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## Saint Mary's searches for new VPs

*Incandela, Tiefenthaler engage with students, faculty, administrators in forums*

By KELLY MEEHAN  
Saint Mary's Editor

As two of the top three Saint Mary's administrators prepare to step down from their positions this spring — marking a new era at the College — students and faculty have the opportunity to meet two candidates vying for the position of vice president and dean of faculty at open forums this week.

Saint Mary's religious studies professor Joe Incandela and Dean of the Faculty at Colgate University Jill Tiefenthaler, a Saint Mary's alumna, will partici-

pate in two open forums today and Thursday, as well as closed sessions specifically for faculty members.

The candidate visits are part of a broader search to fill the vacancies soon to be left in the heart of the administration by current Vice President and Dean of Faculty Pat White and Vice President of Student Affairs Linda Timm — a gap that will



White



Timm

give College President Carol Ann Mooney significant shaping power over the school's future.

The search began when White announced on Jan. 28 that he was leaving the College to head Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Ind.

This announcement occurred only days after Timm announced she would leave Saint Mary's to serve as president of Mount Mary

College in Milwaukee, Wis.

The vacancies left by Timm and White's departure will be filled prior to the start of the 2006-07 school year, said Mooney, who hopes to name the vice president and dean of faculty before the conclusion of the spring semester.

Although the specifics regarding the search for the vice president of student affairs have yet to be publicly released, Mooney, the search committee chair, said she plans to fill the position before August.

Despite being faced with the challenge of hiring two head

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## Duerson sentenced for battery

*Former ND trustee, football captain fined*

By MARY KATE MALONE  
News Editor

Former Irish football captain Dave Duerson, who resigned from the University Board of Trustees last February, was sentenced Monday on a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery that took place last February on the Notre Dame campus.



Duerson

St. Joseph County Superior Court Magistrate Richard McCormick ordered Duerson, 45, to pay a fine of \$950 plus court costs in addition to a \$50 state-required fee. He will not face any jail time or probation.

Duerson was charged with two counts of battery and two counts of domestic battery in February 2005 after he pushed his wife, Alicia, out the door and into a wall outside their hotel room at the Morris Inn, police said. The couple, from Highland Park, Ill., was on campus for the winter Board of Trustees meeting.

On Jan. 17, Duerson pleaded guilty to the domestic battery charge in exchange for the dismissal of three other

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## Jenkins chats with students 'Fireside'

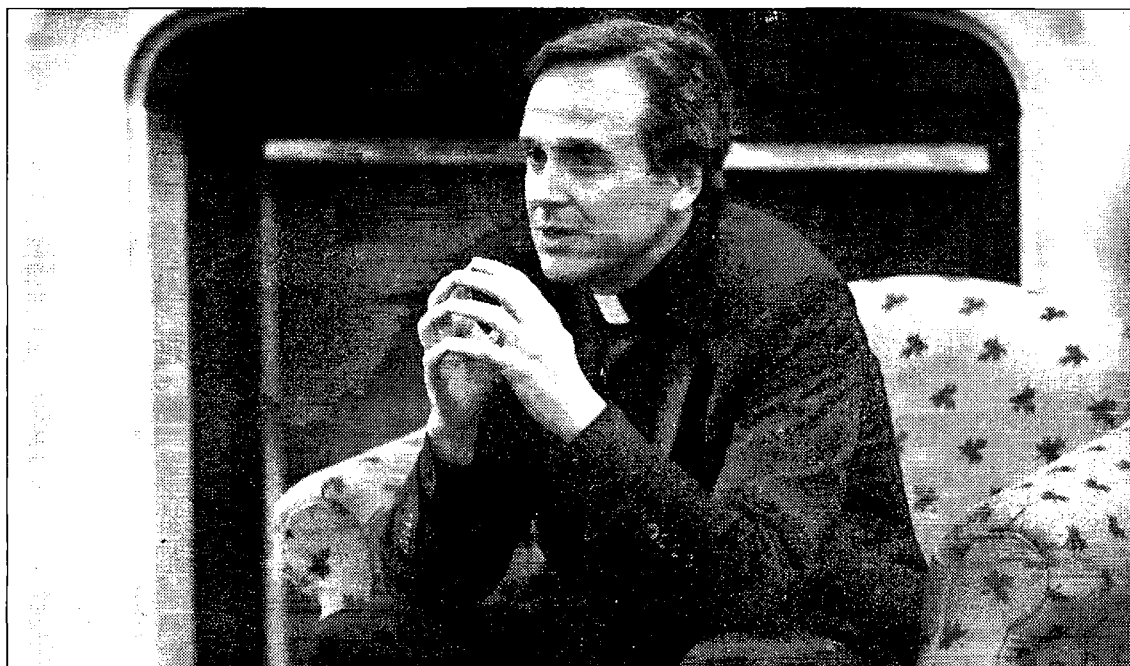
*University president discusses first year*

By MAUREEN MULLEN  
News Writer

When U.S. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt held "fireside chats" during the Great Depression, a living room radio was the closest the nation could get to its leader.

With University President Father John Jenkins, however, a fireside chat is an intimate, face-to-face affair.

Jenkins spoke with students Monday evening in the Coleman Morse lounge as part of the Student Union Board's series, "Fireside Chats." In the casual setting of armchairs and couches — complete with a



JESSICA LEE/The Observer

University President Father John Jenkins speaks to students about his time at Notre Dame during a Fireside Chat sponsored by the Student Union Board in the Coleman Morse lounge Monday night.

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## Runners prepare for Holy Half



JESSICA LEE/The Observer

Freshman Ricky Chapman builds stamina by running around the lake.

By KATIE PERRY  
Assistant News Editor

Nearly 400 runners will participate in the second annual Holy Half Marathon this Sunday in a race spanning 13.1 miles — that's 52.4 laps around a regulation track, more than 192 treks across Notre Dame's famed football field or the length of 138,336 LaFortune quarter dogs.

"We have four times as many entries this year than we did last year," race coordinator Kathleen Coverick said. "I think that ND kids love a challenge — and this race definitely gives them something to go after."

Coverick said most of the

383 entries are students, however Notre Dame faculty and staff members — as well as other local running aficionados — will also lace up their sneakers for Sunday's race.

Proceeds from the Holy Half's \$12 entry fee will benefit Catholic Charities' Operation Helping Hands in New Orleans — a group that provides relief services to people who have incurred heavy losses in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, namely the elderly and uninsured.

Coverick said the event has already raised approximately \$1,300 — in addition to the heart rates of those training for the physically demanding

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## COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

### Leaders urge further input from members

By KATHLEEN MCDONNELL  
News Writer

Only three days into their new positions, members of the Council of Representatives (COR) focused on establishing goals for the upcoming year at the group's meeting Monday night.

Student body president Lizzi Shappell urged COR members to bring issues to her attention as they settle into their roles.

"We set the agenda for COR," Shappell said.

COR serves as a cabinet for

Shappell. The Student Union Constitution defines the group as "the venue for leaders of student organizations to meet and advise the student body president."

Student body vice president Bill Andrichik echoed Shappell's call for input.

"[COR] is especially useful for groups like CCC (Club Coordination Council) and HPC (Hall Presidents Council), typical programming bodies," Andrichik said. "This gives you your policy voice."

Judicial Council president

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INSIDE COLUMN

# Rallying Cry

Americans, those of my generation anyway, have never been big on public demonstration. Even when we have something to get worked up about we generally remain mute.

Our unwillingness to participate in protests stands in stark contrast with youth around the globe. Just look at the French university students who camped out for days at a time in opposition to labor laws during the last month. They faced riot police and their doctors in order to make themselves heard.

Studying in Spain in the spring of 2003 I remember well the tremendous public outpouring of grief following the March 11 terrorist attack in the Madrid train station. Millions of Spaniards took to the streets, joined by members of the royal family, waving banners and vocalizing their opposition to violence.

Such massive demonstrations never seem to happen state-side, however.

I suppose this is why I was so heartened last weekend to see images of hundreds of thousands of Angelenos gathered in downtown Los Angeles protesting immigration legislation currently making its way through Congress. The rally was followed by a week during which teenagers successfully organized and staged school walkouts via the Internet and word of mouth.

Some might find such protests threatening or disruptive. Indeed they are disruptive — one group of students attempted to close a freeway by running up an onramp. After a few days, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa had to risk alienating his Hispanic base and tell students to go back to class.

But that's the point. No barrage of phone calls and no letter writing campaign could ever have the effect of such demonstrations. If the old saying stands true Congress received a 500,000,000-word letter on March 26 — 1,000 words for each of the estimated 500,000 protesters who became the pictures that day.

Pro-immigrant demonstrators' efforts cannot be ignored. The Latino demographic in the United States has long been powerful in numbers, but now it has proven itself to be powerful in the political arena as well.

It would be premature to label the pro-immigrant rights rallies in California and other parts of the country as an all-out success. It will take weeks and many debates before any new immigration legislation is finalized.

They have proven, however, that such demonstrations are a powerful tool in a democratic society. There are already talks of compromise in Washington, of a possible guest-worker program by which immigrants can work in the United States legally.

Further, they provide hope that if we take the recent demonstrations as an example we can make ourselves heard on other pressing issues such as the war in Iraq.

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Megan O'Neil  
Senior Staff Writer

## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S THE FARTHEST YOU'VE EVER RUN?



Christina Hill  
junior Walsh

"Probably 10 miles, because I did cross-country in high school, but it was horrible."



Szymon Ryzner  
freshman Morrissey

"I would walk 500 miles, and I would walk 500 more ..."



Kerry McGuire  
freshman Welsh Family

"To the dining hall."



Missy Reidy  
freshman Welsh Family

"Schfourteen-teen. It was glorious."



Katie Rehberger  
freshman Welsh Family

"I don't run. I power walk."



Jaime Luna  
freshman Keough

"I don't run. I fly."



Sophomore Nicholas McLees, president of Notre Dame's Swing Club, dips his partner, freshman Kaitlin Jensen, during a meeting of the Swing Club Monday night at the Rockne Memorial.

JESSICA LEE/The Observer

## IN BRIEF

Yolanda Martinez-San Miguel, graduate chair for Spanish, will give a lecture titled "Travesias: Imagining the Hispanic Caribbean from the Diaspora" today at 5 p.m. in 200 McKenna Hall. The lecture is part of the Spring 2006 Hispanic Caribbean Lecture Series "Encuentro Caribeño: Puerto Rico isla frontera" sponsored by the Institute for Latino Studies.

Father Willy Raymond, national director of Catholic production company Family Theater Productions, will give a lecture titled "Young Catholic Hollywood" today at 7:30 p.m. in 127 Hayes-Healy Hall. It is part of the Center for Ethics and Culture's Spring Catholic Series "Hollywood: Mission Field or Mission Impossible?"

The Annual Archbishop Romero Mass, in honor of Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero, will be celebrated today at 4 p.m. in the Church of Loretto at Saint Mary's College.

On Wednesday, Hector Dad Hizezi, former deputy in the Salvadoran Assembly, will give a lecture on Romero titled "Un hombre de Fe en Jesus de Nasaret" at 8 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

Barry Sharpless, the 2001 Nobel Prize winner in chemistry, will speak on "Organic Azides: Later Bloomers" Wednesday at 4 p.m. in 127 Nieuwland Science Hall.

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

## OFFBEAT

### Mouth grills become hot and flashy new trend

CLEVELAND — The hip-hop culture is sinking its teeth into a new fashion trend. Individual gold-capped teeth have given way to grills and fronts — removable mouthpieces made of gold, platinum or silver and sometimes studded with jewels.

The trend has been boosted by hip-hop icons such as Nelly and rappers like Paul Wall.

After Nelly's 2005 hit "Grillz," which glorifies the trend, young people all over scrambled to wrap their chops around a shiny

grill.

Jacob Owens, a 17-year-old South High School student, snagged a diamond-studded silver grill a couple of months ago for \$200.

"Everybody is getting grills," Owens said while hanging out at the food court at Tower City. He chose silver to set himself apart.

Owens sheds his grill to eat and at bedtime, but wears it for hours at a time to match his earrings.

### High school teacher resigns after hickey incident

MISSOULA, Mont. — A

Sentinel High School teacher, charged with misdemeanor assault on allegedly giving a student a hickey, has resigned.

Missoula County Public Schools said Dan Kucera, a business teacher, resigned several weeks ago.

Kucera was suspended in January. Police said Kucera put a 17-year-old male student in a head lock and sucked on his neck, causing it to bruise.

Kucera told KPAX television on Wednesday that he made a stupid mistake.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

## CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, in the article "How sweep it is" in the April 3 edition of The Observer, Irish baseball pitcher Tom Thornton was identified as a right-handed pitcher. He is a left-hander.  
Due to an editing error, in the March 31 edition of The Observer Irish men's lacrosse player Bill Liva was incorrectly identified as Jim Severin in a back page photo.  
Due to an editing error, in the March 30 edition of The Observer in the article "Men's Lacrosse: Irish defeat Brown at home," the Irish men's lacrosse team was incorrectly identified as belonging to the Big East Conference, when it actually is part of the Great Western Lacrosse League.  
The Observer regrets these errors.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
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## Program to continue despite federal cuts

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame, home since 1991 to the National Youth Sports Program (NYSP), will continue the program this summer on a limited basis despite the elimination of federal funding.

NYSP will be held from June 15 to July 14 on campus, and registration will take place from 8:45 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Charles Black Youth Center, 3419 W. Washington St.

Several University departments have pledged support to allow the program to operate this summer, though it will be able to accommodate just 250 young people, compared with 600 last year.

Established by the National Collegiate Athletic Association in 1968, NYSP is a five-week sports enrichment camp for children ages 10-16 who live at or below poverty in South Bend and Mishawaka. They are transported to and from campus to learn the fundamentals of football, soccer, golf, swimming, basketball, volleyball and yoga, in addition to participating in drug and alcohol prevention, writing, math and science, career education and computer classes.

The primary objective of the program is to expose children who are at risk for health concerns such as childhood obesity to higher education and healthy lifestyles and provide educational remediation and supervision while encouraging their participation in sports. Children also receive free medical exams, insurance, USDA-approved meals and transportation. During its 15 years at Notre Dame, NYSP has served more than 3,500 young people from the South Bend area.

After 37 consecutive years of support, Congress eliminated all NYSP funding for 2006. Nationwide, more than 250 programs are in jeopardy of closing their doors.

Notre Dame's Center for Social Concerns in conjunction with the Offices of the President, University Relations, and Public Affairs and Communication, has pledged support to continue the program this summer while alternative long-term funding is sought.

NYSP traditionally has been funded by the USDA, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the NCAA, participating institutions, and state, local and private contributions.

Additional registration information is available by calling the Center for Social Concerns at 574-631-5293.

## Math group to gather at ND this weekend

Special to The Observer

More than 400 mathematicians will gather at the Notre Dame Saturday and Sunday for the 2006 Spring Central Sectional Meeting of the American Mathematical Society.

A conference highlight is the 2006 Erdős Memorial Lecture, "Inhomogeneous Random Graphs," by Bela Bollobás, professor at the University of Memphis and fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, at 5:10 p.m. Saturday in Room 101 DeBartolo Hall. The lecture is free and open to the public.

The Erdős lecture is an annual invited address made possible by a fund created by Andrew Beal, a Dallas banker and mathematics enthusiast. The lecture is named for the late, prolific mathematician Paul Erdős, who published more than 1,500 papers and developed the theory of random graphs.

A random graph is a collection of points, called vertices, in which some or all of the points are connected by line segments, called edges. Graphs can be used to model networks such as the World Wide Web (in which Web

pages are the vertices and links between pages are the edges) and social interactions (in which people are the vertices and edges connect people who know each other). In one interesting graph, the vertices correspond to movie stars and two vertices are connected by an edge if the stars involved have worked together on a film. The graph is the basis for the trivia game "Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon."

Bollobás' lecture concerns graphs in which, for each pair of vertices, whether an edge is drawn between them is decided at random. These random decisions are made in such a way that there can be a wide variation in the number of edges that come out of the different vertices in a graph (just as there can be a wide variation in the number of links to a given Web page or in the size of a given person's social network). The study of random graphs has led to many interesting discoveries about the properties of graphs in general.

More information about the sectional meeting can be found at [http://www.ams.org/amsmtgs/2130\\_program.html](http://www.ams.org/amsmtgs/2130_program.html).

## COR

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Liz Kozlow asked COR members to brainstorm ways to increase voting percentages and awareness of the Peer Advocacy program.

Senior class president Sheldon Dutes said he plans to bring a discussion of off-campus living to COR, as the majority of his class will reside off-campus next year.

With the future addition of four senators and a number of non-voting members who will be able to contribute input, Shappell said this year's COR promises to accomplish a great deal.

In other COR news:

♦COR confirmed Matthew Russo as policy branch controller.

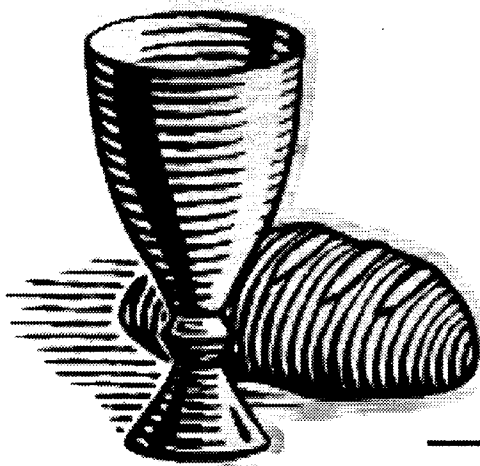
Alex French was chosen as the director of communications, a non-voting position.

As director of communications, French will work alongside chief executive assistant Liz Brown in managing the affairs of the student body president and vice president.

"As the fourth in command, I want to work to lighten the load of [Shappell, Andrichik and Brown] because they have a heavy load to manage," French said.

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# BREAKING BREAD

## *Walking with Cleopas: Emmaus and the Theological Life*

Join fellow students and faculty for dinner and an evening of faith-based discussion

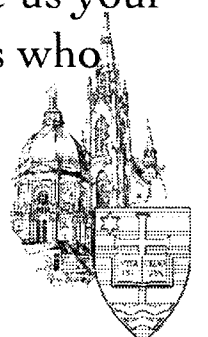
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counts against him, Catherine Wilson, a spokeswoman for St. Joseph County Prosecutor Michael Dvorak, told the Associated Press in January.

Duerson had been a University trustee since 2001 and president of the Notre Dame Monogram Club since 2003. He resigned from both positions following the charges.

