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FACULTY SENATE

Faculty defends academic freedom

Jenkins responds to group's draft statement defining the principle's role at Notre Dame



University President Father John Jenkins answers questions posed by faculty members at the Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday.

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Assistant News Editor

The issue of academic freedom dominated discussion at Tuesday night's Faculty Senate meeting — a debate prompted by the presence of University President Father John Jenkins, who came to respond to the group's draft statement on the topic.

In the four-page statement drafted last Friday, the Faculty Senate outlined its idea of the principle of academic freedom, listing the related "fundamental obligations" underlying its existence at Notre Dame to be "tol-

erance of dissent, respect for the University's mission and a willingness to enter into conversation."

Jenkins, reading a prepared statement, said he was grateful for the group's draft and "agreed in general spirit" with it. He did express reservations about several of its points, but said his disagreement could be addressed within the broader frame of his agreement with the statement.

"My primary concern is about clarity about what the statement asserts," Jenkins said.

Jenkins went on to say the

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Military recruiting protected

Law school will not be affected by ruling

By MARY KATE MALONE
Assistant News Editor

The Supreme Court's ruling Monday upholding a statute that deprives U.S. law schools of federal funding if they do not allow military recruiters on their campuses will not change any policies at the Notre Dame Law School, Law School associate dean John Robinson said Tuesday.

The Supreme Court's unanimous ruling (8-0) upholds the Solomon Amendment — a fund-blocking provision that keeps federal money from U.S. law schools that refuse to allow military recruiters onto their campuses. But since the Law School already allows the military to interview and recruit its students, the recent ruling will not affect its funding from the federal government.

"As far as I know, we have no need to change anything in light of this decision ... to the best of my knowledge the law school ... has no reason to change any of its policies," Robinson said.

The Solomon Amendment strips law schools and their affiliated universities of their access to federal funds if they do not allow the military to interview on campus. Some law schools have refused to allow the military to recruit because of the military's

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Faith impacts political choices, lecturer says

By KATHLEEN MCDONNELL
News Writer

Catholics need to connect their education with Church principles and apply this to life situations, said John Carr, director of the department of social development and world peace, the national public policy agent of the U.S. conference of Catholic Bishops.

Carr, the featured speaker in the "Faithful Citizenship: Religion and Politics in 2006" lecture, drew more than 50 students and faculty members to the Eck Center Auditorium Tuesday night for the second part of the Center for Social Concerns' "Democracy Matters: An Interdisciplinary Study of the Mid-Term Elections" series.

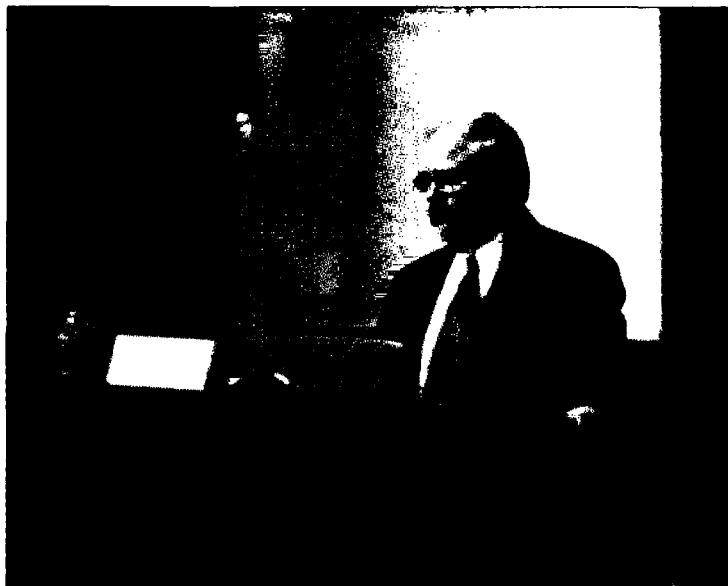
Carr challenged students to engage themselves in politics and to do so while carefully considering Catholic social teaching.

Recounting his youth in a "mixed marriage" household, — that is, as the son of a fiercely Republican mother and fiercely Democratic father — Carr said neither party aligns perfectly with Catholic teaching.

"I learned at an early age that as Catholics, we can express our values in different ways, in different parties," Carr said. "When people talk about the [singular] Catholic vote, I assume they don't know many Catholics."

With questions of morality and ethics at the heart of current political debate, Carr said both the positive implications, as poli-

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John Carr speaks on the political responsibilities of Catholics in the Eck Center Auditorium Tuesday.

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English majors to face changes



Students listen to English professor Cornellus Eady during an African-American poetry class Tuesday.

By JOE PIARULLI
News Writer

An English degree from Notre Dame isn't what it used to be. But that isn't necessarily a bad thing.

Last spring, the English department voted to make changes to the requirements for English majors as a result of years of surveys and discussions. The changes will go into effect beginning Fall 2006.

According to Glenn Hendler, director of Undergraduate Studies in English, English majors have been notified via e-mail of the changes. The e-mails are slightly different for each class, since the changes will affect juniors much differently than freshmen, he said.

Career Center board will involve students

By MARCELA BERRIOS
News Writer

Choosing a career path often fills many students with uncertainty and anxiety — but the struggle just may have gotten a little easier.

The Career Center has announced its intentions to create a Student Advisory Board, which will assist in the organization and improvement of the Center's workshops and other events and thus improve the quality and the level of student involvement in the services the Center provides.

Student representatives on

the Board can also expect to gain much from their close interaction with the Career Center, as they will be personally working and brainstorming with the Center's staff and the variety of employers that visit campus, said Career Center Director Lee Svete.

Svete said there is a need for a permanent channel through which students can participate in the development of the Center's activities.

"We want a more consistent representation of the student body to provide feedback of our events, employer activities, recruiting and the best methods for reaching students," Svete said.

INSIDE COLUMN

Obsessed
with '24'

Like life, '24' is a box of chocolates, and even though I have not missed a single episode in the show's 5-year run, and even though I can quote with disturbing precision Jack Bauer's words, I still never know what to expect.

Marcela Berrios

Monday night was completely and devastatingly shocking even to this unhealthily obsessive fanatic.

Wire Editor

Beware if you have not seen this week's episodes, as there are details coming up next that will reveal the new twist our favorite terrorist drama has taken.

I am still processing the new crisis that has developed within the walls of the Counter Terrorist Unit, the government agency that all real government agencies should try to imitate.

The enemy once again managed to breach CTU, which happened in the past already, so for the last few weeks I've been displeased with recycled stories of moles, biological threats and the unfailing presence of a CTU director that wants Jack Bauer arrested for ignoring protocol.

I suppose life and '24' have ups and downs.

I was starting to get restless with these plain milk chocolates, but then the creative masterminds and Kiefer Sutherland gave me the long-awaited gourmet chocolate I was craving.

They killed Edgar!

The terrorists released nerve gas inside CTU and my teddy bear Edgar was too slow to hide.

He just dropped dead right by the computer station he loved so dearly, and a tearful Chloe watched from a sealed room, where the rest of the show's cast conveniently managed to group.

I guess the rest of the CTU staff just ran around without direction in the hallways because the previews for next week say half of them died.

Bummer.

However, Edgar's death does mark a turning point.

The clock even ticked away in respectful silence after his passing.

He was quirky, huggable, and there was a sexual tension going on there with Chloe, but we will never know what could have been because the Powers That Be took him away from the legions of '24' fans that loved him and his awkwardness.

Why?

I don't understand it.

I know the Lord has a divine plan for every single person, and we must trust Him even when we cannot understand that plan.

I know I trust Jack Bauer.

I would vote for him for President of the United States if only he were a real person, and if I were an American citizen.

However, I cannot understand why one wouldn't keep exploiting the gold mine that was Edgar Stiles.

I am mourning, I cannot concentrate.

I will be strong, though.

I know better times will come, like when Jack and Audrey finally kiss again, or Aaron the Secret Service agent makes out with the First Lady.

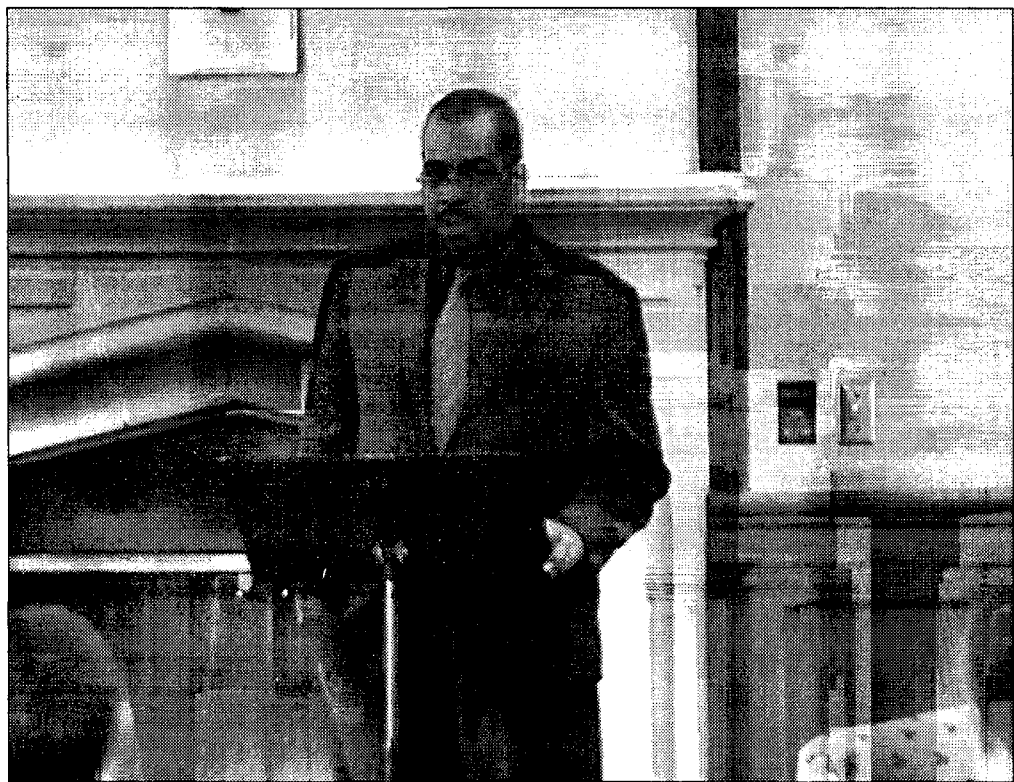
That's life, there are happy times, like when Edgar was weird and snapped at his co-workers, and there are bad times, like the mountain lion and the 4-hour amnesia that cost '24' an Emmy for best dramatic series.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: How far do you think Notre Dame will go in the Big East Tournament?

					
Teresa Nesbitt freshman Cavanaugh	Sara Carter sophomore Pasquerilla East	Margie Rosmonowski freshman Cavanaugh	Mallory Mecham freshman Cavanaugh	Kat Clark freshman Cavanaugh	Davide Lionetti freshman Stanford
"I have no idea what that is."	"What is the Big East."	"All the way."	"Overtime in the first game and lose by two in the last five seconds."	"If we can pull through in the clutch, we have a shot."	"179 days until football season."



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Dean of First Year Studies Hugh Page gave a lecture titled "Life Beyond Instant Message, Facebook, and Cellphones: Silence, Selecting Disengagement and Self Discovery" in the Coleman-Morse Center Tuesday.

OFFBEAT

Boy ruins pricey painting with wad of gum

DETROIT — Apparently, one 12-year-old visitor to the Detroit Institute of Arts doesn't think much of abstract art.

The boy stuck a wad of gum to a \$1.5 million painting called "The Bay" by Helen Frankenthaler, leaving a stain the size of a quarter, officials said.

The boy, who was not identified because of his age, was part of a school group that was visiting the museum last week when officials said he took a piece of gum out of his mouth and stuck it on the 1963 painting.

The gum stuck to the painting's lower left corner and did not adhere to the fiber of the canvas, officials told the Detroit Free Press. But it left a chemical residue about the size of a quarter, said Becky Hart, assistant curator of contemporary art.

Potent whiskey made with 17th century recipe

LONDON — Following a 17th century recipe, one of the eight artisanal whisky producers on the tiny Scottish isle of Islay will produce a dozen barrels of 184-proof whisky, the company announced.

That's 92 percent alcohol, which is about as strong as whisky can get without being sold in a pharmacy.

"The first taste affects all the members of the body," a 1695 description of the elixir reads. "Two spoonfuls of this last liquor is a sufficient dose — if any man should exceed this, it would presently stop his breath, and endanger his life."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Notre Dame women's lacrosse team will face Lehigh University at 4 p.m. today at Moose Krause Field.

The film "Pride and Prejudice" will be shown at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Call 1-2800 for tickets.

The Faculty Senate is sponsoring a discussion forum called "Academic Freedom at a Catholic University" today at 3 p.m. in 141 DeBartolo Hall. It is open to all members of Faculty Senate.

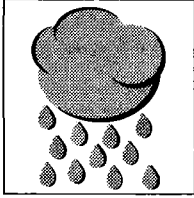
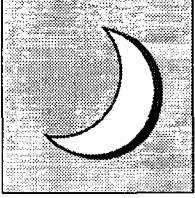

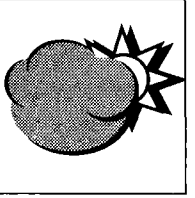
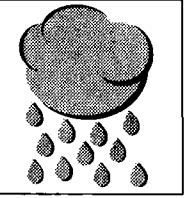
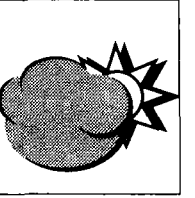
Joyce Majiwa, chairperson of the International Federation of Women Lawyers, Kenya Chapter, will speak at Saint Mary's Thursday at 5 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge. Her lecture is titled "Women and Leadership in Times of Change: A Personal Reflection."

The conference "Health Care in an Increasingly Health-Obsessed Culture" will begin Thursday at 6 p.m. in McKenna Hall and will run through Saturday. The conference will bring together undergraduate students from Notre Dame and other institutions with medical professionals to discuss the complexities of modern medicine.

The women's tennis team will face Western Michigan at 3:30 p.m. Friday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The men's lacrosse team will face North Carolina Saturday at 1 p.m. in Loftus Center.

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Changes

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will affect juniors much differently than freshmen, he said.

"The people it affects the most are going to be anyone who declares the major from now on, although ... they won't be involved in the transitions."

The three changes include a new introductory course for all English majors, a restructuring of literary-history or "traditions" courses and limiting research seminars to seniors only.

The most noteworthy of the changes will abolish all methods courses in favor of English 30101, entitled "Introduction to Literary Studies," which will act as a prerequisite for majors-level elective courses.

"The [introductory] course will significantly change students' experience of the major in that it sets up a prerequisite structure so that in every elective

there will be certain things that the professors can assume that all students know," Hendler said.

Hendler said students and professors alike had been displeased with the lack of an introductory course. Though students were often satisfied with methods courses and professors, there simply was not enough standardization, he said.

"Often students spoke highly about their individual instructor and the individual course they'd taken, but when they talked to another student in another methods class, they didn't feel like the two had much in common."

Hendler said he hopes the introductory course will allow professors to focus on elective topics rather than reiterating more basic concepts like how to construct a bibliography.

Students who declared the English major before February 2006 will only be affected by this change if they did not

take a methods course, in which case they will need to take the introductory course instead.

The second change is a reframing of survey courses to make them more flexible, Hendler said. "Traditions" courses will continue to be offered, but over time, there will be other ways to fulfill the literary history requirements.

"The canon of literature has expanded quite a lot in recent decades, and our survey courses, designated as 'American Literary Traditions' and 'British Literary Traditions,' left out whole regions of the world in which people were writing great literature," Hendler said. "We're committed to a breadth of knowledge but wanted to give faculty a little bit of leeway in how to map that broad knowledge."

According to Hendler, most universities have a straightforward distribution requirement models, putting Notre Dame in

the minority.

"Few people argued for [a distribution requirement model], in part because we were kind of committed to the survey, to the breadth of knowledge and a sense of literary history having some continuity," he said. "In having survey courses we're not unusual, but we're in the smaller camp."

The last change being implemented in Fall 2006 will block juniors from taking the research seminar, because it was felt that the research seminar is meant to be — according to the English Department Web site — "a capstone experience" and therefore should be taken during senior year. The only exception to this rule will be Honors students.

Hendler said the changes are "not drastic," and will not seriously alter the complexion of the English major.

Sophomore Christopher Wodika said the changes probably will not make a big difference as he pursues his English

degree.

"They don't really affect me because most of the changes are to courses I've already taken," he said. "The only thing that really affects me is the [research seminar] that I can only take senior year."

It's too early to know if the changes will be positive or negative, Wodika said.

"It's hard to tell right now. They're changing the 'traditions' courses to something else, but since they really haven't changed those yet, I can't really say."

According to the English Department's Web site, the current English major requirements after the changes are the "Introduction to Literary Studies" course, three literary-historical surveys, five elective courses in English and the research seminar to be taken senior year.

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discussions he has participated in since his Jan. 23 and 24 addresses on academic freedom and Catholic character have shown that the way a question is framed makes a great deal of difference in how the conversation proceeds.

He pointed to the series "Gay and Lesbian Film: Filmmakers, Narratives and Spectatorships" — formerly known as the Queer Film Festival — and the process that went into its name change as an exchange that is "a model of collegial conversation."

"Rather than being an attempt to silence, [the exchange] was an attempt to express transparency," Jenkins said.

Jenkins then approached the controversial issue of "The Vagina Monologues," saying there are two sets of facts about the performance. The first, he said is that the play is "a serious means" of raising and addressing the issue of violence against women and fosters a sense of solidarity among its participants.

But Jenkins' second point was that groups of both women and men feel "offended and alienated" by the play — seen by some as "an affront to Catholicism."

"To deny either fact is to [refuse] to listen to both realities," Jenkins said.

He said the pressing question with the "Monologues" debate and other similar discussions about academic freedom is how to maintain a balance among the diverse perspectives present in a healthy University environment.

Establishing all that as background response, Jenkins then addressed the Faculty Senate's draft statement of principles more specifically.

Among several suggestions, Jenkins proposed a reevaluation of the word "dissent" as it is used in the context "tolerance of dissent." He said, from his understanding of the word, "dissent" in a Catholic context refers to a Catholic not keeping with a Church teaching, while "disagreement" would better suit the issues raised by non-Catholics as well.

Jenkins also disagreed in response to the draft statement's assertion that a disclaimer lifts the burden of endorsement from a department or the University sponsoring an event.

"A certain sort of sponsorship may imply endorsement. If the Political Science department only invited Republicans to speak over four years and no Democrats ... all disclaimers would ring hollow," Jenkins said.

The floor was then opened up to faculty questions and commentary, some of which Jenkins responded directly to.

Associate dean of the Law School John Robinson asked Jenkins if, in looking at how "The Vagina Monologues" controversy was mediated with the addition of academic panels to the performances, "the solution [to similar debates] would be more speech and not silence."

"I'm uncomfortable with that, because it makes it sound like quantity is the solution," Jenkins responded. "You need balance. If there is a tendentious right wing conference here, the problem won't be solved by bringing in a tendentious left wing conference."

Physics professor Philippe Collon said while Jenkins and others may object to repeatedly performing "The Vagina Monologues," students face "the problem of recurrence" as well.

"Students are constantly faced

with the same problems," Collon said. "We have the recurrence of something deeply felt by our students. And students are the ones who always bring [the 'Monologues'] up for performance."

Jenkins agreed and said the University must face these recurring problems. To do so, he said Notre Dame must find a way to create a forum that crosses ideological and theological lines.

Philosophy professor Vaughn McKim said he got the sense the "The Vagina Monologues" — if properly examined — "is offering powerful opposition to this administration and this University."

He expressed concern about the University's response to the productions.

"You know, these are not abstract lifestyles we're talking about here," McKim said. "These are real people who are troubled, sometimes deeply troubled, and we need to address them in a real way."

Jenkins agreed and said the current discussion was important — but finding a solution was more difficult.

"If you want to talk about sexual assault, let's talk about sexual assault. We just have to figure out the best way how," Jenkins said.

Music professor Peter Smith said it should be a challenge for both sides of an issue to find a balanced means of engagement.

He also, however, cautioned about inflating the impact of something like the repeated performance of "The Vagina Monologues."

"There are few people, looking at the variety of events that go on on campus every year, who would say 'The Vagina Monologues' dominates Notre Dame's cultural life," Smith said. "I mean, the Music Department sponsors Handel's 'Messiah' every year ... so we have to be careful about blowing up the significance of something."

