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Week addresses sexual assault

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

Incidents of sexual assault do happen on Notre Dame's campus, said Men Against Violence president Alex Chapeaux, and this year's Sexual Assault Awareness Week should educate students about the problem and inform them of prevention strategies.

This is the third year Sexual Assault Awareness Week has been held at Notre Dame since its inception by the Committee on Sexual Assault Prevention under former student body president Lizzi Shappell.

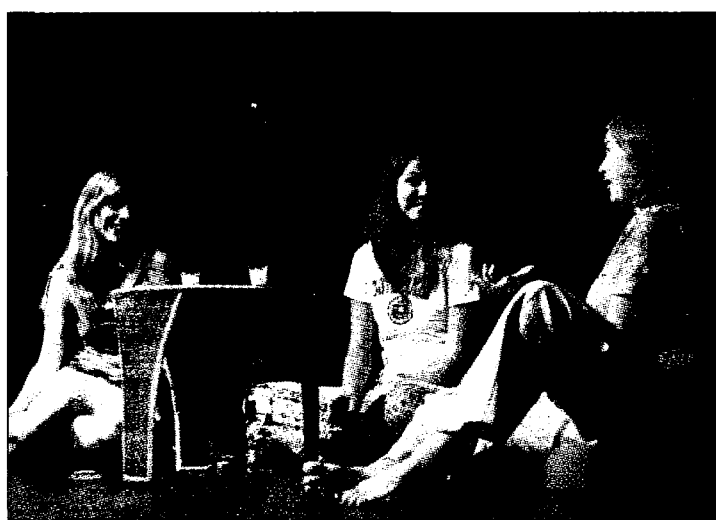
"It's important to recognize

that Notre Dame has a problem like many other campuses, and it's important to address that problem, like any other campus," Chapeaux said.

The week will feature several major events designed to "raise awareness" about sexual assault at Notre Dame, said senior Emily Weisbecker, the president of Feminist Voice and a staff member at the Gender Relations Center.

Weisbecker wrote "Loyal Daughters," a play performed last semester that used real stories told by Notre Dame students about sexuality and sexual violence. "Loyal

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Lisa Velte, left, Tina Fuller and Cassie Papak, right, acted in 'Loyal Daughters' this fall. This week is Sexual Assault Awareness Week.

Politician discusses Mexico

Cooperation is vital, prominent leader says

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Associate News Editor

The man who ran for the Mexican presidency three times and served as head of the government of Mexico City, as a senator and as a governor brought more than 30 years of insider experience to the Hesburgh Center Auditorium Tuesday where he talked to students and professors about Mexico's present political climate.

One of the country's most prominent political figures, Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas, delivered the lecture "A Progressive Agenda for Mexico," touching on the coalition of left-wingers in Mexico, the relationship between the country and the United States and its role in Latin America.

In the aftermath of the contested presidential elections in 2006, Cárdenas said politicians needed to put aside differences and personal agendas to cooperate with each other and improve the landscape of Mexican politics.

"Now is the turn of politics, of conscious and serious politics, to forget our differences and injured prides," he said. "Our interests must now focus on Mexico's future."

As one of the founders of Mexico's Party of the Democratic Revolution (PDR) — one of the country's three

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Colin Quinn dishes about "SNL" days



DAN COOPER/The Observer

Saturday Night Live's former 'Weekend Update' anchor Colin Quinn gestures Tuesday night during a talk in DeBartolo.

SUB series features former actor, writer

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

With his Brooklyn accent and gruff manner, former "Saturday Night Live" star Colin Quinn has kept audiences entertained for years — and he managed to do just that Tuesday night as part of the Student Union Board's SNL Speaker Series.

Quinn opened up his lecture in DeBartolo Hall to a question and answer session — giving students the opportunity to grill him on his days as a writer and cast member of SNL.

After writing for the show "In Living Color" Quinn was hired as a writer for "SNL."

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"I did stand-up for my audition, but got hired as a writer," Quinn said. "[I got the job] because I knew somebody. I was just in the right place at the right time."

