes that [he's] stepping in," in order to better understand whom he is and why he rhymes. Eschewing the stereotypes set by other rap artists, B Shags acknowledges that he is not a thug, and claims instead that "God sent [him] here to love and not to judge." This introductory track gives listeners

a good sense of who Shags is and separates him from the herd of other rappers who try to protect their "tough-guy" images.

However, after his relatively wholesome introduction, Shags urges us to get "Shagnasty," with a more upbeat and traditional pop-rap track. Describing his music as a "Midwest thang," B Shags displays qualities of more radio-friendly rappers, including lyrics about "sippin' on forties" and cars rolling on "dubs," while also maintaining his own unique (read: preppy white guy) persona.

"All I Need" shows a softer and more spiritual side of B Shags, and is akin in many ways to "Stream of Conscience." These two tracks display more honesty than any of the other songs, and reveal B Shags' own personality and values rather than the emphasis on alcohol, sex and money found in the lyrics of many of his other rhymes. In this track, Shags gives thanks to God and his family for helping him throughout his life, and urging him to be the best person he can be. "What's your life goals? / I was told to set the bar high / I'm trying to reach the sky and make the stars mine / but only so I can pass 'em along / on to y'all in gratitude for making me strong."

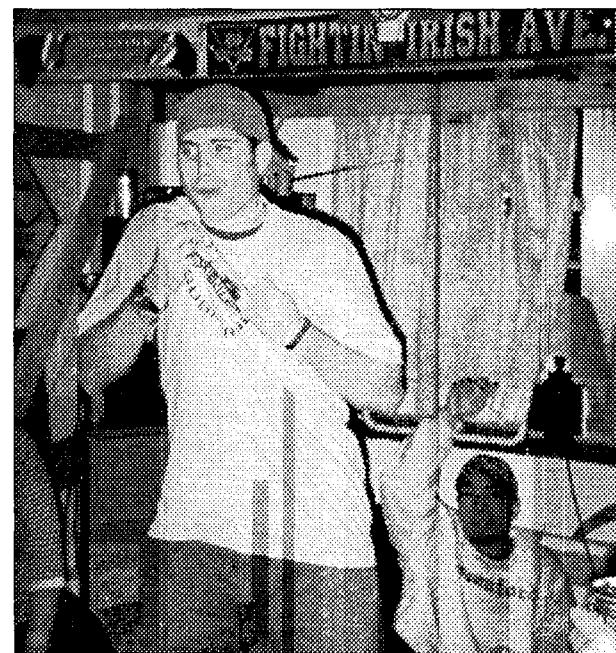
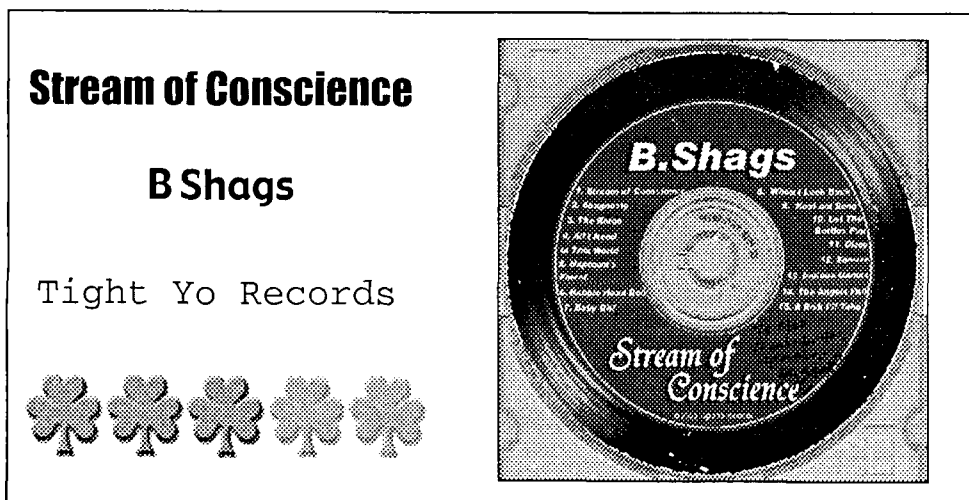


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B Shags gives an impromptu performance in his room, but is also a regular staple of Acousticafe.

B Shags debut album, *Stream of Conscience*, possesses many qualities of the average Domer. Containing elements of intelligence, spirituality and preppiness with a measure of mild illegal activity all wrapped up in a wannabe thug exterior, the album could easily be a candidate for "Best All Around."

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INTERVIEW

15 Minutes with Ed from The Darkness

Ed Graham plays drums for The Darkness whose debut album Permission to Land currently sits at No. 42 on the Billboard Top 200 charts and whose first American headlining tour is completely sold out

By BRIAN FOY
Scene Writer

Are you surprised by your success back in the United Kingdom?

It's a long time to come. I think what we were surprised by was how we crossed over into the mainstream. We have a lot of fans that are teenage girls that like us. I think we always thought we could be successful, but the surprising thing is how we crossed over into the pop market as well as rock music.

Can you compare your success back in the United Kingdom with how well the States have received you?

The thing that surprised us is selling out capacity venues on our first proper tour of the United States. I think once you do the hard work in the United Kingdom then it definitely helped us here 'cause when we started to do the hard work here we were already starting at a high level.

When you recorded Permission to Land and "I Believe in a Thing Called Love" specifically, did you know the album was going to be well received and the single was going to be a smash hit? Did you know after you recorded those that you had a hold of something?

I think when we finished the album and looked at it we thought we had something that could be very successful. But that particular single "I Believe in a Thing Called Love" was one of the very first things recorded on the album — actually in a different session. So I think when we recorded that on our own in a different studio we probably

"I think we always thought we could be successful, but the surprising things is how we crossed over into the pop market."

**Ed Graham
drummer**

didn't realize how big it was going to be.

Can you explain the concept behind the video for "I Believe in a Thing Called Love"?

It's really sort of to interpret it as you like. No really, we just like to have fun with the videos and say "let's have a spaceship," "let's have a crab." I don't think there's any real hidden meaning. We do work with the director and come up with all these stupid ideas and then he tries to sort of make sense of them and make stuff happen.

Your second video in the United States for "Love is Only a Feeling" seems to be a totally different kind of video. What was the thinking for making a more laid back video?

I think because it was quite a very serious and sensitive song really with the words, and people felt that a really crazy video wouldn't fit right with it.

Are you surprised at the press given to nonmusical aspects of the band?

No, not really. That's exactly what we heard in the United Kingdom when we first started. It seems to be first reaction how we look or the unusualness of Justin's voice.

Then further down the line people tend to look a bit deeper and comment on other things.

How do you go about writing music?

Well I'd say Dan and Justin were the main song-writers, but me and Frankie have a contribution. We've actually been in a country house in England writing. Dan will often come along with a riff or a piece of music and Justin tries to come up with melody ideas over it. Then we'd all sit together or play live

together and arrange it.

Permission to Land is such an eclectic sounding album, what do you attribute that to?

That's not really planned, that's what comes out. I think in the future it could be even more diverse. People stereotype and say a lot of things about us, but on the actual record it's actually quite diverse. There's different styles of rock music and I think we're capable of coming up with stuff that's more diverse than that.

Your EP, which contained a few of the songs off Permission to Land, came out two years ago. Can we expect to hear any new songs on the American tour?

Possibly, just before we came to America we've been writing.

We've got some new songs and for us all the songs on the record we played live for months and months before we recorded them. For us that's the best way to work out if it's a good song or not is to play it live. So you might well hear a few new songs on this tour.

For your follow-up to Permission to Land do you feel any pressure or do you just let it fly and see what happens?

I wouldn't say we've felt pressure. We are aware of the fact that it has to be

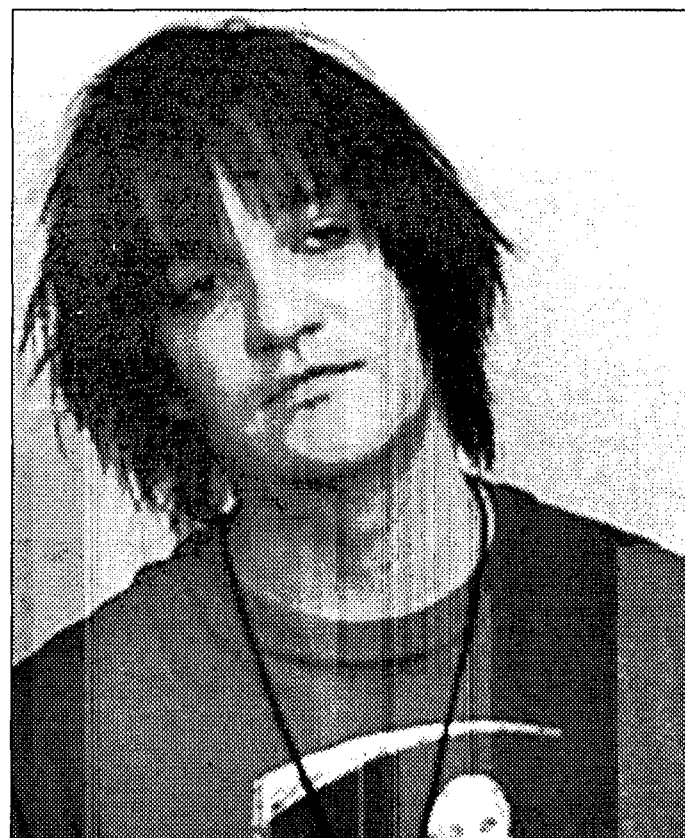


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Ed Graham, drummer for The Darkness, said the band does not feel pressured to perform on its follow-up.

really good because it's the second album. More so in the United Kingdom — the cynical attitude of people. Rather than being happy for you, people in the United Kingdom are waiting for you to fall. We're all aware that the next album has to be really, really good, but then again we wouldn't release it unless we thought it was really good anyway. I wouldn't say we felt under pressure.

