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Leaders reflect as terms come to a close

Istvan, Bell: faith in government restored

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

For Adam Istvan, even the so-far stalled struggle against the dome's scaffolding has its silver — or rather, golden — lining. Though it will bring him no joy as a senior at commencement, as outgoing student body president, he sees the situation surrounding the Main Building's renovations as confirmation that he has fulfilled his campaign promise of restoring faith in student government and breaking down campus apathy.

"When seniors had a problem with [the dome scaffolding], they came right to student government to help and represent them," Istvan said. "But when the alcohol policy was instituted a few years ago, there were unorganized, sporadic protests everywhere. I think this shows that the students are beginning to trust that we will work for them to get things done, and really, that's huge."

Intangible strides aside, Istvan, vice president Karla

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Outgoing Notre Dame student body president Adam Istvan and vice president Karla Bell, above, and Saint Mary's president Sarah Catherine White and vice president Mary Pauline Moran, at left, end their terms today.

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Mooney, SAGA flank White-Moran era

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Saint Mary's Editor

Today marks the end of another Saint Mary's student government administration, and for president Sarah Catherine White and vice president Mary Pauline Moran, it concludes a year that began with the excitement of a new college president and ended with the gravity of the approval of a gay-straight alliance.

Elected in January 2004 over then-vice president Sarah Brown and Michelle Fitzgerald, White and Moran were immediately handed the task of welcoming former Notre Dame vice president and associate provost and incoming Saint Mary's president Carol Mooney to campus.

"At the beginning of our term we set out to 'ring' in the changes that were planned to enliven our campus this year, especially welcoming Dr. Mooney as our president," the two outgoing officers wrote in an e-mail.

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SENATE

Members say farewell amid tears and smiles



Sen. Erik Powers addresses representatives, proposing the renaming of Spring Break to "Erik and Alec's Week of Awesomeness."

By MADDIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

Between tears and laughs, senators made their goodbyes, heard discussion and passed a flurry of resolutions, setting an example for the newly elected representatives crowding the room at the current Student Senate's final meeting Wednesday night.

"When I was trying to figure out what to say at my last officer report at the last Senate meeting, first I was going to write a

scathing report about how the administration treats us like children," student body president Adam Istvan said. "But we've already been there, so I'm not going to do that."

Istvan then said that when he next tried to come up with "something profound to change everyone's lives," all that resulted was a blank sheet of paper.

"I guess all I can say is thank you to everyone," Istvan said. "It's been an incredible year."

He cited the implementation of

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Journalist remembers Vatican II

Newsweek editor analyzes media coverage of Pope John XXIII

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Saint Mary's Editor

Speaking to a room filled to capacity, author and contributing editor at Newsweek magazine Kenneth Woodward lectured on media coverage of Pope John XXIII and the Second Vatican Council Wednesday at Saint Mary's.

The selection of Pope John 23rd as the new pontiff in 1958 was initially perceived by the media, and then subsequently portrayed to the public, as a way to buy time for church officials,

Woodward said. His age meant Pope John would head the church only for a few years, while in the meantime a successor could be anointed.

It was no wonder then, Woodward said, that when the Pope decided to convene a council to revise canon law, the magnitude of such an event was not initially recognized.

Newspapers in England, Ireland and Australia had little coverage of the three years of preparation that went into the first of four council sessions that would eventually conclude with

major changes in church teachings, Woodward said.

Pope John and his council received more attention in the United States, Woodward said. The large Catholic population in the country made it more of an issue, and even Protestants were interested in what the world's most prominent Christian leader would say. Further, a rising political star added to media coverage, Woodward said.

"In 1959 a Catholic, John F. Kennedy, was running for the Democratic nomination for president of a country that

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Lightning causes power outage

By KATE ANTONACCI
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More than 50 buildings on Notre Dame's campus were temporarily without power Wednesday evening when lightning struck a main power line of American Electric Power (AEP), the company supplying Notre

Dame with much of its electricity. The outage occurred at 11:09 p.m. and concluded at approximately 11:29 p.m., said Shawn Annis, operation supervisor at Notre Dame's power plant.

"The one [power outage] we just had a little bit ago was just from the storm coming through," Annis said just after the incident. "It was

an electric strike on the main lines."

As a way to protect Notre Dame's electric equipment, the breakers opened up and temporarily shut down power, Annis said.

"They [AEP] still had power; we just had to wait for the storm to move

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INSIDE COLUMN

Dome has meaning

Two days ago, a friend perfectly described how the scaffolding around the golden dome has made the seniors feel this year. Driving back from Easter break, she recalled seeing the dome and saying: "It makes me want to throw up."

Well put.

And if seeing the dome looking so unattractive didn't make me queasy, reading about Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves' attitude toward the importance of it certainly did.

Affleck-Graves, the administration's representative on the issue, is quoted as saying in yesterday's Observer, "Honestly, I did not anticipate the huge reaction," and "Graduation is not about the physical dome. You don't remember standing in front of it getting your picture taken. ... There could be no dome and it would be a fabulous time."

While I credit Affleck-Graves for taking personal responsibility for keeping the scaffolding a secret from students, I'm still hurt. That a University official would make such a comment is personally disheartening to me. I expected more from this University and its administrators.

But maybe that's the problem. Maybe we students truly understand the meaning of certain places on this campus better than some of the administration. Fault the seniors for actually thinking the dome has meaning on graduation day. Blame them for making travel arrangements for grandparents or aunts or nephews to make cross-country and cross-world trips for just one chance to share with them one of the most sacred aspects of this University. Hold them responsible for seeing the dome and instantly remembering what this place stands for and why they chose it as their university.

I have heard the reasons for the scaffolding — money, costs, weather. But I would hope that the administration would realize how important this is to its students.

Attending Notre Dame was my lifelong dream and I did everything I could to get accepted. I prayed every night in high school for this opportunity.

Why? Because I remember coming out to Notre Dame football games at age 6 with my dad and getting butterflies in my stomach when we drove between mile marker 78 and 77, straining my neck to sneak a peek of that beautiful dome in between the tall trees.

I remember being downright giddy as we walked toward the dome, making sure to never step on the grass in God Quad and never, ever walk up the front staircase.

And I remember feeling an emptiness as we drove back to Ohio after the game, knowing it'd be another year until I'd see that golden dome again.

Once I attended school here, things didn't change. I can't count the times I've walked in God Quad, looked up to see that golden structure and said a quick prayer of thanks.

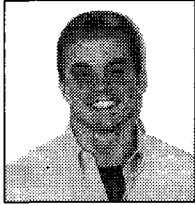
No, graduation isn't about a physical building. But it is about what that physical building symbolizes and means to countless people across this world. It is about how that building touches people, pulls at their emotions when they see it. It is about the way that the golden dome, and what it stands for, triggers a sense of pride at being a part of this great school.

That's why it's important. Not because students want something real pretty to have in the background of their graduation picture. The seniors want an unobstructed Golden Dome on graduation day because it encompasses everything that is Notre Dame. We seniors are only embracing something that you, the University, taught us.

If you don't understand that, you don't understand Notre Dame.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Senior Staff Writer

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE ICE CREAM FLAVOR AND WHY?



Al Klein

junior
Keough

"Blue moon, because the taste is out of this world!"



Courtney Darlington

freshman
McGlinn

"Mint chocolate chip ... cookie dough ... black raspberry ... I don't know, I like everything."



Michelle Brintnall

freshman
McGlinn

"If they had anything that tasted like pina colada, I'd be all over it."



Paul Carlson

freshman
Dillon

"My horse bucked me off into a vat of ice cream as a child. I almost drowned. Yeah, I don't like ice cream."



Chris DeStephano

junior
Keough

"Sherbet — it gets the job done."



Emily Rhatiean

freshman
McGlinn

"I'm gonna have to go with frozen custard."



DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Dr. Philip Sakimoto gave a guest lecture entitled "The Universe and Everything In It" in DeBartolo Wednesday night. The talk included some of NASA's plans for the near future.

IN BRIEF

A conference entitled "Contemporary Catholicism, Religious Pluralism and Democracy in Latin America: Challenges, Responses, and Impact" will take place at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies today from 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The National Prison Rape Elimination Commission will hold an open meeting from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 in McKenna Hall.

A panel symposium entitled "After Objectivity: What Moral Norms should Govern Reporting and Commentary?" will take place tonight from 6 p.m. to 7:30 in the Eck Visitors' Center auditorium. The event is cosponsored by the "Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics and Public Policy" and the White Center on Law and Government.

Lynn Davey, director of the Maine non-profit agency Kids Count, will give a talk entitled "Reframing Children's Issues to Move Public Policy" today at 4:30 p.m. in room 131 of Decio Hall as part of the 2005 Women of Notre Dame Series.

Mura Christopher, president and chief executive officer of the Center for Practical Bioethics in Kansas City will give a lecture entitled "Decision Making Challenges at the End of Life" tonight at 7 p.m. in McKenna Hall. The event is part of the "Advances in Supportive and Palliative Care" conference.

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

OFFBEAT

Thief Steals Poop From Woman Walking Dog

SAN WALKO — The hunt is on for a turd burglar. Police in San Diego are searching for a gunman who swiped a bag of poop from a woman out walking her dog.

The woman told police that she was out walking her dog, Misty, on Monday night when a man in his 20s ran up behind her and grabbed the bag she was holding.

When the gunman discovered what was in it, he threw it down in disgust, pointed his gun at the 32-year-old woman and

demanded money, San Diego police detective Gary Hassen said.

He then aimed his .22-caliber semiautomatic at Misty and pulled the trigger twice but the gun didn't fire, Hassen said.

Woman Insists She's Not a Day Over 105

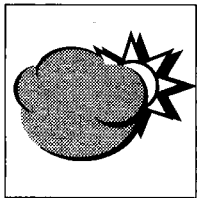
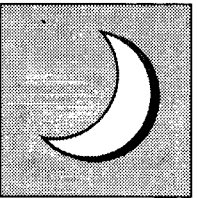
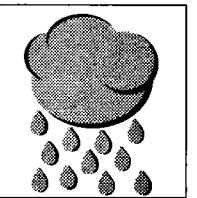
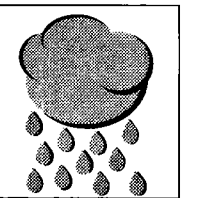
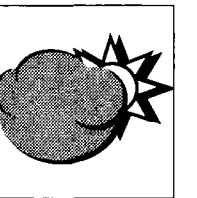
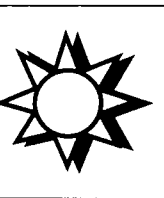
RED LION, Pa. — Minnie Stein had just one complaint on her 106th birthday. She was sure she was only 105. "She always thought that she was a year younger," Stein's daughter, Joan Gillespie, said on her mother's birthday

Tuesday.

But Gillespie said a birth certificate obtained from Harrisburg showed that her mother was born in 1899. "She was not happy about it at all!"

Stein struggles to hear and see. She makes her way around her small apartment, 26 steps up from the street, slowly but steadily and resists entreaties to move in with family members or into an assisted living home. "She won't hear of it," Gillespie said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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LOCAL WEATHER						
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Faculty members address controversial Schiavo case

Notre Dame Law School professors debate issues of morality and legality in front of audience, television cameras

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Writer

While temperatures rose throughout the region Wednesday afternoon, temperaments were heightened in the Notre Dame Law School courtroom during a faculty discussion of the controversial Terri Schiavo case. Before a full audience and television coverage, four members of the law school faculty — John Robinson, A.J. Bellia, Richard Garnett and John Finnis — presented brief accounts of specific aspects of the case.

Professor M. Cathleen Kaveny of the law school and the theology department moderated the discussion.

"This case raises a number of issues from the perspective of morality and the perspective of law," she said. "Sometimes as we sort through these issues, it can become confusing, so we at the law school wanted to facilitate a discussion [on the case]."

Associate Professor Robinson initiated the discussion by addressing the question, "What does the Catholic tradition say about artificial nutrition and hydration for patients in a persistent vegetative state?"

"Beginning in the 16th century in Spain, Catholic moral teaching on medicine developed a distinction between ordinary and extraordinary care," he said. "Every person and especially every Catholic must use ordinary

means to preserve his own life, but there is no obligation to use extraordinary means."

Robinson went on to enumerate the ways in which care could be categorized as extraordinary.

"If the means used to preserve life were too painful, then they are extraordinary," he said. "In the age before anesthetics, refusing amputation was justified even in the face of death. Care could also be considered too expensive or too repugnant to be ordinary."

Robinson also mentioned that in 2004, Pope John Paul II stated that "the administration of water and food, even when provided by artificial means, always represents a natural means of preserving life, not a medical act," rendering such provision morally necessary.

Associate Professor Bellia followed with a presentation on the question, "Can and should congress give the federal courts jurisdiction to hear a case already decided by the Florida courts?"

Bellia referred to a statement made by Bishop John D'Arcy of the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese in which the Bishop echoed the Pope's comment that food and water represent an ordinary means of preserving life.

"The question arises, why should we spend time discussing who has authority if what is happening in Florida is morally wrong? Why not just take whatever means necessary to change it?" he said.

Bellia proceeded to emphasize

the importance to abiding by the law, even in such excruciating cases as that of Schiavo.

"The rule of law is not an amoral concept," he said. "It is what creates an order that allows each of us to pursue certain ends in this life. To appreciate all aspects of this case, we must examine the rule of law."

He then discussed various legal aspects of the interplay between the state and federal courts.

"This case is notable because Congress gave an inferior federal court the power to review judgments of a state court," he said. "This is a matter that has never been tested, and it is a substantial issue."

Associate Professor Garnett developed dialogue on the subject, "Were Terri Schiavo's religious-freedom rights violated?"

Garnett noted three different dimensions of the problem in this case.

"The first [dimension] is whether Ms. Schiavo's access to the sacraments is being provided," he said. "My understanding is that she was given Holy Communion at the time the tubes were removed by way of a drop of wine."

The second aspect of the case deals with religious freedom case that the Schindlers [Schiavo's parents] submitted, Garnett said. He discussed the complaints that had been brought under the 2000 statute Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act, which protects the religious free-



DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Notre Dame faculty served as panel members in a discussion about morality, law and the fate of Terri Schiavo Wednesday.

doms of people living in certain types of government institutions.

Garnett's final point dealt with the role of religious freedom debates in the public forum.

"The religious believer, like everyone else, has the right to get out in the public square," he said. "Nothing is turning us into a theocracy just because some people who are trying to save Terri Schiavo happen to be religious."

Professor Finnis developed the dialogue on the subject, "How do law and morality relate in the Schiavo case?"

He explained that it is important to decide whether the benefits of caring for an individual like Terri Schiavo outweigh the bur-

dens of continuing care.

"The law must uphold fairness against partiality," he said. "The comparative burdens and benefits of caring for patients in such condition are similar to those of caring for a senile, severely retarded or hopelessly insane person."

He discussed the issue of whether the continuance of life in a vegetative state is an undignified existence that would justify the removal of feeding devices.

After the presentations concluded, the floor was opened to the audience for questions.

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Farewell

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Fair Trade coffee in the dining halls and the Huddle, as well as "one mildly [successful] and one extremely successful Board of Trustees Report," as highlights from the current administration.

Istvan said he hoped the new senators would make sure the University follows through with the changes proposed by student government.

"It's the job of the people sitting on the outside of this room to be diligent," Istvan said.

"It's been a tough year for Notre Dame," he added, referring to the firing of head football coach Tyrone Willingham, the resignation of trustee David Duerson and the changing of University presidents.

"But I can't say the same for us," he continued. "We've persevered through problems — and they [members of the administration] are starting to listen to us."

Istvan said the fact that the administration initiated a meeting with him and senior class president Darrell Scott about the regilding of the golden dome was a sign of the student voice being heard.

Student body vice president Karla Bell gave a more emotional farewell than Istvan.

"Thank you for your commitment, your support, your enthusiasm," Bell said, pausing to wipe away tears. "Your passion inspires me."

Bell advised senators to "always believe in the possibility of change" and said it was important "to look back and [say], 'I'm glad I made time for

that.'"

Chief executive assistant and student body president-elect Dave Baron thanked Istvan and Bell for the pair's service in student government.

Baron incited applause by praising the pair's leadership skills, acknowledging "Karla, whose enthusiasm for making student life better is just contagious, and Adam, who made us realize there are some things you just can't compromise on."

Following these farewell addresses, Ryan Willerton, assistant director of the Office for Student Activities, spoke about "From Old to Gold," a year-end campus yard sale created by a partnership between the University and United Way of St. Joseph's County.

"All proceeds raised will go to the United Way of St. Joseph's County," Willerton said, explaining that students are encouraged to donate gently used or new belongings to the sale to be held in the Notre Dame Stadium on May 21.

Willerton also discussed the options for shipping belongings home or storing them in hall storage trailers.

In other Senate news:

♦Judicial Council president Brin Anderson appeared before the Senate to present the Student Union Ethics Committee's selection for the Michael J. Palumbo award: Siegfried senator James Leito.

According to a letter written by Anderson and presented to the Senate, the award "honors an undergraduate student for their outstanding dedication and service to the Notre Dame Student Union."

The Senate approved Leito as

the honoree of the award.

♦Residence Life Committee member Brendan McHugh presented a resolution on the Ruckus Network designed to provide Notre Dame with a legal alternative to pirating music and movies from the Internet.

McHugh said that the only payments would be for students to download music or movies.

"It's free to the University to facilitate the service," McHugh said, explaining that students could either pay by credit card or as an item in their tuition bill. The Senate passed the resolution.

♦Sarah Bates presented the Residence Life Committee's second resolution regarding same-gender activities for future Freshman Orientations.

Bates said members of her committee and focus groups that discussed the recent Board of Trustees report felt there needed to be "activity between dorms of the same sex [during Freshman Orientation] so we're not just pressuring students to meet members of the opposite sex."

The resolution passed, meaning a letter will be sent to next year's Frosh-O staff recommending that all dorms must engage in a minimum of one same-gender interhall activity and that an award be added to the weekend for "Best Intra-gender Activity."

♦Committee on University Affairs chair Katie Boyle explained a resolution on capping the maximum punishment for first-time parietals offenders, proposing that a first-time offender should not be removed from his or her residence hall. The Senate passed the resolution.

♦Sparkling laughter among his

peers, Sorin senator Erik Powers stood before the Senate and asked members to reconsider a motion previously proposed by him and former presidential running mate Alec White to change the name of Spring Break to "Erik and Alec's Week of Awesomeness."

"People say that student government doesn't get much done," Powers said. "This is something tangible."

Reasoning with senators, Powers continued, "If you're not going to do it for your dorm, do it for yourself. If you're not going to do it for yourself, do it for Alec and [me]."

The resolution passed, although Istvan immediately said, "I'm going to have to pocket that."

Powers was also the subject of a resolution read by Baron entitled "Resolution Bestowing Erik Powers Emeritus Status to Erik Powers."

Designed since "no award or accreditation really exists in the Student Union that could adequately give [senator] Powers his due recognition," the resolution praised Powers' "ingenuity and providential inspiration to showcase three different hairdos during the year: Classic All-American Powers, the Blonde Artificial Comb Over and the Skinny Stone Cold Steve Austin."

The resolution passed without opposition.

♦Without discussion, the Senate passed a resolution read by Bell recognizing the national champion fencing team. The resolution will be sent to the team's coach in congratulations.

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Seminar to honor Catholic historian

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame's Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism will host a conference entitled "The Future of American Catholic History" April 8 and 9 at McKenna Hall.

The conference is being held in honor of Christopher Kauffman, editor of the journal U.S. Catholic Historian and author of numerous books and articles on American Catholic history.

"Chris Kauffman's scholarship has certainly expanded the study of U.S. Catholic history," said Timothy Matovina, director of the Cushwa Center, "but his contribution of mentoring younger scholars is even greater, especially through his editorship of U.S. Catholic Historian. As one of the many beneficiaries of his enabling leadership, I'm delighted that my colleagues and I are able to host a conference that will further develop the field to which Chris has dedicated his life's work."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. citizen taken hostage in Iraq

WASHINGTON — A U.S. citizen was taken hostage in Iraq this week along with three Romanian journalists, the State Department said Wednesday.

The three Romanians disappeared Monday shortly after interviewing interim Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi. There was no official word that an American had been taken hostage with them until State Department deputy spokesman Adam Ereli confirmed it Wednesday night. He released no further information.

One of the Romanian journalists was able to report the hostage-taking by sending a text message back to her office.

