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ND junior injured in Naples fall

Eric Morin hospitalized after serious accident during Architecture program spring trip

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

A junior Notre Dame architecture student studying in Rome is in a Naples hospital after being seriously injured in a fall during a program-sponsored trip to Naples, University officials said Monday.

In an e-mail sent to architecture students Monday, assistant dean of the School of Architecture Father Richard Bullene said Eric Morin was hospitalized with a fractured skull and bleeding in the brain, although University spokesman Dennis Brown

would not confirm the extent of Morin's injuries.

"I can confirm that he was injured in a fall in Naples as part of a program-sponsored trip," Brown said. "It was a serious accident, and at this point we have not been able to determine the family's wishes in terms of any additional information relative to his condition."

Brown declined further comment on the specifics of the accident.

Morin is a former resident of Siegfried Hall, where a Mass was held for his recovery Monday night. After the Mass, Siegfried rector Father John Conley told Morin's close

friends Morin was in stable condition and will be in a drug-induced coma until Saturday to reduce swelling in the brain, said Morin's former roommate, junior Andy Crutchfield.

Conley did not return Observer phone calls Monday night.

Brown said Morin's parents were notified Sunday and flew to Italy from his hometown of Edina, Minn. They were expected to arrive in Naples Monday.

"The University was able to assist his parents in making travel arrangements, and they are expected to be in Naples at 12:30 [p.m. Monday] our

time," Brown said.

The accident occurred at 8:30 p.m. Naples time Sunday evening, Brown said. Morin was in Naples studying various architecture sites in the city as part of a multiple-city class trip. Brown said all architecture students in the Rome program were on the trip to Naples.

"It's the primary spring trip for the program ... [since the accident] they have moved on to Sicily," Brown said.

Brown said Morin was the only student injured.

Several of Morin's teammates on Notre Dame's

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Professor accused of plagiarism

University declines comment on situation

By KAREN LANGLEY
Associate News Editor

Only weeks after the theology department dismissed the Cardinal Newman Society's (CNS) complaint of plagiarism against Notre Dame theology professor Father Richard McBrien, the national conservative Catholic organization again presented the University with an allegation of plagiarism leveled against McBrien's work.



McBrien

In a March 13 letter sent by fax to University President Father John Jenkins, CNS president Patrick J. Reilly asked Jenkins to pursue an investigation into McBrien's 1997 book, "Lives of the Popes"—a work that Reilly said contains passages that paraphrase or directly copy portions of J.N.D. Kelly's 1986 work, "The Oxford Dictionary of Popes."

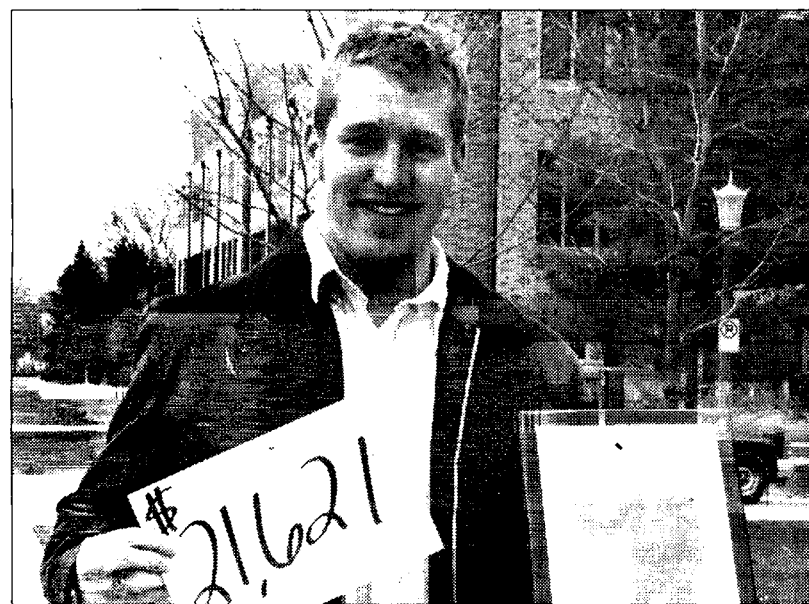
According to Reilly's letter, former University professor Father Marvin O'Connell raised concerns regarding similarities between McBrien and Kelly's books in 1998 in a review of "Lives of the Popes" published in Books and Culture magazine.

University spokesman Dennis Brown confirmed Monday that Jenkins had received the CNS letter.

"We take such allegations seri-

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Senior wins the 'Showcase Showdown'



Kevin Keller stands outside DeBartolo Hall holding a picture of "Price is Right" host Bob Barker and the dollar amount of his prize.

Glee Club member profits off L.A. trip

By JOE PIARULLI
News Writer

What do Los Angeles, a camper, Bob Barker and the Notre Dame Glee Club all have in common?

They were all part of "The Price is Right" on March 16.

Senior Kevin Keller, tour manager for the Notre Dame Glee Club, was called from the crowd of the popular game show and went on to win the Showcase Showdown and the show's grand prize —

valued at almost \$20,000.

Fifty-four members of the Glee Club went to California over spring break to perform, and Keller managed to get 25 tickets to "The Price is Right." He took a group of seniors, juniors and several sophomores to the taping of the show, while the other members of the Glee Club explored Los Angeles. The show will air April 3 on CBS.

"I decided that I wanted to take the guys to do something cool and dif-

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Members zero in on event programming

Academic freedom discussion continues

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

Director of Student Activities Brian Coughlin spoke to the Campus Life Council (CLC) Monday to address confusion over event programming procedures in light of University President Father John Jenkins' recent addresses regarding academic freedom and Catholic

character at Notre Dame.

Coughlin's talk and the discussion that followed focused less on the issue of groups adhering to the University's Catholic mission and more on prohibiting repetitive performances.

Coughlin said Jenkins first raised the issue of disallowing annual performances of "The Vagina Monologues." Coughlin said he is concerned that the repetition may lessen the impact of the performance.

"It loses its effect on campus if you keep doing it — its message

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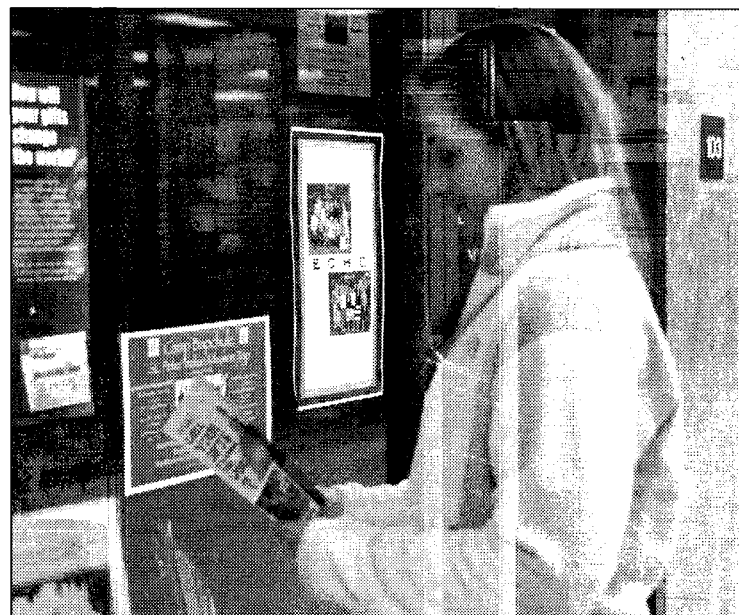
Programs attract prospectives

By KELLY MEEHAN
Saint Mary's Editor

Campus vacancies left by the mass exodus of students at the end of the spring semester are quickly filled during the summer months by a variety of pre-college programs that bring over 300 young students to Notre Dame.

Director of Pre-College Programs Joan Ball said Monday that the Office of Pre-College Affairs organizes four primary academic programs over the summer.

Summer Experience — its largest program — is an academic program that submerges academically out-



ANN KELLEY/The Observer

Prospective student Julianne Corotto from Columbus, Ohio looks at brochures outside of the ND Vision office on Monday.

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INSIDE COLUMN

The world's gone mad

I got to the Fort Meyers airport serving Southwest Florida almost two hours before my flight to return to South Bend after spring break. Having a little time to kill in an airport generally isn't a bad thing — between the latest Cosmo and my cell phone, I can usually keep myself entertained for hours.

Kate Gales

Associate
Sports Editor

This wasn't any ordinary Saturday, though. This was NCAA Tournament time. I wandered my terminal, looking for a television that would be showing George Washington's attempt to stun the infamous Duke Blue Devils.

After I settled in to watch the game, I amused myself during commercials by observing my fellow basketball aficionados. A few teenage boys — your usual suspects for being glued to a TV sporting event — were in the audience.

But apparently, March Madness had captured everyone's imagination. Four teenage girls decked out in Lacoste and Vera Bradley were sitting near me, discussing the game.

"J.J. Redick is like, so hot right now," the girl in the pink shirt said. "I know!" replied her companion. "He made like, four shots in a row."

I blinked. They were talking about the game. They had been paying attention to what happened.

They seriously cared.

"I have Duke in my Final Four," the first girl continued. "I really think I could win my pool this year." "I had Syracuse in my Final Four!" the second girl moaned. "I'm like, totally screwed."

That's when I realized that no one is immune from March Madness. It doesn't matter how old or young you are. It doesn't matter what school you went to or where you live or what you do. It doesn't even matter if you're a sports fan. March Madness captures the attention of our nation to the point where the Olympics, the presidential elections and the Oscars can only hope to come in second.

Challenger, Gray & Christmas, a Chicago research firm, put the cost of lost productivity during March Madness at almost \$4 billion. As a business major, I can tell you — that's a lot of money. But at the same time, it seems like a small price to pay to bring our country together. Every TV in Midway Airport was tuned to CBS on the way home. Granted, Illinois was playing (their loss was a major hit to my bracket, by the way — although I did pick Bradley to advance, which makes me little short of a visionary) and that might have affected the passion of the travelers. But people clustered around TV's and watched, fascinated. Everywhere I went, I heard people talking about their brackets. When I called my brother — a Penn State freshman — on St. Patrick's Day, the first thing he did was tell me that our dad's bracket was shot due to Iowa's loss.

So no one's immune to March Madness. But if the world's going to go mad about something, there are worse things to pick than college basketball.

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

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR SPRING BREAK?



Bridget Gulvas
sophomore
Holy Cross

"I hung out with my boyfriend."



Kathleen Orr
sophomore
Holy Cross

"I worked at a doctor's office and took care of my sick family."



Kylie Krouse
freshman
McCandless

"When my niece ran downstairs naked and called me poo-poo-head."



Annie Tilton
junior
off-campus

"Hot tub?"



Kristen Buddle
junior
off-campus

"Poppin' bubbly."



Danny Dressman
junior
Knott

"Loungin' XTC."



DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Students gather up their suitcases after arriving back to campus after spring break Monday. Buses from Chicago's Midway and O'Hare airports delivered students back to Notre Dame throughout the weekend.

IN BRIEF

The Freshman Class Council will host a campus-wide rock-paper-scissors tournament at 7 p.m. and 8 tonight in the LaFortune Ballroom. Participants must pay \$2 and all proceeds will go toward Holy Cross Missions.

A Town Hall Meeting will be held in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium tonight at 7 p.m. to discuss a proposed site for the Family Justice Center of St. Joseph County.

Professor of Slavic Studies and Lecturer in Architecture, Tulane University William Brumfield will give a lecture titled "Church and Identity in Russia: The Tikhvin-Dormition Monastery and the Return of the Tikhvin Icon of the Theotokos" at 4 p.m. today in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art.

A conference titled "The Liturgy of the Hours: Public Prayer of the Church as Foundation for Christian Spirituality" will take place from 2 p.m. to 4:30 Wednesday in rooms 100-104 of McKenna Hall.

The Notre Dame Accountancy Department will host a Recruiting Workshop for faculty from 3 p.m. to 4:30 Thursday in room 339 of the Mendoza College of Business.

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

OFFBEAT

British government cat Humphrey dies

LONDON — Humphrey, the black and white cat who saw at close quarters the comings and goings of three British leaders, has died, a spokesman for Prime Minister Tony Blair's London residence revealed.

The cat, age unknown, was adopted by staff at Number 10 Downing Street after wandering into the building as a stray in 1989 while former Conservative prime minister Margaret Thatcher was in power.

He stayed throughout

the leadership of Thatcher's successor, John Major, but disappeared shortly after Labour Party leader Blair took over in May 1997, amid persistent speculation that Blair's wife, Cherie, did not like the animal.

The disappearance prompted official questions in the lower House of Commons and proof that he was still alive.

Cuban on hunger strike for Internet access

CARACAS, Venezuela — More than 1,500 Venezuelans shed their clothes on a main city

avenue Sunday to pose for American photographer Spencer Tunick, forming a human mosaic in front of a national symbol: a statue of independence hero Simon Bolivar.

As Tunick shouted commands through a megaphone, nude people of every shape, size and skin tone gathered on the avenue and stairs in front of the statue just before dawn.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY		TONIGHT		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
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Israeli discusses religion and state

By KATHLEEN McDONNELL
News Writer

The positive association of economic development with a religious population is one of the trends Jonathan Fox, senior lecturer in political science at Israel's Bar-Illan University, explained to students and faculty Monday night.

Fox shared his recent research on the separation of religion and state around the world in a lecture sponsored by the Kellogg Institute and Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies held in DeBartolo Hall.

In his project "Religion and State in the Post Cold War Era," Fox created a data set that measures the degree to which a government is involved in the religious life of its citizens. By creating scales on such topics as the official role of the state down through aspects of religious discrimination and regulations, researchers can apply Fox's data to a variety of disciplines.

Unlike previous projects that included only developed nations, Fox made an effort to collect data from 175 countries. Every nation with a population of 250,000 or more is included, along with a smattering of a few tinier ones. Data collected was from 1990-2002.

Fox said he was shocked at the breadth of state involvement.

"Almost 80 percent of countries do not have separation of religion and state," Fox said. "I really did not think that existed

to this extent and with this kind of consistency."

States may endorse or restrict a religion, and the methods of doing so result in complications for the project. Fox said state involvement in religious life is certainly not clear-cut.

"Does a country support a religion or not? It's not black and white," Fox said. "Look at the United Kingdom and Saudi Arabia, for example. Both have official state religions, but should they really be classified in the same category?"

Fox researched a variety of aspects of state life to account for similar disparities.

Overall, his results were relatively consistent for all denominations, with a dramatic increase in religious discrimination, regulation, and legislation over the last 15 years despite a consistent amount of official state support.

This shows that countries do not always follow their constitutions in this area, Fox said. He noted some Muslim countries contain stipulations in their full freedom of religion clauses subjecting religious autonomy to the laws and traditions of the state. Strictly following this exception opens the door for religious oppression, Fox said.

Fox also pointed out the conflict of his data with social scientists' modernization theory, which says religion will fade away with secularization. While he noted the importance of considering factors other than state involvement, his research shows

the exact opposite trend post-Cold War.

Fox's data aligns with what some scholars find is a reaction against modernity — that people are becoming more religious as a revolt against secularization.

Another key finding of Fox's study is the trend that a wealthier nation hosts a more religious population.

According to the study, state monopolies on religion seem to influence behavior — whether people attend services or deem themselves members of a particular sect — but not necessarily belief.

Fox noted time and economic development as two variables that must also be considered in this particular situation. Nevertheless, people are more likely to be religious, this data shows, in states that are wealthier — a controversial conclusion, Fox said.

Since the January release of the research, there are already 20 scholars in five nations applying Fox's data to their particular fields. In response to a question of the implications of his research, Fox emphasized the importance of collecting data from which to work.

"Much of this data is defining [the] 'what' — what exactly, are the trends? The 'what' is as important as the 'why,'" Fox said. "From a clear set of data, the possibilities for knowledge are endless."

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Group awards funds to Dance Marathon

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Student government officers awarded an additional \$1,500 co-sponsorship to the Saint Mary's Dance Marathon committee at the Board of Governance (BOG) meeting Monday night, adding to the \$2,500 BOG awarded the committee earlier this year.

Freshman class president Francesca Johnson, freshman vice president Pauline Kistka and Dance Marathon president Amy Dardinger presented the current amount of money allotted to the Dance Marathon and answered questions related to the event. They also showed a video from the Riley Hospital for Children — the Indianapolis-based hospital that will receive the money raised from the Dance Marathon. The video focused on other dance marathons that have happened at colleges and universities across Indiana.

"[Preparations have] been rolling along very successfully," Kistka said.

\$5,011 has already been raised through January's Battle of the Bands, dorm Chapstick and carnations sales as well as other fundraising events, Kistka said.

"We want this money to go directly to the children," Kistka

said.

Additional BOG funding was necessary, she said, to make sure the full amount would go to Riley Hospital for Children.

"We did not want to ask for more money than we have raised," Johnson said.

While the group is trying to solicit several companies for food donations, Johnson said due to the large number of people expected to attend it would be "impossible" to rely on donations.

"Money for food is our biggest [expense]," Kistka said.

Senior class president Lauren Condon moved to approve the co-sponsorship for the total \$1,500 as well as a \$500 donation from BOG that would go straight to the hospital — both of which passed.

The group then discussed what it could provide for the Dance Marathon beyond the co-sponsorship and donation.

"I'm not saying that we give all \$3,800 [that is left in our budget]," student body president Kellye Mitros said when questioned about an amount.

Condon motioned to provide a \$500 donation for next year's Dance Marathon committee as a nest egg so that the group did not have to start from scratch.

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McBrien

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ously but we won't confirm whether an investigation is taking place," he said, noting that any such investigations are confidential.

The CNS raised its previous complaint of possible plagiarism by McBrien in a Jan. 19 letter to Jenkins. The letter focused on similarities between a column by McBrien that appeared in the Jan. 6 issue of *The Tidings* of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and an op-ed piece by Eileen McNamara that ran in the Dec. 11 issue of the *Boston Globe*.

According to an article in the Feb. 24 edition of the *National Catholic Reporter*, theology department chair John Cavadini dismissed the accusation because the similarities were both unintentional and unprecedented.

In an e-mail sent to *The Observer* Monday, McBrien said the CNS "has a history of making unsubstantiated allegations against me, including the serious charge of heresy," and said only the hierarchical Magisterium of the Church is authorized to make such a judgment.

"To date [the University] has found this type of criticism of my work to be unsubstantiated," McBrien said. "I continue to have confidence in these University procedures."

Cavadini declined to comment Monday.

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Ultimate Frisbee team attended the Mass for Morin in the Siegfried chapel, Crutchfield said.

"Some of the freshmen [on the team] came to Mass who met him for maybe a week at the beginning of the year because they knew that he'd do the same for them," Crutchfield said.

He described Morin as "one of the most dedicated players on the team."

Junior Cole Hundt, who was Morin's freshman and sophomore year roommate in Siegfried, called Morin one of his best friends at Notre Dame.

"You have to be optimistic, otherwise you'll beat yourself up," Hundt said. "I'm worried, but you have to be optimistic in any situation like this."

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Summer

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standing students into Notre Dame's collegiate atmosphere through academic, social and spiritual experiences, Ball said.

"These programs offer an outreach experience to students from around the country and the world, and [are also used as a] recruiting tool," she said. "We work hard to give them the community feeling and a sense of what it is like to be a student here."

Pre-college program participants live in residence halls and have access to all campus facilities during their stay to replicate the feeling of being a University undergraduate student, she said.

Unlike the Summer Experience, the University invites a select number of talented students to participate in The Office of Pre-College Programs' three individual week-long seminars.

Forty Latino students will be invited to campus July 16-23 to partake in the Latino Community Leadership Seminar. The academic forum allows students to examine personal experiences to develop new methods of Latino leadership.

"These are important University initiatives to really reach out to targeted groups of students and give them an opportunity to experience Notre Dame," Ball said.

Similar to the Latino Community Leadership

Seminar, the African-American Scholars at Notre Dame allows Catholic African-American high school students one week to reflect upon African-American leadership while enriching their own leadership skills.

According to Ball, approximately 90 percent of The Office of Pre-College Programs' summer programs participants apply to the University.

Former African American Scholars and Global Issues Seminar participant and counselor senior Tona Boyd said her work with the seminar influenced her decision to attend Notre Dame rather than Yale University.

"My decision ... was largely due to the time I was able to spend on campus really getting to experience the way in which Notre Dame embraces educating the whole person — mind, body and spirit," she said.

Boyd now works as a research assistant in the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and said the summer pre-college programs continue to hold a special place in her heart.

"I enjoy sharing my ND perspective with the wonderfully talented, enthusiastic and delightful students that are chosen to attend these seminars," she said. "They have so much to add to the ND community —

it is an honor to work with them in the hopes that they may someday be a part of the ND family."

The Global Issues Seminar gives 40 pre-college students the opportunity to embark on a week of discussion regarding the challenges faced by young Catholic leaders in today's society.

In an effort to allow pre-college students to experience potential career options, the School of Architecture and

College of Engineering both offer summertime immersions into their respective fields.

The week-long School of Architecture Career Discovery program allows high school juniors, seniors and recent graduates the opportunity to learn more about the

major prior to beginning college, while the three-week Intro to Engineering program allows high school students to discover the opportunities available within the field.

The University's Institute for Church Life's Notre Dame Vision program creates an increased sense of vocation and realization of faith in the everyday lives of high school students during four week-long sessions in June and July.

Vision counselor and senior Jill Gadzinski said she was lured to spend the majority of her summer on Notre Dame's campus because of her belief in the mission of the program.

"Because of the time consuming nature of Vision, my experience of being on campus was entirely encompassed by the people and events of the program," she said. "That was one of the appeals of ND Vision in general — being surrounded by an incredibly strong, vibrantly prayerful community."

Vision counselor senior Nick Matich said the program not only fosters spiritual growth among pre-college students but with the college counselors as well.

"Getting away from home and living at Notre Dame apart from all of its school pressures, can clear your mind, and open it up to new possibilities, and ways to grow closer to God," he said. "For me, ND Vision was a life-changing experience where I learned to love my faith as I never had before."

The Office of Pre-College Programs — which began its pre-college tradition with its first Global Issues Seminar in 1998 — hosts approximately 350 students in all four programs throughout the summer.

"Some of the students who attend the seminars would never have considered Notre Dame in their college application process," Boyd said. "I have found that afterwards a significant number of the students really hold a special place in their heart for ND. It is my hope that the programs will continue to grow so that more and more young people are exposed to all that ND has to offer."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Palestinian turnover incites violence

GAZA CITY — Palestinian gunmen from the ousted Fatah Party stormed government buildings, briefly took over a power plant and blocked a vital road in the Gaza Strip on Monday, creating more chaos as Hamas militants readied to take power.

Nine people were wounded in five separate firefights with Palestinian police. The violence was a foretaste of what might happen if Hamas tries to impose its will on Fatah gunmen.

Bad blood runs deep between Hamas and Fatah, and many Fatah activists — including nearly 60,000 members of the security forces — fear for their government jobs once Hamas takes power. The handover drew nearer Sunday, when Hamas presented its new Cabinet to Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas for approval.

Lithuanian denies Nazi collaboration

VILNIUS — An 85-year-old man deported from Florida went on trial Monday in his native Lithuania on charges of helping Nazis round up Jews during World War II.

Algimantas Dailide is accused of being a member of the Nazi-sponsored Lithuanian Security Police, known as the Saugumas, which took part in the arrests of Jews during the war, contributing the Nazis' European-wide Holocaust.

Dailide, who moved to the U.S. in 1955 and lived there until he was deported in 2003 for lying about his wartime past, denied the charges in the Vilnius District Court.

NATIONAL NEWS

Judge delays Yates murder trial

HOUSTON — A judge Monday postponed Andrea Yates' murder retrial until June because of a scheduling conflict, setting a new trial date that comes just days after the fifth anniversary of her children's drowning deaths.

Jury selection had been set to begin Monday, but Yates' attorneys told the judge that two defense experts wouldn't be able to testify in time. Attorneys George Parnham and Wendell Odom said the psychiatrists were extremely important to their defense and that trying Yates without them would "deny her a fair trial."

On Monday, state District Judge Belinda Hill set jury selection for June 22, with testimony to begin June 26. Prosecutor Alan Curry said the state could also use the time to better prepare its case.

Private aircraft crashes in Missouri

BRANSON — A twin-engine plane crashed in the heart of this resort town Monday, killing all four people aboard and setting fire to a building near the main drag of tourist nightclubs, theaters and music halls.

The plane crashed into a self-storage complex, about 200 feet from the busy street, near a Ripley's Believe it or Not Museum, a pair of motels and a string of musical theaters bearing the names of such entertainers as Andy Williams and Bobby Vinton.

"The plane shook my house when it hit," said Mike Willett, who lives alongside the AAA Self Storage Inns he manages. The plane struck the corner of a building of 32 storage units and quickly caught fire, destroying the building.

LOCAL NEWS

Boxer dies following injury in fight

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — The weekend death of a boxer after an eight-round fight has prompted Indiana authorities to order a review of his bout and autopsy results.

Kevin Payne, 34, was pronounced dead Sunday afternoon following surgery at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, his hometown, Vanderburgh County Coroner Don Erk said. Payne won an welterweight bout by split decision the night before over 26-year-old Ryan Maraldo.

Payne was helped from the ring and taken by ambulance to the hospital after suffering a brain injury, officials said.