James Rakowski, economics and policy studies professor, drew the group's attention to one particular statement in the draft: "No silencing of intellectual or artistic expression based on a perceived or real conflict with the core values of the University can be reconciled with the principles of academic freedom."

"Does the decision not to fund a proposed event with University money constitute silencing? Because if this is so, silencing occurs all the time," Rakowski said.

He said the statement made it sound like departments were obligated to fund all proposed events against core Catholic values or else they would be exercising censorship.

Associate professor of marketing John Gaski later agreed, adding the statement even seemed to remove limits on artistic expression and possibly "promoting sin, depravity or crime."

History professor Gail Bederman clarified, saying "silencing" occurs when something already in the works is shut down because of fears about conflicts with Catholic values, not necessarily when it is in the premature stages of gathering funding.

She went on to say it is especially important for the University to facilitate student speech, even if "[students] say things that are stupid or wrong," because students are learning how to express themselves in ways faculty members are already well-versed in.

There was later a general consensus to rework that portion of



KATIE RIVARD/The Observer

Members of Faculty Senate listen to University President Father John Jenkins as he responds to professors' concerns regarding academic freedom at Notre Dame Tuesday in O'Shaughnessy Hall.

the draft statement.

After a brief recess, Associate Provost Dennis Jacobs briefly presented two proposals regarding academic evaluation.

The first addressed the evaluation of a faculty member's teaching to inform tenure and promotion decisions and whether the current system was adequate.

"TCE's [Teacher Course Evaluations] just can't capture everything, and lack depth," Jacobs said. "We want to report a balanced case about someone's teaching."

The proposal enumerated four essential elements of a comprehensive evaluation, including course design, implementation, student learning and student perception. It also recommended the selection of representative courses from a faculty member's teaching history for in-depth review.

The second proposal examined how to better inform students about courses at the time of registration. After over a year of work, the committee came up with a system that would allow students to process both instructor- and student-provided information about a course, without using TCEs, which are confidential and used for personnel purposes.

"Right now, all students can find is outdated course descriptions ... or anecdotes from people down the hall ... or something like NDToday.com, which has no restricted access to it," Jacobs said.

The solution offered is a questionnaire for faculty members to fill out about their course, complete with information about types of materials taught, manners of teaching and learning and primary learning goals.

This information is compiled


with information about the courses from the Registrar or the Office of Institutional Research, including enrollment numbers and related courses, as well as student ratings based on a five-question survey handed out with TCEs at the end of each semester.

The questionnaire will be separate from TCEs, Jacobs asserted, and will not be used in any way for personnel matters, but may be published on the same sheet as the TCE for efficiency purposes.

Though details are still being worked out, Jacobs said the hope was this information would be available only to students on insideND.

A third pilot program for the system will be conducted at the end of this semester.

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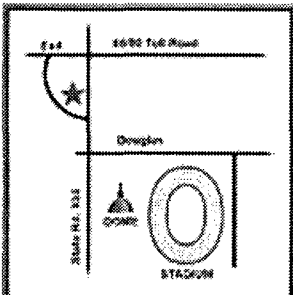
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Bombs rock Hindu holy city, kill 15

PARANASI, India — A series of coordinated bombings rocked a packed railway station and crowded temple Tuesday in Hinduism's holiest city, killing at least 15 people and injuring dozens in an attack that raised fears of communal violence.

Cities across India were put on high alert as Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh appealed for calm, said his spokesman, Sanjaya Baru.

"Stern action will be initiated against all those found involved," said Mulayam Singh Yadav, the chief minister of Uttar Pradesh, the state where Tuesday's blasts occurred.

The attacks, which injured at least 62 people, came only days after Hindus and Muslims fought in the streets of Lucknow, leaving four people dead, during a visit to India by President Bush.

Hostage video airs, American missing

BAGHDAD — The American among four Christian Peacemakers activists kidnapped last year in Iraq was absent from a videotape broadcast Tuesday of the exhausted-looking men purportedly appealing to their governments to secure their release.

Al-Jazeera television, which aired the footage, could not provide explain why Tom Fox, 54, of Clear Brook, Va., was not shown.

In Toronto, the co-director of Christian Peacemaker Teams, Doug Pritchard, said he drew some comfort from seeing three of his colleagues on video again.

"The fact that they're still well after more than three months says that the kidnappers have been concerned for their well-being," Pritchard said.

NATIONAL NEWS

U.S. warns Iran to end nuclear pursuit

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration drew a hard line on Iran Tuesday, warning of "meaningful consequences" if the Islamic government does not back away from an international confrontation over its disputed nuclear program.

Edging toward the U.N. Security Council review it has long sought, Washington rejected any potential 11th hour compromise that would allow Iran to process nuclear fuel that could be used for weapons.

Vice President Dick Cheney said the United States and other nations are agreed that "we will not allow Iran to have a nuclear weapon." He said, "The Iranian regime needs to know that if it stays on its present course, the international community is prepared to impose meaningful consequences."

Republicans to try to block ports deal

WASHINGTON — House Republican leaders on Tuesday embraced legislation that would block a Dubai-owned company from taking over operations at several U.S. ports, brushing aside a veto threat from President Bush.

"We believe that the U.S. should not allow a government-run company to operate American ports," said Ron Bonjean, a spokesman for House Speaker Dennis Hastert.

The legislation is expected to reach the House floor next week as part of a \$91 billion measure for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and aid for Gulf States recovering from Hurricane Katrina.

GOP House leaders informed the White House staff of their intentions Tuesday.

LOCAL NEWS

Indiana award honors Hesburgh

INDIANAPOLIS — Gov. Mitch Daniels on Tuesday gave the state's highest award to the Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, who was president of the University of Notre Dame for 35 years.

"No recipient will ever be more worthy," Daniels said.

Daniels named Hesburgh, 88, as the 2006 recipient of the newly revived Sachem award, named for the Algonquin term applied to village leaders that implies wisdom, age and grace.

"I can claim the age," Hesburgh said Tuesday. "But I don't really overestimate myself on the wisdom and the grace."

IRAQ

U.S. envoy talks with top Shiite

Iraqi factions clash over new government; American ambassador aids in dealings

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The U.S. ambassador held talks with a top Shiite leader Tuesday as Iraqi factions wrangled over a new government. The prime minister declared he would not be "blackmailed" into stepping aside, and the Shiite majority balked at convening the parliament.

The inability to agree is threatening to crush American hopes of beginning a troop pullout this summer as violence rages on. Bombings, mortar blasts and gunfire killed 19 more people throughout the country Tuesday, and police also reported finding four more bullet-riddled bodies — two of them with their eyes gouged out.

Holding a first session of parliament is a required step toward forming a new government. Fifteen days after the first meeting, parliament is supposed to elect a new president — a job the incumbent, Jalal Talabani, wants to keep. In 15 more days, the parliament is to approve the nominated prime minister and 30 days later must vote on his Cabinet.

Underscoring U.S. concerns over the deteriorating political situation, Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad held a meeting with Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, head of the powerful Shiite Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, one of the two dominant parties in the Shiite coalition that won the Dec. 15 parliamentary elections.

The two met at al-Hakim's Baghdad home to discuss "the current political situation concerning the formation of a new government and developments related to the alliance's candidate to head the Cabinet [al-Jaafari]," the SCIRI Web site reported with an accompanying photo of the session.

The U.S. Embassy did not



Current Iraqi president and incumbent candidate, Jalal Talabani, takes part in a discussion concerning the future of Iraq's government Tuesday.

immediately respond to a request for further information.

In an interview published Tuesday, Khalilzad said the 2003 U.S. ouster of Saddam Hussein had opened a "Pandora's box" that could see the violence and turmoil now gripping Iraq turn into an all-out regional war if American troops are withdrawn too quickly.

"We have opened the Pandora's box and the question is, what is the way forward?" Khalilzad told the Los Angeles Times. "The way forward, in my view, is an effort to build bridges across [Iraq's] communities."

But narrowing differences among Iraq's Shiites,

Sunnis and Kurds has become an increasingly difficult task in the aftermath of the Feb. 22 bombing that destroyed the golden dome atop a Shiite shrine in the mainly Sunni city of Samarra.

The attack set off two weeks of sectarian revenge attacks, mainly targeting Sunni mosques, clerics and neighborhoods. Sunni politicians have accused the Mahdi Army, the Shiite militia loyal to firebrand cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, of launching many of the attacks with the blessing of the Shiite-controlled government security apparatus.

That and the simmering feud between Talabani, the

Kurdish president, and Ibrahim al-Jaafari, the Shiite prime minister who owed his re-nomination to al-Sadr's backing, spurred the formation of a coalition determined to block al-Jaafari's second term.

If Kurds and Sunnis refuse Cabinet posts because of al-Jaafari, it could mark a failure of the U.S. goal of setting up a unity government with support of all ethnic and religious factions.

Washington policy holds that such a unity government would inspire sufficient loyalty from all parties to enable it to fight the raging insurgency by itself as American forces began to withdraw.

Congress votes to renew Patriot Act

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House renewed the USA Patriot Act in a cliffhanger vote Tuesday night, extending a centerpiece of the war on terrorism at President Bush's urging after months of political combat over the balance between privacy rights and the pursuit of potential terrorists.

Bush, forced by filibuster to accept new curbs on law enforcement investigations, is expected to sign the legislation before 16 provisions of the 2001 law expire on Friday.

The vote was 280-138, just two more than needed under special rules that required a two-thirds

majority. The close vote caught senior Republican aides in both chambers by surprise.

Nonetheless, the vote marked a political victory for Bush and will allow congressional Republicans facing midterm elections this year to continue touting a tough-on-terror stance. Bush's approval ratings have suffered in recent months after revelations that he had authorized secret, warrantless wiretapping of Americans.

That issue helped fuel a two-month Senate filibuster that forced the White House to accept some new restrictions on information gathered in terrorism probes.

Republicans on Tuesday declared the legislative war won, saying the renewal of the act's 16 provisions along with new curbs on government investigatory power will help law enforcement prevent terrorists from striking.

"Intense congressional and public scrutiny has not produced a single substantiated claim that the Patriot Act has been misused to violate Americans' civil liberties," said House Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis. "Opponents of the legislation have relied upon exaggeration and hyperbole to distort a demonstrated record of accomplishment and success."

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tics sheds light on the Catholic agenda, and negative implications, as politicians use the focus for shallow purposes.

Religion in politics, he said, is not about politicians promoting their religious life to gain popularity, be it recounting altar boy memories or stories of a born-again awakening. Faith plays a vital role in that it defines the goals for which we strive.

"We bring a set of ideas — 150 years of Catholic social teaching in seven key themes," he said. "We're not free to forget about poverty, to forget about those in need, just because they're not on the network news. Our church has been called a lot of things, but it has never been called

trendy. We were globalized before globalization was cool. We have leaders. Think of John Paul II. Why did the world stop for four days after his death? We have leaders willing to put our Catholic ideals into action."

To place Catholic ideals into action, though, Carr warned that American culture must first change drastically. Polls show Americans have lost confidence in government and even in their own values. Carr explains this loss of moral center as "individualism run amok" — that is, both parties placing selfish concerns above those of their neighbors.

"Very often conservatism trumps compassion," he said. "It seems to say that we're all on our own, that we must foremost fend for our own needs. At the same time, liberalism is often about lifestyle individuals — choice and freedom of that choice becomes the ultimate

goal. Most Democrats fight harder for National Public Radio than for assistance to the poor."

According to Carr, politics cannot prevail on isolated issues. Carr said he believes the U.S. culture devalued human life, a view he said was exemplified by support for abortion and stem cell research.

While Carr offered a general call of Catholics to political activism, three students spoke after him advocating a particular political party as the best representation of Catholic dogma.

Senior Scott Wagner spoke on behalf of libertarianism. He argued that while social justice is important, it is best proliferated by individuals and not by relying on government support. Christ did not demand that the Roman government provide for the poor, he said, but instead instructed the public to take social justice into its own hands.

Junior Megan Hawley argued that the Democratic Party offers the greatest assistance to those most in need and thus makes the greatest showing of Christian love.

"We're all here at Notre Dame, and that says something about our background, our family, the privileges we have," she said. "That is not true of everyone — not everyone in America had the same opportunities we did — hard work is not the only reason we are here. That is what people need to think about when trying to figure out how to help others."

Junior Matt Smith said the hierarchy of issues is why Catholics need to vote Republican. The five non-negotiable issues of abortion, euthanasia, stem cell research, human cloning and gay marriage are governed by natural laws, and to advocate another position is contrary to supporting

life, Smith said.

Yet the overriding theme of Tuesday's lecture remained a call for student involvement, regardless of anyone's political party affiliation.

Some people use the first amendment separation of church and state to suggest the Church's involvement in politics is as a danger to both faith and politics.

Carr, however, feels just the opposite — the first amendment gives the Church every right to be involved in public life, he said.

As such, he said every Catholic has an obligation to do so, especially those here at Notre Dame.

"No student blessed with access to this education should ever say that politics isn't my thing, it isn't my job," Carr said.

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"don't ask, don't tell" policy toward homosexuals. But the threat of losing federal money — that could total \$35 billion — is too great for most of the nation's law schools.

"When the government says you do what you want but if you do [not allow military recruiters] you lose federal funding to the whole university — that's a powerful incentive to do what the government wants," Robinson said. "Government

is everywhere [at Notre Dame]."

A select group of law schools that are independent of larger universities, like Vermont Law School, have waived their federal funding in protest of the Solomon Amendment. But for most of the nation's top law schools their affiliated universities — the threat of losing federal money is enough to comply with the Court's ruling, Robinson said.

"It would be a very rare place that would endanger losing that funding as a way of expressing hostility toward the Solomon Amendment," Robinson said.

But the Law School, as a member of the Association of American Law Schools [AALS], must also comply with the Association's by-laws and follow special rules when military recruiters come to seek out law students.

"The AALS was originally hostile to the Solomon amendment — they didn't like the idea of law schools being required to allow military recruiters on campus,"

Robinson said. "So what they did was set up a whole set of requirements that we had to meet. For example, when the military comes to campus to recruit law students, the AALS, as far as I know, requires us to alert our students to the fact that [the military] has a 'don't ask, don't tell' policy [against homosexuals]."

The "don't ask, don't tell" policy holds that the military will discharge any members who engage in homosexual conduct. But homosexuality itself is not a bar to service.

The AALS has strict provisions in its by-laws that prohibit a member law school from allowing discriminatory firms onto its campus to recruit law students — a category that the military falls under due to this "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

But since the passage of the Solomon Amendment, the AALS modified its standards so that member schools can still

allow military recruiters on campus and continue receiving federal money.

The AALS handbook states that military recruiters can interview "as long as a school provides 'amelioration' in a form that both expresses publicly the law school's disapproval of the discrimination against gays and lesbians by the military and provides a safe and protective atmosphere for gay and lesbian students."

Robinson said the Law School follows these AALS requirements.

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Center

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methods for reaching students," Svete said.

Currently, there are approximately 20 students collaborating with Svete as career assistants. But through the Student Advisory Board, Svete said, students will be able to engage deeply and directly with the Center to better serve students in this career crossroad.

Svete said the comments and suggestions the student representatives will provide will also help the Center allocate its resources more effectively, as funding will be spent only on systems that students actually find of assistance.

The Center is also looking forward to the insight the Student Advisory Board may provide regarding workshop schedules and locations to increase and

facilitate attendance.

Svete said the Career Center may consider reintroducing evening workshops to accommodate to students' schedules or host its different events throughout campus, as Flanner Hall — the Center's headquarters — is often a source of inconvenience for students because it's remotely located.

"These [student] representatives will get an inside look into the many career opportunities available to students and specifically to them," said program director Lori Ann Edinborough. "They will find their work with the Center most rewarding as they network with employers and recruiters and help us serve the student body more effectively."

Svete and Edinborough said the Career Center is thinking of selecting approximately 10 students to be representatives, and they are looking for freshmen, sophomores and juniors from

diverse backgrounds and interests, who are responsible and willing to commit to the Center's vision.

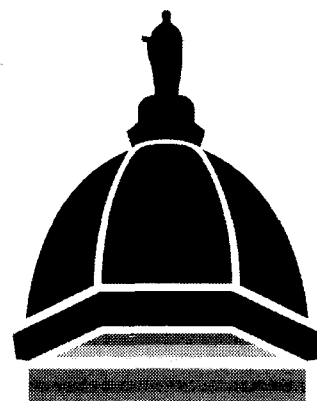
"We are a student-centered operation," Svete said. "We are looking for young people who are responsible, creative and who want to help other students with making career choices."

The Center expects to select its representatives in early April, after the deadline for turning in applications to sit on the Board was extended to March 24.

Junior Brendan Murphy already submitted his application.

"The Career Center has helped me out so much in my search for an internship that I wanted to do the same type of thing for students who are going to be in my shoes next year," he said.

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**CORE COUNCIL
FOR GAY & LESBIAN
STUDENTS**

The former "Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs" is expanding and seeking new undergraduate student members, regardless of sexual orientation. The newly structured council, the

Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Students

is now accepting applications.

Applications are available in the Office of Student Affairs (316 Main Building)

or on the Core Council web site

<http://corecouncil.nd.edu/>

Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday,

March 28, 2006, and can be submitted to the

Office of Student Affairs.

Please visit our web site for more information.

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MARKET RECAP

Stocks			
Dow Jones	10,980.69	+22.10	
Up: 878	Same: 137	Down: 2,367	Composite Volume: 2,235,711,490

AMEX	1,872.59	-17.50
NASDAQ	2,268.38	-17.65
NYSE	8,017.36	-50.08
S&P 500	1,275.88	-2.38
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	15,726.02	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	5,857.40	-1.30

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 110 TR (QQQQ)	-0.58	-0.24	40.85
INTEL CP (INTC)	-1.18	-0.24	20.06
JDS UNIPHASE CP (JDSU)	-3.58	-0.13	3.50
CISCO SYS INC (CSCO)	-0.86	-0.18	20.87
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	+0.56	+0.15	27.06

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.04	-0.02	47.36
13-WEEK BILL	+0.38	+0.17	44.82
30-YEAR BOND	-0.02	-0.01	47.22
5-YEAR NOTE	0.00	0.00	47.54

Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl)	-0.83		61.58
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	-2.30		554.50
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-1.38		87.88

Exchange Rates			
YEN			117.9200
EURO			0.8413
POUND			0.5761
CANADIAN \$			1.1501

IN BRIEF

Mittal Steel puts U.S. mills in spotlight

CHICAGO — A rival's gibe comparing its product to cheap cologne sent Mittal Steel Co. executives to the southern end of Lake Michigan with foreign journalists in tow last week to show off the expensive stuff.

If the Dutch steelmaker's charm offensive succeeds, the high-end "perfume" manufactured at its plant in Burns Harbor, Ind., will smell sweet enough to skeptics to ease resistance to its hostile takeover bid for European competitor Arcelor SA.

But even if it fails and the largest-ever proposed steel merger goes sour, experts say that won't stop Mittal's relentless global buying spree — or further consolidation of the fragmented steel industry.

"They're not done by any means," said steel industry analyst Scott Burns of Morningstar Inc.

Combining Mittal and Luxembourg-based Arcelor, the two biggest steel manufacturers, would create a company with production capacity of nearly 130 million tons a year, 3 1/2 times the output of the nearest competitor. India-born businessman Lakshmi Mittal already has his company over 70 million tons after more than a dozen acquisitions, including the 2005 purchase of International Steel Group Inc. that made it No. 1.

AT&T nearing deal to buy BellSouth

NEW YORK — AT&T Inc. is nearing a deal to acquire BellSouth Corp. for around \$65 billion, according to reports published Sunday.

The companies were expected to announce the terms of the deal as soon as Monday, according to reports in the New York Times and on the Web sites of the Wall Street Journal, Atlanta Journal-Constitution and USA Today.

The papers cited unidentified sources, due to the sensitivity of the negotiations.

Larry Solomon, vice president of corporate communications for AT&T, declined to comment Sunday to The Associated Press. Messages left for BellSouth spokesman Jeff Battcher were not immediately returned.

AT&T Inc. would pay around \$37 per BellSouth share, according to the Journal, about an 18 percent premium to Friday's closing price of \$31.46 on the New York Stock Exchange. BellSouth shares have already risen 16 percent in 2006.