A 1983 graduate, Duerson was a two-time All-American defensive back for Notre Dame, where he played from 1979-83.

He went on to play 11 seasons in the NFL, earning Pro Bowl honors four times and winning two Super Bowl titles — first with the Chicago Bears in 1985 and later with the New York Giants in 1991.

Duerson is president and CEO of Duerson Foods, LLC.

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## University medalist passes on

Special to The Observer

Mary Elizabeth Carney of Lake Forest, Ill., a recipient of the University's Laetare Medal, died Sunday.

A Notre Dame benefactor and the wife of Thomas P. Carney, 1937 Notre Dame alumnus and chairman emeritus of the Notre Dame Board of Trustees, Mrs. Carney, a native of Indianapolis, had suffered a stroke three years ago.

In addition to her contributions to the University, Mrs. Carney was active in numerous community service organizations. She served as president of the Saint Mary's Mother's Club, of the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest, the Lake County League, the Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Community Associates of the Art Institute of Chicago and the Lake Bluff Garden Club. She also served as secretary of the Lake Forest Caucus and as a member of the Gordon Community Center Board. The Carneys were awarded Notre Dame's highest honor, the Laetare Medal, in 1986.

Mary E. McGuire and Thomas P. Carney were married Oct. 3, 1942, and years later she confessed that she could not imagine not being married to him. In a 1991 Chicago Tribune article, the late Msgr. Jack Egan, a friend of the Carneys, spoke of the couple's conspicuous love after half a century of marriage.

"I always felt (Thomas) treated her as a beautiful woman he was courting and hoped he would be able to marry," he said. "That gentle consideration for her, as if Tom didn't have any task more important than being her husband."

Survivors include her husband and four children, all Notre Dame graduates, Thomas Jr., ('67) of Lake Forest, Ill.; Sheila Hopkins ('74) of Hingham, Mass; James ('75) of Brooklyn Park, Minn; and Janet O'Brien ('77) of Glenview, Ill.

## Run

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race.

Senior Tim Stawicki prepped for the Holy Half with the help of a routine he found in Runner's World magazine that includes "some sprints, some faster medium distance runs and the ever-important long run."

"I've been training officially for about six weeks," he said. "But you could say that I've been training for the past two thousand plus days since I [first] started running."

Stawicki completed his first marathon in Dublin during the fall of 2004 and went on to com-

pete in the Chicago Marathon last October, but the Holy Half will nonetheless be a new experience.

"I have actually never run a half marathon, having jumped directly from the 10K to the full marathon in terms of racing," he said.

Senior James Ehlinger said Sunday's race would be "a good first step" towards his ultimate goal of running a full marathon.

"I wanted to force myself into better shape," he said.

Ehlinger followed a nine-week training regimen that included a combination of long runs, speed work and cross training. Though he did not completely "stick to the schedule," Ehlinger said he still feels prepared for the race.

"During my training, I ran the longest I ever have — nine miles," he said. "I am looking forward to completing the Holy Half for my own personal achievement."

Stawicki said he was unable to run the Holy Half last year, and "just had to sign up" for this year's race.

"Personally, it was a way to get started training for some more marathons without the hassle of having to devote three hours on Sunday to running 20 miles," he said. "This involves a significant decrease in time devotion — about half as much, ironically."

The 13.1 mile course follows two loops around the Notre Dame campus and is modeled off last year's route — which

Coverick said was "a little inaccurate."

"I've run the course with a GPS watch to try to make it as accurate as possible this year," she said.

The race will begin at 10 a.m. between South Dining Hall and Welsh Family Hall. Coverick said those still interested in running the Holy Half can register via e-mail at [holyhalf@gmail.com](mailto:holyhalf@gmail.com) or beginning at 8:30 a.m. Sunday.

The event is co-sponsored by the Notre Dame Women's Running Club, Circle K, the Class of 2008 and the Class of 2006. Coverick said a Council of Representatives grant would also help cover expenses.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Australia to sell uranium to China

CANBERRA — Australia agreed Monday to sell China uranium for nuclear power stations despite concerns that Beijing could divert the material to atomic weapons.

The countries' foreign ministers signed two agreements containing assurances that China will not build bombs with uranium from Australia, which has 40 percent of the world's known deposits. No official estimates were available Monday but the deal is expected to generate billions of dollars in annual sales.

"These agreements establish strict safeguards, arrangements and conditions to ensure Australian uranium supplied to China, and any collaborative programs in applications of nuclear technology, is used exclusively for peaceful purposes," said Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer.

### Sharon to undergo skull surgery

JERUSALEM — Comatose Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon will undergo surgery Tuesday to restore part of his skull removed in previous operations after he suffered a debilitating stroke, the hospital treating him said Monday.

The operation is to be conducted in the afternoon, the statement said. Sharon suffered the stroke on Jan. 4 and has not regained consciousness.

Hospital officials said last week that a decision would be made about whether to move Sharon to a long-term care facility. Experts agree that his chances of recovery are extremely slim.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Scientists engineer artificial bladder

BOSTON — For the first time, scientists have rebuilt a complex human organ, the bladder, in seven young patients using live tissue grown in the lab — a breakthrough that could hold exciting promise for someday regenerating ailing hearts and other organs.

Only simpler tissues — skin, bone, and cartilage — have been lab-grown and transplanted in the past. This is the first time that a more intricate organ has been mostly replaced with tissue grown from the patient's own cells.

"This suggests that tissue engineering may one day be a solution to the shortage of donor organs in this country for those needing transplants," said Dr. Anthony Atala, the lead researcher. He said he believes the work provides a model for growing other tissues and organs.

### Father leaves children in burning car

LOS ANGELES — The father of two young children found burned beyond recognition in a sport utility vehicle will be charged with murder, police said Monday.

Dae Kwon Yun, 54, was found near the SUV with severe burns on his face, hands and legs, authorities said. He was taken to a hospital, where he was listed in critical condition Monday.

Yun and his wife had been separated for about two weeks, and he was living out of his vehicle, authorities said.

"Detectives believe the killings were related to the estrangement of Yun and his wife," a police statement released Monday said.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Boy faces expulsion for having knife

INDIANAPOLIS — A middle school principal suspended an eighth-grader for 10 days and recommended he be expelled for carrying a pocket knife, even though the boy said he had forgotten the weapon was in his coat pocket and turned it over to school officials as soon as he entered the building.

An expulsion hearing is scheduled for April 10.

Elliot Voge, 14, told Stoneybrook Middle School principal Jimmy Meadows he forgot that he had left the Swiss Army knife in his pocket after using it to whittle wood on March 2.

## SIERRA LEONE

# Taylor accused of war crimes

*Ex-president of Liberia pleads not guilty to 11 brutal offenses amongst hostile crowds*

Associated Press

FREETOWN — Former Liberian President Charles Taylor pleaded not guilty Monday before an international war crimes tribunal, denying 11 counts of helping destabilize West Africa through killings, sexual slavery and sending children into combat.

Taylor at first told the court he could not enter a plea because he did not recognize its right to try him.

But after Justice Richard Lussick insisted, Taylor said calmly and slowly: "Most definitely, your honor, I did not and could not have committed those acts against the sister republic of Sierra Leone."

Lussick accepted that as a not guilty plea and instructed aides to set a start date for the trial.

However, Lussick did not say where the next hearing might be held.

As the hourlong hearing ended, Taylor stood, smiled and blew kisses to relatives who were in the courtroom.

Although Taylor made his first court appearance in Sierra Leone, Special Court officials have requested that an international court in The Hague, Netherlands, host the trial. Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf has expressed fear that Taylor supporters could use the trial as an excuse to mount another insurgency in her country.

Taylor said through his lawyer that he feared for his safety in Sierra Leone but wanted to be tried in the region, in part because it would be easier for defense witnesses to appear here. The court's chief prosecutor has said Taylor has no reason to fear for his safety.

Desmond de Silva, chief prosecutor of the independent, U.N.-backed war crimes court trying Taylor,



Former Liberian President Charles Taylor arrives at Monrovia's Roberts International Airport in Liberia Monday before being arrested and taken by helicopter to Sierra Leone.

has dismissed such concerns.

Taylor is the first former African president to face war crimes charges. He was brought to Sierra Leone last week after briefly escaping custody in Nigeria, where he was staying since 2003 under a deal to end Liberia's civil war.

Security was tight at the court, with bulletproof glass and dozens of U.N. peacekeepers from Mongolia and Ireland protecting Taylor and officials who received death threats.

Taylor showed little emotion as a court official, Krystal Thompson of the United States, read the

indictment. He sat at a table, wearing headphones and flanked by two security officers. When the official read "murder, a crime against humanity," he laced his fingers on the table before him.

More than 100 people, including Taylor relatives and Liberia's ambassador, were in the courtroom. Most reporters watched on closed circuit TV from elsewhere in the complex.

Taylor was represented by a court-appointed lawyer, Vincent Nmeihelle of Nigeria, because his own lawyers had not completed procedures necessary to appear before the court.

Taylor met with his

lawyers for the first time Monday morning shortly before his court appearance. Two lawyers from Liberia and two from Ghana "gave him our advice and he will consider it. We consider our mission accomplished," said Kofi Akainyah, a Ghanaian member of the team.

Many were suspicious when Nigeria's government announced Taylor's disappearance last week, just days after Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo reluctantly agreed to hand him over from the exile haven he had been offered under an internationally brokered peace agreement ending Liberia's 14-year civil war.

# 9/11 conspirator could face death

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — A federal jury found al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui eligible Monday to be executed, deciding that his lies to FBI agents led directly to at least one death in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The only person to face charges in this country in the nation's worst terrorist assault, Moussaoui now faces a second phase of his sentencing trial to determine if he actually will be put to death. That phase is to begin Thursday morning.

Moussaoui sat in his chair and prayed silently as the verdict was

read. He was asked to stand but refused.

"You'll never get my blood, God curse you all," he said afterward.

The nine men and three women of the jury will hear testimony on whether the 37-year-old Frenchman, who was in jail at the time of the attack, deserves to be executed for his role.

The testimony will include families of 9/11 victims who will describe the human impact of the al-Qaida mission that flew four jetliners into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field.

Court-appointed defense lawyers, whom Moussaoui has tried to reject,

will summon experts to suggest he is schizophrenic after an impoverished childhood during which he faced racism in France over his Moroccan ancestry.

"By this verdict, the jury has found that death is a possible sentence in this case," court spokesman Ed Adams said.

On the key question before the jurors, they answered yes on whether at least one victim died Sept. 11 as a direct result of Moussaoui's actions.

Had the jury voted against his eligibility for the death penalty, Moussaoui would have been sentenced to life in prison.

# Scandal-plagued Republican DeLay intends to resign

Former House majority leader expected to step down in May or June, will not run for re-election

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, a Texan touched by a lobbying scandal that ensnared some of his former top aides and cost the Republican his leadership post, won't seek re-election to Congress and intends to resign, Republican officials said Monday.

They said DeLay would leave his seat in May or June.

It was not clear whether or how DeLay could remove his name from the November ballot, but if he did, party officials would presumably be able to select a replacement who could then run against Democratic nominee Nick Lampson.

Also unclear is exactly when DeLay reached his decision, but one official said the congressman began informing close associates late last week. That was around the same time as a second former DeLay aide, Tony Rudy, pleaded guilty in a federal corruption investigation that has reached into DeLay's office.

DeLay was expected to disclose his plans Tuesday at a news conference in Houston, said the officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the congressman had not yet made that announcement.

Several officials said DeLay, an 11-term congressman, called Texas members of Congress to tell them he was abandoning his re-election race.

"He'll resign," a former senior DeLay aide added.

In an interview with The Galveston County Daily News in Texas, DeLay said his decision was based partly on troubling internal polling results, including a poll taken after the March Republican primary that showed him narrowly ahead of Lampson.

"Even though I thought I could win, it was a little too risky," DeLay told the Galveston paper.

The congressman told Time magazine Monday that he plans to make his Virginia condominium his primary residence. "I can do more on the outside of the House than I can on the inside right now. I want to continue to fight for the conservative cause. I want to continue to work for a Republican majority," DeLay told the magazine for its online edition.

House Majority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, called his predecessor "one of the most effective and gifted leaders the Republican Party has ever known."

"He has served our nation with integrity and honor, and I'm honored to call him my colleague and friend," Boehner said.

DeLay relinquished the post as House majority leader last fall upon his indictment in Texas and decided in January against trying to get the leadership post back as an election-year corruption scandal staggered Republicans and emboldened minority Democrats.

A Texas grand jury indicted DeLay on charges related to laundering campaign funds in a Republican bid to win control of the Texas legislature in the 2002 elections. He is accused of funneling corporate donations to Republican candidates for the Texas House in violation of state laws.

Federal prosecutors also are investigating DeLay's ties to con-

victed lobbyist Jack Abramoff.

DeLay has denied any wrongdoing in both cases.

Earlier this year, DeLay had vowed to run a "very vigorous campaign" and win re-election. But the congressman's woes continued to build over the past week.

On Friday, Rudy, DeLay's former chief of staff, pleaded guilty to conspiracy and promised to help with the federal investigation of bribery and lobbying fraud relating to Abramoff. Rudy admitted conspiring with Abramoff — both while Rudy worked for the Texas congressman and after he left the lawmaker's staff to become a lobbyist himself.

Rudy is the second former DeLay staffer to plead guilty to federal charges in connection

with the lobbying probe. Michael Scanlon, a former DeLay press secretary who later became a lobbying partner with Abramoff, pleaded guilty last fall to conspiring to bribe public officials.

Rudy's plea agreement makes no allegation that DeLay did anything wrong.

Just days before Rudy's plea, Abramoff — who is helping the congressional corruption investigation in Washington — was sentenced to nearly six years in prison for fraud in connection with a separate case, a casino boat business deal.

DeLay's announcement Tuesday will trigger the end of a long career.

Called "the Hammer" for his hard-nosed approach, DeLay ensured House passage of much of Bush's legislative agenda,

including tax cuts, trade agreements and a Medicare prescription drug plan.

His brass-knuckled political tactics drew the ire of Democrats, Washington lobbyists and good-government types.

"His devotion to the cause has led him to push the envelope as hard as possible and not hold back," said Gary C. Jacobson, a professor of political science at the University of California at San Diego.

DeLay has worked tirelessly to increase the Republican majority in the House since the GOP swept out the Democrats in 1994. He raised tens of millions for Republican candidates and used his own leadership political action committee to shower cash on GOP hopefuls.

In 2002, he helped buck the historic trend of midterm congressional election losses for the party controlling the White House; instead Republicans gained in the House.

He strong-armed a redistrict-

ing plan for Texas that led to the defeat of five Democrats in the state in 2004. The House ethics committee rebuked DeLay for using the Federal Aviation Administration in the search for Texas Democratic lawmakers trying to avoid a vote on the redistricting proposal.

DeLay was unabashed. "I'm the majority leader and we want more seats," he said.

Elected to the House in 1984 from the Houston suburbs, DeLay chafed under Democratic rule for a decade before the GOP seized control. Then, in 1998, he led the charge in impeaching Clinton over the sex scandal involving a White House intern.

He might have been House speaker in 1998 after Rep. Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., stepped down and Rep. Bob Livingston, R-La., stunningly bowed out, but DeLay acknowledged that he was "too nuclear" to take the top job. He instead ensured that his deputy, Rep. Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., became speaker.

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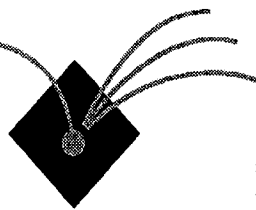
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Up: 1,585 Same: 133 Down: 1,705 Composite Volume: 2,494,735,560

**AMEX** 1,935.31 -0.68  
**NASDAQ** 2,336.74 -3.05  
**NYSE** 8,269.65 +36.45  
**S&P 500** 1,297.81 +2.99  
**NIKKEI(Tokyo)** 17,333.31 0.00  
**FTSE 100(London)** 6,024.30 +59.70

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 100 TR (QQQQ)	+0.12	+0.05	41.98
INTEL CP (INTC)	-0.57	-0.11	19.35
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	-0.78	-0.04	5.09
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	+1.29	+0.35	27.56
JDS UNIPHASE CP (JDSU)	-2.16	-0.09	4.08

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	+0.43	+0.21	48.74
13-WEEK BILL	+0.27	+0.12	45.27
30-YEAR BOND	+0.20	+0.10	49.03
5-YEAR NOTE	+0.58	+0.28	48.42

Commodities	
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl)	+0.11 66.74
GOLD (\$/Troy oz)	+7.60 594.30
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-0.03 81.33

Exchange Rates	
YEN	117.8950
EURO	0.8242
POUND	0.5752
CANADIAN \$	1.1722

## IN BRIEF

### Duke Energy expands into Midwest

CHARLOTTE — In a deal that creates one of the nation's largest utilities, Duke Energy Corp. on Monday closed its \$9 billion acquisition of Cincinnati-based Cinergy Corp., the company said.

"The merger positions Duke Energy to meet future energy challenges and to grow," Paul M. Anderson, chairman of the board and formerly chief executive officer for Duke Energy, said in a statement.

Last May, Duke Energy agreed to pay \$9 billion for Cinergy, forming a company with about 5.4 million customers and \$70 billion in assets.

Cinergy Chief Executive Officer Jim Rogers becomes the new chief executive officer and Anderson will retain his title as chairman.

Duke Energy and Cinergy shareholders overwhelmingly approved the acquisition in early March.

The North Carolina Utilities Commission approved the deal last month to remove one of the final regulatory hurdles. The commission also placed more than 70 conditions on the company, including a requirement that Charlotte-based Duke Energy give North Carolina customers a \$117.5 million across-the-board cut in their electricity bills for one year.

### Market climbs despite late selling

NEW YORK — A late-day selloff left stocks mixed Monday as investors put aside their enthusiasm over acquisitions and evidence of a moderating economy and cashed in profits from an early advance.

Reports showing an unexpected slowdown in manufacturing growth and an upswing in construction spending fed optimism about the economy's health and a possible end to the Federal Reserve's interest rate hikes. The early buying sent the Dow Jones industrials up 138 points and had the Standard & Poor's 500 and Nasdaq composite indexes near multiyear highs.

The market's momentum waned late in the day as nervous investors chose to play it safe and take money out of stocks and bonds.

The mixed economic news nonetheless showed that the economy, while tapering, continues to move forward at a healthy pace, said Jay Suskind, head trader at Ryan, Beck & Co.