AUSTRALIA

Cyclone hits Land Down Under

Storm deals massive structural damage, sound evacuation plans prevent deaths

Associated Press

CAIRNS — The most powerful storm to hit Australia in three decades laid waste to its northeastern coast Monday, mowing down sugar and banana plantations with 180 mph winds but causing no deaths or serious injuries.

Innisfail, a farming town of 8,500 located about 60 miles south of the tourist city of Cairns, was hardest hit, and Mayor Neil Clarke estimated that thousands of residents were left homeless.

More than 100,000 people were without power, and the damage was estimated to be in the hundreds of millions of dollars. Prime Minister John Howard pledged immediate cash handouts to the homeless and said more help would be forthcoming.

"The damage to dwellings is very extensive," Howard told the Nine Network from Melbourne. "Thank heavens it does not appear as though there have been any very serious injuries."

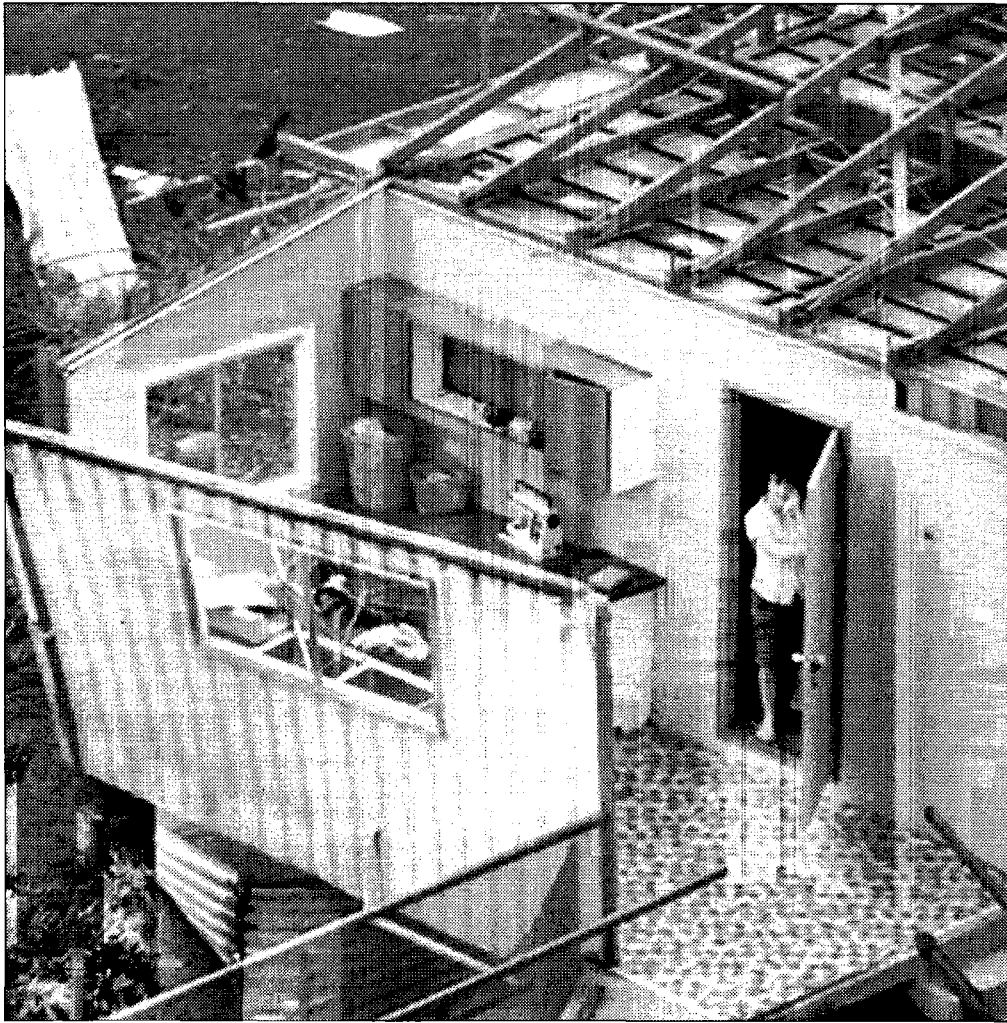
Clarke told the Australian Broadcasting Corp. the local airport was being cleared to house people in tents.

The town's main street was littered with mangled tin and iron roofs and shredded fronds from seaside palm trees.

"It looks like an atomic bomb hit the place," Clarke said. "We won't even have any water to drink by tomorrow."

Cyclone Larry crashed ashore south of Cairns as a Category 5 storm. Cairns is a popular jumping-off point for tourists to the Great Barrier Reef, the world's largest coral system that runs parallel to the coast for more than 1,400 miles.

Authorities said it was too early to assess possible damage to the reef, visited by nearly 2 million tourists



A survivor makes a phone call from her ruined home in Innisfail Monday after a powerful cyclone ripped roofs off buildings across Australia's northeastern coast.

each year.

David Wachenfeld, director of science at the government body that cares for the reef, said the worst-hit area of the reef was not one that was popular with tourists. He said it would recover — though that could take 20 years.

About 30 people were treated at hospitals for minor cuts and abrasions, said Ben Creagh, a spokesman for Queensland state Department of Emergency Services. The human toll was low because people were warned about the cyclone's approach over the weekend and either boarded up their homes and fled or hunkered down or went to

evacuation centers in town while the storm raged outside, Creagh said.

"Good planning, a bit of luck — we've dodged a bullet," Creagh said.

The storm was the most powerful to hit Australia since Christmas Eve in 1974, when Cyclone Tracy destroyed the northern city of Darwin, killing 65 people.

By early Tuesday, the storm was moving inland to the west over a remote area of northeastern Australia. It was losing force and had been downgraded to a Category 2 storm.

State authorities declared a natural disaster, and Howard promised

immediate payments to families of \$720 for each adult and \$290 for each child left homeless. Howard indicated that more aid would come after the government assessed the damage.

State Disaster Coordination Center spokesman Peter Rekers warned residents to stay on their guard for deadly animals stirred up by the storm.

"Most of the casualties and deaths resulting from cyclones happen after the storm has passed," he warned. "Keep your kids away from flooded drains, be aware of snakes and crocodiles. Those guys will have had a bad night, too."

Bush defends war policies at forum

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Beginning the fourth year of an unpopular war, President Bush defended his Iraq record on Monday against skeptical questioning. He said he could "understand people being disheartened" but appealed to Americans to look beyond the bloodshed and see signs of progress.

Bush fielded questions for nearly an hour at the City Club, a forum known for its tough interrogations of world leaders. Not only was he grilled on Iraq, but he was also asked to justify his warrantless wiretapping program, U.S. relations with Pakistan and his domestic priorities.

The president was asked why he deemed Iraq — which turned out not to have weapons of mass destruction — as enough of a threat three years ago to launch an invasion, in contrast to nuclear-ambitious Iran today.

"One difference was that, in Iraq, there was a series of unanimous (U.N. Security Council) resolutions that basically held the Iraqi government to account, which Saddam Hussein ignored," Bush said. Still, he said Iran was a concern, on the question of nuclear weapons and on its role in Iraq.

The White House has accused Iran of meddling in Iraqi politics and of supporting armed militias in Iraq by sending men and weapons, including compo-

nents for increasingly lethal roadside bombs. Iran and the United States have agreed to talk about Iraq, but Bush said, "It's very important, however, for the Iranians to understand that the discussion is limited to Iraq. We feel like they need to know our position."

As the president delivered the latest installment in an upbeat defense of his Iraq policy, opponents used the day after the third anniversary of the invasion to step up their criticism.

Three potential 2008 presidential candidates — Democratic Sen. Joe Biden of Delaware, New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson and Republican Sen. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska — offered critical assessments in separate speeches.

CLC

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Director of Student Activities Brian Coughlin spoke to the Campus Life Council (CLC) Monday to address confusion over event programming procedures in light of University President Father John Jenkins' recent addresses regarding academic freedom and Catholic character at Notre Dame.

Coughlin's talk and the discussion that followed focused less on the issue of groups adhering to the University's Catholic mission and more on prohibiting repetitive performances.

Coughlin said Jenkins first raised the issue of disallowing annual performances of "The Vagina Monologues." Coughlin said he is concerned that the repetition may lessen the impact of the performance.

"It loses its effect on campus if you keep doing it — its message begins to ring hollow," Coughlin said. "There is a limited pool of financial resources to bring in speakers and performances, and we want to spread that out to make sure [the students] are exposed to as much as possible over four years here."

Coughlin cited yearly repetition as one of the reasons "The Vagina Monologues" has come under fire in recent months. He said the "Monologues" is not the only activity the repetition standard applies to. All campus groups, he said, are encouraged to change the content of their programs annually.

"If the Keenan Revue did the same skit year after year, then we would probably have a conversation with the rector of Keenan and the folks over there," Coughlin said.

Zahm senator Pat Knapp questioned Coughlin's statement that the repetition of an event diminishes its impact, citing the yearly turnover in the student body, with a quarter of the population leaving and a new class arriving each year.

But Coughlin responded that, even so, 75 percent of the student body remains the same.

"If a group wanted to do the exact same thing every year, I would say they need to expand and do different things every year and expose everyone to

different things," he said.

Coughlin said regardless of whether an event is popular during its initial performance, it should not be performed repeatedly. He said even though the Student Union Board's (SUB) recent showing of "RENT" was extremely popular, Student Activities would not support subsequent repeated showings — but would instead

encourage SUB to bring in new movies.

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Brian Coughlin
director of Student Activities

Coughlin's position by bringing up an observation she said was made at a recent faculty

"There are hundreds of programs on sexual assault available out there," Coughlin said. "They [departments and groups sponsoring or supporting "The Vagina Monologues"] should explore different things."

History professor Gail Bederman challenged

meeting.

"People have a sense that football is an activity that is repeated year after year often with the same teams, and often the same players," Bederman said. "If football can be repeated year after year, why can't student groups?"

Coughlin suggested the CLC listen to any statements Jenkins makes in the coming

weeks regarding a firm University policy on controversial campus events like "The Vagina Monologues."

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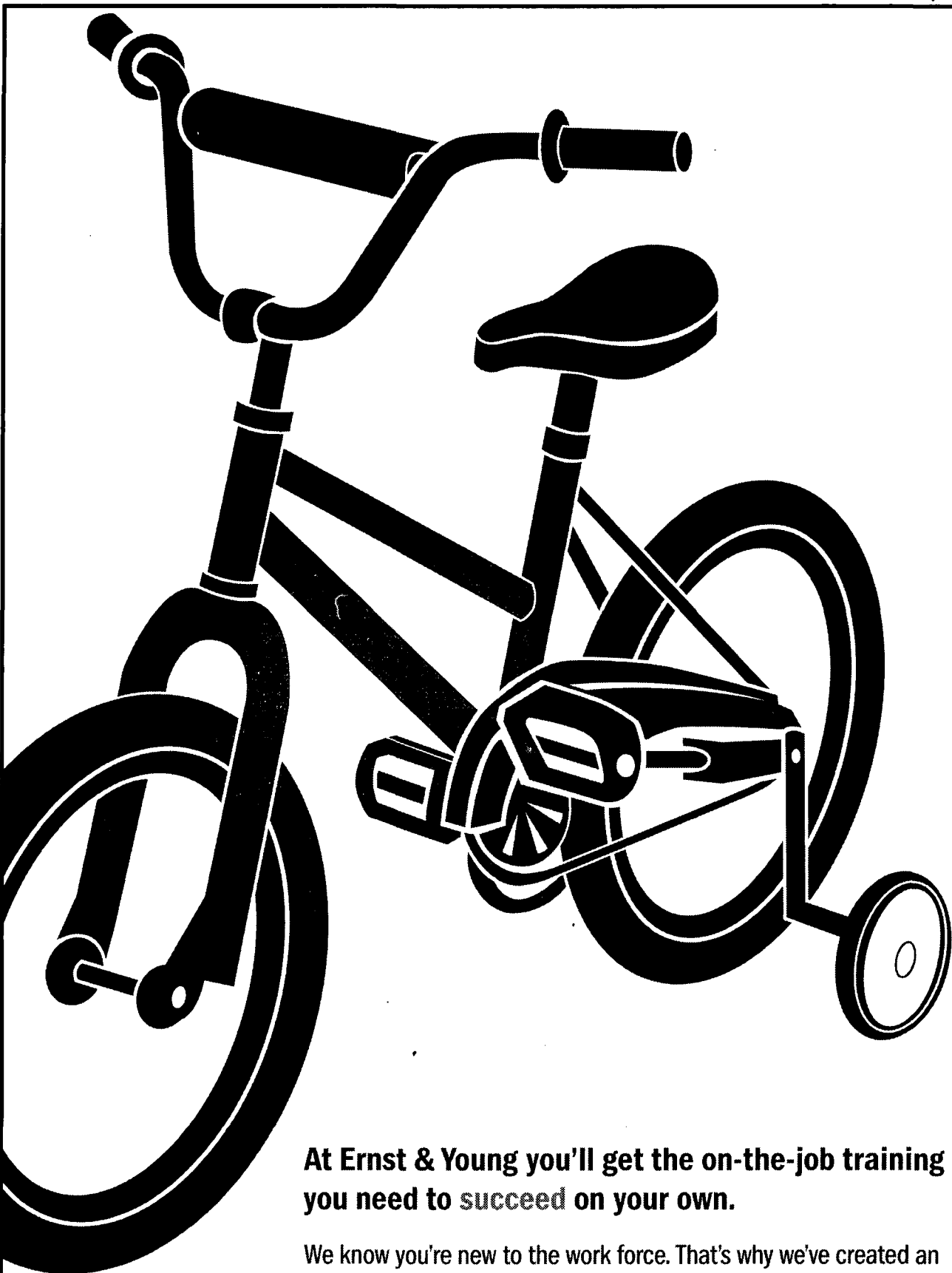
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In other CLC news:

♦Ali Wishon, chair of the Senate Committee on Gender Issues, introduced a resolution to the Council in support of Notre Dame

Health Service's hiring of a physician. The physician will

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IN BRIEF

Accountant testifies in Enron trial

HOUSTON — Enron Corp. tried to dodge accounting rules by dropping a plan to sell assets in a failed water business, a former Arthur Andersen LLP accountant said on Monday.

John R. Sult, who oversaw the books on Enron's Azurix water venture for Andersen, told jurors the energy trading company could avoid a writedown of hundreds of millions of dollars by promoting, instead, a \$1 billion growth strategy for the unit.

"By merely standing up and making the assertion that the strategy exists somehow makes the problem go away," he testified, explaining his view of Enron's plan.

Enron founder Kenneth Lay is accused of improperly avoiding writedowns and former Chief Executive Officer Jeffrey Skilling is accused of misusing reserves. The two men are beginning the eighth week of their federal fraud and conspiracy trial.

Interest rates slow market growth

NEW YORK — Wall Street's four-day rally paused Monday, with the major indexes finishing mixed as optimism over a potential end to the Federal Reserve's string of interest rates clashed with investors' desire to take profits after the run higher.

With slowing economic growth and little evidence of inflation, the market is getting more optimistic that the Fed, which meets next Tuesday, would stop raising rates by May. Investors looked ahead to Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke's Monday night speech to the Economic Club of New York for further evidence of a halt to rate hikes.

However, with stocks up for four straight sessions last week and the Dow Jones industrials and Standard & Poor's 500 index at highs not seen since May 2001, confidence in the market's ability to keep advancing could be faltering. And the impetus to lock in profits ahead of the Fed meeting could prove tempting for cautious investors.

"There's really not a lot of information here to work with, and I think the market's taking a rest," said Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at Harris Private Bank. "We're still a few weeks away from first-quarter earnings, so all you have to focus on is a slowing economy and interest rates."

FRANCE

Unions plan nationwide strike

Labor organizations and students call for stoppages in response to youth labor laws

Associated Press

PARIS — French unions and student groups called Monday for a national day of strikes March 28 to protest a youth jobs plan that has already provoked huge street demonstrations and paralyzed many universities.

Labor unions had set a Monday evening deadline for Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin to withdraw the jobs plan or face a possible general strike — but he showed little sign of backing down. Meeting student groups, Villepin calmly urged dialogue.

"There are problems and worries being expressed," Villepin said after the talks, which were boycotted by the largest student group, UNEF. "Let's get together around a table to move forward and find solutions and responses."

The law, passed by parliament this month, is designed to reduce youth unemployment by making it easier for companies to hire and fire. But critics fear it will hurt job security.

Another day of student protests is planned Thursday ahead of the national strike, expected to affect sectors from travel to industry to schools. Individual unions were to offer more details in the coming days.

President Jacques Chirac acknowledged Monday that concerns about the law were legitimate, but said high youth unemployment in France required action. He made a new appeal for talks between opponents and the government.

"The stakes in the next few days are to open a constructive and conscientious dialogue that could improve" the law, he told reporters. Chirac must sign the law for it to take effect next month.

The debate looms large in



Students gather in downtown Ajaccio, Corsica Monday in protest of France's new youth employment law. Labor unions discussed whether to call for a general strike over the plan.

the run-up to French presidential and legislative elections next year. Polls show the popularity rating of the conservative Villepin taking a beating, and the opposition Socialists have vowed to revoke the measure if they return to power.

Students are angry the law was pushed through quickly.

"They (the government) imposed the jobs plan without consulting anyone," UNEF leader Bruno Julliard told The Associated Press. "They only agree to talks when a million people go into the streets to demonstrate, so we refuse to talk to them until they withdraw it."

Opponents were riding a swell of protest culminating in marches across France on Saturday that drew at least a

half-million people. Organizers said 1.5 million took part.

The largest march, in Paris, ended in violence and skirmishes between youths and police at the famed Sorbonne university. Cars, bus shelters and 10 shops were damaged — including a McDonald's restaurant.

A total of 167 people were arrested. Police said Sunday that 52 people were injured — 18 of them demonstrators.

One man injured at the Paris protest was unconscious and in serious condition Monday, police and hospital officials said. The PTT-SUD union claimed the 39-year-old man had been "violently trampled by a police charge."

The unrest continued in

pockets Monday. At least 300 students hurled stones and set garbage bins on fire at Louis Armand High School in southern Paris, principal Jean-Armel Le Gall said. No injuries were reported, and the violence ebbed by midday.

Thirteen universities were on strike — with students blocking entrances with classroom chairs and tables — and classes at dozens of others and at many high schools have been disrupted.

The government's new youth jobs contract, passed March 9 by parliament, is designed to lower the 23 percent unemployment rate among the nation's young people. Critics say it would chip away at workers' rights and endanger job security.

Wal-Mart pursues growth in China

Associated Press

BENTONVILLE, Ark. — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. plans to hire up to 150,000 employees in China over the next five years, five times its current work force there, as it expands its number of stores, the company said Monday.

Wal-Mart has targeted China, which has long been a major supplier of its products, as a key region for its international store growth. It now has 56 stores in China with about 30,000 employees and plans to open 20 more stores this year.

Wal-Mart spokeswoman Amy Wyatt declined to say how many stores the Bentonville, Ark.-based retailer will add longer term. Wal-Mart generally only makes public projections one year at a time for its new store plans in the U.S. and internationally.

"We could hire as many as 150,000 (new employees) in the next five years," Wyatt said.

The news comes less than a week after Wal-Mart moved to expand in another fast-growing region, Central America, by taking a majority stake in a regional retail chain that it first bought into last September. Wal-Mart took over Central American Retail Holding Co., also known as CARHCO, for an undisclosed price.

Wal-Mart bought about \$18 billion in goods from China in 2004, the last year for which it has released numbers, Wyatt said.

The region is a key part of Wal-Mart's strategy of growing internationally, where it is active in 15 countries including China, Japan and Korea in Asia, Britain and Germany in Europe, Canada, Mexico and eight countries in Latin America.

Wal-Mart does not provide a country-by-country breakdown of international financial results. The total international division accounted for about 20 percent of last year's overall net sales of \$312.4 billion.

But Wal-Mart's international division is growing faster than its larger U.S. operations. In 2005, the international business saw net sales and operating income rise 11.4 percent, compared to 9.4 percent for sales and 8.2 percent for operating income at the U.S. division minus Sam's Clubs.

Late last year Wal-Mart extended its global business by buying 140 Sonae stores in Brazil and increasing its stake to a majority in Japan's Seiyu Ltd., which has 405 stores.

Wal-Mart's international side had more than 450,000 employees last year, compared to more 1.3 million at 3,400 stores in the United States.

BOG

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"[The committee has] been so prepared every time they come in here," Mitros said before the group approved the extra donation.

Following the vote, technology commissioner Ashley Enright said the Writing Center computer cluster in LeMans Hall had been moved to the SURV center in 20 LeMans Hall. She said this cluster does not have a printer.

A discussion about printers on campus ensued, with questions arising about the potential for a future print quota — such as putting a cap on the number of pages each student can print.

Enright said the Department of Information Technology would like to avoid a quota and is trying to keep costs of print-

ing down.

In other BOG news:

♦Midnight Madness is Friday. Festivities begin at 10 p.m. and prizes will be given out all night.

♦Admissions commissioner Annie Davis said Saturday is Accepted Students Day on campus. Tour guides are still needed and should contact Davis if interested.

♦Residence Hall Association president Jackie Wright said next week is Residence Hall Pride Week. Events are planned throughout the week, including a pool party in Regina, a Spa Day in LeMans, lip-synching in McCandless and a decorating contest in Holy Cross.

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Price

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ferent that we don't normally get to do," Keller said.

The taping started in the afternoon as producers talked to audience members in groups of 12, a process Keller described as a "personality-type screening."

During one of the breaks, show host Bob Barker asked the Glee Club to sing.

"We got to go up there on contestants row and sang the end of the '[Notre Dame] Fight Song' on TV," Keller said.

However, it was not until the words "Kevin Keller, come on down!" boomed over the audience that the 25 members of the Glee Club became thoroughly gleeful.

"When they yelled it, it was the greatest party," Keller said. "We just went crazy — everyone was running around and jumping all over each other."

Keller said the celebration was especially unique.

"When they normally call people down they're in their rows so they get to celebrate, but not nearly as much," he said. "We were in the aisle so we were just jumping around and running — it was a free-for-all."

Keller won \$880 worth of camping equipment through his accurate guessing in the initial bidding round. But he said he did use some form of strategy.

"The lady next to me guessed \$800 on the bidding and I said \$801," he said. "I was 'that guy' for a round."

After failing to win a golf cart in a game called "Coming or Going," Keller moved on to the "Big Wheel." As the wheel spun, Keller and the 24 other

Glee Club members circled their fingers in the air for the "Go Irish" chant.

The object of the "Big Wheel" is to get as close as possible to one dollar. Keller ended up with 95 cents, landing him a spot in the Showcase Showdown.

In the Showdown, Keller found himself guessing at the price of a camping set.

"When you actually see the stuff and the cameras are on you and everybody's yelling out prices and stuff I couldn't think of anything," he said. "I was just sitting there like 'Whatever, I can't believe I'm up here right now.'"

Keller bid \$18,500 on the package that included a camper, a dirt bike, an oven, a refrigerator and a dishwasher.

"I just tried to think about when I watched the show — usually the big showcases were like \$23,000 and the smaller ones were like \$17,000 so I tried to pick in the middle of that," he said. "My mind was everywhere."

When he made it to the Showdown and was asked if he wanted anyone on stage to celebrate with him if he won, Keller's answer was simple.

"Yeah, the Glee Club," Keller said. "When I won, all 25 guys got to run up and we were just jumping around and had the greatest party."

The celebration will likely continue on April 3 when the show airs, Keller said.

And while the Glee Club had every afternoon off during the week — most of which Keller said were spent relaxing at beaches — only one of the spring break days included meeting iconic "The Price is Right" host Bob Barker.

"He's a witty guy," Keller said. "He's talking about a five-year contract extension that he's thinking about, which would put him at 87 years old when he's done."

Despite his age, Barker knows how to have fun, Keller said. During one of the breaks in filming, someone from the audience asked Barker to recite a line from his role in "Happy Gilmore."

"He was just like, 'Well let me ask my personal assistant if it's okay. I don't want to do anything bad' ... so he walked over to his assistant with his microphone still on and he's like 'They want me to say, 'The price is right, b****!' and the whole place just started cracking up laughing,'" Keller said.

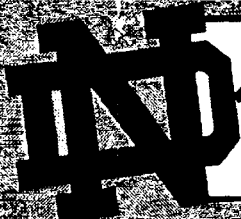
Keller said his time on "The Price is Right" was a wild experience he'll never forget.

"It was so quick. We were in and out — they were like 'Sign this, sign this and you're done,'" he said. "At the end I had my arms around two of Barker's Beauties and I was just like, 'This is unreal.' I'm never gonna have this opportunity again."

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Kevin Keller
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"Price is Right" winner

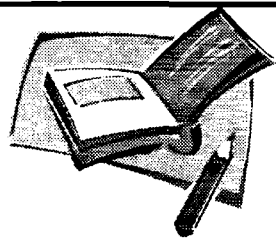


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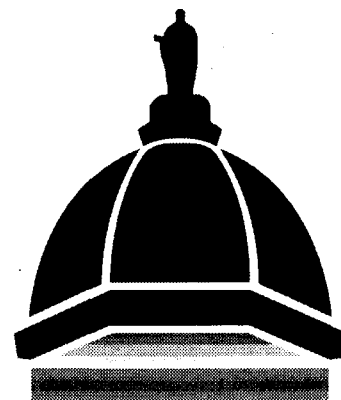


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Ethanol industry braces for summer spike in demand

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After a spurt of good fortune, the fledgling U.S. ethanol industry is anticipating some growing pains that could bring it unwanted attention this summer.