Former Enron exec testifies

Ex-CFO, Fastow, takes stand against Enron founder Lay, ex-CEO Skilling

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The architect of financial schemes that helped fuel the collapse of Enron Corp. told a jury Tuesday that he had the blessing of his boss, former CEO Jeffrey Skilling, for moves that allowed the energy trading company to hide losses and inflate profits.

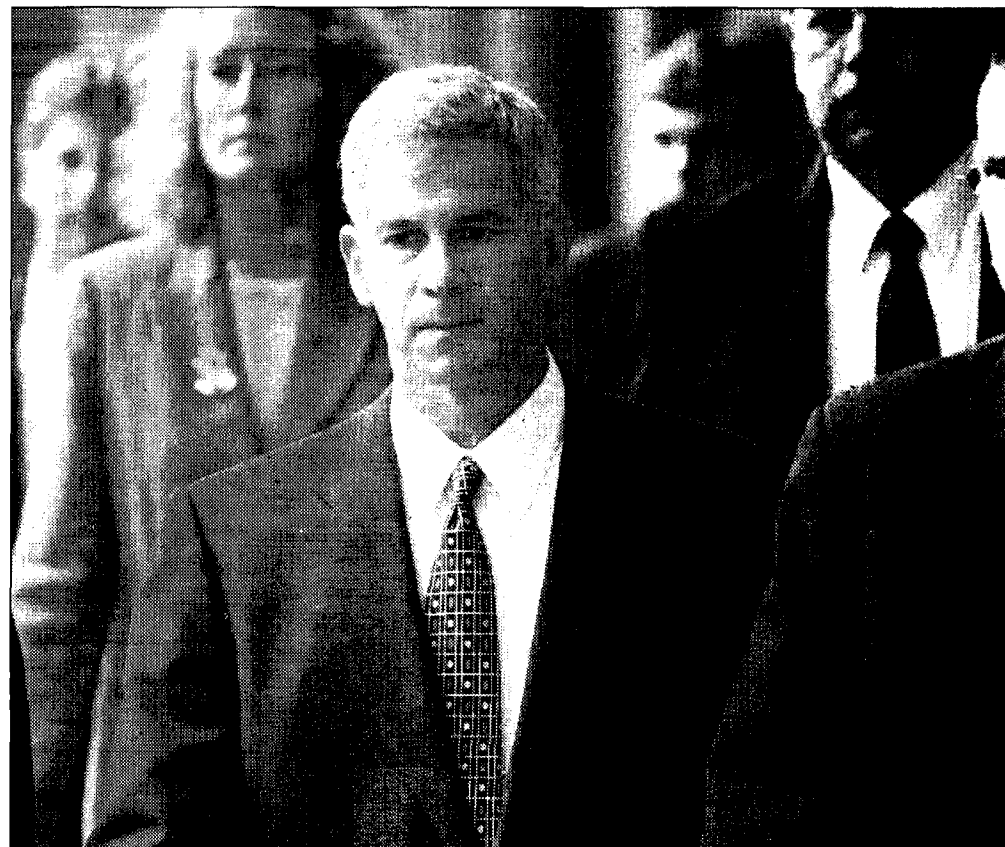
In some of the most dramatic testimony in the sixth week of the trial, former Chief Financial Officer Andrew Fastow said Skilling told him, "Get me as much of that juice as you can," regarding the personally lucrative partnerships Fastow used to manipulate Enron's finances.

Fastow appeared contrite in his much-anticipated confrontation in a federal courtroom with Skilling and Enron founder Kenneth Lay, who are on trial for fraud and conspiracy stemming from the spectacular 2001 collapse of what was once the seventh-largest company in the U.S.

He fought back tears as he told jurors that his wife, Lea, pleaded guilty to a tax crime and finished a year-long prison term last July for signing a tax return that didn't include illegal income from business deals unrelated to the partnerships.

Fastow pleaded guilty to two counts of conspiracy in January 2004 at her urging, more than a year after he was originally indicted on a total of 98 charges. His plea was contingent upon the government striking a deal for his wife, who was initially indicted in May 2003.

He said Tuesday he misled his wife, and told her the kickbacks — a series of checks written to her, him and their two young sons — were gifts. She endorsed and deposited those checks. Fastow stared at the floor as the checks, with his wife and sons' names, were dis-



Former Enron CFO Andrew Fastow leaves the federal courthouse in Houston after testifying in the trial of Enron founder Kenneth Lay and former Enron CEO Jeffrey Skilling Tuesday.

played for jurors Tuesday on a massive screen.

"I did this," he said, tearful and fighting to compose himself. "I led her to believe that."

The partnerships that he said Skilling approved — LJM1 and LJM2 — were named with initials of his wife and sons, Jeffrey and Matthew, though Fastow didn't share that detail with jurors. Skilling, chief operating officer at the time, would later serve as chief executive for six months until resigning in August 2001.

Fastow said his boss enthused about the partnerships: "I love LJM. I want to do all the deals with LJM I can. I just don't want the footnotes."

He said he took that to mean Skilling had a disdain for detailed disclosure of

the partnerships to the public. At the time, equity and credit analysts, banks and the media were putting the company under heavier scrutiny.

Fastow, who agreed as part of his plea deal to serve 10 years in prison, is a key pillar of the government's quest to prove Lay and Skilling lied to Wall Street and to their own employees to conceal the crumbling finances that drove the company to seek bankruptcy protection in 2001.

The ex-CFO is central to the defense as well: Lawyers for Lay and Skilling say there was no overarching fraud at Enron, and that the only crimes at the company involved Fastow and two of his former lieutenants stealing money through his

schemes.

Fastow's time on the witness stand is expected to last several days. His testimony Tuesday focused on Skilling, and he has yet to be questioned about Lay or to be cross-examined.

When talking about his admitted frauds at the company rather than his home, Fastow spoke with confidence, appearing almost professorial. He was known at Enron to have a quick temper, but under questioning from prosecutor John Hueston, he showed no combativeness.

He said the LJM partnerships gave Enron a buyer of risky investments or poor assets so the company could record income and wipe debt off its books. Enron didn't mind that other buyers likely wouldn't touch them, he said.

GM to alter worker pension plans

Associated Press

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. on Tuesday became the latest major employer to convert its traditional pension plan to a system in which the company makes a set contribution that supplements workers' savings.

Effective Jan. 1, GM will freeze the accrued pension benefits for approximately 42,000 U.S. salaried employees and put those employees into new plans, a tactic many large companies are using to trim their skyrocketing pension costs. The change won't affect retirees or GM hourly workers.

Salaried employees hired on or after Jan. 1, 2001, will move exclusively to a defined contribution plan. Those newer employees currently have a cash balance plan, which works like a traditional defined benefit plan but allows partici-

pants to collect their benefits in a lump sum at retirement instead of in monthly checks.

Newer employees will continue to earn annual interest on the balance in their plans. They also will get a monthly contribution of 4 percent of their salary to their 401(k) program, which is expected to cost GM \$15 million each year.

Salaried employees hired before Jan. 1, 2001, will remain in a defined benefit plan but will get reduced benefits under a new formula that pays them 1.25 percent of their average monthly pay per year of service. A separate plan for executives also will be frozen and aligned more closely to the new plans, GM said.

About 90 percent of GM's U.S. salaries employees were hired before Jan. 1, 2001, spokesman Jerry Dubrowski said.

In addition, GM will reinstate a matching plan for employees' 401(k) contribu-

tions. The company will match half of what all U.S. salaried employees contribute up to 4 percent of their base salary.

GM had been matching 20 cents for every dollar employees contributed up to 6 percent of base salary, but the company stopped matching 401(k) contributions on Jan. 1, 2006. GM said reinstating the matches will cost \$70 million annually before taxes.

GM announced last month it would alter its salaried retirement plans to reduce its pension costs. The changes are expected to reduce GM's year-end 2006 pension liability by approximately \$1.6 billion and reduce the automaker's 2007 pension expenses by \$420 million before taxes. Including the new 4 percent contribution for newer employees and the reinstated 401(k) match, GM's net savings will be about \$335 million in 2007, Dubrowski said.

Former Guantanamo prisoner releases book

Associated Press

LONDON — In the first book known to be published by a former Guantanamo Bay prisoner, Moazzam Begg says his three years in detention were marked by beatings, fear and unexpected friendships with his captors.

In "Enemy Combatant: A British Muslim's Journey to Guantanamo and Back" Begg describes his upbringing as a British Muslim from Birmingham who studied at a Jewish academy and sang Christian hymns in high school.

"I understood why the Americans felt they needed to question me," Begg, 37, told

The Associated Press. "But I've never understood how they could have detained me for years."

It isn't difficult to see why Begg attracted suspicion.

He says he was working on an aid project building wells and schools in Afghanistan on Sept. 11, 2001. It was partly financed by the Muslim community in Birmingham, he said.

Years earlier, he went to Bosnia to support Muslims in the war, and visited camps in Afghanistan where Muslims — some linked to the Taliban or al-Qaida — were trained to fight in Chechnya and Kashmir. He also visited a front line in Afghanistan, but says he never trained or fought there.

"Back home in Birmingham, I

began to feel in all the confusion of speaking both English and Urdu. ... the one thing that was coherent ... was my religion," he writes in the book, released in Britain on Monday.

Begg was freed last year after being held for three years without charges — two years at the U.S. prison camp in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and about a year at U.S. camps in Afghanistan. Some 490 men are still held in Guantanamo, some for years without charge.

The United States accused Begg of being a member of the al-Qaida terror network, which planned the Sept. 11 attacks, as well as recruiting for al-Qaida, sending

money and support to al-Qaida camps, attending training camps linked to the terror group and preparing to fight U.S. or allied forces.

He admits to supporting militant Muslims in Bosnia, Chechnya and Kashmir, but says he does not support suicide bombers or the Sept. 11 attacks. He even admits to buying a handgun in Afghanistan, but says he never received military training or planned to fight.

Despite his release, the U.S. government still views him with suspicion and has offered no apology for holding him or designating him an enemy combatant, a classification that provides fewer protections than prisoner of war status.

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Women criticize Annan's policies

Female representatives urge U.N. head to focus on gender issues

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — More than 240 women from over 50 countries accused U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan of failing to promote women's rights and of neglecting gender equality in his U.N. reform plans.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan is proposing a shakeup of U.N. management practices, that would create a mobile civil service, allow a one-time staff buy-out costing about \$100,000 per person, modernize technology and consider outsourcing.

The proposal, to be unveiled Tuesday, is a response to last year's investigation into the U.N. oil-for-food program which concluded that the U.N.'s shoddy management was partly to blame for widespread corruption.

It is also an effort to transform

the U.N.'s post-World War II management structure and practices so the world body can deal with 21st century problems.

In an open letter to Annan, the women said they were "disappointed and frankly outraged" that strengthening the U.N. machinery focusing on women is not a central part of the U.N.'s reform agenda. They also expressed deep concern "that the position of women in high-level U.N. posts has stagnated."

Charlotte Bunch, executive director of the Center for Women's Global Leadership, accused Annan of paying lip service to women's rights.

"Although we've had a lot of rhetorical commitment to women's rights, it still hasn't made it on to the big agenda of U.N. reform," she said at a news conference Monday to highlight the letter.

At the 1995 U.N. women's conference in Beijing, and at the 10-year review last year, commitments were made by the United Nations and governments to achieve equality of the sexes.

The women are attending the 50th session of the Commission on the Status of Women and come from over 70 organizations. They urged Annan in his address to the commission on Wednesday, which is International Women's Day, to announce concrete proposals for advancing gender equality and strengthening the U.N. bodies that work for women's rights.

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Kenyans rebel against censorship

Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya — Thousands of opposition supporters and human rights activists demonstrated in Nairobi on Tuesday to protest against last week's raids on Kenya's oldest newspaper and its sister television station.

It was the first time since Kenya's 1963 independence that the government shut down major media operations. The country's media have been reporting on corruption scandals swirling around President Mwai Kibaki, who has been

seen as increasingly politically isolated.

Waving placards and shouting that Internal Security Minister John Michuki "must go," about 3,000 demonstrators walked peacefully through the Kenyan capital.

Similar peaceful demonstrations were held in the southwestern towns of Nakuru and Eldoret, private TV reported.

Michuki ordered Thursday's raids in which armed and masked police smashed The Standard Group's printing press and disrupted Kenya Television Network's broadcast

for 13 hours. The Standard was back on the streets and KTN back on their air the same day.

The raids were condemned by Cabinet ministers, diplomats and citizens.

"It is vital that we have a free press in Kenya," said translator Rhoda Atieno, 31. "The assault on the Standard newspaper group was outrageous and shouldn't happen in a democracy, and those responsible should go, without negotiation."

Some protesters held placards that read: "Mr. President, Stop Sponsoring State Terrorism."

Deputy faces jail time for shooting veteran

Associated Press

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. — A sheriff's deputy who was videotaped shooting an unarmed Iraq War veteran after a car chase was charged Tuesday with attempted voluntary manslaughter.

The videotape showed the veteran lying on the ground outside the car as Deputy Ivory J. Webb pointed a gun at the man. After an apparent order to "Get up," the man rose and was shot in the chest, shoulder and left thigh.

Webb was to surrender at an arraignment set for Wednesday. If convicted, he could face up to 18 1/2 years in prison.

It was the first time San Bernardino County prosecutors had filed charges against a lawman for an on-duty shooting.

The charge reflects that Webb believed "he was doing what he needed to do. In our legal analysis that was unreasonable," District Attorney Michael A. Ramos said.

The charge includes allegations of infliction of great bodily injury and use of a firearm, which can result in extra prison time.

The Jan. 29 shooting of Senior Airman Elio Carrion came to national attention because a resident videotaped the shadowy scene after a car

in which Carrion was riding crashed in Chino, about 45 miles east of Los Angeles.

Carrion, 21, was assigned to the 2nd Security Forces Squadron at Barksdale Air Force Base in Shreveport, La. He had been at a party that night at his parents' home after recently returning from Iraq.

Prosecutors, aided by the FBI and a company that analyzes tapes, reviewed the video repeatedly, Ramos said.

"Not once did anybody in the DA's office hear Deputy Webb say, 'Don't get up,'" he said. "We all heard, 'Get up.'"

Carrion, who was hospitalized for several days, was interviewed Sunday by investigators.

The district attorney said he would not speculate on whether the charges would have been filed if there had not been a videotape. But, he said, the case was bolstered by witness statements and Carrion's interview.

Webb has been on paid administrative leave since the shooting. A sheriff's internal investigation was continuing, along with an FBI inquiry.

Webb has made no public comment. The San Bernardino County Safety Employees Benefit Association, which represents him as a deputy, would not identify his attorney or comment on the charge.

The Office of Student Affairs is now accepting nominations for the

Denny Moore Award For Excellence in Journalism

Candidates must be seniors who exemplify the qualities for which Denny Moore was known, including personal integrity and character, commitment to Notre Dame, and writing ability.

Candidates may be nominated by faculty, staff, or fellow students.

For a nomination form, please visit our website at:

<http://osa.nd.edu>

Nominations are due by Thursday, March 9, 2006.

Dana Reeve, widow of 'Superman,' dies

Spinal injury activist succumbs to lung cancer

Associated Press

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — Dana Reeve, the singer-actress who married the strapping star of the "Superman" movies and then devoted herself to his care and his cause after he was paralyzed, has died of lung cancer, a year-and-a-half after her husband. She was 44.

Although Reeve had announced her cancer diagnosis in August — to an outpouring of sympathy and support from admirers around the world — her death seemed sudden. As recently as Jan. 12, she looked healthy and happy as she belted out Carole King's "Now and Forever" at a packed Madison Square Garden during a ceremony honoring hockey star Mark Messier, a friend.

"Unfortunately, that's what happens with this awful disease," said Maggie Goldberg of the Christopher Reeve Foundation, where Dana Reeve had succeeded her husband as chair. "You feel good, you're responding and then the downturn."

Reeve, who lived in Pound Ridge, died Monday night at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Medical Center in Manhattan, said foundation president Kathy Lewis.

Officials would not discuss Reeve's treatment or say when she entered the hospital. But Lewis said she visited her there on Friday, when Reeve was "tired but with her typical

sense of humor and smile, always trying to make other people feel good, her characteristic personality."

"The brightest light has gone out," said comedian Robin Williams. "We will forever celebrate her loving spirit."

Former President Clinton and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton described Reeve as "a model of tenacity and grace."

"Despite the adversity that she faced, Dana bravely met these challenges and was always an extremely devoted wife, mother and advocate," they said.

Christopher and Dana Reeve married in 1992. Life changed drastically for the young show business couple three years later when Christopher Reeve suffered near-total paralysis in a horse-riding accident and almost died.

In his autobiography, "Still Me," Reeve wrote that he suggested early on to his wife, "Maybe we should let me go." She responded, "I'll be with you for the long haul, no matter what. You're still you and I love you."

Those were "the words that saved my life," Christopher Reeve said.

For his remaining nine years, Dana Reeve was her husband's constant companion and supporter during the ordeal of his rehabilitation, winning worldwide acclaim and admiration. With him, she became an activist in the search for a cure for spinal cord injuries.

Lawyer reads Sept. 11 transcripts

Detailed hijacking account holds Moussaoui, courtroom captive

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Reading from radiophone transmissions, a federal prosecutor transfixes the courtroom at Zacarias Moussaoui's sentencing trial Tuesday with a minute-by-minute account of al-Qaida's hijacking of American Airlines' Flight 11 and the plane's journey into the north tower of the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001.

"We are flying low. We are flying very very low. We are flying way too low," flight attendant Amy Sweeney told ground controllers who had asked at 8:44 a.m. where the plane was. Then a few seconds' pause, and finally: "Oh my God, we are way too low!" The phone went dead at 8:46 a.m. as the Boeing 767 jetliner hit the tower in the first of four crashes by hijacked jetliners that day.

Moussaoui, the confessed al-Qaida conspirator who is facing a life-or-death decision, was as electrified as the jury and the audience.

Leaving the courtroom for a recess moments later, the 37-year-old Frenchman of Moroccan descent surged from his chair, pumped his right fist in the air and shouted: "Allah Akbar! God curse America! Bless Osama bin Laden!" He usually mutters these invocations when leaving court.

The actual audio recordings of radiophone calls by flight attendants on Flight 11 have been played in public before. But to avoid inflaming the jury at this sentencing trial, prosecutors and

defense attorneys agreed instead to read an account of the flight, including major sections of the phone call transcripts.

Nevertheless, the reading by Assistant U.S. Attorney David Raskin riveted the jury and audience — all the more so because it came after two hours of mind-numbing testimony by FBI agent James M. Fitzgerald about how the bureau tracked the hijackers after Sept. 11.

Around the courtroom, heads had been left nodding by Fitzgerald's detailed and precise description of innumerable hotel receipts, phone call records and financial transactions between 19 men with unfamiliar Arab names, which the FBI gathered to reconstruct how they circled the globe and arrived in the United States.

That changed when Raskin took over and opened with the first transmission from flight attendant Betty Ong aboard Flight 11 to American Airlines ground workers at 8:19 a.m.: "The cockpit is not answering. Somebody's been stabbed in business class. I think we've been Maced. We can't breathe."

The point of Fitzgerald's long description of the pre-attack behavior of the Sept. 11 hijackers was to show how similarly they acted: 13 got new passports to remove telltale indications they had visited Pakistan, 10 used e-mail accounts and public computers, 15 signed up at fitness gyms, five bought short-bladed

knives, four trained on jet simulators and five bought flight training computer discs. Nearly all communicated with an al-Qaida cell in Hamburg, Germany, and got funds wired to them in this country from one of three al-Qaida operatives.

At some point, prosecutors will bring on witnesses to show that Moussaoui also did many of those things and got money from the same source, but Fitzgerald never mentioned Moussaoui in his testimony. Nor did he say there was any contact whatsoever between Moussaoui and the 19 hijackers, a point the defense has already stressed.

Earlier, defense attorney Edward MacMahon got FBI agent Michael Anticev to acknowledge on cross-examination that the FBI was aware years before Sept. 11 that al-Qaida had plans to fly airplanes into prominent buildings.

Moussaoui's lawyers are portraying him as a pathetic loner who dreamed of becoming a terrorist but was shut out of Sept. 11 planning and considered by one al-Qaida leader "cuckoo in the head."

The defense also wants to show the government knew far more about brewing al-Qaida plots than Moussaoui did, and in that vein pressed Anticev on what the FBI was doing to follow up on warning signals before Sept. 11.