Famous for his Clinton sex scandal jokes, Quinn joked that preparing the Weekend Update was easy while President Clinton was in office.

"I would read the papers all week and try to find the hot stories of the week — the only problem was if something happened on Tuesday, [David] Letterman and [Jay] Leno would ruin it by the time they got to me," Quinn joked.

Quinn said some of his favorite sketches on "SNL" included Will Farrell as the voice in modulation character

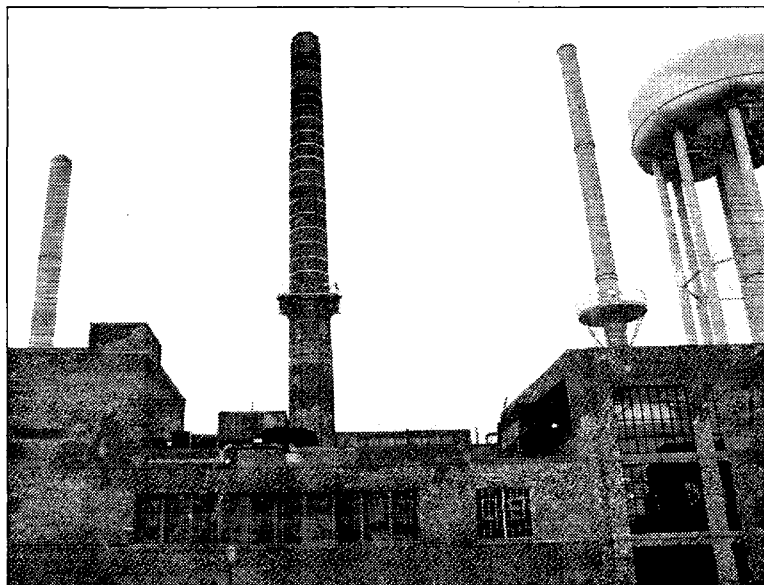
Energy use appears consistent

Earlier Daylight Saving Time change seems to have no effect on campus

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

In an attempt to reduce energy consumption and generate savings, a federal energy act moved Daylight Saving Time to the second Sunday of March, four weeks earlier than usual this year. Major utility companies and energy providers, however, saw little change in energy usage, according to national media reports — and that may be the case at Notre Dame as well.

The University's usage patterns from this March are difficult to compare to



DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

The University experienced few energy savings, like at the campus power plant, since Daylight Saving Time started a month earlier.

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Forum addresses local poverty, family issues

Saint Mary's students organized local panel

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Students in Saint Mary's social work program hosted a community forum Tuesday addressing current issues pertaining to families and children.

The forum — presented and planned primarily by the 18 students in the social work major and anthropology professor Frances Kominkiewicz's Human Behavior and the Social Environment class — addressed violence, poverty and education in the Michiana area.

"The forum is a way to bring

the community together and to connect them with the people in the community who are out there to help," sophomore social work major Deanna Molosky said. "We want to make them agents of change."

This year's forum was entitled "Empowering the Community: Become an Agent of Change; A discussion of violence, poverty and education affecting the children in our community."

Students in the class chose the panelists based on their experience in the social work field and their ability to impact the lives of the children of the community, sophomore Katie Putz said.

Speakers for the forum included Nikki Gonzalez, a

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INSIDE COLUMN

10 Questions

Over Easter break, I had the rare privilege to sit down with Chris Wilson, who describes himself as one of the "greatest things the law school has ever produced."

Wilson, a University of Miami alum, is in his second year at Our Lady's 'Colegio de Leyes.'

John-Paul Witt
News
Production
Editor

JPW: Explain your life philosophy — what are 'smokies'?

Wilson: I picked up the word from one of my favorite professors, Tex Dutile. He used the word during a discussion where he spoke about Maine Lobsters and conspiracies centering on i-Pods. It's a way of life.

JPW: What is the best way to attract 'smokies'?