Ethanol's public profile rose significantly for the better last July when Congress passed an energy bill that mandates the doubling of biofuels output by 2012. In January, President Bush gave the industry a further boost with a strong endorsement in his State of the Union speech. And with the imminent phaseout of a petrochemical added to gasoline to reduce tailpipe emissions, more U.S. motorists will depend on the corn-derived fuel than ever before.

But there's trouble looming: The ethanol industry might not be ready to satisfy the expected summertime jump in demand. And by crimping the overall supply of motor fuel, this could contribute to a spike in gasoline pump prices at the start of the country's peak driving season.

That, at least, is the view of the Energy Department, which issued a report last month detailing the challenges midwestern ethanol producers will have in getting their fuel to key markets along the East Coast because of railroad, trucking and other distribution bottlenecks. The report also highlighted concerns about the limited output capacity of an industry still in its infancy.

The Renewable Fuels Association, a trade group representing ethanol producers such as Archer Daniels Midland Co. and Pacific Ethanol Inc., says the industry's challenges and their influence on gasoline prices are being overblown. The association sent an angry letter

to the Energy Department last week, questioning the overall thoroughness of its research and accusing it of creating "unnecessary fears in the marketplace."

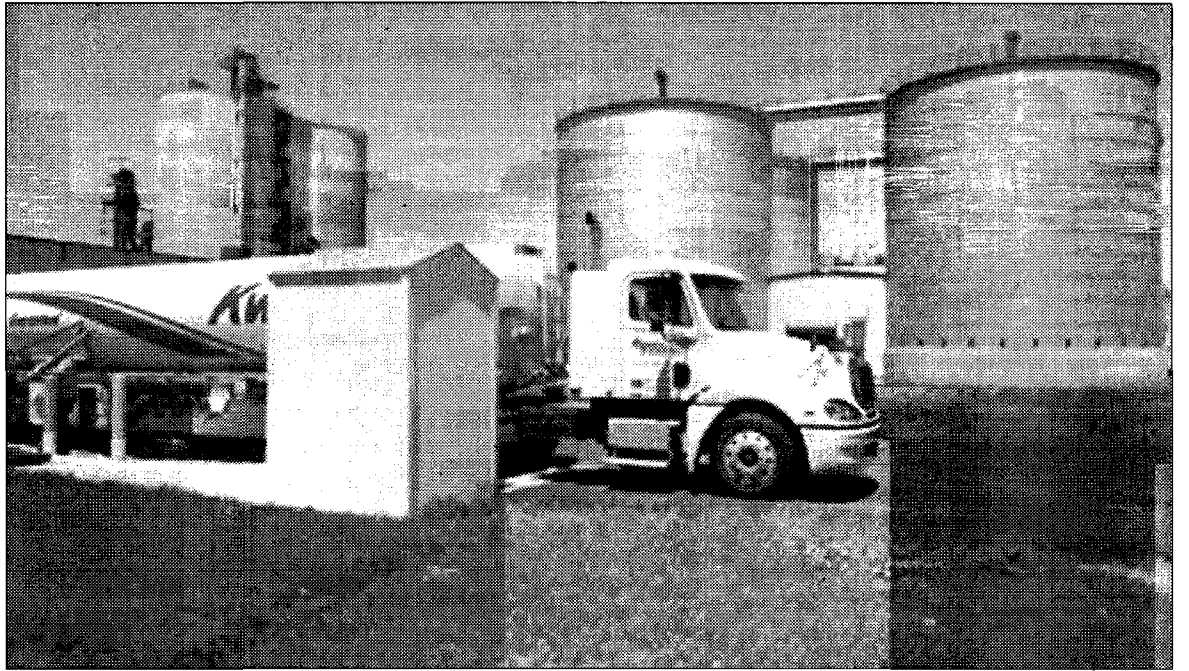
Still, ethanol-related worries hang over the U.S. market, contributing to a 42-cent-per-gallon increase in unleaded gasoline futures since mid-February. There are other factors behind the recent wholesale gasoline price spike, including soaring oil prices, strong demand and persistent strains on the U.S. refining system.

The average retail price of gasoline in the United States is \$2.51 a gallon — the highest level since October — and some analysts say \$3 is a possibility by summer.

Wholesale prices for ethanol, meanwhile, have surged to roughly \$2.75 a gallon, or about 50 cents per gallon higher than usual, according to the Oil Price Information Service of Wall, N.J. Because ethanol makes up one-tenth of every gallon of unleaded gasoline with which it is blended, this windfall for ethanol producers ends up costing motorists an extra 5 cents per gallon at the pump.

High prices will spur more ethanol production — there are 33 new plants under construction — but some minor near-term complications can be expected due to the rapid increase in demand, said Bob Dinneen, president of the Renewable Fuels Association and the author of the letter sent to the Energy Department.

Dinneen said the industry is taking steps to mitigate the problems, such as filling ethanol storage tanks on the East Coast before summer arrives and contracting barges that can ship ethanol down the Mississippi River and then up the Atlantic



A tanker truck is loaded with ethanol at the Golden Grain Energy ethanol plant June 30, 2005 in Mason City, Iowa. Gas prices are expected to rise this summer.

seaboard.

Energy analysts said it is unclear whether ethanol producers can manufacture and distribute enough supply once U.S. refiners phase out the use of a petrochemical called methyl tertiary butyl ether, or MTBE, which enables gasoline to burn more completely, and thus more cleanly, but carries some public health risks.

The refining industry says it warned Congress for years about the difficulty ethanol producers would have in offsetting the loss of MTBE, which accounts for about 10 percent of the volume of every gallon of gasoline with which it is blended.

"When it comes to ethanol, Congress is guilty of more irrational exuberance than on any other issue," said Bob Slaughter, president of the National

Petrochemical and Refiners Association.

California, New York and Connecticut have banned MTBE in recent years, but consumers from Virginia to New Hampshire, as well as in Texas, still depend on it.

MTBE, a natural gas derivative, has been the oxygenate of choice since the mandate was established roughly 10 years ago as a byproduct of the Clean Air Act.

But MTBE also has been found to contaminate drinking water supplies and it may cause cancer, exposing the petroleum industry to lawsuits filed by water districts and municipalities on behalf of their citizens. After Congress refused to grant the industry protection from such lawsuits, refiners made clear their intention to stop using MTBE.

Valero Energy Corp., Exxon Mobil Corp. and Shell Oil Co., the U.S. subsidiary of Royal Dutch Shell Plc, all plan to cease using MTBE in gasoline by May 5, spokespersons for the companies said.

Valero, the country's largest independent refiner, estimates the country's total gasoline supply will shrink by 145,000 barrels per day, or about 1.5 percent, once MTBE is removed —

a transition expected to be complete by May 5. That is when an obscure provision of the energy bill goes into effect, eliminating the need for a so-called oxygenate in gasoline.

Now it is up to ethanol producers to bridge the gap. While U.S. ethanol producers have the capacity to produce roughly 4.3 billion gallons — or 280,000 barrels per day — in 2006, the near-term crunch means more imports will be needed from Brazil, Dinneen said. The United States imported more than 150 million gallons of ethanol in 2005.

Dinneen said part of the problem for the U.S. ethanol industry right now is that it was caught off guard by the oil industry's faster-than-expected phaseout of MTBE. "Refiners made the decision to accelerate the removal of MTBE, not ethanol producers," Dinneen said.

Perhaps the biggest issue is distribution.

Gasoline with or without MTBE can be shipped in large quantities through an extensive network of pipelines. But ethanol, which tends to corrode pipelines, must be transported on trucks, trains and barges in relatively small batches to storage terminals where it is then blended with gasoline.



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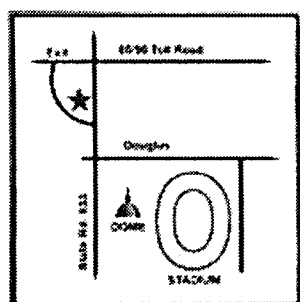
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BELARUS

Protesters defy government authorities during elections

Associated Press

MINSK — Pavel Gorbunov broke through the crowd, unsheathed a tent and started setting it up on the cold stones of Oktyabrskaya Square.

Six other small tents already stood in a rough circle, and by midnight Monday there were a dozen. Most were draped with historic national flags favored by critics of authoritarian President Alexander Lukashenko, who has scrapped them for a Soviet-style version.

"This is our last chance," said Vladimir Fivsky, a 20-year-old student who had wrapped one of the red-striped white flags around his shoulders and wore a pin in the same colors saying: "For Freedom!" He said came to the square to protest because he "had enough" after 12 years of Lukashenko's repressive rule.

Fivsky and Gorbunov were among thousands of opposition supporters who gathered in the center of the Belarus' capital for a second night, hoping their protest would help overturn a presidential election that the U.S. said was flawed by a "climate of fear."

Their numbers were smaller than on election night Sunday, and prospects for a Ukraine-style "Orange Revolution" seemed remote. But with overnight temperatures at 28 degrees Fahrenheit, protesters vowed to turn the demonstration into a round-the-clock presence.

Still, Gorbunov wondered how long the authorities would let the tents remain. Officials put on a show of force, with busloads of riot police fanning out into nearby streets and courtyards and preventing people from approaching the main square.

Police had only a small and unobtrusive presence at the protest the previous night, when an estimated 10,000 people braved the freezing cold and snow to register their outrage after Lukashenko was declared the overwhelming winner of the elections.

Lukashenko asserted Monday that his foes had failed to topple him in a foreign-backed "revolution."

International observers said the vote fell short of democratic standards. Europe's main human rights organization said it was a "farce," and the United States called for a new election. Lukashenko's main opponent refused to accept the outcome, calling the longtime leader an "illegal, illegitimate president."

However, the leverage of the international community seemed limited, and even many of the protesters appeared to have little appetite for a prolonged vigil and a possibly violent confrontation.

The election result, if it stands, would entrench the status of Belarus as one of the

least independent of the former Soviet republics.

Some 5,000 gathered in Oktyabrskaya Square in the capital, about half the number that came out Sunday night for a protest whose size was extraordinary in a tightly controlled country where police have cracked down swiftly on unsanctioned opposition gatherings.

The diminished crowd suggested to many that the opposition was losing momentum.

"There aren't enough people" a young man hollered into a cell phone amid the din of the rally.

But Alexander Milinkevich, the main opposition presidential candidate and symbolic heart of the protests, called on the demonstrators to gird for a lengthy campaign. He is

demanding an election rerun.

"Our protest will be long and strong," he vowed. "We will never recognize this election. It's not an election but an anti-constitutional seizure of power."

The crowd thinned as hours passed, but many shared a determination to go to the bitter end.

"We plan to stay here overnight and to stay until the moment when the vote is pronounced falsified, when the authorities admit this and a new election is announced," said a 21-year-old student who gave his name only as Alexander, one of a dozen people sitting among the tents.

A few tents "may not change much, but if people lose their

fear they will join us," he said.

Milinkevich visited the growing makeshift tent camp, taking sips of tea from a cup he was offered and saying: "We're together."

As the rally was about to begin, busloads of riot police streamed into Karl Marx Street near the square. Security forces in helmets and camouflage uniforms disembarked from the buses, jogged into neighborhood courtyards and prevented pedestrians from walking toward the square.

On the square, a 45-year-old woman who gave her name only as Irina said she was scared about the prospect of bloody police action, but "if Lukashenko stays in power, it will be even worse."

White House press secretary Scott McClellan said the election was flawed by a "climate of fear," and hinted that penalties such as travel restrictions "are things we will look at."

"We support the call for a

new election," McClellan said. "The United States will continue to stand with the people of Belarus."

A cheer went up from the crowd in the square when a speaker reported the U.S. statement.

By contrast, Russian President Vladimir Putin on Monday congratulated Lukashenko in a telegram and said the results would help strengthen the alliance of the two former Soviet nations.

The chief electoral official said Monday that Lukashenko, who has ruled with an iron fist since 1994, won a "convincing victory" with 82.6 percent of the votes — a number Milinkevich called "monstrously inflated."

Lukashenko scorned the opposition, saying voters had shown "who's the boss" in Belarus. "The revolution that was talked about so much ... has failed," he told a nationally televised news conference.

"This is our last chance."

Vladimir Fivsky
20-year-old student
protestor

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New Orleans mayor endorses criticized rebuilding plan

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Mayor Ray Nagin finished work Monday on a plan to rebuild New Orleans, endorsing a proposal that would allow all residents to reconstruct their homes in neighborhoods shattered by Hurricane Katrina.

The mayor's advisory commission, formed after Katrina struck Aug. 29, recommended in January that some flooded neighborhoods be replaced with parks and that the city take a go-slow attitude in rebuilding low-lying areas. But that suggestion was greeted with jeers and outrage at public meetings.

Nagin, who is running for reelection April 22, distanced himself from that plan, which included a proposed moratorium on building permits in some areas.

On Monday, he offered to let residents rebuild anywhere, but warned that homeowners in flood-prone neighborhoods would do so at their own risk.

"I'm confident that the citizens can decide intelligently for themselves," the mayor said.

The report also recommended a host of other ideas, from revamping schools to consolidating some city offices. The wish-list of projects included

new light-rail systems, new riverfront development and better flood protection.

"We have worked tirelessly," Nagin told hundreds of residents who attended a meeting to hear about the plan. "It has been controversial in some respects, but I am pleased by the results."

Residents lined up to speak against the proposal during a public-comment period. One of them, an activist named Chui Clark, called the commission "a rotten, racist committee," echoing criticism by many black residents who say they are being discouraged from returning.

Babatunji Ahmed, a craftsman, charged that construction contracts were going to major corporations like the Halliburton Co. instead of to local workers.

"Somebody is trying to keep us away from this economic pie!" said Ahmed, who also spoke out against suggestions that the city reduce its size, or "footprint."

"The smaller footprint means you don't want my mamma back! You don't want my grandchildren back!" he said.

But the plan has been warmly received in many circles. Ron Forman, a strong mayoral candidate and prominent businessman, applauded the commission's work and the breadth of

"... I don't see an implementation plan, an action plan, based on dates on when we can expect to be done."

Ron Forman
New Orleans
mayoral candidate



New Orleans resident Babatunji Ahmed yells passionately at the "Bring New Orleans Back" commission in New Orleans on Monday.

the report. But he said it is still short on specifics.

"The only problem I see with the plan is that I don't see an implementation plan, an action plan, based on dates on when we can expect to be done," Forman said.

Nagin turned the plan immediately into fodder for his reelection campaign, poking fun at a prominent opponent and using the spotlight to make light of missteps he's made.

"I'm going to do something I hate to do: I'm going to read from the script ... so that I don't get caught up in the moment," said Nagin, whose off-the-cuff remarks have drawn criticism, such as his infamous "chocolate city" speech in which he said God intended New Orleans to be a black-majority city.

The release of the report came hours after civil rights groups took aim at the state's plan for rebuilding, which includes spending billions of federal dollars to buy flood-damaged homes.

Groups including the NAACP, the Advancement Project and the New Orleans-based People's Hurricane Relief Fund complained that the plan gives short shrift to poor and low-income victims by focusing too much on bailing out homeowners and encouraging high-end development at the expense of low-income renters.

In a letter to Gov. Kathleen Blanco's administration, the groups cited government estimates showing that about 126,570 rental units without insurance were flooded last year. By contrast, they said,

only about 25,180 uninsured homes were damaged, which is about 20 percent of all the ruined homes.

"This is really like the opening salvo, if you will, of attempts to get a fair share of that money for low- and moderate-income people," said Bill Quigley, a lawyer and civil rights activist.

The state plan still needs approval by the Legislature, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Louisiana Recovery Authority.

State officials said they welcomed the groups' opinions.

"We want to make sure that we get as much input from citizens as we can," said Suzie Elkins, director of the Office of Community Development, which will also review the rebuilding plan.

More abuse allegations surface

Former detainees and their attorneys criticize much-maligned Guantanamo Bay prison, allege U.S. tactics of humiliation, torture

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — America risks convicting the innocent and letting the guilty evade justice in how it handles detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the military attorney defending an Australian terror suspect held at the U.S. prison camp said Monday.

Maj. Michael Mori, a Marine Corps lawyer, told an audience at George Washington University that no civilized justice system would accept "information being acquired potentially under torture or questionable methods."

Mori spoke after several former detainees recounted their experiences at the camp, which holds roughly 500 prisoners. Most were taken in the aftermath of the U.S.-led invasion of Afghanistan following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Mori's client, David Hicks, was caught in December 2001, allegedly while fighting alongside Afghanistan's ousted Taliban regime. He has pleaded innocent to charges that include attempted murder and aiding the enemy.

"When you use an imbalanced system," Mori said, "all you do is risk convicting the innocent and providing someone who may be truly guilty with a valid complaint to challenge their conviction."

He added: "There are no rules. They change every day."

Only a handful of Guantanamo prisoners have been charged. Others have been released, usually to their home countries.

Tarek Dergoul, who spent two years imprisoned at Guantanamo, said he was forced to watch as Americans stepped on a Quran, wrote slurs on its pages and then threw the holy book into a toilet. He said by video link from London that his beard was shaved and his eyes sprayed with pepper spray.

"Guantanamo was a shambles," Dergoul said. "It is creating, as they say, terrorists. ... It's doing no justice for America; there's no information being extracted."

The U.S. government has denied some previous reports of abuse of the Quran, specifically a Newsweek magazine report that a copy was flushed down a toilet. Newsweek later retracted the report, which sparked riots that left dozens of people dead.

Shafiq Rasul, who spent more than two years at Guantanamo, said he was forced to admit to

appearing on a video with al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden. Rasul said he had been working in England when the video was made.

Interrogators, he said, isolated him for the better part of three months, his legs shackled while they blasted loud music into his cell until he confessed.

"I was going crazy," Rasul said. "My mind-set was, 'I have to get out of isolation because I can't hack it no more.'"

Attorney Joshua Colangelo-Bryan spoke of attempting to win more freedoms for a client held in isolation who had tried several times to kill himself.

The U.S. military, he said, argued in part that the prisoner was not isolated because he had been interrogated 29 times over two years.

"Is there another case anywhere in the history of Anglo-American jurisprudence where it was argued that a person is not isolated, and in fact has meaningful interaction with other human beings, because he is interrogated?" Colangelo-Bryan asked.

"Guantanamo was a shambles ... It's doing no justice for America; there's no information being extracted."

Tarek Dergoul
former detainee

Chertoff to toughen up on 'free riders'

Says some chemical plants not properly secured

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Chemical plants with lax protections from attacks and accidental leaks are being targeted by the Homeland Security Department — before they can be targeted by terrorists.

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said Monday his department will crack down on chemical manufacturers and storage facilities that he described as "free riders" — those that haven't beefed up their security measures.

"They're counting on the fact that the industry in general has a good level of investment, and they figure they'll hide among the leaves and essentially freeloader on this security work done by others," Chertoff said.

"That's not acceptable," he said. "Progress on this has stalled for too long."

Counterterrorism experts put the chemical industry at the top of the list of likely terror targets. Congressional investigators have revealed spotty results in how well the chemical industry is prepared to respond in the event of an attack.

At issue is federal regulation of security plans at the nation's 15,000 privately operated chemical plants — one-fifth of which are close to cities and other heavily populated areas.

The chemical industry generally has resisted federal regulation, and large manufacturers have voluntarily taken steps to improve security that they deem adequate. Small chemical firms and plants have largely ignored beefing up safeguards to avoid having to pay for them.

Homeland Security "wants and deserves authority to set federal standards for chemical security, and then enforce those standards," said Chris VandenHeuvel, a spokesman for the American Chemistry Council, which represents large chemical manufacturers. "Four and a half years after 9/11, they still don't have that."

Legislation is pending in the Senate to authorize Homeland Security to shut down facilities that do not comply with minimum safety standards. But the bill by Sens. Susan Collins, R-Maine, and Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., would largely let the chemical industry draw up its own security plans for the federal government to approve or reject.

Chertoff has not endorsed the plan, but he is expected on Tuesday to outline elements that he said would need to be in acceptable legislation. Congressional staffers said it likely would not encourage facilities to substitute safe substances for hazardous chemicals, as environmentalists have demanded.

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Libertarian theology?

Recently, I had the pleasure of giving a brief talk on the connections between libertarianism and Catholicism. I had five minutes to talk about it, and made it up entirely as I went along. It was probably pretty entertaining, so maybe this column will be entertaining as well — though slightly more informative.

First, let me wholly discredit myself: I am not Catholic. But I do believe the Libertarian Party offers a viable alternative for Catholics who are disturbed by the direction of this nation.

So let's be clear. If elected, the goals of the Libertarian Party are simple: stop massive government expansion and waste and start the onerous process of shrinking the federal government back to Constitutional size. If you believe that the government takes too much of your money, wastes it and then tries to control too much of what you are free to do, you are already 89 percent libertarian. The devil, of course, lies in the details.

Many Christians are attracted to the Democratic Party because it is supposedly the party of the "little guy." The Catholic dedication to the fantastic buzzword "social justice" keeps many good Catholics ensnared by the tentacles of the left. If "social justice" rests on positive rights (which much of it does), then it is not justice at all — justice is about equality. Jailing a murderer is justice. Jailing someone who refuses to be charitable is not.

Then, of course, there is the other side of the coin. Many Catholics fall under the conservative Republican label because of their firm stances on the so-called "non-negotiable" moral positions: euthanasia, gay rights, cloning, embryonic stem cell research and — of course — abortion. These are difficult issues that I

am not even going to attempt to address directly, but the question I would like to now pose is as follows:

Where does libertarianism — that is, the moral/political philosophy of "if you harm none, do as you will" — fit under the rubric of Christian political thought? In other words, is it reasonable for a Catholic voter to support a party that, for all intents and purposes, just wants to leave everyone alone?

To make a law, or to retain its legitimacy, any government must rest on the implicit (or oftentimes explicit) threat of violence. Paying the income tax is only required because if you do not, the IRS will soon be knocking on your door with some serious-looking paperwork and some shiny handcuffs. Without violence, a government has no authority.

My question now becomes: as a Catholic, when are you willing to allow violence? Would you hire a gang to rob your neighbor to pay Planned Parenthood? What about a charity? Would you take a gun into a stranger's house to make him stop smoking marijuana? Would you do anything in your power — I mean anything — to stop the marriage of two women?

How much violence are you willing to ignore? It boils down thus: you either like the state of the country, or you do not. If you do not, you either desire more violence to shape it as you see fit, or you desire less. If it is the latter, libertarianism is a real political option that fits this paradigm.

If it is the former, however, try to avoid a land war in Asia.

According to the group Catholic Answers, in promoting its "Voter's Guide for Serious Catholics," "You should avoid to the greatest extent possible voting for candidates who endorse or promote intrinsically evil policies." That makes sense to me.

Indeed, Catholic catechism has the following to say about violence: "The short-term pursuit of private or collective interests cannot legitimate undertakings that promote violence and conflict." These words are specifically for inter-state conflict, but I believe it is not so much of a logic jump to apply to state-individual conflict as well.

If we are to avoid war, we must also avoid oppression.

As Americans, we are all called to resist violence against those who do us no harm. A philosophy founded on harming none and reducing state-propagated violence is in full accordance with Catholic principles, and libertarianism is that philosophy.

I'm going to close with a quotation from St. Augustine's "City of God" because it is shockingly appropriate. He wrote: "...What are kingdoms but great robber bands? What are robber bands but small kingdoms? The band is itself made up of men, is ruled by the command of a leader, and is held together by a social pact. Plunder is divided in

accordance with an agreed-upon law. If this evil increases by the inclusion of dissolute men to the extent that it takes over territory, establishes headquarters, occupies cities and subdues peoples, it publicly assumes the title of kingdom!"

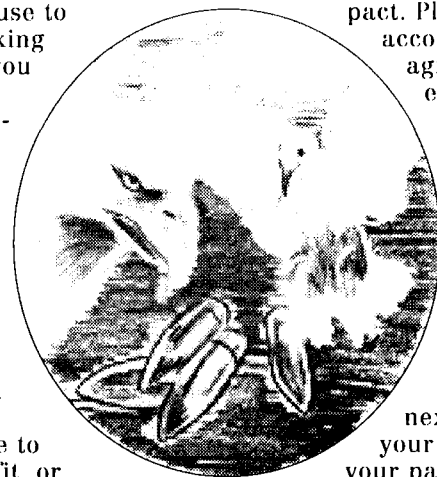
Remember that the next time you exercise your right to vote. Do your part to stop the plunder.

Marijuana is only illegal in America because, if you grow it in your basement, the ATF is legally allowed to come in and stop you. Scott Wagner is the proud president of the College Libertarians. He can be contacted at swagner1@nd.edu. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.



Scott Wagner

Live and Let Live or Die



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Problems greater than they seem

If Catholicism were strong at Notre Dame, the sponsorship of events even perceived to be at odds with the Catholic character of the University would be of little concern. It is insecurity that breeds fear, fear that breeds intolerance and intolerance that breeds censorship.

Citing the Catholic nature of the University as a reason to impose "appropriate limits" on academic freedom is a tacit concession that Notre Dame is insecure. It is an admission that you lack confidence in the effectiveness of the Catholic message of the University and its ability to refute attacks on the basis of its beliefs and provide an alternate and acceptable viewpoint. If Catholicism is strong at Notre Dame, it can hold its own in the academ-

ic debate whether it is the theory underlying the event or whether it is the theory challenging the theory underlying the event.