Anticev at first asserted, "I don't think anybody was looking at using aircraft as weapons," but acknowledged under questioning that the FBI had been aware before Sept. 11 that an Algerian group linked to al-Qaida planned to fly airliners into the Eiffel Tower and into a cathedral in Strasbourg, France.

"Allah Akbar! God curse America! Bless Osama bin Laden!"

Zacarias Moussaoui
al-Qaida member

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Greenspan acquires deal to write memoirs

Penguin Press wins bidding war for rights

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NEW YORK — The memoirs of Alan Greenspan, one of the hottest properties in publishing, have been acquired by The Penguin Press, which has set a 2007 release date for the book by the former chairman of the Federal Reserve.

Financial terms were not disclosed by Penguin, an imprint of Penguin Group (USA) that announced the deal Tuesday. A dozen publishers were interested in the book, according to Greenspan's literary representative, Robert Barnett, and a high-ranking official with a publisher that competed in the auction said bidding reached at least \$7 million.

Greenspan's deal ranks with some of the most lucrative contracts for business books, including former General Electric Co. CEO Jack Welch's "Jack: Straight From the Gut," and an upcoming authorized biography of billionaire Warren Buffett, both reportedly worth at least \$7 million.

Barnett, an attorney based in Washington, D.C., has already negotiated some of publishing's biggest contracts for any book, including former President Clinton's deal with Alfred A. Knopf, reportedly worth \$10-

\$12 million, and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton's \$8 million deal with Simon & Schuster.

"Alan Greenspan sat at the top of one of the most important institutions for 18 1/2 years," Barnett said Tuesday. "He saw all the major events. He met all the major players. He was involved in all the significant debates."

The book is currently untitled.

The 80-year-old Greenspan, widely viewed as the most successful chairman in the Fed's 92-year history, served as chair from 1987 until his retirement, earlier this year. He presided over an era of low inflation rates, low unemployment and the longest economic expansion in U.S. history — a decade of uninterrupted growth from March 1991 to March 2001.

He received nominations for the Fed job from four presidents — three Republicans and one Democrat. But the occasional critics said he was too political.

As his influence grew, Greenspan was called upon to express opinions on matters beyond the realm of monetary policy. Not only did he lend support to President Bush's tax cuts, but eight years earlier he blessed President Clinton's tax increases to deal with troubling budget deficits.

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Glad for 'Crash' win

Roger Ebert and I are geniuses. We both, despite popular opinion, put our money on "Crash" to take home the golden man. As an avid movie fan, the basic elements of the movie did not reflect my usual tastes. Ensemble cast movies where the characters start out unrelated and intersect through strange webs, like "Magnolia," and that take place in one action-packed crazy day would not usually make my modest top ten list. Movies that focus on a small picture of life, have clear heroes and villains, some type of social barrier and take time to develop would be my choice — much like the "Crash" rival "Brokeback Mountain." Now before you look confusedly to check this is the Viewpoint section and not Scene, here is the point: "Crash" was one of the most reflective movies on racism today both in its complexity between groups and the pain recipients experience when hit with bigotry.

As a light-skinned African American, I have observed and experienced many of the prejudices displayed in the movie. As a teenager working at Marshall Fields, once I was working with another clerk, a dark-skinned African American man who knew more about the product we were selling — designer pens of all things. An older white woman was browsing and my colleague inquired if she needed help. She declined abruptly and kept looking. Not even five minutes later, the same woman addressed me about a pen. I was most likely daydreaming at the time and attempted to help the customer. My colleague and I both recognized the real issue — the woman

would rather deal with me, seemingly white.

Racism happens, not so much with outward hostility, but with casual or so-called ignorant remarks and actions. I say so-called ignorant because I do not think bigotry comes out of cultural ignorance. We are taught, in homes, neighborhoods, schools, clubs, television and a culture of stereotypes and fears to fuel racial preferences and even hate.

The movie "Crash" shows a series of altercations, much like my store incident, where people act and react on their racial biases. Most characters find themselves in the space of a day both the victim and perpetrator of prejudice. Instead of giving us a model person (I would hold up the character of Michael Pena as exemplary) we see that these characters are real — good, bad and indifferent all at once.

This is the state of racial prejudice that I have observed. At a meeting for a social justice-related event, I surprisingly heard a young black woman term undocumented people — the proper nomenclature — as "illegals." The degrading of the less vulnerable by other minorities appears in "Crash" to challenge all of us. While people are victims of a larger system, we are responsible to not being co-opted in it.

Again, my light skin has illuminated what political correctness has tried to hide about persisting prejudices. I have overheard whites talk freely about racial stereotypes and slurs, not knowing of their audience. As well, fellow African Americans have taunted me either as light skinned or as a perceived white person. I have always recognized the persisting hate and tension between groups. As well in my neighborhood, which is predominantly African American, most of the businesses are owned and operated by people of Asian descent. Taunts of incompetence and hostility were thrown at

business operators and workers. We are all, like the characters in "Crash," caught up in a society of harmful ideas.

The movie's metaphor of the experience of racism to a car accident is also potent. At Notre Dame, for example, any person could safely assume that they could get through the day without encountering a defaming remark. However, when this does happen, the reactions can be devastating. Once in a class, a student asked if she could say the "n-word" (not editing herself as I do here). I, the only black person in the class, insisted she not, but the same student repeated the word again. Hearing the word jarred me, for I had not expected it and had asked the student not to say it. I no longer felt like I was an equal or accomplished student. Akin to the Terrence Howard character, who was set off by a colleague's remark about "black talk," when prejudice rears its ugly head, the effects can be destructive to people.

Also, the movie leaves us some hope. The most intolerant people in the film, Matt Dillon and Chris "Ludacris" Bridges, are not beyond help. They harm others, but the movie lets us observe a human side to them — letting us see their home lives and individual struggles. Also, these characters do the right thing in the end for people they would be expected to disregard — blacks and Asian refugees.

Many would like to claim we live in a colorless society, yet we do not. "Crash" had the courage to prop a mirror in our face and hopefully a reality check.

Kamaria Porter is a senior history major and wants to thank her COOL Conference comrades Sarah Liu, Lupe Gomez, Sara Snider and Katie McIlugh for their help and driving to Nashville. Tread lightly on the Earth.

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Kamaria
Porter

*Black, Red
and Catholic*

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dubai not to cause worry

I welcome Ian Ronderos' viewpoint (March 7) criticizing Congressional opposition to the takeover of P&O by Dubai World Ports. When P&O, a British company, was running U.S. ports, one did not read "foreign" and "security risk" in the same sentence, but now that an Arab company will run them, we do. Clearly, the U.S. response is a racist one.

In the United Kingdom, the response to the takeover of P&O, a company that helped to build the British Empire, by a company located in Dubai, an emirate of the United Arab Emirates, a country created after independence from Britain in 1971, has been met with a yawn. Dubai WP will control several key ports in Britain also, including the U.K.'s biggest container port, yet the discourse of "security risk" has been absent. Why so? Perhaps the reason is that Dubai is perceived in very different terms in the U.K.

Dubai's economy is diverse — tourism/travel, high-tech industry and shipping constitute its economy; oil accounts for six percent of revenue. Emirates, the airline of Dubai, regularly wins best-airline awards and is a popular airline for Brits traveling to South East Asia and Australia as well as to Dubai. [English soccer team] Arsenal's new

stadium is named after Dubai's airline, thanks to a sponsorship deal. Long weekend breaks at the seven-star Burj al Arab hotel or shopping trips to the world's biggest mall, located in the emirate, or to ogle at what will be the world's biggest building, the Burj Dubai, currently under construction, aren't uncommon. Thirty percent of the islands in the Palm Islands property development, a series of private islands that form the outline of the world, off the coast of Dubai, have been sold to British people. Dubai isn't some dodgy terrorist haven. It's where the British get winter sun and buy their True Religion jeans.

Sure, Dubai is not perfect. The government controls the ISPs, migrants and their children born in the emirate often can't get citizenship and a hotel which ran a gay night was told the content was fine, but the publicity would have to change. There can be no celebration of homosexuality in Dubai, the hotel's management was told. Does that sound like anywhere closer to home?

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Write down the advice of him
who loves you, though you like it
not at present."*

English proverb

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sexual assault services on campus

This letter is written in response to the Staff Editorial in the March 2006 Scholastic Magazine entitled "Stifled and Silenced." The article misrepresented what is presently available to students who are victims of rape or sexual assault.

The opinion stated in the Scholastic Staff Editorial "Stifled and Silenced" misrepresented what is available to students. The editorial did more to discourage any student from seeking care than help the situation by giving erroneous information. The student body would be better served if they were given correct information on how to seek help for this serious crime.

There is care immediately available to support any victim of sexual assault, male or female, on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. It is located at the University Health Center, where professional staff is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week during the academic year to see students with a myriad of

complaints, including those who are victims of rape. The most appropriate care of these patients is to support and refer them to experts in the field. The perception that a gynecologist or a rape crisis center on campus would better meet the needs of the students is erroneous. Gynecologists with practices in the South Bend area refer their patients to the ER for the best care. The Saint Joseph County Prosecutor's Office attributes much of their success in conviction of rape cases to the expertise of the SANE nurses (Sexual Abuse Nurse Examiner) in the ER.

Students who are referred to the Emergency Department at Saint Joseph's Regional Medical Center can obtain treatment free of charge (not the \$1,000 figure quoted in the editorial) through the Victim Compensation Fund, without any charge to themselves or to their parents or insurance company. The only requirement is to "cooperate with police investigation," that is, to speak with the

police. It does not mean that the student has to prosecute the alleged assailant. Filing a preliminary report alone may help with other victims' cases.

Just as with any other condition in which a student would benefit from an expert in a particular medical specialty, we refer to experts within our medical community. We will continue to receive and refer students who are victims of rape to experts. We will arrange referrals, accompany the student at their request, act as a liaison or patient advocate in the Emergency Department and provide follow-up care as needed. This follow-up may include referral to the University Counseling Center.

Please, if you or a friend is ever a victim of sexual assault, come to the Health Center where professional staff are available 24/7 and will handle your case confidentially and competently and refer you appropriately. It is best to seek care as soon as possible after the crime. You may also call Sex Offense Services at 574-284-7458.

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"Just as with any other condition in which a student would benefit from an expert in a particular medical specialty, we refer to experts within our medical community."

U-WIRE

Pornography rules vague

While the War on Terror carries on into its fifth year, a new war has been launched against pornography. This war, as the FBI headquarters has said, is "one of the top priorities" of Attorney General Alberto Gonzales. The problem, however, is that this war is a completely unconstitutional, politically motivated attack on a particular group — namely, the legal adult entertainment industry.

In 1988, the Child Protection and Obscenity Enforcement Act was passed in order to prevent the production or distribution of child pornography. This act requires stringent record-keeping requirements for a producer of pornography detailing proof of age for every model he shoots. Each offense results in a maximum of five years jail time. A point of contention arises when the term "secondary producer," defined as someone who engages in the redistribution of the images but not their production, is used. This essentially means a webmaster or magazine publicist will be under the same requirements.

It may not seem too harmful, but in 1998 the term was brought before the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals because it was too vague. The defendants argued that such language was ambiguous, and they did not know whether they would be held responsible for magazine pictures that the defendants republished. The court not only struck down the term "secondary producer," but observed that the Department of Justice was "twisting words to reach a result it prefers." Unfortunately, the language was never removed from the law and, in 2004, was amended to include a much broader definition of a secondary producer. Under current law, anyone who operates a Web site with sexually explicit material can be arguably tried and convicted, even if that Web page just includes personal pictures of the webmaster and a loved one.

Supporters of the law argue that it prevents child pornography. While this is a noble and commendable goal, this country was founded on the principle that one is innocent until proven guilty. The Supreme Court also recently confirmed this concept in 2002. In one ruling, they determined that simulated, or Photoshopped, pictures of child pornography were legal because depiction of an illegal act is not the same as actually engaging in such an act. Imagine if Pierce Brosnan was charged with murder for appearing to do so in a Bond movie. It is clear that declaring all pornography to be child pornography until proven otherwise violates the principle of innocent until proven guilty.

Since the current attorney general has reallocated resources for this war on pornography, the only way to interpret this move is pure political motivation. While the attorney general and others may find pornography offensive, they should remember that prosecuting people on morally objectionable reasoning eventually leads us to events like the Prohibition and the bans on interracial marriage.

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The way to save the planet is to destroy it even faster

I implore you — for the good of mankind — to burn this newspaper.

(Disclaimer: Please do not try this at home, in your dorm, or anywhere else, for that matter — unless you're a total pyro, in which case you'll probably burn something anyway.)

The plumes of nasty black smoke that will arise from this seemingly demented act of environmental defiance will rise and vanish into the atmosphere, bringing us one small step closer to progress. Perhaps congratulations of some kind will be in order.

Take a bow.

The rabid trend of ecological preservation (and the phony argument against it) that has gripped this nation has, in all likelihood, done us more harm than any landfill, Republican president or derelict Exxon ship captain could ever hope to.

Ice caps will still melt, fossil fuel and bovine emissions will nibble at the ozone, seagulls will asphyxiate on six-pack rings, Tom Cruise will continue to act and the planet will faithfully maintain its collision course with total catastrophe regardless of any action on your or the Middle East's behalf.

So no matter how diligently you load up your city-sanctioned Rosie with a week's worth of eco-friendly detritus, you're just postponing Armageddon.

But before you write me off as some kind of crazed anarchist whack-job, take a moment to hear me out: your carefully crafted letter to the editor can wait.

If the "Godfather" trilogy has taught us anything, it is that (1) you can kill anybody and (2) human beings will collectively stir to action especially when they are threatened with a very immediate danger.

As it stands now, the issue of global warming (somehow) remains debatable within President George W. Bush's White House. The absurdity therein should be obvious: any scientist worth his pocket protector (and not funded by big oil) will surely attest to this administration's penchant for bogus greenhouse politics, noting that glacial degradation has accelerated exponentially in the last several decades but (somehow) we Americans just don't give a damn.

So until Camp David is besieged by mutant wildlife and radioactive gas clouds, discourse on global warming will remain at best a dog-and-pony show.

At the rate we're going, it will take decades before we see any real action on the part of the Establishment.

And by then, it just might be too late. I can see it now: nomadic gangs of consumers

scouring the wasteland, clad in leather chaps (recycled, of course), brandishing sawed-off shotguns, searching for the world's last tree so that they may hug it.

In an effort to combat this frightening possibility, I offer the following manifesto:

We must undertake a blitzkrieg campaign of mass-littering, garbage-incineration, wanton backyard deforestation and other miscellaneous acts of small scale enviro-terrorism, our ultimate goal being to make total environmental collapse as the sine qua non national security threat.

Because the sooner we destroy this planet, the better. Think of it as a Stalinesque Five Year Plan designed to accelerate human ingenuity at a break-neck pace. All you have to do is trade in that fuel-efficient wuss-car for a manly, gas-guzzling sport-utility vehicle.

Nay, make that two SUVs.

If successful, our actions will force the powers-that-be to create the kind of Manhattan Project-like think tank whose inventions will free us from the consequences of waste.

By merely twisting the arm of genius, we could have efficient solar cars and alternative fuel sources in just a few years, not decades. Instead of colonizing Mars in a hundred years, we could do it in about twenty — and be well on our way to littering on the Red Planet as soon as 2030.

And, perhaps most importantly, we could finally break free from our Middle East shackles. With water-powered cars, we would no longer depend on the drug that has rendered us into nothing more than a junkie with expensive large caliber weaponry.

Yet maybe we are not yet ready for this kind of knee-jerk evolution. As the saying goes, sometimes you have to break a few eggs. But how many eggs can you stand broken?

It will take courage, yes, but we cannot sit idly by while the major corporations do all of the polluting for us.

So the next time you finish an Ale-8-1, chuck the bottle into the street. Raise high your ashtray, and deposit it onto a flowerbed.

For the world is your Dumpster, and in your wake there shall be a glorious trail of cellophane wrapping and smoldering cardboard.

Well, what are you waiting for, hippie? Take a shower, grab a lighter and go make some history.

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By CASSIE BELEK
Scene Writer

Best Picture presenter Jack Nicholson's reaction said it all: "Crash" was not only the most shocking upset of the evening, but of recent years as well. After sweeping the awards season, and then winning Best Adapted Screenplay and Best Director at Sunday night's Academy Awards, "Brokeback Mountain" was the clear favorite to take home the top honor. But the Academy chose otherwise, leaving many critics and Best Director Ang Lee befuddled.

Besides the final bombshell, Oscar night offered few truly spontaneous and memorable moments. There weren't even any truly horrid dresses on the red carpet. Host Jon Stewart tried his hardest for the 78th annual ceremonies, but it may not have been enough to prove himself. Specializing in political satire, he clearly struggled during his opening monologue, looking nervous and restricted as he poked fun at the Hollywood elite. His best joke referred to Dick Cheney accidentally shooting Bjork as she dressed for the Oscars. However, as the night progressed, Stewart eased into the role with his humorous running commentary of the evening's sparse highlights.

George Clooney, the current toast of Tinseltown, nabbed the Oscar for Best Supporting Actor for "Syriana." With three nominations, it was doubtful he would go home empty handed, although during his speech he quipped, "I guess this means I'm not going to win best director." That honor went to Ang Lee, as was expected, but Lee's win was bittersweet as he couldn't explain why his film had lost Best Picture.

Other acting winners included a very pregnant Rachel Weisz for Best Supporting Actress for her invigorating performance in "The Constant Gardener," and predicted winner Reese Witherspoon for Best Actress for depicting country singer June Carter in "Walk the Line." Witherspoon was astonished she had won an Oscar, but Felicity Huffman's ("Transamerica") Best Actress momentum died shortly after the Golden Globes, making

Witherspoon's victory a sure thing.

Phillip Seymour Hoffman delivered the most touching speech of the evening when he won Best Actor for playing the title role in "Capote." Hoffman has long been the favorite since his Golden Globe win, with Heath Ledger ("Brokeback Mountain") presenting him with his toughest competition. But on Sunday night all Hoffman cared about was his mother, thanking her for raising four children on her own and crediting her with his current success, saying that "her passions became my passions."

"March of the Penguins" predictably won Best Documentary Feature, and its creators contributed to a props trend. They carried around giant stuffed penguins on the red carpet and on the stage, making themselves instantly recognizable as the filmmakers of the box-office success. The men behind "Wallace & Gromit in the Curse of the Were-Rabbit" donned giant striped bowties and brought along matching mini bowties for their Oscars when they won Best Animated Feature.

The liveliest moment came from Three 6 Mafia's win for Best Original Song for "It's Hard out Here for a Pimp" from "Hustle & Flow." The Academy has shown its willingness to award a hip-hop song before when Eminem won the Oscar for "Lose Yourself" in 2003, but Three 6 Mafia clearly didn't expect to win, flying through the air as their song was announced, and barely even being able to speak coherent sentences through their excitement. They even randomly thanked George Clooney. Stewart, who was particularly smitten with the group, exclaimed "That's how you accept an Oscar!" and later pointed out that while Three 6 Mafia had one Oscar, Martin Scorsese still has zero.

The evening had plenty of faults, as most Oscar ceremonies do, but this year seemed to be excessive. Most irritating, the orchestra played soft music as winners gave their acceptance speeches. It was perhaps to provide inspiration to speeches, but it instead served as a pesky distraction. Interpretive dancers ran amok in the Best Song performances, the Kodak Theatre was decorated like a 1960s futuristic automobile expo, and the



Photo courtesy of the Associated Press.

Phillip Seymour-Hoffman and Reese Witherspoon grabbed a pair of golden men on Sunday night, winning Academy Awards for Best Actor and Best Actress.

overabundance of tribute montages became ridiculous and tired. Perhaps if the montage featuring clips from "The Day After Tomorrow" had been cut, then Paul Haggis and Cathy Schulman could have finished their acceptance speech for the evening's most prestigious award.

However, the evening had its saving graces. Ben Stiller presented "King Kong" with Best Visual Effects in a clearly visible green screen suit. Stiller deserved an acting award for the ability to proudly act ridiculous in front of the likes of one billion people worldwide and Steven Spielberg. Will Ferrell and Steve Carell presented "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" with Best Makeup while appearing sunburned and wearing fake eyelashes, respectively. Presenter and new mom Jennifer Garner slipped and almost fell on stage, but saved herself, chirping "I do my own stunts." And perhaps the funniest moments came from Stephen Colbert's pre-recorded campaign smear ads on behalf of the Best Actress nominees.