## FRANCE

# Alcatel and Lucent strike deal

*New unnamed company will enjoy broad consumer bases in Europe and the U.S.*

Associated Press

PARIS — France's Alcatel SA will acquire rival telecom equipment maker Lucent Technologies Inc. in a \$13.4 billion (11.1 billion euro) stock swap that would form an industry powerhouse with a product line broad enough to entice customers in a consolidating telecom industry.

Company leaders said Sunday they plan to shed 10 percent of the combined work force — about 8,800 jobs — after the deal closes.

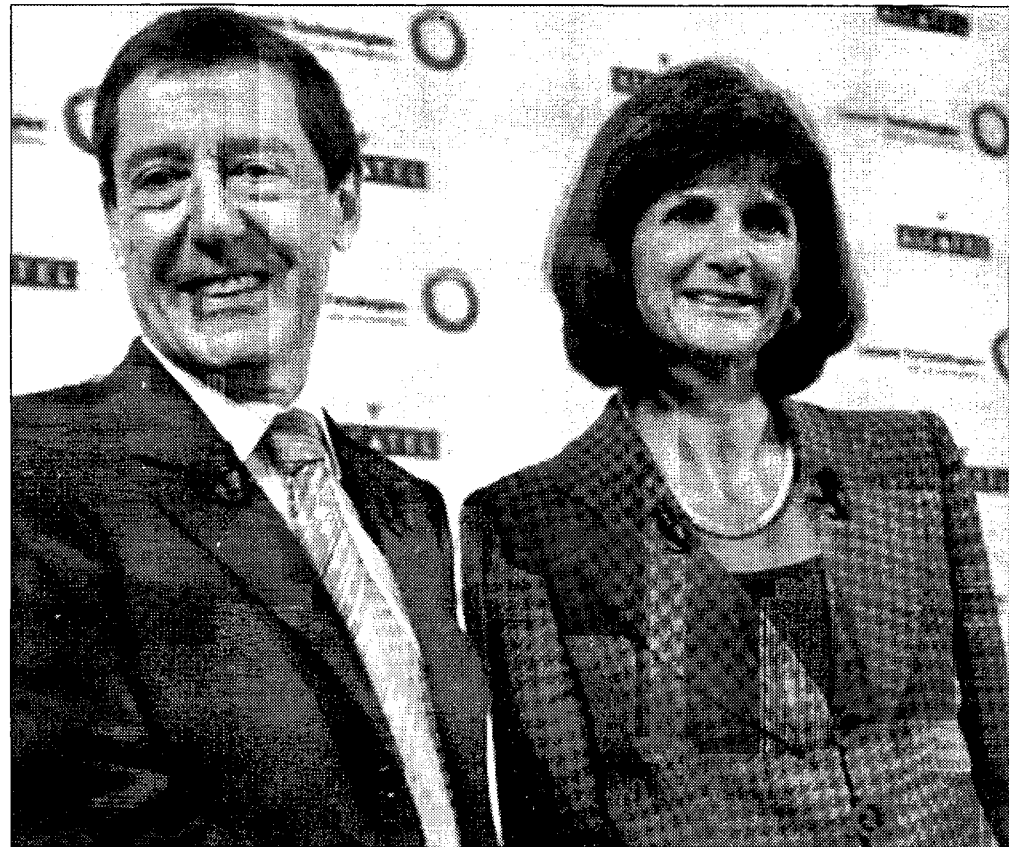
The combined business, to be based in Paris, will work to capitalize on fast-growing converged offerings such as "triple-play" Internet, phone and TV packages that have become popular in the telecom field, the companies said.

The new company will have annual sales of \$25 billion (21 billion euros) — ahead of LM Ericsson's \$19.9 billion (16.4 billion euros) — and an 18 percent share of the fiercely competitive market for telecom gear.

The tie-up will generate annualized pretax savings of \$1.7 billion (1.4 billion euros) within three years, the companies said. Just over half the savings will come from job eliminations, with the rest by consolidating purchasing, research and development and support services such as sales and marketing.

The combination should add to per-share earnings in the first year, excluding restructuring charges expected to total about \$1.7 billion (1.4 billion euros) and asset write-downs.

"Lucent was sooner or later going to have to do something to address the



Lucent CEO Patricia Russo, right, and Alcatel CEO Serge Tchuruk stand before a joint press conference in Paris Monday after formally announcing their companies' merger.

scale of their operations" to stay competitive, said George Calhoun, a business and technology professor at Stevens Institute of Technology. He said Alcatel needed "to become an A-list infrastructure company in the U.S. market."

The new Alcatel-Lucent — whose new name is to be announced later — should be better equipped to weather both intense competition in the telecom equipment market and pricing pressures from larger telecom service providers emerging from a new wave of consolidation.

The deal comes as the industry's major U.S. customers have been rapidly consolidating the telecom

field. In the past year, the former SBC Communications Inc. bought AT&T Corp., while Verizon Communications Inc. acquired MCI Inc. Last month, AT&T Inc. — the name SBC chose after buying AT&T — proposed a \$67 billion deal for BellSouth Corp.

"The newly formed company will be a key player in several key telecom markets," including services and wireless network equipment, Prudential Equity Group analyst Inder Singh wrote in a research note.

With about one-third of revenues coming each from North America, Europe and Asia, he wrote, the new company will have

a geographic reach few competitors could match, likely forcing other mergers.

The companies said the deal's goal is significant growth in revenues and earnings based on "market opportunities for next-generation networks, services and applications."

Lucent CEO Patricia Russo, who will head the combined company from Paris, told analysts during a conference call that in product and service areas where growth is expected, "the combined company will be either No. 1 or No. 2."

Alcatel Chairman and CEO Serge Tchuruk will become non-executive chairman.

# Ameristar builds on casino empire

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Ameristar Casinos Inc. on Monday said it offered about \$1.5 billion in cash to acquire Aztar Corp., a Phoenix-based casino operator, trumping previous offers from Pinnacle Entertainment Inc. and Colony Capital LLC.

The Las Vegas-based casino company said it had offered \$42 a share. That is \$1 a share higher than the current top offer for Aztar.

In a sign investors expect the bidding will continue higher, Aztar shares rose \$2.96, or 7.1 percent, to \$44.95 in morning trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Ameristar Casinos shares were up a penny at \$25.80 on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

Officials at Aztar were not immediately available for comment.

Aztar agreed in March to be bought out by Pinnacle for \$38 per share in cash, and reportedly received a \$41-per-share offer from real estate investment fund Colony Capital later that month.

Aztar's holdings include Casino Aztar, a riverboat on the Ohio River at Evansville, Ind. Pinnacle owns the Belterra Casino at Vevay.

Ameristar said the deal is "clearly superior to Pinnacle's and Colony's," and the combined operations would form the fifth largest public owner and operator of gambling properties in the United States. The combined businesses would generate about \$2 billion in annual revenue, with roughly 21,000 slot machines, 650 table games and 7,000 hotel rooms.

Ameristar said its markets do not overlap with that of Aztar, which owns the Tropicana hotel-casinos in

Las Vegas and Atlantic City, N.J., as well as casinos in Missouri and Indiana.

"Ameristar is prepared to enter into a merger agreement that, apart from providing superior value to Aztar's shareholders, would be substantially identical to Aztar's merger agreement with Pinnacle," it said in a statement.

The company said its proposal would not be subject to financing conditions, and it would expect to complete the deal by year-end, comparable to Pinnacle's timetable.

Ameristar said it expects the transaction, if approved, would "immediately and substantially" boost its earnings per share. Analysts expect the company to earn \$1.33 per share for 2006, according to a poll by Thomson Financial.

## Search

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administrators at once, Mooney said she does not "foresee any period of instability during the search process" and said replacing more than one administrator at a time is not "particularly unusual."

Mooney said the search committee is seeking "someone who will recruit and retain a strong and diverse faculty, articulate a clear academic strategy for the College, provide administrative leadership to the faculty and be a strong spokesperson and excellent communicator."

The primary role of the vice president and dean of faculty, White said, is to serve as the chief academic officer of the College and to lead faculty to continue personal development through reviewing and improving academic programs and promoting quality teaching, scholarship and service.

This transition period within the administration comes while the College is facing several challenges as it strives to implement initiatives to continue its tradition of academic excellence — something White is confident his replacement will be able to achieve, he said.

"I am sure the new vice president and dean of faculty, whoever that person is, will bring to the position personal and professional integrity, clarity of thought, a sense of humor and an affection for the College, our faculty, staff and students, a commitment to the excellence of teaching and learning at Saint Mary's College, a devotion to the education of Saint Mary's women and a passion for helping faculty and students grow and develop," he said.

White said he hoped the new vice president and dean of faculty would continue to expand upon the potential of the Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership and remain enthusiastic about providing an education that fosters diversity while encouraging the Saint Mary's faculty and students to grow as both teachers and learners.

White's positive outlook is apparent among other members of the College community who say they embrace the transition.

"Anytime you bring new leadership there is an opportunity for new ideas and a new vision

for the College," biology professor and search committee member Tom Platt said. "This is a critical point for the College to look toward the future both academically and for student engagement in shaping their educational experience."

Communication studies professor and search committee member John Pauley stressed the importance of students' presence at the forums — one scheduled for Incandela today from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 in Welsh Parlor in Haggar, the other for Tiefenthaler at the same time and place Thursday.

He said the value Saint Mary's puts on student input was "almost uncharacteristic of other colleges and universities."

"The [vice president and dean of faculty] could influence the academic climate of the College ... something everyone should care about quite a bit," he said.

Those who attend the open forums, Mooney said, will have the change to submit an evaluation form to be used in the final selection process.

Both candidates were selected from an applicant pool and met privately with the search committee prior to addressing the campus community as a whole.

Mooney said these two candidates do not necessarily exhaust the College's replacement options and a third may be visit campus in the near future. The candidate who best fits the College's vision will be chosen as the next vice president and dean of faculty, she said.

"The successful candidate must support our distinctive mission as a Catholic college and as a women's college and have a thorough understanding of the goals of a liberal arts education," she said.

White echoed Mooney's goals for the new vice president and said he hopes that he or she will continue to guide Saint Mary's in a positive direction.

"I hope that Saint Mary's will get better every day and that under the leadership of the vice president and dean of faculty teaching and learning at Saint Mary's will achieve new heights of excellence," he said. "Saint Mary's College is a great college, as we all know, but we are great in part because we are always striving to do better."

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## Fireside

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place— the several dozen students gathered were able to ask Jenkins questions and listen as he shared his experiences from his time as a Notre Dame undergraduate, as well as those from his first year as University president.

The event opened with a short address from Jenkins. He explained that he came to the University as an undergraduate in 1973, and he found in Notre Dame a place nurturing to both his intellect and spirituality.

"The great thing about Notre Dame as I experienced and as I hope you do, is that it is an intellectually challenging place. I had great teachers, great discussions ... but on top of that I felt that it allowed me to cultivate spiritual life more deeply and to think about issues of faith, issues of right and wrong," Jenkins said.

Jenkins added that as a student, he also made great friends and learned valuable life lessons from his classmates.

Now, in his position as president of the University, Jenkins said it is his job to make Notre Dame a place where a current student may enjoy those opportunities he had "to excel academically ... and to develop as a person of faith with moral purpose to life."

Jenkins then called for questions from students, and the discussion continued for the

next 40 minutes with interaction between Jenkins and the audience.

Questions concerning academic freedom were intentionally avoided — as SUB organizers made clear when advertising the event. Instead, students asked Jenkins such questions

as, "What was your favorite memory as an undergraduate?" "What dorm did you live in?" and "What is your favorite book?"

Jenkins' favorite memory from his time as an undergraduate is apparently having met, befriended and spoken with interesting and impressive people. He lived in Grace Hall, and a glance at his bookshelf would reveal Plato's "Republic,"

Augustine's "Confessions," Aquinas' "Summa Theologica" and T.S. Eliot's poetry.

One student asked Jenkins to explain his reasoning behind the 2004 firing of former Notre Dame football coach Tyrone Willingham. In his answer, Jenkins said the main concern behind the decision was the future of everyone involved in the football program.

"We could have stuck it out, but I didn't think that was a good idea for the players, a good idea for the program, or even a good idea for Tyrone himself considering that the pressure would have only gotten greater," he said.

"It didn't seem like the situation would have helped anybody."

Another student asked Jenkins whether or not he would like to return to the classroom and teach. He gave an enthusiastic "yes," and explained that though next

year was not the right time for such a venture, it might happen the year after. He explained that time is the issue, and that without having adequate time to devote to a class in the midst of all his duties as president, he fears his teaching might suffer from mediocrity.

Jenkins was also asked what quality he hoped those outside the University would identify with its students — generosity of spirit was his reply.

A student then inquired about what Jenkins had learned, from a leadership perspective, over the last year.

"There's a lot of stuff that comes across your desk that needs to be dealt with and that can consume your time, but the biggest challenge is to not be consumed and to try to set a direction," Jenkins said.

To keep striving toward a larger goal despite all the distracting details has been Jenkins' lesson and his challenge, he said.

"I've learned to keep an eye on the big picture and the direction ... to watch where you're going even though there might be a lot of pressure to deal with the latest crisis," Jenkins said. "I think that's a good lesson for anything no matter how big or small."

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## GUANTANAMO BAY

## Pentagon releases transcripts

Associated Press

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE — In 2,733 pages of declassified documents released Monday to The Associated Press, men accused of helping terrorist groups or Afghanistan's former Taliban regime pleaded for freedom while U.S. military officers often painstakingly tried to find holes in their stories.

The previously classified transcripts were the second batch of Guantanamo Bay detainee hearings released by the Pentagon in response to a lawsuit by the AP. They identified more of the prisoners who have been secretly held without charges for up to four years while the U.S. military determines how dangerous they may be.

Most of the men said they were innocent and would pose no threat if set free.

"My conscience is clear," said Algerian detainee Mohamed Nechla, who was accused of plotting to attack the U.S. Embassy in Bosnia. "If I left this place my only concern would be bread on the table for my wife and children."

Zia Ul Shah, a Pakistani accused of being a driver for the Taliban, said he hated his American captors at first but his feelings softened after he learned about the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"In the beginning I did not like Americans at all," Shah said. "I had never seen Americans. In the beginning when I came here the interrogations were tough and I started hating them more, but then ... someone showed me pictures

from 9/11. Then I realized they have a right to be angry. My hate towards Americans was gone."

Some 715 prisoners have passed through the cells of the U.S. military base since it began receiving men captured in the U.S. war on terror more than four years ago. Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said 490 of them are now held at the base, which hugs the arid southeastern shores of Cuba.

Whitman told reporters at the Pentagon that authorities have

gained a wealth of knowledge by interrogating detainees, who are held in cell-blocks behind barbed wire.

"We've learned about al-Qaida's pursuit of WMDs," Whitman said, referring to weapons of mass destruction. "We've learned about their methods of recruitment, location of recruitment centers. We've learned about their skill sets, their terrorist skill sets, both general and specialized operative training."

A reading of some of the documents released Monday showed no such stark admissions, although any records of interrogations and the classified portions of the hearings were not included in the transcripts. The hearings — called Administrative Review Boards — were held to determine whether detainees still posed threats to the United States.

Human rights group Amnesty

International, a frequent critic of U.S. policies in its war on terror, said the transcripts would most likely reveal information that was insignificant or had been previously released.

"Nevertheless, Amnesty International welcomes today's actions, as even the seemingly minor details in these documents may help shed light on the secrecy surrounding the detainees' cases," said Eric Olson, the group's acting director of government relations.

Each of the detainees who faced such a review hearing was previously determined by one of the Guantanamo Bay panels — to be an "enemy combatant," meaning they fought against the U.S. or its allies or provided support

to the Taliban, al-Qaida or "associated forces."

Shah said he felt his testimony at the earlier tribunal had been ignored.

"Should I consider (you all) the same or should I expect justice?" he asked.

The presiding U.S. military officer assured Shah all the evidence would be considered fairly.

"Well, I hope that you would believe that we would do you justice after we review all the information," said the officer, whose name was censored from the transcript for security reasons.

*"My conscience is clear. If I left this place my only concern would be bread on the table for my wife and children."*

**Mohamed Nechla**  
Algerian detainee

## SUDAN

## U.N. protests alleged attempt to hide region

Humanitarian affairs official kept out of Darfur

Associated Press

KHARTOUM — The United Nations on Monday protested what it said was a decision by Sudan to bar the U.N.'s top humanitarian official from visiting the capital and the troubled western Darfur region.

Jan Egeland, U.N. under-secretary-general for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief, said the government was trying to prevent him from seeing the deteriorating situation in the troubled Darfur region.

A statement from the U.N. mission in Sudan said Egeland's flight into Sudan was not given authorization to land Sunday and that Sudanese officials had expressed opposition to his visit.

It quoted Sudan's representative to the United Nations in New York as saying Egeland would not be welcome in Darfur or the capital, Khartoum.

Egeland's spokeswoman, Stephanie Bunker, said Sudan told him it could not guarantee his security and said he should delay his visit for up to two weeks.

Egeland had been scheduled to visit southern and western Sudan from Sunday to Thursday to assess relief operations. Instead, he went to southern Sudan, which has an autonomous government.

He did visit southern Sudan, which is administered by the Government of Southern Sudan, a partner of the Khartoum government that has its own leadership.

He gave up on his efforts to get to Darfur or Khartoum and

planned to leave southern Sudan for Chad on Tuesday, Bunker said.

The state-run Sudan Media Center said the government of West Darfur state prevented Egeland's visit because it feared public anger against him since he is from Norway, one of the countries where caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad were published, angering many Muslims.

It cited an unnamed West Darfur official as saying residents formed a human chain at the airport to protest the visit.

"They claim that my nationality is a problem because of the cartoons and me being a Norwegian. This is just an excuse," Egeland told The Associated Press by telephone. "I can only believe that they don't want me to see how bad the situation has become for the civilian population in South Darfur, in West Darfur."

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**Jan Egeland**  
U.N. under-secretary-general for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief

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The U.S. State Department criticized Sudan's refusal to permit Egeland's visit, calling the decision "deeply disturbing."

Citing the "crying humanitarian needs" in Darfur, spokesman Adam Ereli said it was hard to understand why Sudan rebuffed Egeland.

"This certainly sends the wrong signal about where the government of Sudan stands on the issue of humanitarian relief in cooperation with the international community to address the problem of Darfur," he said.

Egeland noted that he had been barred from visiting Darfur in 2004 "when ethnic cleansing was at its worst."