If the Catholic mission of Notre Dame is truly challenged by the former "Queer Film Festival" and "The Vagina Monologues" such that the University's only response is to stop them, then I am afraid you have greater problems at Notre Dame, and Catholicism has greater problems, than, perhaps, you know.

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Nelson Mandela
former South African president

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The real academic freedom debate

In the debate about academic freedom, the point has been made many times that sponsorship need not imply endorsement. I suppose that is true, but less relevant than the point which has scarcely been made at all: that academic freedom does not imply a right to University sponsorship. The obverse follows logically: A decision of the University not to sponsor is not a violation of academic freedom.

If the act at some administrative level of the University of declining to sponsor some event is an act of censorship, then censorship is rampant at this University, and at every university.

I have taught at Notre Dame for 39 years and have never felt that my academic freedom was infringed upon. But it never occurred to me that I had a right derived from academic freedom to demand that University funds be allocated to sponsor any or every event dear to my heart.

Suppose that I and two other members of my department have an idea for an event, say, to be very concrete, a rally in support of the right-to-

work law recently proposed in Indianapolis. The department chairperson says: No, that is not a good idea, not the best use of department time and money, and denies department funds. Is the chairperson's decision a violation of our academic freedom? Or suppose that the department votes by a vote seven to five not to sponsor the rally. Has a tyrannical majority censored us? Or suppose the department approves by a vote of seven to five, but the president of the University vetoes that decision. Has the decision by the president now risen to the level of an assault on academic freedom?

There is room for debate about the appropriate locus of decision making in the University; but that does not seem to be a debate about academic freedom. It may be reasonable to argue that most decisions about how to spend University funds allocated to a department should generally be made at the department level. On the other hand, if the issue is compatibility with Catholic values, it seems plausible that a department composed mostly of non-Catholics with no particular attachment to Catholic

values and, in some cases, quite sincerely and openly antagonistic to certain official Catholic teachings, would be in a poor position to judge.

It is inevitable that there will be vigorous debate about which events deserve University sponsorship, since not all events can be sponsored or are worthy of being sponsored. It is misleading and unsporting for certain participants to try to advance the case for their favored events under the banner of academic freedom. Most of the debates I have heard about "The Vagina Monologues" have been solely about whether the "Monologues" are a good idea and have had virtually nothing to do the principles of academic freedom. If someone with the authority to do so decides that the "Monologues" are not a good idea, that is not censorship, that is decision-making.

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U-WIRE

That grinds my gears

Last week, I saw dozens of little kids, no more than five or six years old, walking around Grounds. Surely, the University is no place for small children, so why would so many of them be at the University? What could they possibly be doing here?

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Maybe one of them designed the new O-Hill, or maybe the Rotunda had been turned into a Discovery Zone. I later found out that (much to my chagrin) both of these were absolutely not true. From a vantage point in my unmarked white van, I watched the kids for a while, remembering my kindergarten days. What I wouldn't give now to play with puzzles, learn to count and weep openly when a teacher called on me and I didn't know the answer. I mean, it's been three weeks since I've done any of that stuff. I want that kind of freedom once more.

Watching a group of kindergarteners is like watching a group of howler monkeys — they're loud, obnoxious and always slinging poop at each other. But seriously, kindergarteners form their own little social hierarchies just as the simian world does, and kids fall into some distinct functions in that society. There are at least five clearly defined roles in the kindergarten universe:

1) The Shy Kid: You know, the kid that wouldn't tell the teacher if he peed himself because he's too embarrassed. This guy would later grow up to be Video Games Kid.

2) The Horse Girl: This girl was completely enamored with everything equine-related. Her steady diet of oats and carrots quickly annoyed the rest of the class, not to mention her keeping everyone up during naptime by whinnying repeatedly.

3) The Sound Effects Kid: This kid, somehow, would describe everything with noises and would constantly be making incredibly annoying sounds. Imagine that kid today: "Hey, Roger, how's the Peterson deal coming along?"

"Well Sue, I just got off the phone with the Vermont office, when WHOOOOSH and I was like RATATATATATTT and then she POW-POWBOOMPOW. I gotta run — meeting with the new regional managers in 10 minutes. Good talk, Sue."

4) The Smart Kid: Most University students probably fell into this category. These were the kids who could read, count to 100 and were forced into

spelling bees by their abusive parents by the time they were six. Okay, maybe that was just me. Unfortunately, Smart Kid would later grow up into Virgin Kid.

5) The Boy Who Pulls His Spider-Man Tightie-Whities All The Way Down To His Ankles When He Pees Standing Up: The most hallowed and respected of all kindergarten niches, this boy refuses to do anything halfway and goes for the gold every time he goes into the bathroom. He also owns literally a dozen pairs of identical Spider-Man undies. Truly an American hero.

Ah, how I long for the days when everything was so simple. I mean, honestly — how sweet would it be if there was a University-sanctioned Nap Time? Or, instead of that 400-level Medieval French class you need for your major, the boys could just chase the girls around the Lawn for an hour? How have we let our lives grow so complicated?

Some might say, "Well, Brendan, as we get older our cognitive capacity increases by leaps and bounds and we become more adaptive to social change and complexity in our lives." Baloney. That's Smart Kid talking right there. What we need in this world are more Sound-Effects Kids, more kickball, more peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. This world would be a lot more fun, and a hell of a lot simpler, if everyone would just shut up and watch "The Magic School Bus" for a little while.

Imagine such a world. No wars — just hide and seek. No jobs — just playing on the playground. Why do we hold our childhood memories so dear? Perhaps we fear taking responsibility, or don't want to admit that we don't have any plans for our lives.

Yet, the more I think about it, the more I realize that college is a lot like kindergarten: we can nap whenever we want, we don't really cook for ourselves and we spend our weekends getting drunk. Sadly, our lives cannot be as easy as a kindergartener's. Ms. Frizzle, Master Splinter, R.L. Stine and the Power Rangers, those sages of the kid universe, must forever exist only in the past. However, that won't stop me from wearing my own Spider-Man Tightie-Whities — ever.

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Watch out on the Web

Going to the bank and explaining fraudulent charges is not fun. I can say this from personal experience.

In early December, I received a phone call from a company claiming to be CapitalOne and saying they needed some information from me because I'd been approved for a credit card.

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Having signed up for a card earlier in the week, I willingly provided the information they needed. Most of it was cut and dry, such as my current address and place of employment, but when they stated they needed my bank's routing number and my checking account number for a draft, things started getting fishy. They said that due to some marks on my credit history they would need \$200 up front as collateral, which I would then get back in the form of payment vouchers. Since my credit report did indeed have some blemishes on it, I gave them everything they needed.

A month later, I received a charge card in the mail from a company called Capitalfinancialcard along with a catalog of products that the card as well as the \$200 in payment vouchers could be used towards, and ONLY towards their catalog. I'd been ripped off, and I fell for it hook, line and sinker.

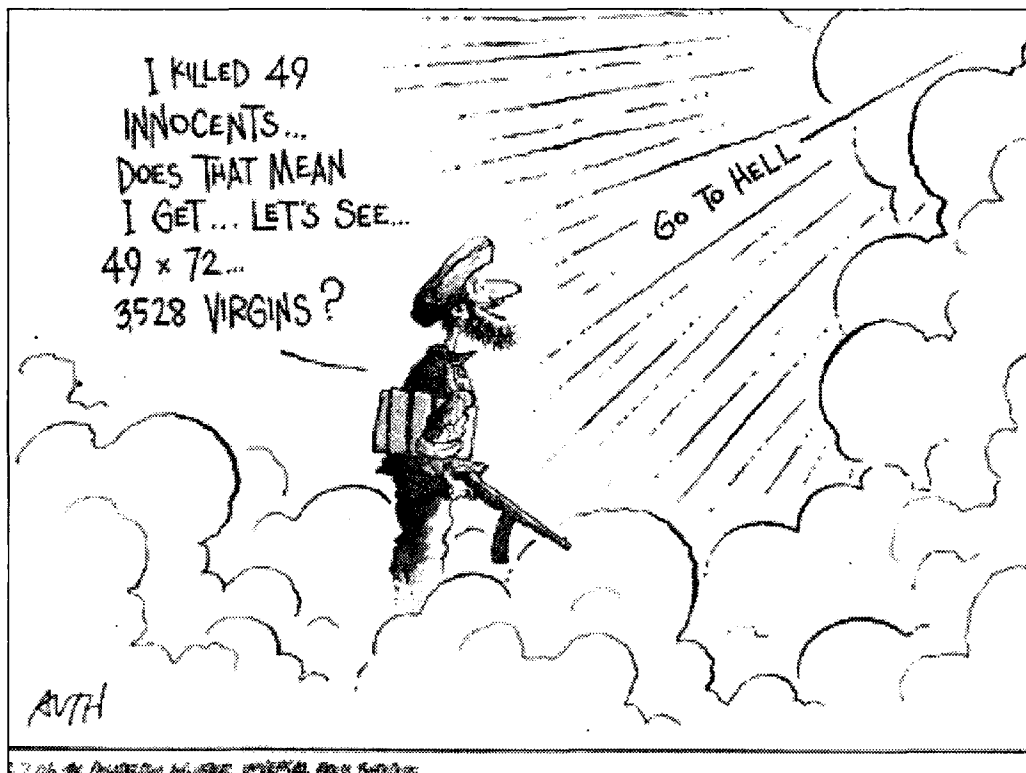
What didn't come as a surprise to me

though, was the fact that Capitalfinancialcard had gotten my information via something I'd signed up for on the Internet. Because of events similar to these, protecting oneself while on the Internet has become a major source of discussion these days. Large Internet corporations such as AOL and Earthlink are spending millions in advertising dollars to keep people safe from phishing and other types of Internet scams. So why is it such an issue today, and more importantly, why do you need to know about it? For starters, if you're reading this you most likely use either MySpace or Facebook. Both of these services, especially Facebook, have become a popular topic amongst collegiate journalists these days, and for good reason: it's often amusing, shocking and/or baffling to see what kinds of information people willingly put on their profiles. However, and unfortunately, Facebook is just one of the more obvious examples of how easy it is to get information about someone on the Internet, and it's going to become all too apparent to many students just what can happen when certain people get that information.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON





iAddict: Hooked on iTunes

My addiction, like many, started out small. Mini might actually be a better word, since my infatuation started with none other than the iPod mini that I received over the summer. The fateful day I received the small, silver MP3 player started me down the path to a new kind of addiction — an iPod addiction.

Prior to receiving my iPod Mini, my MP3 player had been little more than a memory stick with an earphone jack, and it served me nicely for several years. I slowly succumbed to the siren song of the iPod, and I was quite happy with the Mini after I got it. While it wasn't as fancy as the full iPod and only held 2,000 songs, it seemed like enough.

The hard drive on my Mini crashed and I faced a difficult choice. I was suffering from "iPod withdrawal." Apple had stopped making minis and Best Buy was out of its successor, the iPod Nano. I had nowhere to go but up, and that's when I became the proud owner of a video iPod.

The video iPod changed everything. It was sleeker, it had a color screen and it had 30 GB of memory. The 4 GB of memory on my Mini kept me cautious — I only put songs I enjoyed on it. The larger capacity of the video iPod liberated me. I put every CD I owned on it, but I soon craved more.

With the new iPod, I vowed to continue to only use it at the gym and for studying, as I had before. This pledge didn't last long. It soon became my constant companion while I walked to class or ran to meet friends somewhere, but that soon devolved into carrying my iPod with me anytime that I might have to walk more than 20 feet.

Constantly listening to music breeds its own problems. The more you use your iPod, the more you feel to need to constantly find new music to fill it. In the post-Napster, music-downloading crackdown era, there are fewer options for finding music easily. My iPod became a gateway to another one of my music addictions — iTunes.

I resisted buying music on iTunes because I wasn't keen on paying 99 cents per song, but the ability to buy individual songs soon lured me in. Like

the addiction to my iPod, my affection for iTunes grew slowly. It started out with a few purchases of individual songs I'd been lusting after for a while, but, naturally, it grew from there.

I avoided purchasing whole albums over iTunes for a while, but once I did, I knew that this was a problem that could quickly grow out of control. When you buy CDs at the store, the distaste for having to hand over cash or deal with my debit card will usually keep my spending in check.

On iTunes, though, the click of a button can buy you whole albums without the pain of actually forking over the money. I currently have an iTunes budget because the sheer ease of iTunes makes it both wonderful and potentially disastrous at the same time.

While I do have the capacity for video on my iPod, I have yet to take advantage of the shows available for purchase on iTunes. Seeing my past patterns, I know that buying videos would be the cause for both my financial and social decline. While the temptation to buy last week's "Desperate Housewives" or the whole second season of "Lost" exists, my fear of becoming permanently detached from humanity and permanently attached to my iPod is pretty strong.

Another possible benefit, or detriment depending on how you look at it, is the endless possibilities the iPod and iTunes offer for wasting time. Between the ability to make playlists, to share music with other users and to listen to snatches of music on iTunes, there are endless ways with which to waste time. The video iPod offers the added option of finding album artwork for each song, which can take hours and gives the illusion of some form of productivity. Move over, Facebook, because the iPod offers a myriad of new ways to spend time accomplishing insignificant things.

While I am not proud of my deep attachment to my iPod and the intense allure that iTunes holds for me, the one solace that I can find is the knowledge I am not alone. Each day when I walk down the quad to class, I only have to look at the crowds and see another person with the distinctive white earbuds coming out from under their hoods to know that I am in the company of a fellow iPod addict.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

Close your 'Eyes': Re

By ERIN MCGINN
Scene Critic

Horror movies typically have one purpose — to absolutely terrify the audience. The really good ones also punch with a bit of social commentary, which are all the more frightening because of their real-life implications. "The Hills Have Eyes" tells the story of a typical American family taking a trip through the desert when they are attacked by a family of mutants living in the mountains after its life was destroyed by atmospheric nuclear testing. For avid horror movie fans, "The Hills Have Eyes" is a must-see. For all others, "The Hills Have Eyes" is a should-see, but be prepared to duck and cover.

"The Hills Have Eyes" is a remake of the 1977 Wes Craven drive-in shocker. Alexandre Aja, who made his international debut a few months back with "High Tension," directed and wrote the script for the new version. Not one to be kept out of the horror scene, Craven also served as the film's producer.

The film opens with a montage of nuclear testing clips, interspersed with newspaper articles and pictures of mutant babies, which form the basis of the movie. During the 1940s and 50s there was atmospheric nuclear testing in the New Mexico desert and the government asked all the miners to

leave. When they refused to leave, the weapons were detonated and thus the mutants were created. Because of the actions of the government, the mutants hate everyone and actively seek revenge on anyone who crosses their path. Subsequently, they also became cannibals.

Enter the Bukowski-Carter family, taking a family road trip through the New Mexico desert. After stopping to get gas at a creepy dirty station, a creepy dirty man tells them he knows a short-cut. "Big Bob" the retired cop and head of the family (Ted Levine, television's "Monk"), decides to take the short-cut where they consequently have their tires blown out, leaving them stranded

The Hills Have Eyes



Director: Alexandre Aja
Writers: Alexandre Aja
Starring: Ted Levine, Aaron Stanford

in the middle of the desert, and out of cell-phone/CB radio range. Big Bob decides to go back to the gas station, while his nerdy, Democratic son-in-law Doug Bukowski (Aaron Stanford, of "Pyro" fame from "X2") decides to look for help in the other direction.

The rest of the family, including "Lost's" Emilie de Ravin, tries to make the best of a poor situation and camp out. One of the two dogs, named Beauty and Beast, runs off and is gutted — paving the way for the rest of the family. In a very graphic 20-minute span, members of the family are burned alive, raped, tortured, shot and hacked, which all ends with the kidnapping of the baby. The three remaining family members

'Failure to Launch' doe

By CASSIE BELEK
Scene Critic

"Failure to Launch," starring Sarah Jessica Parker and Matthew McConaughey, is an over-publicized attempt at a fun and flirty romantic comedy that hopes to win audience approval with Parker's fashion sense and McConaughey's charm. That's about all the film can offer, however, as it fails to evoke any romantic sympathy and even less laughter.

The premise has potential with Tripp (McConaughey), a 30-something son who refuses to move out of his parents' (Kathy Bates and Terry Bradshaw) house, but that potential soon vanishes. Tripp's parents desperately wish to have their son move out, and they get the name of Paula (Parker) at a party. They hire Paula to become Tripp's girlfriend to give him the self-esteem and motivation to leave home once and for all. This is confusing, though, because Tripp seems to have all the self-esteem in the world and he certainly doesn't seem like a son completely dependent on the continued

assistance of his parents.

Warning bells of prostitution sound with a close look at Paula's profession, but she is a respectable businesswoman and never sleeps with a client. But when Tripp is about to break up with her because he feels that it's becoming too serious, she breaks her rule in an act of desperation, leaving one to ask, "Did his parents just pay for that?"

Naturally, Paula falls for this client because he's just so different from the others. Apparently Tripp isn't a loser like he should be, and she just can't understand why he still lives at home. That answer almost comes, but not quite, leaving us without a full understanding of the character. However, when we realize the deception Paula is putting him through, we at least sympathize with him.

Essentially, Parker is playing a version of Carrie Bradshaw from HBO's "Sex in the City". The difference is that people love Carrie, and there's little to love about Paula. All that we know about her is that she's being paid by a man's parents to deceive him and do whatever it takes to get him out of the house so that the parents don't have to do it themselves. It's hard to root for her when Tripp initially rejects her. Their relationship is a lie and if the world was just, it would take a miracle to reunite them, but in this case it simply takes the intervention of friends.

The movie attempts to save itself. Paula and Tripp go on trendy dates that range from sail-boating to paintballing. There's even a reference to "A Philadelphia Story" in there, although a romantic comedy like this doesn't even deserve to utter the film's name.

Failure to Launch



Director: Tom Dey
Writers: Tom J. Astle and Matt Ember
Starring: Matthew McConaughey, Sarah Jessica Parker, Kathy Bates and Terry Bradshaw

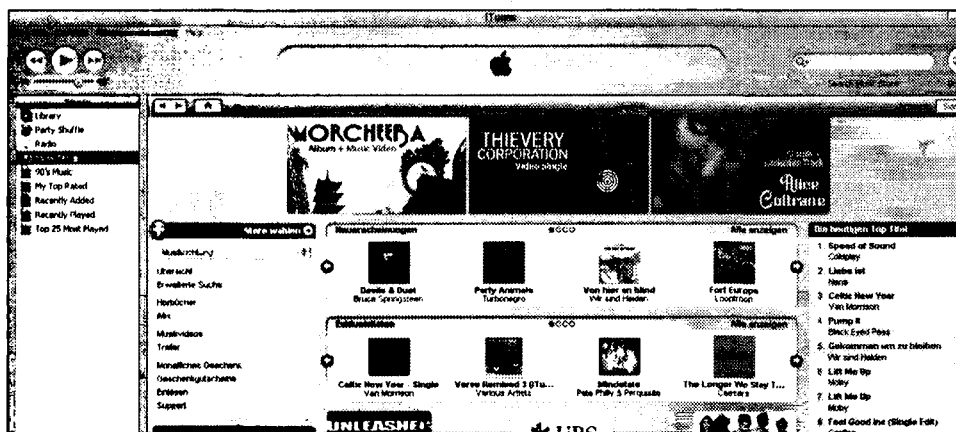


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Combining great tunes with a customer-friendly approach, the iTunes Music Store has turned more than a few casual listeners into serious Podheads.

make scarily original



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Doug Bukowski (Aaron Stanford) takes a break from whacking mutants in the film "The Hills Have Eyes." The film is a remake of a 1977 Wes Craven horror movie.

are left to survive and attempt to find a way to get the baby back.

Although Craven did a better job in the 77 version, there is a level of sympathy felt for the mutants. These mutants are the children of the miners who did not leave, so to a certain extent they did not choose to be this way and are also validated in their anger. There is also Ruby, the little mutant girl who helps the stranded people on numerous occasions. At the same time, the audience also feels for the family, which is innocent in the matter. It's hard not to

cheer on the techno-geek as he fights, hacks, and impales a mutant with an American flag in order to get his baby back.

Even though the movie is thought-provoking at times, it is certainly not easy to stomach. Even though the most gruesome parts were cut out to receive the R-rating, Aja is a master at creating new and horrifying scenes. It is highly recommended not to eat popcorn or have a beverage when viewing this flick.

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sn't get off the ground



Photo courtesy of movieweb.com

Paula (Sarah Jessica Parker) and Tripp (Matthew McConaughey) enjoy some smooth sailing during the romantic comedy "Failure to Launch."

Kathy Bates is in an unspectacular role as Tripp's mother. The actress never gets to show her comedic chops or why she won an Academy Award. Meanwhile, Terry Bradshaw depicts a father that seems to care little for his son, and seeing his butt that much isn't particularly pleasant.

It's another strike-out for Parker after "The Family Stone." The actress is trying to find her niche in Hollywood after "Sex and the City." If she keeps this up, her success at HBO will mark the peak of her career, and

then there's no place to go but down.

"Failure to Launch" lives up to its title. It never quite makes us care and it never quite makes us laugh. Parker and McConaughey fans will see it anyway, but it isn't any better than another McConaughey romance, "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days." Romantic comedy fans will only be disappointed and should rent a classic instead of wasting money on a bad movie with an even worse title.

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MOVIE REVIEW

'Paradise Now' a prayer for peace



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Said (Kais Nashef, left) and Khaled (Ali Suliman, right) star as childhood friends turned Palestinian terrorists in the provocative film "Paradise Now."

By MARTY SCHROEDER

Scene Critic

One of the most complex issues of modern society is the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. "Paradise Now," directed by Hany Abu-Assad, attempts to explore this controversial topic through the eyes of two Palestinian men who decide to become what some people would call terrorists, but others would term martyrs.

The film is first and foremost about Palestine, but approaches the issue from many directions. While "Paradise Now" ultimately produces few answers and assigns little solid blame, it does raise many very important questions.

The film involves life-long friends Said and Khaled who have grown up in Nablus, a town on the West Bank. They

situation as a whole.

The slums of Nablus are shown in the beginning of the film, followed later by the skyscrapers and beautiful beaches of Tel Aviv. This contrast, however, does not criminalize everyday citizens of Israel. In one scene, Said is waiting at a bus stop to go into Tel Aviv on his mission when he comes across Jews also waiting for the bus. They look at him as another person waiting for the bus to go to work — not as a man who has a bomb strapped to him. As a result, he begins to see them as human beings and not the enemies his recruiters say they are.

This contrast of the wealth of Israel against the poverty of Palestine, coupled with the contrast of the character's internal realization of where he came from, who he is, and where he is going creates many complex intersecting

avenues of emotion on both a personal and national level. The humiliation the characters experience cannot be ignored, but neither can the innocence of the everyday Israelis who

are in mortal danger from terrorist attacks.

This film refuses to give the audience any answers. It does not say one side is better than the other. However, what it does do is underline the need for change. There is violence on both sides of the fence and there are issues that must be addressed. The tagline of the film, "From the most unexpected place, comes a bold new call for peace," not only pertains to the story of the film but also to the film itself. The movie calls for reconciliation, but fully acknowledges that the avenue is fraught with hardship and that each side must address aspects of the conflict it would rather not. The path to peace is never easy, but "Paradise Now" invites us to at least make an attempt to walk down it.

Paradise Now



Director: Hany Abu-Assad

Writers: Hany Abu-Assa, Bero Beyer and Pierre Hodgson

Starring: Kais Nashef and Ali Suliman

But the plans go awry when they cannot meet their contact on the Israeli side and the emotional force of the story then moves into full swing. The daughter of a fallen Palestinian hero returns from the West and tries to sway the two men from their mission, stating that there are other ways to accomplish their goals. At the same time, the men who recruited them are calling them martyrs for the cause and great heroes who will soon be in heaven.

The strength of this film is that neither side seems completely right or completely wrong. There are reasons given for why the men are doing what they are doing. The humiliation they experience at the hands of the Israeli military is poignantly described but does not justify what the friends are doing — although the film does give a reason that should not be ignored. It pays close attention not only to the characters but also to the Palestinian

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NBA

Bryant carries Lakers to crucial road win over Celtics

Pistons clinch fourth consecutive Central Division title with win over reeling Hawks, move to 40 games over .500

Associated Press

BOSTON — After missing 3-pointers at the buzzer in consecutive games, Kobe Bryant settled matters early against the Boston Celtics.

Bryant had 43 points, five rebounds and five steals and the Los Angeles Lakers salvaged the finale of a three-game road trip with a 105-97 win over Boston on Monday night.

Bryant shot 18-for-39 and Lamar Odom added 17 points and nine rebounds for the Lakers, who never trailed and pulled a half-game ahead of Sacramento for seventh place in the Western Conference. The Lakers avoided falling below .500 for the first time since a loss to Utah on Jan. 3 dropped them to 15-16.

"This was a must win for us," Bryant said. "We played well the entire trip, but it's just that we weren't able to close things out. Tonight was a win that we desperately needed."

Paul Pierce scored 26 and Tony Allen added a season-high 18 points for the Celtics, who have lost four of five to drop four games behind Philadelphia in the race for the eighth

Eastern Conference playoff spot.

The Lakers' first two games of their road trip ended with missed contested 3-pointers by Bryant. The Lakers lost to New Jersey 92-89 Friday and to Cleveland 96-95 Sunday despite leading by as many as 18 against the Cavaliers.