The kidnappings occurred near the journalists' Baghdad hotel.

Fatah militants fire on West Bank

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Palestinian militants fired Wednesday at Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas' West Bank headquarters while he was in the compound, but he was not injured, security officials said.

Later, the 15 gunmen — who said they belong to an armed group linked to the ruling Fatah movement — went on a shooting rampage throughout the city of Ramallah, damaging several restaurants and forcing shops to close, witnesses and officials said.

Internal fighting has plagued the Palestinian territories for months, largely the result of a breakdown in authority and command caused by more than four years of fighting with Israel that severely debilitated the security forces and other Palestinian Authority institutions.

NATIONAL NEWS

Study documents military assaults

WASHINGTON — A task force examining sexual assaults at U.S. military academies said Wednesday that counselors and cadets are confused about confidentiality rules, affecting efforts to reduce the number of attacks.

The panel, created by Congress last year after reports of assaults at the Air Force Academy in Colorado, is studying the situations at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., and the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

Members of the task force said at a public hearing that they had found significant gaps in understanding by cadets and midshipmen about whom they can turn to in total confidence if they are sexually assaulted.

Retired Maj. Gen. Mike Nardotti Jr. said that under the current rules, a victim's initial statements to a psychotherapist can be obtained by military officials in a court-martial.

California Secretary sworn in

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A former lawmaker was sworn in Wednesday as California secretary of state, and quickly promised to restore public confidence in the beleaguered office.

Former state Sen. Bruce McPherson, 61, a Republican nominated by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to replace former Secretary of State Kevin Shelley, vowed not to let down the state or the office's staff.

LOCAL NEWS

Daylight savings bill revived

INDIANAPOLIS — Daylight-saving time started ticking again in the General Assembly on Wednesday after lawmakers inserted provisions that would mandate statewide observance of the clock change into an unrelated bill.

The House Public Policy Committee stripped a speed-limit bill of its contents, replaced them with the daylight-time language, and then voted 8-4 to send the new bill to the full House for consideration. It could be eligible for a vote next week, and the bill's sponsor, Republican Rep. Jerry Torr of Carmel, said he believes it will pass the House.

VATICAN CITY

Frail pope requires feeding tube

Vatican officials claim extra medical aid is needed to improve John Paul II's health

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — In another sign of Pope John Paul II's growing frailty, the Vatican said Wednesday that the 84-year-old pontiff was getting nutrition from a tube in his nose and acknowledged his convalescence from throat surgery last month has been "slow."

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said John Paul was fitted with a nasogastric tube to "improve the calorie intake" and help him recover his strength.

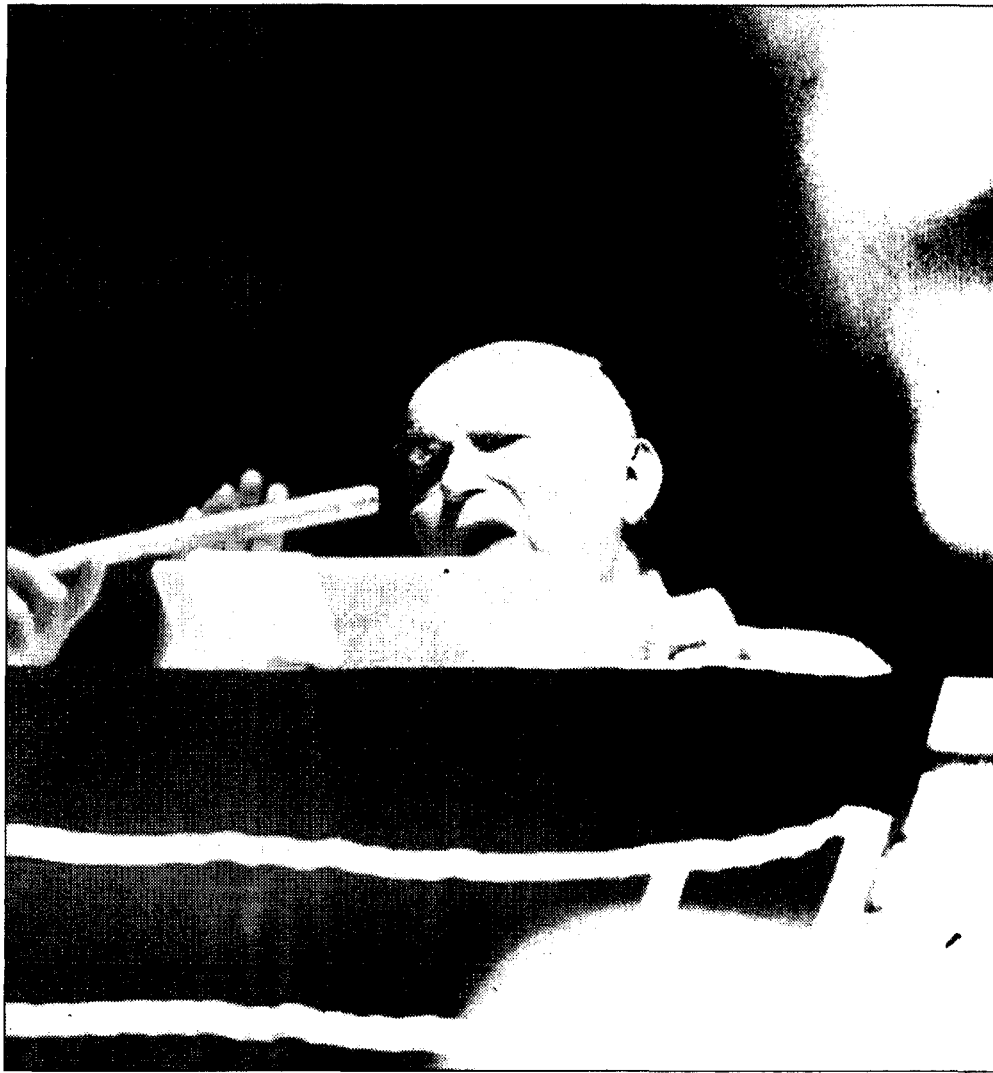
The statement was issued shortly after the pope tried unsuccessfully to speak to the crowds in St. Peter's Square for the second time in a week. After managing just a rasp of his voice, he blessed well-wishers by making the sign of the cross with his hand and withdrew from his window.

A nasogastric tube is common in people requiring supplemental nutrition. The tube is threaded down the nose and throat into the stomach and liquid food is fed through it. While uncomfortable, no sedation or surgery is required. The patient can eat and speak with the tube in place.

Dr. Barbara Paris, director of geriatrics at Maimonides Medical Center in New York City, said the tube might be just a temporary measure to boost John Paul's nutrition during his recovery.

But she said it also could be the first step toward a more permanent feeding tube. In that procedure — known as PEG, for percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy — a surgical incision is made in the abdomen to permit a tube to be passed directly into the stomach.

The nasogastric tube is less invasive and simpler than the PEG procedure, but is not generally used for long-term supplement-



Pope John Paul II appears at the window of his studio overlooking St. Peter's Square at the Vatican yesterday. He tried to speak, but the words were not clear.

tal feeding, Paris said.

Terri Schiavo, the severely brain-damaged woman at the center of a legal battle in the United States, was fed for years by a PEG tube before it was removed this month.

It wasn't clear when the pope's nasogastric tube was inserted, but it was first acknowledged by the Vatican on Wednesday. None was visible during John Paul's brief appearance at the window Wednesday.

Italian media have said the pope's doctors were considering a PEG tube because John Paul was having trouble swallowing. The procedure must be done in a hospital, and Navarro-Valls' statement

appeared to indirectly deny any hospitalization was planned. Another Vatican official confirmed there was no plan to return John Paul to the hospital.

In the Vatican's statement, the first medical report on John Paul since March 10, Navarro-Valls said the pope was continuing a "slow and progressive convalescence" from a tracheotomy Feb. 24. In that surgery, a tube was inserted in the pope's throat to help him breathe.

The spokesman said John Paul spends "many hours" seated in an armchair, celebrates Mass in his private chapel and has work contacts with his aides "following directly

the activities of the Holy See and the life of the church."

But Navarro-Valls said the pontiff's public audiences remain suspended.

He said medical assistance was being provided by the Vatican medical staff under the direction of the pope's personal physician, Dr. Renato Buzzonetti — an apparent reference to reports that outside medical help had been called in.

The insertion of the feeding tube was the latest in a series of interventions for the pontiff, who has battled Parkinson's disease for years as well as hip and knee ailments that have made it virtually impossible for him to stand.

Bill allows religious texts in public

Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — The Mississippi House on Wednesday overwhelmingly approved a bill that would allow the Ten Commandments and other religious texts to be placed in public buildings, a day after the Senate also approved it.

The legislation now goes before Republican Gov. Haley Barbour, who is "inclined to sign" it, said his spokesman, Pete Smith.

The measure passed the House 97-15 and the Senate 40-4 despite warnings from some lawmakers that the state should wait until the

U.S. Supreme Court rules on the constitutionality of displaying the Ten Commandments on public property.

Mississippi has had a law since 2001 requiring the motto "In God We Trust" to be posted in public schools. The new bill would allow the motto, the Ten Commandments and excerpts from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount to be posted in all public buildings.

Democratic Sen. Johnnie Walls unsuccessfully tried to kill the bill Tuesday.

"What we're attempting to do here is proselytize our religion," he

said. "We're setting ourselves up for a lot of ridicule. Again, Mississippi will look less than progressive."

Other lawmakers defended the state's right to decide the issue.

"Maybe the Supreme Court will say this is not legal," said Republican Sen. Alan Nunnelee. "Just because the Supreme Court says something doesn't mean that it's right."

The high court heard arguments earlier this month in cases involving a 6-foot granite monument on the Texas Capitol grounds and framed copies of the commandments in two Kentucky courthouses.

Istvan

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Bell and chief executive assistant Dave Baron can count the institution of the Huddle Video and Fair Trade coffee, decisive movement on the Teacher Course Evaluation issue, development of an off-campus safety seminar and sharpened focus on the issues of sexual assault, eating disorders and diversity as part of the progress made during their term.

Istvan said that excepting the SYR issue — which he said was clearly pushed off the table by vice president for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman during a meeting before the term began — everything on the “to do” list he wrote on his first day in office had a check beside it.

Bell and Istvan refused to take sole credit for these projects, however, explaining that only this year's student government, which they likened to a “family,” could have accomplished them.

“Everything we did this year was a joint effort by everyone in student government, from senators down to committee members whose names don't usually get to be printed,” Bell said.

Tipping his hat specifically to the Student Senate and the Student Union Board, Istvan added that he felt all of the groups were more cohesive and professional this year than in the past. The focus on constructive discussion and action allowed stagnant projects to get back in motion, he said.

“When people say that student government can't do anything, it's a self-fulfilling prophecy,” Istvan said. “After three years of talking about getting DVDs in [LaFortune], we just decided to do it and got it done. After this term, we're all starting to realize that [student government] has a lot more power than we thought, if you have the right motivation.”

Though unrealized plans like the ND Safebus — proposed during the October Board of Trustees Report and knocked off the radar shortly thereafter in part because of liability issues — dot their legacy, Istvan and Bell say they have no real regrets looking back at the past year.

“Sure, I wish we had been able to do more about the SafeBus, but we found a different option that will help students get to and from off-campus hot spots, even though the student government can't officially endorse it,” Istvan said.

“We accomplished a lot of things,” he added. “When our term started, very few of the student government members were left over from the last year. Next year, over half of the senators will be working with the student government in some capacity. Would they stay involved if they didn't know they could be productive?”

But the year was not without its struggles, as the pair worked to get a handle on the government structure revamped by a new constitution — a situation made more difficult by their lack of strong experience with student government coming into office.

“Personally, I didn't always think I was capable of getting everything done I needed to

get done, and was overwhelmed at first,” Bell said. “But you build up confidence after a while.”

Istvan, now a seasoned veteran, told incoming president Baron to remember to delegate — a technique he said that he and Bell had to learn the hard way.

“You eventually learn this job isn't doing everything that needs to be done yourself, but making sure everything that needs to be done gets done,” Istvan said. “You also learn that if you want realize your goals, there are some things you just can't compromise on.”

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Arts center names top official

Laura Moran to serve as marketing director

Special to The Observer

Laura Moran, most recently director of Notre Dame Media Group, has been appointed director of marketing for the University's new Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

In her new role, Moran will oversee marketing efforts for all events at the DeBartolo Center, a 151,000-square-foot, \$64 million building

with five performance halls that opened last fall.

Moran joined the staff of Notre Dame Media Group, the University's on-campus marketing communications agency, in 2001 and had served as director since 2003, overseeing the expansion of the department to include marketing planning and Web design. Under her leadership, the Media Group received recognition for its work from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, the American Advertising Federation and the Publicity Club of

Chicago.

A longtime supporter of the arts in South Bend, Moran has been involved with local arts presenters and performers for many years and has completed contract work for national promoters and booking agents and served as a marketing and advertising consultant for the Morris Performing Arts Center, Lampkin Music Group and South Bend Civic Theater, for which she is a member of the marketing committee and a regular volunteer at the theater's box office.



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IN BRIEF

Mark Hurd named HP president

PAILO ALTO, Calif. — The newly appointed leader of the Hewlett-Packard Co. acknowledged Wednesday that the computer and printer maker is ailing but stopped short of saying whether the Silicon Valley stalwart should remain intact.

A day after being named president and chief executive, Mark Hurd, 48, said he plans to take several months to learn about the diversified technology company, with one of his first priorities being comprehensive financial evaluations of its five divisions and dozens of product lines.

Director Patricia Dunn told reporters she expected Hurd to overcome the most daunting obstacle — learning and blending into HP's fraternal corporate culture, known as "the HP way" — within six months.

Three firms charged with scams

WASHINGTON — The government Wednesday announced it has reached settlements with three companies accused of bilking thousands of debt-ridden people out of more than \$100 million using schemes that often left customers in worse financial shape.

The Federal Trade Commission settled lawsuits it brought last year against National Consumers Council, Better Budget Financial Services and Debt Management Foundation Services, which have since ceased most operations.

The settlements order the companies and their principals to pay back about \$7 million to consumers and include \$125 million in suspended penalties, which could be paid if defendants are found to have lied about their assets.

Though the individuals involved are allowed to continue in the consumer debt business, they would face tougher penalties if they repeat the fraud.

"If there are other companies out there thinking that they can deceive consumers who are in financial distress, we've got three words for them: Give it up," Lydia Parnes, acting director of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection, said at a news conference.

In the largest settlement, National Consumers Council, a California-based group of companies and individuals, failed to deliver on promises of free debt counseling, instead passing client information to other organizations that charged thousands of dollars for programs.

Co-founders leave Miramax

Bob and Harvey Weinstein part ways with the Disney-owned indie film studio

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The breakup of the 12-year relationship between the Walt Disney Co. and indie film pioneers Bob and Harvey Weinstein allows the company some new latitude: making less expensive family films and co-producing sequels to some of Miramax's biggest hits.

Yet Disney stands to lose the prestige that came from the Weinsteins. And it must overcome the perception that it's unable to sustain relationships with partners, a central challenge to signing a new deal with partner Pixar Animation Studios.

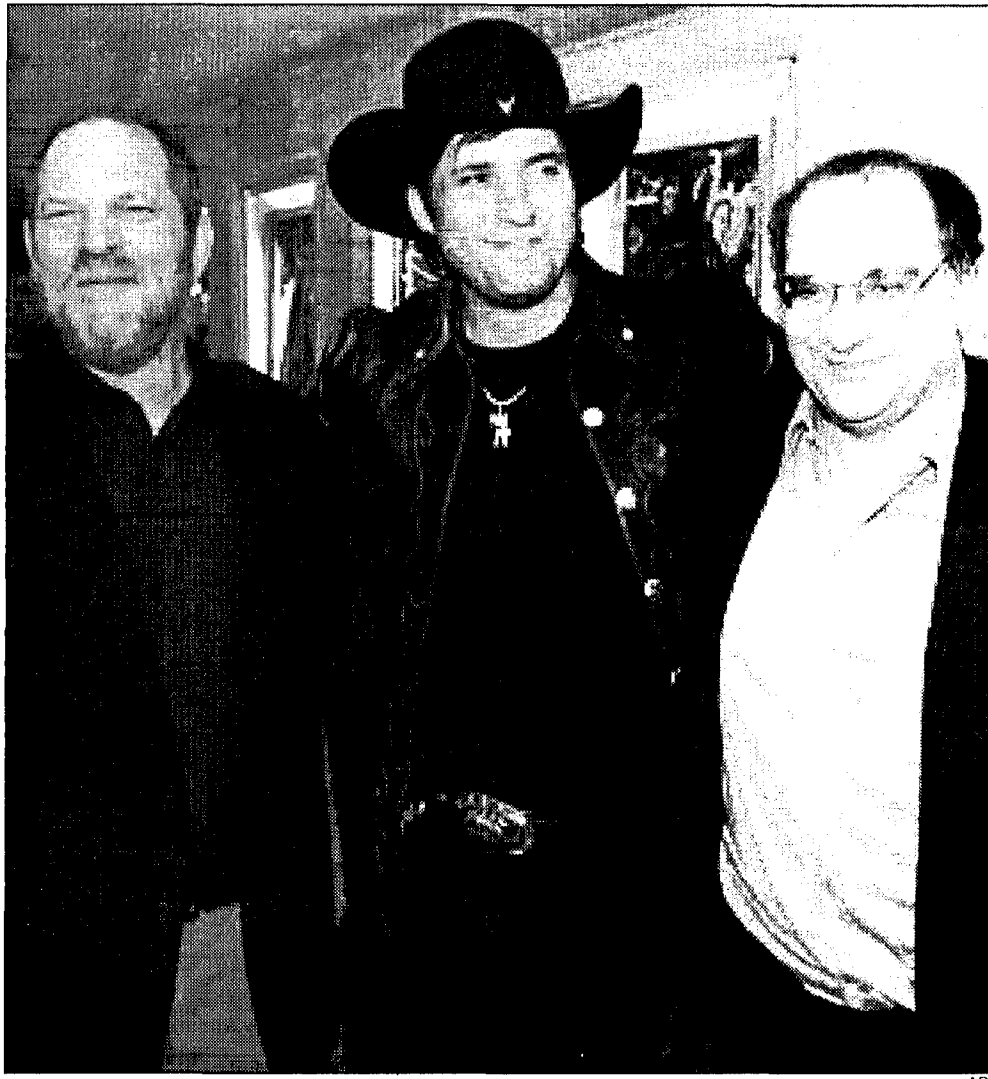
Financial analysts have shrugged off the Weinsteins' departure, saying that Disney is right to shift its attention to smaller budget pictures aimed at its traditional family audience.

"We think it is prudent for Disney to prioritize returns" over prestige films that make little money, Goldman Sachs analyst Anthony Noto wrote in a note to clients Wednesday.

Disney bought Miramax in 1993 for \$80 million, hoping for the kind of inexpensive hits the Weinsteins delivered such as "Pulp Fiction."

But Disney chief executive Michael Eisner chafed at the Weinsteins' ambitions to become a larger media company, bankrolling larger, costlier films and moving into book and magazine publishing.

The Weinstein brothers did deliver one thing Disney has not been able to achieve on its own — Academy Award-winning films. Three Miramax films — "The English Patient," "Shakespeare in Love" and "Chicago" — have won best picture Oscars and the studio has garnered numerous other awards



"Sin City" co-director Robert Rodriguez, center, poses with Miramax co-founders Harvey, left, and Bob Weinstein at the Los Angeles premiere of the film.

and nominations over the years.

This year, Miramax films received 20 nominations, including two in the best picture category for "The Aviator" and "Finding Neverland."

But Disney Studios Chairman Dick Cook said Wednesday he intends to hire a creative team that will keep Miramax at the forefront of producing smart, edgy films.

"I think it's awfully important," Cook told The Associated Press. "It gives us an opportunity to find talented new filmmakers with fresh voices that are able to tackle new ideas in really thought-provoking

and interesting ways."

Disney has scaled back the budgets of films produced under its Walt Disney Pictures and Touchstone labels and will release more movies aimed at family audiences.

Miramax will operate with less than half the budget of recent years. And the label will have to do without the talents of such Weinstein-nurtured filmmakers as Quentin Tarantino, Kevin Smith and Robert Rodriguez. Those directors have said they will create their next projects with the Weinsteins' new company.

Cook said Miramax will remain a serious player in

the independent film world.