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Riding the success of its hit debut album *Permission to Land*, The Darkness is about to embark on its first American tour, which is currently sold out. Ed Graham, drummer for the band, told Scene that The Darkness will likely debut some new songs it has been working on for its next album during the tour.

NBA

Ginobili leads Spurs to 107-89 win versus Kings

Guard finishes game with 29 points

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Whether he was slashing inside or pulling up outside, Manu Ginobili just couldn't miss.

San Antonio's reserve guard made his first nine shots in the second half and finished with 29 points to lead the Spurs to a 107-89 win over the Western Conference-leading Sacramento Kings on Wednesday night.

The victory allowed the Spurs to remain 1 1/2 games behind Midwest Division-leading Minnesota, which defeated Seattle on Wednesday. San Antonio has seven games remaining, while the Timberwolves have six.

"I just let the game come to me and when I was open, I shot," said Ginobili, who had only six points in the first half. "I feel like I'm playing well right now."

He made all three of his shots in the third and his first six attempts in the fourth, the last one an off-balance 23-foot bank shot that stopped a late Kings rally.

"He was off the charts," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said of Ginobili. "It was obvious everything he did was golden."

Tim Duncan added 19 points for the Spurs, and Bruce Bowen had a season-high 16 on 7-for-10 shooting. Hedo Turkoglu scored 14 points and Tony Parker 12.

San Antonio shot a season-best 57.5 percent.

"They were hurting us off the dribble, they hurt us at the basket," Kings coach Rick Adelman said. "The three or four times we got in front of Ginobili, he still hit the jumper."

Ginobili, who was also top scorer in Monday's win over Cleveland, said the Spurs have been confounding their opponents by diversifying an offense that had long centered on Duncan.

"The other team can't focus on just one guy because we have a lot of players that can hit shots and beat you," he said.

Trailing by 12 after three quarters, Sacramento closed the gap to 94-87 on a 3-pointer by Peja Stojakovic with 4:21 left in the game.

Ginobili answered with his final basket of the night, the off-balance bank shot, and the Spurs' defense limited the Kings to only one more basket.

Stojakovic scored 19 points and Doug Christie contributed 17 for Sacramento, which is 4-6 in its last 10 games. Chris Webber, Vlade Divac and Mike Bibby all had 14.

Timberwolves 90, SuperSonics 83

MINNEAPOLIS — Though Kevin Garnett remains their unquestioned leader, the Minnesota Timberwolves derive much of their energy from Latrell Sprewell.

He supplied plenty on against Seattle.

Sprewell scored 27 points, including six 3-pointers, to help Minnesota hold off Seattle 90-83.

"He's a great barometer," Timberwolves coach Flip Saunders said. "Offensively and defensively, the team seems to take his personality a lot."

Garnett had 27 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists for Minnesota, which maintained its tenuous lead over San Antonio in the Midwest Division and remained in the hunt for the top seed in the Western Conference playoffs.

"We're not playing a team — we're playing ourselves, so to speak," Sprewell said. "We've got to go out, play hard and try to get wins ... We know what the situation is."

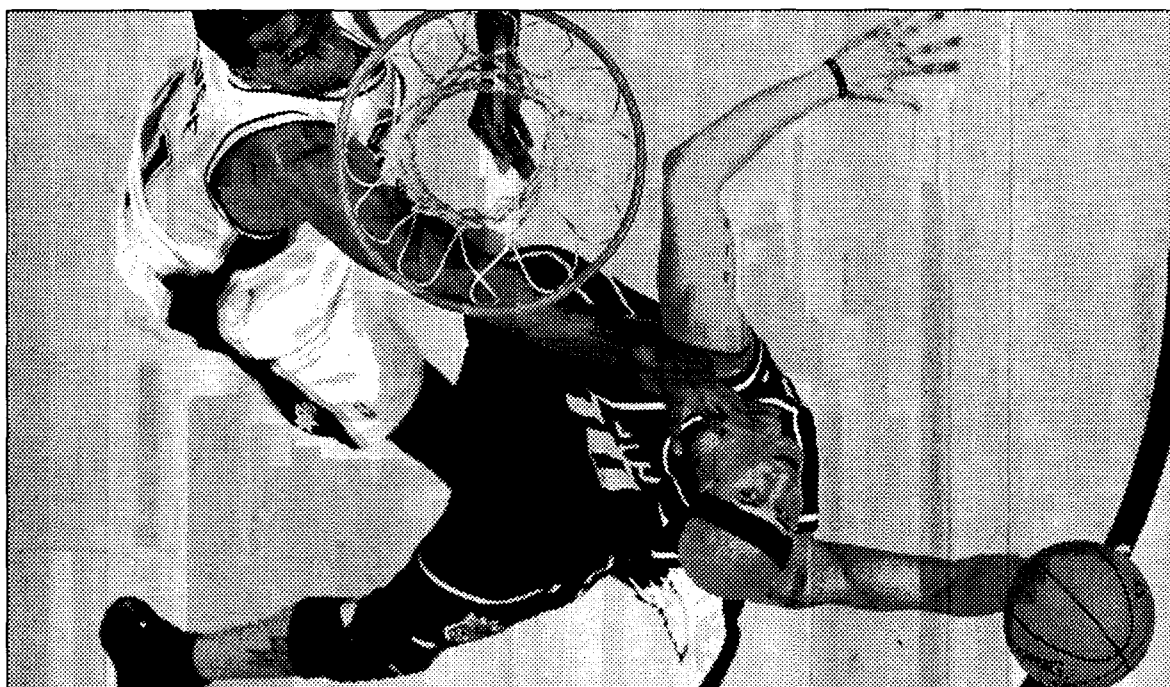
The Timberwolves (52-24), who lead the Spurs by 1 1/2 games and trail the Sacramento Kings by one game in the West race, set a franchise record for regular-season victories. Having won six of eight and three in a row, Minnesota appears close to being cured of its recent struggles.

Sprewell, by no coincidence, has been playing better lately, too.

Warriors 85, Raptors 78

TORONTO — Erick Dampier's career with the Golden State Warriors might be over.

Dampier, who can test free agency this summer by opting out of the remaining two years of his contract, might have sustained a season-ending ankle injury in Golden State's 85-78 victory over the Toronto Raptors. Dampier had 14 rebounds



Sacramento Kings guard Mike Bibby shoots around San Antonio Spurs defender Malik Rose during the second quarter in Wednesday's game. The Spurs won 107-89.

before leaving the game late in the fourth quarter after rolling his left ankle on the foot of Toronto's Jalen Rose. Dampier stayed on the floor for several minutes before being helped off the court.

"We feel for Damp. He's had such a great year. Right now it's premature, but they think he's done for the year," Golden State coach Eric Musselman said.

Dampier can opt out of his seven-year, \$48 million dollar contract after this season, and some have insinuated that he's playing for a new contract.

"He's done a really good job of upping his value for this coming summer," teammate Clifford Robinson said.

Anthony Johnson raved about Dampier's season.

"He's been playing like one of the two or three centers in the game," Johnson said.

Jason Richardson had 25 points for the Warriors, who have won eight of nine.

Vince Carter had 22 points for the Raptors, who were booed off the court after losing their fifth straight.

Toronto remained 3 1/2 games behind Boston for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. Boston lost to Portland on Wednesday. The Raptors have eight games left.

"We're not playing like we

want to get to the playoffs," Carter said.

Toronto coach Kevin O'Neill, whose future with the team is uncertain, blamed himself for the losing, but Rose insisted it's not his fault.

"There is a lot of speculation surrounding our team," Rose said. "I'm disappointed for our team and our fans, but I'm very disappointed for K.O., because I feel he deserved better, especially today."

Rose's two free throws cut Golden State's lead to six late in the fourth, but the Warriors responded with a 10-4 run.

After Richardson made a layup with 2:30 left, Clifford Robinson's fadeaway jumper made it 77-67 with 1:29 remaining.

Carter then missed a driving layup, and at the other end of the court, Golden State's Adonal Foyle grabbed an offensive rebound and made a layup, giving the Warriors a 79-67 lead with 1:05 left.

Richardson went 10-for-19 from the field and also grabbed nine rebounds for the Warriors, who entered the day 5 1/2 games behind Utah and Denver for eighth place in the Western Conference.

Jazz 89, Hornets 76

SALT LAKE CITY — Mikki Moore found out Wednesday that

he will be eligible if Utah makes the playoffs, then celebrated by getting the Jazz a little closer.

Moore scored all 15 of his points in the fourth quarter to lead Utah past the New Orleans Hornets 89-76, taking a slight lead in the fight for the final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

"We have to put a string of games together. We can't wait until the last two or three games and try to make a run. We have to push it right now," said Moore, who didn't know about his playoff eligibility until just before the game.

Moore, who has bounced around the league as a role player with five different NBA teams, has been with the Jazz on and off since the end of January and was not on the roster at the March 1 deadline. But because he was an unrestricted free agent when he signed again March 4, the Jazz said Moore will be eligible should Utah make the playoffs.

That's still a possibility.

The Jazz improved to 39-36 and moved percentage points ahead of Portland (38-36), which won earlier Wednesday at Boston. Denver (39-37), which was idle, is also competing for the No. 8 playoff berth with two weeks remaining in the regular season.