Wilson: You just gotta live your life like Tex. You've got to put yourself out there — you've got to gym it up, flash it up and juice it up.

JPW: What's the main difference between girls in Miami and girls here?

Wilson: I think the girls at Notre Dame are much more well-rounded. I'll always have a place in my heart for Miami girls. Miami produces the most beautiful girls in the world. I prefer Notre Dame girls, though.

JPW: And what about men?

Wilson: I think the same thing holds for guys. They're well-rounded at Notre Dame, more athletic. I definitely think of myself more in the mold of a Notre Dame guy. I live in St. Ed's so that makes me a Stedsman — the true gentlemen on campus.

JPW: You've called yourself someone who will work for "a big timer at a big time law firm making big time money" Is that all you want in life?

Wilson: Honestly, it's one of the main reasons I came to law school, but it's not all I'm looking for. I want to be a family man one day. You could say I have political aspirations. I thought Notre Dame would be great because it would educate me legally and spiritually.

JPW: How has Notre Dame helped you grow in your faith?

Wilson: I was confirmed at Notre Dame through RCIA. In all seriousness, my sponsor just passed away, Ryan Rudd. I miss him a lot. It's been rough for me. God bless him.

JPW: What does the law school need to improve?

Wilson: First, we have to increase our position in the rankings. It's very important. It helps attract a qualified student body.

JPW: How would this occur?

Wilson: We need to have more law students in big-time firms because it increases our employment statistics and the median salary. I think the employment factors killed us.

JPW: How do you feel about the faculty?

Wilson: I think they are one of the strongest things the law school has going for it. Some professors really contributed to the person I am today — Tex, VJ, Professor Moo and Kaveny. Many like to nuke her, give her cheap shots, but I think she's a genius.

JPW: Finally, sum up 'Chris Wilson, the man, the legend'?

Wilson: Whoo. Wow. The lyrics from "Mack the Knife" and a recent hit from MIMS pretty much sums it up.

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

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE SNL CHARACTER (OR ACTOR), PAST OR PRESENT?



Brendan Ryan
junior
Keough



Elisa Suarez
junior
Cavanaugh



Kyle Bibby
junior
Alumni



Kyle Ricketts
sophomore
Alumni



Mike Schubert
junior
Alumni



Scott Hurely
sophomore
Alumni

"Robert Goulet — would you hire a clown to fix the john?"

"Debbie Downer, because did you know that reading newspapers increases your risk of cancer (waah, waah)?"

"Harry Carrey — if you were a hot dog, would you eat yourself?"

"Hans and Franz, because they're pumptastic."

"Sean Connery."

"Spartan cheerleaders, because there's an Indian in my teepee."



CHRISTIAN SAGARDIA/The Observer

Callie Hoffman, right, and Maria Arini rehearse a scene from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' Tuesday. The play will be performed by the Notre Dame Opera Friday and Saturday at Washington Hall at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale at LaFortune Box Office for \$5.

OFFBEAT

City to sniff out bad smells

OGDEN, Utah — The city may be looking for a few good noses. When it meets Tuesday, the City Council is expected to set a public hearing for a law that would create a committee to sniff out objectionable odors.

Ogden's chief administrator, John Patterson, said the city is not singling out a specific company for enforcement. But there have been complaints about a pet-food factory, American Nutrition Inc.

Despite promises, American Nutrition has failed to install an exhaust

scrubber on three ovens that bake treats for dogs and cats, Patterson said.

"Stench is not the lasting memory that we want people to have in Ogden," he said.

Councilwoman Dorrene Jeske said an ordinance is overdue.

Sheriff writes his own ticket

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Brown County Sheriff Dennis Kocken didn't have to write himself a ticket. But he says it was the right thing to do.

"As sheriff, I'm held to the highest standard in law

enforcement. How can I hold officers accountable if I don't hold myself accountable?" he said. "I'm satisfied I'm doing the right thing."