"We're going to be looking to put together a team that is going to be able to ferret out great ideas, nurture filmmakers and do things that aren't traditionally in the box," Cook said.

With one thorny negotiation out of the way, Disney now turns its attention to another creative partner, Pixar Animation Studios.

Pixar broke off talks with Disney about extending their lucrative relationship past the delivery of next year's film "Cars." Disney's incoming chief executive, Robert Iger, has said he will reopen talks with Pixar.

Paramount names new president

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Gail Berman, who has crafted the prime-time schedule for the Fox Broadcasting Co. since 2000, was named president of Paramount Studios Wednesday.

The announcement had been expected since last week, when Paramount said it was considering Berman for a position at the movie studio and Fox named Peter Ligouri to succeed her at the network. Berman will start her new role sometime in May.

Berman will replace current Paramount President Donald DeLine. The studio said it was in discussions with DeLine about his future with the company.

Berman is the first high profile

hire of Brad Grey, the new chairman and chief executive of Paramount. Both executives come from the world of television with a mandate to turn the ailing studio around.

Paramount is a unit of Viacom Inc., which also owns CBS, MTV, Infinity radio stations and Simon & Schuster book publishing among other media outlets. Executives have pledged to spend more money and take bigger risks at the studio, which has been known in recent years for box-office flops such as "The Stepford Wives."

Grey arrived at Paramount with extensive TV experience. He had run the talent agency Brillstein-Grey Entertainment and produced films and television shows, most notably the HBO series "The Sopranos." He took over from longtime Paramount

CEO Sherry Lansing.

Berman has led Fox for five years, a relatively long tenure in the pressure-cooker job of network entertainment. As a producer, she helped develop the TV shows "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and "Malcolm in the Middle." She had had mixed results at Fox, especially with introducing a year-round schedule.

Berman acknowledged there will be a learning curve at Paramount.

"The experience that I've had in television and the creative process and having good relationships with creative people and putting together a team that fosters creativity are all transferable skills," Berman told The Associated Press Wednesday. "But I have tremendous humility knowing there is a lot to learn in the film business."

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had never had a Catholic president," Woodward said.

There was a sincere concern, Woodward said, that if elected, Kennedy would take orders from Rome.

As the enormity of the Council dawned on the world and the media, Vatican City was flooded with reporters from all over the world, Woodward said. As many as 3,600 journalists passed in and out of the city during the various council sessions, mixing with theologians and scholars.

"For the journalists and for the bishops there it was simply the best of times," Woodward said. "Rome is one of those cities in the world where in every conversation you are expected to talk about religion, sex, art and politics."

The meetings were held behind closed doors, and according to Woodward, journalists were constantly

vying for breaks and inside information. Because there had not been such an event in the Church in a century, journalists often turned to Church "experts" to help interpret and convey what was emerging from the sessions.

"A journalist is only as good as his sources, especially at the Vatican," Woodward said. "The journalists had one eye on the Pope and the other on the developing factions within the council."

Pope John himself

became sort of a celebrity figure for some media outlets like Time magazine, Woodward said. He was regularly described as a "shepherd" and guardian of Christians worldwide. His plea for dialogue during the Cuban missile crisis

was widely published, winning him the image of a peace seeker.

The coverage and praise

of Pope John upon his death in 1963 was profuse, Woodward said. The New York Times ran 36 columns and the New York Daily News ran 13 full pages on his life and death. Woodward cited obituary after obituary in which Pope John was called one of the most popular popes in modern times.

According to Woodward, the public should expect a similar media outpouring for the death of Pope John Paul II, which he said could happen within

months. "I know what they are going to say about John Paul II because I have already read his obituary," said Woodward.

When asked what the obituary will read, Woodward was prompt with his answer.

"How ever you deal with this Pope ... he is an evangelist," Woodward said. "I think that explains him more than anything else."

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White

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Mooney's presidency officially began with the school year in August 2004, but she was regularly on campus to facilitate the transition in the spring and summer. There was an inauguration ceremony weekend in January which brought hundreds of guests to campus.

In the fall of 2004, White and Moran faced another challenge when controversy surrounding the annual Pride Week T-shirt erupted on the college campus. The shirt, which mimicked a vintage vermouth ad, was perceived by some in the College community as sexist and racist, and a bad portrayal of the institution. On Nov. 19 the Student Activities Board issued a general apology, but did not mention the shirt. A handful of students who objected to the Pride Week T-shirt staged a silent protest on Nov. 22, demanding an apology from student government for what they believe to be insensitivity. A second and more specific apology was issued shortly thereafter and student government hosted several forums in which the identity of the College and its portrayal was discussed with students.

"We feel that our board learned to balance the unexpected challenges that arose this

year, including the issue of diversity on campus," White and Moran said. "Saint Mary's, along with other institutions, is not alone in dealing with this challenge."

The Pride Week T-shirt was not the only instance when the issue of diversity at the College arose during the outgoing administration's tenure. On March 15 the Straight and Gay Alliance (SAGA) applied to Board of Governance for official club status at Saint Mary's. White and Moran presided over two emotion-filled BOG meetings in which officers debated the role of such a group at a Catholic institution. White, who does not vote herself, decided to delay the vote one week to allow board members to research the need for an alliance at the College.

After that week, on March 21, SAGA was overwhelmingly approved.

White and Moran said in despite of the difficulties they faced while in office, the experience was "very rewarding."

"We were honored to have served the Student Body this year," White and Moran said. "It has been both a challenging and rewarding experience. We feel good about the work we have done and wish the new administration our best in their time of leadership."

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Power

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through," Annis said.

Once AEP verified that everything was okay on their end, Annis restored power to Notre Dame.

The DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts, Rof's Sports Recreation Center, Main Building, the Morris Inn, North and South Dining Halls, the LaFortune Student Center and part of Hesburgh Library all lost power, among other campus buildings, Annis said.

Though Notre Dame does generate its own power, it is not able to power all the buildings on campus in such a circumstance.

"We buy so much from them [AEP] and generate the rest," Annis said. "But generators only supply different critical loads. In a hallway, for example, only every fourth or fifth light will be lit."

Though unexpected, many individuals on campus were not bothered by the outage.

"It was awesome. Everyone went crazy and started yelling," said Alumni sophomore Matt Houser. "I feel it really brings the community together."

Though many buildings, including at least 13 residence halls, lost power, Annis said that no large problems arose as a result of the outage.

"I actually called [Notre Dame Security/Police] to let them know. Then the fire department called because they had somebody stuck in an elevator," Annis said. "But other than that, I have heard nothing about injury or dam-

age."

NDSP reported no injuries or fires.

Annis said a similar power outage incident occurred Saturday morning, when a transformer went bad. Power was automatically re-routed, though it was out in many of

the same buildings as Wednesday's incident for 30 to 45 minutes, Annis said.

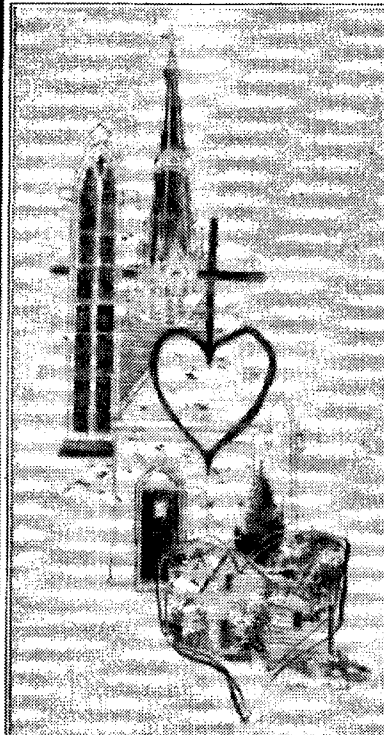
Saint Mary's Security Department said there were no power outage problems on its

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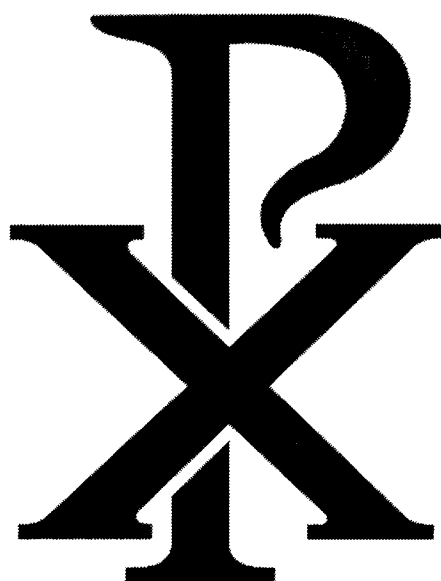
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Police chief resigns amid scandal

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE — The police chief resigned abruptly Wednesday amid a scandal involving his department's alleged mishandling of evidence.

Chief Gilbert Gallegos had been under increasing fire over possible long-standing problems

in the department's evidence room.

Last year an anonymous e-mail was sent to law enforcement officials claiming that weapons, drugs and jewelry were missing from the room. That e-mail helped prompt an attorney general's investigation, launched at Gallegos' request.

Gallegos said he will offer any

information he may have to investigators.

Sam Thompson, a spokeswoman for the attorney general's office, said Gallegos' resignation would have no effect on the investigation.

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Lawyer found guilty in discrimination suit

Black attorney fired and replaced white jurors



Plaintiffs' attorney Clement Donelon leaves the courthouse Wednesday after his opponent was charged with discrimination.

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — New Orleans' first black district attorney discriminated against 43 whites when he fired them en masse and replaced them with blacks upon taking office in 2003, a federal jury decided Wednesday. The jury awarded the employees about \$1.8 million in back pay and damages.

The jury — made up of eight whites and two blacks — returned the unanimous verdict in the third day of deliberations in the racial discrimination case against District Attorney Eddie Jordan.

Jordan acknowledged he wanted to make the office more reflective of the city's racial makeup, but denied he fired whites just because they are white. In fact, he said, he did not know the race of the people fired.

Under U.S. District Judge Stanwood Duval's instructions, jurors had to find Jordan liable if they concluded the firings were racially motivated. The law bars the mass firing of a specific group, even if the intent is to create diversity.

Jordan, stoic in the courtroom as the verdict was read,

told reporters he was disappointed and will appeal.

"We thought the facts as well as the law favored us. I still maintain that I did not use race as a factor in my hiring practices," he said.

Jordan said the District Attorney's Office, which is liable for the award, cannot afford to pay the verdict. It was not immediately clear whether state or city, or both, would ultimately be responsible for paying the money.

Plaintiffs' attorney Clement Donelon said he was elated. "The plaintiffs' civil rights, every single, solitary one of them, were violated," he said.

"You may be able to fire people, but don't do it because of race. That goes both ways," the attorney said.

Clemens Herbert, a former investigator who among those fired, said, "What I wanted was a win. Money was not the issue. He was trying to disguise racial discrimination through politics, and the jury saw through it."

The judge could order that the fired white workers be reinstated, but lawyers consider this unlikely. Such mandates are rare, as they require continuing court supervision.

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VH1 to focus again on the music

Network vows to return to its roots with month of special programs

Associated Press

NEW YORK — VH1 is getting back to the music — and the music makers.

After making its name as a powerhouse in music television, VH1 shifted its focus in recent years to pop culture and nostalgia shows (think "I Love the 80s").

Now, it's back to focusing on the music and those who make it with "VH1's April Music Month," a month of fresh programming that will offer live performances, music video premieres and specials.

"VH1 is about music, artists and pop culture," said Christina

Norman, the network's president. "We've been spending so much time on the pop culture aspects; although the music aspects have not gone away, we felt it was time to focus on the music."

And the effort seems to be resonating with musicians and performers, who have lined up to participate.

The music kicks off Saturday with the return of "Storytellers," a 90-minute show that gives musicians a setting to tell the story behind a particular song and then perform the song live before an intimate audience. First up: "Storytellers: Green Day" (10 p.m. EST) which will

see the punk trio perform the 13 songs from their critically and commercially acclaimed "American Idiot" album.

"All of my favorite stories are stories behind my favorite songs. It's the true history and story of the band," Green Day's Billie Joe Armstrong told The Associated Press.

The song Armstrong said he looks forward to telling the audience about is "Jesus of Suburbia," the disturbing portrait of Bush era suburbia and a turning point for the band during the recording process.

Armstrong said he was pleased VH1 has returned the focus to music.

Schiavo case causes conflict within GOP

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans who swear by the principle of states' rights are having to make some exceptions when it comes to saving Terri Schiavo, or reining in trial lawyers, protecting the sanctity of marriage and advancing the party's other priorities.

Capping medical malpractice payouts, putting in place President Bush's centerpiece education law and modernizing the election system also are among the GOP goals that, critics say, expand federal powers at the expense of states' rights.

"Our members have raised the alarm" about the tendency of Washington to pre-empt state laws, said Susan Parnas Frederick, who heads the law and criminal justice committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

"We obviously feel that there are times when national actions are necessary," she said.

But recently, she said, "everything comes down from the federal government whether we like it or not."

Her bipartisan group has put out its first "Pre-emption Monitor" to warn state legislators about federal efforts to usurp their powers.

It mentions two of the Bush

administration's proudest accomplishments: the No Child Left Behind Act, which establishes national education testing standards, and the recent law that seeks to restrain lawsuit abuse by allowing class-action suits to be moved from state to federal courts.

In addition, there is the 2002 election law that imposed national standards on the states in such areas as registration and provisional balloting. A 2004 law created federal standards for state-issued driver's licenses and personal identification cards.

On a smaller scale, a law last year pre-empted state concealed weapons laws by giving an across-the-board exemption from those laws for active or retired law enforcement officers.

The states' rights issue gained prominence when Republicans, frustrated by the refusal of Florida state courts to reverse the decision to remove the feeding tube from the brain-damaged Schiavo, rushed through emergency legislation allowing the case to be heard by a federal court.

Lawmakers, aware that such an issue is traditionally left to the states, wrote the bill so that it applied only to the Schiavo case and did not affect the substantive rights of the states.

Bishops survey sex abuse victims

Associated Press

The nation's Roman Catholic bishops said Wednesday that they are asking victims of clergy sex abuse around the country to fill out a survey on how church leaders can better help them recover and protect young people from predators in the future.

Through the Web site www.victim-outreach.com, the bishops are asking victims to evaluate how diocesan officials responded to their abuse claims, what church leaders

could have done better and how they can support victims heal.

"The horrific experience of being sexually abused is best understood by the survivors of this crime," said Archbishop Harry Flynn, chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Sexual Abuse for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The survey is anonymous, with researchers promising that there will be no way to identify victims who participate. Sister Mary Ann Walsh, a spokeswoman for the bishops'

conference, said safeguards have been built in to weed out any fake responses.

The abuse crisis began in January 2002 with the case of one accused priest in the Archdiocese of Boston, then spread throughout the country and beyond.

Since then, the bishops have adopted a toughened discipline policy dealing with guilty clergy, enacted child protection and victim outreach plans in dioceses and removed hundreds of accused priests from church work.

Jersey girl slain after refusing man a kiss

Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — A 15-year-old girl was fatally shot after refusing a man's demand for a kiss, authorities said. The alleged gunman was captured Wednesday night in Washington, D.C.

Atlantic County Prosecutor Jeffrey Blitz said Alfred R. Bishop, 21, will be charged with murder in the death of Elisa Hernandez, a high school sophomore.

Hernandez had gone to an apartment in her housing complex to visit girlfriends just before midnight Tuesday, Blitz said.

Bishop, a friend of the apartment's occupants who stored some of his belongings there, arrived shortly afterward.

After some casual conversation, Bishop tried to get Hernandez to kiss him, but she laughed at him, the prosecutor said. Bishop then pulled out a pistol, put it to her head and demanded a kiss, Blitz said.

According to witnesses, Hernandez refused, and pushed the gun away twice before Bishop allegedly shot her through the left eye and fled, Blitz said. She died at the scene.

Psychologist makes testimony in Jackson trial

Expert explains to jury that a false claim from 13-year-old boy would be 'extremely rare'

Associated Press

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — The psychologist who was the first to tell authorities about claims that Michael Jackson molested a 13-year-old boy testified Wednesday that it would be "extremely rare" for a child that age to make a false allegation.

Stan Katz, one of the prosecution's key witnesses, was prohibited by Judge Rodney Melville from testifying directly about the credibility of Jackson's accuser or whether he believes the molestation occurred.

However, Katz said that children over 5 rarely fabricate claims of molestation.

He said that accusers who appear to be truthful sometimes change their stories and embellish or exaggerate, while "children who make false allegations are usually consistent, almost scripted."

Jackson's defense has noted inconsistencies in testimony by the accuser and his brother.

Under cross-examination, Katz acknowledged he has done no research on civil suits involving teenagers in abuse cases, but later testified, "I don't recall any adolescent or preadolescent making claims for profit."

Jackson, 46, is accused of molesting the boy in 2003 and plying him with alcohol.

Earlier Wednesday, a flight attendant testified that the boy once showed off an expensive watch the singer gave him and

boasted that Jackson would buy him anything.

Cynthia Bell said the conversation took place in 2003 during a Miami-to-California flight with Jackson and members of the boy's family.

"He was saying things like, 'Look at what Michael got me,' and, 'These are very expensive watches,'" Bell said. "He did say, 'Michael bought this watch for me and he'll buy me anything.'"

Prosecutors contend the watch was a bribe to keep the boy from revealing that Jackson gave him alcohol. The defense contends the boy and his family were out to bilk Jackson. They have portrayed the molestation charges as a shakedown attempt.

Bell also testified that she served Jackson wine in a Diet Coke can but did not see the boy drink from it, as the prosecution says happened.

On Tuesday, Bell said it was her idea to serve Jackson wine in soda cans and it became a routine on all of the pop star's flights, because "Michael Jackson is a very private drinker." She said Jackson was a nervous flier who could not stand turbulence.

She testified that the boy was rude and unruly throughout the flight, at one point starting a food fight by throwing mashed potatoes at a sleeping doctor who was traveling with Jackson.

The flight attendant also said the boy had a wide range of unreasonable demands. "His



Michael Jackson appears in court earlier this month. Testimony by a psychologist highlighted trial activity on Wednesday

chicken was warm. 'I want a side of coleslaw. I don't want it on the same plate.' ... He was very demanding throughout the entire flight," she said.

At one point, prosecutor Gordon Auchincloss asked Bell if she saw Jackson cuddling the boy. She said that she did not think so but that Jackson had an arm around the boy while listening to music.

Auchincloss asked Bell, "What do you define as cuddling?"

She hesitated, smiled and said, "I'd have to show you."

The courtroom erupted in

laughter, and Auchincloss quipped, "Your honor, may I approach the witness?"

Also testifying was attorney William Dickerman, who was contacted by the accuser's family in February 2003 and wrote letters to Jackson's then-lawyer, Mark Geragos, claiming the family was being subjected to surveillance and harassment by Jackson associates.

He acknowledged on cross-examination that he never mentioned allegations of molestation, false imprisonment or giving wine to children in his letters.

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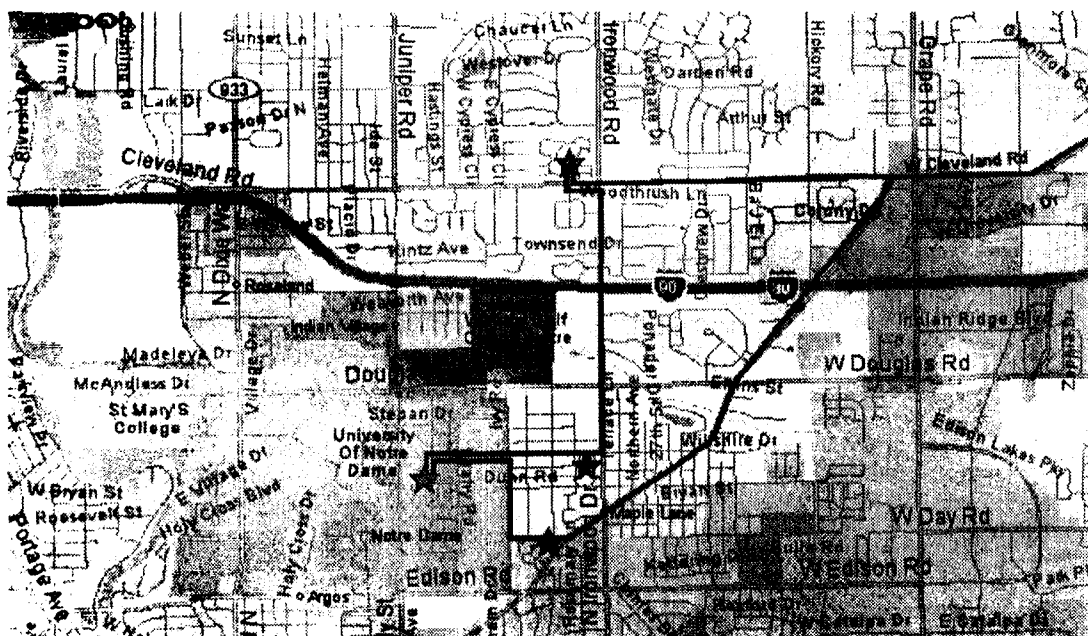
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Vicious circles lead nowhere

In his "Life of Giotto," Vasari tells this story about the great Florentine painter: The pope wished to commission some paintings for St. Peter's, and having heard of Giotto's growing reputation he sent a courtier to request a sample of his work. Once the courtier had arrived in Giotto's workshop in Florence and conveyed the pope's wishes, Giotto took a sheet of paper and a brush dipped in red and then with a twist of his hand he drew a perfect circle.