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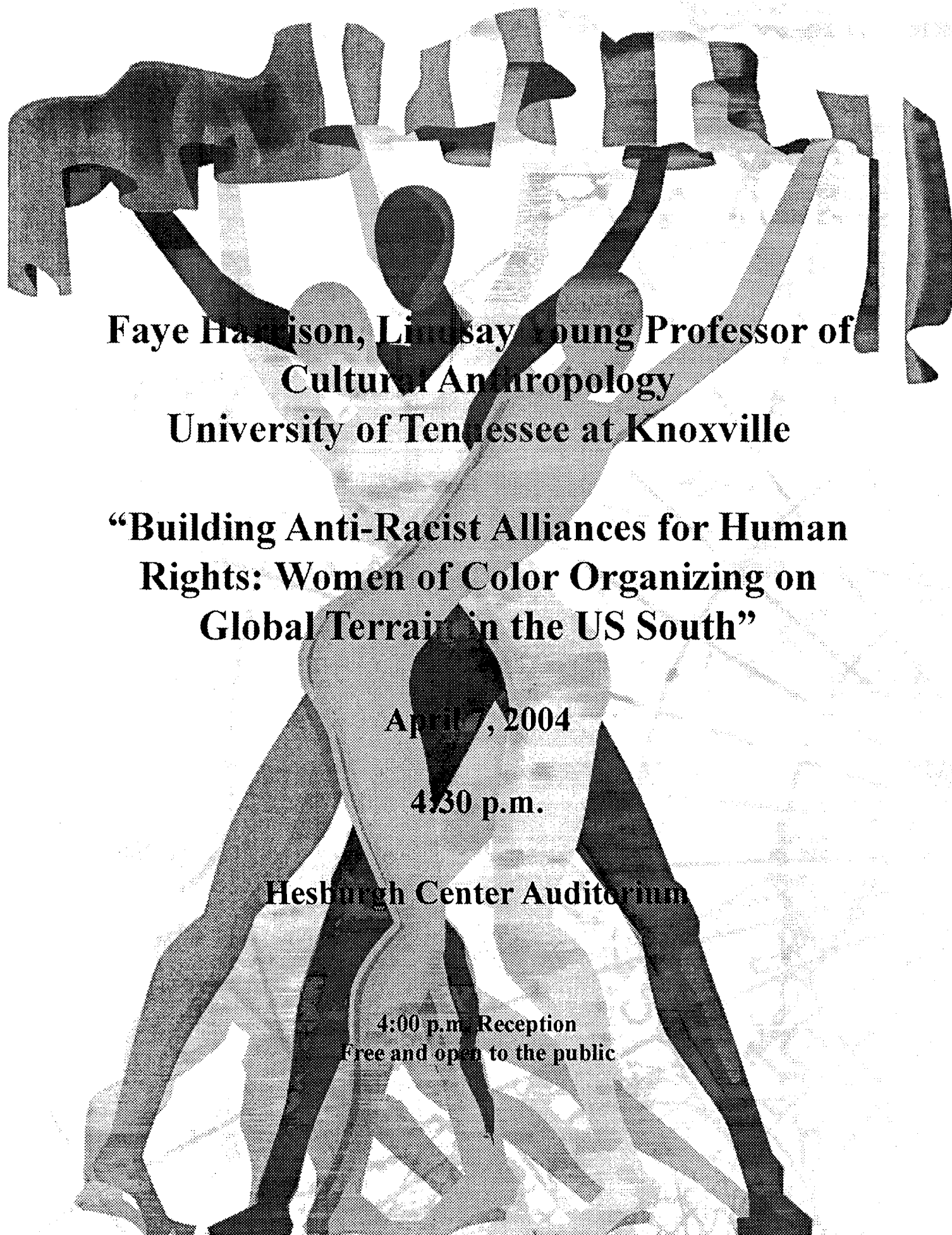
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MLB

Yankees demonstrate 'traditional domination'

N.Y. overwhelms
Tampa Bay 12-1 in
second Tokyo game

Associated Press

TOKYO — Hideki Matsui stood at home plate, received a samurai helmet called the Kabuto, and raised the gold-and-red armor high for the crowd to see. The New York Yankees 'traditional domination' had been restored.

Matsui rocked the Tokyo Dome with a two-run homer, thrilling the Japanese fans who worship him. Jorge Posada hit three-run shots from both sides of the plate, Kevin Brown won his first start in pinstripes and the Yankees calmed their jittery supporters back home by routing the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 12-1 Wednesday morning.

"Hopefully, we can have many more games like this," Matsui told the cheering crowd from a podium near home plate after

the game.

After a listless 8-3 loss on opening day, fans back home who got up at 5 a.m. had been infuriated, expecting greatness from their heroes, not grogginess. And then the Yankees fell behind in the first inning when Aubrey Huff hit an RBI single.

Owner George Steinbrenner took the first loss calmly, saying, "It's not where you start, it's where you finish." But an 0-2 trip, which would have left them last in the AL East, might have led to a different tune.

"It wouldn't be fun. In fact, I made a comment when we were down 1-0 in the first," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "I felt a little tenseness in there. I said, 'Guys, what's the worst thing

that can happen? We lose 162 games, big deal. We can still eat, and you're still going to get paid.'"

But a day after Tampa Bay surprised the Yankees, the Bronx' Bombers potent offense restored the old order — appropriate for a country tied to tradition — in another game that started before dawn in New York.

Matsui tied it with an RBI single in the third. Tony Clark, in the lineup at first base because Jason Giambi's left knee is hurt and Travis

Lee is on the disabled list, put New York ahead with a two-run homer in the fourth.

Then, in the fifth, came the moment fans wanted to see.

Matsui, a home-run hero during 10 seasons with the Yomiuri Giants, teed off on a belt-high

pitch from Jeremi Gonzalez, sending it deep into the seats in right-center.

Flashbulbs popped. Fans jumped and stayed up for a standing ovation, a rarity in Japan. Some of the spectators repeatedly bowed to him. The ovation was prolonged, as if fans were trying to get him to come out for a curtain call. But Matsui, always modest, didn't leave the dugout.

"It's really a once in a lifetime opportunity," Alex Rodriguez said. "Who knows when the Yankees are going to come back? It's a pretty special moment."

Rodriguez came a few feet short of a grand slam in the seventh. The AL MVP had another quiet night in his second game for New York, going 0-for-5 and dropping to 1-for-9 with no RBIs.

Derek Jeter finally got his first hit, an RBI single ahead of Rodriguez in the seventh, after going hitless in his first seven at-

bats.

"I was in there saying, 'I'm the last one without a hit,'" he remembered.

Matsui had another chance to come up big in the seventh when he batted with the bases loaded, but he struck out against Trevor Miller.

Posada, meanwhile, homered right-handed off Damian Moss in the fifth and left-handed against Jorge Sosa in the seventh. It was the fifth time he homered from both sides in the same game, the first since June 28, 2002, against the New York Mets.

He thought ahead to the 7,250-mile flight back to spring training in Florida. The Yankees were due to land at home just after midnight, ending a 38-hour day caused by the time difference.

"Now," Posada said, "we can talk on the plane."

Tampa Bay, coming off six straight last-place finishes, was pretty much overlooked during its five days in Japan.

ROWING

Team ranked 20th

Special to the Observer

After a strong showing this past weekend at the Michigan Regatta, the Notre Dame women's rowing team is ranked 20th in the first USRowing/Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association (CRCA) poll of the season. The Irish were unranked in the preseason poll released three weeks ago but had an impressive showing on Saturday against Michigan with its varsity eight boat finishing second to Michigan.

Ohio State tops the poll with 383 points and 10 first-place points, followed by California (345 points), Princeton (335), Michigan (316), Harvard (303),

Brown (300), Yale (298), Virginia (287), Michigan State (244), Washington (224), Southern California (177), Washington State (165), Boston University (147), Tennessee (142), Syracuse (102), Cornell (95), Stanford (88), Duke (76), Texas (67) and Notre Dame (31).

The Irish travel to San Diego, Calif., for the 31st annual San Diego Crew Classic April 3-4. Notre Dame's varsity eight boat will row in the prestigious Jessop-Whittier Cup where it is scheduled to go up against Stanford, USC, Washington State, Tennessee, Villanova, Purdue, Washington, California, Texas, Oregon State, Wisconsin, West Virginia and Fordham.

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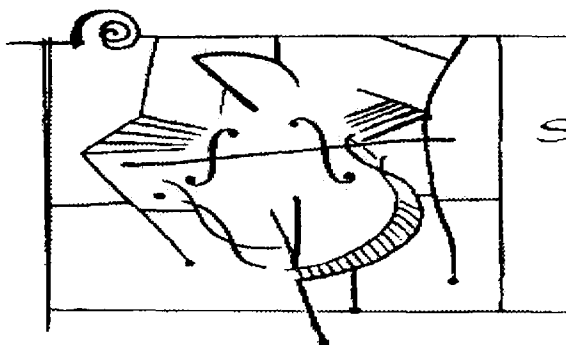
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Soccer

U.S. shuts out Poland 1-0 in exhibition game

Associated Press

PLOCK, Poland — The United States tuned up for World Cup qualifying by beating Poland 1-0 in an exhibition game Wednesday on DaMarcus Beasley's goal, ending the hosts' seven-game winning streak.

Goalkeeper Brad Friedel had a shutout in his first national team game in nearly two years for the United States, which lost to Poland 3-1 in the first round of the 2002 World Cup.

The Americans, who went on to reach the quarterfinals of that tournament, open their road to the 2006 edition with a qualifier against Grenada in Columbus, Ohio, on June 13.

This also was coach Bruce Arena's first win in seven tries in Europe.

"It feels good," Arena said. "We've lost some difficult games along the way like to Holland, Germany, Italy. But we knew we would win one."

Due to fears of terrorism Wednesday, Polish police increased security for the game, with at least 50 officers forming a ring around the field and another 500 outside the stadium.

Arena started seven European-based players, including Friedel, who plays for Blackburn in the English Premier League.

"It was an important match in an important year," he said. "It was great to get this group of players together and then have success. It's rare we get our European based and domestic players together."

"Our captain, Claudio Reyna, and Beasley were probably the two most important players out there today."