This time, Bryant scored 16 fourth-quarter points — including the Lakers' last 12 — to make sure the game didn't come down to the closing seconds.

"When the game is on the line, they put the ball in my hands," Bryant said. "I've gotta do what I've gotta do, I don't care if it's 50 shots, 60 shots, five shots."

The Celtics trailed 56-40 at halftime, but chipped away at the lead in the third quarter and pulled within 82-74 to start the fourth.

Pierce cut the deficit to 99-94, but Bryant responded with a driving layup with 1:20 remaining to extend the Lakers' lead to 101-94. He then made two free throws with 49.6 seconds left to extend the lead.

"Kobe was the difference," Celtics forward Wally Szczerbiak said. "In the second

half, we came back and we competed. But against a good team and a great player, we just didn't play well enough to win."

The Lakers double-teamed Pierce for much of the fourth quarter and held him to two points.

"We just threw everybody at [Pierce]," Odom said. "If you put two guys on him, you have a high percentage of stopping him."

Smush Parker scored 14 points and Kwame Brown had 11 points and nine rebounds for the Lakers.

After missing his first four shots, Bryant made six of his next eight attempts and scored 12 first-quarter points to help the Lakers jump out to a 32-26 lead.

Detroit 91, Atlanta 84

There was no champagne in the Detroit Pistons' locker room Monday night.

In fact, the Pistons didn't even realize they clinched their fourth Central Division title in five years by beating Atlanta.

"I didn't know until someone just told me," Tayshaun Prince said. "I guess that shows you where our minds are right now."

The win put Detroit two steps up Coach Flip Saunders' pyramid.

"First you have to make the playoffs, which we did a couple weeks ago, and then you have to win the division," he said. "Now we have to get homecourt in the East, homecourt in the league, and then we have to win the championship."

Detroit (53-13), whose magic number to clinch the Eastern Conference dropped to nine over Miami, also moved to 40 games over .500 for the first time since the 1988-89 season.

"That's crazy," Chauncey Billups said. "This has been one of those special years for us. Hopefully, we can keep it up."

Atlanta coach Mike Woodson, an assistant on Detroit's 2003-04 championship team, thinks they can.

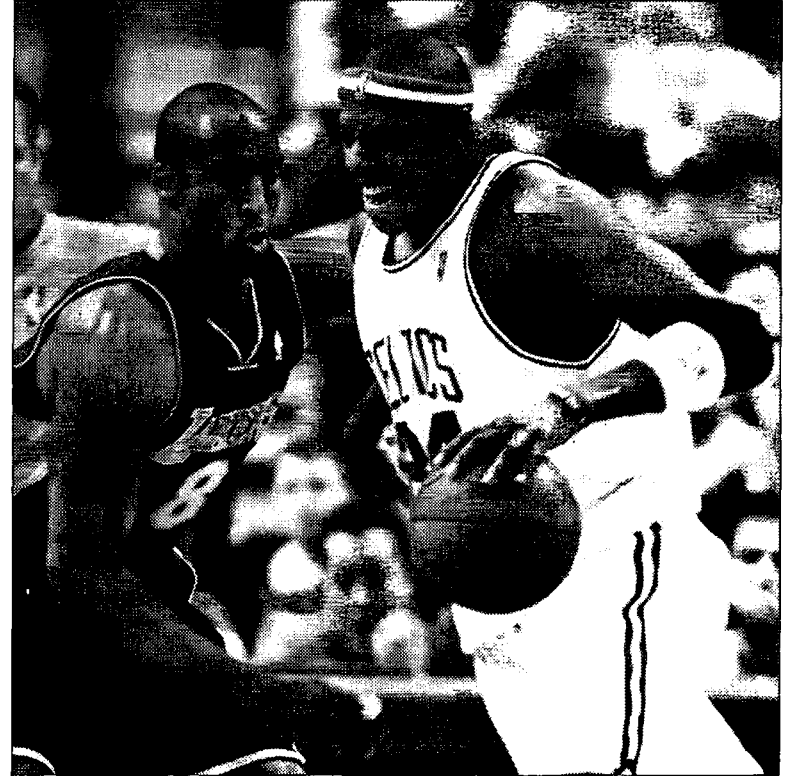
"It's going to be interesting to see how it carries over in the playoffs, but I predict they'll win the title," he said.

The Hawks have lost five of six.

"I was pretty pleased with our effort," Woodson said. "We came in and competed."

Prince scored 18, as Detroit put five players in double figure. Ben Wallace scored only five, but added 13 rebounds, four steals and three blocks.

"I was just trying to get the



Boston guard Paul Pierce, right, drives against Los Angeles guard Kobe Bryant during the Lakers' 105-97 win Monday night in Boston.

tempo up," he said. "You want to make teams play out of character."

Al Harrington led the Hawks with 23 points and Joe Johnson had 17.

"Obviously, they are the champions again," Harrington said. "I'm a big fan of Detroit, so hopefully they win it again."

Detroit led 53-34 at the half, thanks to 17 points from Rasheed Wallace, but Atlanta rallied in the third.

The Hawks scored 26 points in the quarter, but couldn't get enough stops for a sustained rally. They got as close as 57-47, but never cut the lead to single digits.

"We've had some trouble coming out of halftime in the last few games," Prince said. "But we played great basketball in the first half."

The Pistons held a 72-60 advantage after three quarters, then put the game away by holding Atlanta to just two points in the first 4:30 of the fourth.

Los Angeles Clippers 99 Houston 91

Sam Cassell scored 24 points to lead the Clippers past the Houston Rockets on Monday night, pushing the Los Angeles franchise to 13 games over .500 for the first time since the 1975-76 season.

Corey Maggette added 20 points for the Clippers, who haven't been this many games

over the break-even mark since they were the Buffalo Braves. Appropriately, the Clippers were wearing orange and black Braves uniforms from the franchise's inaugural 1970-71 season for retro night.

Yao Ming scored 25 and had 17 rebounds for his 27th double-double as Houston lost its fifth straight game.

The Clippers outscored Houston 12-2 in a span of 4:15 in the fourth quarter to take an 89-80 lead with 5:16 to play. Cassell's 3-pointer made it 94-85 with 1:28 to play.

Cassell scored seven points in the first five minutes of the third quarter to help the Clippers to their biggest lead at 60-51.

Houston answered with an 11-0 run. But Maggette hit two straight 3s in an 8-0 Clippers run to give them a 68-62 lead with 2:59 left in the period. Maggette had eight in the quarter as Los Angeles took a 73-70 lead into the fourth quarter.

Maggette had eight points in the first 7:30 of the second period as the Clippers took a 39-33 lead. Luther Head's six points the final four minutes helped pull Houston to within 46-45 at the half.

The Rockets led by as many as eight in the first quarter when Yao had eight points and five rebounds. Cassell had 12 that period and the Clippers closed it to 28-24 at the end.



Detroit Pistons forward Rasheed Wallace, left, shoots over Atlanta Hawks center Zaza Pachulia during the first half of the Pistons' 91-84 win Monday night.

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Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	OTL	points
NY Rangers	38-17	10	86
Philadelphia	37-21	10	84
New Jersey	34-25	8	76
NY Islanders	31-32	4	66
Pittsburgh	17-39	12	46

Eastern Conference, Northeast Division

team	record	OTL	points
Ottawa	46-15	6	98
Buffalo	44-17	5	93
Montreal	31-26	9	71
Toronto	31-30	6	68
Boston	27-30	11	65

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	OTL	points
Carolina	45-16	6	96
Tampa Bay	36-28	4	76
Atlanta	32-29	6	70
Florida	28-30	9	65
Washington	22-36	8	52

Western Conference, Central Division

team	record	OTL	points
Detroit	47-15	5	99
Nashville	40-19	8	88
Columbus	26-39	3	55
Chicago	21-37	9	51
St. Louis	20-34	11	51

Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	OTL	points
Calgary	38-21	8	84
Colorado	37-25	6	80
Edmonton	34-23	11	79
Vancouver	36-27	6	78
Minnesota	31-30	7	69

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	OTL	points
Dallas	45-19	3	93
Los Angeles	37-27	5	79
Anaheim	33-21	12	78
San Jose	33-23	10	76
Phoenix	31-33	4	66

NCAA Baseball Rankings

team	Record
1 Georgia Tech	16-1
2 Clemson	10-3
3 Rice	15-5
4 North Carolina	13-2
5 Tennessee	13-2
6 Mississippi State	11-0
7 Cal State-Fullerton	14-6
8 Florida State	18-1
9 South Carolina	13-2
10 Arkansas	16-1
11 Louisiana State	16-3
12 Nebraska	11-2
13 Oregon State	11-5
14 Tulane	12-6
15 Florida	14-6
16 Arizona State	17-5
17 Stanford	11-7
18 Texas	13-9
19 Washington	15-5
20 Georgia	11-2
21 Pepperdine	12-10
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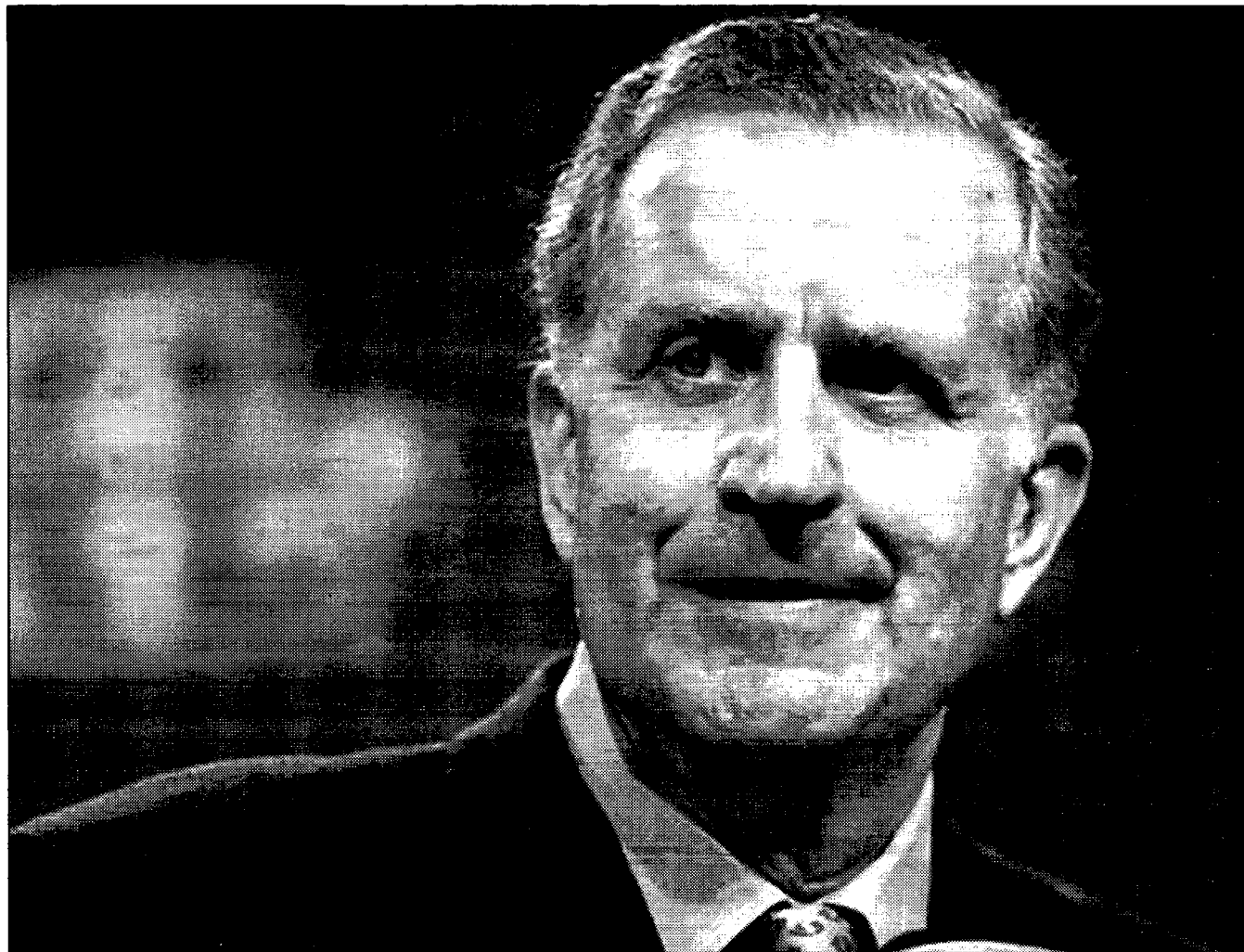
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NFL



NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue gives his State of the NFL remarks in Detroit Feb. 3. Tagliabue announced Monday that he is retiring in July, after more than 16 years as commissioner.

NFL commish Tagliabue to step down

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Paul Tagliabue is leaving the NFL, and he's leaving it both peaceful and prosperous.

The 65-year-old commissioner will step down in July after 16 years, his tenure marked by labor harmony and unprecedented riches through television deals.

Tagliabue has been in charge since 1989, when he succeeded Pete Rozelle, and agreed last March to stay to complete the TV deal and a long-term contract with players.

He finally got that done 12 days ago, finishing the most arduous labor negotiations since the league and union agreed on a free agency-salary cap deal in 1992.

"I really want to emphasize how much of a privilege it is to spend most of your adult life with the NFL. This is not an easy decision for me," Tagliabue said on a conference call Monday.

"As difficult as this decision is, I also know it's the right decision. Right for me. Right for the league," he said.

Roger Goodell, the NFL's chief operating officer, and

Atlanta general manager Rich McKay are the two leading candidates to succeed Tagliabue. Baltimore Ravens president Dick Cass also is considered to have an outside chance and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has said she would like the job.

"Ask her," Tagliabue said when quizzed about Rice's candidacy.

Tagliabue said the search is wide open and that he will stay on beyond July to avoid the kind of seven-month deadlock that occurred between him and the late Jim Finks after Rozelle stepped down in March 1989.

Owners will begin to look for a new commissioner at their meetings next week in Orlando, Fla.

As for his own tenure, Tagliabue said, "Building a strong relationship with the NFL Players Association is the thing I'm most proud of."

"Everyone involved in the NFL in the '80s saw that as a negative," he said.

More than anything else, Tagliabue took over a league that already had already become America's game under Rozelle and took it to the next level, enriching it and restoring labor peace.

IN BRIEF

Lions release Harrington

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — The Detroit Lions parted ways with Joey Harrington on Monday after four turbulent seasons during which the quarterback went from franchise savior to franchise goat.

Coach Rod Marinelli declined to say whether Harrington was released.

"I've decided to move in a different direction with the quarterback," he said.

Harrington, drafted No. 3 overall in 2002, was 18-37 as a starter with the Lions under three coaches: Marty Mornhinweg, Steve Mariucci and Dick Jauron, who took over when he Mariucci was fired during the 2005 season. Harrington started 55 games, throwing for 10,242 yards with 60 touchdowns and 62 interceptions and a mediocre 68.1 passer rating.

Last month, Marinelli and team president Matt Millen indicated the Lions considered Harrington their top quarterback for 2006.

Red Sox trade Arroyo to Reds for OF Pena

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Wily Mo Pena has amazing power, when he makes contact. Bronson Arroyo has shown he can be a reliable starting pitcher, when given the chance.

Both are just looking for consistency. The Boston Red Sox traded Arroyo to the Cincinnati Reds for Pena on Monday in a swap of talented young players that could fill a major need for each team.

Arroyo was headed to the bullpen because of Boston's deep rotation, but the right-hander now figures to help Cincinnati's mediocre starting staff. The 24-year-old Pena had more strikeouts at the plate last season (116) than Arroyo did on the mound (100). But Pena also hit 19 homers in 311 at-bats.

"This guy has some crazy power, man," said Boston DH David Ortiz, who rated Pena's strength above his own.

Seattle likely to lose All-Pro Hutchinson

SEATTLE — The Seahawks must match the guarantee provision in the \$49 million, seven-year deal offered to All-Pro guard Steve Hutchinson by the Minnesota Vikings if the NFC champions want to keep their transition player.

A league spokesman and an attorney for the NFL's players' union confirmed Monday that a special master ruled against Seattle, saying an unprecedented provision guaranteeing all of the \$49 million in an offer sheet Hutchinson signed with Minnesota should he not be the team's highest-paid offensive lineman is valid.

League spokesman Michael Signora said Monday evening that the Seahawks had until midnight (EST) Monday to match the Vikings offer or lose Hutchinson to Minnesota. The Seahawks and Vikings each said they had no comment.

MLB

Soriano refuses to take the field in protest

Washington Nationals player shirks left field, wants to play second

Associated Press

VIERA, Fla. — The Washington Nationals were on the field and ready to play, eight of them at least.

There was only one problem: Left field was empty because Alfonso Soriano was missing.

Soriano refused to play the outfield for Washington in what was supposed to be his spring training debut Monday night, and general manager Jim Bowden said his biggest offseason acquisition could go on the disqualified list if he doesn't agree to switch positions this week.

"The player refused to take the field, which we believe is a violation of his contract," Bowden said.

Soriano, a four-time All-Star second baseman, was listed

as batting leadoff and playing left field on a lineup sheet posted in the Nationals' clubhouse before Monday night's 11-5 loss to the Los Angeles Dodgers.

But when the Nationals took the field in the top of the first inning, Soriano wasn't out there. With play just about to begin, nobody on the Nationals seemed to know where he was.

Confused players and fans looked toward Washington's dugout. The only person to

emerge, however, was manager Frank Robinson.

He approached plate umpire Mike Estabrook and made a defensive switch, moving Ryan Church from center field to left and putting Brandon Watson in center to replace Soriano in the lineup.

"I was sitting out there ready to warm up, but nobody was out there. And the next thing I see Watty running out there, so I kind of figured what happened," Church said.

The Nationals already have an All-Star second baseman in Jose Vidro, so they told Soriano they want him to move to the outfield. He indicated he doesn't want to do that — and Monday provided his most visible objection.

When Soriano first reported to camp last month, the question of whether he would accept the switch was left open until his return from the World Baseball Classic.

Vidro would keep his spot at second; Soriano made it clear that he wasn't happy.

Soriano lost his arbitration case this winter and is due to be paid \$10 million this season, still a record for the highest salary awarded in arbitration.

The Nationals are off Tuesday, then travel to play the St. Louis Cardinals in Jupiter on Wednesday. If Soriano refuses to play in that game and again at home against the Baltimore Orioles on Thursday, the Nationals will take action.

"We told him if we get to Thursday, and he refuses to play left field, we told him at that point we will request that the commissioner's office place him on the disqualified list, at that time — no pay, no service time," Bowden said.

"If he refuses to play and goes home, and the commissioner's office accepts our request to place him on the disqualified list, then at that point, if he were to sit out this year, he would not be a free agent, he would stay our property because his service time would stay the same."

Many players on the team hope it doesn't come to that.

"I just hope they can fix the situation," outfielder Jose Guillen said. "That's up to the people upstairs and Soriano. I think everybody's a grown-up man here. I just hope for the best for the team and those guys, and that they can fix the situation. But that's pretty much not my business."

If Soriano does show up for the game Wednesday, Robinson said he would be willing to forgive him.

"It will be water under the bridge as far as I'm concerned," the manager said.

Robinson sat down privately with Soriano for 20 minutes before the game Monday to explain the team's position.

"If he's going to play here, he's going to have to be out in left field," Robinson said. "He said he's ready to play, he needs to play, he's ready for the season, and I penciled him in the lineup in left field."

Robinson said the meeting with Soriano was civil, but the player's position was clear.

"He's very sensitive, and he has a mind-set," Robinson said. "He lets you know how he feels."

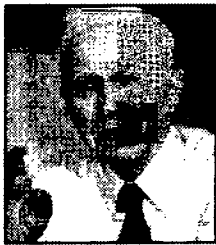
Trading Soriano, already a possibility, becomes more likely now — with less than two weeks remaining before opening day.

"He's going to play left field. He needs to be out there now the next couple of weeks to play, and if he's not going to play for us, we need to know so we can go forward," Bowden said. "We obviously will field offers, but we're not going to give the player away. If we can make a deal that makes sense, we will."

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Brophy is one of few bright spots for team

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Before last week's 'Mo' Morial Tournament in Bryan, Texas, Notre Dame women's golf coach Debby King said that she was hoping for a top-six finish for her team among the field of 18.

Instead, the Irish finished last in the event as host Texas A&M tied Arkansas for a share of the tournament victory.

The Irish finished with a three-round score of 1,012, posting disappointing team scores of 334, 329 and 349.

Senior co-captain Katie Brophy was one of the few bright spots for Notre Dame as she finished 16th among the 96 golfers.

Ashley Knoll from Texas A&M won the individual title at the 'Mo' with a two-over-par three-round total of 218 (74-70-74), seven shots ahead of her closest challenger,

TCU's Elin Emanuelsson.

King was disappointed with the performance of her players and the effects it may have on their chances of reaching post-season play.

"I think our performance last week hurt our chances for an NCAA bid," she said after the tournament.

However, Notre Dame must regroup quickly as it travels to Hawaii for the Dr. Donnis Thompson Invitational this Tuesday and Wednesday.

And, despite her team's sub-par finish in the first two tournaments of the spring, King remains optimistic about the potential of the Irish to place well in this event, which will be held at the par-72 Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course.

"A top-four finish [out of 12 competing teams] would be pretty good and it would be great if we could finish higher than that," King said.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles end week with three straight victories

Saint Mary's wins four of seven contests on spring trip in Orlando

By BECKI DORNER
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On their annual spring training trip to Orlando, Fla., the Belles began and ended with strong victories sandwiching three close defeats.

"We only played one of the seven matches with our [regular] starting lineup, so that showed us we have a lot of depth to work with the rest of the season," team No. 1 Kirsten Palombo said.

Saint Mary's began the week with a 9-0 rout of Ursinus March 12, as Palombo needed three sets to take down her opponent, Courtney Root. Melissa Dingler turned in the team's fastest victory, losing just three games to Lindsey Kunkel.

The Belles had a much tougher time March 12, falling to Minnesota State-Mankato 5-4. The Belles took two of three doubles points but lost four of six singles matches in the contest.

Later that day, Saint Mary's suffered a 6-3 defeat at the hands of St. Scholastica. The

Belles top-two singles players — Palombo and Kelly McDavitt — won their matches, but the team won just one other set in the singles competition. Much of the same followed March 15 in a 6-3 loss to Southern Nazarene.

The Belles bounced back over the next two days with dominating wins. Saint Mary's first topped Moorehead State 8-1 March 16. McDavitt's 6-0, 6-1 victory over Alyssa Schafer highlighted the match.

The next day, Bentley College won just four sets against the Belles as Saint Mary's rolled to a

7-2 victory, taking all three doubles points. The team's afternoon match against Milsaps was more of the same, as the Belles captured every singles set and two of the three doubles points.

The 4-3 record was enough to encourage Palombo that the Belles can compete with the best teams in the MIAA.

"We are much stronger physically and mentally after last season and we are ready to go out there and beat teams like Albion and Hope this year to finish higher in the conference," she said.

Saint Mary's faces Olivet at Michigan State tonight at 7 p.m.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Small squad makes big mark

By JASON GALVAN
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame track and field team began its season at the Cal Poly Invitational in San Luis Obispo, Calif. this weekend. A small group comprised entirely of jumpers, throwers, and sprinters was sent to kick off the outdoor season with the distance runners slated to begin their outdoor season in two weeks at Stanford.

"We didn't send the full team ... and we were able to get a lot of qualifying marks out of the way," Irish head coach Joe Piane said. "It was a good start."

The Irish earned eight individual victories, posted 18 Big East qualifying marks for the conference championship and added two Mideast Regional qualifying marks.

Laura Huarte began her javelin career with a school record of 146 feet, 9 inches, smashing Kate Duman's mark of 142 feet, 11 inches.

"I was excited, knowing I was having some good practices, to see how far I could throw," Huarte said. "My goals were to earn the Mideast Regional qualifying bid and break the school record, and I'm happy I was able to do it."

"I knew what the record was going out there," she said. "It took until my last throw to hit

the mark, and when I got it, I was really excited and just turned to my family and gave them the fist pump."

Huarte will switch events to the pole vault — her featured event — this weekend at Arizona. The javelin and pole vault were scheduled at the same time during last week's meet and the upcoming week, so she will alternate events.

"We had a pretty decent indoor season in the pole vault, and I'm excited to go outside and jump underneath the sun," Huarte said. "I know I can get to [the] NCAA [championship meet], and the other pole vaulters and I are setting higher expectations for ourselves."

Junior Maryann Erigha earned first-place finishes in the 100- and 200-meter dashes, posting qualifying bids for the Big East Conference meet and the NCAA Mideast Regional.

"I thought the hundred was pretty good," Erigha said. "I got the qualifying out of the way for that, and the 200 was good enough to open the season with."

"I think everyone did really good," Erigha said. "We all just went out there and did the best that we could and got a lot of qualifying marks."

Other individual winners for the Irish at the Cal Poly Invitational were senior Ryan Postel in the 400-meter dash

(47.51), junior Christopher Jacques in the long jump (22-11/6.99m — tied), junior Okechi Ogbuokiri (Willingboro, N.J./Willingboro) in the 400-meter dash (56.60), sophomore Austin Wechter in the 400-meter hurdles (a personal-best 54.12) and freshman Kate Mattoon in the pole vault (12-0/3.66m — tie-ninth in school history). The men's 1,600-meter relay team also claimed victory with a time of 3:15.23.