The pope took Giotto's perfect circle as a sign of the artist's greatness.

In thinking rather than drawing, however, the art lies in avoiding circles.

Here is one that you may recognize:

All the people who voted for President Bush are idiots. We know they're idiots because they voted for Bush, and he's an idiot. We know he's an idiot because only idiots voted for him.

Once inside the whirlpool there's no getting out. Spend enough time at its center and it's easy to forget that there is an outside.

I have lost track of the amount of conversations I have had — on both sides of the Atlantic — with people who have alluded to Bush's stupidity or his "monstrous nature" as if these were established facts, like the Earth orbiting the sun.

They are aware that there are those who respect and even admire the man, but the views of such people can be safely dismissed because no-one of sound judgment could possibly reach such an erroneous conclusion.

Everything in the argument fits together, but something is wrong with the construction, as in a M.C. Escher drawing.

Immediately after the election much was made of the red state/blue state divide. There quickly followed a second wave of commentary which turned to the county map and noticed that the real split was between urban and rural voters. While

more accurate in one sense, this was still at root a binary analysis, and its simplicity was not a limitation but the source of its appeal.

The popularity of the red state/blue state trope was based not on its geographical analysis, but the way it provided disappointed Democrats a convenient label for dismissing the recalcitrant inhabitants of "Jesusland" (also known as "The United State of Texas") as beyond the scope of reasoned debate.

Op-ed writers, activists, internet pundits and a disturbing number of elected politicians took the line that while the people who voted for Bush may have been superior in number, they were so inferior morally and intellectually as to be in essence a different species.

Two days after the election, Gary Wills wrote in The New York Times that the date of Bush's re-election could henceforth be considered the day "the Enlightenment went out," saying, in effect, that Bush won because intelligent and tolerant Americans had been outnumbered by religious fanatics so backwards they have yet to make it to the 18th Century.

On Wills's telling, Americans, with their "fundamentalist zeal, a rage at secularity, religious intolerance, fear of and hatred for modernity" have come to resemble the members of Al Qaeda and Saddam Hussein's Sunni loyalists.

"It is often observed that enemies come to resemble each other," Wills notes. Doubtless it was only the strict word limit imposed by The Times that prevented him from explaining how he has managed to avoid a similar fate.

The rule seems to be that inconsistency by the virtuous is no vice. At a recent rally in Kansas, the new Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean said, "This is a struggle of good and evil. And we're the good." When Bush began using the language of evil to describe terrorists and authoritarian regimes this is a sign of his ideological rigidity, and the fear of moral

complexity that he shares with his supporters. When Dean uses the language of evil to refer to the conservatives in the Republican Party he is just telling it like it is.

Writing off large sections of the American electorate as religious fanatics is an addictive consolation. Oliver Stone has blamed the failure of his disastrous biopic Alexander on "a raging fundamentalism in morality in the U.S." (Sure, Oliver, whatever gets you through the night).

But the political cost to all this is very high, and while the tendency to dismiss people with whom one disagrees can be found across the political spectrum, the people who pay the highest price are those whose policy views put them in a minority.

Amongst Americans, the invasion of Iraq was popular. You can dismiss those who supported it as dopes, dupes and worse, but you won't win converts that way.

The majority of Americans oppose gay marriage. Calling them homophobes is an effective way of shouting them down in a university or a newsroom, but if you want to change the way people vote in the privacy of the polling booth then sooner or later you are going to have to stop calling them names and actually argue with them.

Political debate is the lifeblood of democracy, and if that sounds too high-minded then there are other, purely strategic reasons to change tone.

If I were a Republican I would have popped open a bottle of champagne when Dean got the Democratic Chairmanship. Whatever campaign slogans the Democrats come up with in 2006, 2008 and beyond, right now the real message looks like it will be "Vote Democrat, you Jesus-loving morons!" And it will drive them ever deeper into the political wilderness.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dome worth fighting for

Haggling for an extra commencement ticket is the only thing I thought I'd be negotiating with the administration for during my final days at this great school. Ironically, however, with massive support from classmates, I find myself enmeshed in talks of much greater significance. On March 24, the distinguished and genuine Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves wrote in The Observer: "Unfortunately, there is no way it [the Dome project] could be avoided." I could not agree more.

However, the question is not whether the Dome should remain broken and unfixed. Rather, the question that fellow classmates have asked me is whether there is a way to restore the Dome for our posterity, yet still allow graduates a picture-perfect view of the most recognized university landmark in the world.

In a meeting with Affleck-Graves last Wednesday, Adam Istvan drafted a compromise that we believed would allow for the weather-contingent aspects of the dome project to be finished by the absolute Oct. 1 "frost-deadline" and still allow for the Dome to be unfettered graduation weekend.

The compromise allowed for continued work on the dome so as not to lose vital time in April that is needed to complete this time's more extensive project. We hoped it would take away at most two or three weeks, which would place the entire project's completion date right at the end of September.

Regrettably, Affleck-Graves called me March 24 to say the arrangement would actually add an extra four weeks to the project; thus the last scaffold would not come down until mid-October — two weeks too late.

If I was a multi-millionaire, I'd give several hundred thousand dollars to Conrad Schmitt Studios to hire more workers and tools to be able to make the compromise arrangement work. Alas, I am not rich — I am just one student with a lot of loans. Nonetheless, when people accuse me of wasting my time, I emphatically disagree. For when it comes my turn to switch the tassel, I'd much rather know that every stone was flipped in an effort to work positively with my fellow classmates for the common good of our graduation and for the University of Our Lady.

After all, each of us has that special loved one who can't wait to see Notre Dame. Thus I will continue working with fellow seniors, student government folks and the administration to make the best of this situation. Nonetheless, I just wish that 12th person who has been there all of the way can experience that same awesome sight that we have had during these past four years — shining in the heavens, gleaming gold and blue.

Darrell Scott
senior class president
March 28

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Immature love says: 'I love you because I need you.' Mature love says: 'I need you because I love you.'"

Erich Fromm
German philosopher

Putting the band back together

Something is in the air in South Bend and it's not just a crisp Midwestern March breeze. The atmosphere around us is thick with a tangible emotion, not cloud cover. As the calendar informs us, we've entered the heart of springtime.

But this year in the 'Bend it's as much a poetic experience, with all its stereotypes of renewal and regeneration, as a literal meteorological season.

Bob Masters

I Fall on the Floor and I Laughing

Weather and date aside, I believe there has been a spring-like renaissance at Notre Dame, one in the hearts of its loyal sons and daughters rather than its grass and trees or rain showers and May flowers.

It began subtly, with only a seemingly rabid few admitting to a born-again feeling. My brother is one such renewed devotee and has since become almost an Evangelical, witnessing his once-again inspired faith to anyone who will listen.

But what was once a small kindling burning in the spirit of a small number has turned into a great fire of revitalization. I'm sure I'm not the only one who has noticed that our long-suffering campus has the feeling of a tent-revival meeting lately.

Where were you when you found yourself starting to believe again? Was it in your dorm's social lounge, packed to the gills with 180 of your friends? Did you skip a class only to discover your faith had been charged like a cell phone battery by an afternoon lecture in DeBartolo? Maybe, like me, your too-long dormant belief was rediscovered in the basement of the Knights of Columbus building.

As always in matters of belief, the where is less important than the when. And the who.

This newly tapped flowing well-spring of convictions would make Billy Graham blush. Everywhere one looks new believers are being born and old ones are coming back into the fold.

Even those few who were angry — those formerly faithful voices who found more comfort in complaint than community — seem to have silently given their consent to the movement, rejoining their fellow believers as one body of devotion.

Our very campus landscape seems to be feeling the same regenerative energies as the students, faculty, staff and alumni that traverse it. New buildings are going up, from Hammes Mowbray to Jordan to Guglielmino, and new plans are being drawn as fast as can be imagined for as yet more additions to our architectural family.

Indeed, the great and famous symbol of our University, the Golden Dome itself, is undergoing a make-over and when the necessary improvements are made, Our Lady will shine brighter than ever

before.

In short, Spring 2005 has been a semester of regeneration, the likes of which I cannot recall over the past eight years. All of this renewal, I believe, is the result of a new shepherd tending to his flock. In fact, this entire rebirth was set in motion in mid-December.

In the deepest dark of winter, brave men made a commitment to renewal, a pledge to renaissance — a return to Notre Dame.

For President-Elect Father John Jenkins so loved the University that he gave to them Charlie Weis.

Like a man on a mission of destiny, our new coach has set about on a task of conversion. Without a doubt, he has met with fabulous success.

From dorm lounges and lecture halls to the Knights of Columbus building, Coach Weis has made it a point to wake up the echoes that once roared in South Bend. I believe in these echoes, these ghosts.

When I was a child I could not imagine that the Irish could ever lose a football game. We were Notre Dame and what though the odds, we'd win over all. But during eight years of lowered expectations, my boyish faith underwent a crisis of diminishment. Whither had fled the stuff of dreams, the stuff of Holtz and Mirer, Rocket and Brown?

After a long exile, we've found a leader who, like many of us, wears his Irish heart on his sleeve. There's been talk of national championships, talk of dismantling the mighty Trojans of USC.

After eight long seasons of expecting the least, this renewed faith in the magic in the sound of our name is enough to make a man come back to the light.

Lou Holtz used to talk about believing in the spirit of Notre Dame. After nearly a decade in the desert, the spirit's coming back.

We born-again are not delusional. We know the kind of recommitment required in putting the fight back in the Irish will take time. But as Spring Football begins this week, it feels good to believe in the blue and gold again.

Like the inspired mission of Jack and Elwood Blues in The Blues Brothers failure is not an option.

We're putting the band back together. We're on a mission from Weis.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Spring visitation prospects arrive

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions would like to recognize and welcome the 154 prospective African American, Asian American, Latino and Native American students visiting campus to attend this year's Spring Visitation Weekend. We have specifically designed the weekend to address the questions and concerns of prospective students from under-represented student populations. We hope that these talented young men and women will gain valuable insight into the several aspects of campus life through conversations and interaction with faculty, staff, alumni and current students, and that their decision to enroll at Notre Dame will be based upon positive personal experience.

We know that success requires commitment from all members of the Notre Dame community. With that in mind, we anticipate enrolling the most diverse and talented freshman class in our history.

Our Spring Visitation Weekend begins today and will extend through April 3. We clearly need everybody's help in making this an encouraging event for these potential members of our student body. Gil Martinez, Assistant Director and Diversity Recruitment Coordinator, Son Nguyen, Counselor and Assistant Recruitment Coordinator, along with our student diversity coordinators Steven Arevalo, Covington Doan, Krystal Hardy and Lakota Mowrer, have been working diligently on the event.

I want to share with all the members of the Notre Dame community a letter that appeared in The Observer five years ago that I feel captures the essence of the program. It was written by Cindy Santana, one of our Assistant Directors of Admissions:

"The main purpose of Spring Visitation Weekend is to bring students here who may not be fortunate enough to visit the campus on their own as well as high talent diversity students that may not be considering Notre Dame as their first choice. This is an opportunity for students to decide, for themselves, whether or not Notre Dame is their match. In no way are we trying to sell Notre Dame. Spring Visitation is not a show. We hope that students leave Notre Dame knowing that we have answered all of their unanswered questions. We also hope to clarify all of the misconceptions of this place by exposing them to a taste of the different cultural events that take place throughout the year. The most important thing, though, that we be supported by the Notre Dame community, as an office that is here to help the University as a whole. There is so much effort that is put into this weekend, and we work extremely hard to improve it every year. The only way to increase diversity on this campus is to have as many people as possible involved in the recruitment process. It is important to know that without the support of the community, we are never going to improve the diversity of this campus."

When Cindy wrote the above letter, our First Year class was 16 percent ethnic minority students. This past fall we enrolled 22 percent. Our Lady's University has made a tremendous commitment to excellence in all that we do, including diversity. With everybody's help we can make Notre Dame a better Notre Dame.

Daniel J. Saracino
Assistant Provost for Enrollment
March 28

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Isn't real life enough?

"American Idol." "Survivor." "The Real World." "Newlyweds." "The Apprentice." "America's Next Top Model." "The Bachelor." "The Bachelorette." "The Osbournes." "Making the Band." "Wife Swap." "The Simple Life." "The Ashlee Simpson Show." The list of reality television shows that we as Americans watch goes on and on.

Andrea Cortland

Rutgers University Daily Targum

You don't think America is that obsessed with reality television?

Think it's just a few TV shows here and there? Think again. Since reality TV hit the air, more than 300 different shows have aired, all of which fall into the genre of reality television. Compared to Canada's two shows, Australia's two shows and the United Kingdom's 20 shows, I would think that such a number qualifies reality television as an American obsession.

The question then is: Why do we as Americans love reality television so much? What aspect is it about reality television that fascinates us? Not surprisingly, I'm not the first person to pose this question. In fact, psychologists nationwide have begun to examine the American fascination with reality television. There was even an article in Psychology Today about this very subject. These professionals have offered quite a few theories about the rationale for such a phenomenon.

Primarily, let me state that I, too, have a special place in my heart for reality television. I didn't miss an episode of "America's Next Top Model" last season, and I'm very into "American Idol" this season.

One belief I have held for quite some time is that we love to watch reality television because it makes us feel better about ourselves. Cynical, I know, but sadly, it's true. We watched Ashlee Simpson get caught lip-synching. We constantly see Coral and Tonya and Shane and C.T., and an innumerable slew of others, battle it out and make fools of themselves on the countless Real World/Road Rules challenges.

We see people cry. We see people cheat. We see eating disorders. We hear people make unbelievably asinine remarks. Reality television provides us with the opportunity to say, "Wow, these people are really messed up! I'm saner than this!" Not only is such a theory disheartening, I honestly don't believe that it's our primary reason for watching reality television. Sure, it's an added bonus to be reminded that you're not the only American who isn't perfect, but the good-hearted person among us cynics would surely think there's something more.

Maybe it's that we thrive on competition — and nothing brings out competitive nature in people quite like a national television audience.

Reality television really puts its participants in a situation where they have to be cutthroat and aggressive in

order to survive, and many of the contestants rise to the occasion.

It's thrilling for us to see that people a lot like ourselves can be on television, can have contact with Tyra Banks and Sean Combs and Paula Abdul, can have raw, untapped talent and can make a lot of cash, regardless of their family problems, poor upbringings, relationship issues and exposed and exaggerated flaws.

But the real reason I think we like reality television so much is the reason that I like reality television — it gives us the opportunity to step out of our immediate life and into someone else's. It's real life, just not our real life. For just one hour, we can think about whether Bo or Anwar will get cut tonight or whether Nadia's voice was flat on that last song and not about the war in Iraq, getting into graduate school, Terri Schiavo and our problems with our significant other. It makes us forget that we're lonely or exhausted or stressed out or frustrated. All the while, we're seeing other people who are all of those things as well — and when the hour of reality television is over, we're ready to resume our lives.

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CONCERT PREVIEW

'Raices' makes history of its own

The 15th annual Latin Expressions looks to the past to break new ground

By CHRISTIE BOLSEN
Assistant Scene Editor

At 15 years old, Latin Expressions is not going through a rebellious adolescent phase — this year it is going back to its roots.

The name of the 15th annual show is "Raices," which translates into "roots." Friday night, the acts that take the stage will pay homage to the past, where each Latin Expressions was an exciting display of multicultural talent, as well as bring new flavor in showcasing Latino culture at Notre Dame.

Senior April Garcia, who was assistant director her freshman and sophomore year and has been director the past two years, said that the caliber of the acts this year's is the highest she has ever seen. With so many talented singers and dancers auditioning for a chance to perform it made the selection process overwhelming and difficult, but she said that all of the chosen acts are exciting for different reasons.

One of her favorite acts will be Machetes, a traditional dance from the state of Jalisco that will be performed by Ballet Folklorico with actual machetes. It's a dance that has been tossed around in the past as a potential act, but hasn't been executed for the show until this year. It features very real 18-inch knives and a lot of teamwork and trust.

"It's an amazing thing to watch them do," Garcia said. "I don't think there's any other act in the show that's so based on teamwork. It's like you're so worried about your partner — you don't want to slice off your own hand, but you don't want to slice off your partner's either."

Another act, Dale con Todo, will highlight the diversity in the production. This dance features couples dancing with a Puerto Rican influence, with traditional costumes as well as modern ones. Since there have been sentiments in the past that the show is too focused on Mexican culture, Garcia was glad that such an impressive dance group was able to influ-

ence the branching out of Latin Expressions.

The inclusion of Project Fresh is also likely to generate enthusiasm, since this new group has been a crowd favorite since its recent inception. The group does hip-hop, b-boy, popping and more, offering to bring in a Latin influence for this show's dynamic.

"Being their first year in existence, they've been able to make a name for themselves pretty quickly," said Garcia.

The last act of the show — another innovative addition — is a Selena medley, which honors the Tejano singer who was killed 10 years ago on March 31, 1995. The show features Yadira Huerta (singer and the show's assistant director), Antonio Rivas (lead electric guitar), Luis Silva (electric bass), Lukas Mendoza (drums), Alfredo Tuesta (percussion) and Elizabeth Robles (keyboard). The group of sophomores, who have never played together before, will perform a medley of Selena's songs.

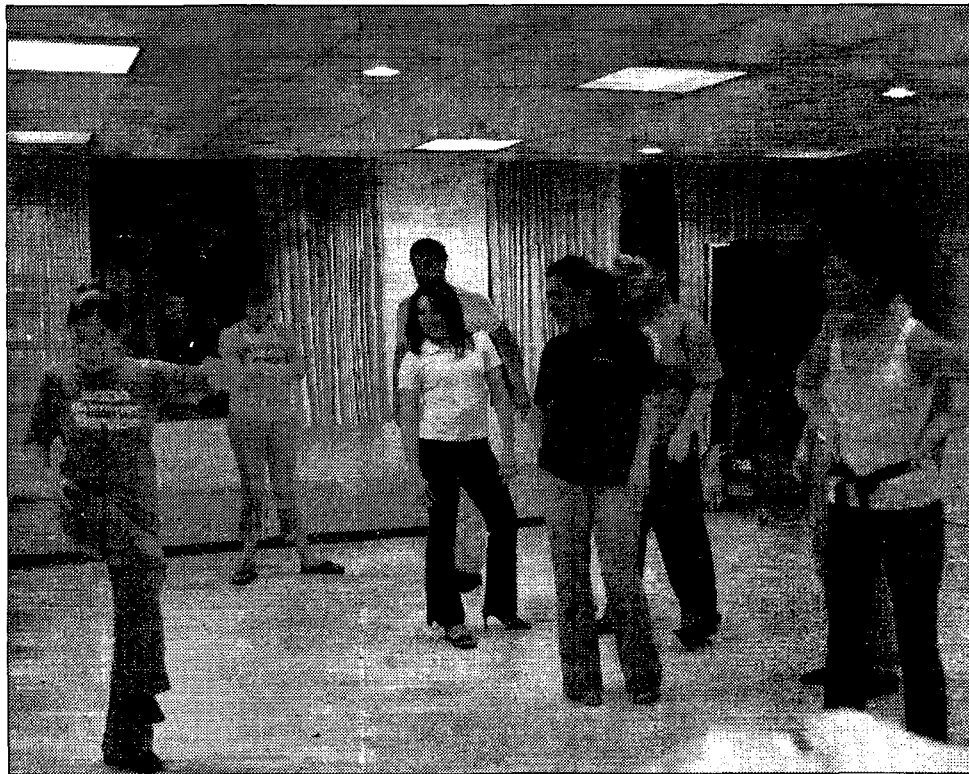
"For a lot of people, and even me personally, she was the person who really encouraged me to dance and to sing in Spanish and to figure out what she was saying in Spanish," Garcia said of the slain bilingual star. "It's one of the best acts I've seen in my time here — hands down. We want people to be standing up and singing and dancing by the time they leave."