The United Nations has described Darfur as the site of the world's gravest humanitarian crisis. The 3-year-old conflict setting the Arab-dominated government and militias against ethnic African tribes has left some 180,000 dead — most from disease and hunger — and displaced another 2 million from their homes. Sudan's government and rebels in Darfur have made little headway in peace talks in Abuja, Nigeria.

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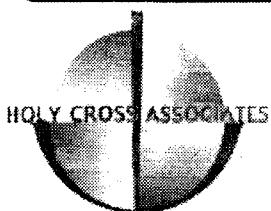
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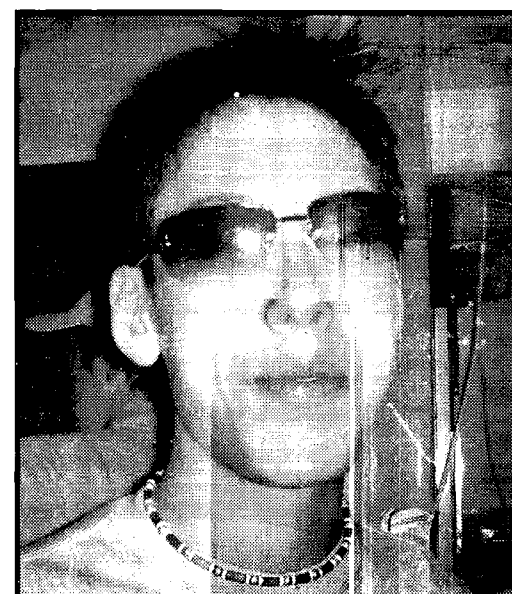
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## Don't blame me

I probably should not write this article. I should probably take a moment, calmly collect my thoughts and speak more softly. But how many other libertarian-themed articles do you read? If you are a libertarian, you probably read a bunch. If you are not, however, this one is probably it.

So in the wake of the Senate's recent vote to raise the ceiling on U.S. borrowing authority to \$8.965 trillion (an increase of \$781 billion from last year) I have to say something loudly.

I cannot take it any more.

The vote passed the Senate along mostly party lines, 58-42. The legislation was the fourth time since 2002 that the government needed to borrow more money than allowed so as to again avoid defaulting on the federal debt. Now, according to the Congressional Budget Office, American taxpayers will be shelling out \$217 billion this year on the interest accumulating on Washington's loans alone.

Now, I am not a fan of Bill Clinton and his sneaky rhetoric about a "budget surplus" (imagine, if you will, paying \$20 for a gallon of milk, and instead of giving you change, the cashier excitedly proclaims he now has a "budget surplus" — if that's a surplus, I'm Batman), but what has happened in the last six years? Does anyone out there besides me care that the Bush Administration's fiscally irresponsible behavior is abhorrent? Reprehensible? Atrocious?

And, the truth is, I blame you.

Libertarians are very keen on the notion of personal responsibility. As a libertarian, I see politics as the following choice: more government or more liberty.

The problem is, when you consistently choose more government, it equals less liberty for me. You do not vote in a vacuum. Voting is exercising political force; it is a form of violence, like it or not, and my grandchildren will be paying for your irresponsibility.

Today, the United States proudly claim (yes, that verb is plural) almost half of the world's military expenditures. In 20 years, Medicare will consume nearly 40 percent of our nation's GDP (not federal budget, GDP). Our country is the world's most powerful "superdebtor." Does it truly matter how quickly we can destroy Saddam Hussein's country when our "leaders" have sold so many Treasury bonds to China?

Debtors used to be thrown in jail when they could not pay for their poor choices. If debtors' prison still existed, there would be no one left in Washington and I would be a happy man. However, instead of throwing them in jail, we are giving them permission to take more and more money that they have no intention of repaying. With reelection rates as high as they are, politicians feel far too safe in the hallowed halls of Congress. They do not fear their constituents anymore.

I am tired of the bickering between the wings of the Republican Party. I saw a poster in O'Shaughnessy that asked for grassroots volunteers to fight the extreme right wing and elect progressives into office. Because, obviously, once we kick the irresponsible, big-government imperialists out of office, the world will be better with the irresponsible, big-government socialists who will happily replace them.

Dear liberals and conservatives: Please stop fighting. You are both to blame for this mess. Bill Clinton killed plenty of civilians in Iraq during his reign, and under George W. Bush, federal spending on education has increased by 70 percent. Please cease the rhetoric, the apologetics, the spin. It is time to take responsibility for your politicians. I am tired of them, their lies and the fact that you keep voting for them.

I am not going to commit the sin of claiming outright that most Americans are capital-L Libertarians. However, I do believe that most Americans do not want "progressives" in Washington. Most Americans do not want imperialism, or foreign nation-building or more socialism. On a broad scale, we historically distrust our smiling leaders — and with good cause. I am convinced that most Americans want peace, freedom and to be left alone; and while the majority of Americans may or may not be Libertarians, those sentiments themselves are strikingly libertarian.

Remember, politicians do not seek office simply to represent the voice of the voiceless. Leo Tolstoy wrote: "In order to get power and retain it, it is necessary to love power; but love of power is not connected with goodness but with qualities that are the opposite of goodness, such as pride, cunning, and cruelty." Unfortunately, the people best suited to lead a nation are those who do not want the job.

I am not proposing some sort of cure-all solution, because one does not exist. I am simply asking — well, demanding — that you respect the choice that you have: more government or more liberty. Considering Nobel Laureate Friedrich Hayek's wise words that "in government, the scum rises to the top," I ask you to be very, very wary.

The hand that feeds you can just as easily strangle you to death, and, if given the chance, it will.

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity."*

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**  
civil rights leader

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Keep the coach, build the program

This letter is concerning the decision to not renew Steve Bender's contract as head basketball coach at Saint Mary's. The decision to not renew his contract has come as a great shock to many people inside and outside of the Saint Mary's community. The basketball program has had its ups and downs (more downs than ups) in the past years on and off the court, but this year was different. The team was happy and competitive; it had its best season record-wise and was positive about last season and the upcoming one. The program finally had a strong foundation to build on. I am by no means implying that Bender was the single factor in the above successes, but he was a factor that strongly impacted those successes. He was — and still is — committed to his team as well as his assistant coaches even though the athletic department chose to not renew his contract.

Saint Mary's athletic department has a "revolving door" for coaches. A coaching position at Saint Mary's is only offered as a part time position which does give some reasoning why the department cannot keep coaches. This does not apply to why Bender's contract was not renewed — he is a teacher and does not need another full-time job. It seems a coach is also never guaranteed any more than a one year contract. If this is the case, this allows the athletic department to cut the coach after one season. If the athletic department has a hard time keeping coaches because of this reason, why would it not renew the contract for one who created so much success for the basketball program?

How can any sport build a program if it keeps getting new coaches? Why would the Saint Mary's athletic department not want to renew the contract of a coach who has led a team with the best record it has ever had, stayed positive, created a strong bond among teammates and gotten them enthusiastic about next year? I have heard no reports of rule breaking or unethical incidences among coaches or players that could justify the decision of the athletic department. Why is the athletic department taking away a good thing? If Saint Mary's has to rebuild a program every year it is going to get harder and harder to get competitive recruits to come and play for the school. If nothing changes and the athletic department has the opportunity to do away with coaches as they please then the athletic programs will never attract competitive athletes to play for the school and raise the bar. The athletic department is working against its idea of making athletics more important at Saint Mary's. Athletes want to be a part of a strong competitive program, and until Saint Mary's builds a program it will stay in the rut it has been in for many years.

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## Support the canned food drive

I want to thank all of those people who have volunteered to take part in Notre Dame's second annual Canned Food Drive this Saturday. I thank you for your support in advance because I appreciate the fact that you realize the importance of this effort. You realize how much of an impact this campus-wide collection has on those families genuinely lacking the necessities of life right here in Northern Indiana.

According to the Northern Indiana Food Bank Web site, more than 118,000 Indiana families live in poverty and are therefore at risk of hunger. Last year, in our first annual campus-wide Canned Food Drive, 6,500 pounds of food were collected for the Northern Indiana Food Bank, setting the first benchmark for the event. This year, with your help, we expect to surpass 10,000 pounds of food, a substantial contribution to the Northern Indiana Food Bank.

The Canned Food Drive will be taking place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. outside of Stepan Center this Saturday. Volunteers will work two-hour shifts in which they will drive out into the neighborhoods of the community to collect cans door-to-door. WVFI will be DJing the event as groups return to campus to drop off their collected food. At the conclusion of the Canned Food Drive, University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh will say a blessing over the collected food. Last year, I participated, and it was a very rewarding experience. The community appreciates our efforts to fight hunger in Northern Indiana, and if you come out on Saturday, you will see for yourself just how much two hours of your time can positively impact the lives of so many people. Thanks again to those who have already volunteered to come out Saturday. If you haven't signed up and are still interested, contact your dorm service commissioner as soon as possible or e-mail jcorker@nd.edu.

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## U-WIRE

# 'Diplomatic immunity'

This week will be a busy week for college athletics as men's basketball plans to wrap up its season with the Final Four in Indianapolis, ending an exciting NCAA Tournament. However, when it's all said and done, that will be the least important topic in college sports because another event has come to the forefront.

Accusations have arisen at Duke University that members of its men's lacrosse team assaulted an exotic dancer hired to perform at an off-campus party. The alleged victim, a student at North Carolina Central University, claimed that she was pulled into a restroom, beaten, choked and raped by three men. So far, the players aren't talking, but Duke president Richard Brodhead decided that he would suspend the highly ranked Blue Devils indefinitely pending the results of a rape investigation, saying the suspension is not a punishment. I would have to agree; it's not punishment enough.

Police collected DNA samples from 46 lacrosse players last week, excluding the 47th player, an African-American, because the victim said her attackers were white. Not surprisingly, the lacrosse team has been known for past scrapes with the law; 15 of its members have previously been charged with offenses ranging from underage alcohol possession to public urination. Many times, the players escaped criminal convictions through deals made with prosecutors.

It's a shame that more wasn't done by the university. There's a high probability that someone on that team had something to do with the alleged rape or that they know someone else who did. If

these lacrosse players truly want to proclaim their innocence, then they need to cooperate with the authorities. Likewise, if universities truly wanted to make its athletes better citizens, it would stop making concessions for them and let them answer to the law when they commit crimes.

We've all heard the same stories before. We know about the athletes who get arrested for drunk driving, speeding, theft, drug possession and sexual assault. What we're not hearing enough about are the athletes who receive adequate punishment for their crimes. Instead, they're getting brokered deals to accompany suspensions from their teams.

One well known case stems from the University of Colorado, which, in 2004, was sued in federal district court for allegedly contributing to a situation in which the plaintiff was gang-raped by CU football players and recruits. The case alleged that the CU Athletic Department marketed its program to recruits through alcohol use and sex with female CU students, while overlooking criminal activities, such as rape. The judge dismissed the suit in the spring of 2005, but some top CU heads had resigned over the embarrassment.

It's about time universities' officials stopped coddling their athletes. Because if they don't deal with them properly now, they may have to deal with them later when it's their daughters who are being sexually assaulted.

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## Professors gripe about student e-mails

With seemingly the whole world centered on the Internet, it is no surprise e-mail has fast become a popular form of communication. However, some students fail to realize how they come off in an e-mail and that it can have a negative or positive affect on how they are perceived by professors and can even affect grades.

"Many students have no idea how their e-mails read," said Marvin Hill, Northern Illinois University professor of business administration. "Do they ever use spell check? Do they use nouns and verbs in a consistent manner? Alas, God did not create everyone equal. One week of reading student e-mails will demonstrate this to all concerned."

While e-mail does allow students to contact teachers outside of class, some fail to use proper English, punctuation or tone. The failure to do so may lower the professor's opinion of the student and can even be found offensive by professors.

"My biggest gripe about student e-mails is the lack of attention paid to basic grammar and spelling," said Kay Forest, associate professor and chair of the sociology department. "Sloppy e-mails read like sloppy papers or poor exams. This is especially defeating when the student is requesting leniency in grading or some other reconsideration of his or her course performance or a job recommendation."

Students should pay attention to the appropriateness of the questions. Questions too in-depth should have been asked in class, or were answered in class and have

no place in professor e-mails, Forest said. Requesting lecture notes or asking about the importance of a missed lecture also are complaints of professors.

While Hill does not have specific guidelines for his students to follow when e-mailing him, he has received many inappropriate e-mails.

"For example, 'I missed class today. Did you cover anything important?'" Hill said. "This is a mass lecture where we never, never take roll. The response: 'No, we didn't cover anything important, just went in and talked about unimportant material that we intend to include on the exam.'"

No matter how perfect the grammar, how eloquent the salutation or how professional the signature, not all questions are best suited for e-mail. This is why, in this information age, professors still hold office hours and allow questions in class.

"Anything that takes me longer than five minutes to answer, however, triggers a request for a face-to-face meeting," Forest said. "I often find that a brief meeting after class can resolve most issues that exceed e-mail treatment, particularly when I need to ask follow-up questions. Generally I reserve office appointments for conversations about a student's grade in the course or other confidential information."

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## SCENE &amp; HEARD

The future of  
MTV

There's a recent phenomenon running rampant across American television screens. It's a new twist on the dating show fad. Gone are the days of classics such as "Singled Out."

The newest hot thing is "Date My Mom," a surprisingly popular show on MTV where several unsuspecting young men take a young woman's mom out on a date, allowing the mom to choose which lad is suitable to date her teenage daughter. The show is obviously scripted — poorly so — and is so mind-numbing that the viewer would be better served by simply packing his or her head in a tub of ice for half an hour to achieve the same effect.

The reason this show still exists is because no one has said anything to the malevolent producers of such trivial trash. Fear no more. Because I am a man of action, I will propose several different ideas for dating shows that are in the same vein, but of significantly more interest.

The first show I suggest is "Date My Senile Aunt." Think about it — we all have that relative. The one who insists that you are still five years old and sends you a "Happy Bar Mitzvah" card every year on your birthday with a newspaper clipping that she found interesting. This is the same aunt with the mismatched pantyhose who pinches your cheek when she opens the door, when she leaves and every time she sneezes. What better way to find a new significant other than to spend an afternoon with the senile aunt of someone you've never met, reminiscing about that time she ate dinner with the Pope (never actually happened)? It makes so much sense!

The second show I suggest is "Date My Farm Animal." I know at first mention this seems insane. But these cuddly and misunderstood mammalian creatures have a sixth-sense and can almost always tell good from evil. My proposal: The contestants spend an afternoon with the benevolent beast, be it a llama, a pig or bovine creature of any kind. During this afternoon, the contestants will walk the animal, clean it and feed it — you know, generally wine and dine the thing the way you would anyone else. At the end of the afternoon, the contestants will

stand in a line. Depending on the quality of the interaction between the contestant and the animal, our mutually exclusive furry friend will walk to the contestant that is the ideal fit. Interesting dialogue a problem? Hardly. Wait until that llama spits in your face — the verbosity that follows will truly be a thing of beauty.

Another idea I was thinking of is "Date My Possessive Spouse." While this show may be a little controversial since the final decision will take place in a divorce court, the idea is still great. Few people will be able to judge who is more suitable for a woman than her spouse. It's fool-proof.

The next idea I have is "Date My Nosy Family Physician." A doctor is one person who knows your most intimate secrets — disease history, immunizations records and family past — and thus is able to determine your ideal mate. Furthermore, a doctor can run all sorts of tests on the various contestants. This is an ideal situation to get to know someone. You don't want to be dating someone who's more riddled with STDs than a Tijuana prostitute — or do you? Who wants a biological game of Russian roulette? This one is fun for the whole family.

Furthermore, there's "Date My Sloppy, Inconsiderate, Smelly Roommate with a Ridiculously Screwed Up Biological Clock." If you can make it through a day dealing with the putrid, insensitive oaf you can live through anything. This would be an interesting series because rather than making a decision at the end of the day, the winner would be the person that manages to stay alive. Who doesn't want a boyfriend with a strong immune system?

Some other ideas that may not need as much explanation are "Date my Ex-Con Father," "Date My Grandma" and the Notre Dame exclusives "Date My Rector" and "Date My ResLife Officer."

With the influx of shows like this and the popular "Parental Control" (also on MTV), something needs to be done. These ideas would be much more entertaining and well received than "Date My Mom." All these shows would be unscripted and the dialogue would be candid. This way, the shows would be more believable and definitely more watched.

Anyway, I have to go — "Simple Life" is on.

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MTV's Jenny McCarthy poses with ex-Baywatch star David Hasselhoff on the set of "Singled Out." The show places contestants within interesting dating situations.

## VIDEO GAME REVIEW

## 'Shin Budokai' bring

By MARK BEMENDERFER

Assistant Scene Editor

Welcome to the world of Dragonball. The diverse world of Japanese anime has been shrunk down to portable size in the PSP game "Shin Budokai." Despite some shortcomings when compared to its big console brethren, the latest foray into the Dragonball universe packs a punch for fans and newcomers alike.

Based off the recent "Fusion Reborn" film, "Shin Budokai" takes 18 fan favorites and places them within an on-the-go experience. The plot isn't too complex. The barriers between heaven and hell have disappeared, creating an excuse for major defeated villains to return. In addition to these familiar foes is a new menace, the mysterious and powerful entity titled Janemba.

All of the 18 characters are unique with their own benefits and pitfalls. Most of them have multiple forms, such as a powered-up version that comes with a new three-dimensional image. Fans will be pleased to know that characters can level up in the middle of the match, adding more

power to their digital avatar.

Fans of the show will recognize all of the characters, adding a proper level of depth to the cut-scenes. However, people new to Dragonball may find themselves ignorant and confused as to the events that unfold. For example, there is little explanation in regards to Fusions and Potara earrings and they have a significant impact later in the game.

The cut-scenes are simple, consisting of a basic exchange between two characters. The voice actors for the characters do provide some of the voices, but they don't contribute nearly as much as they did for the larger releases.

The actual game itself should be instantly familiar with most gamers. Featuring the traditional side view seen in most fighting video games, it is reminiscent of "Tekken" and "Soul Calibur." However, the control scheme has been simplified from the aforementioned games. The player is able to fight in mid-air, suspended above the Earth with no loss of control.

Simply pressing a button, instead of convoluted ritual, gives the player the ability to perform the most powerful special moves. Reserving a button for kicks, punches, blocks and special moves levels the playing field, eliminating the need to memorize complex attack patterns. However, it is easier to either block or completely avoid these attacks than in previous games. Using the ultimate attack and missing will leave the player open for a swift retaliation, making strategy key for success in this game.