Several members of the team earned runner-up finishes, including freshman Blair Majcina in the high jump, Ryan Postel in the 200-meter dash, senior Meghan Horn in the shot put, junior Garet Koxklein in the discus and sophomore Kyle Annen in the hammer throw.

With the beginning of the new season, the team must now make a transition from the indoor season to outdoor preparation.

"I think both teams will do well outdoors," Piane said. "They should have a good season."

The team now turns its attention to the upcoming meet in Tucson, Ariz. The Wildcat Combined Events meet begins Thursday at the Arizona campus and runs through Saturday.

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WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC

Japan captures inaugural tourney

Ichiro Suzuki was the only MLB starter to play in WBC final

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Forget baseball. This was yakyu at its best, and the inaugural World Baseball Classic belongs to Japan.

Ichiro Suzuki and his less-famous countrymen beat Cuba 10-6 in the championship game Monday night, ripping a page out of Cuba's scorebook by winning a major international tournament.

On a festive night when Cuban and Japanese fans danced to "Surf City" and Sadaharu Oh escorted Hank Aaron — there's 1,623 homer runs between them -- onto the field for the ceremonial first pitch, Japan won the 16-nation tournament that showed baseball in March can matter.

The Classic's slogan is "Baseball Spoken Here." In this case, it's yakyu, which in Japanese means "field ball."

Suzuki doubled, singled and drove in a run. He also scored three times, including in a four-run first inning that proved Cuba's pitchers are vulnerable, after all.

Cuba's fans perked up when their team, wearing its lucky red uniforms, pulled to 6-5 on a two-run homer by Frederich Cepeda with one out in the eighth. Akinori Otsuka, the former San Diego

Padres reliever now with Texas, came on and retired the side.

Suzuki singled in the ninth to score Munenori Kawasaki on a close play at the plate and make it 7-5. Kawasaki slid, turned and stuck his right hand just inside of catcher Ariel Pestano's left foot to — perhaps — touch the plate. Japan broke it open on a two-run single by pinch-hitter Kosuke Fukudome and a sacrifice fly by Michihiro Ogasawara.

Otsuka allowed a run in the ninth before closing it out for a save.

With the United States failing to make it out of the second round and the Dominican Republic losing to Cuba in the semifinals, Suzuki, the Seattle Mariners star, was the only major leaguer in the starting lineups. Otsuka is the only other big leaguer on Japan's roster.

The Cubans consider themselves amateurs, although Miguel Tejada and Albert Pujols, who played for the Dominican Republic, said leading up to the semis that most of the Cubans could be in the majors.

But for as good as the Cubans are — they had won 22 of 24 games in international competition and have dominated the globe for decades — they cracked at the worst possible time.

Japan took a 4-0 lead in the top of the first while hitting the ball out of the infield just once.

Cuba starter Ormari

Romero was on a short leash to begin with, but was yanked after throwing 23 pitches. He retired leadoff hitter Kawasaki, then loaded the bases on infield singles by Tsuyoshi Nishioka and Nobuhiko Matsunaka, and a walk to Suzuki.

Viciedoandry Odelin came on and hit Hitoshi Tamura on the left elbow with a pitch to force in the second run, walked Ogasawara with two outs to bring in another, before Toshiaki Imae hit a sharp, two-run single up the middle to make it 4-0.

Eduardo Paret hit a leadoff homer for the Cubans in the first, but they didn't score again until the sixth, when they made it 6-3. One of Cuba's two runs that inning was unearned due to an error by shortstop Kawasaki, who earlier in the game made two brilliant plays. Japan took a 6-1 lead by scoring twice in the fifth on three straight hits — Suzuki's leadoff double and singles by Matsunaka and Tamura.

At first, communist Cuba was denied a permit to participate in the tournament due to decades of political animosity with the U.S. government. And Japan kept a stiff upper lip after it appeared to be deprived of the go-ahead run in a 4-3 loss to the United States on March 12 in the opener of Round 2.

The tournament was considered a success, coming not long after baseball was booted from the Olympics effective in 2012.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Bulfin qualifies for NCAAs with record dive

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

Freshman diver Michael Bulfin became the third competitor in Notre Dame history to qualify for the NCAA National Championships March 10-12 at the Zone C Diving Championships at Ohio State.

His score of 634.40 in the three-meter board landed him fourth place in the meet. That score held up throughout the weekend, giving Bulfin a spot at the national meet to be held in Atlanta March 23-25.

"This was a joyous surprise," Irish swim coach Tim Welsh said. "He works so hard. This year he's been doing dives he has never done before and he's improved so much."

Bulfin's fourth-place performance also ties the best showing of any Irish diver ever in any event at the meet, setting a school record in the three-meter dive.

After placing ninth in the preliminary round with a score of 311.20, Bulfin notched a score of 323.20 in the final round, vaulting him into fourth place and punching his ticket to Atlanta.

"Diving rewards consisten-

cy," Welsh said. "In the finals, he did the same dives, he just did them better."

The All-Big East diver also placed ninth in the one-meter board, while fellow Irish diver sophomore Sam Stoner placed 10th. Bulfin is one of only five divers from the Zone C region to qualify and one of 35 divers in the country to qualify for nationals.

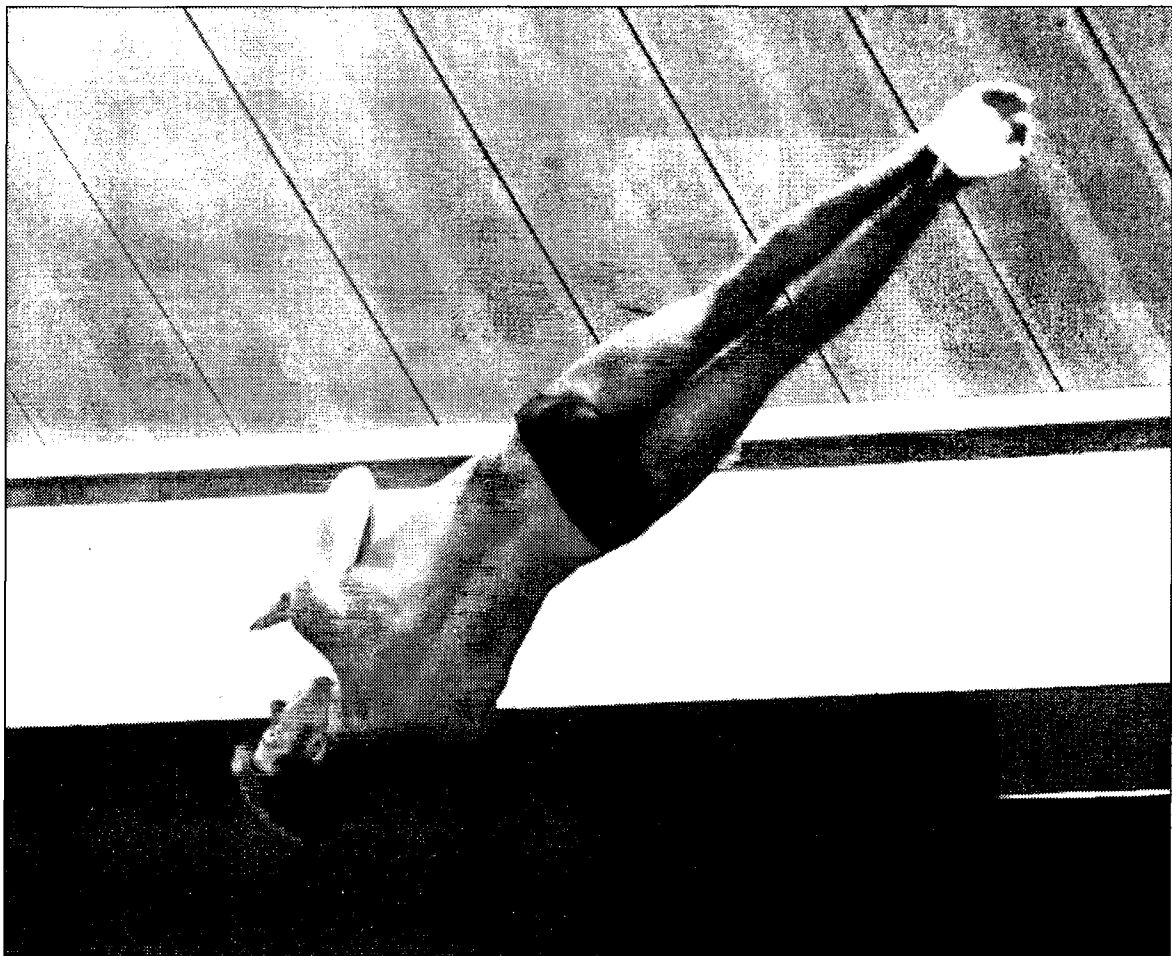
"This is a great accomplishment, because the selection process has changed dramatically from the old days," Welsh said. "In previous years, you just had to achieve a certain time, now it's tougher because there are so few spots."

Previous Irish national qualifiers include diver Bob Ebel in 1975 and current junior swimmer Tim Kegelman in 2005.

"This is also good because we've made our schedule tougher, and these other teams also have national qualifiers in diving," Welsh said. "[My expectations for Bulfin] just went up, and that's a good thing."

Bulfin could not be reached by The Observer for comment Monday.

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Freshman diver Michael Bulfin flips through the air during a dive at the Shamrock Invitational Jan. 27 and 28. Bulfin qualified for the NCAA National Championship March 23-25 in the three-meter event by scoring a school-record 634.40.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Road tripping: Irish cruise to three wins over spring break

Twelfth-ranked squad defeats No. 20 North Carolina, Villanova

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

Spring break was a good time for the Irish.

No. 12 Notre Dame began its three-game set March 11, downing then-No. 20 North Carolina 9-7 at Moose Krause Stadium.

After compiling three points in the first two contests, senior attack Pat Walsh sparked a struggling Irish offense, recording six points against the Tar Heels with one goal and five assists.

Notre Dame broke open a 3-3 game in the second quarter with five straight goals. Walsh had four assists in the quarter and senior attackman Brian Hubschmann added two goals to give the Irish an 8-3 lead in the third quarter. Hubschmann, the team's leading point scorer for the week (10 goals, 7 assists), also recorded two assists in the game.

"Through the fall and pre-season he's been tearing it up," senior co-captain D.J. Driscoll said. "His presence out there on the field as a shooter, as a gunner gives our offense more room to breathe, and they have to respect him."

The Irish defense survived a run of four straight North

Carolina goals to make it a one-point game before senior midfielder Matt Ryan capped off the day's scoring with Notre Dame's ninth goal.

Though the loss was Carolina's fourth of the year, the Irish were pleased to recover from their 9-6 loss to Cornell the previous week to defeat a talented Tar Heel team.

"We felt it was a make-or-break game," Driscoll said. "It was a huge turning point. North Carolina has all the talent in the world. We knew what they were capable of and we knew we had to play our best game and we took care of it."

Despite attempting five fewer shots than North Carolina and winning nine fewer groundballs than the Heels, Driscoll said Notre Dame controlled the tempo of the game.

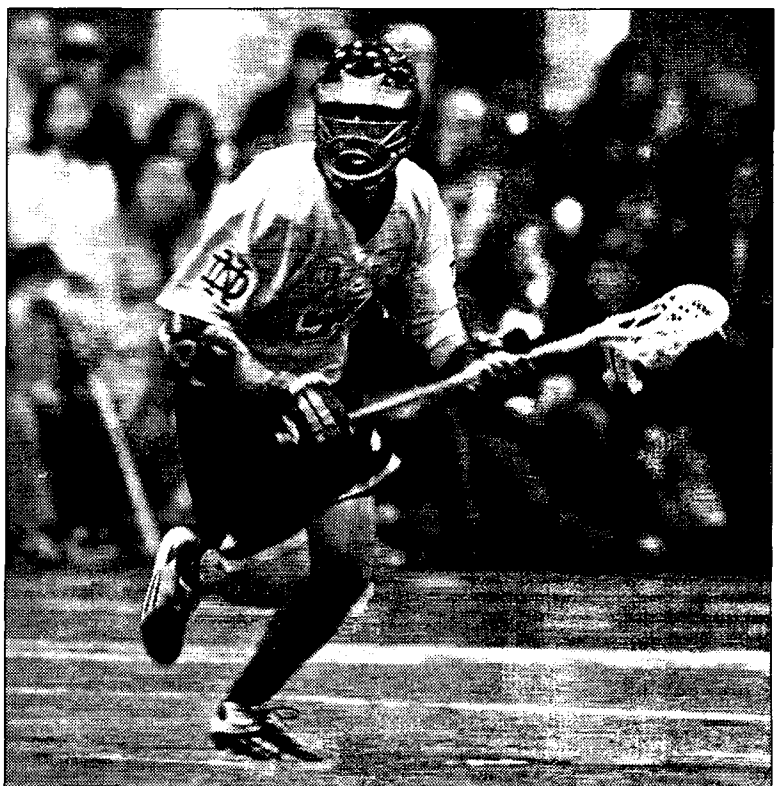
"We can't argue with the stats, but we just executed when it counted," he said.

Notre Dame carried its momentum through a 10-7 win at Villanova March 14.

After falling behind 3-2 against the Wildcats, the Irish again ripped off five straight goals to take a lead they never relinquished. Hubschmann led the Irish charge with four goals and one assist to maintain his team's lead in those categories.

Notre Dame's offense stumbled in the second half, waiting until Villanova had come within 8-7 before scoring the final two goals with under five minutes left in the game — a trend Driscoll believes the Irish need to fix in order to be an NCAA Tournament contender.

"We couldn't put them



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Defenseman James Severin advances the ball during Notre Dame's Feb. 26 win over Penn State. Over spring break, the Irish downed North Carolina, Villanova and Bellarmine.

away," he said. "We let them hang around. We have to start putting teams out of the game. Once we can accomplish that, we'll be on cruise control."

The Irish road trip concluded with a stop in Louisville, Ky. Saturday, where they handled Bellarmine 8-2 in the teams' first lacrosse meeting. This year is Bellarmine's first as a full NCAA Division I member. The two goals allowed were a career record for sophomore goalie Joey Kemp, who recorded 10 of his 24 saves during the week against the Knights.

The Irish (4-1) outscored their three opponents 27-16, reversing a trend of poor

offensive production. Most importantly, Driscoll said, they came out of the week with three more wins and even more confidence.

The Irish will carry their winning streak into their third straight road contest Saturday in Hempstead, N.Y., against the No. 6 Hofstra Pride.

"People look at our schedule and say we really didn't beat anyone," Driscoll said, "but every win is important to gain momentum going into our game Saturday against Hofstra."

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PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Attacker Duncan Swezey beats his opponent during Notre Dame's 8-4 victory over Penn State Feb. 26. The Irish play Hofstra this Saturday in Hempstead, N.Y.

SOFTBALL

West Coast is only so nice to visiting Notre Dame squad

Irish continue rocky season with 4-3 mark during spring break

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

The Irish showed they could play with some of the best teams in the country over spring break, as the squad earned a win over No. 12 Arizona State and dropped a pair of one-run games to No. 3 Texas and No. 6 Alabama.

Notre Dame began its West

Coast trip by sweeping a doubleheader against Cal Poly SLO (9-16). The games showcased Notre Dame's starting pitchers, Heather Booth and Brittany Bargar, who each threw complete games for wins over the Mustangs.

In the first game, a 3-1 victory for the Irish, Booth surrendered just one run on five hits, while striking out eight in the win. Cal Poly's lone run came in the bottom of the third, when a Lisa Modglin double scored left fielder Kelly Comstock to give the Mustangs a one run lead. The game continued on scoreless until the top of the seventh, when

right fielder Stephanie Brown knocked in two runs on a single up the middle to give the Irish the lead. Shortstop Sara Schoonaert provided some insurance with a single to right to drive in Brown. Brown took the circle and pitched a perfect seventh to seal the win.

The second game was a 1-0 pitcher's duel between Bargar and the Mustangs' Jenna Maiden, both of whom pitched complete games and gave up no earned runs. The only run came in the top of the fourth, when pinch runner Sarah Smith scored off a throwing error by Cal Poly shortstop Jackie Gehrke-Jones. This proved to be all the run support Bargar would need, as her eight-strikeout shutout helped the Irish win the second game of the doubleheader.

Notre Dame then traveled to Fullerton, Calif. to play five games in the Judi Garman Classic.

The first game of the tournament for the Irish was a rematch against Cal-State Fullerton (15-13), which beat Notre Dame 9-3 in their first matchup on Feb. 19. This time the Irish were able to hang tough against the Titans, but lost 3-2 in extra innings after a sacrifice fly to center field scored first baseman Katie Gollhardt.

Notre Dame took an early lead after two innings, with an RBI single by Meagan Ruthrauff in the first and a home run by Katie Laing in the second. Fullerton responded in the second with an unearned run caused by an error by Schoonaert. In extra innings, the Irish were shut out in the top of the eighth, but a bunt and deep fly ball by Kiki Munoz scored Gollhardt from second

base, ending the game and giving the Irish their third extra inning loss of the season.

The Irish rebounded by winning their next two games, a 3-2 victory over No. 12 Arizona State (28-2) and a 1-0 win against Florida State (20-13).

The upset over the Sun Devils ended in dramatic fashion, with a two-run, walk-off home run by right fielder Stephanie Brown, her second dinger of the season.

The win against the Seminoles was just as dramatic, but this time because of its pitching performances. Booth gave up only three hits and struck out 11 in the complete game win, while her counterpart, Tiffany McDonald, struck out three and scattered three hits. But Notre Dame managed key hits and the right time, as consecutive two out singles by Brown and Alexandra Kotcheff — combined with Brown's ninth steal of the season — gave the Irish the only run they would need in the win.

The game was played over the course of two days, beginning Friday, but rain forced the last three innings to be played Saturday morning.

Catcher Mallorie Lenn was especially proud of her teammates.

"It was great that we could remain focused for playing the next day," Lenn said. "We showed huge intensity especially in this game."

The win against Florida State pushed Notre Dame into the championship bracket against No. 3 Texas (17-1), who defeated the Irish 6-5.

Notre Dame took a 5-1 lead into the fourth inning against the Longhorns, then it fell apart. After Bargar gave up back-to-

back-to-back doubles to start off the frame, she managed to get the first two outs, but gave up an RBI single to Amber Hall to cut the lead to 5-4. Booth replaced the starter Bargar and surrendered an RBI double down the right field line to Megan Willis before ending the inning. With the score tied going into the bottom of the sixth, Booth gave up a solo shot to Rachael Cook to give Texas its first lead of the day at 6-5.

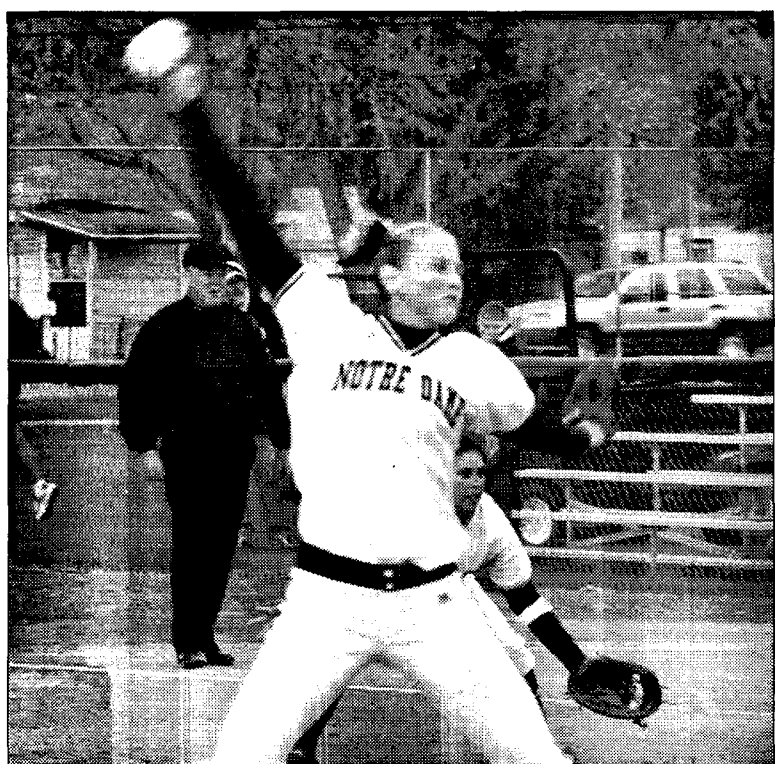
Notre Dame finished off its spring break schedule with a 4-3 loss to Alabama Sunday. The Irish took the lead in the fourth with a two-run homerun by Lenn, but lost it in the bottom of the inning to the Tide, who rallied for three unearned runs against Booth. A home run by Jordan Praytor gave Alabama a crucial insurance run in the bottom of the sixth to make the score 4-2. A home run by Linda Kohan in the top of the seventh brought the Irish to within one, but that was all the offense Notre Dame could muster, as it fell to the sixth-ranked Crimson Tide 4-3.

Lenn said she is impressed with the play of the pitching staff so far this season.

"All the pitchers, Heather [Booth], Brittany [Bargar], and even Kenya [Fuemmeler, the third pitcher on the Irish staff] have fought hard this year," she said. "Heather is doing a great job leading this staff and Brittany is showing what she can do."

The Irish continue the season with a doubleheader against Western Michigan in Kalamazoo on Saturday at 1 and 3 p.m.

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Irish pitcher Heather Booth winds up during Notre Dame's 4-3 win over Northwestern at Ivy Field April 26, 2005.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish keep unbeaten streak alive with four wins

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

The Irish proved their strength and depth this past week with wins over four top-50 teams — including their latest victim, No. 11 Texas on Monday.

The No. 2 Irish (15-0) took a giant leap forward this weekend with a shutout over the Longhorns (8-8) as they matched their best start in the 30-year history of the program.

"We went into this past week thinking that we will be competing against some of the top teams in the nation," freshman Katie Potts said. "But we managed to stay focused and played some of our best tennis this season, which has helped us to remain undefeated."

The Irish swept the doubles matches against Texas to earn a one-point advantage as they headed into the singles matches.

The No. 4 duo of juniors Catrina and Christian Thompson defeated the Longhorns Mia Marovic and Courtney Zauft 8-3. Sophomore Brook Buck and freshman Kelcy Tefft topped Kelly Baritot and Kendra Stroh 8-4 at No. 2. The twosome of seniors Lauren Connelly and Kiki Stastny completed the sweep as they downed Petra Dizdar and Marija Milic 8-2 at

No. 3.

"I was really proud of our team earning the doubles point [against the runner-up at last year's NCAAAs]," Potts said. "With each meet, we're building confidence."

In singles, No. 32 Catrina Thompson needed a third-set tiebreaker to earn the 7-5, 4-6, 1-0 (11-9) win over No. 71 Marovic.

No. 2 Notre Dame 4 No. 48 Texas A&M 3

The Irish earned their second consecutive 4-3 victory with the help of Potts March 18.

"I was behind in the first set and knew that our team needed every win we could get [in singles] to pull out the match," Potts said. "I'm just glad I've been able to contribute to the team this season."

In doubles, the team registered two wins to earn the doubles point, garnering an 8-2 win for the Thompson duo. Connelly and Stastny recorded the second win for the Irish over Tiffany Clifford and Marisa Druss with a score of 8-5. The one loss for Notre Dame came at No. 2 from the duo Buck and Tefft who fell to Anna Lubinsky and Nicki Mechem 5-8.

Despite the loss of the doubles point, the Aggies put up a fight in singles as it came down to a

6-7 (6-8), 7-5, 6-2 win from Potts over Druss at No. 6 to give the Irish their 14th victory of the season.

The other two Irish wins came from Tefft at No. 4 and Stastny at No. 5. Tefft had little trouble in defeating Mechem 6-3, 6-2, as Stastny secured a 6-2, 6-2 win over Clifford. The three losses came from the upper-half of the lineup.

At No. 1 was No. 32 Catrina Thompson who was upset by No. 66 Lubinsky 3-6, 4-6. Her doubles partner, No. 48 Christian Thompson fell to lower-ranked Foster 6-2, 5-7, 6-2 at No. 2. Buck followed Thompson at No. 3 as she was overwhelmed by Blagodarova in a 4-6, 5-7 loss.

No. 2 Notre Dame 4 No. 5 Duke 3

On March 15 the team felt the void of Christian Thompson — who didn't play in doubles or singles matches due to the flu — in the tight win for the Irish over the Blue Devils. Notre Dame captured two of the three dou-

bles matches and three singles matches.

In doubles, Buck and Tefft upset No. 11 Daniela Bercek and Jessi Robinson 8-5.

No. 47 Connelly and Stastny topped Kristin Cargill and Jackie Carleton 7-6 (7-5).

Catrina Thompson and Potts completed the sweep with an upset over No. 53 Melissa Mang and Jennifer Zika 9-7.

In singles, No. 32 Catrina Thompson collected the win over No. 1 Bercek after

Bercek retired from a 4-4 tie in the first set.

"Before the match I was definitely nervous because I knew it would be close," Thompson said. "I just caught a break."

Tefft earned the upset over No. 62 Tara Iyer for the Irish with a 7-5, 5-7, 6-3 performance. Connelly was the final victory for the Irish as she defeated Clelia Deltour 6-2, 7-5.