This year's Latin Expressions will be like no other before it. Dennis Bonilla, producer, said that this is his fifth show since he went to one his senior year of high school during a visit. He said that the production has come a long way since the show he saw in high school because it is more diverse in the Latino community.

"It's my final year, and I feel that we've finally come up with a show that's fully diverse and encompasses something for everyone — dance, song, poetry," Bonilla said. "It's just a change of pace; it's very entertaining and artistic but at the same time there's meaning behind it."

The vibe of this year's colorful collection of performances will be different than in years past for other reasons, including the fact that the venue at Palais Royale has never been used for Latin Expressions before. The set-up and the types of acts will also lend to the new feel to the show.

"We hope that the audience under-



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Latin Expressions performers practice at Siegfried Hall, above and below. The 15th annual show is sold out and will be performed at Palais Royale on Friday.

stands why we're doing it," Garcia said. "We really want to show big appreciation to the past 15 years and all the work and ideas that people put into it."

Bonilla said that one of the most positive aspects of Latin Expressions is that it is a learning experience. Audience members have the opportunity to learn about personal views and opinions as well as where different people come from, but it is not like being taught because it is enjoyable.

"We feel we do a good job of expressing ourselves and the community, but we don't limit anyone because the audience is of all races," Bonilla said.

While the show is multicultural in nature, Garcia expressed the same view that it was meant to appeal to all people of all ethnicities, not just those participating.

"It's a good time to see the person who sits next to you in class, their secret talent. Whether it be the amazing poet that you never knew existed, or the phenomenal dancer, or the knock-your-socks-off

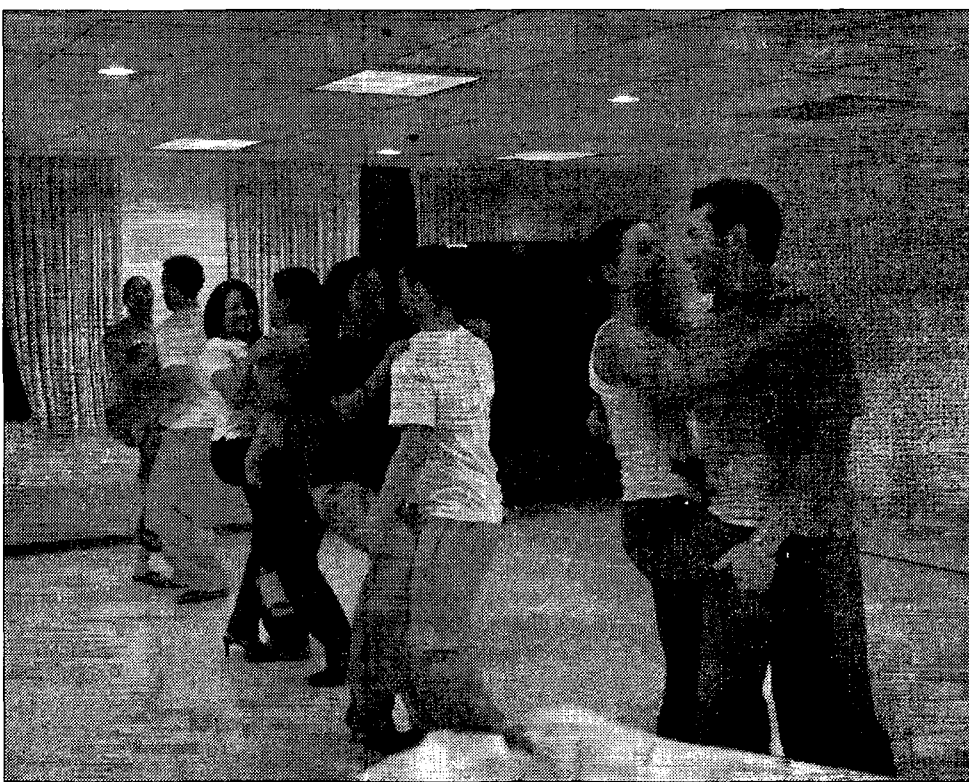
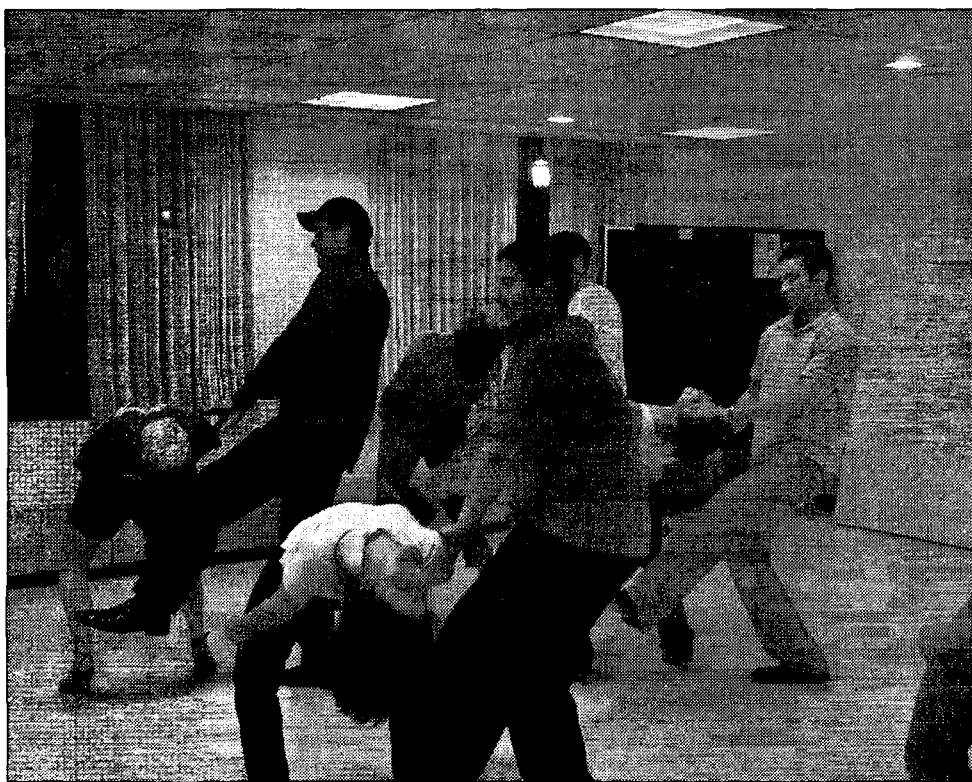
singer that you never knew, and to see a culture expressed that way ... I almost feel like it's a big party," Garcia said.

Garcia said that the point of putting on the show during Spring Visitation weekend was not to mislead prospective students into thinking Notre Dame is more diverse than it is, but to show that culture does exist on campus.

"Notre Dame isn't like this every weekend, but I think it's important to show what we are capable of," Garcia said. "And what is available to them here ... you come to Spring Vis., you go to Latin Expressions and you might think, I like to dance like that too, or I like that kind of music, or I love that song — I think that's really important."

Latin Expressions 2005, "Raices," is sold out and will be on Friday at 7 p.m. For those that need transportation to Palais Royale, buses start running at 6 p.m. at Library Circle.

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ALBUM REVIEWS

Unwritten Law's latest better left unwritten

By MICHELE JEFFERS
Scene Music Critic

With the recent release of its sixth album, "Here's to the Morning," Unwritten Law's latest bid upon the public makes one want to lobby for the album to be repealed.

Back in the early 1990s, Unwritten Law blossomed forth from the fertile skate-punk garden of San Diego. As one of the forefathers of the pop-punk genre, Unwritten Law helped lead the musical revolution against the boy bands that were tyrannizing TRL viewers across the country.

Victory was dearly won in 2002 when the entreated allies, New Found Glory and Jimmy Eat World, saved the musical heyday by pointing their muskets toward their bedazzled well-groomed foes, forcing them to scam.

With the immense popularity of the single "Seein' Red" from the album

"Elva," it was surprising that Unwritten Law did not float as well in the mainstream as its counterparts. The band took time off and released a recording of acoustic tracks from its performance on MTV's "Music in High Places," leaving fans hungry for more. However, the band's latest release may cause some fans to lose their appetite.

The album features an array of guitar-heavy, vocally driven songs that ultimately fail to impress. It begins with an awkward electronic introduction, segueing into two rough and tumble songs, "Get Up" and "Celebration Song." Amid the filler there are a couple songs that will get one's heel tapping. "Because of You" and "I Like the Way" feature catchy melodies. The single "Save Me" moves more slowly than the rest of the songs, but the song retains extra zest by interspersing a jaunty chorus in between the instrumentally naked

verses. Once this song is in one's head it will stay there whether one likes it or not.

"We felt like each of our songs have been written and played really well, but they haven't been that cohesive as a piece from front to back. This time, we're really making sure that all the songs are fused together, so it stands as one piece of music, with a really defined sound as well," lead singer Scott Russo said in an interview on hiponline.com.

It is true that earlier albums had a more random and uneven feel, but it really did not matter because the songs were all pretty good. When recording this album, it appears that the band made the assumption that its audience lacks an attention span of more than three minutes because every single song is practically the same. However, Russo prevents total boredom through his rambunctious and punching vocals that tirelessly endures round after round.

The album teeters on the verge of making one believe it has meaning, but insufferable lyrics and recycled riffs prevent one from making that mistake. Beyond implying that the men of Unwritten Law skipped class during D.A.R.E., the album's artwork and lyrics imply a confused, and at times awkwardly obsessive, relationship with drugs.

Whether Russo sadly believes he is increasing street credibility or hanging on to a wild youth with these references, or whether he is actually at a point in his life where he wants to feel something more than what numbing chemicals can offer him, remains to



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Despite Unwritten Law's history of creative albums, "Here's to the Morning" is a dull and disappointing release.

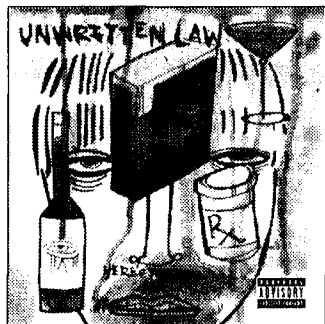
be seen. However, listeners will not lose sleep over it because the album does not even have one spoonful to help the songs go down.

This review may seem unfairly harsh, but a band with such longevity and history of creative albums should be held to a higher standard. "Here's to the Morning" is not egregiously bad, but the \$15 one would shell out for it would be better spent on a burrito and a couple of sea-monkeys.

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Here's to the Morning Unwritten Law

Lava



Decemberists release best album yet

By KERRY O'CONNOR
Scene Music Critic

If rock 'n' roll had existed in pre-revolutionary France, it would have sounded like this. The Decemberists' new album brings a new layer of maturity to its storytelling, leaving accessible accounts of love and growth behind for theatrical tales of fiction told with a historical backdrop.

Singer/songwriter Colin Meloy formed The Decemberists in Portland four years ago, creating a literary indie-pop quintet that rose quickly to critical acclaim. The title of the band's newest album, "Picaresque" — a rare adjective relating to adventure stories starring roguish anti-heroes — gives an indication of the band's

quirky, obscure and intelligent nature.

The songs on the Decemberists' third full-length are tinged with a wisdom and sophistication rarely found in rock albums. The songs seem urgent, pressing and captivating. Colin Meloy captures one with his voice, forcing one to listen, and he does not disappoint. However, The Decemberists is not to be confused with other bands with a similar singer-songwriter formula. This album is one that would remain intriguing even if there were no lyrics at all. There are an incredible number of instruments mixed into each track — guitars, violins, accordions and several other instruments most musicians do not even know exist. The music drives Meloy's melodies down paths not visited on previous Decemberists records.

The album begins with "La Infanta," a

crashing, dark, pulsating song about a pirate ship that sets a picturesque scene for the rest of the album. The songs are eclectic — each experiments with a different genre.

As is evident on "We Both Go Down Together," Meloy could write a catchy pop song if he liked, and this is the closest thing offered. It sounds like a sincere love song but is actually written about a couple from different social classes who jump from a cliff when they realize they cannot love each other in life.

The Decemberists hit perfection several times on the album, though it has its share of excesses. "Bagman's Gambit" is a seven-minute epic, starting with an acoustic guitar before crashing into full swing. The song climaxes minutes later with a cacophonous instrumental meltdown that brings the song full circle with an acoustic finish. It is incredibly alluring and offers glimpses of musical genius, but feels too ambitious at some points.

Furthermore, some of the songs feel like Meloy tried to squeeze one too many verses in — a song that sounds like heaven in the first minute might seem torturous by the fifth or sixth. Such is the case with the nine-minute "Mariner's Revenge Song," which offers an interesting aesthetic but sounds too much like it belongs on a soundtrack to a musical. However, preceded by the album's masterpiece "On The Bus Mall," it is easy to overlook the small misstep.

The Decemberists are known for the precious, immediately personal story-



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The Decemberists' "Picaresque" is a quirky and eclectic album that utilizes a variety of instruments.

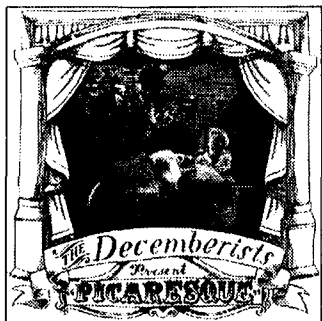
songs on its first two albums (see "California One"), but with "Picaresque" it is evident the band has set upon something more universal, and with this comes an increased level of complexity to cope with. This is not to say the songs are not incredibly appealing — it is only a matter of which Decemberists' style is preferred.

"Picaresque" is the Decemberists in perfect stride, evolving somewhat predictably but ultimately agreeably. If this is not the Decemberists' masterpiece, it is awfully close.

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Picaresque The Decemberists

Kill Rock Stars



NBA

Parker's 28 enough to defeat Sonics by 13

Duncan-less Spurs match team record with 34 home wins this season

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Tony Parker scored 28 points and the San Antonio Spurs let a 20-point fourth-quarter lead dwindle to 10 before holding off the Seattle SuperSonics 89-76 Wednesday night.

A three-point play by Seattle's Ronald Murray midway through the fourth quarter cut the Spurs' lead to 75-65. Parker then made two free throws and a layup, and Brent Barry tipped in his own missed layup to put San Antonio back up by 16 points with about four minutes left.

Seattle coach Nate McMillan soon sat down star guard Ray Allen, who was pestered defensively all night by Bruce Bowen, and the SuperSonics didn't threaten again.

Manu Ginobili had 15 points for the Spurs, whose 34th home victory matched the team record.

Allen scored 14 points on 6-for-17 shooting, with half of those baskets coming in the opening period. Murray scored 13 points of his team-high 17 points in the fourth quarter, and Nick Collison, Antonio Daniels and Damien Wilkins each added 11 points for Seattle.

Neither team was at full strength in the front court. San Antonio went without Tim Duncan (right ankle sprain) for the fifth consecutive game, while Seattle's Rashard Lewis (right foot bruise) sat out for a second straight night.

The Spurs established themselves at the opening tip, when Ginobili grabbed the ball and took it in for a spinning reverse layup.

San Antonio scored its first dozen baskets in the paint and quickly built a double-digit lead, while on defense the Spurs confined Seattle's offense to the perimeter. Seattle shot 6-for-19 (32 percent) in the first period, with only six of its 18 points coming inside.

An 11-foot baseline jumper by Vitaly Potapenko capped a 9-0 Seattle run early in the second that cut the Spurs' lead to 21-27. Ginobili then isolated on rookie Wilkins and beat him with a driving layup to start a 16-4

burst for San Antonio, which led 51-35 at halftime.

Parker led all scorers with 16 at the break on 7-for-10 shooting.

Dallas 112, Boston 100

When it came to finishing off the Boston Celtics, the high-scoring Dallas Mavericks turned to an unlikely source: defense.

Dallas used a 22-6 run early in the fourth quarter to break open a close game and extend the Celtics' losing streak to four games Wednesday night.

"We worked on being able to close out games early in the season defensively," said Dirk Nowitzki, who led Dallas with 36 points. "Offense will come and go, but defense is what wins games down the stretch. Five or six good solid minutes on defense set the tone in the fourth quarter."

Keith Van Horn added 21 for the Mavericks, who won for the ninth time in 11 games and continued to excel on the road. They have league's third-best road record at 24-11.

Since winning 11 of 12 after acquiring Antoine Walker, the Celtics and their star have slumped. Walker has shot just 33 percent during the four-game slide.

After Ricky Davis cut the Mavericks' lead to 77-76 with 11:15 left, Van Horn, Josh Howard and Jerry Stackhouse combined to score 17 points during the pivotal run, giving Dallas its biggest lead of the game at 99-82.

The Celtics pulled to within 101-92 with 2:12 remaining on a runner by Walker, but Nowitzki converted two three-point plays in the next minute to put the game out of reach.

"I thought we played great defense when we needed to," Stackhouse said. "We were the better defensive team tonight and that made the difference."

Detroit 99, Sacramento 82

The Detroit Pistons didn't have either of their top two point guards for the second half. The Sacramento Kings couldn't take advantage.

With Chauncey Billups ejected late in the second quarter and



Ray Allen goes up for a layup in Wednesday's game against the Spurs. San Antonio defeated Seattle easily, and Supersonics guard Allen was held to 14 points on 6-for-17 shooting.

backup Carlos Arroyo (flu) watching from home, Tayshaun Prince and Lindsey Hunter split the playmaking duties Wednesday night as Detroit pulled away.

"We were a little down at half-time," Prince said. "But we knew we had to respond."

Detroit, which had lost four of its previous five games, was coached by assistant Gar Heard for the 10th straight game as Larry Brown recovers from urinary-tract surgery. Brown is expected back for Friday's game against the Clippers.

"When Lindsey was out there, we were able to be more aggressive on defense, but we knew he couldn't play all 24 minutes," Heard said. "So we put Tay on the ball and had Rip (Richard Hamilton) guard their point. It worked pretty well."

Even with the victory, Heard was ready to hand the job back to Brown.

Chicago 102, Charlotte 99

Ben Gordon showed Emeka Okafor why the Rookie of the Year award is still up for grabs.

Gordon scored 22 of his career-high 35 points in the fourth quarter Wednesday night to lead the Chicago Bulls over the Charlotte Bobcats for the Bulls' seventh straight win.

Gordon drained a tie-breaking 3-pointer with 42.8 seconds left, then gave Chicago a 101-97 lead on another 3 with 21.7 seconds left.

"I was just feeling it," said Gordon, who scored the Bulls' final 16 points. "I was getting good looks, I was freeing myself up, and all I needed was a split second."

Othella Harrington added 16 points and eight rebounds and Jannero Pargo also scored 16 for the Bulls, who won their seventh straight game despite being without their top two scorers. Eddy Curry was a late scratch with flu-like symptoms, while Kirk Hinrich missed his fifth straight game with a strained left hamstring.

The Bulls, who came into the game leading the NBA with 39.2 bench points per game, rode the 8-of-12 fourth-quarter shooting of Gordon, who's also a candidate for Sixth Man of the Year.

"I thought they outplayed us most of the game, but Ben just got hot down the stretch," Bulls coach Scott Skiles said. "He's a very, very good shooter. There are very few guys who can shoot like him and that are not afraid to take big shots."

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NCAA TOURNAMENT

Bears boost image of Baylor athletics

School smiling over recent success after gloomy past year

Associated Press

WACO, Tex. — The mention of Baylor sports so often has evoked negative images.

Miserable football teams. The men's basketball tragedy two summers ago when a player was killed, allegedly by a teammate, leading to an investigation that uncovered a scandal.

While there have been some healing moments for the world's largest Baptist university since then, nothing has provided the boost created by the Lady Bears making the NCAA Final Four.

"This has taken us one step further beyond the tragedy," athletic director Ian McCaw said Wednesday.

Adds Grant Teaff, Baylor's football coach during the program's heyday: "This is a catalyst that can pull people strongly together again in support of something extremely positive. ... Athletics are the window through which the world looks at your university. Right now, the view is pretty good."