The evening culminated in "Brokeback Mountain" winning for Best Adapted Screenplay and "Crash" winning for Best Original Screenplay. The stage was set for "Brokeback" to win Best Picture, capping off a dull and predictable Oscars evening. But "Crash" surprised not only Jack Nicholson, but its entire cast as well.

Hollywood is already guessing why "Brokeback" was scorned. Some suspect that the Academy wasn't ready for such a picture to be in the mainstream, although its plentiful awards and box office success suggest it already is, with or without the Academy's approval. Others believe that "Brokeback" peaked too soon and "Crash" was there to pick up its sagging momentum. Or maybe "Crash" won because everyone in Hollywood is part of its ensemble cast.

Whatever the reason, the final upset was enough to make this year's ceremonies a semi-memorable end to an intriguing awards season. Here's to hoping the Three 6 Mafia returns next year, or the Academy at least resurrects Bob Hope to host.

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'Crash' wins best picture

The ensemble drama "Crash" pulled off one of the biggest upsets in Academy Awards history, winning best picture over "Brokeback Mountain," which had been the front-runner.

Picture "Crash"
Actor Phillip Seymour Hoffman, "Capote"
Actress Reese Witherspoon, "Walk the Line"
Supporting Actor George Clooney, "Syriana"
Supporting Actress Rachel Weisz, "The Constant Gardener"
Director Ang Lee, "Brokeback Mountain"
Adapted screenplay "Brokeback Mountain" Larry McMurtry, Diana Ossana
Original screenplay "Crash" Paul Haggis, Bobby Moresco
Animated feature "Wallace & Gromit in the Curse of the Were-Rabbit"
Foreign language film "Tsotsi" South Africa
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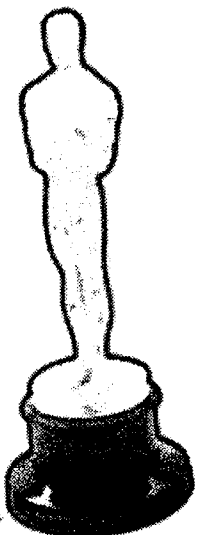


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Producers Cathy Schulman, left, and Paul Haggis, right, received some love from both Jack Nicholson and the Academy, taking home a pair of Oscars for their film "Crash," which won Best Picture.

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UNCONVENTIONAL MEDICAL DRAMA RETURNS FOR SECOND SEASON

By **BRITTANY LASH**
Scene Critic

Dr. Gregory House, M.D.: A pain-pill addicted, heavily sarcastic, brutally honest but often brilliant doctor who throws caution — as well as a pleasant bedside manner — to the wind. Some would think that such an abrasive and unpredictable central character would turn off viewers, but in its second season, "House, M.D." has gained amazing mainstream popularity, consistently garnering top 20 spots in the Nielsen television ratings.

What makes House succeed? Much like the explosively popular procedural dramas "CSI" and "Law and Order," "House" has a certain procedure of its own — the medical mystery.

House (Hugh Laurie) diagnoses infectious diseases, solving medical "unsolved anomalies." House and his team of highly specialized doctors — House-emulating neurologist Dr. Eric Foreman (Omar Epps), compassionate immunologist Dr.

Allison Cameron (Jennifer Morrison) and old-money intensivist Dr. Robert Chase (Jesse Spencer) — track down clues any way they can (including breaking into houses and lying to patients) to cure diseases before time runs out.

With season one having introduced the characters and mysteries, season two has the room to delve into more personal issues. Last season's finale introduced Stacy, who was the love of House's life before she left him. Ironically, she tracks down House to ask him to cure her ailing husband, Mark — whom House would rather let die but does not. In the premiere episode of the second season, "Acceptance" (Sept. 13, 2005), Stacy joins the hospital staff as a law consultant while her husband recovers. She becomes a constant reminder of House's painful past, including the memory of the leg infection that forced him to use a cane and pain pills, a vulnerability House must eventually address.

Initially, though, his medical sleuthing stays as brilliant and abrasive as ever. His brutal honesty comes out in

"Hunting," (Nov. 22, 2005), when he says, "Dying people lie too. Wish they'd worked less, been nicer, opened orphanages for kittens. If you really want to do something, you do it. You don't save it for a sound bite."

House and Stacy follow this advice in "Failure to Communicate" (Jan. 10, 2006), where the two have an opportunity to be open with one another. To Stacy, House is like spicy curry — no matter how much she loves the dish, it will eventually burn her mouth. House takes that interpretation almost literally, and they kiss.

However, in "Need to Know" (Feb. 7, 2006), the union unravels. House treats a do-it-all mother who secretly takes birth control, unable to admit to her husband that she does not want more children. This parallels another necessary, but agonizing, confession. House and Stacy consummate their affair, but House knows they cannot be together. He finally pushes away her advances, and she returns to Mark.

In the absence of Stacy, House is left to

his pain, both figuratively and literally. His leg begins to ache more than ever before. His boss, Dr. Lisa Cuddy (Lisa Edelstein) gives House a "morphine" shot that cures his pain, but admits later that all she gave was saline. The real pain is in his mind and his heart, and no amount of medicine will dull that ache. He will eventually have to conquer it on his own.

This, in the end, is the exact reason the show succeeds. Hugh Laurie's character finds a way to battle his demons, even in the moments where his diagnosis is incorrect or the strength of his leg falters. He pushes people away with his abrasive attitude, and yet, those same individuals are drawn back into his world to learn from him. Viewers want to see him succeed. His character carries the entire show, and if this season is any indication, he will be able to carry it for many seasons to come.

"House, M.D." airs at 9 p.m. every Tuesday on Fox.

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SEASON ONE DVD REVIEW

By **GARY HOTZE**
Scene Writer

The glory days of "E.R." are long gone, as the former ratings goliath has fallen victim to repetitive "life-threatening" storylines and "explosive" endings "that will leave you breathless." Many were left wondering how many times Chicago County's General Hospital could be under siege from a tank or have a helicopter crash on its roof.

There is hope, however, in the form of "House, M.D." "House" was a hot new entry in last year's primetime line-up that — along with "Grey's Anatomy" — revived the medical drama. With these two shows, the beleaguered genre has seen a bit of resurgence. While "Grey's Anatomy" (on ABC) has taken to a little more light-hearted ongoing story arc format, "House" (on Fox) resembles what might be called "CSI: E.R."

The show centers on Dr. Gregory House (Hugh Laurie). House may very well indeed have some of the worst bedside manners in TV history. He avoids contact with all patients at all costs and is addict-

ed to pain medications for his bum leg. His quirkiness and bizarre nature help fuel some of the more interesting subplots that are sharply written and funny.

House works with a team of doctors that include Drs. Eric Foreman (Omar Epps), James Wilson (Robert Sean Leonard), Robert Chase (Jesse Spencer) and Allison Cameron (Jennifer Morrison). In each episode, they diagnose the strangest and most rare medical mysteries. Dr. Lisa Cuddy (Lisa Edelstein) plays a straight-laced businesswoman who continuously butts heads with House.

Some of the standout episodes from the first season are "Occam's Razor," "Detox" and "Kids." Although very entertaining, the show does get a little monotonous after a while.

In true fashion, it follows the ever-popular CSI formula — each episode is its own self-contained story. The obstinate House is convinced to take on a mysterious medical case, then he and his team brainstorm for possible causes and they guess at a treatment. The treatment fails, they try other treatments, which also fail. With just a few seconds left in each episode, the eluding true illness is discovered, and

miraculously, the treatment works and everything is tied up in a neat little bow. This redundancy, along with the episodic nature of the show, prevents it from being a genuine addiction.

Patients and their X-Files-like sicknesses are easy to care about, but what "House" does really well is writing sympathetic characters — they have a real sense of humanity to them, yet are not too perfect. The top notch acting from Laurie and crew also adds redeeming value, and the dialogue is some of the best written on television.

The DVD release was initially advertised as containing anamorphic widescreen presentations, but they are actually in non-anamorphic 1.78:1. This by far is the most disappointing aspect of this release and a real problem for anyone with a 16:9 widescreen television. The non-anamorphic treatment has also left noticeable stretching in some scenes.

Additionally, the menus for the show are static and are not up to the caliber of the

House, M.D. Season One

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show's production values. Both of these facts point to a very rushed release from Universal in order to get the set out before the show's second season premiere.

Despite these major drawbacks, the video itself is pretty good. The show is very colorful, and the transfer does a generally good job of showing the vibrancy of the medical monitors and the maladies of the various patients.

Overall, this release is recommended for at least a rent and possibly a buy for those looking for a less serialized show than "Grey's Anatomy" and a more compelling show than the recent seasons of "E.R."

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Hugh Laurie plays the complex Dr. Gregory House on "House M.D." As abrasive as he is curmudgeonly, House breaks the conventional mold of Dr.-Nice-Guy.



Omar Epps and Jennifer Morrison pair off as Dr. Eric Foreman and Dr. Allison Cameron, respectively, as "House M.D." enters its second season.

SCENE FEATURE

Revisiting glory days of children's sports movies

By SEAN SWEANY
Scene Writer

At a time of year when serious and dramatic movies garner attention and win awards, light-hearted, inspirational films can be in short supply. Sports movies in which children are the stars is a genre that provides both inspiration and simplicity. Children's sports movies blossomed in the 1990s and remain entertaining to this day for anyone young at heart.

Angels in the Outfield (1994)

This Disney movie follows a young orphan, Roger, whose prayers are answered when he asks for the chance to have a family if the then-California Angels can win the pennant. An archangel, played by the always-lively Christopher Lloyd, leads a group of real seraphim to help the struggling team reach the playoffs and answer Roger's prayers. Danny Glover gives a good performance as the team manager, but the scene stealers are the young baseball fans Roger (Joseph Gordon-Levitt, "3rd Rock from the Sun") and his friend J.P., another orphan. By the time its sentimental ending touches home plate, "Angels in the Outfield" touches on themes of prayer, faith and friendship while turning viewers into Angels fans.

Little Giants (1994)

Pee-wee versions of the NFL Giants and Cowboys are pitted against each other when Danny O'Shea (Rick Moranis) decides to form a team out of misfits to take on the mighty Cowboys, coached by his famous, seemingly unbeatable brother

Kevin (Ed O'Neil). The underdog, ragtag group of kids uses heart and intelligence to beat the bigger, stronger, and faster Cowboys team. The fun in this film comes from the actions of the children and the comedy of the football, with plays featuring names like the "Annexation of Puerto Rico." NFL greats including John Madden and Emmitt Smith make cameo appearances that help older crowds enjoy this feel-good football movie.

Rookie of the Year (1993)

When a young Chicago boy suffers an accident that gives him an amazingly strong arm, he becomes an ace pitcher for the struggling Chicago Cubs. While enjoying baseball as a 12-year old on the big stage, fame and fortune threaten his happiness and friendships. Funny performances by Daniel Stern and John Candy help turn "Rookie of the Year" from a good movie into a memorable one. While "Rookie" features some unrealistic baseball, the film works well because its characters are memorable and the film as a whole forces audiences to see baseball as a game that should be played for fun, not money.

The Mighty Ducks (1992)

In "The Mighty Ducks," selfish lawyer Gordon Bombay (Emilio Estevez) is forced to coach a laughable children's hockey team as DUI punishment. The former hockey player, who has never coached before, bonds with the team that has never won, and together the Ducks learn that winning and happiness in sports all stem from the team. While the hockey in the movie is ridiculous, it is exciting and fun to watch, especially the famous "Flying V" and "Triple Deke" maneuvers.



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"Angels in the Outfield" (1994), starring Danny Glover, right, was one of many children-geared sports movies that were popular and successful in the 1990s.

This inspirational film — which prompted the creation of a large real-life sports franchise — is a children's classic that never gets old.

The Sandlot (1993)

The quintessential childhood summertime movie, "The Sandlot" follows the adventures of a group of baseball-playing friends as they welcome neighborhood newcomer Scotty Smalls. While the film centers on baseball, it is really about the friendship and childhood of the ball players and how these are tested when a valuable baseball goes into the yard of a menacing dog called "The Beast." Actors Denis Leary and James Earl Jones head-

line the adult cast in strong roles that complement the full roster of child actors. Cherished for its many memorable lines and scenes, "The Sandlot" stands out not just as a sports movie, but as one of the best children's movies of all time.

These children's sports movies represent the best of the best from a large and ever-expanding genre. They are well known and remembered more than a decade later not because they are realistic or technically superb, but because they inspire all who watch them to be a child again.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Woody Allen serves up latest film in 'Match Point'

By GRAHAM EBETSCH
Scene Critic

While Woody Allen has secured his place in Hollywood history as a comic genius, his newest endeavor proves he's a well-rounded movie maker.

Set in England, "Match Point," starring Jonathan Rhys-Meyers and Scarlett Johansen, takes an in-depth look at the lives of a tennis pro and an American actress and their relationship to a family of wealthy opera-goers. After his professional career failed to meet his hopes, Chris (Meyers) acquires a job as a tennis instructor at a London country club. There he meets his newest student, the wealthy Tom (Matthew Goode), with whom he bonds through a shared love of opera.

Chris is whisked away into the upper-class lifestyle and is invited to join Tom and his family at the opera, as well as other social engagements. Chris finds a romantic interest in Chloe (Emily Mortimer), Tom's younger sister. The romance is short lived after Chris meets Nola (Johansen), who, to complicate matters, is Tom's fiancée. Nola, a mentally unstable character, gives in to Chris' advances after she experiences a nervous breakdown (brought on by Tom's alcohol-indulging mother).

The fling is brought to a close once Nola thinks straight and realizes her devotion to Tom. Chris puts his lust aside and marries Chloe, which provides him with a bet-

ter job and an extravagant house. The audience is led to believe that Chris' romantic life and career will return to normal. Instead, a complicated love triangle consumes the movie.

Chris soon finds that Nola and Tom have discontinued their engagement, and he becomes emotionally distant once again. After a chance run-in with Nola, Chris finds himself taking on a new life of secrecy and deception. While the rest of the movie has some standard plot from other "affair movies," there are some twists too bizarre for even the sharpest movie-goer to predict.

The most redeeming aspect of "Match Point" is the philosophy Woody Allen strives to demonstrate. The opening monologue of the movie explains the title; while Chris is a tennis player, "Match Point" is a reference to the luck involved in the actual game. The voiceover explains how when a ball strikes the net in tennis, it can fall in either direction, with a sheer matter of fate determining the victor. This specific event is shown, which bears significant meaning on its own, having a clever parallel later in the story.

The film investigates the idea that so little of the outcomes in our lives are the direct result of our actions. The characters all fall victims to luck in the end, which becomes the cementing element to the film's success. Without this added element, "Match Point" might not have added much, if anything, to the genre.

Admittedly, "Match Point" has its flaws,

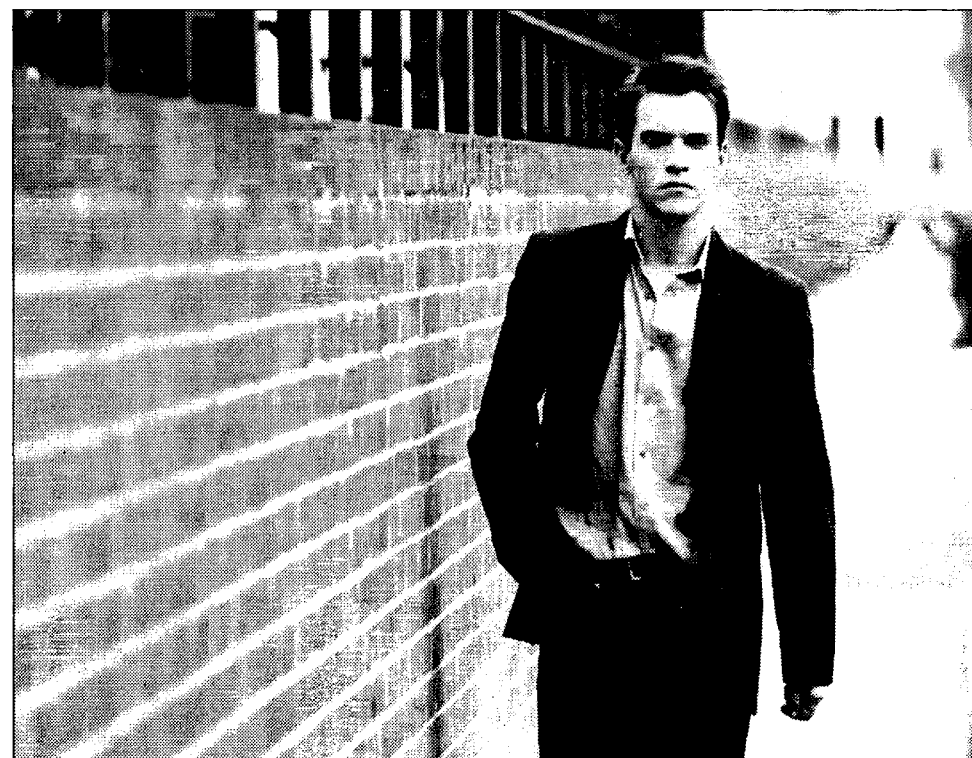


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Jonathan Rhys-Meyers holds court as former tennis star Chris Wilton in Woody Allen's latest film, "Match Point." The film involves a complicated love square.

starting with its pace. The movie drags for close to the first hour and a half, keeping its viewers barely engaged with beautiful scenery and the occasional moment of high emotion. This can be explained by Allen's noticeable desire to focus more on a study of individuals and less on a Hollywood plot progression.

This creates another problem, which is that the characters never really take off. The script is not written so that the audience is aware of all the characters' emotions and backgrounds. At times, this hin-

ders the audience's overall commitment to the film. However, this exemplifies Allen's striving for a study in sociology, not a film depicting outlandish characters overcoming unbelievable obstacles.

"Match Point" is more or less a success and hopefully will challenge the viewers to think more philosophically than they might have otherwise intended, and it is definitely a film worth a second glance.

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Match Point



Director: Woody Allen

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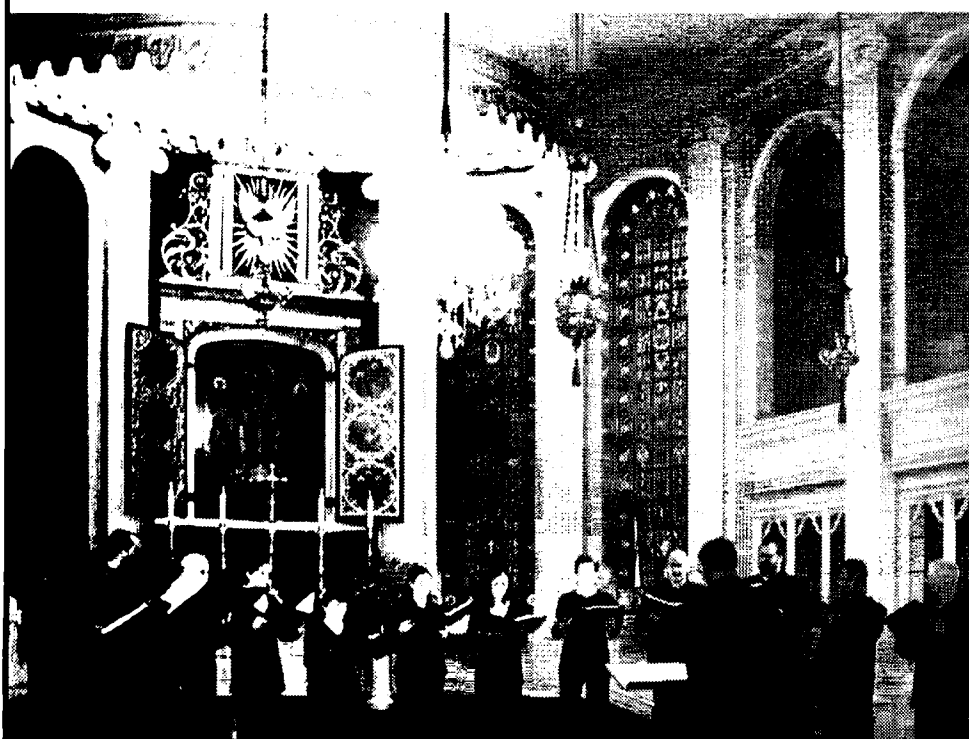


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NHL

Visnovsky's overtime goal lifts Kings over Wild

Roenick, Kostopoulos contribute score apiece in 3-2 victory; Minnesota loss pushes team closer to playoff edge

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Two shots by Lubomir Visnovsky might ultimately keep the Minnesota Wild out of the playoffs.