There are a diverse number

Dragonball Z  
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## VIDEO GAME REVIEW

## Capcom's 'Viewtiful

By MARK BEMENDERFER

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One of the latest in Capcom's line of games slated for the PSP, "Viewtiful Joe: Red Hot Rumble" is by far the weakest entry in the series. While not a horrible game, it is firmly entrenched in the shadows of its brothers.

That's a shame, because the "Viewtiful Joe" license is one ripe for decent spin-offs and sequels. Essentially a satire on famous Hollywood and Japanese movies, "Viewtiful Joe" the franchise hits several common notes and themes to humorous effect.

The franchise begins with Joe and his girlfriend getting pulled into a movie in a theater. There, he runs into his hero Captain Blue, and acquires the power to go viewtiful. The power, and the main draw of the game, is the ability of the player to distort time as if he held the remote for the movie. The player can rewind, fast-forward or record his own movements, creating a virtual duplicate, all in real-time. All this goes towards slowing time down, undoing mistakes or doubling the damage the player does.

Needless to say, this created some interesting puzzles within the first two games of the franchise. Since time itself could be manipulated, it forced players to think creatively to

solve problems. Rotor blades on a helicopter could be slowed by slowing time, causing the machine to fall under gravity's influence.

This is where "Red Hot Rumble" falls flat. Essentially a party game like "Super Smash Brothers," this entry into the franchise retains the time manipulation elements without fully exploring them. The main emphasis is on completing simple mini-games and short trials. Very rarely do the time elements play anything beyond an insignificant role within the game, leaving gamers to wonder why it was titled "Viewtiful Joe." The game would have been just as strong if it had been an original title without the franchise tie-in.

However, the game is not devoid of merit. There is a wealth of unlockables, including quite a few hidden characters. Movies can be earned, as well as new levels and mini-games.

The gameplay itself isn't too bad, despite its flaws. It's a frantic, fast-paced experience with up to four fighters roaming a multi-tiered playing field. It gets so frantic that it becomes easy to lose the characters in the chaos however, which can lead to several cheap deaths. The attacks are easy to do, with special moves mapped to a single button.

The mini-games are varied, but most of them fall flat. Most of them are games of dexterity and visual comprehension. Unfortunately, they cannot be turned off and are completely tied with playing the game. They even occur in the middle of matches, throwing off the flow of the fight. The fights are fun, however, even with the frantic action.

But the characters are unbal-

Viewtiful Joe:  
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## Dragonball to PSP

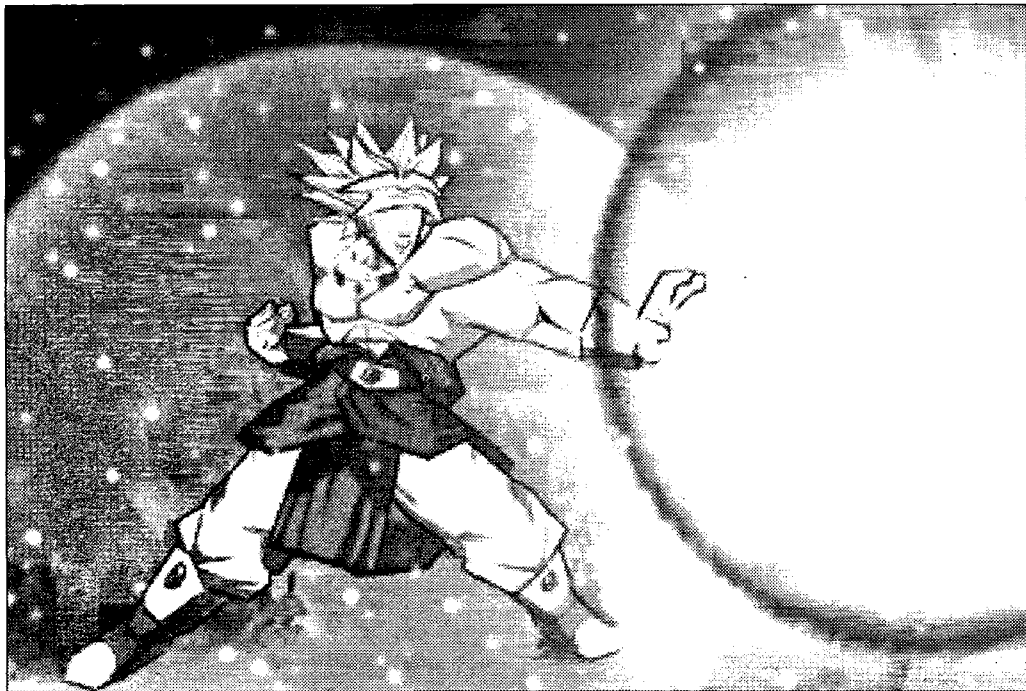


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The Legendary Super Saiyan Broly powers up a special move to finish off his opponent. "Shin Budokai" is a treat for fans but has appeal for newcomers as well.

of game modes, but they manage to feel light compared to bigger predecessors. There is the Dragon Road, which is this game's equivalent to a story mode. It is also in this mode that the rest of the locked characters are made playable. Following that is the Arcade mode, which is exactly what one expects from modern fighting games. There is a mode titled Z Trial as well, which is used to unlock cards and pictures within the game. Another friend with a PSP can play "Shin Budokai" com-

petitively wirelessly, adding to the replay value of the game.

Once again, if you don't know the difference between a Frieza and a Cooler, this game may not be for you. Based upon your love for either anime or fighting games, "Shin Budokai" may have some appeal. But for fans, this is the best portable Dragonball experience on the market.

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## Joe' falls flat on PSP

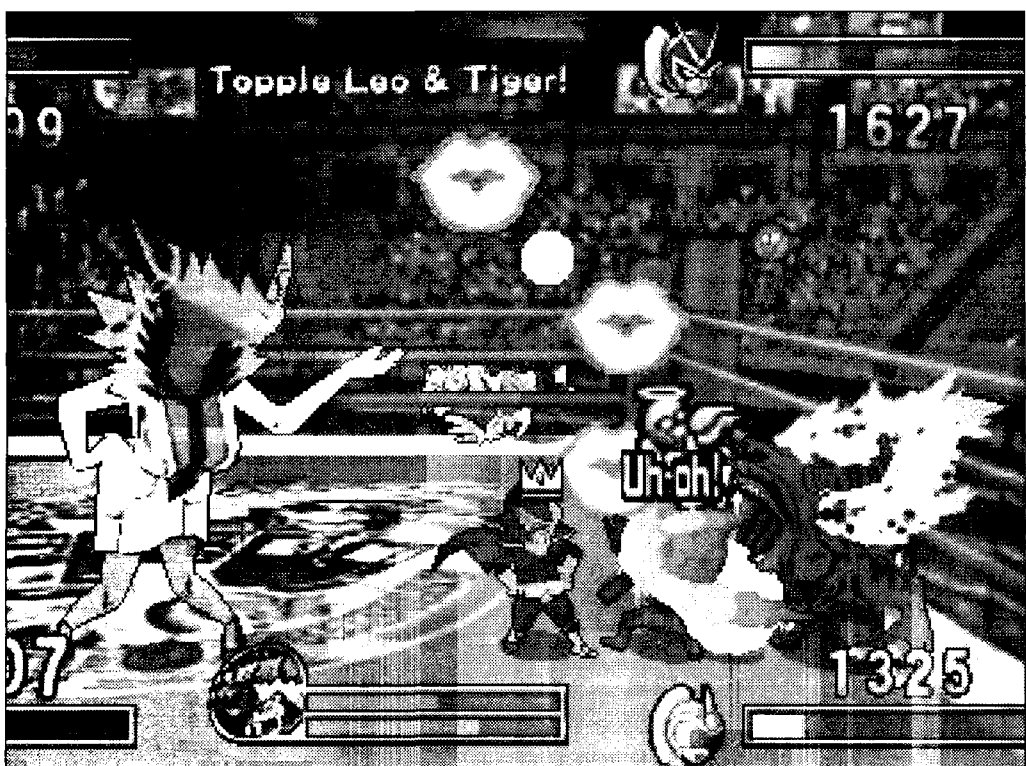


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The four-played fighting action is fast and furious in Capcom's "Viewtiful Joe: Red Hot Rumble." However, the game fails to deliver on the franchise's namesake.

anced, some obviously more powerful than others. This hurts the game when it comes to playing with friends, as player favorites will quickly arise from the super-powered characters. Similar games, such as "Super Smash Brothers," do a better job of balancing characters and as a result earn longer shelf lives in gamer libraries.

The PSP release of this title is marked with some exclusive content and characters. Dante, from the critically acclaimed "Devil

May Cry" series, is a playable character and plays a key role in the story that unfolds. He is also one of the most powerful and first-attained characters.

"Viewtiful Joe: Red Hot Rumble" is a straight mediocre title. Some people may have fun with it, but it's a disappointment when comparing it to its predecessors.

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### DPAC REVIEW

## 'Grapes' a bittersweet experience



Photo courtesy of greencine.com

Tom Joad, played by Henry Fonda (far right), travels across the country with the rest of his family during the Great Depression in this classic tale.

By BRIAN DOXTADER  
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A truly great film is both timely and timeless, at once encapsulating and simultaneously transcending its era. Director John Ford's "The Grapes of Wrath" (1940) is such a film — a socially aware examination of the Great Depression and a moving story about a family's resilience in the face of impossible odds.

Based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by John Steinbeck, "The Grapes of Wrath" follows the Joad family on a trek from the Dust Bowl to California in search of a new life. Led by recently released convict Tom

Joad (Henry Fonda, in one of his finest and most moving performances), the Joads suffer through the trials and tribulations of

Depression-era class struggles as they travel across America looking for work. The family includes the resilient Ma Joad (Jane Darwell), pregnant sister Rosasharn (Doris Bowden) and for a time, ex-preacher Casey (John Carradine). Through it all, the Joad family learns to endure and find hope in the confusion and stark reality of Depression-era America.

Everything about "The Grapes of Wrath" is a cut above. Nunnally Johnson's adaptation of Steinbeck's book is less depressing than the original text, but is still as emotionally affecting. The starkly beautiful cinematography by "Citizen Kane" photographer Gregg Toland is striking and effective. Ford always had an eye for composition, and it doesn't fail him here, allowing for some truly wonderful shots — the camera, unfortunately, is often static (it was, after all, the pre-"Citizen Kane" days of complex camera movements), but the editing and framing make up for any other cinematic

shortcomings.

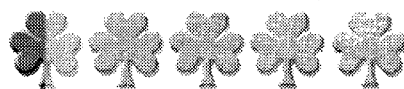
Fonda controls the film from beginning to end, and his sensitive performance is the centerpiece of a solid cast. He is galvanizing, inflecting Tom Joad with a haunted exhaustion — yet there is a strange kind of power in his eyes, a sense of hopefulness that prevents his character from tumbling over the edge. The audience finds itself rooting for the Joad family, hoping their luck will turn around even as they get further and further away from their home. And unlike the novel, which ends on a disturbing and disquieting note, Ford's film ends with a sense of enthusiasm about the future, a belief in the endurance of the human spirit.

Ford made his reputation on the Western, and although "The Grapes of Wrath" isn't technically an oater, its setting and content lend

themselves well to his grand style. While the director may have better films in his impressive canon (1939's "Stagecoach," 1956's "The Searchers" and 1962's "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance"), few are as enduringly timeless as "The Grapes of Wrath." The Joad family becomes an effective symbol of the Everyman, explained first by Tom to Ma Joad in the film's most famous scene ("I'll be everywhere. Wherever you can look") and then by Ma Joad to her husband: "We're the people that live. They can't wipe us out. They can't lick us. And we'll go on forever, Pa ... 'cause we're the people." Ford understood people with an insight and power matched by few directors before or since. "The Grapes of Wrath" will certainly endure as a snapshot of its time, but beyond even that, it will endure as a testament to the resilience and power of the human spirit.

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### Grapes of Wrath



Director: John Ford  
Writer: Nunnally Johnson (screenplay)  
Starring: Henry Fonda, Jane Darwell, Doris Bowden, John Carradine



MLB — AL

# Los Angeles reels in Mariners with late-inning smallball

Angels bunt and steal their way to victory after Cabrera's single knocks in winning runs, K-Rod earns first save

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Orlando Cabrera's two-run single in the ninth inning lifted the Los Angeles Angels past the Seattle Mariners Monday in the season opener.

With the game tied 3-3, reliever George Sherrill walked Casey Kotchman. Jose Molina sacrificed pinch-runner Maicer Izturis to second and Tim Salmon advanced him to third on a groundout. Reliever J.J. Putz walked Chone Figgins, who stole second before Cabrera's two-run single for the Angels.

It was Los Angeles' first victory since losing four straight games in the ALCS to the White Sox. The Angels had won the series opener.

Scot Shields pitched 1 1-3 innings in relief for the victory.

Francisco Rodriguez earned the save, giving up a solo homer to pinch-hitter Roberto Petagine in the ninth. Petagine had one homer in 18 games last season with Boston. It was his first major league season since 1998.

Kenji Johjima, playing in the first major league game for a Japanese catcher, homered in the fifth inning for Seattle. The Mariners scored two more runs that inning to tie the game at 3 on RBI singles by Yuniesky Betancourt and Jose Lopez.

Seattle loaded the bases with no outs in the sixth inning off starter Bartolo Colon, but reliever J.C. Romero, who pitched the previous six seasons in Minnesota, struck out Jeremy Reed, got Betancourt to fly out and Ichiro Suzuki to hit into a force play.

## Boston 7, Texas 3

Big Papi and the Boston Red Sox certainly like having the "old" Curt Schilling back.

Looking as good as he said he felt, Schilling struck out five and allowed two runs over seven strong innings in Boston's season-opening victory over the Texas Rangers on Monday.

"I saw him pitching the last game he pitched in spring training and it was obvious he was right back where he likes to be," said David Ortiz, who was 3-for-5 with three RBIs. "I saw him making his pitches, doing his thing. He looked great to me."

Schilling said he was still strong after a 117-pitch outing in which he walked one and allowed only one extra-base hit, a two-run homer by Hank Blalock in the sixth inning. His velocity was in the mid-90s at

times.

"All of 2004, I was getting shot in the ankle after April. So this has been almost two years since I felt anything remotely close to this," Schilling said. "This is what I was like in 2002."

That year, Schilling won a career-high 23 games and was the runner-up in the NL Cy Young Award voting to Arizona teammate Randy Johnson for the second straight year.

Schilling began last season the disabled list after surgery to repair a tendon in his right ankle (Remember the bloody sock in the 2004 World Series?). Schilling bruised that ankle after coming back and went on the DL another 2 1/2 months before returning as a closer. He went 8-8 with nine saves and a 5.69 ERA — more than two runs above his career mark.

## Baltimore 9, Tampa Bay 6

The Baltimore Orioles were supposed to be a better team this season because of the addition of esteemed pitching coach Leo Mazzone.

So what happened Monday? The Orioles put on their most prolific power-hitting display in 24 season openers since 1982, using a four-homer attack to beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Luis Matos and Melvin Mora hit successive home runs in the fifth inning, and Miguel Tejada and Jeff Conine also connected for the Orioles, who hit an AL-low 14 homers during spring training.

"We basically have a veteran bunch of players, so they know what to do once the light switch goes on," hitting coach Terry Crowley said. "I'm very happy with the outcome today." For good reason. The Orioles batted .260 in spring training and went 14-for-36 (.389) on Monday. The four homers tied the team mark for an opener, set against Kansas City.

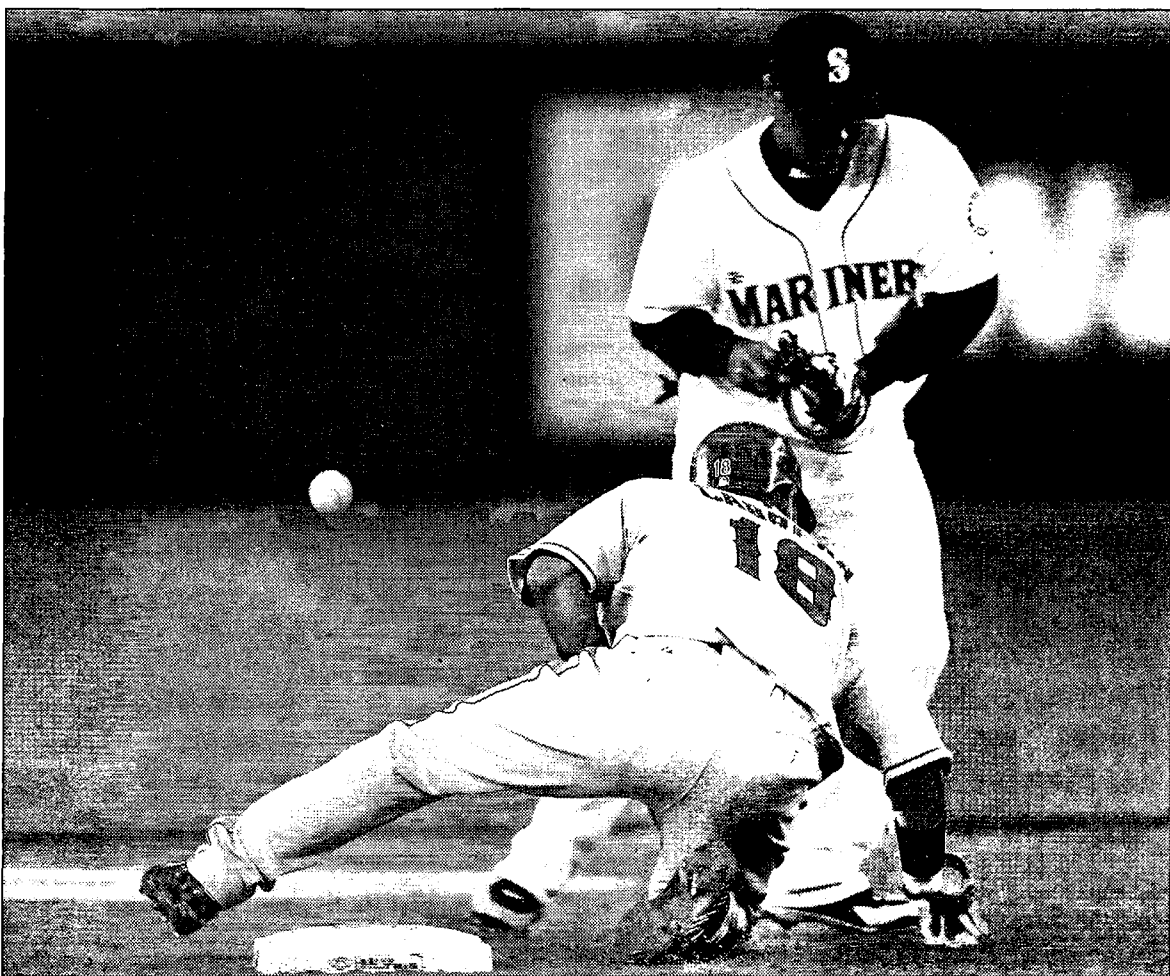
It all added up to Baltimore's sixth straight win on opening day, and a memorable debut for first-year manager Sam Perlozzo.