There have been other feel-good stories lately from the Waco campus, about 100 miles south of Dallas.

The school's baseball, softball and women's tennis teams are all nationally ranked this spring. The men's tennis team won the school's first NCAA championship last spring.

Last summer, Baylor track stars Jeremy Wariner and Darold Williams won gold medals at the Olympics.

Even the football team, which had won just five of its previous 68 Big 12 games, upset Texas A&M at home last October.

Still, all that pales in comparison to the Lady Bears (31-3) capping a season full of positives by making the Final Four, putting them two wins from a national championship.

They go into Sunday night's game against LSU with an 18-game winning streak. They've earned their first Big 12 regular season and tournament titles — five years after coach Kim Mulkey-Robertson took over a program coming off a seven-win season and had never been to the NCAA tournament.

"It helps magnify the other success programs have had," men's basketball coach Scott Drew said. "It's a platform to talk about other success as well. As we all know, people watch TV and read newspapers. The more positive publicity people see, the better."

Drew was hired after the death of player Patrick Dennehy, who had been missing for six weeks before his body was found in a field a few miles from campus in July 2003. Former player Carlton Dotson goes on trial for the slaying this summer.

Basketball coach Dave Bliss and athletic director Tom Stanton resigned after serious NCAA violations were revealed. The school also levied stiff sanctions on itself and relaxed transfer rules, letting its top three scorers switch schools. They were last in the Big 12 this season.

Drew is hoping the excitement generated by the women will help his squad, too.

"Hopefully events like this again show the positiveness of Baylor University and all the good things happening," he said.

Mulkey-Robertson insists that she addressed her team about the men's tragedy only once before last season. She challenged the Lady Bears to give Baylor fans something to rally around.

"It's not like we got motivated by it, or used it as motivation in the locker room," she said. "I just felt like we needed to take the focus off the tragedy as best we could and win basketball games."

The Lady Bears made it to the NCAA round of 16 for the first time last season.

Shade of green tints Final Fours



Michigan State players celebrate following a 76-69 win over Stanford in the championship game of the NCAA Kansas City Regional March 29. The victory advanced the Spartans to the Final Four.

Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Rob Dare and his friends crowded around a TV, screaming as Michigan State competed for a spot in the Final Four.

The students weren't watching the men's team, however. For the first time, Dare and his buddies were tuned in to cheer on the Spartan women.

Michigan State will have its men's and women's teams in the Final Four this weekend and Dare, as much as it surprises him, will be interested in both games.

"Everybody follows the men around here, but now people are jumping on the women's bandwagon, me included," the sophomore said Wednesday. "I was really impressed with them against Stanford. Me and my friends couldn't believe how good they could shoot. Maybe we should've started following them earlier."

Michigan State has gone hoops crazy, a fact that could be seen and heard on and around campus.

Merchandise was hawked on street corners under makeshift tents, and congratulatory messages could be seen on businesses' marquee.

A green and white Spartans blanket attached to a flag pole flapped in the wind in the back of a pickup truck on the eastern edge of campus.

As if a partly cloudy, 70-degree day wasn't enough to create a buzz in the winter-weary college town, two Final Four-bound basketball teams provided an extra boost of excitement.

For the past two weeks, Michigan State president Lou Anna Simon has crisscrossed the country to give equal time to the Spartans in both the men's and women's NCAA tournaments.

There's no rest for Simon now.

"It's a great problem to have," Simon said in interview with The Associated Press a few minutes after the

women's team beat Stanford on Tuesday night. "It's going to be a little easier on me this weekend because the sites will be closer together, and the games don't conflict."

"I can't wait to get to the pep rallies and other events we have planned before each game."

Simon will watch the men play North Carolina on Saturday in St. Louis, then travel 250 miles to Indianapolis for the women's game against Tennessee on Sunday.

If both Michigan State teams pull off upsets, Simon will be back in St. Louis on Monday for the men's national championship before wrapping up her whirlwind tour Tuesday night in Indianapolis for the women's title game.

Just six schools have sent both men's and women's teams to the Final Four, but the feat has now happened four years in a row.

Georgia was the first to do it, in 1983, and Duke followed in 1999 before Oklahoma, Texas, Connecticut and now Michigan State had two teams advance to the semifinals from 2002-05. Last year, the Huskies were the first to have both men's and women's teams win national championships in the same season.

Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said superior facilities, successful recruiting and support from the administration likely helped each school pull off the accomplishment.

At Michigan State, the head coaches of both basketball programs are close and the players are, too.

Izzo said he spoke with women's coach Joanne P. McCallie on Wednesday afternoon, a day after he gathered his players to watch her team topple Stanford.

When the women clinched a share of the Big Ten title last

month at the Breslin Center, an arena both teams share, some players from the men's team rushed the court alongside other fans.

"That was an amazing, special moment for our program and this community when the guys did that," McCallie said. "They realize we all sweat the same, we all bleed green and it says 'State' on both of our jerseys."

Though the women are a top-seeded team and the men are a fifth-seeded squad, both

have had to scramble to win some games en route to the Final Four.

The men beat Kentucky in double overtime on Sunday in a regional final, and the women escaped the second round with a 61-59 win over

Southern California. Both will face traditional powerhouses in the Final Four: North Carolina for the men and Tennessee for the women.

Michigan State's women had not advanced past the second round before this season while the men have won two national championships and are going to the Final Four for the fourth time in seven years — one more trip than any other team since 1999.

Michigan State will open Breslin this weekend so fans can watch the games on the oversized monitors above the court for free.

The College Store, a local store specializing in Michigan State paraphernalia, is hoping soon to have available for sale "This Dance Is For Couples Only" T-shirts featuring both teams.

If such a shirt was on the racks Wednesday, Ronda Bokram would've bought it.

"I'll be back," said Bokram, 49, of East Lansing.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm plans to travel to both the men's and women's games this weekend with her 15-year-old daughter Kate.



Baylor center Steffanie Blackmon, left, smothers Minnesota center Janel McCarville during the Bears' 64-57 win March 26.

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Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Poll

	team	record	points
1	Northwestern	8-0	299
2	Virginia	6-1	280
3	North Carolina	8-2	260
4	Princeton	4-2	256
5	Duke	8-2	240
6	Dartmouth	6-0	220
7	Penn State	6-3	212
8	Georgetown	5-1	208
9	Maryland	6-4	174
10	Hofstra	7-1	155
11	Boston University	5-1	141
12	Johns Hopkins	5-2	135
13	Penn	4-2	103
14	Cornell	3-2	102
15	Delaware	4-2	85
16	Ohio State	4-4	82
17	Syracuse	5-2	63
17	Towson	6-1	63
19	Temple	3-2	22
20	William & Mary	3-4	17

Geico/STX Coaches' Poll Men's Lacrosse Top 25

	team	record	points
1	Johns Hopkins (7)	5-0	197
2	Duke (3)	9-0	191
3	Virginia	6-1	182
4	Maryland	5-2	156
5	Army	5-2	155
6	Navy	7-1	142
7	Georgetown	4-2	141
8	Syracuse	2-3	138
9	NOTRE DAME	5-1	131
10	Cornell	3-2	108
11	Hofstra	3-4	87
12	Hobart	5-1	84
13	Massachusetts	5-2	84
14	Stony Brook	5-1	59
15	Bucknell	5-2	49
16	Princeton	0-4	45
17	North Carolina	2-5	37
18	Brown	3-1	33
19	Dartmouth	3-1	30
20	Towson	4-3	19
21	Delaware	6-3	18
22	Rutgers	3-4	11
23	Loyola	3-3	5
24	UMBC	2-4	4
25	Villanova	5-3	2

Golfstat Men's Top 15

	team	scoring avg.	wins
1	Oklahoma State	71.03	3
2	UNLV	71.67	1
3	Georgia Tech	71.55	1
4	Georgia	72.30	2
5	New Mexico	71.95	3
6	Wake Forest	73.13	0
7	Florida	73.48	2
8	Arizona State	72.39	0
9	Duke	72.95	2
10	Brigham Young	71.73	2
11	Auburn	72.13	0
12	UCLA	73.06	2
13	Minnesota	73.40	1
14	Augusta State	73.15	1
15	Tennessee	73.36	3

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MLB



An Oakland Athletics team banner hangs from the upper deck at the Coliseum in Oakland on Wednesday. Baseball's owners approved the sale of the A's Wednesday to Los Angeles real estate developer Lewis Wolff.

Baseball owners approve Oakland sale

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Baseball's owners unanimously approved the sale of the Oakland Athletics to Los Angeles real estate developer Lewis Wolff on Wednesday, all but finalizing a deal in the works for about a year.

The owners spoke for 5 minutes via conference call to approve the sale, the next-to-last step necessary for Wolff and his group of investors to assume control of the team.

Now, the parties just have to hold the closing, sign the documents and complete the transaction.

The A's, who planned a

news conference back in Oakland on Friday to formally introduce Wolff as the new owner, hoped to have everything complete by Monday's season opener in Baltimore.

Wolff, the team's vice president for venue development, and his group are paying about \$180 million to purchase the team from Steve Schott and Ken Hofmann, co-owners since jointly buying the A's in 1995.

"For the past three years, I've had the pleasure of being involved in one of the best-managed organizations in all of professional sports," Wolff said in a statement. "I consider it a

great privilege to have my name associated with a franchise that has such a rich and proud history as the Oakland Athletics. I am excited about our future and working to continue the A's tradition of excellence both on and off the field."

Schott served as the managing partner and will remain involved with the club in some capacity, maintaining a minority ownership.

John Fisher, the billionaire son of Gap chairman and CEO Don Fisher, will be a majority investor — a sign the small-market A's might not be one of baseball's low-budget teams for much longer. Wolff will be manag-

ing general partner.

John Fisher was part of the early ownership team that bought the San Francisco Giants in 1992, but recently sold his share to purchase the A's.

Wolff met with baseball's ownership committee in January and has repeatedly said his priority is to build a baseball-only stadium in Oakland, possibly in the Coliseum parking lot. The A's and NFL Oakland Raiders currently share the aging venue.

That could mean relying on some private money, because Oakland voters have voiced opposition to a new stadium to be funded with their tax dollars.

IN BRIEF

Mauresmo reaches Nasdaq 100 semifinals

KEY BISCAVNE, Fla. — Amelie Mauresmo moved one round closer to the Nasdaq-100 Open title — and the No. 1 ranking.

The top-seeded Frenchwoman reached the semifinals by beating 17-year-old Ana Ivanovic 6-1, 6-4 Wednesday.

Mauresmo, who spent five weeks at No. 1 last year, can regain the top ranking if she wins the tournament and beats a top-five player in one of her final two matches. Lindsay Davenport, who skipped the hard-court tournament to protect her troublesome knees, has been No. 1 since October.

"Of course I would love to get it back," Mauresmo said. "But having had it once, it's pretty different. My goals are somewhere else. Doing well in these big events is today more important to me."

Mauresmo's opponent Thursday will be the winner of the last quar-

terfinal match between No. 5-ranked Elena Dementieva and unseeded Kim Clijsters.

Source says Brown will coach Pistons Thursday

DETROIT — Larry Brown will return to coach the Detroit Pistons this week after missing 10 games, a team source told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

Brown will rejoin the team at practice Thursday, according to the source, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, and will be on the bench at home Friday night against the Los Angeles Clippers.

He did not coach the Pistons on Wednesday night at home against Sacramento, missing his 10th straight game since undergoing a procedure related to hip surgery, which caused him to miss six games in November.

Brown's future with the defending NBA champions became uncertain when he openly questioned whether he'd be able to return this season.

Junior teammates named Baker Award finalists

ITHACA, N.Y. — Cornell goalie David McKee and Colorado College linemen Brett Sterling and Marty Sertich are the finalists for the Hobey Baker Award, given to college hockey's top player.

The finalists were announced Wednesday and the award will be handed out April 8 at the Frozen Four in Columbus, Ohio.

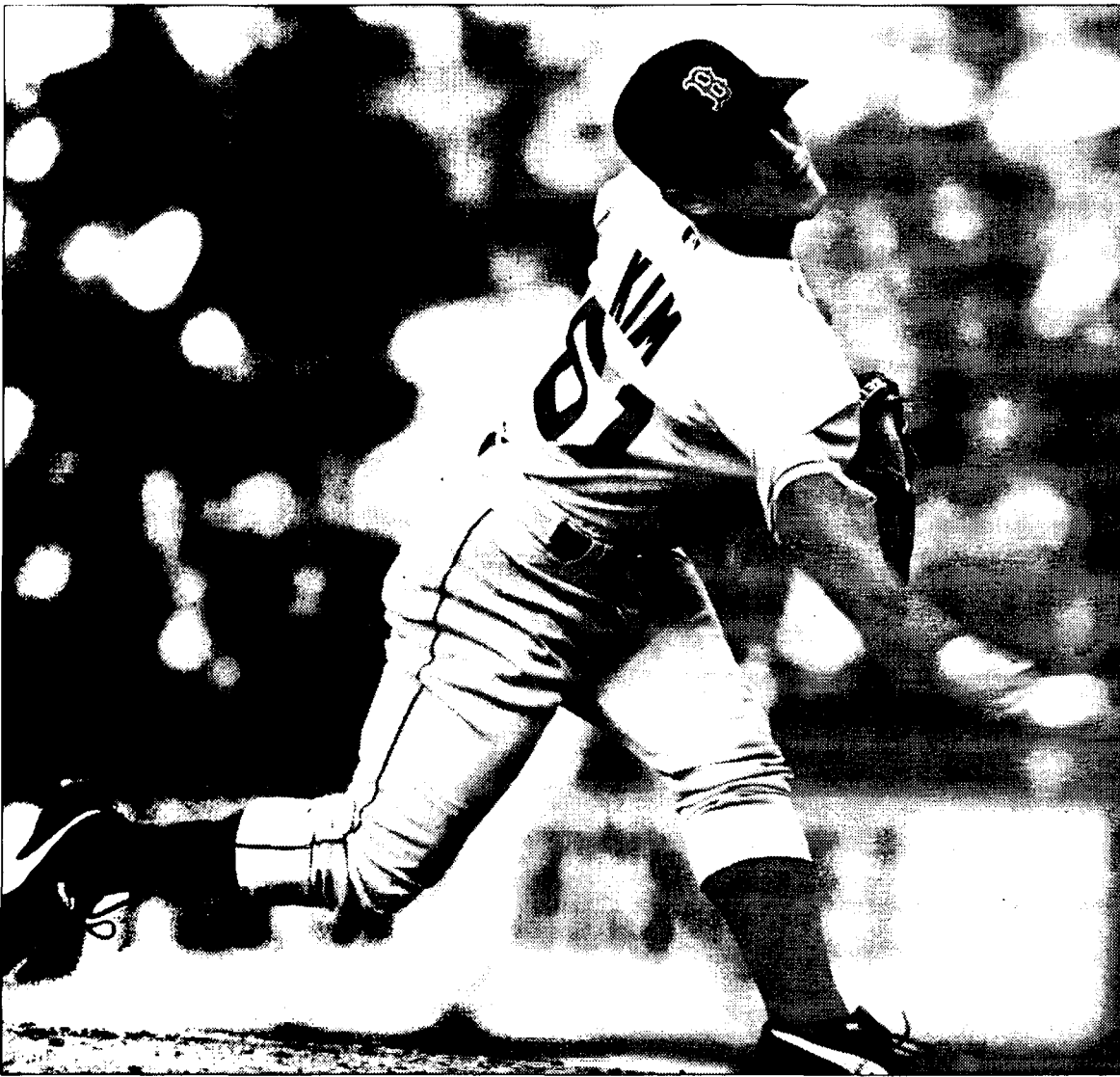
McKee set a school record with 10 shutouts for Cornell's record-setting defense this season. He led the nation in goals-against average at 1.24, the third-best mark in college hockey history. His .947 save percentage tied for first in the nation.

The sophomore has 15 career shutouts, already breaking Ken Dryden's school record of 13 career.

The other finalists are a pair of junior forwards. Sertich leads the nation in scoring with 27 goals and 37 assists. Sterling leads the nation with 34 goals and has 29 assists.

MLB

Boston trades Kim, calls pitcher 'a mistake'



Byung-Hyun Kim pitches against Cleveland May 5, 2004. Kim was traded from the Red Sox to the Rockies in exchange for pitcher Chris Narveson.

Red Sox owe reliever \$6 million, acquire Rockies' Narveson

Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. — The Boston Red Sox traded reliever Byung-Hyun Kim to the Colorado Rockies, calling the \$10 million, two-year deal they gave him in 2004 "a mistake."

Kim was sent Wednesday to the Rockies for left-handed pitcher Chris Narveson, 23, who was optioned to Triple-A Pawtucket, and catcher Charles Johnson, who was immediately designated for assignment and released.

As part of the trade, Colorado sent Boston about \$2.6 million to equalize the salaries. Johnson is owed \$9 million and Kim \$6 million, part of a \$10 million, two-year deal he signed before the 2004 season.

"We certainly made a mistake and I take responsibility for that," Epstein said. "It's just a mystery what happened to this guy."

Epstein noted that in 2003, Kim made contributions to the team's playoff run and was at a loss to say what happened to him in 2004.

"I'm not so sure [success] would have happened to him in Boston," he said. "He was crying for a change of scenery."

Epstein said Kim, when informed of the trade, apologized for not doing better.

Kim missed time with the flu this spring and has allowed four earned runs in 6 2-3 innings during the exhibition season. All the while, he has been bombarded with rumors that Boston would try to unload his \$6 million salary, or part of it.

"I heard many stories about the trades this offseason but it's nothing I can control," he said last week, "but I know the general manager and manager and all the teammates still trust in me to help out the team."

Kim, a native of South Korea, was acquired from Arizona on May 29, 2003 in the trade that sent Shea Hillenbrand to the Diamondbacks. He went 6-4 with 16 saves and a 2.28 ERA in 42 outings after being named Boston's closer July 1. He did not allow an earned run in his final 13 regular season appearances.

But he lost the job in the playoffs after allowing the tying run to reach base in the ninth inning of Boston's loss in the first-round opener against Oakland. Then, during player introductions for Game 3 of the AL division series in 2003 at Fenway Park, he was booed and made an obscene gesture at the crowd. He later apologized.

Even so, the Red Sox resigned him. Then he went 2-1 with a 6.73 ERA for Boston and was at Triple-A Pawtucket from May 11 to Sept. 21.

The former Arizona closer blew two ninth-inning saves at Yankee Stadium in the 2001 World Series. But he made the All-Star team with the Diamondbacks in 2002, when he had a career-high 36 saves.

In 299 career appearances, Kim is 31-28 with 86 saves and a 3.37 earned run average. He has allowed 315 hits and 176 runs, 157 of them earned. He has struck out 455 batters and walked 176.

Kim has four saves in 11 post-season appearances.

The Rockies were trying to move the 33-year-old Johnson since J.D. Closser replaced him at catcher in September.

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MLB

Bio of medical advisor comes under suspicion

Baseball's chief doctor supposedly falsified records listing his degrees, honors

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball's medical advisor, who praised baseball's steroids policy and challenged its critics while testifying before Congress, has discrepancies in his professional and educational credentials, according to a newspaper report.

The discrepancies appear in media guides and handouts with information about Dr. Elliot J. Pellman, an internist who is also team doctor for the New York Jets and the New York Islanders, The New York Times reported in Wednesday's editions.

Pellman, also a former president of the National Football League Physicians Society, told the Times he had not tried to mislead anybody. He characterized the errors as minor, said he would correct them and primarily blamed the discrepancies on other people, including his secretary and the Jets.

"In a way, I thank you, because those discrepancies are not important enough to be there, and they have all been fixed," he told the newspaper.

Major League Baseball expressed concern about the Times' story, but offered its support for Pellman on Wednesday.

"Dr. Pellman has been a valuable asset to Major League Baseball over the last two years as the league advisor on med-

ical issues, including performance-enhancing substances, and as the league's liaison to club physicians and trainers," the league said in a statement. "His work for us and other professional sports clubs and leagues has been marked by scholarship and research, and he has earned the respect of our member clubs through his efforts."

The league "expects that Dr. Pellman will correct the public record as it relates to any of his credentials."

The Jets also backed Pellman. "Dr. Pellman has communicated an oversight on his resume, and we have acknowledged the clarification, and it will be reflected in future correspondences," the team said in a statement. "We are thankful to have Dr. Pellman leading our medical department, and stand firmly behind him, and his team of medical professionals."