Visnovsky scored 1:21 into overtime to give the Los Angeles Kings their fifth straight victory, 3-2 over Minnesota on Tuesday night.

Jeremy Roenick and Tom Kostopoulos also scored for the Kings, who have won all five games in the streak by one goal.

Wes Walz scored twice for Minnesota, his second straight two-goal game.

Visnovsky took a pass from Derek Armstrong at the blue line, made a couple of strides and beat Manny Fernandez high on the glove side with a slap shot from above the left circle. Visnovsky, who trails Detroit's Nicklas Lidstrom by just a point for the NHL-lead among defenseman, also scored the winner in Los Angeles' 3-2 home victory over Minnesota on Thursday night.

"I saw there was no one coming at me. The net was open a little bit high and left and I got it in," he said. "Everyone played great today. The two points were very important."

Los Angeles entered the game in seventh place in the Western Conference, one point ahead of Edmonton and three behind fourth-place Nashville. Minnesota, which has won six of nine at home, started the night seven points behind the Oilers.

"We talked as a team that his was a big game," said Craig Conroy, who had two assists. "If we won we'd be up by 10 points, if we lost we'd be up by six, so we wanted to put some distance between the teams behind us. It doesn't matter how pretty the wins are, we have to get as many points as we can."

Minnesota knows it is running out of time in the playoff race.

"We still got a point," Walz said. "Some of those teams in the six-, seven-, eight-hole could come back to us very easily. We've just got to straighten some things out in our room."

Trailing 2-0 after Walz scored his second goal of the game 2:53 into the final period, Los Angeles halved the deficit at 7:01 when Roenick beat Fernandez with a fluttering shot from the left circle. The shot

came after Stephane Veilleux blocked Tim Gelatin's shot, but the puck went right to Roenick.

Kostopoulos tied it 2:01 later when he took a pass from Conroy low in the right circle and beat Fernandez with a one-timer. Kostopoulos has seven points in his last six games.

"I've sat out a few games so it was nice to put up a few points and help the team," Kostopoulos said.

After managing only 10 shots in the first two periods, the Kings fired 11 shots at Fernandez in the first 12 minutes of the third period.

"It's almost like we're scared to succeed," Walz said. "When we get a two-goal lead it's almost like we're playing prevent defense and our safety is sitting down on the goal line. In year's past when we got a two-goal lead it didn't matter what the score was, we were going to play the same way. We're just sitting back a little too much and waiting for something bad to happen. In most cases it does."

After a scoreless first period, Walz put Minnesota on the board 12:19 into the second. Walz waited behind the Los Angeles net for about 3 seconds before coming out on the right side and tucking the puck under Mathieu Garon.

Walz, who scored twice and had an assist Sunday in a victory over Colorado, has seven goals and seven assists in his past 10 games.

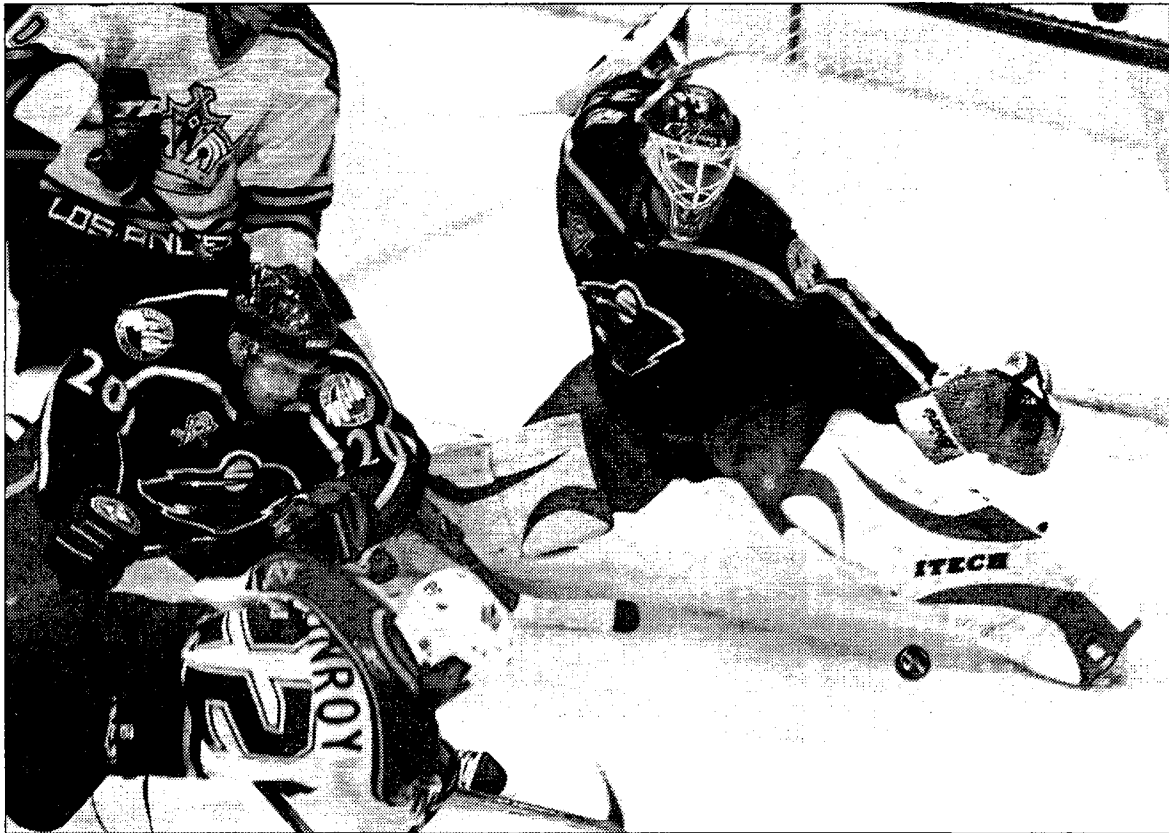
Walz added his second of the game 2:53 into the third period, scoring on a rebound of Marian Gaborik's shot. The goal came less than 30 seconds after Walz set up Gaborik, who was stopped on a left pad save by Garon, who has a win in each of his last five appearances.

Wild coach Jacques Lemaire wonders how his team came close to getting two points.

"For the way I look at the game, the way I want the guys to play, it's been a long time since we've played as bad as we did," he said. "I'm talking about teamwork, support on the ice, winning battles on the board, puck handling, driving at the net. It's not a good time to come up with a game like this."

Avalanche 2, Blues 1

Milan Hejduk gave Colorado coach Joel Quenneville his first victory in St. Louis since he was



Minnesota goaltender Manny Fernandez blocks a shot by the Kings' Craig Conroy in the first period of Tuesday night's game. The Kings won 3-2 on an overtime goal by Lubomir Visnovsky.

fired by the Blues in February 2004.

Milan Hejduk scored the only goal in a shootout to lead the Avalanche to a victory over the Blues on Tuesday night.

"It's great to be back, I love it here in St. Louis," Quenneville said. "It was a special day. It's good to be back behind the bench coaching a game here."

David Aebischer made 23 saves for the victory, and Curtis Sanford stopped 22 shots for the Blues in their first home game since Feb. 4.

Christian Backman broke a scoreless tie 4:44 into the third period, whistling a slap shot from the top of the circle past a screened Aebischer. The goal came with Colorado's Kurt Sauer off for hooking.

Colorado tied it with just 5:28 left in regulation when Joe Sakic knocked in a loose puck off a rebound for his 22nd goal of the season.

The rebound came after Sanford couldn't handle Alex Tanguay's shot from the right side.

"You knew it was going to be tight tonight," Sanford said. "We played well again tonight and they played well, too. It was like it was a playoff game out

there."

Colorado broke a two-game losing streak in its second straight game without rookie Marek Svatos, the team's scoring leader who is out with a shoulder injury.

The first period was a quiet one for both teams. St. Louis outshot Colorado 7-5 and neither goalie was tested.

The second period was pretty much the same as the first. Colorado only had six shots at Sanford, and St. Louis fired eight at Colorado's Aebischer.

"We played pretty hard. We had a little trouble the first 50 minutes," Aebischer said. "We didn't really play our game, but in the end it was a (win) for us."

Coyotes 5, Red Wings 2

Curtis Joseph thinks the Phoenix Coyotes are still in the Western Conference playoff race.

And they sure looked like a contender Tuesday night in a victory over the conference-leading Detroit Red Wings.

"If we play like this more often, I really like our post-season chances," Joseph said. "Every time people start to count us out, we rally and show what kind of team we can be.

This win in this building, two games after beating Dallas, absolutely gives us a confidence boost coming down the stretch."

Joseph made 35 saves and Mike Comrie scored twice for Phoenix, which had won only one of its previous six games and is ahead of only three teams in the conference.

Comrie, Boyd Devereaux and Dave Scatchard scored in the first period before Detroit's Pavel Datsyuk had a goal late in the period to make it 3-1.

Brendan Shanahan pulled the Red Wings within a goal early in the second period, but they couldn't rattle their former teammate between the posts — or get closer.

They were even given a penalty shot with 5:03 left only to see Joseph turn away Mark Mowers' shot.

The Western Conference-leading Red Wings peppered Joseph with shots — 12 in the first, 15 in the second, 10 in the third — and hit the post and crossbar.

"We gave them a lot of great chances and Curtis played outstanding," Comrie said.

Detroit's Manny Legace gave up three goals on six shots 14:02 into the game and finished with 19 saves.

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NCAA Men's Basketball AP Top 25

	team	record	pts.
1	Connecticut	27-2	1797
2	Villanova	24-3	1720
3	Duke	27-3	1567
4	Gonzaga	26-3	1556
5	Memphis	27-3	1501
6	George Washington	26-1	1399
7	Ohio State	23-4	1396
8	Texas	25-5	1275
9	Illinois	25-5	1202
10	North Carolina	21-6	1166
11	Boston College	24-6	1028
12	Washington	24-5	923
13	UCLA	24-6	904
14	Tennessee	21-6	814
15	Pittsburgh	21-6	794
16	Florida	24-6	716
17	Kansas	22-7	662
18	LSU	22-7	614
19	West Virginia	20-9	492
20	Iowa	22-8	402
21	Nevada	24-5	342
22	Oklahoma	20-7	263
23	Georgetown	19-8	166
24	UAB	22-5	144
25	N.C. State	21-8	132

NCAA Women's Basketball AP Top 25

	team	record	pts.
1	North Carolina	29-1	1125
2	Ohio State	27-2	1000
3	Maryland	28-4	996
4	Duke	26-3	977
5	LSU	27-3	938
6	Rutgers	25-3	934
7	Tennessee	28-4	904
8	Oklahoma	26-4	901
9	Connecticut	27-4	819
10	Baylor	22-5	804
11	Stanford	23-6	713
12	Purdue	24-5	630
13	DePaul	25-5	593
14	Georgia	21-8	574
15	Arizona State	24-6	494
16	Michigan State	22-9	460
17	Louisiana Tech	23-4	339
18	Temple	23-7	243
19	Utah	21-6	242
20	BYU	23-4	227
21	New Mexico	21-8	211
22	Texas A&M	22-7	194
23	Minnesota	19-9	105
24	Bowling Green	25-2	101
25	Vanderbilt	20-10	82

Big East Men's Basketball

	team	conf.	ovr.
1	Connecticut	14-2	26-2
2	Villanova	14-2	23-3
3	West Virginia	11-5	20-8
4	Georgetown	10-6	19-7
5	Pittsburgh	10-6	21-5
6	Marquette	10-6	19-9
7	Seton Hall	9-7	17-10
8	Syracuse	8-8	19-9
9	Cincinnati	7-9	18-11
10	Rutgers	7-9	16-12
11	Louisville	6-10	18-10
12	NOTRE DAME	6-10	14-12
13	Providence	5-11	12-14
14	St. John's	5-11	12-14
15	DePaul	4-11	11-14
16	USF	1-15	6-22

MLB



Giants left fielder Barry Bonds hits his 73rd home run at Pacific Bell Park in San Francisco on Oct. 7, 2001. According to an excerpt from the book "Game of Shadows," Bonds has been using steroids since 1998.

Bonds accused of steroid use in book

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Barry Bonds used a vast array of performance-enhancing drugs, including steroids and human growth hormone, for at least five seasons beginning in 1998, according to a book written by two San Francisco Chronicle reporters.

An excerpt from "Game of Shadows," which details the San Francisco slugger's extensive doping program, appears in the March 13 issue of Sports Illustrated.

"I won't even look at it. For what? There's no

need to," Bonds said Tuesday at Giants camp in Scottsdale, Ariz. The Giants said Bonds would not comment any further.

Bonds, who testified before a California federal grand jury looking into steroid use by top athletes, repeatedly has denied using performance-enhancing drugs.

"I've read what was reported," Bonds' agent, Jeff Borris, told The Associated Press. "Barry is looking forward to playing this year and the improved health of his knee, and being as productive as he's ever been."

Phone messages left by the AP seeking comment from Bonds' attorney and publicist were not immediately returned Tuesday.

Baseball did not ban performance-enhancing drugs until after the 2002 season.

Authors Mark Fainaru-Wada and Lance Williams, who led the newspaper's coverage of the BALCO scandal, recount in remarkable detail the specifics of Bonds' drug regimen, which they wrote started in 1998 with injections of Winstrol, a powerful steroid also linked to Rafael Palmeiro.

According to the book,

Bonds was using two undetectable designer steroids, informally known as the cream and the clear, plus insulin, human growth hormone and other performance enhancers by 2001, when he hit 73 home runs for the Giants to break Mark McGwire's single-season record of 70 set in 1998.

The seven-time NL MVP enters this season with 708 homers, seven shy of passing Babe Ruth and 48 from breaking Hank Aaron's career mark.

"Game of Shadows" is scheduled to be published March 27 by Gotham Books.

IN BRIEF

NFL owners to look over labor proposal

GRAPEVINE, Texas — What was supposed to be the absolutely, positively final meeting to solve the NFL's labor problems began Tuesday, with owners trying to decide whether to accept the union's latest proposal.

A decision on whether to extend the collective bargaining agreement was unlikely to come down until Wednesday, close to the latest deadline of 8 p.m. EST. It'll take that long for the owners to resolve their differences over internal revenue sharing, the most divisive issue facing them. If they don't get that straight, a deal is unlikely.

Much of the early hours of Tuesday's meeting was spent simply listening to commissioner Paul Tagliabue go through details of the union's proposal. Then Tagliabue outlined revenue sharing, but there was no discussion before the owners broke for dinner.

Woods having strong start to 2006 season

MIAMI — The road to the Masters usually starts with the Florida swing on the PGA Tour, although Tiger Woods already had a head start even before he arrived at Doral.

He began 2006 with a victory at Torrey Pines, making a birdie on the last hole and winning when Jose Maria Olazabal missed a 4-foot par putt in the playoff. He birdied his last two holes in Dubai to get into a playoff with Ernie Els, winning when the South African found the water.

But his victory on the Blue Monster might have been the best proof that Woods is getting closer to having full command of swing changes he has worked on with Hank Haney the last two years.

It was his ninth wire-to-wire victory among his 48 titles on the PGA Tour. And it was another case of Woods doing whatever was required — birdies early in his round to keep

his two-stroke cushion.

Players and fans mourn death of Kirby Puckett

MINNEAPOLIS — In the middle of a steadily growing memorial to Kirby Puckett, outside the Metrodome and right alongside a street named for the beloved Hall of Famer, one cardboard sign stood out.

"There IS crying in baseball," the message was written, in red ink, bannered over a couple of old Puckett baseball cards taped to the corners.

All around the game, people who were close to the roly-poly outfielder who led the Minnesota Twins to two World Series titles — and even those who only watched him on TV — were saddened Tuesday by Puckett's death.

"This morning, when I got up and took a shower and watched the news, tears started coming out," said Chicago White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen.

around the dial

MEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL

Rutgers vs. Seton Hall, 7 p.m. ESPN
Louisville vs. Pittsburgh, 9:30 p.m. ESPN

WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC

Cuba vs. Panama
1 p.m. ESPN 2

WOMEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL

Strother climbs Mountaineers for Big East title

No. 9 Huskies defeat West Virginia 50-44

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — No other player in Connecticut women's basketball history has played more minutes than Ann Strother. As the clock ticked down in what could be her final collegiate appearance in the state, Strother delivered.

She scored nine of her 20 points in the final seven minutes to lead the Huskies to a 50-44 win Tuesday night over West Virginia in the Big East Conference championship. It ended the Mountaineers' surprising postseason run and earned Strother most outstanding player honors.

"There was a time where nothing was really going on and it was kind of stagnant," Strother said. "I think we needed to get something going if we were going to win. So this was the time."

She's played in 139 games at UConn and along the way has picked up two national titles and two Big East tournament crowns. Her lone 3-pointer Tuesday night was her 280th and moved her into second place on UConn's all-time list behind Diana Taurasi.

"This time of the year, it's individual players who make the difference," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said. "Your style of play, your system as a program

gets you to this point and then individual players end up deciding the outcome of the game. Ann stepped up and made some huge plays."

The 12th-seeded Mountaineers (15-16) ended their regular season with an eight-game losing streak and were the lowest seed to make the final. They upset Louisville, St. John's and top-seeded Rutgers in their remarkable march and did it without leading scorer Meg Bulger, lost in January to a season-ending knee injury. Bulger had been on the bench throughout the tournament, but was scheduled for surgery Wednesday morning and left for home Tuesday morning.

The Mountaineers backed down to no one in Hartford and had the crowd behind them in Monday night's upset over regular season champion Rutgers. This time, however, UConn faithful were not about to switch allegiance, not even for the underdog.

"This is something to build on," West Virginia coach Mike Carey said. "We feel now we can play with some of the top teams. This tournament gave us a little pride to see that maybe we can get to the next level."

Freshman Renee Montgomery finished with 11 points for the Huskies and Barbara Turner played a solid inside game with 10 rebounds.

The scrappy Mountaineers made the Huskies (29-4) work hard for their 13th tournament

title and an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament but were eventually done in by poor shooting (24 percent), turnovers down the stretch and Strother. It was the lowest score to win the title in the tournament's 23-year history.

West Virginia has never won the Big East tournament. The Mountaineers last tournament championship was the 1989 Atlantic 10 title.

"I think it was harder than all the other 12 put together," Auriemma said. "I thought our guys battled through a lot of stuff tonight. We played against a really good team that played their hearts out."

Britney Davis-White led West Virginia (15-16) with 12 points. Olayinka Sanni finished with 10 points and a game-high 11 rebounds.

Davis-White's jumper with 6:54 left got the Mountaineers to within one at 34-33. But Strother scored all the points in a 9-2 run. The cushion didn't last long, though. Davis-White and Sanni combined for the next six points to get within two and it was clear to the 10,126 fans at the Hartford Civic Center that the Mountaineers, despite playing four games in four days, were not about to go away.

"It was pretty tough," Sanni said. "We needed to save our energy every chance we got. We see what we can do and who we can play with."

Abandoning the zone defense



Connecticut's Renee Montgomery scores a layup in Tuesday night's 50-44 win over West Virginia in the Big East championship.

that had stymied opponents throughout the tournament, the Mountaineers concentrated on Strother, double- and triple-teaming her. With her team

clinging to a four-point lead with 40 seconds left, Strother battled out of triple-team and found a wide-open Willnett Crockett on a backdoor cut.

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MEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL

Gaels capture MAAC title with 80-61 victory

Burt Jr. gets 20 points in win over St. Peter's, collects 2,011 for career

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — Iona guard Steve Burt Jr. was running circles around the court, zigzagging through the maze of cheering Gaels fans, when he finally spotted his father standing on the sideline near the press table.

Taking three giant steps, Burt Jr. vaulted into his father's waiting arms and smothered him with a bear hug. This is what victory felt like, and it was something the son could finally share with his father, Steve Burt Sr., who in 1982 and 1984 led Iona to Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference tournament championships.

"It was a feeling I've never felt before," Steve Burt Jr. said Monday after scoring 28 points in an 80-61 win over St. Peter's to clinch for Iona its seventh MAAC title and eighth NCAA tournament berth.

"I owe it all to him," he said. "My dad's been there for me since birth, teaching me this game, teaching me the right way to play and always showing me that you might not have the easy road, you might have to take the hard way."

The younger Burt's 2,011 career points at Iona are sec-

ond only to his father's 2,534, and their 4,545 combined points top all NCAA father-son scoring combos.

But until Monday, Burt Jr. was missing one thing his father had at Iona: a MAAC title.