No. 2 Notre Dame 7 No. 49 Western Michigan 0

This time without Catrina

Thompson — who was suffering from a wrist injury — the Irish handled Western Michigan with ease.

The team recorded wins in each of the doubles positions, starting with the win at from No. 39 Buck and Tefft. The duo edged out Carrie Jeanmaire and Malena Remyne 8-4. Connelly and Stastny proved the team of Linda Yang and Lena Sherbakov were less than a challenge by claiming an 8-3 victory.

In only their second match as partners, the twosome of Christian Thompson and Potts showed their strength by defeating Ratiya Hiranrat and Noriko Saruta 8-3 at No. 3.

The Broncos also fell in every singles match, with No. 48 Christian Thompson defeating Jeanmaire 6-0, 6-3.

Buck collected an easy 6-1, 6-0 win over Reedhina Parekh, followed by Tefft's victory over Hiranrat.

Notre Dame showed how deep its team is with victories in the bottom half of the lineup as well. Stastny defeated Priyanka Parekh 7-5, 7-5, and Potts surged past Pahl with a 6-2, 6-2 win. The last win came from Connelly who overwhelmed Saruta 6-3, 6-0.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish finish strong week, post 4-1 mark over spring break

Notre Dame loses in Blue-Gray National Tennis Classic finals

By KATE GALES
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Despite a loss in the finals of the Blue-Gray National Tennis Classic, the Irish had a successful spring break, ending with a record of 4-1 to improve to 13-5 overall.

No. 20 Notre Dame topped No. 30 Florida State 4-3 March 14 en route to a crucial road win. They then knocked off William and Mary, Fresno State and Boise State before losing to No. 26 Virginia Commonwealth.

"When you step back from the moment of the loss and the pain and agony that goes with that and look back at what we achieved over the break, I think we have a lot to be proud of," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said.

No. 20 Notre Dame 4, No. 30 Florida State 3

Before a raucous Seminole crowd, Eric Langenkamp clinched a win for the Irish as they topped No. 30 Florida State.

The Seminoles recently topped Clemson, then ranked No. 5.

"It shows you the quality of that win," Bayliss said of his team's victory.

The Irish lost a hard-fought doubles point as all three pairs fell in close matches.

Brett Helgeson and Andrew Roth, playing at No. 3, lost 8-4 to Sam Chang and Jonathas Sucupira in the first match to finish. The Seminoles clinched the match as Andrew Bailey and Maciek Sykut topped Barry King and Langenkamp 8-6 for the point.

Ryan Keckley and Sheeva Parbhu lost 8-5 at No. 1 to Ytai Abougzir and Chris Westerhof, ranked No. 26 nationally.

But the Irish took four of the six singles matches to pull out the win.

"That was a pretty solid win in fairly hostile territory," Bayliss said. "I'm very proud

of the guys, the match — it was a big match for [Florida State], they had their band out playing during the match and a lot of promotional assistance and they had a big crowd. It was a fun atmosphere in which to play."

Keckley — one of the most consistent athletes for the Irish this season — tied the score at one with a 6-2, 6-2 win over No. 109 Sykut. Parbhu, playing at No. 2 and ranked No. 33 nationally — won 7-6, 6-4 over Sucupira.

But the Seminoles tied the score again with wins at No. 3 and No. 1, as Helgeson lost 7-6, 6-4 and Bass fell 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

"The match came down to No. 6 and Eric Langenkamp played a terrific tiebreaker to win the match for us," Bayliss said.

Langenkamp won 6-3, 5-7, 7-6 (7-1) for the Irish victory.

"I think the match took a lot out of him physically but he was able to get the job done," Bayliss said. "Several of our guys played extremely well — Sheeva Parbhu had a great win at No. 2, Ryan Keckley kept his terrific streak alive, Barry King had a big win at four over Chris Westerhof."

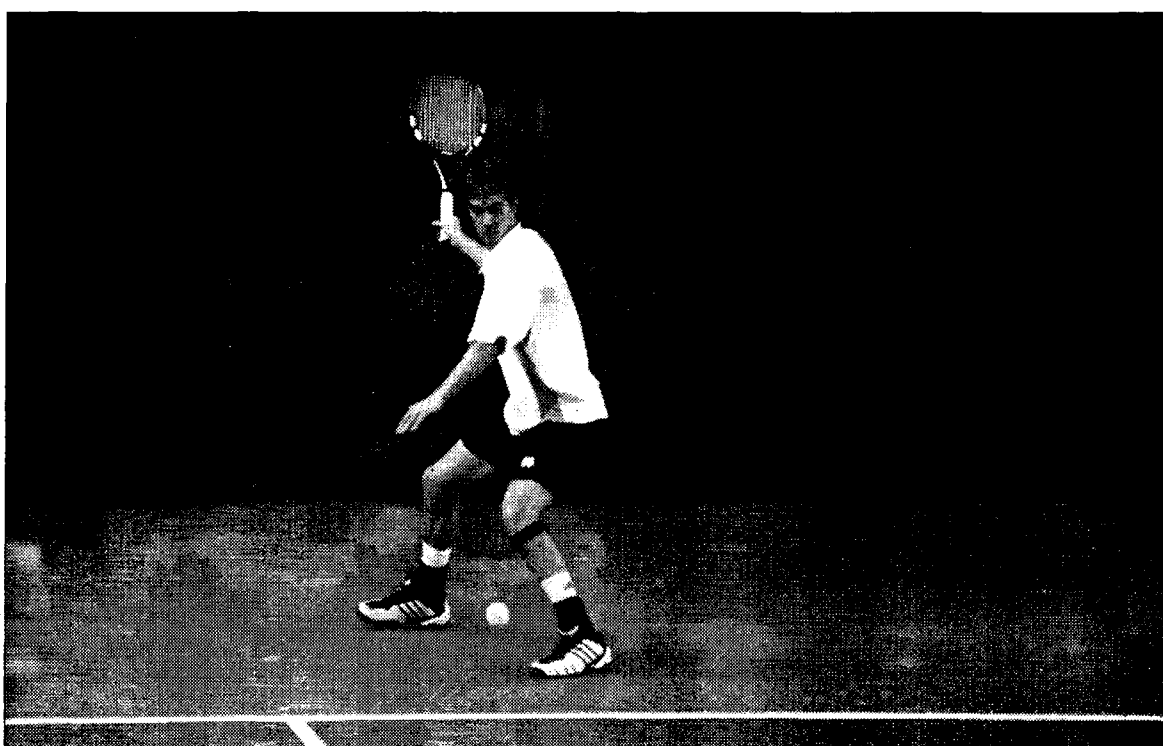
Blue-Gray National Tennis Classic: Runner-Up

The second-seed Irish cruised to a 4-0 victory over William and Mary in the first round with wins at the four, five and six positions, as Keckley, King and Roth all won. Helgeson clinched the match at No. 3, and Bass and Parbhu were leading at the top two positions when the match was abandoned.

Next, the Irish topped Fresno State 4-2 to advance in the tournament.

"Then we played Fresno State and had a close 4-2 with them," Bayliss said. "Stephen Bass deserves a great deal of credit for that match."

Wins in doubles by Keckley and Parbhu at No. 1 and Langenkamp and Roth at No. 2 put the Irish up 1-0 going into the singles. King won 6-1, 6-2 for a 2-0 lead, but Helgeson fell 6-2, 6-3 as Fresno State battled back. Parbhu won 6-4, 6-4 at No. 2, but Keckley fell



Senior Eric Langenkamp returns a ball during a match against Wisconsin on Feb. 12 at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. Notre Dame won the match 6-1.

JENNIFER KANG/The Observer

7-5, 7-6 (7-3) in an extremely close straight-set loss.

Bass clinched the match at No. 1 with a win over Jacob Cech.

"That set up a semifinal showdown with Boise State," Bayliss said. "They won a hotly contested doubles point and took a 1-0 lead."

Helgeson won 6-4, 6-1 at No. 3 to tie the match, but Parbhu lost at No. 2 to put Boise State on top again. Keckley and King took back-to-back victories to put the Irish up 3-2, but Boise State won at No. 6 to put all the pressure on the No. 1 match.

"We played exceptionally well at No. 2, 3 and 4 to give

us three points and then the entire match fell on Stephen's shoulders at No. 1 singles," Bayliss said. "Stephen fought off that game, broke serve, and then played a great tiebreaker."

This gave the Irish a berth in the finals against Virginia Commonwealth (VCU).

"VCU [was] a much older, more experienced team," Bayliss said. "I'd say the average age is 23, 24 years old. They're all international players, they didn't have an American on their team, and they're all very good."

Officials decided singles would be played first, as weather forecasts were ques-

tionable and calling for rain.

"It was very hard fought — we did have opportunities we didn't capitalize on," Bayliss said.

The Irish went up 2-1 with wins by Keckley and Parbhu, but four losses by Buchanan, King, Bass and Helgeson gave the tournament title to VCU.

"That's a pretty big national event and we felt fortunate to get to the finals," Bayliss said. "We'd hoped to win it but I think we gave a pretty good accounting for ourselves and we're ready to go to Texas next weekend."

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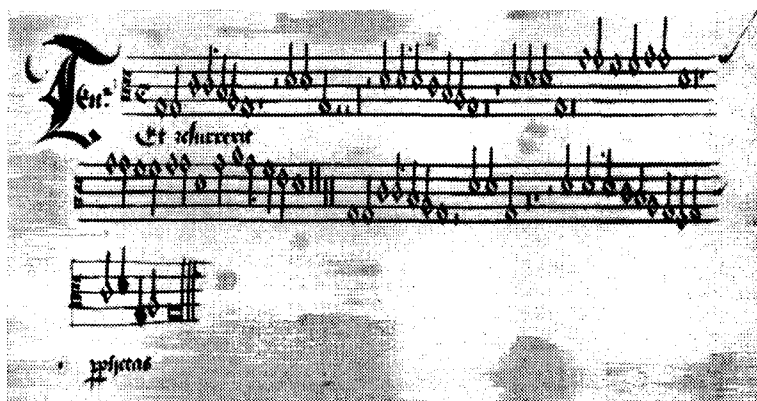
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so it really felt like a home game."

Notre Dame went 3-1 in the Irish Classic, taking a pair of games from Southern Illinois March 17 and March 19 by scores of 12-2 and 4-0, respectively. The Irish won their third straight game March 16 against the Hawkeyes, 7-5, but



Sophomore infielder Brett Lilley fields a ball in a April 25, 2005 game against Villanova.

could not complete the four-game sweep, falling 10-8 in the second game of a doubleheader March 17.

While playing a non-conference team like Iowa four times in one week was a strange scheduling quirk, Mainieri said facing the same opponent in multiple games during a short period of time is not uncommon in college baseball.

"Typically on a conference weekend we play a team three times," he said. "It's not that

unusual in baseball to play a team that many times. I didn't mind playing them because they were a good team and well-coached."

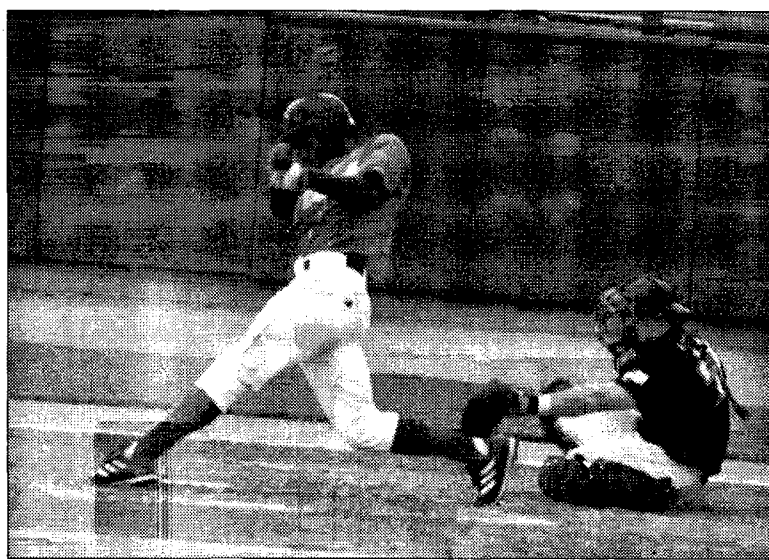
The Irish had struggled at the plate before their trip to San Antonio, scoring just one run in three games at the Dairy Queen Classic in Minneapolis March 3-5. But the bats came alive during spring break, as the Irish averaged 7.75 runs over the eight games in Texas.

"Baseball is a game where you get better the more you play," Mainieri said. "Sometimes it takes 30 to 40 at bats to get into the rhythm. Now that we're in the swing of things, you can see the players' confidence grow."

Notre Dame's pitching staff also played well in San Antonio. Senior Tom Thornton earned two wins, including an 84-pitch, 5-hit complete game shutout of the Salukis. Junior Jeff Manship earned his first win of the season in the 16-2 win over Iowa, and junior Jeff Samardzija allowed just four earned runs in 13 innings over the course of the week.

"All three of them have really been phenomenal," Mainieri said of his top three pitchers. "I think they're trying to outdo each other."

After opening the season with 15 road games, the Irish begin their home schedule today at 5:05 p.m. against Wright State (7-8) at Frank Eck Stadium.



Senior Alex Netty swings at a pitch during an April 17, 2005 game against Connecticut.

Wade Korpi will start on the mound for Notre Dame. The sophomore is 1-0 this season, earning a win in the team's 6-2 victory over Iowa in San Antonio.

"My favorite day of the year every year is the day we play our first home game," Mainieri said. "It doesn't matter what the weather is or how many people are in the stands or what the field condition is. It's just so nice to be back at Frank Eck Stadium and sleeping in our own beds."

Notes:

Mainieri said while the Irish have not played Wright State in 12 years, he has a personal

reason to want to beat the Raiders.

"My only experience with Wright State was my very first year at Notre Dame where we lost the Midwest Collegiate Conference tournament championship to them [at home]," Mainieri said.

The weather forecast for game time is 34 degrees and cloudy. No rain is forecast.

"It's the same weather they're going to have at Wrigley Field and [U.S. Cellular Field] and Fenway Park when the major leagues start up in a week or so," Mainieri said.

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Loss

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Norton pass well beyond the 3-point line after Notre Dame smothered Harris on his drive to the basket with time running out during the second overtime. He faded away over the Irish perimeter defense and nailed the game winner before 8,554 fans at Crisler Arena.

"We laid it all on the line, which has been our style," Irish coach Mike Brey said in a press conference following the game. "But they made some key plays. They made more key plays than we did."

Harris finished with 15 points on 6-of-15 shooting. Horton led all scorers with 29 points on 10-of-19 shooting and added eight assists and three steals.

Michigan coach Tommy Amaker — now 5-0 in games against Notre Dame coach Mike Brey — greeted Brey at center court with a hug. The two were assistant coaches together at Duke in the late 1980s and early 90s.

"Well, we know their staff, we have empathy for what they're going through, what they've gone through all season," Amaker said in a press conference following the game.

Irish guard Chris Quinn had a chance to put Notre Dame ahead with 16 seconds remaining and Notre Dame trailing 84-83. But the 88-percent free-throw shooter missed the second of two shots from the foul line.

Quinn led Notre Dame with 18 points on 7-of-17 shooting, including a layup that tied the game at 70 in the final sec-

onds of regulation.

Horton hit a 3-pointer on the previous possession in regulation when he curled off a screen and received a Harris pass at the top of the key beyond the 3-point line. The shot put the Wolverines up 70-68, leading to Quinn's baseline layup.

Notre Dame controlled early on, including a 16-4 run after trading baskets with Michigan to start the game.

Irish forward Torin Francis led Notre Dame in the opening period, scoring six points in the first eight minutes of play. But Francis calmed down after his quick start and finished with 14 points on 3-of-5 shooting from the floor and 8-of-10 from the line.

Notre Dame guard Colin Falls also got off to a strong start, scoring 11 points in the first half. Falls finished with 13 points on 5-of-9 shooting.

Turnovers and foul trouble hurt Notre Dame in the second half as Michigan slowly crept back into the game. The Irish led 41-33 at the break, but opened the second half with four turnovers that led to a quick 6-0 Wolverines run.

Quinn (seven) and Irish guard Colin Falls (six) combined for 13 of Notre Dame's 19 turnovers in the game. Quinn made a costly turnover in the first overtime period — one that led to a Harris layup that gave Michigan a 75-73 lead.

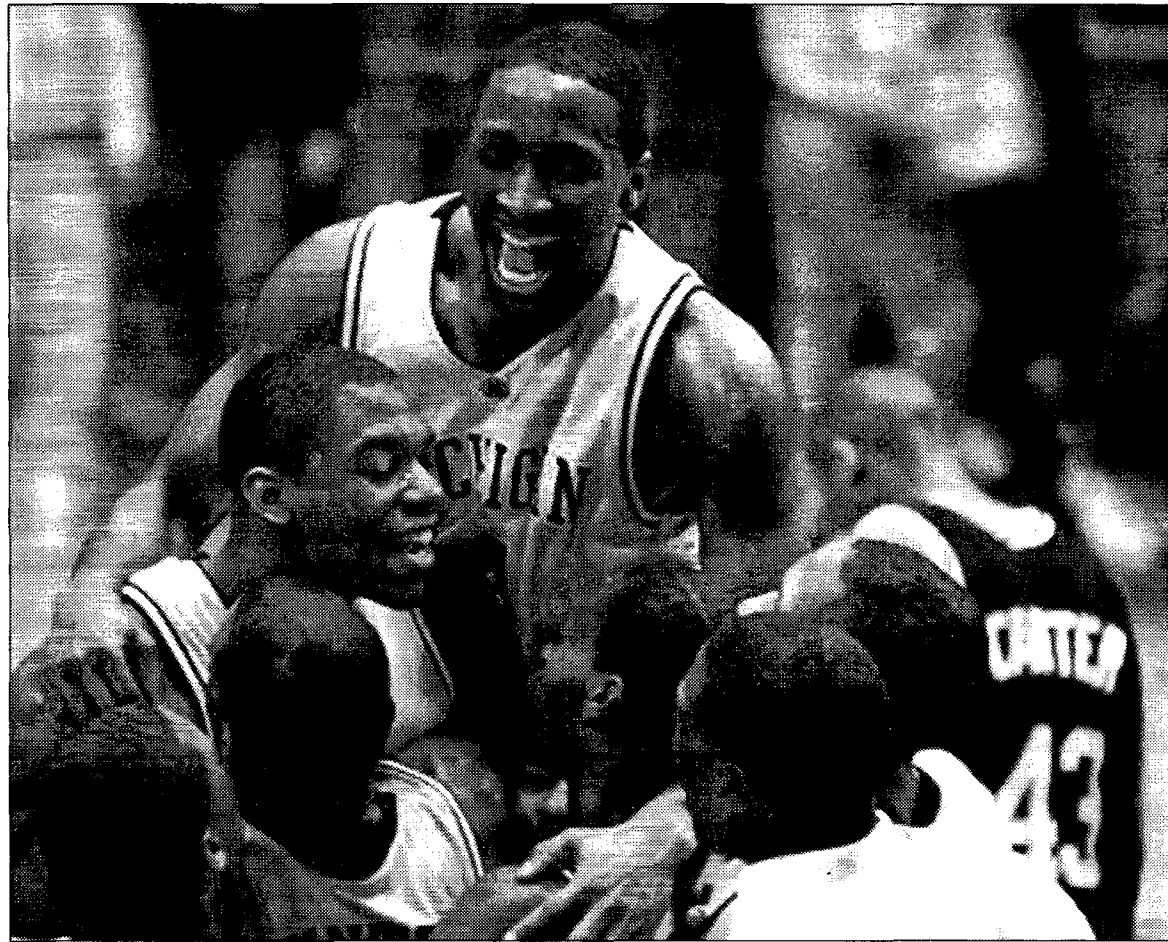
Five Notre Dame players had four or more fouls in the game. Irish forward Rob Kurz fouled out and Francis, Falls, forward Rick Cornett and guard

"We laid it all on the line, which has been our style."

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"I love this team, and I am really going to miss not going to practice tomorrow."

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Michigan's Dion Harris, top, gets lifted up by his teammates after hitting the game winning shot at the buzzer to give Michigan a double overtime 87-84 win over Notre Dame Monday in the NIT.

Russell Carter all had four fouls each.

The loss marked the final college game for Quinn, Francis and Cornett, who will all graduate in May. Brey said after the game he is proud of his team given the season the Irish had.

"I love this team and I am really going to miss not going to practice tomorrow," Brey said. "They did not win a championship, they had to

grind it the whole time, and I am very proud of how they have always battled."

But Quinn saw it differently. The Irish point guard, who was named to the All Big East first team, had to handle much of the pressure this season as Notre Dame struggled in close games.

"It kind of signifies our whole season, really," Quinn said following the game. "Coach Brey was trying to talk to us and put things in perspective, but it is kind of hard to do that right now. It is personal. For me, it is my last game."

"It truly is a tough loss — it's disheartening."

Michigan is now 12-0 in NIT home games. Michigan will play the winner of No. 2 Creighton and No. 3 Miami (Florida) Tuesday.

Note:

Brey experimented with a variety of lineups during the game, heavily rotating Falls, Carter, Cornett and forward Ryan Ayers. Brey also inserted forwards Zach Hillensland and Luke Zeller into the game for brief stints.

Ayers played extensively in the second half and in both overtime periods.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Wildcats snap streak at seven, Irish move on



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Crysti Foote, right, looks past an opponent during Notre Dame's victory over Ohio University on March 2. Foote has scored 35 goals in eight games this season.

By CHRIS WILLIAMS

Sports Writer

All good things must come to an end.

Notre Dame's seven-game winning streak to start the season reached this conclusion Sunday, as the Irish felt the pain of defeat for the first time this season in a 21-12 loss to Northwestern.

The Irish came out of the gate fired up, quickly gaining 6-2 and 8-4 leads early on in the game. But the defending NCAA champions fought back to take a 10-9 lead 1:30 into the second half and outscored Notre Dame 13-3 in the final 30 minutes to hold onto their national No. 1 ranking.

Northwestern unleashed an offensive fury in the second half, executing its offense with flaws few and far between.

Senior attack Crysti Foote continued her torrid pace for Notre Dame, scoring six goals — including four in the first half — to bring her season total to 35 goals in eight games.

"I definitely thought we played really well in the first half but fell apart in the second half," Foote said. "We just weren't winning the draw or getting ground balls. Those are two of the most important parts of the game."

With their win over the Irish, the Wildcats extended their winning streak to 27 consecutive games.

Wildcat standouts included Lindsey Munday, who had two goals and five assists, Aly Josephs, who scored six goals, and Kristen Kjellman, who added four goals and two assists.

The goalies on both sides of the ball — Irish keeper Carol Dixon and Wildcat Morgan Lathrop — had 12 and six saves, respectively. While the Irish came away with a loss, Foote said it was a good test and an excellent experience for an up-and-

coming women's lacrosse program.

She said her performance this year is motivated in part because she wants to make her senior season a memorable one for the team.

"I know this is my final year to play," she said. "I have been more confident and being a captain, I know that my teammates are always looking to me to make plays and get the team going, so I have a lot more responsibility [this year]. Basically, I have been taking more risks and just letting the game come to me."

Before the loss to the Wildcats Sunday, Notre Dame fared well in its previous two contests against James Madison University and Loyola (Maryland), both ranked opponents.

The Irish showed physical and mental vitality with their win over No. 16 James Madison as they rallied in the final minutes of the game to secure a 12-11 win. It was again Foote's stick that united the team, as the senior scored three crucial second-half goals against the Ducks.

The 13-9 victory over No. 19 Loyola proved to be less harrowing, as the Irish swept the Greyhounds before a crowd of 1,492 at the College Sports Television's annual "Spring Fling" tournament.

Caitlin McKinney led the Irish assault with three goals and two assists. Jillian Byers continued her strong play as a freshman with three goals in the contest.

"It was awesome, I mean, to play the way we did, with such heart in front of two thousand people and on TV," Byers said. "It was just a great way to end our week in Florida."

Notre Dame will try to regain its winning ways Saturday at 1 p.m. in a home game against Canisius.

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SMC SOFTBALL

No-hit wonders for Belles

Amram and Davison rule the Ides of March with strong pitching

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Two no-hitters in one day?
No problem.

Freshmen Kristin Amram and Calli Davison tossed consecutive no-hitters for the Belles March 15, highlighting the team's 7-3 spring break record in Fort Meyers, Fla. where Saint Mary's matched its last season's win total in just five days.

After a 4-2 start to their spring trip, Saint Mary's dominated an overmatched Defiance squad with an 8-0 victory. Defiance saw no signs of hope the entire game as Amram grabbed her third win of the season. The Belles saw strong offensive performances across the board, including homers from both Martha Smid and Sarah Miesle.

It was more of the same in the afternoon as the Belles settled back into their winning ways as they trampled Mount Ida with a 10-0 victory. Davison garnered a homerun and threw the second no-hitter of the day.

"We just have to believe that we are a great team and that last year has nothing to do with this year," first-year Belles coach Erin Sullivan said.

Senior captain Audrey Gajor started off the week with a solo homer against Montclair State in the top of the first inning March 12, but the Belles could not pull away in the opener. Montclair State came back to



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Third baseman Laura Heline lays down a bunt in a game versus Olivet last season. The Belles are 7-3 this season.

win, 5-4.

Saint Mary's bounced back later that afternoon, defeating Heidelberg 2-1, as Amram earned her first career victory.