Islanders general manager Mike Milbury said Pellman was "completely truthful in presenting his qualifications" when the team hired him in 1996.

Pellman's bio in the Jets media guide states he has a medical degree from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. But the Times report said state records show

Pellman attended medical school in Guadalajara, Mexico, and received a medical degree from the New York State Education Department after a one-year residency at SUNY-Stony Brook. He does not hold an M.D. from Stony Brook, according to Dan Rosett, a university hospital spokesman.

And in papers sent to Harvard University for a seminar and to the House Committee on Government Reform, which held hearings on steroids in baseball two weeks ago, Pellman identified himself as an associate clinical professor at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

But he is an assistant clinical professor, a lower-ranking and honorary position that is held by thousands of doctors. Pellman does not teach at Albert Einstein, and his associate status is pending.

The Times reviewed Pellman's credentials after his nationally televised appearance before the House committee on March 17. He was added to the hearing at the request of Major League Baseball and staunchly defended baseball's steroids policies.

When informed of the errors in Pellman's biography, Representative Henry A. Waxman, Democrat of California, the ranking minority member on the House committee, told The New York Times in

a statement: "This new information raises further questions about (Pellman's) credibility and the credibility of baseball's steroid policy."

Robert D. Manfred Jr., baseball's executive vice president,

said it was unfair to criticize Pellman for the false listing of an M.D. from SUNY in his bio from the Jets.

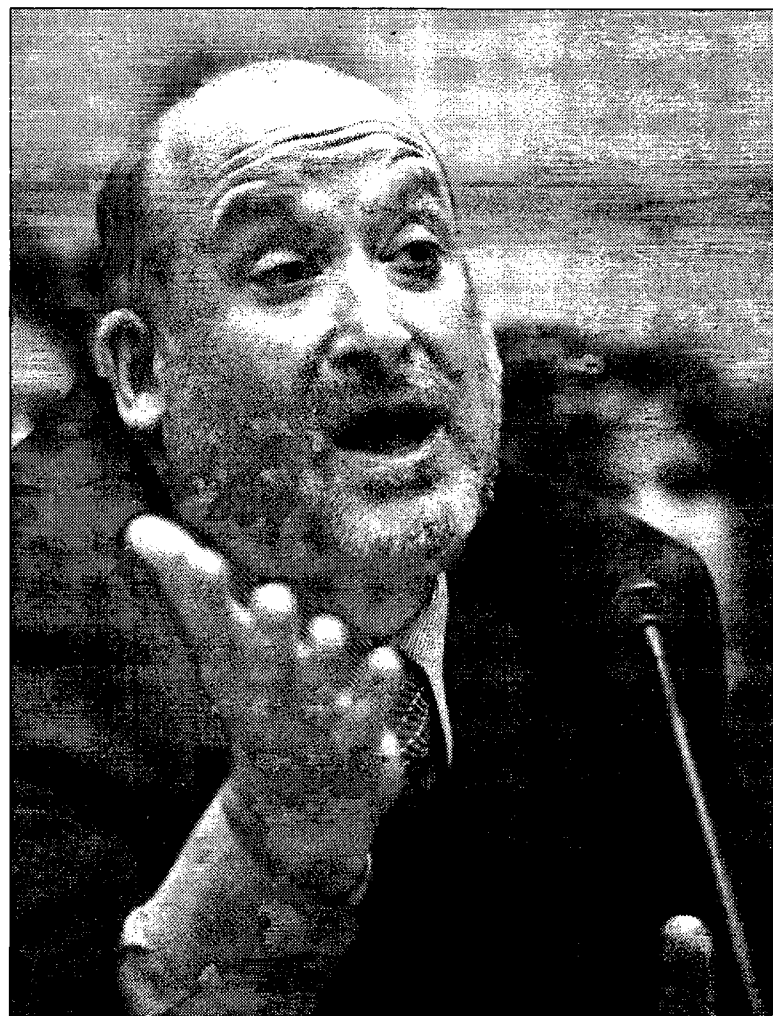
"I don't see why it should impact his credibility, I really don't," Manfred said.

"Those discrepancies are not important enough to be there."

Elliot Pellman
medical advisor

"[Pellman was] completely truthful in presenting his qualifications."

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Major League Baseball medical advisor Dr. Elliot Pellman testifies in Washington during a steroid hearing March 17.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles blue about loss to Maroons

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

The Belles dropped their match 6-2 to the Maroons of the University of Chicago Wednesday afternoon. Due to looming storms and the Maroons' sizable lead, the last doubles match was cancelled.

Saint Mary's coach Dee Stevenson said the match was more closely contested than the final score indicated.

"It could have gone either way," Stevenson said. "We lost three really close matches. Possibly we could have been ahead 5-3 without having to play that last match."

Playing Np. 6 singles due to the absence of injured sophomore Grace Gordon [torn ACL], fellow sophomore Mary Beth Pavla lost her first official match of the year in three grueling sets (6-4, 6-7, 6-7) — dropping the last two by tie breaking points.

Stevenson hopes that Pavla's lengthy match, which lasted three and a half hours, will help her later on.

"It was a good experience for Mary Beth to get in a close match," he said. "Next time she'll know how to win it."

Junior co-captain Kristen Palombo jumped ahead early in her number one singles match,

taking the first set (6-3), but she lost the next two (2-6, 0-6).

Palombo's No. 1 doubles match with senior partner Miranda Mikulyuk also came up short. After going to a tiebreaker, they lost (7-9).

The match was the first time this year Palombo and Mikulyuk had been doubles partners, as Gordon's injury propelled Mikulyuk up to the number-one doubles position with Palombo.

"We played really well for the first match playing together," Palombo said. "It came down to a couple of points. At one point we were winning (7-6)."

Stevenson said he did not see any signs of rust from the long gap between action for the Belles — who had not played since returning from their spring break trip to Orlando March 13 — because the layoff helped them work on strategies for doubles play.

One of the brightest spots of the match was the play of sophomore Kelly McDavitt, who was involved in both of the Belles' victories. In addition to winning her number-four singles match in straight sets (6-4, 6-4), she and sophomore partner Caile Mulcahy defeated the Maroons' number two doubles pair (8-2).

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish pitchers confuse Crusaders

Booth, Wisen team to throw perfect game against Valparaiso

By RYAN DUFFY
Sports Writer

After squeezing out a walk-off win in their previous game against Western Michigan, the Irish left no room for doubt this time around, jumping out to early leads and sweeping Valparaiso in a Wednesday doubleheader.

Notre Dame appeared to be clicking on all cylinders, winning the first game 5-0 and the second game 10-0 in five innings behind several of the most dominating performances of the year from both the offense and defense.

"Valparaiso came in here with an 0-18 record, and sometimes that's hard for better teams, because they'll play down to the other team's level," junior Sara Schoonaert said. "But I feel we did a good job of playing to our ability level and not dropping down to theirs."

In the first game, Steffany Stenglein allowed only two hits in five innings, striking out 10 for her fourth double-digit strikeout game this season.

Sophomore Kenya Fuemmeler followed her with one of her best outings to date, finishing the shutout with two

innings of no-hit ball.

With the strong pitching keeping Valparaiso off the scoreboard all game, the Irish were able to build on their lead after an early start. Senior Liz Hartmann doubled to lead off the second inning, then came home after center-fielder Malorie Lenn doubled to center. Two batters later, Schoonaert stepped to the plate and smacked a double down the right field line to stake the Irish to a 2-0 lead.

In the third inning, the Irish delivered the knockout blow. Freshman Katie Laing led off with a single, and after Megan Ciolli reached on a bunt single, Meagan Ruthrauff walked to load the bases. Hartmann then drew the second walk of the inning to drive in a run, and Carrie Wisen singled to left to score two more.

Starting pitcher Heather Booth and Carrie Wisen combined to throw a perfect game in the conclusion to the doubleheader, retiring all 15 batters they faced.

The Irish have now recorded no-hitters against Valparaiso in two of the last three years.

Although the dominant pitching performance took the pressure off the Notre Dame offense, the team came out in the first inning to bash three home runs on the way to an eight-run rally that put the game away from the start.

"Our pitchers were really good, particularly in the sec-

ond game when they combined for a no-hitter," Schoonaert said. "All the way through the lineup the offense was clicking — the first, fifth and eighth hitters all had homers in the first. It was a total team effort. We got solid defense, especially in the second game, our pitchers kept us in the ball game and the hitters took care of things."

Notre Dame began its eight-run inning when sophomore Stephanie Brown crushed a solo shot to lead off the game for her first homer of the year. Laing, who went 3-for-6 hitting out of the number two spot, followed with a double, then moved to third after Ciolli singled to center. After Ruthrauff walked to load the bases, Hartmann calmly stepped into the batter's box and launched the second pitch she saw over the leftfield fence for a grand slam, the first of her career. Hartmann finished the day 3-for-4 with a homer and five RBIs.

After Hartmann's grand slam cleared the bases and gave the Irish a 5-0 lead, Jessica Hufnagle singled to right, bringing senior Nicole Wicks to the plate.

Wicks has had just eight at-bats this season, but still managed to drive a pitch deep over the left field wall for her first hit of the 2005 season.

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Boys' McDonald's All-American Game

Blue Devil recruits combine for 30 points in East victory

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Duke manages to have successful seasons even when it doesn't contend for the national title.

Blue Devil recruits Josh McRoberts (Carmel, Ind.) and Greg Paulus (Manlius, N.Y.) carried the McDonald's All-American East team to a 115-110 win over the West Wednesday night at the Joyce Center.

McRoberts was named the game's MVP after scoring 17 points and grabbing a game-high 12 rebounds. Paulus helped out with 13 points and nine assists. Both McRoberts and Paulus played 24 minutes, the most by any other player in the 28th annual McDonald's game.

Led by 24 points from Oklahoma State-bound Gerald Green — the most impressive scoring threat on the floor and winner of this year's dunk contest — the East pulled away after seeing a 65-43 halftime lead shrink to a tie with under two minutes to go in an unusually competitive game compared to past years.

"They kind of jumped on us in the second half," McRoberts said, "but we hung in there and got the win."

Green scored five of the East's first seven points in the second half after shooting 4-for-4 from 3-point range in a 14-point first half effort. The East then led 72-

49, but the West came roaring back.

West point guard Mario Chalmers (Anchorage, AK — Kansas) dropped 13 points in a 20-2 run to narrow the East lead to 74-69.

Teams exchanged baskets for a good portion of the half up until a television timeout with 7:59 to go. After the East led at that point, 97-85, West coach Al Rhodes went with a lineup that included Chalmers and fellow Kansas recruit Julian Wright (7-for-9, 14 points).

The West closed the lead to four, 106-102, with 1:57 remaining and tied the game after consecutive field goals from Monta Ellis (Jackson, Miss. — Mississippi State).

Green regained the lead for the East, however, with two free throws. Paulus then sank 5-of-6 from the charity stripe down the stretch to seal the victory.

The East shot 51.4 percent to the West's 44.6 percent.

Notre Dame recruit Luke Zeller (Washington, Ind.) started the game for the West squad and played 15 total minutes.

Zeller played the high post and did not see the ball much. He shot 0-for-2 on the evening and grabbed two rebounds to go with two assists.

"I loved playing on the Joyce Center floor," Zeller said. "I wish I could have given [the fans] something to cheer for, but we'll have to wait until later."

McRoberts, on the other hand — the only player other than

Zeller from Indiana to participate in the game — was forced to answer questions about possibly skipping college to play professionally.

"Right now, I just really want to go to college and have that experience to play for [Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski]," he said. "I feel like I'm not ready for the NBA physically or mentally."

The West led only once in the game when Martell Webster (Edmond, Wash. — Washington) banked in a 3-pointer on the team's first possession to make the score 3-1.

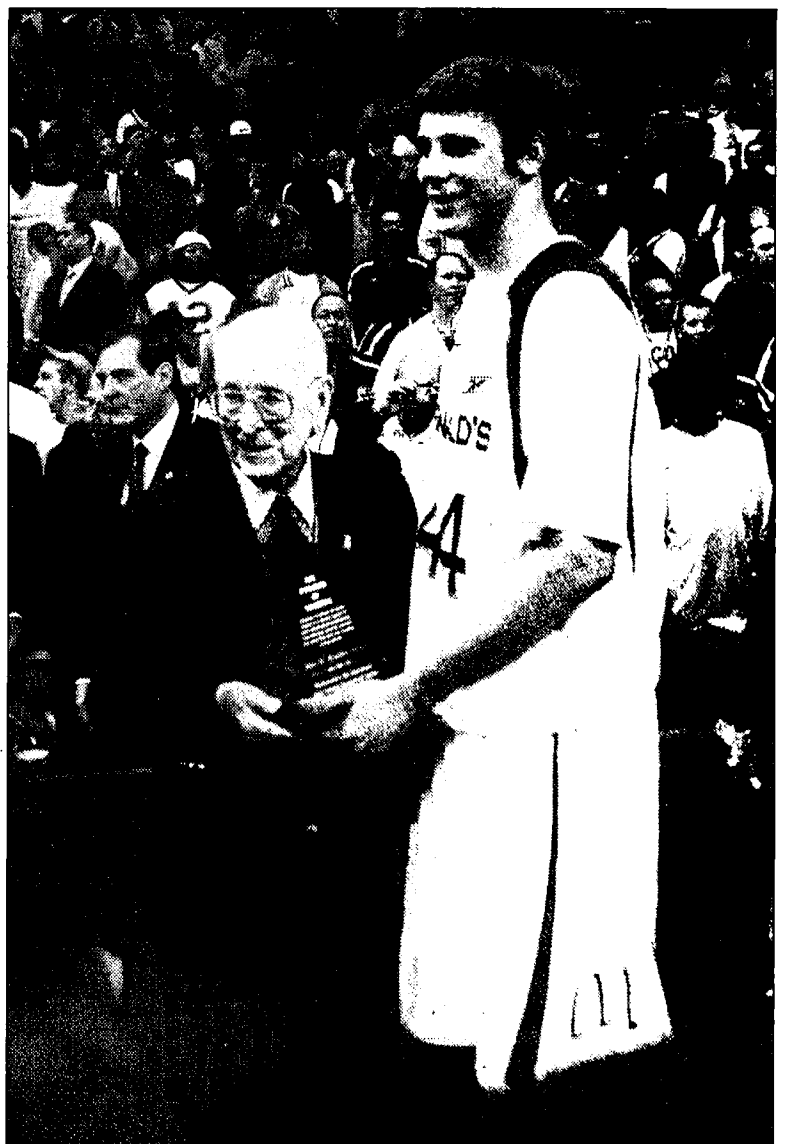
McRoberts responded to the basket with a deep bucket of his own, making the score 4-3 East as McRoberts would go on to tie Green for the lead in scoring at half with 14 points apiece.

Notes

♦ Paulus is a two-sport high school All-American, earning the honor in football and basketball. Notre Dame recruited Paulus — a quarterback in high school — for football, but the New York native decided to put his football career on hold and play basketball at Duke.

♦ The East's Tasmin Mitchell (Denham Springs, La. — Louisiana State) was given this year's McDonald's Sportsmanship Award at halftime of Wednesday's game. Mitchell scored six points in 13 minutes.

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East forward Josh McRoberts receives the game MVP award from legendary UCLA coach John Wooden Wednesday.

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out. Matt Edwards flied out before Matt Bransfield reached on a third baseman's error, which scored Nettey. Dury followed with a mammoth blast that just snuck inside the left field foul line for a three-run bomb. After another Chicago State error, Craig Cooper pushed one more run across with a fielder's choice to the shortstop.

Notre Dame added two runs in the third when Lilley smoked a bases-loaded single up the middle to score Cooper and Ross Brezovsky, giving the Irish a 7-2 lead.

In the fourth, Greg Lopez added an RBI sacrifice fly that scored Cody Rizzo to push Notre Dame's advantage to 8-3. Pinch hitter Danny Dressman slapped a two-run base hit to center field, extending the Irish lead to 10-3 in the fifth.

Dressman did more damage to Chicago State in the bottom of the seventh. After Dury doubled down the right field line, Dressman ripped a shot

to the left centerfield gap and chugged his way to third for an RBI triple. Cooper followed with a bullet up the middle, scoring Dressman and putting Notre Dame in front 12-3. Lopez cranked an RBI double to left center to score Cooper and extend the Irish lead to 13-3.

Besides the victory, the Irish had more good news when pitcher John Axford threw a scoreless eighth, recording three strikeouts and one walk. Axford missed all of last season after having Tommy John surgery and he is expected to be a key contributor to Notre Dame's starting rotation.

"The highlight of the night was John Axford," Mainieri said. "That's a good tune-up for him for next week."

Axford is scheduled to start April 6 in a makeup game against Bowling Green.

Notre Dame now prepares for a critical three-game weekend series against Big East foe Rutgers on Saturday and Sunday. The Scarlet Knights are 12-8 and tied with the Irish at 3-1 in the conference.

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Paul Mainieri
Irish head coach

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the Irish were anything but a pushover, clinching the doubles point with an 8-3 win over Katie McGaffigan and Lindsay Martin. Christian Thompson returned to the courts in the team's match against Oklahoma State after being sidelined with a knee injury the last two meets.

Sarah Jane Connelly was heartened by the team's performance in doubles, adding that she looks forward to seeing just how successful the team as a whole will be.

"We still have a good third of the season left," Connelly said. "We still have a lot more matches to win."

In singles, No. 44 Catrina Thompson recorded her seventh victory in her nine contests against nationally-ranked opponents. The sophomore extended the team's advantage, putting Notre Dame in the lead 2-0 with a 6-2, 6-2 defeat of No. 93 McGaffigan at No. 1.

But the Buckeyes refused to back down, winning three of the next four matches. The match at No. 2 pitted the two players tied for No. 100 in the ITA national rankings — Buck and Burke — against each other. Burke emerged victorious with a 6-2, 6-0 win. Martin tied the score for the Badgers, beating Lauren Connelly 6-4, 6-1 at No. 3.

Wisconsin pulled ahead 3-2 as Caiati defeated Stasny 7-6 (7-4), 6-3 at No. 4.

Things appeared to be

looking up for the Irish after junior Liz Donohue bested Chelsea Nusslock 6-4, 7-5 at No. 6 to put the score at 3-3. But Beck secured the win for Wisconsin, defeating Sarah Jane Connelly 5-7, 6-3, 7-5.

Sarah Jane Connelly said the Buckeyes proved to be challenging opponents across the board.

"We knew it was going to be a battle going into it," Connelly said.

"They just fought really hard and I don't think we were as competitive as we could have been."

Notre Dame returns to the courts on Saturday, hosting Long Beach State at 10 a.m.

Notre Dame 7, Oklahoma State 0

Oklahoma natives Sarah Jane Connelly, Lauren Connelly and Buck had the opportunity to showcase their talent before a home crowd on Saturday, impressing their family and friends in attendance with a triumph over Oklahoma State (4-8). The team shut out their opponents 7-0, claiming wins at each of the singles positions and at Nos. 2 and 3 in doubles en route to the victory.

Sarah Jane Connelly had only words of praise for her teammates.

"Everyone played really well this weekend," Connelly said. "We just came out and got out on top early after winning doubles and we just

cruised from there. It's always fun playing well in front of a home crowd."

Lauren Connelly and Buck were the first to walk off the courts, defeating Sandra Blaier and Jessica Collins 8-2 at No. 2. The duo is 21-8 on the season and 10-5 in dual matches.

Sarah Jane Connelly and Stasny followed their lead with a 8-3 victory over Jennifer Poskitt and Lauren Simmons at No. 3 to clinch the doubles point. At 19-7 on the season and 9-4 in dual matches, the pair has won six of their eight matches together.

Catrina and Christian Thompson were last to finish after a tough 8-4 loss to Zana Masnic and Iryna Tkachenko at No. 1.

Sarah Jane Connelly started the Irish off on the right foot with her 6-0, 6-2 triumph over Poskitt at No. 5. Buck added to the team's success, beating Masnic 6-1, 6-1 at No. 2 and Stasny defeated Collins 6-1, 6-1 at No. 5 to clinch the win.

After the meet's outcome was decided, Donohue registered a win over Blaier 6-2, 6-1 at No. 6 and Catrina Thompson outlasted No. 97 Tkachenko at No. 1 6-2, 2-6, 1-0 (10-3). Finally, Lauren Connelly prevailed over Simmons 6-2, 6-2 at No. 3.