Friedel wasn't really tested until the 67th minute, when he came out to smother a shot launched by Jacek Krzynowek. Grzegorz Rasiak had Poland's best chance in the first half, when Gregg Berhalter fell as they tangled over a pass, letting the forward race toward the goal alone. But Rasiak's weak shot spun outside the left post.

"He made two great saves," Arena said. "It's comforting having a quality goalie like Brad Friedel out there."

The U.S. team had many more scoring chances.

In the 26th minute, Reyna flicked a pass to Chicago Fire midfielder Beasley, who pushed the ball past goalie Jerzy Dudek without breaking stride. It was Beasley's fifth goal in a U.S. uniform.

Josh Wolff posed the Americans' first threat in the 15th minute, forcing Dudek to charge out of the net and smother the shot. In the 58th minute, Conor Casey had his foot on Bobby Convey's pass right in front of the goal, but a defender kicked it away at the last minute. In the 64th, Clint Mathis had a clear look, but took too long to control the ball.


It was one of several exhibition games across Europe on Wednesday, with teams starting to warm up for this summer's



Poland's Euzheblusz Smolarek and DaMarcus Beasley of the United States compete for the ball during an exhibition match.

European Championship.


Robbie Keane scored in injury time to give Ireland a 2-1 victory over the Czech Republic, which had been unbeaten in 20 games; Sweden edged England 1-0; Germany beat Belgium 3-0; and the Netherlands dashed France's hopes of a world record. 15 wins in a row with a 0-0 tie.



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NCAA

Okafor injured again

Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. — Just when Connecticut's All-America center Emeka Okafor seemed to be getting sharp, he took another jolt Wednesday.

Huskies coach Jim Calhoun said Okafor was bumped hard in practice. Calhoun said the injury was similar to the stinger Okafor got against Alabama in the Phoenix Regional final, when a hard foul jarred his neck and sent a stinging pain down his arm.

"We fully expect that he may take it easier tomorrow, but will fully practice again on Friday," Calhoun said.

Okafor was hit with about eight minutes left in the workout. Calhoun raved that until then Okafor was dunking and looking "much better than he

has been, I would say, for almost a month." Okafor missed three games, two in the Big East tournament, because of spasms in the muscles around a small stress fracture in his back.

Calhoun joked that whoever hit Okafor this time wouldn't be traveling to San Antonio for the Final Four. The team left Wednesday evening. Connecticut plays Duke in a national semifinal Saturday night.

"Someone actually hit his arm, which got his shoulder to move a little bit," Calhoun said. "I think with a little bit of ice, TLC, talk, he'll be just fine."

Okafor, a 6-foot-9, 252-pound junior who will graduate in May, averaged 18.1 points, 11.7 rebounds and a national-best 4.3 blocks this season.



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NFL

New rule changes to lengthen games

Associated Press

PALM BEACH, Fla. — The NFL's new emphasis on improving offense will come with a cost: longer games.

The league wrapped up its annual spring meeting Wednesday with several expected moves, including the approval of some new rules and setting out to make sure existing ones are enforced properly.

They include adding a 15-yard penalty for Terrell Owens/Joe Horn type demonstrations, especially when they are orchestrated by groups of players. The penalties will be in addition to fines already in place for such end zone acts as Horn pulling out a cell phone from under the goal post, or Owens taking a pen out of his sock and autographing a ball.

But the greater effect is likely to come from a new emphasis on holding and illegal contact by defensive backs; illegal blocks on kicking plays; and an added replay challenge for teams that are successful on their first two.

That means more penalties, many of them for illegal contact on passing plays after passing yardage was at an 11-year low last season — 202 yards per team compared to 212 in 2002.

"Yes, games will probably get a little longer," said Rich McKay, co-chairman of the competition committee. "You're always conscious of the length of games. It's not something you want to encourage. But we felt we had to do something about passing yardage going down."

McKay said he believed game times would come down once players made adjustments.

Of far more long-term consequence was the possibility of the new NFL Network televising live games. Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said that could happen some time in the future, which would give the league a major bargaining chip in negotiations with the networks.

Tagliabue said games on the five-month old satellite and cable

network aren't likely in the next contract, on which negotiations are about to begin. The current \$17.6 billion, eight-year deal expires at the end of the 2005 season.

But Tagliabue added: "Anything in life is possible."

There was almost no controversy when the owners ratified the competition committee recommendation Wednesday to make excessive celebration a 15-yard penalty. The vote was 31-1, with Oakland dissenting, as it does more often than not.

The change was aimed more at group celebrations than at individual ones — spikes, dunks and Lambeau leaps are still allowed, although use of a hard "foreign object" will be penalized. That would include the pen pulled out by Owens to sign a football in celebration of a touchdown in Seattle two seasons ago, and the cell phone used by Horn last season in New Orleans.

The new penalties are aimed at staged photo snaps, circle dances and similar celebrations that previously were punished only by fines. The fines went up from 18 in 2002 to 61 last season, leading the committee to decide that the wrath from their coaches after a 15-yard walkoff would be more effective in curbing the demonstrators than the loss of money.

Other rules changes, most of them minor, include:

♦ Allowing wide receivers to wear the numbers 10-19. In the past, they could wear them only when all the numbers in the 80s were taken.

♦ Expansion of practice squads from five to eight players. This was done with the concurrence of the NFL players' union and is for one year. Coaches pushed for it, contending injuries often curtailed their ability to field full teams for drills, especially late in the season.

♦ Allowing the head coach to call a timeout by signaling to any official on the field. In the past, a player had to call the timeouts.



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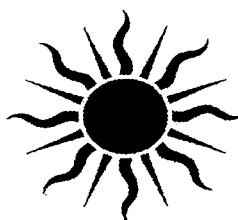
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The 2004 summer session will begin on Monday, June 21 (enrollment), and end on Friday, August 6 (final exams). Some courses—primarily in science and languages—will begin and end before or after these dates. The *Summer Session Bulletin* contains complete schedule information. The *Bulletin* is available at the Summer Session Office (510 Main Bldg.) beginning on Monday, February 2. Information on summer courses, as it appears in the *Bulletin*, is also available at the Summer Session Web site (www.nd.edu/~sumsess).

Notre Dame continuing students—undergraduate and graduate students in residence during the spring semester of 2004 who are eligible to return in the fall—must use Web Registration (1) to register for summer courses and (2) to add or drop courses according to the add and drop dates printed with each course. The Web Registration PIN (personal identification number) for summer is available on IrishLink for all continuing students. Instructions for course registration (selection) are available at <http://registrar.nd.edu>. Course call numbers are published in the *Bulletin* and at the Summer Session Web site.

Web Registration will be available for summer registration from Wednesday, March 17, through the course add and drop dates published in the *Summer Session Bulletin*. Students may register or make schedule changes whenever they choose during this period; no appointment times are necessary.

Air-conditioned and non-air-conditioned housing and (optional) summer meal plans will be available. Forms for these services may be obtained at the Summer Session Office at any time during the spring semester.

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TENNIS

Dementieva defeats Williams

Associated Press

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — Tape took care of Venus Williams' sprained right foot. There was no remedy for the shaky serve and late fade.

Williams was injured during the second set Wednesday, but sloppy shotmaking hurt her more, and she lost to Elena Dementieva 6-3, 5-7, 7-6 (3) in the quarterfinals of the Nasdaq-100 Open.

A three-time champion at Key Biscayne, Williams came up short in her bid to reach a semifinal for the first time since Wimbledon in July. Dementieva survived a match point and erratic play of her own to win the tense but unsightly 2 1/2-hour duel.

"It was a very difficult, long, but I think interesting match," the No. 5-seeded Russian said.

The upset had all the characteristics of a Venus loss: She double-faulted 11 times, committed 51 unforced errors and played hurt.

Williams took a nine-minute timeout for treatment when she rolled her right foot in the final game of the second set. She actually played better when the match resumed, winning 14 of the next 17 points to take a 3-0 lead in the last set.

But serving for the match at 5-3, Williams hit four double-faults, including three in a row to lose the game.

"It was sunny and the wind kept blowing and my toss got crazy," she said. "That was not good."

The errant serves didn't surprise Dementieva.

"I just said to myself, 'She's just like you, you know, she can be nervous,'" Dementieva said with a laugh.

There were other missed chances by Williams. She held a



Venus Williams returns the ball to Russia's Elena Dementieva during their Nasdaq-100 Open match.

match point at 6-5 but sailed a forehand long, then committed five unforced errors in the tiebreaker.

Slowed by injuries since last summer, Williams has slipped to No. 17 in the rankings and has played only 10 matches in four events this year, never advancing beyond the quarterfinals. Seeded second at Key Biscayne, she was unable to take advantage of a field missing the world's five highest-ranked players, including No. 1 Justine Henin-Hardenne.

Asked to assess the state of her game, a subdued Williams said: "Just on the up and up."

In men's play, No. 3-seeded

Guillermo Coria became the first semifinalist by beating unseeded Nicolas Kiefer 6-3, 6-3. Coria will play Friday against No. 21 Fernando Gonzalez or unseeded Andrei Pavel.

Williams' defeat spoiled a potential renewal of her sibling rivalry with younger sister Serena in the final Saturday. Instead, Dementieva advanced to the semifinals, where she'll play fellow Russian Nadia Petrova, seeded eighth.

Petrova beat No. 21 Nathalie Dechy 6-2, 6-2.

Top-seeded Serena Williams will play No. 25 Eleni Daniilidou in the other semifinal.

NBA

Defense rests case

Williams' lawyers conclude their arguments in trial

Associated Press

SOMERVILLE, N.J. — The defense rested Wednesday in the Jayson Williams manslaughter trial.

Defense lawyers concluded their case shortly after the former NBA star told a judge that he would not take the stand in his own defense.

"I am innocent, I put my trust in God and I have great confidence in this jury," Williams told Superior Court Judge Edward M. Coleman without the jury present.