The Belles fed off the momentum of the Heidelberg victory, crushing both Edgewood and Massachusetts-Boston. Their 7-1 victory over Edgewood was led by third baseman Laura Heline, who went 3-for-3 with 2 homers and 5 RBIs. Senior pitcher Bridget Grall captured her first win of the season in the victory over Edgewood. The second game of the day against Massachusetts-Boston proved to be just as rewarding. Miesle, Gajor and Amram all drove in two runs, leading the Belles to their 8-0 victory. Amram also struck out 10 from the mound, adding another win to her young career.

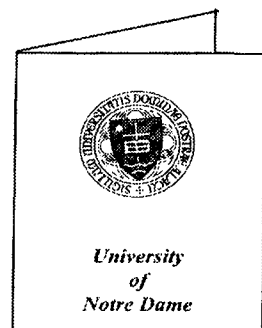
The Belles carried their winning streak into the third day of the tournament with a 12-4 win over Cazenovia March 14. Cazenovia threatened with an early lead, but the Belles answered in the bottom of the first. The Saint Mary's winning streak came to an end as the team finished off the day with a 2-1 loss to North Park.

The Belles went 1-1 during their final day of competition, March 16. They defeated Dickinson 12-3, once again seeing strong offensive performances, including a homerun from Grall.

But the Belles suffered a tough loss to Rensselaer in their second game of the day, falling 2-1.

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strong performances from junior sabre Valerie Providenza and the freshmen duo of foil Addi Nott and epee Madeleine Stephan, Notre Dame climbed into second on the second day of competition.

Still, St. Patrick's Day belonged to Zagunis.

After finishing fourth in the round-robin, the Olympic gold medalist rallied from a 12-6 deficit to defeat Columbia's Emma Baratta 15-14 before dispatching Olympic teammate and friend Emily Jacobson of Columbia.

"I knew exactly what I needed to do to beat [Jacobson] so I didn't give her any room to breathe and just went out, got ahead from the start and kept the lead," Zagunis said.

The Championship bout was a rematch of last year's final, which Jacobson won 15-11.

"Last year wasn't such a good bout versus her so this year I was ready to make up for that," Zagunis said.

For the men, Ghattas gave the Irish a standout kickoff Saturday.

Ghattas went a remarkable 14-0 in five-touch bouts, earning a standing ovation.

"One of the keys to my success this weekend is that I have been working hard in my conditioning and I think that helped me throughout the competition," said Ghattas, who was voted men's sabre of the year by the U.S. Fencing Coaches Association.

"[Ghattas's] performance was excellent," Bednarski said. "He is supposed to be first because of his actions and level of performance throughout the tournament ... Matt Stearns fenced very well also, even though he is less experienced."

Notre Dame ended March 18 with 127 points, just four off the pace of first-place Harvard.

Ghattas continued his success March 19 with a dramatic 15-13 see-saw victory over 2004 U.S. Olympian Jason Rogers in the semi-final before losing to his Ohio State teammate Adam Crompton 15-9 in the final.

"Matt [Stearns] told me to slow down and not rush so much, I needed to take slower steps and stay focused," Ghattas said of his bout against Rogers.

Despite Ghattas and Stearns's

efforts, Notre Dame fell out of contention for the title and finished fourth.

"I had talked to the team about this earlier — about how hard it is to win a national championship and also to repeat," Ghattas said. "You saw that this weekend. There are so many good teams now and they all felt the pressure to try and win."

With his second-place finish, Ghattas earned his third NCAA All-American honors while teammates Stearns and sophomore foil Jakub Jedrkowiak finished 11th and eighth, respectively, to earn their second All-American honors.

In addition to Zagunis' first-place finish, three other Notre Dame women took home All-American awards. Nott and Stephan both finished sixth in their respective weapons, while Providenza took seventh in sabre.

"Addi and Madeleine were very composed and focused throughout the tournament," Bednarski said. "It's such a challenge to do that as freshmen and they gave us a chance to be in competition for the National Championship."

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TRACK AND FIELD

Notre Dame gets three All-American honors

Stephanie Madia leads Irish at Indoor Championship meet

By JASON GALVAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame earned three All-American honors at the NCAA Indoor Championships March 9-11 at the Randall Tyson Track Center in Fayetteville, Ark.

Senior Stephanie Madia earned her fourth All-American honor with a fourth place finish in the 5,000-meter run. The distance medley relay team of senior Ryan Postel, junior Kurt Benninger, sophomore John Cavanaugh and sophomore Adam Currie earned All-American honors with a sixth place performance. Junior Thomas Chamney earned his first All-American citation with a sixth place in the finals of the 800-meter dash.

Chamney, who earned the All-America citation with a time of 1:49.94.

"I'm very happy with Thomas Chamney's performance," Irish head coach Joe Piane said. "I thought he ran really well."

Freshman Ramsey Kavan, the only freshman in the mile competition, finished No. 14.

Though Kavan did not finish among the top five in her event, she was able to walk away from the meet with experience that will prove invaluable for the future.

"She's one of the best athletes in the country. All she needs is a little more experience to show that to everyone," Madia said. "She did a great job getting there and has been consistent all season. Being the only freshman in the mile speaks highly of her talent."

Madia, who a year ago competed in the indoor championships with only two days notice, was able to earn the automatic bid to the meet a week before at the Alex Wilson and take the week to focus for the event. She finished with a personal-best time of 15:59.01 in the 5,000 and a fourth place finish to earn her first indoor All-American citation.

"I'm really pleased," assistant coach Tim Connelly said of Madia's performance. "She went in with a really good frame of mind, really thought she could make the top five, focused on what she had to do, and executed. I've never seen a kid more relaxed."

The men's distance medley relay team saw John Cavanaugh take the place of Thomas Chamney, who competed in the 800-meter dash. The squad finished sixth in the event with a time of 9:40.61. Despite failing to meet the goal they had set for themselves, the men walked away with All-American honors for the event.

"I really feel like we needed to prepare ourselves for some of the situations that we encountered," Benninger said. "It was a really weird race, not at all what we were expecting, and I feel like we didn't show how good we really are this year."

The distance medley relay team finished in sixth place at last year's indoor championships and each of the members was looking for a stronger performance at this year's event.

After earning the fourth fastest time in the nation at the Alex Wilson Invitational, the team entered the weekend with hopes of winning. In the end, the team was still able to earn All-America honors

and gain experience for its next opportunity to compete.

All members of the relay squad will be returning for another year.

"I'm really hungry about the outdoor season and am looking forward to accomplishing the goals I set for myself," Benninger said. "I'll be training hard for the next few weeks to get my strength up and get myself ready to perform."

Madia said she is excited to run outdoors as spring track season begins.

"I'm real excited because I'm running faster this year than last, and I'm especially excited because last year I had trouble qualifying, and now I'm being more consistent in my races and feeling better about my performances," she said.

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head coach Muffet McGraw said. "I knew she would be ready, because she had some great practices the past few weeks ... It's unfortunate the rest of the team didn't help out so much today."

Boston College took a 37-26 lead into the half thanks to 52 percent shooting and strong rebounding for the first 20 minutes. In the opening frame, the Eagles had 26 rebounds — including eight on the offensive glass — to Notre Dame's seven. Queenan alone equaled the Irish rebounding in the period, finishing the first half with seven boards.

"We definitely came into the game with controlling the rebounds as a goal of ours," Queenan said.

"I think we did a really good job of sticking to that game plan, [especially] getting some offensive rebounds."

The Irish were handicapped in the second half as senior forward Courtney LaVere sat out the final 21 minutes of the game with a concussion. Queenan hit LaVere in the face while going for a rebound with a

little over a minute remaining in the first half.

Eagles forward Aja Parham led the Boston College attack to start the second frame and finished with 16 points and four assists.

The senior scored six points in the period before Notre Dame finally got on the board. The Eagles held the Irish scoreless for the first 4:56 of the second half.

Queenan capped the 9-0 run by hitting a jumper with 15:24 left in the game to give the Eagles a commanding 46-26 lead.

Notre Dame chipped away at the lead over the next six minutes, using a 9-1 run capped by a Duffy fall-away layup with 9:46 remaining to cut the deficit to 55-44. But foul trouble prevented the Irish from getting any closer.

"I thought we were going to make a serious run, but we didn't have the ability to substitute at that point [because of foul trouble]," McGraw said.

Notre Dame committed 18 fouls in the second half alone and 26 in the game.

Crystal Erwin fouled out with 4:59 remaining and received a technical as she was leaving the court to lead the Irish with six fouls.

"The more we fouled, the more we sent them to the free-throw line," Duffy

said. "And that's just giving them easy points."

Notre Dame sent the Eagles to the foul line 29 times in the second half, and Boston College converted on 22 of those attempts.

Five Eagles finished the game in double figures. Center Kathrin Riss scored 15, guard Kindyll Dorsey netted 10 and center Lisa Macchia added 10 points of her own off the bench.

"It shows what kind of team we are when a lot of people finish with double figures in scoring," Eagles coach Cathy Inglese said. "I think [we] distributed the ball well. I'm extremely pleased with the effort coming off the bench."

Boston College faces No. 1-seed Ohio State tonight at Mackey arena. The winner moves on to the Albuquerque regional semifinal to face Utah/Arizona St. (winner tonight at 11:45).

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Irish coach

Duffy

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the half.

"I thought we were really going to make a serious run," Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw said. "I know Megan had to be tired after all the pressing she was doing."

But that's how it went with Notre Dame. Saturday night's loss was the exaggerated embodiment of an entire season of outcomes.

Like in so many other games, the Irish struggled badly on the boards, getting outrebounded by 17 in the first half. Boston College forward Brooke Queenan led the Eagles with seven first-half rebounds — a number that matched Notre Dame's team total for the half.

Like in so many other games, Notre Dame went on prolonged scoring droughts, getting outscored 14-6 in the final six minutes of the first half before allowing the Eagles to open up the second half on a 9-0 run.

"In the first half we just really, really weren't playing well on either end," McGraw said.

And like in so many other games, Duffy was called to put the team on her shoulders, to make big plays, to pull the team back into the game.

But there was one notable difference — Duffy was not alone as the team fought back.

In a symbolic performance, freshman Lindsay Schrader had of her young career in the failed comeback effort. Schrader scored a career-high 29 points, combining with Duffy to score all but 17 of Notre Dame's points.

"It's great for the future of our program to see a freshman come

in and break some records," McGraw said. "She knew she was ready. She'd had a great practice the last couple weeks."

In contrast, no other Irish player had more than one field goal.

This season, Duffy, the Big East Scholar Athlete of the Year, has been the face, voice, and heart of the Notre Dame team. As she prepares to walk away from Notre Dame, she, along with senior forward Courtney LaVere, will leave an even bigger hole in the locker room than on the court.

"Courtney and Megan have done great things for our program over the years," McGraw said. "They help out in any way they can. They're smart, they know where they're supposed to be, they're great students. They're just great kids, and it's truly been a pleasure coaching them."

As the Irish begin to prepare for next season — a season without the star point guard — Schrader seems poised to step into the light and cast a shadow of her own.

"What's interesting is that a week ago we talked about next year and I told her that next year she was going to be the go-to player," McGraw said. "[I] wanted to get her feedback on how she felt about that and she was excited about that ... It's great for us to know we can count on her next year."

Duffy, however, will leave the Notre Dame program as her coach and former teammates search for superlatives to describe her tenure at Notre Dame.

"She's just an amazing player, person, leader," McGraw said. "I don't know what you can say about Megan Duffy that hasn't already been said."

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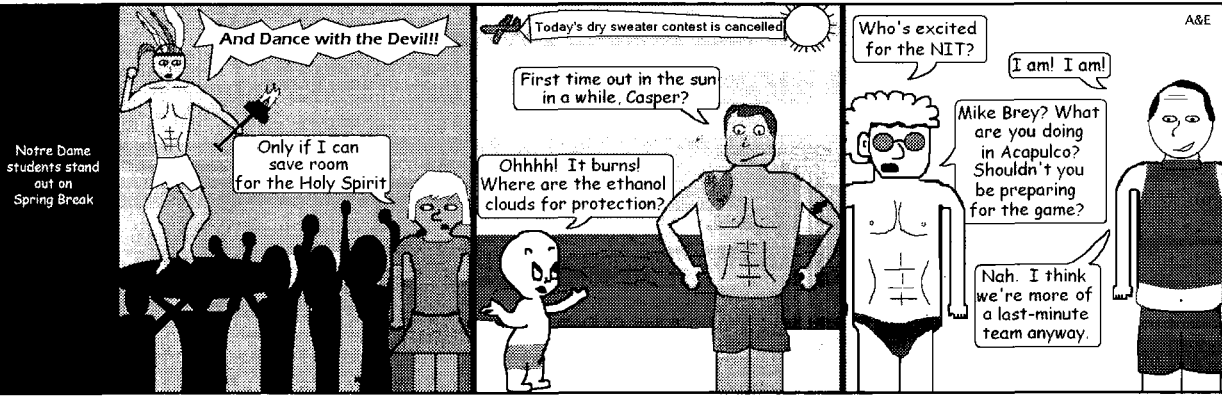
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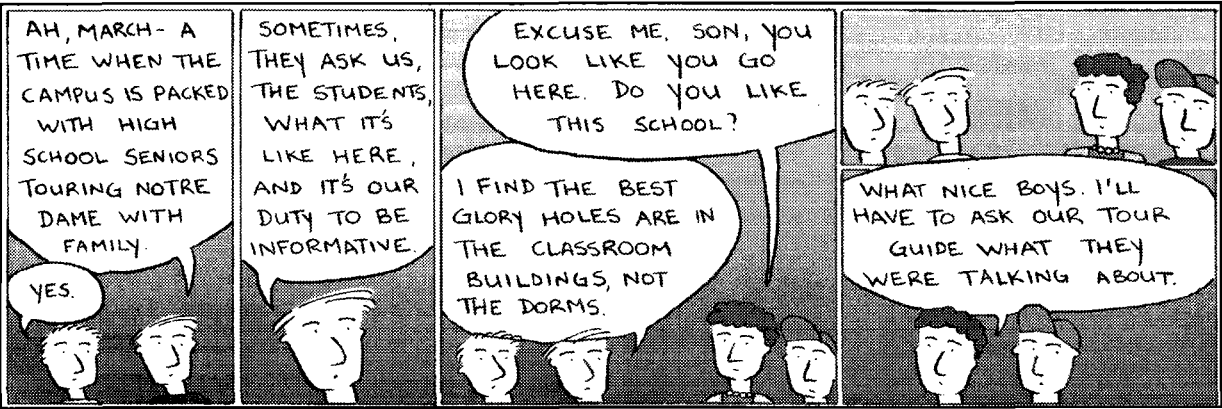
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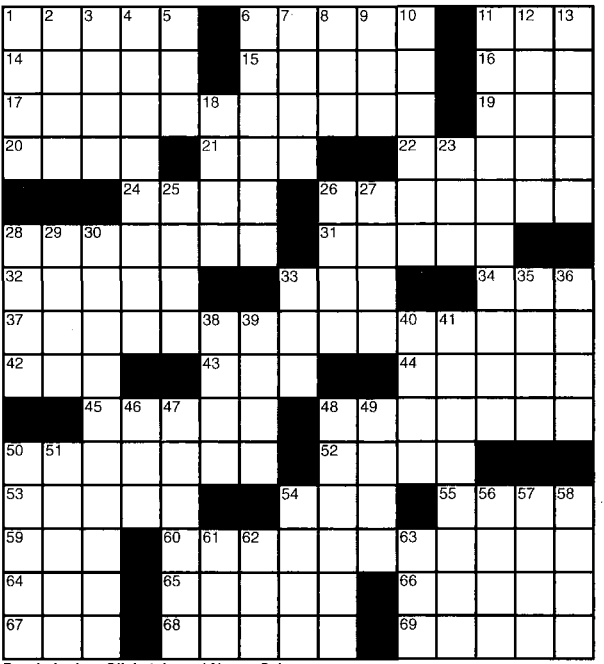
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 - 17 Pair of socks?
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- 47 Crispy snacks
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- 51 Get-up-and-go
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Happy Birthday: You may be tempted to take a risk this year. It will spin into a series of difficulties. Play it safe and stick to what you know. Trust in your own abilities. It really doesn't matter what anyone else thinks or does. It is more important what you, yourself, do and say. Your numbers are 4, 16, 18, 29, 38, 41

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will be in the mood to stir things up but, if that's what it takes to get things done, then it's OK. A chance to make a drastic change to your way of thinking will lead to an excellent turn of events. Someone will offer you good creative suggestions. *****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will be called upon to do something that you may question. Offer what you can but don't jeopardize your position or your integrity. You will get better results if you are secretive about what you are doing. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Everything will rise to the surface so prepare to deal with emotional and professional matters. Your eloquent way of putting things will help smooth things over. New information will be offered, leading to a better solution. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may want to ponder things a while but today you should be taking action, not thinking about it. A setback or change in your career will probably occur if you don't take immediate steps to prevent it. Push to get the position you want. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Work on something about which you truly feel passionate and you will discover your inner strength and additional talent. You will be entertaining, so be sure to network with interesting and informative people. A love connection can be made. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Difficulties at home may surface. Avoid making a decision or a commitment that interferes with your original plans. Arguments will leave you shaken and unable to proceed. **

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll be considered very knowledgeable by your peers and shouldn't hesitate to share your insight. You can be proud of your accomplishments and should let others know your capabilities. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Jumping from one thing to another will be your best bet today. Stay busy and don't give anyone a chance to confuse you or lead you astray. Check out a tax haven that you have heard about and make your financial moves swiftly. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't get all worked up over nothing. Do whatever is required to protect yourself. If someone isn't treating you properly, put a stop to it. Take control now and you will spare yourself future grief. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't let anyone in on your secrets or your intentions just yet. You will have a much greater impact if you can take others by surprise. Hard work will pay off but keep things simple. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Focus on home and family. A chance to make a move or changes to your current living space should be part of your agenda. Relationships look positive and an understanding of your future together is apparent. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't get upset by someone's unkind comments. Look past the surface of any situation to understand why you are being treated unfairly. Consider your own mistakes and have a heart-to-heart talk with whoever is causing you trouble. **

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Grounded by Eagles

Irish outmatched by Boston College, lose in NCAA first round

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Senior forward Brooke Queenan scored 18 points and added 11 rebounds as No. 8-seed Boston College ended No. 9-seed Notre Dame's season Sunday with a 78-61 victory over the Irish in the first round of the NCAA Tournament at Mackey Arena.

Irish freshman Lindsay Schrader scored a career-high 29 points on 12-of-23 shooting, and senior point guard Megan Duffy netted 15 points and five assists in her final collegiate game, but Notre Dame never found an offensive rhythm to counter the Eagles and dropped its first opening round NCAA Tournament game since 1995.

"Obviously, this isn't the way I wanted to go out, and this isn't acceptable for the Notre Dame program," Duffy said.

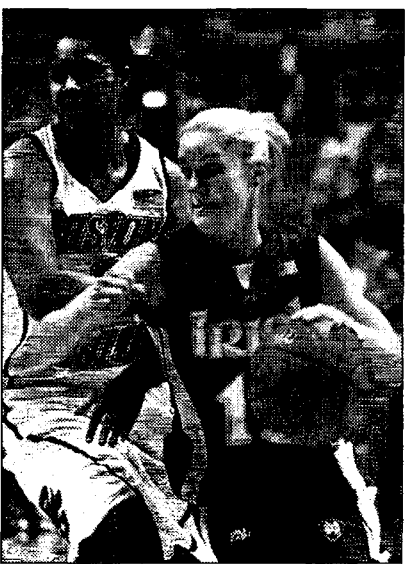
Schrader and Duffy were the only Irish players in double figures, as no one else for Notre Dame scored more than three points.

"I thought Lindsay Schrader was outstanding today," Irish

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Above, Irish forward Lindsay Schrader, left, battles for a ball with Boston College forward Brittany Johnson. At left, Megan Duffy drives by Eagles forward Brooke Queenan.

Duffy, Schrader are lone bright spots in Notre Dame defeat

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Megan Duffy did it all for the Irish this season.

In most games, she did it alone.

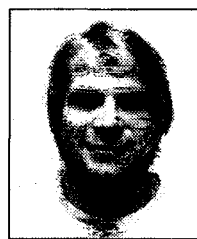
The All-American finalist led the team in scoring with 15.6 points per game this season and was the team's high scorer in 16 of Notre Dame's 30 games and often provided the only threat to what was an otherwise dormant offense.

And Saturday night's loss to Boston College — Duffy's final game in an Irish uniform — was hardly different.

When the Irish began to fight back from a double-digit deficit — like they did so many times this season — it was Duffy, a unanimous first-team All-Big East selection, who made the shot with 9:45 left to play that cut it to 11, the narrowest Boston College lead of

the season. Duffy's final game in an Irish uniform — was hardly different.

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Eric Retter

Associate Sports Editor

BASEBALL

Irish bats come alive over break

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame spent spring break turning around its season.

After a rocky 2-5 start, the Irish (9-6) made the best of nine days in San Antonio, capturing two tournament titles at Wolff Stadium. Notre Dame won four games at the Texas-San Antonio Express Baseball Classic, including a 5-4 upset of Texas A&M March 10, then earning two victories over Iowa by scores of 16-2 and 6-2 March 11 and 13 and defeating Illinois 4-2 March 12.

Later in the week, Notre Dame hosted its own tournament at Wolff Stadium. The Irish Classic has been a Notre Dame schedule staple for ten years now. While the games were played in San Antonio, Irish players were able to use the stadium's home locker room, creating what Mainieri called "a home away from home."

"For being on the road it's as good a situation as we can ask for," Mainieri said. "For the second half of the week we got to move into the locker room,

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FENCING

Young team finishes in fourth at NCAAs

Zagunis wins Sabre, Ghattas takes second to lead Irish efforts

By JACK THORNTON
Sports Writer

Strong individual performances put Notre Dame in title contention at this weekend's National Championship in Houston, but the Irish could not overcome the talented, crowded field.

Led by sophomore sabre Mariel Zagunis and junior sabre Patrick Ghattas, Notre Dame finished fourth overall with 152 points, 13 behind champion Harvard. The Crimson were followed by Penn State (159 points), Ohio State (155), Notre Dame, Columbia (152) and

St. John's (148).

"This competition showed the place we hold in the nation in reality," head coach Janusz Bednarski said. "During the season we competed well in the format of three fencers per weapon but when you have to compete with two fencers, we had some weak points."

The format of the tournament called for a maximum of two fencers per weapon per team competing in 23 five-touch round-robin bouts. The top four seeds then participated in a direct elimination round which had no effect on the team scoring.

The Notre Dame women opened the tournament March 17 with 50 points, enough to put the team in third place behind Penn State (59) and Columbia (52). Bolstered by

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Buzzer-beater sinks squad

Notre Dame loses final game in 2OT

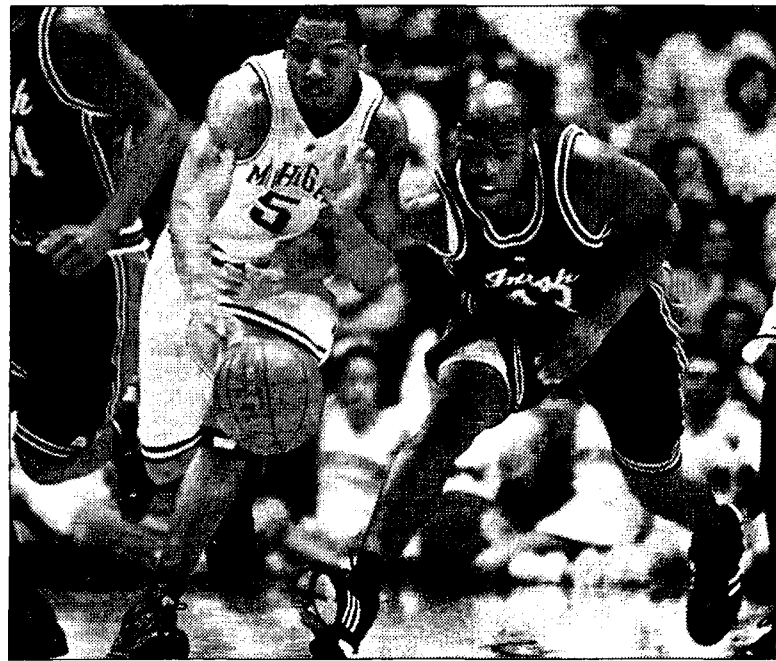
By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame lost 87-84 to Michigan in the second round of the National Invitational Tournament (NIT) Monday in Ann Arbor, Mich., on a Dion Harris' 3-pointer as time expired in double overtime.

It was a fitting end to a season in which Notre Dame competed in every game but had trouble finding a way to win in the final minutes, as the Irish lost 11 Big East games by a combined 39 points.

Harris received a Daniel

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Michigan's Dion Harris, left, beats Irish guard Russell Carter to a loose ball in their NIT game Monday.

SPORTS AT A GLANCE

SMC SOFTBALL

Two freshmen lead the Belles to consecutive no-hitters to cap 7-3 spring trip to Florida

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Irish fail to hold on to early lead against No. 1 Northwestern.

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No. 12 Notre Dame goes 3-0 on its road trip, defeating UNC, Villanova and Bellarmine.

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Freshman Michael Bulfin qualifies for NCAA championships with school-record 634.40 3-meter performance.

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