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"We knew it was going to be a battle going into it."

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"It was an amazing experience," Schrader said. "I think I will remember it for a lifetime."

Schrader finished her high school career averaging 22.1 points and 10.3 rebounds while

leading Bartlett High School to a second place finish in Class AA. She will enter Notre Dame in the fall, where she intends to major in education in order to become either an athletic director or a high school basketball coach.

Schrader said that the experience playing at the Joyce Center has made her even more anxious to play for the

Irish.

Next year, Schrader should play a significant role for Notre Dame. The Irish lose leading scorer Jacqueline Batteast to graduation, and standout freshman Charel Allen is currently out with a torn ACL and MCL in her left knee. Schrader's ability to score should get her some early minutes for the Irish.

Schrader saw her first glimpse of playing for the Irish when the lights were off for pregame introductions.

"I thought it was awesome, because that's how they're going to do it for every home game," she said. "I'm really, really excited to come here in the fall. I can't wait."

However, regardless, Schrader said she will never

forget the experiences she's had as a McDonald's All-American.

"I'm going to remember this for a lifetime," Schrader reiterated. "But the best thing about it is that the money goes to charity. And I think that's fantastic."

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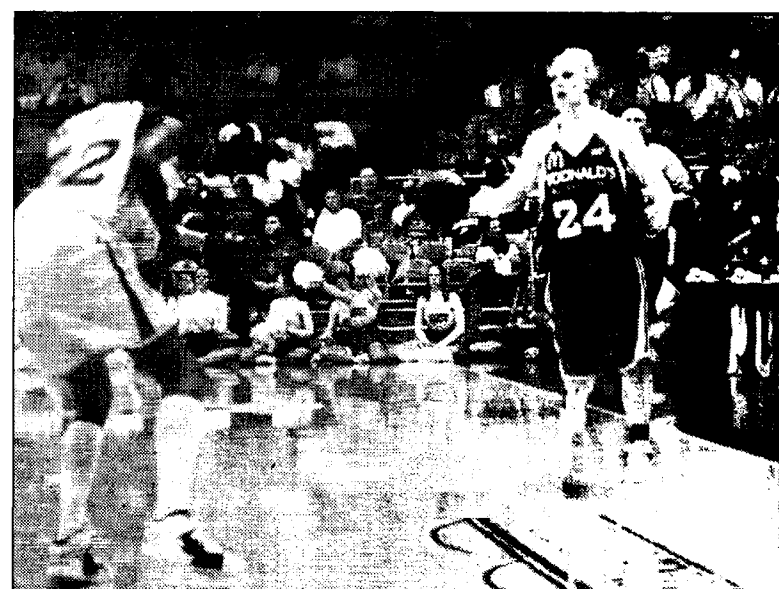
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Lindsay Schrader dribbles up the court in Wednesday's game. Schrader finished with nine points on 4-for-7 shooting.

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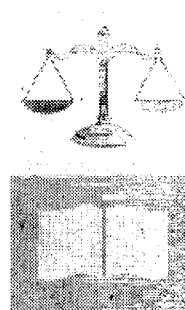
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Center crowd.

Despite not having a major impact on the game, Zeller hoped his team would get close enough so he could have a chance to repeat history.

"I was hoping we could get it down to one point and maybe I could shoot another half-court," he said.

If Zeller ended up doing that, then he might not be able to do what he's going to do the next couple of days.

"I haven't had time to think or sleep," Zeller said. "I'm looking forward to going home and resting."

Hopefully, his hometown will let Zeller get that rest — because in the basketball-crazed state of Indiana, that half-court shot has made Zeller an instant legend.

"I don't know if there's a town left," he said.

After three practices, East coach Al Rhodes came away impressed with Zeller's game.

"He is five times better than what I thought, and I don't mean that as anything but a compliment," Rhodes said. "He's one of the big people Notre Dame needs."

Zeller received a lot of attention this week, not just because of his memorable game-winner, but because he is the headline recruit in Notre Dame basketball coach Mike Brey's incoming recruiting class. He's the first McDonald's

All-American to sign with the Irish since Torin Francis played in the game in 2002.

However, Zeller didn't view all of that attention as pressure.

"The media kept saying there would be more pressure," Zeller said. "But I kept saying it would be more support. That's how I

felt."

Coming to his future home and having a big-time game would have put a memorable ending on Zeller's high school career.

But it didn't work out that way, and Notre Dame basketball fans will have to wait until November to see Zeller get that first basket.

"I'll have to put my Notre Dame jersey on to score my first points," Zeller said.

He'll have plenty of chances to do just that during his next four years.

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GIRLS' McDONALD'S ALL-AMERICAN GAME

Courtney Paris leads West with 16 points

By MATT LOZAR
Senior Staff Writer

All-star games don't usually stress team basketball.

But at halftime of the Girls' McDonald's All American High School Game, that's what the West team emphasized.

Fifty-two second-half points showed it wasn't a bad idea as the West beat the East 80-64 at the Joyce Center Wednesday night.

"We were trying to get started and gel with everybody," said Lindsay Schrader, who will be attending Notre Dame in the fall. "We were playing more as a team than individuals, which teams tend to do in all-star games. Playing team ball really won the game."

Most valuable player Courtney Paris led the West with 16 points on 7-of-10 shooting and 12 rebounds. Eleven of Paris' points came in the second half.

"As a post player, it's hard to play in games like this," Paris said. "You have to get a pass from the

guards, who were selfless tonight."

Both teams struggled in the first half, each scoring 28 points, but neither shot better than 30 percent. The game started to open up late in the half as the teams started running and getting into the open court instead of relying on individual moves to create offensive opportunities.

Marissa Coleman led the East squad and all scorers with 19 points in 21 minutes.

Schrader is Notre Dame's only McDonald's All-American, and the first since Crystal Erwin attained the honor for the 2003 game. Courtney LaVere played in the game in 2002.

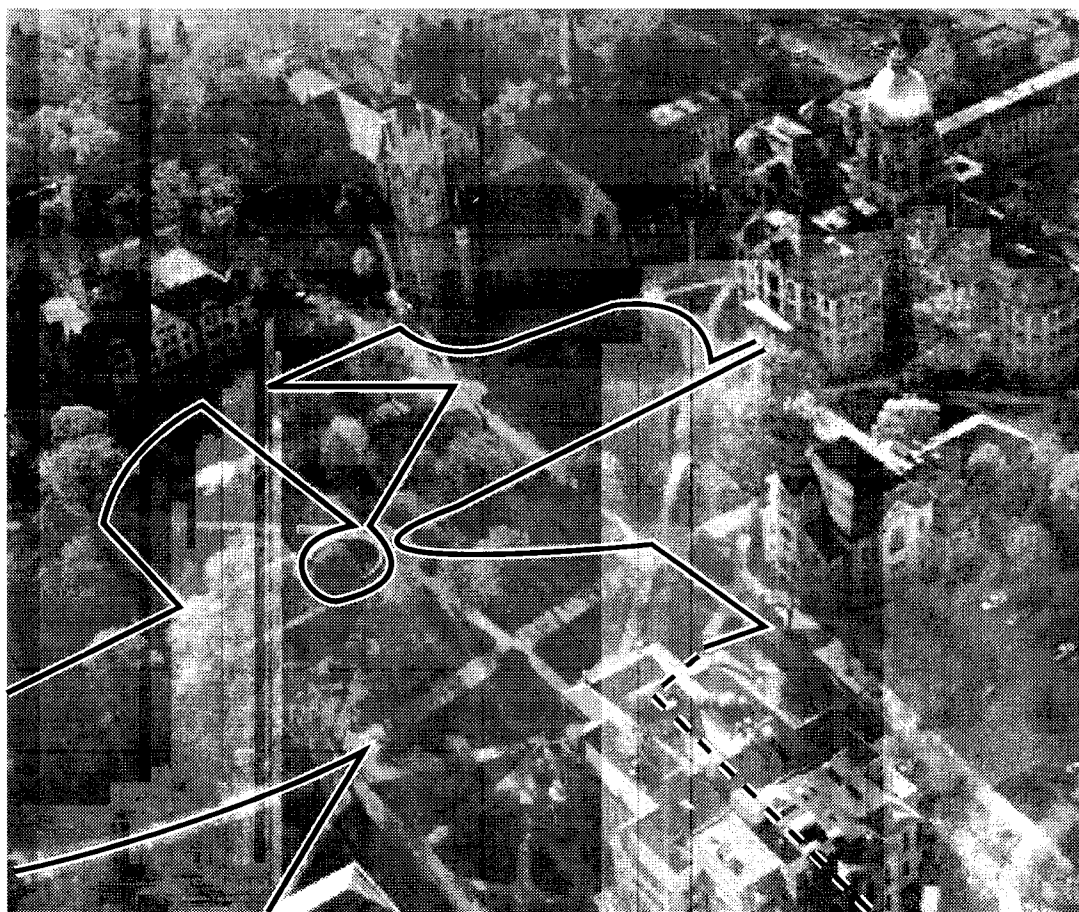
Texas is the only school with three All-Americans while Maryland, Duke, Oklahoma and California each have two.

Overall, the night and weekend was a positive experience for Schrader and Paris.

"When you're on an All-Star team, everyone can take big shots," Paris said. "We got confidence with each other."

"It was exciting and fun to play."

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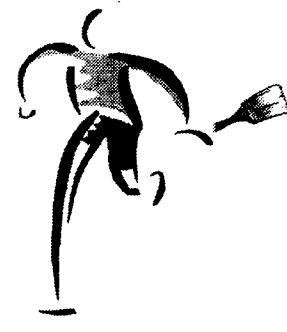


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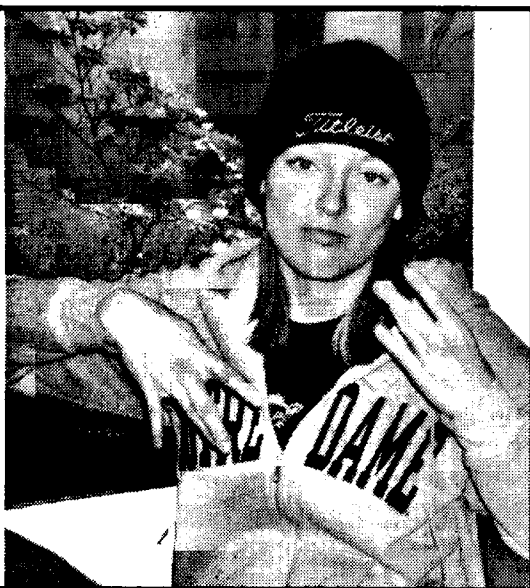
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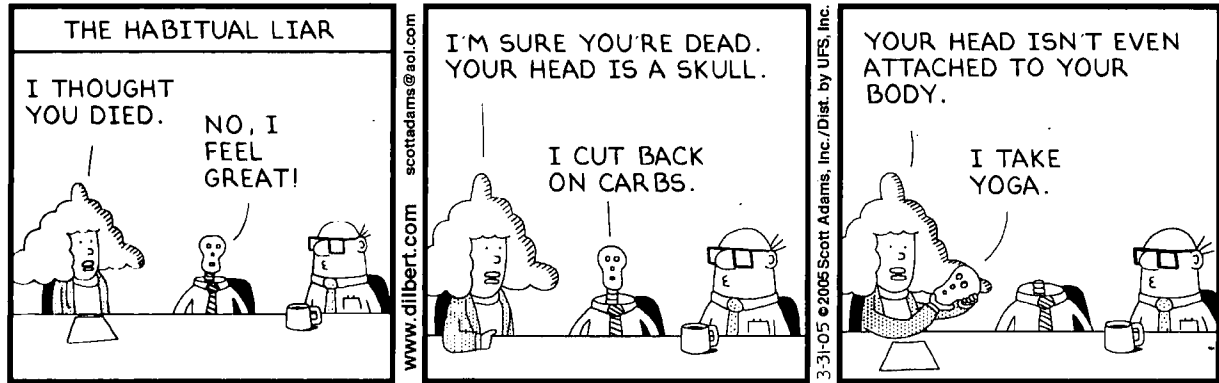
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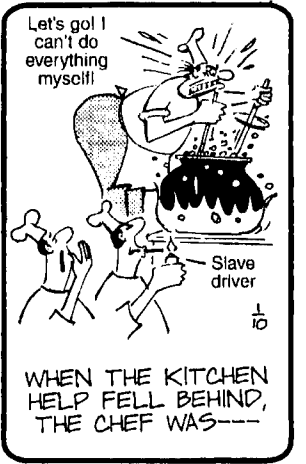
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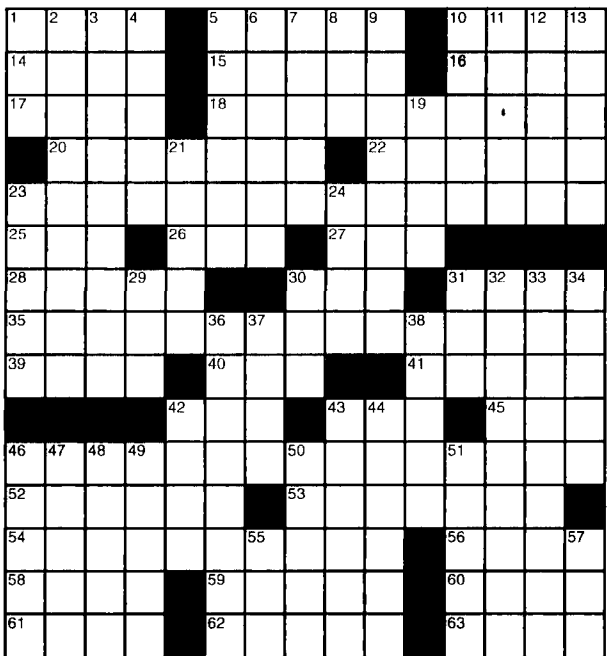
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 - 39 ___ prof.
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 - 42 Credit card no.
 - 43 "Red state" grp.
 - 45 F.D.R. plan
 - 46 What "Pay Toll 1 Mile" implies
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Arching to the next level

Zeller held scoreless in McDonald's game, but looks promising

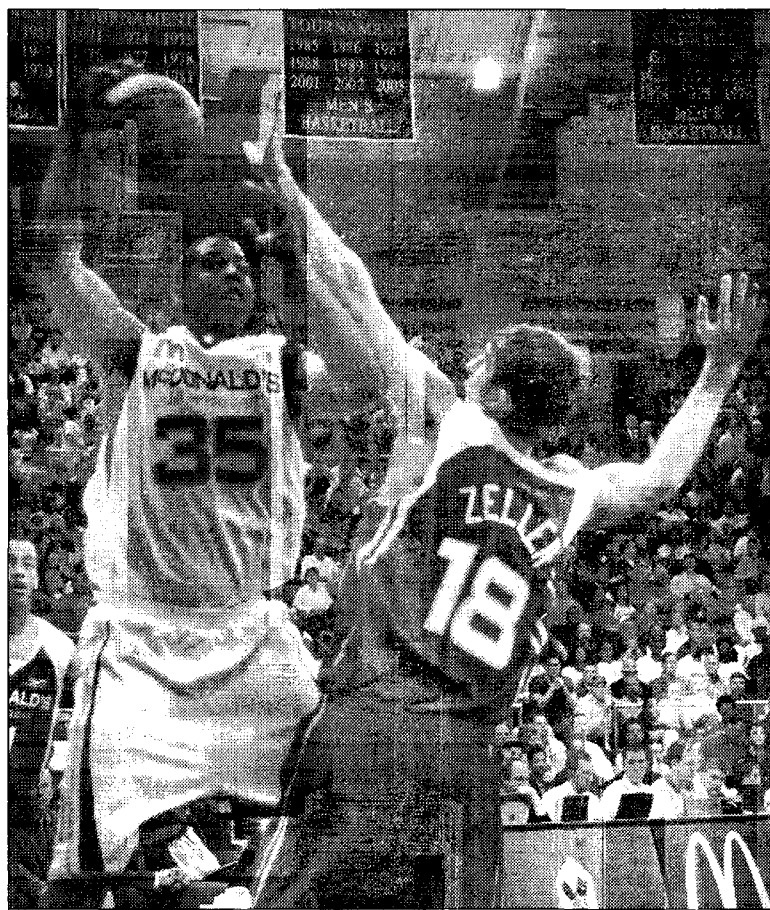
By MATT LOZAR
Senior Staff Writer

The half-court buzzer-beater Luke Zeller made Saturday night to win the Class 3A state title is still the last basket he's made.

After Wednesday night's McDonald's All-American game, Zeller didn't fill out the box score in his Joyce Center debut. In his 15 minutes, the senior from Washington High School finished 0-of-2 shooting from the field, with two rebounds and two assists.

His biggest cheers came in the pregame introductions when Zeller was announced as part of the starting lineup and cheers of "Luke" came from the Joyce

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Luke Zeller defends Richard Hendrix in Wednesday night's game. Zeller, a Notre Dame recruit, had two rebounds.

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Illinois' Ms. Basketball, Schrader shows her skills in team's 80-64 victory over the East

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

Lindsay Schrader gave Irish fans a glimpse of the future Wednesday night when she scored five straight points in the second half to give her team a four-point lead.

Schrader hit a jumper and then a 3-pointer to put the West team up 45-41 in the McDonald's All-American High School basketball game at the Joyce Center, a game that the West eventually won 80-64, after a slow, sloppy first half of play.

"I think we were playing more as a team than as individuals, and that helped a lot," Schrader said. "We really played team ball and that's what won us the game."

The high school senior from

Bartlett, Ill., finished with nine points on 4-for-7 shooting and also grabbed three rebounds in the game, in which she played 15 minutes.

"It feels good, it feels really, really good," she said. "I wanted to end my high school career with a win and I did."

Schrader, recently named Ms. Basketball in the state of Illinois, showed her future teammates and coaches what she could do at her new home. Irish head coach Muffet McGraw and assistants Jonathan Tsipis and Coquese Washington were in attendance Wednesday night, as were current Irish freshmen Charel Allen and Tulyah Gaines, who will play with the 6-foot guard/forward next season.

"It feels like home already," Schrader said of the Joyce Center.

Schrader, the only player from Illinois on the roster, said the experience was a very positive one.

"It was an amazing experi-

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BASEBALL

Dury nails homer in 12-run victory

Sophomore slugger leads Notre Dame over Chicago State

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From the way this season has unfolded for Chicago State, Wednesday's game against Notre Dame was probably a moral victory.

The Cougars, who entered yesterday 0-24 and had lost games 26-0, 25-12 and 32-4, led 2-0 after the top of the first before falling yet again, this time to the Irish 15-3 at Frank Eck Stadium.

Mike Dury went 3-for-5 with a three-run home run and two

runs scored, five Irish players added two hits each (13-10) and nearly everyone with a Notre Dame jersey besides batboy Tommy Mainieri saw action en route to the team's fourth straight victory.

"When you play a team with such a poor record, you think the kids could just go through the motions," Irish head coach Paul Mainieri said. "But they came out focused."

Freshman Joey Williamson picked up his first career victory, going four innings and yielding three runs on eight hits. The Irish used a planned rotation and pulled Williamson before the fifth. Mainieri used six more pitchers before the night ended.

Notre Dame plated five runs in the first inning, thanks to shaky Chicago State defense and Dury's first home run of the season. After Alex Nettey singled and Brett Lilley walked to put two on and zero

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Mainieri

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Thompsons lead team again

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The No. 28 Irish have recently showed glimpses of just how much potential they possess, shutting out Oklahoma State 7-0 on Saturday and nearly defeating No. 35 Wisconsin 4-3 Tuesday afternoon.

Notre Dame (8-8) claimed

the doubles point in both contests. Of the last 16 matches, the team has secured the doubles point on 13 occasions.

Facing Wisconsin (10-4), senior captain Sarah Jane Connelly and junior Kiki Stastny were the first to walk off the courts in the doubles portion of the meet with a 8-2 triumph over Nicole Beck and Chelsea Nusslock at No.

3. This was the pair's 20th win in the last 27 matches this season.

Freshman Brook Buck and junior Lauren Connelly did not fare as well in their doubles match, falling to Caitlin Burke and Kaylan Caiati 8-3 at No. 2. But the No. 2 team of sophomores Catrina and Christian Thompson proved

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Sarah Jane Connelly, front, battles against Purdue on March 22. The Irish defeated Oklahoma State 7-0 on Saturday and fell to Wisconsin 4-3 on Tuesday.

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