"I'm glad it's over with a W," Perlozzo said. "It was a good day for all of us."

Newcomer Ramon Hernandez went 3-for-3 with a walk, and eight different players for the Orioles had at least one RBI. Hernandez had six hits in spring training and batted .167.

## Detroit 3, Kansas City 1

Kenny Rogers helped get Jim Leyland a win in his first game



Los Angeles' Orlando Cabrera, left, slides over second base as Seattle Mariners shortstop Yuniesky Betancourt loses the ball on a double play attempt in the third inning Monday in Seattle. Cabrera, who singled earlier, was out on the play but later had the winning hit in a 5-4 Angels victory.

as the Detroit Tigers' manager.

Rogers combined with two relievers on a four-hitter, Chris Shelton homered twice and the Tigers began the season with a victory over the Kansas City Royals on Monday.

Carlos Guillen also homered for the Tigers, and Fernando Rodney got the save in his first game as closer in place of injured Todd Jones.

Leyland, who replaced Alan Trammell after last season, managed in the major leagues for the first time since he quit the Colorado Rockies in 1999. Leyland started his professional baseball career in 1964 as a minor league catcher for the Tigers.

Rogers left Texas after a stormy season in which he was suspended for 13 games after shoving two television cameramen. The 41-year-old left-hander gave up one run and three hits in six innings, struck out five and walked none in his first opening-day victory since 2000.

He faced the minimum nine batters through the first three innings, with a double play wiping out Angel Berroa's third-inning infield single. Rogers gave up a tying, two-

out RBI single to Reggie Sanders in the fourth.

Joel Zumaya made his major league debut when he relieved Rogers to start the seventh, giving up a leadoff walk and Doug Mientkiewicz's two-out single, but he escaped when he got Berroa to ground into a forceout.

## New York 15, Oakland 2

Manager Joe Torre might be right about this Yankees lineup being among the best he's had.

Alex Rodriguez hit a grand slam and drove in five runs, Johnny Damon drove in a run in his Yankees' debut, and Randy Johnson exhibited the dominant form he lacked for much of last season in a season-opening rout of the Oakland Athletics on Monday night.

Rodriguez's 12th career grand slam highlighted New York's seven-run second inning that staked Johnson to a big lead early. Johnson allowed one run and five hits in seven strong innings, an impressive 106-pitch performance for the 42-year-old lefty to kick off his second season with the Yankees.

The 15 runs were the most allowed by the A's on opening day, surpassing the 14 the Philadelphia A's gave up in a 14-8 loss to the Washington Senators on April 17, 1945.

Hideki Matsui homered on opening day for the second straight year, hitting a three-run shot in the fourth. He finished with four hits and four RBIs.

Damon doubled twice and hit an RBI single in the second to end an 0-for-16 streak on opening day as New York knocked A's ace Barry Zito out after 1 1-3 innings, the shortest outing of his career. Zito, tagged for seven runs and four hits, was done after 59 pitches — the first time he hasn't lasted two innings.

So much for a close game in this matchup of two teams considered postseason contenders. Oakland general manager Billy Beane knew his team was in for a tough time starting the season against the Yankees.

"It's like having calculus first period," Beane said. "You are not real happy when the alarm goes off, but by second period it's already over and you are running off to wood shop."

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## MLB — NL

## Cincy rolls out Reds' carpet to President, Cubs hitters

*Bush throws ceremonial first pitch in pro baseball's oldest home; Braves dodge late LA charge with Langerhans homer*

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — With another 16-run outburst, the Cubs showed they've mastered the art of the fast start.

Of course, finishing has always been this franchise's problem.

Chicago rolled to its fourth straight opening day victory Monday, 16-7 over a Cincinnati Reds team that could bring the president to town but couldn't stop the Cubs' run of first-game success.

Matt Murton homered in a five-run first inning, and Todd Walker singled home a pair of runs in a seven-run sixth that sent most of the capacity crowd to the exits on a windy, raw afternoon.

"It went better than we could have hoped," said Walker, who was 3-for-4 with three RBIs. "The only thing I can think is that we did the same thing last year and dropped the next two to Arizona."

The Cubs set a franchise record for opening day runs in a 16-6 victory over Arizona last year, then wound up finishing in fourth place in the NL Central, right ahead of Cincinnati.

The Reds hadn't given up so many runs on opening day since '77 — 1877, that is, in a 24-6 loss to Louisville during the third month of Rutherford B. Hayes' presidency.

"In the sixth inning, it didn't seem like anything went our way," manager Jerry Narron said. "It was a nightmare inning for anybody. You don't like to see that happen to anybody, especially your own team."

President George W. Bush threw a ceremonial pitch at the invitation of new Reds owner Bob Castellini, one of his former ownership partners in the Texas Rangers. No current president had ever thrown an opening day pitch in Cincinnati.

**Houston 1, Florida 0**

The Astros began the defense of their first National League title with a shutout.

Roy Oswalt and Brad Lidge combined on a five-hitter, Craig Biggio doubled and scored on Joe Borowski's wild pitch in the seventh inning, and Houston beat the Florida Marlins and new manager Joe Girardi Monday night.

Coming off consecutive 20-win seasons, Oswalt struck out eight in eight innings, walked one and allowed five hits to win for the 13th time in 14 decisions at home.

Brad Lidge walked Jeremy Hermida leading off the ninth, then struck out Miguel Cabrera and got the save when Mike Jacobs grounded into a game-ending double play.

Florida, with a major league-low payroll of about \$15 million and six rookies in its starting lineup, couldn't generate any offense to support Dontrelle Willis, who held Houston hitless for the first 4 2-3 innings but walked three and was removed after five innings and 107 pitches. Josh Johnson was the loser in his first major league decision.

Houston managed just four hits off Willis, who was making his first opening-day start, and three relievers. The only hit Willis gave up was Willy Taveras' two-out single in the fifth. Willis then struck out Lance Berkman.

Biggio started the rally that led to the run when he doubled into the left-field corner with two outs in the seventh. It was the 605th double of his career, tying Paul Molitor and Paul Waner for 10th place.

**San Diego 6, San Francisco 1**

The only way Barry Bonds got the ball out of the yard was by bouncing a ground-rule double.

Not so for Mike Piazza and Khalil Greene, who homered to lead the defending NL West champion San Diego Padres to a win over Bonds and the San Francisco Giants on Monday.

Piazza homered in his first at-bat with the Padres in the second inning and Greene hit a two-run shot into the second deck in left — practically over Bonds' head — in the sixth. Greene finished with three RBIs.

Bonds did come out swinging, driving the first pitch he saw from ace Jake Peavy into center field leading off the second, missing a homer by about 20 feet. The ball bounced over the fence into the Padres' bullpen. Bonds scored on Lance Niekro's two-out single.

Under investigation by baseball for alleged steroid use, Bonds entered the season with 708 homers, needing seven to pass Babe Ruth for second

place and 48 to break Hank Aaron's record. He's hit 81 off the Padres, his most against any team.

The crowd at Petco Park booed Bonds every chance it got — during pre-game introductions, when he went to left field in the first inning, when he caught Dave Roberts' slicing liner for the Padres' first out, when he came to bat leading off the second, when he scored and even when he chased down Adrian Gonzalez's double in the second.

**Colorado 3, Arizona 2**

No exciting walkoff homer this year. Only a soft ground-ball that was every bit as satisfying for the Colorado Rockies.

A year after Clint Barmes hit a game-winning homer on opening day, the Rockies pulled out a dramatic win over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Monday when Matt Holliday dashed home on a grounder and dived in ahead of the throw for the winning run in the 11th inning.

With one out, Holliday and pinch-hitter Jason Smith hit back-to-back singles off Jason Grimsley, putting runners at the corners for Brad Hawpe, who grounded softly to first baseman Conor Jackson.

Jackson was playing in on the grass and didn't grab the ball cleanly out of his glove. That split second was all Holliday needed to slide head-first across the plate before the throw got to catcher Chris Snyder.

"I rushed it a little bit," Jackson said. "I couldn't get a good grip on it. It was a bang-bang play, a 50-50 shot. We had talked about it right before that if it was a ball to me, I was going home no matter what. If he was staying I wasn't going to turn two. I knew I was going home the whole way, I just couldn't get it quick enough."

**Atlanta 11, Los Angeles 10**

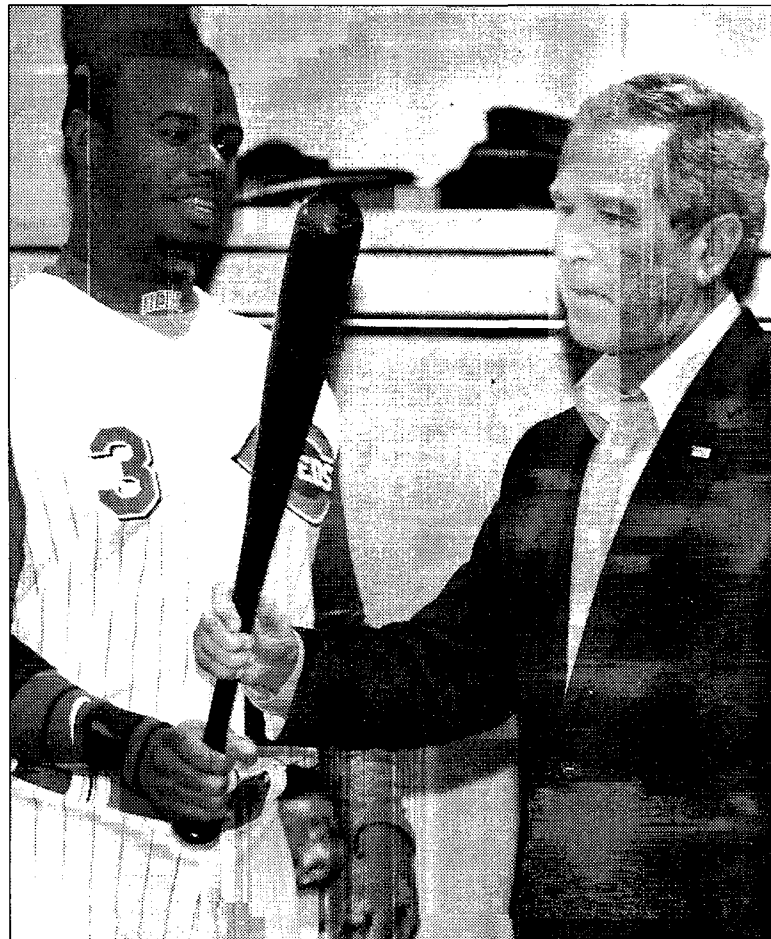
When Ryan Langerhans homered to open the eighth inning, just about everyone at Dodger Stadium believed all it did was provide the Atlanta Braves with another run in a one-sided victory.

It turned out to be the difference on opening day.

Adam LaRoche and Andruw Jones hit three-run homers off Derek Lowe to stake Atlanta to a big lead Monday, and the Braves held on to beat the Dodgers to spoil manager Grady Little's debut and disappoint a turnout of 56,000 — the largest single-game regular-season crowd in Dodger Stadium history.

"When I hit it, that was the furthest thing from my mind — that that would be the run that held up," said Langerhans, who hit Franquelis Osoria's first pitch over the right field fence. "The first three at-bats, I was a little jumpy. He got a two-seamer up I could hit. I was just happy to have a good swing, hit one out of the park on opening day."

The Braves, beginning their quest for a 15th straight division championship, led 11-5 after Langerhans' homer. The Dodgers scored three in their half of the eighth and two in



AP  
Cincinnati center fielder Ken Griffey Jr. presents President Bush with a bat before the Reds' home opener against Chicago in Cincinnati Monday.

the ninth before Chris Reitsma, the seventh Atlanta pitcher, got the final out.

**Milwaukee 5, Pittsburgh 2**

At 36, Jeff Cirillo has transformed himself into the wise veteran who tries to stay young by occasionally hiking up his socks or blowing chewing-gum bubbles at home plate.

He's also become the guy the Milwaukee Brewers turn to when they need a big hit to beat the Pittsburgh Pirates on opening day.

Cirillo delivered a pinch-hit, two-run single in the seventh inning and Milwaukee won Monday, spoiling Jim Tracy's debut as Pittsburgh's manager.

"Even with opening day being what it was, I was very calm, very relaxed," said Cirillo, who homered and doubled in last season's opening-day victory at Pittsburgh.

Cirillo's tiebreaking single Monday came off Damaso Marte, the winning pitcher in Game 3 of last year's World Series for the Chicago White Sox.

Brewers manager Ned Yost summoned Cirillo from the bench with runners on second and third and one out.

"I put him up there with the intent of him winning the game," Yost said. "You know, he's had such a great spring for us, he's such a veteran-type player who really is comfortable in those situations."

**St. Louis 13, Philadelphia 5**

Down eight runs with four outs left, Jimmy Rollins wasn't looking for a walk with his hitting streak on the line.

Rollins kept up his pursuit of Joe DiMaggio's major league record 56-game hitting streak with a double off a 3-0 pitch in the eighth inning, but it was the lone bright spot for the Philadelphia Phillies in their season opener on Monday.

Albert Pujols homered twice,

Scott Rolen hit a grand slam and the St. Louis Cardinals' potent offense pounded out 17 hits in the victory.

Rollins was 0-for-3 with a sacrifice fly before he lined a shot off Adam Wainwright down the right-field line.

"If he had thrown a ball and I couldn't get to it, I wouldn't have swung," Rollins said about swinging with a 3-0 count. "I wasn't going to give the at-bat away."

Chris Carpenter pitched five effective innings for the win, though he wasn't as sharp as he was most of last season, when he went 21-5 and won the NL Cy Young Award. Carpenter allowed four runs and nine hits.

**New York 3, Washington 2**

With Billy Wagner looming in the bullpen, the New York Mets are going to be tough to catch in the late innings.

Especially if they get this kind of help from the umpires.

Tom Glavine outpitched Livan Hernandez in a matchup of World Series MVPs, newcomer Xavier Nady went 4-for-4 and David Wright homered to help New York edge the Washington Nationals Monday.

"Our defense and pitching carried us today," new first baseman Carlos Delgado said.

Alfonso Soriano certainly looked competent in his first game as a major league outfielder — and he was the player thrown out at the plate when Tim Lincecum missed a key call in the eighth inning.

With the Nationals trailing by one, Soriano singled leading off and — with none out — was curiously waved around third by coach Tony Beasley on Ryan Zimmerman's double into the left-field corner.

Jose Reyes' accurate relay throw to the plate beat a diving Soriano, but replays showed new catcher Paul Lo Duca juggled and dropped the ball after applying the tag.



AP  
Philadelphia shortstop Jimmy Rollins is greeted by the Philly Phanatic in pregame ceremonies before hosting St. Louis on opening day Monday in Philadelphia. Rollins extended his hitting streak to 37 games in the 13-5 win.

## LPGA

# Webb wins seventh major in whirlwind finish

*A birdie putt on the 18th hole in a playoff put the career Grand Slam winner atop Ochoa and ended a two-year drought*

Associated Press

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. — Karrie Webb kept putting in the work on the practice range without ever seeing results on the golf course, desperate to rediscover the joy of winning a major.

She once ruled women's golf, winning the career Grand Slam quicker than anyone, even Tiger Woods.

The only thing that felt uncomfortable was the fame.

"I didn't really, really enjoy winning and what comes with that," she said. "And that's why I was probably trying so hard. I wanted to feel this again, and enjoy it and really appreciate it."

Her seventh major came when she least expected it Sunday in the Kraft Nabisco Championship.

And it was an experience like no other.

Webb emerged an unlikely winner after a whirlwind finish at Mission Hills when she made a 7-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole in a playoff to beat Lorena Ochoa, ending a two-year drought without winning.

It began with one of the most dramatic shots ever struck in a major, when Webb's pitching wedge from 116 yards on the par-5 closing hole to an island green covered the flag, trickled into the cup for eagle and gave her a 7-under 65.

"My heart just about jumped out of my chest," she said.

It pounded even more when she was finished regulation at 9-under 279.

Webb was one shot ahead of 16-year-old Michelle Wie and 23-year-old Natalie Gulbis, with Lorena Ochoa seemingly out of the picture after a back-nine collapse in the rough.

Here's how the final hole unfolded:

♦ Gulbis laid up short of the green and hit wedge to 18 feet, giving her a good chance at her fourth birdie in the final six holes to force a playoff.

♦ Ochoa needed eagle, so she went after the flag with a 5-wood. It cleared the water and began rolling toward the cup, the cheers rising until the ball stopped 6 feet away.

♦ Wie hit her best drive under the most intense pressure she felt all day, leaving her 200 yards away. She smoked a 5-iron that hit the green, but instead of rolling down a ridge toward the hole, went over the green and curled toward the water until settling 25 feet away

in the first cut for eagle.

She took wedge, not putter, and had the pin removed. Wie wanted the win.

"Obviously, I was thinking I could make it," Wie said.

Instead, her chip came out hot and rolled 10 feet by the cup, a putt she needed for birdie to force a playoff.

Gulbis' birdie putt never had much of a chance, and she had to settle for a 68.

Back to Wie, who hit what she thought was the perfect putt. It ran slow and true toward the left edge of the cup, but instead of diving into the hole, caught the left lip and spun a way. Wie crouched in disbelief, holding the hands over her head as she came up one shot short of a playoff. She shot 70.

That left it to Ochoa, who had gone from a three-shot lead at the start of a sunny afternoon to a two-shot deficit, another chapter in her growing legacy of being unable to finish the deal.

Not this time. She made the eagle putt for 72 and headed for a playoff.

"I thought, 'I can't believe I have to play a hole after doing that,'" Webb said of her eagle on the 72nd hole. "It took me 15 minutes to calm down."