"This is what I wanted more than the points, more than the accolades, more than the records," said the younger Burt, a senior. "I feel my career wouldn't have been a success if we didn't get this championship, and we got it."

Many wondered whether it would ever happen for this group of Gaels players, who in the past three seasons always found a way to come up short. In past years, players bickered over shot selection and playing time, and questioned whether Burt was too involved in the offense. And Burt blamed himself for what happened in last year's tournament semifinal, when he scored 28 points but lost the ball on a key possession in the final seconds of a 69-66 loss to eventual champion Niagara.

Questions were raised again this year, when the team squandered a chance at winning the regular-season title by losing its last two games. Even coach Jeff Ruland acknowledged this past weekend that he worried whether his team could string together three solid tournament games.

Burt and the Gaels respond-

ed, outscoring their opponents by a combined 260-199 margin, starting with an 80-54 win over Niagara in the quarterfinals. Burt finished with 83 points — including 12-of-23 on 3-point shots — and was named the tournament's MVP.

"It feels like history repeating itself," Burt said, noting his father also earned the MVP honor in 1984.

Dad couldn't have been prouder.

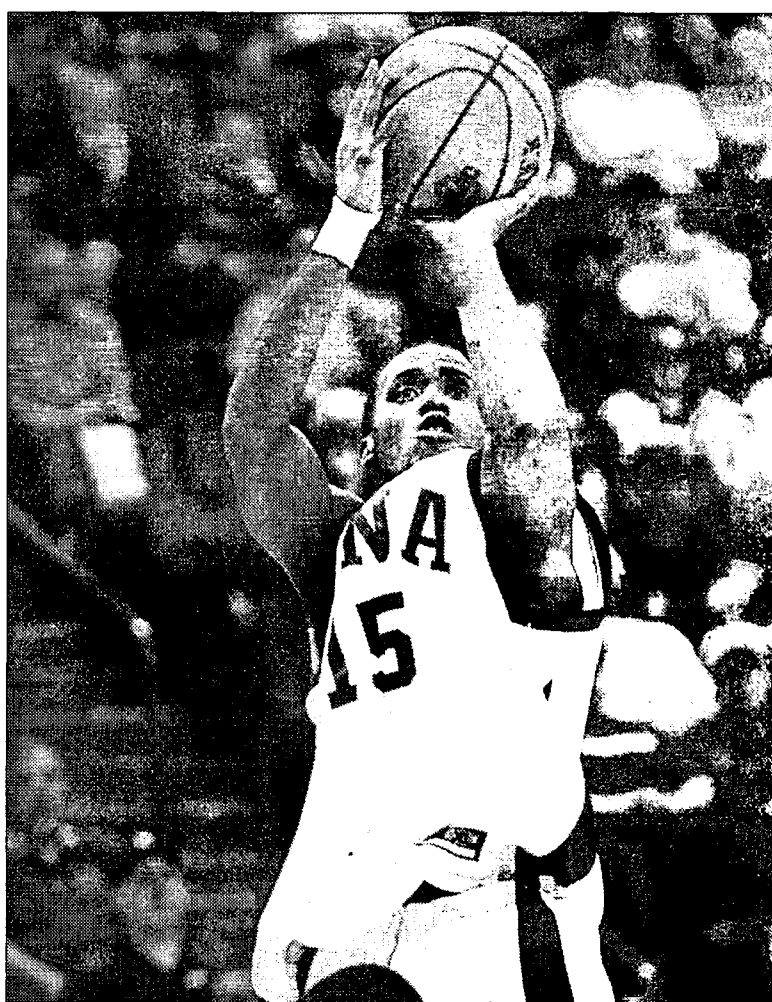
"He was a leader before, but he had to learn how to lead," Burt Sr. said. "I'm just proud of him."

The Gaels (23-7) now prepare for their first NCAA tournament appearance since 2001. And besides Burt, this year's group is rounded out by hot-shooting swingman Ricky Soliver, power forward Kiril Wachsmann and dependable guard Marvin McCullough.

Also on the team is sophomore forward Gary Springer, who like Burt followed in his father's footsteps by winning a MAAC title at Iona. Gary Springer Sr. was a teammate of Burt Sr. in 1982 and 1984.

"I'm so happy for these guys," said Ruland, who won his third MAAC title in an eight-year tenure. "I love all my players but this is special with all the stuff we've been involved with over the last couple of years. ... They're leaving a banner behind."

"It's an incredible feeling,"



Iona's Steve Burt Jr. shoots in the second half of the MAAC championship game against St. Peter's on Monday.

the younger Burt said. "I've grown a lot this year and tonight it really showed. It

means the world. It's four years together. We've been to the bottom, and now we're on top."

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WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC

Peavy, Lidge shut door on Mexican sluggers

Lee, Jones knock solo shots in 2-0 American victory on Tuesday

Associated Press

PHOENIX — One after another, the American pitchers were untouchable. A pair of big blows provided all the help they needed.

Jake Peavy and a parade of relievers combined on a four-hitter against a lineup loaded with major leaguers Tuesday, leading the United States to a 2-0 victory over Mexico in its World Baseball Classic debut.

Home runs by Derrek Lee and Chipper Jones were all that was necessary on offense.

"Today I felt proud," Lee said. "I felt like the whole country was watching."

Lee hit a 1-1 pitch from starter Rodrigo Lopez over the right-field fence and Jones homered on the first pitch he saw in the tournament — off Oscar Villarreal in the seventh.

These U.S. stars have been talking pride and patriotism since gathering on Friday.

"I've never had a better feeling in my life," Peavy said. "It was the coolest thing I have ever done when Team USA took the field today."

Added Jones, "I probably had more butterflies today than any playoff games."

Peavy allowed one hit — an infield single by Karim Garcia that easily could have been ruled an error on second baseman Chase Utley to start the game. The 24-year-old San Diego Padres right-hander struck out three, throwing just 23 pitches. Mike Timlin, Chad Cordero, Dan Wheeler, Todd Jones, Joe Nathan and Brad Lidge each threw an inning of relief for the U.S. squad, which has 11 relievers on its roster.

"Our bullpen is ridiculous," Lee said. "I kind of felt sorry for those guys having to face them."

The U.S. pitchers combined for nine strikeouts and no walks, shutting out Mexico in only 2 hours, 6 minutes.

No Mexican hitters got beyond first. Three baserunners were erased on double plays.

"It was a good game," Mexico manager Paquin Estrada said through a translator, "but there really was no room for mistakes. There were two hits, and it was just a matter of pitching."

From the first pitch, it was apparent this was no spring training game.

The crowd of 32,727 at Chase Field — formerly known as

Bank One Ballpark — was loud and lively with Mexican supporters waving their red, white and green national flags and chanting "Me-xi-co! Me-xi-co!" When a U.S. batter got two strikes, there were shouts of "ponche" — strikeout.

"I thought it was awesome," Jones said. "I thought it was electric. The Mexican fans brought a lot of electricity to the game."

The United States had the first scoring threat when Randy Winn led off the third with a single to right. After two outs, Derek Jeter bounced a single up the middle to put runners at first and third. But Ken Griffey Jr. popped up to left to end the inning.

Lopez, a right-handed starter for the Baltimore Orioles, allowed one run and three hits in four innings, striking out one and walking one. The lone run he gave up was Lee's two-out homer in the fourth.

"I was trying to throw a good fastball down and away," Lopez said. "I just left it up a little bit. Like I say, this guy's got tremendous power. This guy is an All-Star."

The lead remained 1-0 until Jones replaced Alex Rodriguez at third in the top of the seventh. With one out, he hit the first pitch from his new Atlanta teammate Villarreal some 396 feet to the seats in left-center.

"Just another huge thrill, another career highlight," said Jones, who homered in the U.S. exhibition victory against San Francisco on Saturday.

Pitchers can throw no more than 65 pitches per game in the first round because they still are in the spring training mode.

Mexico has defeated the United States only once in five tries since baseball became an Olympic sport. That 2-1 victory in the 2003 Olympic qualifier in Panama denied the Americans a 2004 Olympic berth.

Dominican Republic 11, Venezuela 5

David Ortiz and the Dominican Republic showed everyone in the United States what Latin baseball is all about — and just how good they are.

Ortiz and Adrian Beltre each homered twice, leading a powerful Dominican team to a victory over Venezuela on Tuesday in their World Baseball Classic opener.

"The atmosphere is pretty much what every Latin has in his blood," Ortiz said.

"Everybody has a lot of passion for baseball," the Boston Red Sox star added. "We live it every day."

A lively sellout crowd, two

All-Star lineups, a couple of Cy Young Award winners.

Bud Selig must have been smiling.

This is exactly what the commissioner had in mind when he pushed for the Classic, and the Dominican Republic and Venezuela put on a show that made the concept look like a stroke of genius.

Bartolo Colon, the 2005 AL Cy Young winner for the Los Angeles Angels, pitched three scoreless innings for the win. He allowed three hits, walked one and struck out two before leaving after 50 pitches — well below the opening-round limit of 65.

Johan Santana, the 2004 AL Cy Young recipient, yielded Ortiz's first homer, a second run that was unearned and took the loss. He threw 61 pitches in 3 1-3 innings and allowed three hits, walked three and struck out five.

"We were all aware of their pitching staff, and we had to be

patient and wait for the right pitch to hit," said Ortiz, who had three RBIs.

Ortiz and Beltre, who drove in five runs, each hit a two-run homer in the ninth as the Dominicans broke open a 6-5 game.

Ronnie Belliard added an RBI single to finish a five-run inning that set off a wild celebration among flag-toting, horn-blowing Dominican fans, some of whom even danced on top of the dugout after Beltre's second homer.

Miguel Cabrera and Edgardo Alfonzo homered for Venezuela, which rallied from a five-run deficit to nearly tie the game.

That's where some controversy came into play, with Venezuela manager Luis Sojo barreling out of the dugout to argue that Cabrera's RBI double should have been ruled a two-run homer that would have tied the game at 6 in the seventh.

Two innings earlier, Cabrera's

two-run homer cut into a 6-1 lead the Dominican Republic built with the help of Ortiz's solo homer off Santana and Beltre's three-run drive off Carlos Zambrano.

"The umpires are closer than we are," Alfonzo said. "We tried to see the replay, but it was tough to tell."

Cabrera's seventh-inning double off Julian Tavarez hit the top of the wall in left-center and caromed back to the field. Cabrera pumped his fist and held his right arm in the air as he rounded first, thinking he had his second homer.

The matchup of star-laden lineups drew a sellout crowd of 10,645 to The Ballpark at Disney, the spring training home of the Atlanta Braves.

The Dominican batting order read like a who's who among All-Stars with Alfonso Soriano leading off, followed by MVPs Miguel Tejada and Albert Pujols and sluggers Ortiz, Moises Alou and Beltre.

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Duffy

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in a competitive [academic] league is really important," she said.

Duffy, who has now been named first-team all-conference for the second straight year, was happy to earn the distinction again after the conference expanded to 16 teams after last season.

"To get first team is pretty spectacular for me, just because the competition is so great [between] 16 teams across the board," Duffy said. "There's a lot of stars out there, so I'm fortunate enough to make the first team."

She was a unanimous selection.

"I appreciate all their support, that they have the respect for my game," she said. "Especially being a senior, you kind of want to go out the right way."

But Duffy said she didn't realize she had the support of all the conference's coaches.

"I didn't know that [I was a unanimous selection]," she said, smiling when she learned of the distinction during a press conference.

Duffy, who struggled in the first half of both of Notre Dame's Big East tournament games, a 73-66 win over South Florida Saturday

and a 71-60 loss to No. 2-seed Connecticut Sunday, rebounded in the second half of both games to eventually lead the Irish in scoring both times.

"She's just one of those unselfish kids, trying to get everybody involved," Connecticut head coach Geno Auriemma said.

Notre Dame's season now rests in the hands of the NCAA tournament selection committee, and the Irish will have to wait to see who and where they will next play until March 13.

"It's going to be hard to wait around 'til Selection Monday," she said.

During the long interim, Duffy hopes the team will continue to work on preparing itself mentally and physically for a postseason run.

"We'll probably take a couple days off and get the legs ready to go," she said. "[Then] we're going to get back to work. I'm sure we're going to go back to a lot of the fundamentals — kind of go back to the stuff we did during the beginning of the season."

While the team rests during the next few days, Duffy will focus on a more immediate task — studying during midterms week.

"I got [a big midterm] coming up Tuesday," Duffy said Sunday. "I'm probably in trouble."

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NBA

Brand and Clippers beat Spurs

Sam Cassell nets 15 points and 11 assists in conference victory

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Elton Brand had 30 points and nine rebounds, Sam Cassell added 15 points and 11 assists, and the Los Angeles Clippers capitalized on Tim Duncan's foul trouble to beat San Antonio 98-85 Tuesday night and snap the Spurs' seven-game winning streak.

Chris Kaman had 15 points and eight rebounds for the Clippers, who had lost eight straight to the defending NBA champions, 28 of the previous 31 meetings and 12 of 14 at home.

Cassell dislocated the pinky on his left hand in the final minute of the first half, but popped it back in place himself and finished the game without any further distress.

The loss was only the fourth in 24 games for the Spurs. Tony Parker had 20 points.

Robert Horry returned to

the lineup after serving a two-game suspension for intentionally making contact with an official during an altercation with Dallas guard Jerry Stackhouse in last Thursday's 98-89 victory.

Duncan had 16 points and seven rebounds in 29 minutes.

He shot 6-for-14 from the field, one night after getting poked in the right eye by Smush Parker of the Lakers and missing the final 5:45 of San Antonio's 103-96 win.

The two-time MVP had only four points against the Clippers when he picked up his third foul with 7:16 left in the half and went to the bench with the score tied at 26-all.

Duncan was on the floor for the start of the second half, but was charged with an offensive foul with 5:46 left in the third quarter.

Duncan was replaced by Horry with the Spurs still clinging to their one-point halftime margin.

Cuttino Mobley hit a go-ahead 3-pointer for the Clippers about a minute later,

triggering a 15-4 run that gave them a 69-59 lead entering the fourth.

It was only the 11th time all season that the Spurs trailed after three quarters. Duncan was back in the game at the start of the fourth, but Los Angeles used an 11-5 spurt that opened up an 80-64 lead with 8:38 to play.

Duncan scored seven points during a 62-second span, and Parker sank two free throws to narrow the gap to 92-83 with 2:04 left.

But defensive specialist Quinton Ross drained an 18-footer from the right baseline and Mobley sank two free throws to clinch it.

The Clippers, who took the Spurs to overtime on Dec. 13 at San Antonio before losing 95-87, began the rematch with a 10-0 run before the Spurs pulled ahead 21-19 by the end of the first quarter with eight points by Manu Ginobili. He finished with 15.

The Clippers are now a combined 6-8 against the league's six division leaders, and have beaten every one at least once, except for Detroit.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

'Nova takes league honors

Wright earns league coaching award; Foye wins player of the year

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Villanova swept the Big East's premier awards Tuesday when senior guard Randy Foye was chosen player of the year and Jay Wright was selected coach of

the year.

The second-ranked Wildcats (24-3) finished as conference co-champions with No. 1 Connecticut.

The 6-foot-4 Foye led Villanova and was second in the conference in scoring at 21 points per game and averaged 5.4 rebounds. He was one of the keys in Villanova's four-guard offense and often drew defensive assignments against bigger players.

"It's amazing, I watch all the TV shows and I see them talk about all the great players in the country and they never mention him," Wright said. "He's so smart in everything. All the little concepts we tell him about, he gets it and can explain it on a player's level. That's what he does with the rest of the guys."

Wright is completing his fifth season at Villanova. The Wildcats, despite losing forward Curtis Sumpter to a knee injury before the season, were ranked in the Top 10 all season, matching the highest ranking in school history at No. 2. Wright's career record at Villanova is 100-57.

Hilton Armstrong, the key in Connecticut leading the country in blocked shots for a fifth straight season, was chosen the league's defensive player of the year.

Oral Roberts secures its spot in Big Dance

Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. — Back within a victory of getting into the NCAA tournament, Ken Tutt wasn't going to let Oral Roberts go through another heart-wrenching defeat.

Tutt scored 20 of his 25 points in the second half to lead Oral Roberts to its first NCAA tournament berth in 22 years with an 85-72 win against Chicago State in the Mid-Continent Conference title game Tuesday night.

The top-seeded Golden Eagles (21-11), who lost a heartbreaker in their home

city in last year's Mid-Con title game, pushed ahead with an 18-0 run early in the second half.

"We didn't want to go through what we went through last year. It was a horrible feeling," said Tutt, with a freshly cut basketball net dangling from his neck. "I would say that has been in the back of my mind this whole season. Every time I went in the gym, I just thought about that loss."

In last year's championship, Oakland's Pierre Dukes hit an off-balance 3-pointer with 1.3 seconds left to bring a shocking end to Oral Roberts' NCAA tournament hopes.


"We were so devastated. The pain never went away until we won this game tonight, for me at least," Oral Roberts coach Scott Sutton said. "I knew that was the only way that I could get over that loss."

In the same locker room the Golden Eagles occupied in last year's loss, Sutton said he asked his players if they wanted to feel that way again.

They responded, with Tutt leading the way.

He scored 10 of the Golden Eagles' first 14 points of the second half in his second scoring showcase since missing 10 games with a broken bone in his right foot. He came off the bench to score 29 in the Mid-Con quarterfinals against Western Illinois.

"He's one of the best shooters in college basketball and he's a clutch player," Sutton said. "He rose to the occasion tonight like I knew he would."




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The Irish played the Hoyas tough down the stretch Jan. 24 at the Joyce Center and lost despite some late-game heroics. Shooting guard Colin Falls made a 3-pointer, got fouled and sank the foul shot at the end of regulation to tie the game and send it to overtime.

But after playing possession-for-possession with Georgetown for the next five minutes, point guard Quinn missed a last-second layup at the end of the first overtime, and the Hoyas won the next five minutes to seal the game and send Notre Dame to a 1-5 Big East record.

Notre Dame's fortunes have shifted somewhat since that loss.

Though the team is the conference tournament's lowest seed — and Georgetown normally brings a large fan contingent to the

Garden — the Irish have multiple individual players who are playing the best basketball of their careers.

Quinn earned All-Big East first team honors Monday and received the Big East sportsmanship award Tuesday in New York for being a "two-year team captain who has carried himself with class," according to an official conference press release.

Notre Dame guard Russell Carter also received recognition Sunday for recent elevated play. Carter averaged 21.5 points per game, 6.5 rebounds and 3.0 steals in wins against Providence and DePaul last week and was named to the Big East weekly honor roll for the first time in his career.

But the Irish know those awards do not change their current situation of facing a

No. 23 nationally-ranked Georgetown team that lost its final regular season game to South Florida (1-15 in the Big East) 63-56 Saturday and is determined to prove the defeat a fluke.

"We're certainly thrilled to be going to New York," Brey said. "[But] we look at [today] as the third round of the Big East."

That's because Notre Dame played its wins over Providence and DePaul as do-or-die situations — a loss in either contest would have bumped the Irish off the plane to the Big Apple.

But Notre Dame was able to win down the season's stretch, Brey said, because the team learned from its early schedule woes instead of dwelling on the negative.

"We're a better team," Brey said. "I think we've been hardened by [the close losses]. You can either crumble ... or hang in there and be hardened by the experience."