Williams said he made the decision after discussions with his wife and defense team.

Defense attorney Billy Martin had said in his opening arguments last month that "Jayson Williams will tell you what happened that night. Jayson Williams will tell you how this horrific, totally unforeseeable accident occurred."

Williams is charged in the February 2002 shooting death of a limousine driver at his Hunterdon County mansion.

The trial, now in its eighth week, is to resume Thursday with prosecution rebuttal witnesses. Coleman told jurors that closing arguments could begin as early as Tuesday.

The defense attempted to show that Williams was not aware that the driver, Costas "Gus" Christofi, 55, was in the bedroom with him while he

was giving a tour of his mansion to friends and members of the Harlem Globetrotters. Williams picked up a shotgun, snapped it shut and it fired, killing Christofi.

Williams, 36, faces eight charges, the most serious of which is aggravated manslaughter. Collectively, they carry up to 55 years in prison. The least of the charges carries a penalty of up to 18 months in prison, but would likely result in probation.

In addition to manslaughter, Williams is charged with attempting to make the shooting look like a suicide and with persuading others to lie that they were downstairs when Christofi shot himself.

The defense concluded its case after presenting five witnesses, including weapons experts who testified that Williams' shotgun was old and prone to misfire. However, both conceded under cross-examination that they couldn't get the gun to fire without pulling the trigger.

The prosecution presented 36 witnesses, two of whom said they heard Williams utter a profanity at the driver before the gun fired.

Williams had gone with some friends to see a Harlem Globetrotters game in Bethlehem, Pa. Christofi had driven four Globetrotters from the game to a restaurant near the Williams estate for dinner with Williams and most of the group. They then went to the mansion in Alexandria Township.

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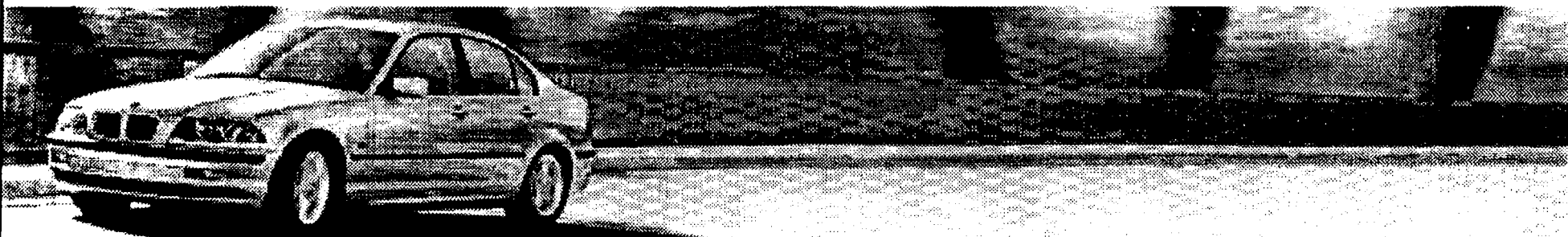
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MLB

Griffey plagued by injuries since homecoming

Outfielder hasn't played a full season since joining Reds

Associated Press

SARASOTA, Fla. — A commercial for a video baseball game came on the clubhouse television, showing sluggers launching balls deep into the seats with ease.

John Vander Wal couldn't resist.

"Hey, that used to be yours — when you were healthy," the pinch-hitter said, kidding the All-Century player seated nearby.

Ken Griffey Jr. just grinned and went on talking to Cincinnati Reds teammates around the folding table. For once, he didn't have a ready comeback for a good-natured tease.

What could he say?

Since his triumphant homecoming in 2000, Griffey's career has been a terrible disappointment for himself and everyone else. A wave of injuries transformed him from All-Century to all-but-forgotten.

Nowadays, A-Rod, Sammy, Nomar and Jeter are the big deals, getting the publicity and the commercials.

Junior? In many ways, the 34-year-old outfielder is treated like old news.

"It's a shame," said shortstop Barry Larkin, a close friend. "It's like he fell out of grace with everyone."

Fans who put up yard signs welcoming him home in February 2000 now ignore him, or worse. The Reds have tried to trade him twice, and will most likely do so again.

Rarely has a star of such magnitude burned out so fast.

"He never got himself off the ground in Cincinnati," said his father, Ken Sr. "That's the unfortunate part of it."

He was the game's best all-around player when he arrived from Seattle, accepting a nine-year, \$116.5 million contract that was well below market value. General manager Jim Bowden insisted that Griffey would more than pay for himself in his hometown.

He couldn't have been more wrong.

Playing in front of huge crowds wearing his No. 30 jersey that first season, Griffey provided a glimpse of his past — 145 games, 40 homers, 118 RBIs — and a hint of what was to come. He tore a hamstring in September, the first such injury of his career.

It hasn't stopped.

He suffered major injuries at the beginning of his next three seasons, turning him into a past-tense player. As the injuries kept coming, his numbers kept declining, along with fan interest.

He played in only 111 games in 2001, when he tore the same hamstring in a different spot. He made only 70 games the next year, when he tore a knee tendon. Last year, he played in a career-low 53 games because of a dislocated shoulder and torn ankle tendon.

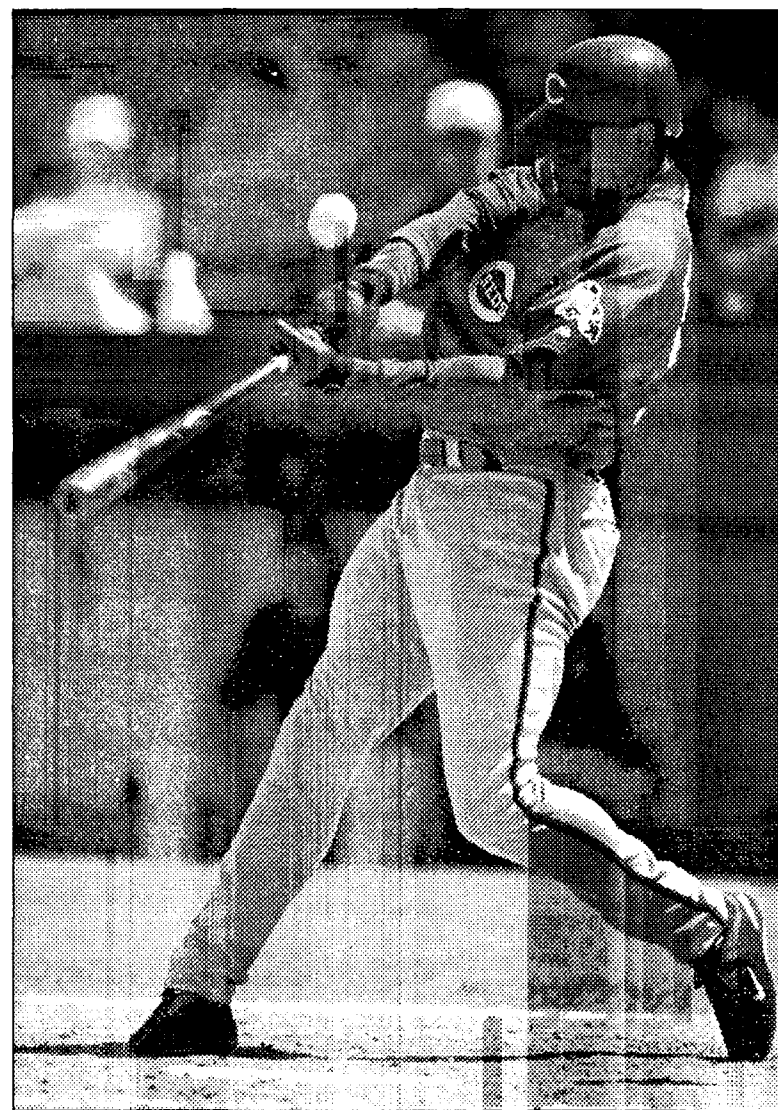
He has spent the last three years rehabilitating injuries, only to get hurt again. Teammates have marveled at his resilience.

"I was just taught at an early age to never give up," Griffey said. "That goes with anything and everything, including rehab. If you want to play, you have to do it."

He desperately wants a full season so he can get back to being an impact player. So do teammates who have encouraged and defended him through three tough years.

"You know the anguish he's had to go through, then all of a sudden it happens again," first baseman Sean Casey said. "It's been one thing after another. Hopefully this is the end of the injuries and he can do some things he's been planning on for a long time."

A healthy Griffey also could silence fans who turned on him. When he dislocated his shoulder while diving for a ball last season, fans in the outfield stands at Great American Ball Park jeered as he rolled on the field in pain.



Cincinnati Reds' hitter Ken Griffey Jr. hits a foul ball in the third inning of a spring training game this season.