Kocken issued himself a ticket March 27 for an unsafe lane change, three weeks after he had rear-ended a suspected speeder after that driver slowed to turn. Neither the deputy who completed the accident report nor the Brown County district attorney's office felt that Kocken deserved a citation.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

A film and discussion titled "Who Needs Sleep?" will take place today at 7 p.m. in the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Director Haskell Wexler will discuss his film. This is a free event. For tickets call the DeBartolo Ticket Office.

There will be a screening of 'Loyal Daughters' today at 7:30 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium of Mendoza. Organizers will ask for a \$3 donation to be given to South Bend's S.O.S. Rape Crisis Center.

The Student Union Board (SUB) will hold AcoustiCafe Thursday from 10 p.m. to 12 in the basement of LaFortune. This is a free event.

Journalist Judy Woodruff will give the Red Smith lecture, entitled "Are Journalists Obsolete?" She will speak Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium.

Owen Smith, a '95 Notre Dame graduate, will perform his comedy act Friday at Legends at 10 p.m. Admission is free.

The Spring Run will take place Saturday. Participants can run either 5-K, 10-K or do the 2-mile walk. The races will start from Legends at 11 a.m. Runners and walkers can sign up at RecSports for \$10 prior to the race and for \$15 the day of the race.

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

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Group discusses goals for members to pursue

By SONIA RAO
News Writer

Members of the Council of Representatives (COR) discussed what they hoped to accomplish during their terms, which began just last week, at their meeting Tuesday night.

Student body president Liz Brown asked members for suggestions for the COR agenda. Brown said COR may be helpful in discussing how to plan a faculty-student debate series, an initiative she presented as part of her platform in her presidential campaign.

"We would have five or six debates about contemporary topics in a very public venue such as the Main Lounge in LaFortune," she said.

Brown said members would probably discuss the details of the series within the next few weeks.

Student body vice president Maris Braun suggested that redevelopment plans south of campus — a project planned by the University and now headed by Kite Realty, expected to break ground by the end of 2007 — "has some potential for student government to have a major impact."

Members could work on allowing Domer Dollars to be used in restaurants, she said.

Though there were few new incentives for the COR agenda introduced at the meeting, Brown encouraged members to continue to think of ways to improve student life and bring those ideas forward during meetings throughout the year.

Brown and Braun continued to lay the personnel groundwork for their administration.

Junior Anthony Dayrit was approved to be vice president of Peer Advocacy. In this position, Dayrit will be responsible for coordinating and training peer advocates.

Judicial Council president Ashley Weiss said she is "confident in Anthony's ability to lead as vice president of Peer Advocacy."

"He is the best person for the job," she said.

Dayrit said he plans to rejuvenate the program, which has not been utilized as much in past years.

"We created a poster and we hope to have a banner created that we can use at Activities Night," he said. "We plan to talk to rectors, hall staff, and freshmen about getting the word out so within the first few weeks of school students will know about the program and how to use it."

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Law student dies of cancer

Special to The Observer

Ryan Rudd, a third-year student in the Notre Dame Law School, died at 2:45 p.m. Saturday after a short battle with cancer. He was 31.

Rudd, from Crestline, Ohio, was diagnosed with adenocarcinoma in early March and had been treated at the James

Cancer Hospital at Ohio State University, where he died.

His juris doctor degree will be awarded posthumously at Notre Dame's Commencement exercises May 20.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m., with a vigil service at 8:30 p.m. at the Mark A. Schneider Funeral

Home, 223 W. Main Street, Crestline, Ohio. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 29 West St., Shelby, Ohio, with burial following at Greenlawn Cemetery in Crestline. Plans for a campus memorial are pending.

Psychology profs awarded honors

American Educational Research Association recognizes scholars' book

Special to The Observer

Daniel K. Lapsley and Darcia Narváez, members of the psychology department faculty at the University of Notre Dame, have been selected as the 2007 Book Award recipients by the Moral Development and Education Special Interest Group of the American Educational Research Association (AERA).

The honor recognizes Lapsley and Narváez, for their 2004 book "Moral Development, Self, and Identity." The award was presented Tuesday at the AERA's annual meeting in Chicago.