And it took her only a little longer to earn the privilege of



Australian Karrie Webb celebrates her winning putt in a playoff at the Kraft Nabisco Championship Sunday. Webb had not won a major since the 2002 British Open.

jumping into the pond, a tradition at this tournament.

Webb went over the green with a 3-wood and flopped a nice pitch to 7 feet. After Ochoa ran her chip some 15 feet by the cup and missed, Webb holed her birdie putt on the first extra hole.

How to explain it all?

"Destiny, definitely," she said.

Defending champion Annika Sorenstam never got to first base in her annual pursuit of the Grand Slam. She closed with a 70 to tie for sixth, one shot behind Juli Inkster (68).

Sorenstam and Webb used to

go head-to-head six years ago, with the 31-year-old Australian winning most of the major battles. Webb retooled her swing with Ian Triggs, and didn't have much to show for it.

She had not won a major since the 2002 Women's British Open at Turnberry.



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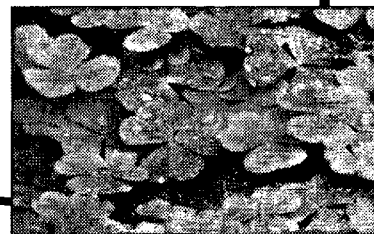
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### Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	pct.	GB
New Jersey	44-28	.611	-
Philadelphia	34-38	.472	10
Boston	30-43	.411	14.5
Toronto	26-47	.356	18.5
New York	19-53	.264	25

### Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Detroit	45-14	.808	-
Cleveland	44-29	.603	15
Milwaukee	37-36	.507	22
Indiana	35-37	.486	23.5
Chicago	33-40	.452	26

### Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Miami	48-25	.658	-
Washington	37-35	.514	10.5
Orlando	29-44	.397	19
Atlanta	22-50	.306	25.5
Charlotte	20-54	.270	28.5

### Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Denver	41-33	.554	-
Utah	35-38	.479	5.5
Minnesota	31-42	.425	9.5
Seattle	30-43	.411	10.5
Portland	20-53	.274	20.5

### Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Phoenix	49-24	.671	-
LA Clippers	42-30	.583	6.5
LA Lakers	40-35	.533	10
Sacramento	38-36	.514	11.5
Golden State	30-42	.417	18.5

### Western Conference, Southwest Division

team	record	pct.	GB
San Antonio	57-16	.781	-
Dallas	55-19	.743	2.5
Memphis	42-32	.568	15.5
New Orleans	35-37	.486	21.5
Houston	32-41	.438	25

## NCAA Women's Softball Big East Conference

team	conf.	overall
NOTRE DAME	4-0	18-10
USF	4-0	32-18
Pittsburgh	7-1	23-12
Syracuse	7-1	18-14
Louisville	3-1	23-5
DePaul	3-1	14-9
Providence	4-4	19-8
Connecticut	4-4	14-15
St. John's	3-5	20-16
Rutgers	1-7	6-25
Seton Hall	1-7	16-20
Villanova	0-8	6-23

## NCAA BASKETBALL



Florida players celebrate as head coach Billy Donovan holds the NCAA Championship trophy aloft in Indianapolis Monday night. The Gators beat UCLA 73-57 in the Final Four championship game.

## Florida wins NCAA Championship

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Game, set, match — and a championship, too — for Joakim Noah and the Florida Gators.

The tennis star's son dominated UCLA with 16 points, nine rebounds and a record six blocks Monday night to key a 73-57 blowout for Florida's first national title in basketball.

The championship for Billy Donovan's team comes 10 years after Steve Spurrier led the Gators to a title in that "other" sport. Spurrier is long gone, and the days of

Florida being only a football school appear to be, too.

For 40 lopsided minutes, the Gators (33-6) were too big, too long and too quick for UCLA, which came up a win short of its 12th national title on a night when legendary coach John Wooden watched from a hospital bed in LA after being admitted for an undisclosed illness that was said not to be serious.

Florida and Noah won by putting on a thorough display of versatility and unselfishness, a trademark of this team all season.

The Bruins (32-7) were on a defensive tear coming

into the championship game, shutting down LSU's Glen Davis in the semifinals and allowing a total of 90 points in the last two games. Florida, though, was just too much to handle.

Noah capped it off with a monster dunk with 1:09 left. When the buzzer sounded, he laid flat on his back at halfcourt and let the confetti rain on him. His teammates were in a pile a few feet away and Donovan was sharing hugs with his longtime assistant Anthony Grant.

The Gators won this by taking it right to UCLA early, looking to Noah,

Corey Brewer and senior Adrian Moss down low, making the extra pass in the key and finishing with 21 assists, 10 of them from their frontcourt.

The scrappy junior Lee Humphrey, the only non-sophomore in Florida's starting five, spotted up for a couple open looks against a collapsing defense early in the second half.

Humphrey's first 3, 80 seconds into the half, gave Florida a 39-25 lead and forced Howard to call timeout. A sloppy offensive possession ensued, then Humphrey came back with another 3.

## around the dial

### NBA

Philadelphia at Cleveland, 7 p.m., NBATV  
Sacramento at Dallas, 8:30 p.m., TNT

### NHL

Philadelphia at New York Rangers,  
7 p.m., OLN

## IN BRIEF

### Maryland women excited to play in Final Four

BOSTON — During Maryland's last visit to this city, for a regular-season game against Boston College, coach Brenda Frese took her team on a surprise bus trip.

The destination was undisclosed.

The players were puzzled.

But when they unloaded at the new Boston Garden, the site of the NCAA women's Final Four, the message was clear.

"If you want to come back here, the next time will be for the Final Four," Maryland guard Shay Doron recalled on Monday, a day before the Terrapins play Duke for the NCAA title. "That feeling was unbelievable. You just want to get back here no matter what."

Maryland (33-4) reached the title game by beating top-ranked North Carolina in the semifinals Sunday — its second victory this year over the Tar Heels, a team no one else beat even once.

### Average MLB ticket prices have risen

Get ready to pay more to go out to the ol' ballgame this year.

Baseball ticket prices are up an average of 5.4 percent, and the Boston Red Sox have the highest average for the ninth straight season.

Tickets in the major leagues average \$22.21, the Team Marketing Report said Monday, up from a revised average of \$21.08 last year. The NFL averaged \$58.95 last year, the NBA \$45.92 this season and the NHL \$41.19.

"From the standpoint of family entertainment, baseball remains very affordable compared against comparable entertainment," said Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer.

"MLB is a special, but fairly priced, family fare."

Boston, which has the smallest major league ballpark, hiked its average 4.3 percent to \$46.46.

### French Open to award female, male champions same prize

PARIS — The French Open will offer equal prize money to the men's and women's champions for the first time.

Each champion will receive \$1.13 million, the French Tennis Federation said Monday.

"We're following the evolution of tennis," said Stephane Simean, the federation official in charge of prize money. "On the women's side, there has been a very positive change, with the arrival of many new stars."

Wimbledon remains the only Grand Slam tournament that pays the men's winner more than the women's champion.

The U.S. and Australian Opens have offered equal prize money for years.

"Once upon a time, there were only three or four dominant women," Simean said. "Now, there are 10 to 15 who can vie for a Grand Slam."

## SMC SOFTBALL

## Two for Tuesday matchup

*Belles make up game against Robert Morris playing doubleheader*

By DEIRDRE KRASULA  
Sports Writer

The Belles take on Robert Morris today in a rescheduled doubleheader at 4:30 p.m. The game was cancelled last Tuesday, March 28, because of poor field conditions. Saint Mary's is coming off a strong showing Saturday when they swept Adrian 5-0 and 7-0.

Robert Morris traveled to Lebanon, Ill. this weekend for the two-day McKendree College Tournament.

The Lady Eagles lost both of their games Saturday falling 3-1 to Williams Baptist College and 8-3 to the University of Illinois, Springfield. Their two games on Sunday were cancelled because of rain.

Robert Morris (11-9) is ranked second in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) with a 4-0 conference record.

The Belles step on the field today with a 12-4 record overall and the confidence from two solid wins on Saturday. Senior Bridget Grall threw her first career no-hitter and dominated from behind the plate as well.

"Her pitching was outstanding as she threw a no-hitter the first game," senior Audrey Gajor said. "But she also really came through at the plate as well in both



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

**Saint Mary's freshman outfielder Calli Davidson hacks away for the Belles April 1 against Adrian. Saint Mary's beat Adrian 5-0 and 7-0 in the doubleheader.**

games."

The Belles will once again look to the guidance from Grall as well as freshman pitcher Kristin Amram. Amram struck out twelve at the plate, nearing her record thirteen.

Head coach Erin Sullivan said that her team came into the game against Adrian prepared both physically and mentally.

"The team came out ready to play," Sullivan said. "Even in tough conditions, and [they] never backed down offensively."

The Belles will try to come out prepared in the same way today turning to strong defense from pitchers Grall and Amram. The two will look to shut down the Lady Eagles as they did of Adrian on Saturday.

Gajor said that the team was on target both defensively and offensively Saturday. They will look to bring this combination again as they search for their 13th and 14th wins.

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## SMC TENNIS

## Belles improve MIAA record with 8-1 victory

*Team rebounds from weekend loss, raises league record to 3-1*

By GREG ARBOGAST  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's returned to the winner's circle Monday afternoon as it defeated conference foe Alma by the convincing score of 8-1.

The win puts the Belles overall record at 8-6 and improves their record to 3-1 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA). After opening the season with conference victories over Olivet and Adrian, Saint Mary's lost its first conference match last week against Hope.

Monday afternoon, the Belles looked more like the team of their first two conference matches.

"I think we're happy with how we played on Monday," junior Tara O'Brien said. "Especially considering that we didn't play up to our potential, I think we did a real good job to beat Alma by so

much."

Picking up wins for the Saint Mary's in singles were No. 1 Kristen Palombo, No. 2 Kelly McDavitt, No. 4 O'Brien, No. 5 Melissa Dingler and No. 6 Grace Gordon. All of the players needed only two sets to complete their matches.

In doubles action, the teams of McDavitt and Calie Mulcahy, Palombo and Gordon and O'Brien and Mary Elizabeth Campbell swept the competition as they all won their matches in just two sets.

The team admitted that it was still feeling the effects of its two matches this past weekend, but the Belles were able to turn that fact into a positive.

"We were all still lagging a little from this weekend as well as the long car ride to Alma, so it was really good to see that we can still win even when we don't have our 'A' game," Palombo said.

Saint Mary's will have little time to rest after Monday's match as it has a home conference match against Tri-State today at 3 p.m. Tri-State is 7-4 on the season.

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Saint Mary's junior

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Saint Mary's co-captain

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## The Top 32 Teams of Bookstore Basketball

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2. Jack's Shorts
3. The Caged Bears
4. Club Fever
5. Clover Ridge Apartments
6. What Would Jeremy Crouch Do
7. Castle Point
8. Bad Boyz
10. Hannah's Storm
11. KPMG
12. The Saltines
13. Rocco's Pizza
14. Insurance Waivers
15. Malicious Prosecution
16. Jay Morris
17. Finish Line
18. Bookmakers
19. We're Ron Burgundy?
20. Sparkle Motion
21. Linebacker Lounge
22. Team Walk-On
23. Huggie's Place
24. The League of Shadows
25. The Nickelodeon Moon Shoes
26. Craig Fencing
27. Indian Peaks
28. Taking a Paige Out of the Playbook
29. PC Load Letter
30. Two of us are dating
31. team god shamgod
32. Overrated

## Bookstore

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nated marketing, team registration, ranking the top 32 teams and placing each entry into a bracket.

In addition to the fun of the tournament, there is a loftier goal — raising money for the charity JumpBall.

"For the last few years in Bookstore Basketball, all the proceeds, the profits from the tournament have gone towards the JumpBall tournament," Maher said. "It's a charity organization in Jamaica which holds camps for underprivileged youth in the Jamaica area, mainly Kingston ... it gives kids an opportunity to build character, learn to play on a team, learn to be good solid leaders — dedication and commitment."

This year's tournament features a familiar top team — U Got a Bad Draw, captained by Eric Laumann and led by Irish quarterback Brady Quinn and safety Chinedum Ndukwe. The team feels confident about its chances this year, having never lost a game against competition, Quinn said.

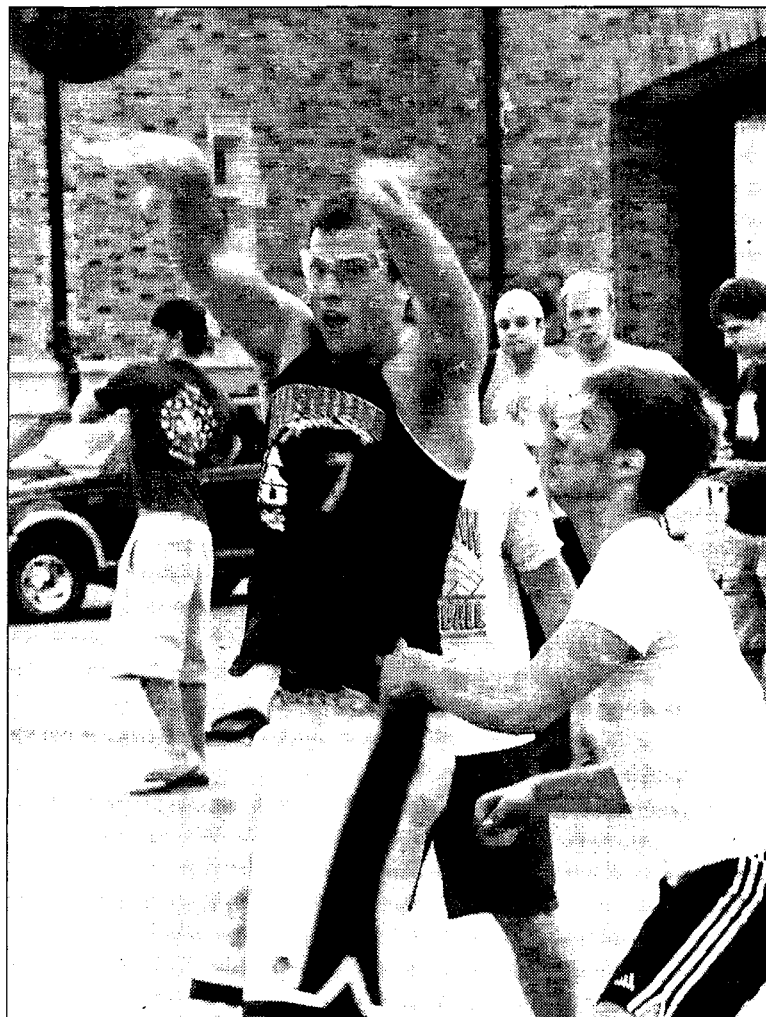
"We feel as if we are by far the best team in the tournament," Quinn said. "Last year the tournament was tainted, and this year we are going for blood."

The team has talent in all aspects of the game, especially size and speed. It boasts three Irish football players, with offensive lineman David Fitzgerald joining Ndukwe and Quinn as the three non-basketball athletes on the team.

"Me and Chinedum go way back, and we knew we just wanted a big body in the post, and that ended up being David [Fitzgerald]," Quinn said explaining his decision to choose Fitzgerald.

Rounding out the squad are Chris Devitt and Eric Laumann, two non-varsity athletes who Quinn lauds as the best in the school.

Devitt and Laumann should



Sophomore Steve Przywara passes to a teammate during a Bookstore Basketball game last spring.

not take their selection to U Got a Bad Draw lightly, as being the non-varsity athletes has spelled good things in the past. The most successful former Bookstore Basketball teammate of Quinn was Chris Murphy, now a walk-on player for the Notre Dame men's basketball team.

"We definitely work on improving the caliber of our teammates," Quinn said. "I take credit for Chris making the [varsity] team because of his time playing with us."

Although much of the lime-light has been on Quinn's squad, one of the great qualities of Bookstore Basketball is that it gives countless teams a chance to win.

"I decided to play Bookstore

because I wanted to experience that one shining moment," freshman Nick Trapp, captain of "The Saints of Fort Washington" said.

But despite hope for his team's success, Trapp remains realistic about the Saints' chances this year facing such a huge field.

"We have a lot of athleticism, but once we get into the later rounds I think our lack of size will end up hurting us against the better teams," he said.

Kate Gales also contributed to this report.

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## Funniest Names of Bookstore Basketball

Pop culture, movie quotes, self-deprecation and everything in between

- ◆ We Shoot Like Dick Cheney (you should wear orange)
- ◆ Don't Cha Wish Your Girlfriend Was Hot Like Us
- ◆ We Lost A Lot Of Good Men Out There
- ◆ Shawn Kemp Is My Daddy ... and his daddy ... and his daddy ... and his daddy
- ◆ We Always Make It to Oregon Before You
- ◆ Trying to Outscore Vince Young's Wonderlic Test
- ◆ Sending Kids to BC since 1842
- ◆ WE GOT A BAD DRAW
- ◆ Adam Morrison's Mustache
- ◆ We Don't Pay 40 G's a Year to Lose in Bookstore Basketball
- ◆ We Could Go .500 in the Missouri Valley Conference
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## Softball

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10 to raise their record to 16-13. The Eastern Michigan offense is led by Ashley Strauss, who is hitting .283 with 19 RBIs. Strauss was named the MAC West's Player of the Week last week after belting three home runs, including a game-winning two run shot in extra innings to secure a victory over Northern Illinois April 1.

"This year the team plays with a lot of intensity and fire," Notre Dame's Stephanie Brown said. "We have an extreme amount of talent."

The Irish pitching staff will have its hands full with the Eagles' offense, but starters Heather Booth and Brittney Bargar have effectively shut down their competition so far this season.

Bargar was named the Big East's Pitcher of the Week this week after recording a no-hitter against Connecticut Saturday. The eight-inning shutout was the first recorded in Notre Dame's history.

"She is a fighter and she

worked hard out there," said Booth, who raised her record to 7-6 on the season.

*"This year the team plays with a lot of intensity and fire."*

*We have an extreme amount of talent."*

**Stephanie Brown**  
Irish second baseman

"We come to practice and continue to stay fresh on offense and defense," infielder Sara Schoonaert said. "I

think right now things are really gelling for us and we are having a lot of fun out there."

Brown, Notre Dame's lead-off hitter, has been unstoppable at home this season. The team had seven hits in 13 at bats including three home runs.

The team will continue to look to the top of its batting order as well as a stingy defense to overcome the Eagles and move its home winning streak to seven. The streak dates back to a 7-3 win over Syracuse on May 1 of last season.