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NCAA Div. I Men's Lacrosse

	team	record	points
1	Maryland	7-0	198
2	Johns Hopkins	5-1	190
3	Syracuse	4-1	179
4	Georgetown	5-1	168
5	North Carolina	5-2	156
6	Navy	6-1	145
7	Princeton	3-2	144
8	Duke	4-3	124
9	Cornell	4-1	119
10	Virginia	3-4	104
11	Brown	5-0	99
12	Army	4-2	80
13	NOTRE DAME	2-3	53
14	Rutgers	4-2	61
15	Towson	2-3	42
16	Denver	4-2	39
17	Ohio State	5-2	37
18	Delaware	7-2	35
19	Loyola	2-3	35
20	UMBC	2-3	26

NCAA Div. I Women's Lacrosse

	team	record	points
1	Princeton	7-0	300
2	Georgetown	6-0	284
3	NOTRE DAME	7-0	264
4	Loyola	9-1	253
5	Virginia	8-2	245
6	Duke	6-3	217
7	James Madison	5-2	207
8	Maryland	8-2	203
9	Vanderbilt	5-2	181
10	Syracuse	4-2	154
11	Dartmouth	4-2	152
12	Johns Hopkins	8-0	139
13	UNC	6-3	109
14	Yale	4-3	104
15	Northwestern	6-1	101
16	William & Mary	4-4	60
17	Towson	7-2	46
18	Penn State	2-7	37
19	Richmond	4-4	33

NCAA Softball Top 25

	team	record	points
1	Arizona (25)	36-1	625
2	UCLA	26-1	600
3	California	33-3	575
4	Florida State	37-4	547
5	Georgia	32-6	523
6	LSU	31-7	495
7	Washington	24-7	486
8	Louisiana-Lafayette	30-4	445
9	Michigan	25-6	408
10	Alabama	28-9	376
11	Stanford	27-7	375
12	Tennessee	34-8	349
13	Oklahoma	26-11-1	318
14	Fresno State	25-10	272
15	Oregon	25-9	236
16	Oregon State	30-9	218
17	Florida	31-6	212
18	South Florida	39-7	189
19	Baylor	31-6	156
20	Pacific	21-9	145
21	Nebraska	22-11	127
22	Auburn	26-4	126
23	South Carolina	17-8	114
24	Arizona State	30-14	54
25	Georgia Tech	29-7	44

NBA



Calvin Murphy, right, a former guard for the Houston Rockets, leaves the courtroom March 31 with his attorney, Rusty Hardin. Murphy pleaded not guilty to charges that he molested his five daughters over a decade ago.

Hall of Famer Murphy pleads not guilty

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Tears streaming down his face after appearing in a courtroom Wednesday, former Houston Rockets star Calvin Murphy declared he is innocent of charges he molested five of his daughters.

"I am not guilty of these charges," Murphy said, at times blotting tears with a white hand towel. "I can't emphasize that enough."

The initial court appearance was to make sure Murphy understood the charges against him and he wasn't required to enter a formal plea.

Murphy, 55, was a guard for the Rockets from 1970 to 1983 and was inducted

into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1993.

He has taken a leave of absence from his analyst duties on Rockets telecasts while he fights three charges of indecency with a child and three charges of aggravated sexual assault of a child.

"Obviously, I am missing being the flamboyant commentator that I was before all this happened, but that is not important right now," he said. "What is important right now is what I am doing ... to defend myself, try to get myself exonerated and put my family back together."

Murphy has 10 daughters and four sons with nine women, Harris County

prosecutor Lance Long said.

"You have got to remember this involves my family — the family that I so dearly love — and to be put in a situation like this, and to have a lot of time to think about what has occurred is a travesty for my family," Murphy said.

The five daughters, now adults, claim the abuse occurred from 1988-91, according to an affidavit filed by the Texas Rangers. Murphy contends the claims by his daughters stem from family discord related to a battle over money.

"My heart aches — of course for me because I am in the spotlight — but it really aches for my daughters,

because there are reasons behind this kind of thing that will be brought out later," he said.

Long said at least one daughter said she was as young as 6 when Murphy took her to a hotel room and performed oral sex on her. On another occasion, Long said, Murphy fondled one of the girls after she had moved in with him following her stepfather's death.

Long said he plans to take the case to a grand jury to secure the formal indictment needed to send the case to trial, but wasn't sure how soon the case would be presented. Murphy's next court date is April 27.

IN BRIEF

Garciparra out at least three weeks

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Red Sox shortstop Nomar Garciaparra will start the season on the disabled list with an injured right Achilles' tendon and is expected to be out at least three weeks.

The All-Star slugger said Wednesday that doctors told him to rest. Pokey Reese will be at shortstop when Boston opens the regular season Sunday in Baltimore, and Mark Bellhorn will fill in for Reese at second base.

"I don't like missing more time than I anticipated, but the good thing is we know we have a structured program to be able to talk to all the doctors and get everyone on the same page," Garciaparra said after the team placed him on the disabled list.

"My body will tell me when I'm

ready. Once that happens it shouldn't take me long to get back in the lineup," he said.

Garciaparra was examined Wednesday in Florida by Mark Slovenkai, an ankle and foot specialist from New England Baptist Hospital.

No structural damage was found in the tendon, but the injury was diagnosed as a bruise in the cartilage that covers the tendon. The only treatment is rest.

Garciaparra was injured March 5 when he was hit by a ball during batting practice. He has been limited to just eight at-bats in spring training.

Childress to declare for draft

Stanford forward Josh Childress will declare himself eligible for the NBA draft but still leave open the

option of returning for his senior season.

"I plan on putting my name in and testing it out, testing the waters," Childress said in a telephone interview Wednesday. "I do not plan on hiring an agent right now, just from the standpoint of coming back if I need to."

On Tuesday, the All-American forward told coach Mike Montgomery his decision.

Montgomery had said after the season he expected his leading scorer to return. Stanford, ranked No. 1 in the nation at the time, was knocked out in the second round of the NCAA Tournament by Alabama.

Childress missed the season's first nine games with a left foot injury, then averaged 15.7 points, 7.5 rebounds and 1.6 blocks the rest of the way and earned Pac-10 Player of the Year honors.

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Western

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Notre Dame is coming off a first-place finish at the Hoosier Invitational in Bloomington over the weekend. The Irish defeated St. Louis, Indiana and Western Kentucky.

Two individuals reaped the rewards of the team's recent play, as Steffany Stenglein was named Big East pitcher of the week and Meagan Ruthrauff was named the offensive player of the week.

Stenglein's award-winning

week began when she collected her second career perfect game in a six-inning 9-0 victory over Valparaiso on March 23. She also threw seven scoreless innings against St. Louis, finishing with a combined 22 strikeouts in 13 innings pitched over the two games.

"Steffany has really made a commitment to be more consistent," Gumpf said. "She's done a great job of being more under control. When she gets ahead of hitters, she's a much better pitcher."

Ruthrauff batted 7-for-12 in the games at Valparaiso and the Hoosier Invitational. She collect-

ed three home runs and 10 RBIs during that span.

"Meaghan has been great for us all year," Gumpf said. "She's proving to be an excellent player for the team day-in and day-out."

Western Michigan is coming off a home-opening two-game sweep of Oakland Tuesday, in

which its pitchers allowed three hits and no runs.

Pitcher Laura Stewart threw a no-hitter in the first game. She has been the Broncos' leader on the mound so far this season with a 2.02 ERA and an 8-7 record on the season.

While the Broncos have had

good pitching all season, the offense has not been able to keep up, resulting in the team's losing record so far this year. As a team, Western Michigan has only hit .229 this season.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles split with league foe Albion

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Coming off their sweep of Tri-State, the Belles split league games with Albion Wednesday, dropping the first game 4-3 before bouncing back with a 1-0 win in the second half of the doubleheader.

In the first game, Albion took the lead after three scoreless innings with a run in the bottom of the fourth on an RBI groundout by Sarah Caskey. Saint Mary's responded with a run in the top of the fifth on an Erin Sullivan RBI single, but Albion retook the lead with two runs in the bottom of the inning.

The Belles once again tied the score at three in the top of the sixth inning thanks to a wild pitch and a walk. Albion responded in the bottom of the sixth, however, this time taking the lead for good.

Kate Sajewich threw six solid innings for the Belles, giving up one earned run on seven hits and striking out three batters.

The Belles committed three errors in the game, which proved to be the difference.

In the second game, the two teams played six scoreless innings before Saint Mary's broke the tie in the bottom of the seventh with an RBI double by Sullivan with runners on first and second. Sullivan was 2-for-4 in the game with the RBI. Laura Helene went 2-for-3 with a run scored.

"She had just lined a shot foul down the right field line, and [the pitcher came right back] with a fastball and Erin just crushed it to the fence," coach Anna Welsh said. "[The hit was] definitely very clutch for us."

Libby Wilhemly pitched well for the Belles, giving up four hits in seven scoreless innings, striking out two and walking one.

"She threw very well," Welsh said. "[Our] pitching is ready for conference play. We have to give our pitchers some runs."

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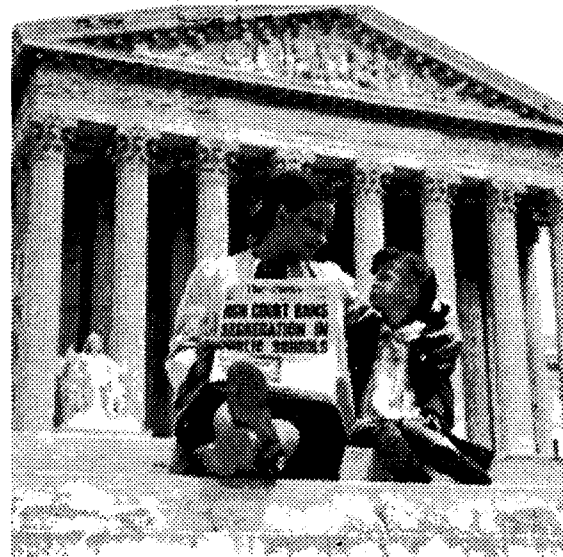
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Jess Stewart a comfortable 4-0 cushion.

Trailing 5-1 in the top of the fourth inning, the Broncos cut Notre Dame's lead in half as shortstop Adam Rosales — who went 2-for-4 on the day — sent a 1-1 Stewart pitch over the right field fence for a two-run homer. The freshman Stewart gave up a single to the next batter but then got three straight outs to end the inning.

Notre Dame would go on to score seven unanswered runs in the next four innings to put the game out of reach.

Freshman pitcher Mike Dury had a notable achievement in relief for the Irish, working three perfect innings in the fifth, sixth and seventh to earn the victory — the first of his career. The 6-foot-5 lefty had only one ball leave the infield and struck out two batters in his three innings.

"At the beginning of the season, I didn't really expect Mike Dury to contribute as much as a pitcher as he has this year," Mainieri said. "He's becoming a guy that the coaches are becoming very confident in out there."