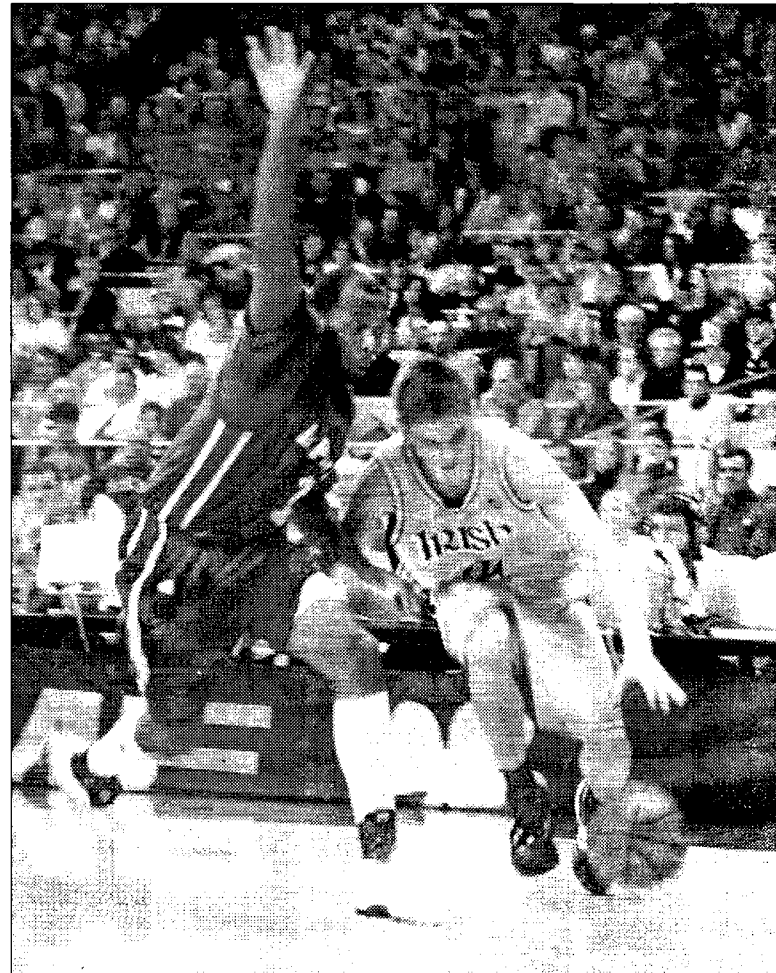
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Irish coach

"I ... want us to be confident, because everyone in this league we've played with pretty darn well."

Mike Brey
Irish coach



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Irish point guard Chris Quinn drives to the basket during Notre Dame's 66-62 victory over DePaul Saturday.

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Bayliss said. "We obviously made a change there — Sheeva's returns added a lot of strength there, and he competes so well they're going to be good if they play together."

Brett Helgeson and Andrew Roth clinched the point with an 8-5 victory at No. 3.

"At third, I felt we played pretty well," Bayliss said.

"Andrew was all over the net and did a great job of cutting balls off, and Brett served the match out at 7-5 and played a solid service game."

In singles, No. 17 Stephen Bass was first off the courts with a 6-4, 6-4 straight set win at No. 1.

"I thought Stephen Bass did a fabulous job of handling a difficult opponent and really doing the specific things he needed to do under pressure time and time again," Bayliss said.

Langenkamp also recorded a straight set victory, winning 6-

2, 6-2 at No. 6 to put the Irish up 3-0.

"At six, Eric just was way too tough for Antons," Bayliss said. "He got up early in both sets, never let up and didn't lose his serve once. It was a very convincing 2-2 win."

Parbhu clinched the match with a 7-6 (7-5), 6-3 victory at No. 2.

"When you play Sheeva and you expect to win, you better bring your lunch because you're going to be there for a while if he's not playing well," Bayliss said. "If he's playing

well you won't need it because the match will be over quickly."

No. 60 Helgeson fell to Dara McLoughlin at No. 3 as the Hoosiers avoided the upset.

"Brett is normally used to dictating, and now he knows what it's like to be on the receiving end of some of the shots that he hits," Bayliss said. "He's going to live to play another day. He's going to be better when we get outside."

At No. 5, King defeated Michael McCarthy 7-6 (11-9), 7-5, and Keckley won 6-4, 4-6,

6-3 to close out the match at No. 4.

"At four, Ryan got down a fairly early break in the second set and didn't ever catch up, but took control of the third and won pretty comfortably," Bayliss said. "He's had an unbelievable year for us, he's 12-1 — the best record on the team."

The Irish return to action on March 14 in a road match at Florida State.

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Foote

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in a row to start the season for a squad that went just 3-12 last year. She noted Cornell had exposed some of the teams' weaknesses, something she hopes her squad can improve upon today against Lehigh.

"We respect Lehigh," Coyne said. "We respect them enough to know this will be a good game. There are a lot of specific things we have tried to fix from the last game and we want to see if we have against Lehigh."

Lehigh's last contest was an 18-7 drubbing at the hands of Drexel on Friday. The Mountain Hawks have scored only four of their 21 goals in the second half this season, while the Irish have been consistent in both halves, scoring 32 in the first and 35 in the second. Notre Dame should also have an advantage in caused turnovers, averaging over six more caused turnovers per game so far this season.

Notre Dame is led by attack Foote, who was selected as the Big East player of the week for the second consecutive week Tuesday. Coyne called the honor a "well-deserved recognition."

Foote has 21 goals and 10 assists in the first four games of this season, including five goals in Sunday's game against Ohio.

Meaghan Fitzpatrick joined Foote on the Big East honor roll for last week because of her strong defensive play last week. The junior defender won seven

ground balls and three draw controls while forcing five turnovers in two games.

Despite the accolades for Fitzpatrick and especially for Foote, Coyne still believes this season's success is something the entire team has earned.

"Everyone has recommitted themselves to the team this season," Coyne said. "Dedication has gotten us here."

Coyne said she is especially proud of her team, which has come a long way from last season's disappointing finish. Despite having relatively few major roster changes, the Irish have shown in their first four games that they are a completely different team, ready to compete at the national level, she said.

"This kind of turnaround doesn't happen overnight," Coyne said. "We have been working for this since last spring. We are never going back to being a 3-12 team again."

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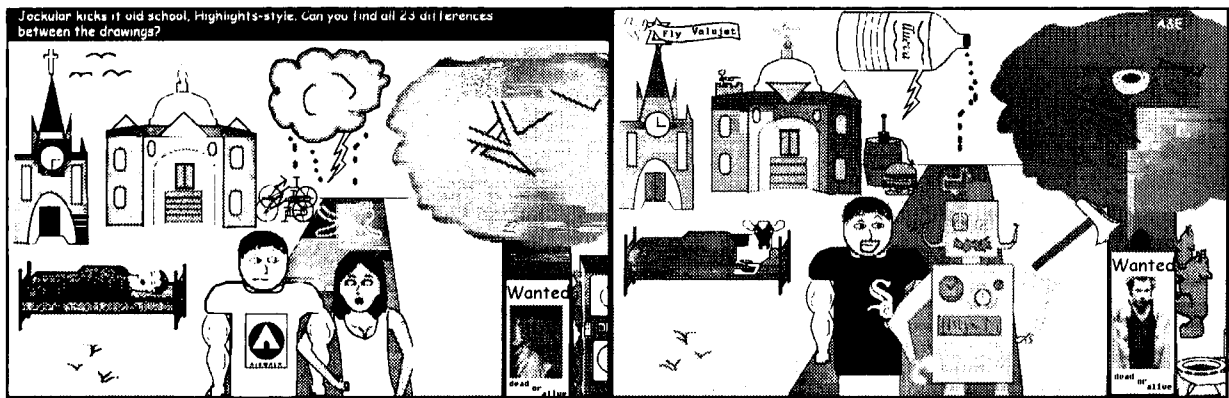
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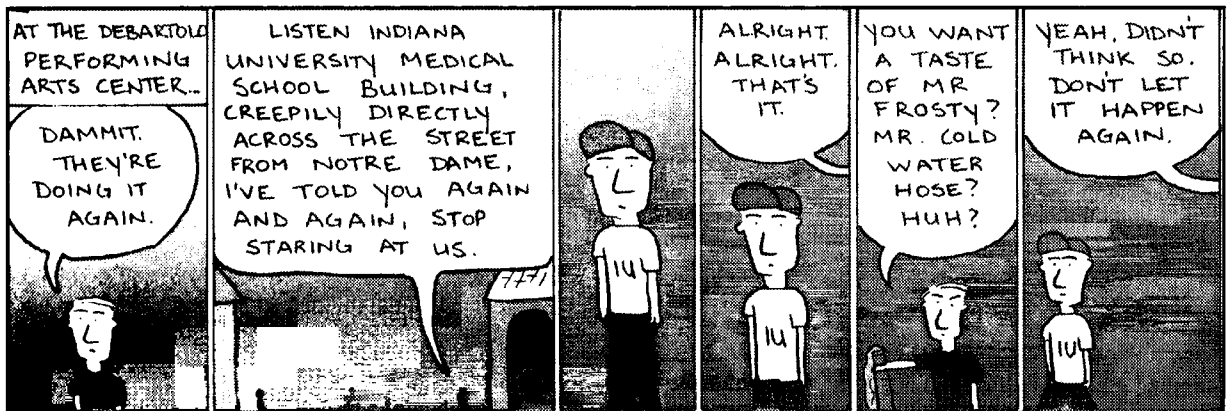
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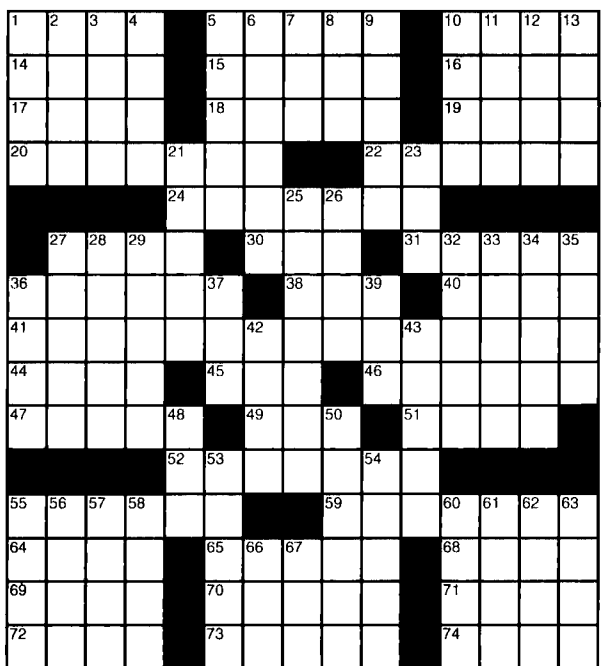
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 - 59 Gentleman rabbit of children's lit
 - 64 Melville novel
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 - 69 John Lennon's "Happy (War Is Over)"



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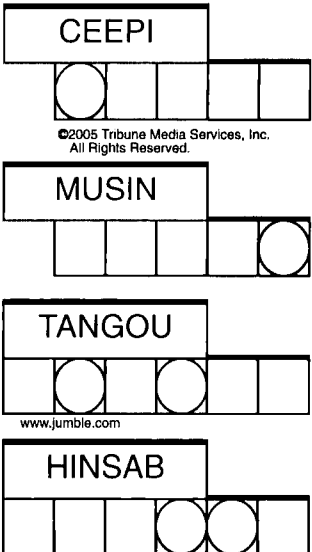


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CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't be so reluctant to make changes. You will do better than you think and your fears will seem silly once you have moved on. Your loyalty to your colleagues will allow you to get the lowdown and stay in the loop. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A partnership you are in may be questionable, especially if you are feeling that he or she may be withholding information. Take charge and move forward swiftly but don't lose sight of what this person is doing or how he or she is reacting. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): There will be plenty happening around you today. Everyone will have a different problem for you to solve. Don't meddle in someone else's feud. Being a good listener will keep you out of trouble. **

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Charm will work wonders for you today. You will be in demand and very influential, convincing people your plan is a good one. Focus on work, money and getting all the support you can muster. *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Today is all about being the best you can be. You need a lift and, by getting into a physical fitness program, you will feel better about yourself. You could meet someone you find inspirational. ***

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will have to be more open to what the people around you want. That doesn't mean you have to follow the crowd but it does mean you must respect others' decisions. Recognizing a good opportunity that others don't see may help you get ahead. ***

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your mind may be on a host of different thoughts but that doesn't mean that you can neglect the ones you love. You can expect to run into people from your past -- giving you an opportunity to say you're sorry for something you regret. **

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Garden games

Squad faces Georgetown to begin conference tourney

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

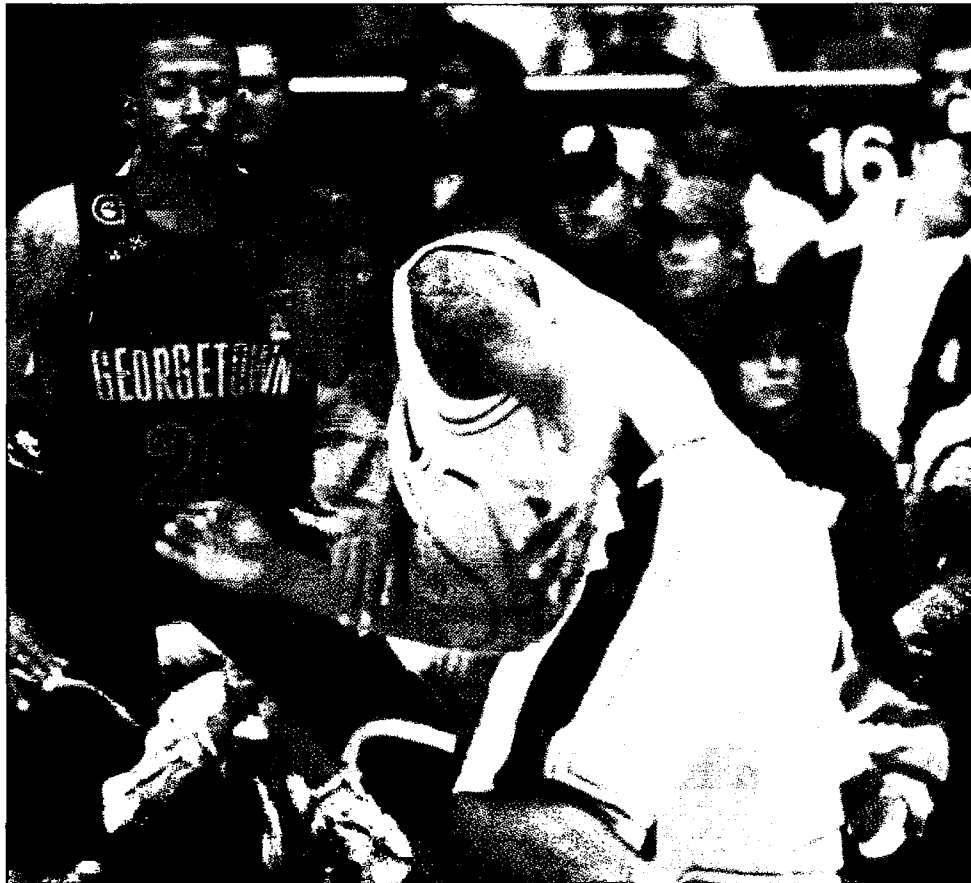
Notre Dame won five of its last seven games to earn the Big East Tournament's No. 12 seed. Irish players raked in individual awards this week. And the squad faces No. 5-seed Georgetown today at 2 p.m. on ESPN in the conference tournament's first round with an opportunity to avenge a mid-season double-overtime loss.

So Notre Dame enters Madison Square Garden with the attitude anyone would expect from a team that lost 10 league games by a combined 35 points — one of ambitious confidence.

"We know we're the last guy in," Irish coach Mike Brey said in a Big East coaches teleconference Monday. "We've had to scratch and claw to get here. I just want to be loose, and that's obviously the role of the non-favorite."

"But I also want us to be confident, because everyone in this league

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Irish forward Russell Carter drives against Georgetown's Darrel Owens during the Hoyas' 85-82 double-overtime win over Notre Dame at the Joyce Center Jan. 24.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Team vies for fifth straight to open year

Irish won just three games in tough 2004-05 season

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame hopes to continue its winning ways today against Lehigh (1-1) at 4:30 pm at the Loftus Sports Center.

The Irish are coming off a 17-15 win against No. 18 Cornell Sunday where three players — Crysti Foote, Mary Carpenter and Caitlin McKinney — scored hat tricks. Foote reached the 100-goal plateau in the process. She now has 108 in her four-year Irish career.

Moreover, the Irish were able to stave off numerous comeback attempts by the Big Red, who stayed close until the end, cutting into numerous Notre Dame leads.

Notre Dame coach Tracy Coyne was proud of her team's win — the fourth

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Duffy earns two more Big East distinctions

Senior wins student-athlete award and all-conference honors

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

HARTFORD, Conn. — The entire nation knew that Megan Duffy was a standout both on the court and in the classroom, as the senior point guard garnered preseason All-American honors and was named to ESPN The Magazine's Academic All-America first team earlier this month. Last week, the Big East made it clear the conference knew that as well.

"The Scholar Athlete [of the Year award] is really important to me," Duffy said after Notre Dame's opening-round victory over South Florida in the Big East Tournament Saturday. "That's one of the reasons I came to Notre Dame — for the education."

The senior point guard's aca-

demic success and basketball prowess were honored March 3 at the Big East Awards banquet in Hartford, Conn. Duffy was named first-team All-Big East and captured the 2005-06 Big East/Aeropostale Scholar Athlete of the Year award.

In winning the award, Duffy becomes the third Irish player in six years to receive the distinction.

Her success in the classroom was honored earlier this month when she was named to ESPN The Magazine's Academic All-America first team. Duffy posted a 3.917 grade-point average last spring and a 3.821 GPA this fall. She also led the Irish with 15.5 points per game in the recently completed regular season.

Because of her commitment to her education, Duffy, who ranks in the all-time top-10 in 11 Notre Dame statistical categories, puts the Scholar Athlete of the Year award near the top of her list of achievements.

"To be voted on by the coaches

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish snag seventh straight

Team earns easy win on road at Indiana

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

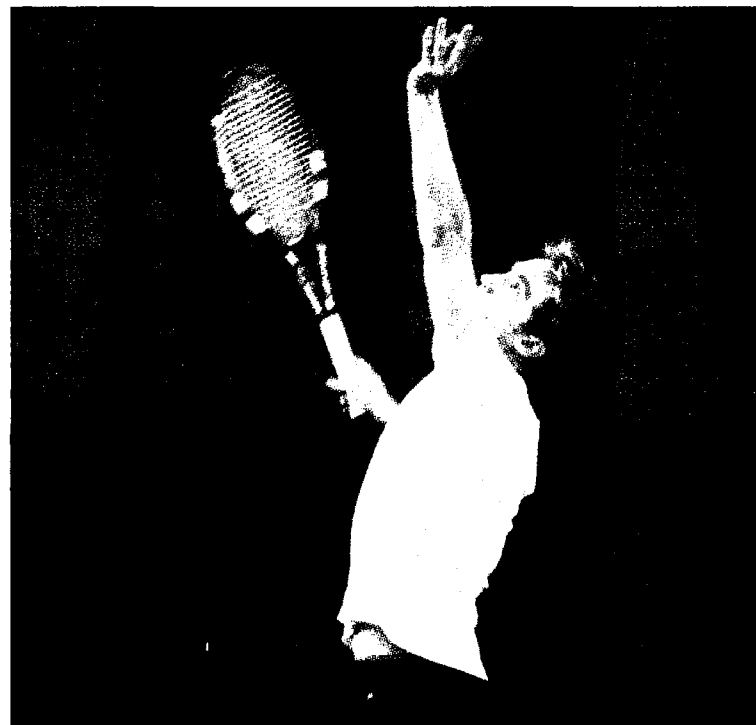
The Irish improved to 7-1 against the Big Ten Conference with a 6-1 victory over Indiana Tuesday afternoon.

With the win, No. 19 Notre Dame improved to 9-4 overall and won its seventh straight match.

"I thought overall, when you go on the road and play a respected Big Ten opponent on their home indoor courts and you come away with a win, you should be happy," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "But there's still things we need to do better and need to work on."

After spending time in La Jolla, Calif., at the Pacific Coast Doubles Tournament, the Irish won two of the three doubles matches to take the point.

First off the courts were Peter Antons and David



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Irish senior Eric Langenkamp prepares to deliver a serve during Notre Dame's 7-0 win over Michigan State Feb. 15.

Bubenicek of Indiana, who defeated Barry King and Eric Langenkamp 8-5 at No. 2 doubles. The Irish rebounded quickly, however, as Ryan

Keckley and Sheeva Parbhu won at No. 1.

"We looked great at one,"

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

NBA

Clippers 98
Spurs 85

Elton Brand scored 30 points for Los Angeles as the Clippers rolled past San Antonio Tuesday.

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BASEBALL

World Baseball
Classic

Chipper Jones and Derrek Lee homered to lead the Americans to a 2-0 win over Mexico.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Iona celebrated its first berth in the NCAA Tournament Tuesday after defeating St. Peter's 80-61 Monday in the MAAC championship.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Connecticut 50
West Virginia 44

Ann Strother scored 20 points to lead the No. 2-seed Huskies to the Big East championship.

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BASEBALL

Sports Illustrated reported that a new book by two San Francisco Chronicle writers details Barry Bonds' steroid use.

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NHL

Kings 3, Wild 2

Wes Walz scored two goals for the Wild but Lubomir Visnovsky scored in overtime to lead Los Angeles.

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