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## NHL

### Avalanche takes lead in division

*Denver tops Chicago 4-3 in comeback win*

Associated Press

DENVER — For 59 minutes, the Colorado Avalanche were on their way to a bad loss. The final 58 seconds of regulation changed all that.

Dan Hinote and Rob Blake scored in the last minute, and the Avalanche moved within three points of the Northwest Division lead with a victory over the Chicago Blackhawks on Monday night.

"This was big because we needed these points," Blake said. "I got a power play at the end and Danny made a strong move down the wall, put the puck to the net and it went in."

Blake scored two goals and became the 17th NHL defenseman to score 200. Andrew Brunette added a goal, and Joe Sakic had three assists.

Calgary lost one point off its division lead by falling in a shootout to Detroit at home Monday. Both the Flames and Avalanche have seven games remaining. Colorado will play its final three games on the road.

"It was a tremendous sense of relief to see the last goal go in," Colorado coach Joel Quenneville said. "We were thinking before if we could get it to overtime, then we get a free point and then we got a really lucky break after that."

Curtis Brown, Patrick Sharp and Rene Bourque had goals for the Blackhawks, who are out of playoff contention.

"We made a generous gift to them," goalie Nikolai Khabibulin said. "They really needed one and we gave it to them."

Brown gave Chicago a 3-2 lead with 5:21 left in the third when he took a centering pass from Bourque from behind the net and sent a backhand over goaltender Peter Budaj's glove.

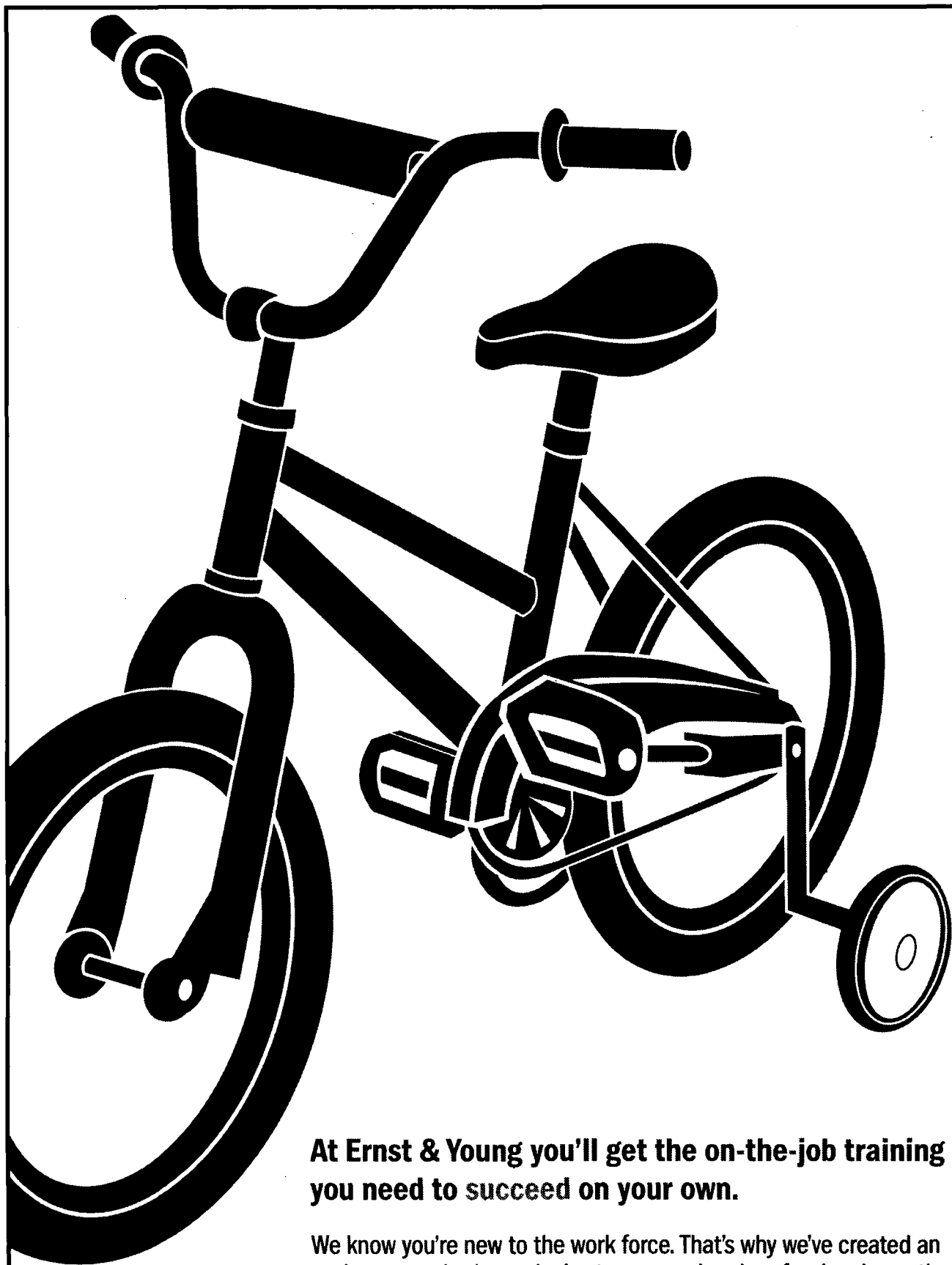
But with 2:03 remaining, Michal Barinka was sent off for cross-checking. Blake tied it 3-3 at 19:03, sending the puck through a pileup in front of the net and past Khabibulin.

Hinote scored from a tough angle after Sakic had dumped the puck into Chicago's zone. Hinote skated along the right boards and sent a shot off the back of Khabibulin's right pad and into the net with 12 seconds left.

"I only get the lucky ones," Hinote said. "I knew there was about 15 seconds left so I just wanted to throw it to the net and maybe get a faceoff down there. I wasn't trying to score from there."

"He's right," Khabibulin said of Hinote's goal. "That puck shouldn't go in. I'll take the blame for that one."

Chicago outshot Colorado 9-6 in the first period and showed some grit after Khabibulin gave up a rebound goal to Blake at 5:09. Sakic's wrist shot was stopped but the puck bounced right to Blake, who tapped it in for his first of the night.



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# Streak

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against the Cougars Tuesday. "We might make a couple of changes and give some guys a chance to play, not because we're taking an opponent likely, but more because some of our guys have some nicks and bruises and we want to rest them up," he said.

One of those changes will be to start freshman Jeremy Barnes at shortstop instead of senior Greg Lopez. Barnes started at designated hitter Sunday against the Panthers and drove in the winning run in the ninth inning.

Mainieri said that Lopez's starting spot is not in jeopardy, but he wants to get Barnes' bat into the lineup any way possible.

"Lopez is a little sore and we want to rest him a little

bit," Mainieri said. "I always felt that [Barnes] was a starting player and had the capability to be one of our best hitters and all-around players. The problem is that we had a full starting infield coming back and they're all good players."

The Irish pitching staff has been a catalyst in Notre Dame's winning streak, throwing two shutouts and allowing a little over two runs per game over the seven contests.

"When you look at our three weekend starters, Samardzija, Manship, and Thornton, I'd put them up against anyone in the country," Mainieri said. "Then Wade Korpi has really emerged as a solid fourth starter."

"I also like what I've seen out of our bullpen."

The Cougars have struggled this season, going just 3-17, but almost upset Kansas State on the road March 28, falling 8-7.

"Kansas State is one of the best teams in the country," Mainieri said. "[Chicago State] could be a very tough game."

Ball State is 14-11 this year and 5-1 in the MAC. The Cardinals beat the Irish last year, 14-5, at Frank Eck Stadium.

After the midweek games, Notre Dame will travel to Tampa, Fla., for a three-game Big East series against South Florida. The Bulls are new to the conference this season, and the Irish have only faced them once before, in South Bend in 2001. South



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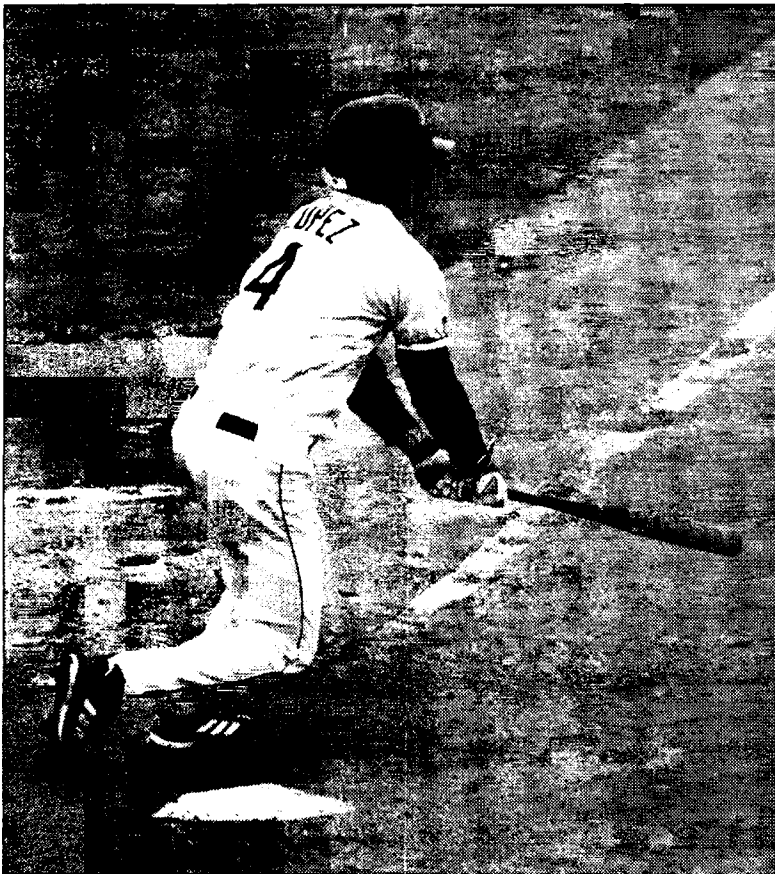
**An Irish infielder makes a play at first against Pittsburgh Saturday in a 4-3 victory. Notre Dame swept the Panthers in the three-game weekend series, extending its winning streak to seven games.**

Florida won that game, 6-1.

"We know they're going to be tough, especially at home," Mainieri said of the Bulls. "They're a Florida school and they've got good players and a good coach."

Both the Chicago State and Ball State games will begin at 5:05 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium.

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**Senior shortstop George Lopez hits into the infield as the Irish topped the Panthers 4-3 Saturday at Frank Eck Stadium.**



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## BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXV

# Hoping for history

*The world's largest outdoor five-on-five basketball tournament tips off today*

By JAY FITZPATRICK  
Sports Writer

The coming of spring in South Bend has brought the return of a unique Notre Dame tradition — Bookstore Basketball.

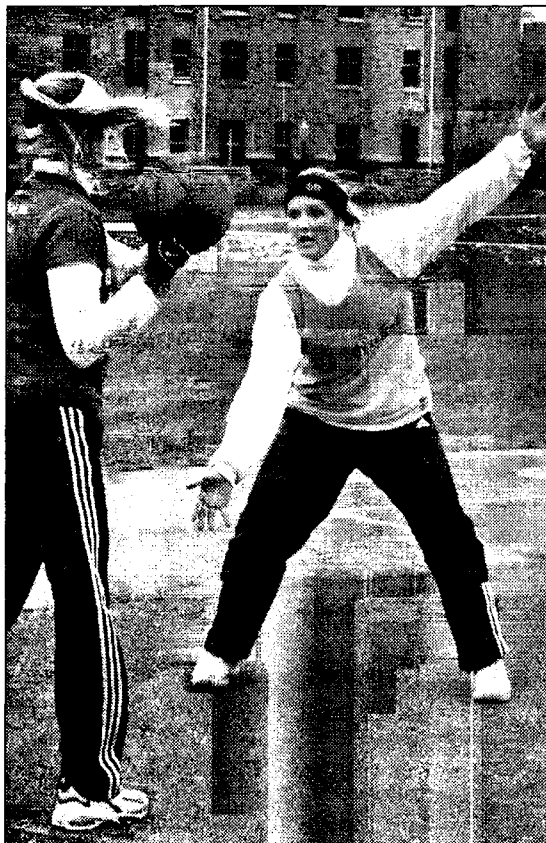
The tournament this year features 568 teams, a drop from last year's field of over 600 in the largest 5-on-5 tournament in the world.

Executive commissioner Luke Maher attributed this drop in part to team registration coinciding with spring break.

"It took a lot of momentum out of our marketing campaign," Maher said. "We learned from that for sure."

Since last year's tournament concluded, Maher has been working with the logistical challenges of such a large event. With executive board members Dan Carey, Christine Hedge, Brandon MacLeod, Jim Rodgers, Patrick Schafer and Mary Sullivan, he has coordi-

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*Anthony Travel relied on defense in last year's title game, while the men's side featured sharp shooting.*

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## ND SOFTBALL

# Streaking Eagles to face Irish

By DAN MURPHY  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame continues its home schedule tonight with a doubleheader against Eastern Michigan. The Irish are undefeated at home after a 4-0 start, and hope to maintain their perfect record this weekend against conference Connecticut and Providence.

The Eagles come into South Bend red hot, having won nine of their last

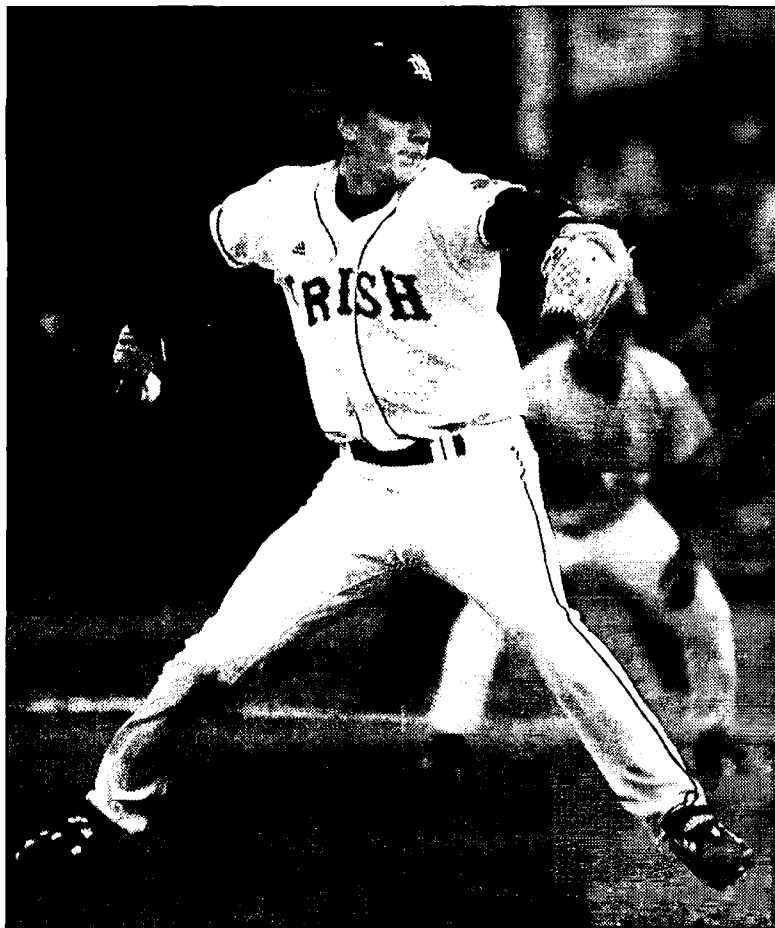


Bargar

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## BASEBALL

# Non-conference foes loom for Irish



*Squad can continue seven-game streak*

By CHRIS KHOREY  
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish will try to extend their seven-game winning streak this week with non-conference games against Chicago State today and Ball State Wednesday at Frank Eck Stadium.

Notre Dame (17-8, 5-1 Big East) is coming off a three-game sweep of Pittsburgh at home last weekend and hasn't lost since March 25 at Georgetown.

"It sure is a lot more fun to win than lose," Notre Dame coach Paul Mainieri said. "I'm sure the players are aware that we've won several games in a row and I'm all for thinking about it, but you can't rest on your laurels. Just because you won the last game doesn't mean you'll win the next one."

Mainieri said he will make some lineup changes for the midweek games, especially

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Irish pitcher Jeff Samardzija throws toward the plate during a 6-1 win over Pittsburgh March 31.

## SMC BASKETBALL

# SMC won't speak on Bender issue

*Players met with Mooney Monday*

By KEN FOWLER  
Sports Editor

Saint Mary's Director of Public Information Melanie McDonald said Monday that the College could not comment on the specifics of the decision not to renew the contract of first-year head coach Steve Bender.

"This is entirely a personnel matter," she said.

The Observer reported in Monday's edition that Bender was not retained as coach after leading Saint Mary's to its best conference record in program history this season.

Several players met with College President Carol Ann Mooney Monday to discuss the situation, said a member of the team who wished to remain anonymous. Specifics of the meeting were unavailable to The Observer.

It remained unclear what members of the coaching staff would return to the team for the 2006-07 season.

McDonald said the athletic department would provide any support to basketball team members needed during the transition period.

"Our athletic director, Lynn Kachmarik, has always picked up where ever anything has left off, so I'm sure she is in complete control of the situation," McDonald said. "And this will not be a major detriment to Saint Mary's or to the basketball team."

Bender led Saint Mary's to an 11-15 record this season and a 9-7 mark in Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) play.

Bender was unavailable for comment Monday, and telephone calls made to players by The Observer were not returned.

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## SPORTS AT A GLANCE

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**Belles look to strong pitchers**

Saint Mary's faces Robert Morris in a rescheduled doubleheader today.

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**Saint Mary's 8 Alma 1**

Nearly flawless play against conference foe Alma puts the Belles at 8-6 (3-1 MIAA).

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### FINAL FOUR

**Florida 73 UCLA 57**

The Gators, led by Joachim Noah, won their first national title Monday night.

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### WOMEN'S HOCKEY

**Irish win two of three games**

The Irish split a pair of contests with Northwestern and beat the Chicago Frozen Snappers.

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### MLB — NL

**Cubs 16 Reds 7**

Todd Walker went 3-for-4 with three RBIs in Chicago's home opener.

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### MLB — AL

**Angels 5 Mariners 4**

Orlando Cabrera's two-run single in the ninth gave the Angels an Opening Day win.

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