The Irish return to the field today for a 5 p.m. game with Hillsdale College. The game was added to the schedule earlier in the week as a make-up game for the one that was cancelled against Illinois March 14.

The NCAA allows baseball

teams to play a maximum 56-game regular season schedule. Teams often scramble to fill dates that have been rained out or cancelled in order to get in as many games as are allowed. Mainieri says he is excited about the chance to get in an extra game before an important three-game Big East series with Villanova this weekend.

"I actually think [the extra game] helps us," Mainieri said. "I like playing games on Thursdays, because you don't get stale on the two days from Wednesday to Saturday. I'm really grateful to Hillsdale College for wanting to come up and do it."

Irish freshman Chris Vasami will be the starter on the mound for Notre Dame.

Notes:

♦ With strong winds blowing out to right field at Frank Eck Stadium Wednesday, three Irish batters and one Bronco hitter notched home runs — all over the right field fence. For Notre Dame, Edwards, outfielder Craig Cooper and designated hitter Matt Bransfield all hit dingers. Bransfield's homer was his fourth in the last eight games.

Rosales had the lone home run for Western Michigan.

♦ The 17 hits recorded against Western Michigan were the most for the Irish since a 20-hit performance in a 12-11 victory over Southern Illinois March 6.

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Buckeyes

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duced two goals. The drive continued until halftime as the Irish found themselves with a slim 4-3 lead.

"We were playing well defensively and knew that a couple of their goals came from penalties," Peters said. "We wanted to come back in the second half and take over."

The Irish regained focus and came out with intensity in the second half as seniors Matt Howell and Dan Berger both scored goals. The Notre Dame rally gave them a 7-3 advantage heading into the fourth quarter.

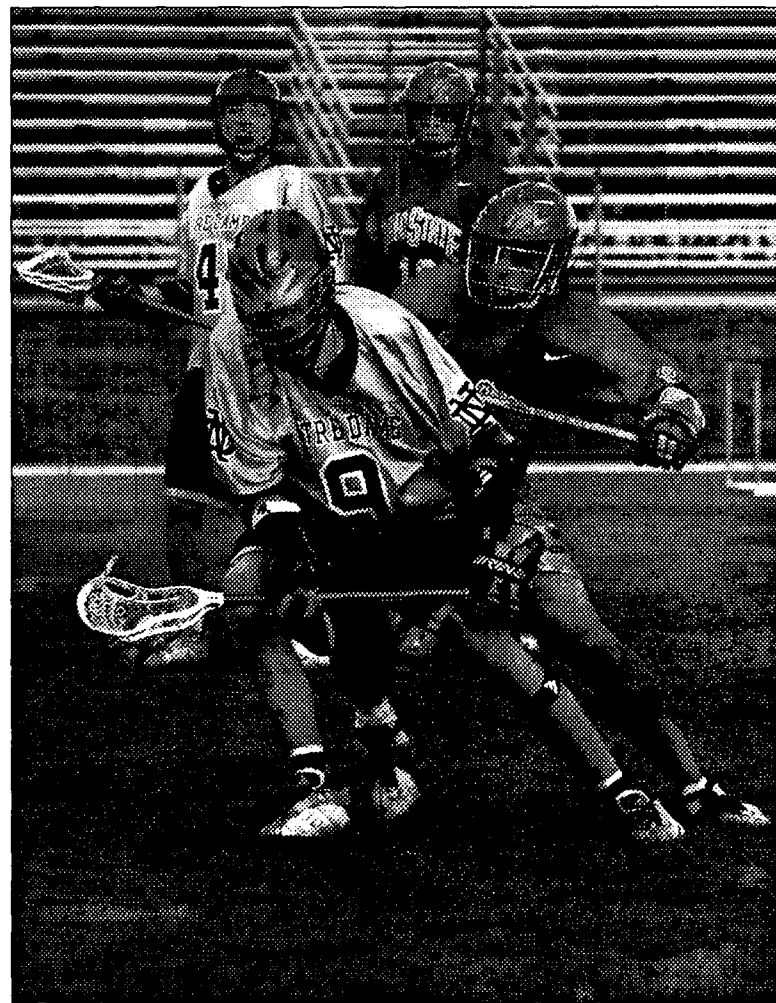
But the Irish were unable to hold off the Ohio State offense for the final quarter. The Buckeyes went on to score four consecutive goals which gave them an 8-7 advantage, their first lead of the game.

"It was disappointing when we found ourselves behind for the first time," midfielder Brian Hubschmann said. "We saw that they were playing the full sixty minutes and that is where we were falling short."

Hubschmann was able to respond for the Irish with 28 seconds left to tie the match 8-8, but the Buckeyes responded with 12 seconds remaining to give them the 9-8 victory.

Notable figures in Wednesday night's game were Hubschmann, who had two goals and two ground balls, and Steve Clagett, who led the team in ground balls with seven.

Tom Randisi was Ohio State's



HILLARY THORNTON/The Observer

Irish midfielder Matt Ryan tries to avoid an Ohio State defender as attackman Dan Berger looks on.

leading scorer with four goals and four ground balls. Josh Lesko led the team with seven.

This is the second consecutive win for Ohio State against Notre Dame.

The Buckeyes defeated the Irish 11-5 last season. Ohio State is now 6-2 after its fifth

straight victory.

Notre Dame stands at 2-4. The Irish's next opponent is Dartmouth Sunday at Moose Krause Stadium.

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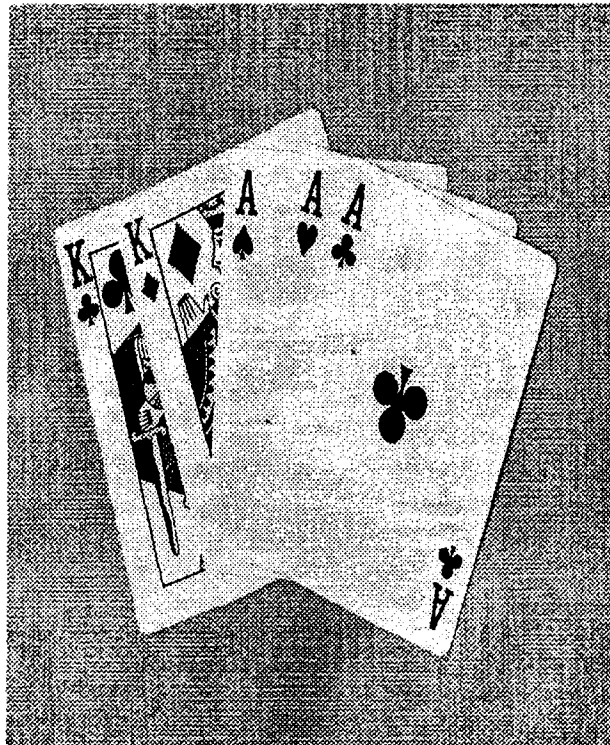
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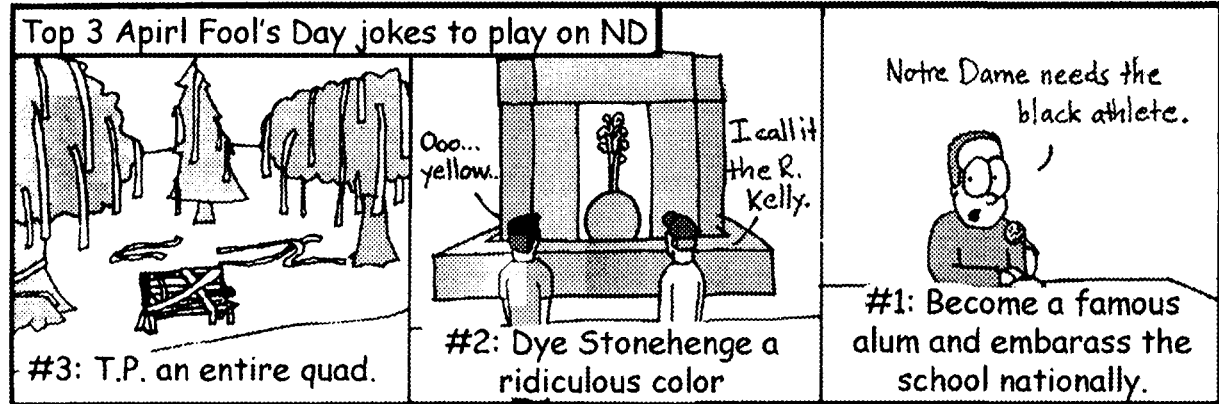
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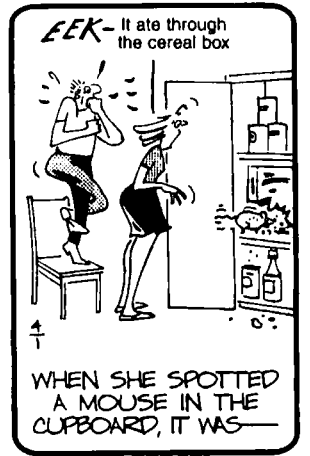
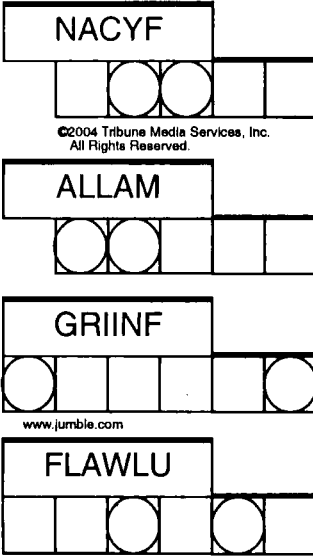


JUMBLE

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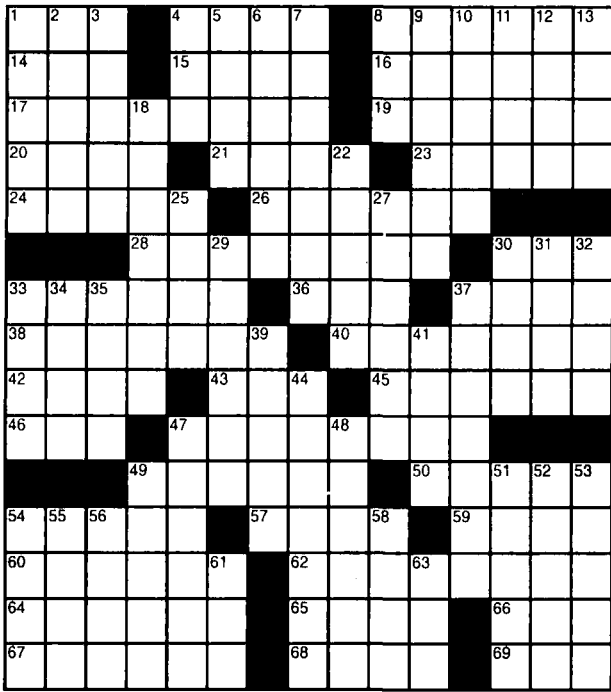
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5 Wrinkles, say
6 Harem keeper
7 Chitchat
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12 Announcements from the cockpit, briefly
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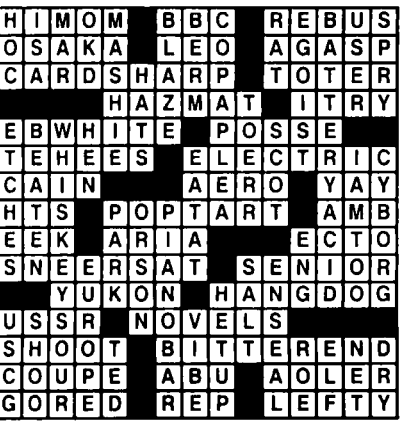


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FOOTBALL

Hornung apologizes for comments

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

Former Heisman Trophy winner Paul Hornung apologized Wednesday for controversial comments he made concerning Notre Dame's admission of athletes during a radio interview Tuesday in Detroit.

Hornung told WXYT-AM — an ESPN-radio affiliate — that Notre Dame must "ease it up a bit" when considering its admission of athletes, especially African-Americans.

"We can't stay as strict as we are as far as the academic structure is concerned because we've got to get the black athlete," he said in the interview. "We must get the black athlete if we want to compete."

On Wednesday, Hornung expressed regret in a telephone interview with the Associated Press.

"I was wrong," he said. "What I should have said is for all athletes it is really tough to get into Notre Dame."

According to the Associated Press, Hornung initially defend-

ed his comments. He apologized after receiving heavy amounts of phone calls and negative response.

Matt Storin, a University spokesperson, called Hornung an "illustrious alumnus" of the school but spoke against the former player's comments.

"Paul Hornung ... in no way speaks for the University, and we strongly disagree with the thesis of his remarks," Storin said. "They are generally insensitive and specifically insulting to our past and current African-American student ath-

letes."

Notre Dame went 5-7 for the 2003 season, its third losing season in the last five years.

According to the Associated Press, Hornung said he believes Notre Dame lowered admission standards in the late 1980s, when the Irish won their last national championship.

"Notre Dame has increased the diversity of its student body significantly in recent years, including its percentage of African-American students," Storin said in response. "Our records show that admission

requirement for athletes have remained constant over those years in which we have had both great success and occasional disappointments with our football teams."

Hornung played quarterback for Notre Dame under coach Terry Brennan and won the Heisman Trophy in 1956. He is the only player in college football history to win the Heisman while playing on a losing team. The 1956 Irish were 2-8.

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BASEBALL

Irish batters buck Broncos, 12-3

Team garners 17 hits as offense erupts on Western Michigan

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Senior Staff Writer

The Irish bats stormed back to life Wednesday night, and No. 5 Notre Dame (18-3) put runs on the board in six straight innings to beat Western Michigan (8-12) at Frank Eck Stadium.

The Irish batters collected 17 hits and scored a dozen runs to cruise to a 12-3 victory over the Broncos.

"I thought today was one of our better games really," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said. "I met with our hitters the other day in practice, and I really challenged them. Here we are 17-3, and they've got a coach that isn't satisfied."

In the last couple of weeks, Mainieri had worried about the lack of hitting from several of Notre Dame's big batters.

"I challenged [the team] to get

a little bit of that swagger back when they go up to the plate in clutch hitting situations," he said.

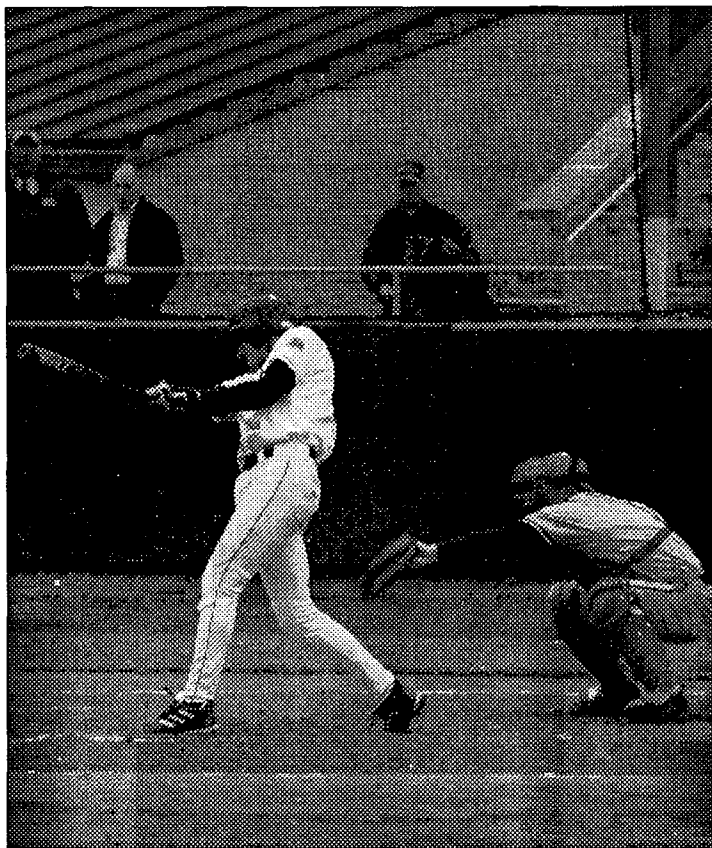
The Irish hitters responded well as second baseman Steve Sollmann went 3-for-5 against the Broncos, third baseman Matt Macri was a perfect 3-for-3 and first baseman Matt Edwards had three RBIs and an opposite-field home run.

Sollmann, who struggled out of the gates to a .227 batting average before a 5-for-11 weekend against West Virginia and a 3-for-5 night Wednesday, now has his average back up to .280 and says he is starting to get back into a rhythm at the plate.

"You go through ups and downs in baseball," Sollmann said. "The one thing you have to do is just keep your confidence. I'm seeing the ball better. I'm keeping things simple and not thinking too much at the plate."

The Irish jumped out to a good start Wednesday, plating four runs in the second inning and giving freshman pitcher

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Observer File Photo
Matt Macri and the Irish accounted for 17 hits Wednesday, the highest total since a 20-hit performance March 4.

ND SOFTBALL

Western Michigan awaits

Irish having more 'complete' season as weather abides

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

What a difference a year makes.

Last season, inclement weather and other factors led to the cancellation of nearly half of Notre Dame's schedule. According to coach Deanna Gumpf, this year's Irish have played about 10 more games than the team had played at this point last season.

"I can't tell you how much of a difference it's been this year," she said. "We have had 10 more games for our team to improve through the season."

"We've played 32 games so far, and we're only halfway through the year. Thirty of those games have been on the road, so we're really looking forward to getting back home and taking advantage of playing on our own field."

The Irish (23-9) still have a few road games before they return to Ivy Field. The team heads to Kalamazoo to face Western Michigan (12-15) today before returning home to face Connecticut in the team's Big East opener Friday afternoon. Both series are doubleheaders.

So far this season, the Irish are batting .266 as a team, with an ERA of 1.13 in 32 games.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Goal with 12 seconds remaining stuns Irish

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

Notre Dame and Ohio State each had spurts of momentum on Wednesday at Moose Krause Stadium. But the Buckeyes had the final spurt, as the Irish fell 9-8 to Ohio State in their first Great Western Lacrosse League game of the season.

Despite establishing a 3-0 lead and holding a 7-4 margin going into the fourth quarter, the Irish fell thanks to a late 5-1 Ohio State surge. The loss marks Notre Dame's fourth in its last five games.

The early barrage of Irish goals was similar to the four-goal onslaught to open a victory over Hofstra last Wednesday. Players knew even after the goals, how-

ever, that a victory over Ohio State would not be easy.

"We felt confident after the first quarter, but we knew that we had to keep it up," midfielder Drew Peters said. "Three goals is not much in lacrosse."

The Buckeyes fought back in the final minutes of the first quarter and pro-

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

SMC SOFTBALL

Saint Mary's splits with Albion

The 8-12 Belles split a doubleheader with its MIAA opponent.

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MLB

Griffey plagued by injury

Since returning home to Cincinnati, Ken Griffey, Jr. has seen his career suffer due to injuries.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Deventieva def. Williams

A Russian player took advantage of Venus Williams' sprained right ankle to win in the Nasdaq-100 Open.

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NFL

Rule changes could lengthen games

The owners express concern that instant replay changes could make games longer.

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SOCCER

United States 1 Poland 0

DaMarcus Beasley scored to lift the U.S. to a victory in Wednesday's exhibition.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Okafor reinjured in practice

Connecticut center Emeka Okafor reinjured his back in practice but will play Saturday against Duke.

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