A compilation of essays from a distinguished interdisciplinary and international panel of scholars, the volume uses as a point of departure the seminal writ-

ings of renowned moral psychologist Augusto Blasi. His studies on moral cognition, the development of self-identity, and moral personality transformed research agendas and are recognized as a starting point for all discussion in moral psychology.

Lapsley, who earned his doctorate in educational psychology from the University of Wisconsin, returned to Notre Dame as a professor in 2006. He previously served on the University's psychology faculty from 1983 to 1991. His research focuses on topics in adolescent social cognitive and personality development, including work on adolescent invulnerability and risk behavior, narcissism, separation-individuation, self, ego and identity development and college adjustment.

A fellow of Notre Dame's Institute for Educational Initiatives and research director of its Center for Ethical Education, Lapsley also teaches in the ACE program. He is the author of the book "Moral Psychology" and serves on the executive board of the International Association for Moral Education.

Narvaez, the executive director of the Center for Ethical Education, came to Notre Dame as an assistant professor in 2000. Before completing her doctoral degree at the University of Minnesota, she taught K-12 classroom music and middle-school Spanish. Narvaez, who also holds a master's degree from Luther Northwestern Seminary, researches issues of moral cognition, moral development and character education.

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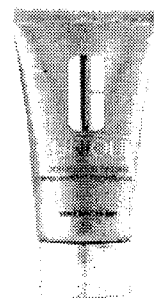
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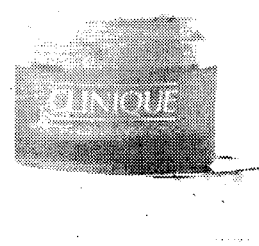
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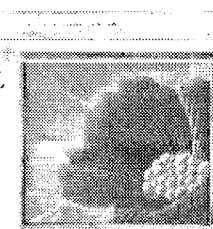
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Week

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Daughters" was shown Tuesday night in Mendoza.

Weisbecker said the week is about opening students' eyes to realize that fellow classmates may have been victims of sexual violence.

"We feel like Notre Dame is really safe and in a 'bubble', but it's important for us to realize how to protect both ourselves and our friends from violence," she said. "Also, this week will educate those who have been assaulted and aren't aware of the resources on campus."

A 'Take Back the Night' prayer service, march and speak-out will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the Grotto. Afterward, refreshments and counselors for those in need will be available in the Sorin Room of LaFortune.

'Take Back the Night' mirrors similar events that take place in cities and on college campuses across the country, Assistant Rector of Breen-Phillips Hall Elizabeth Moriarty said in an e-mail to The Observer.

"Take Back the Night" began as a movement to protest the violence that women experienced while walking in public at night, but has grown to encompass all forms of violence, especially sexual assault," Moriarty said.

The march and the speak-out are designed to "bring the community together" and allow survivors of sexual assault to share their stories, she said.

To educate students about ways they can prevent themselves from being victims of sexual assault, tactics for Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) will be taught by Notre Dame Security/Police officers Thursday at 7 p.m. in

Hammes-Mowbray Hall, Weisbecker said.

"The RAD program consists of basic self-defense and learning how to be aware of your surroundings," Weisbecker said. "It's important that we publicize resources like this that teach how to prevent assaults."

The week's organizers will stage a demonstration between DeBartolo and Fitzpatrick Halls Friday between 11:30 and 11:45 a.m. to commemorate the "one in four women who will be the victim of an attempted or completed sexual assault by the time she graduates," Moriarty said.

The week will conclude Saturday with a dinner and discussion sponsored by Men Against Violence, Chapeaux said.

"[The] Men are having a dinner at the end of the week to enter into dialogue and brainstorming about what it means to be a man at Notre Dame — the good and the bad," Chapeaux said. "Both men and women are victims, so both need to stand up against sexual assault."

The week may seem geared toward women, Chapeaux said, but he encouraged men to participate as well.

"It's almost a guarantee that everyone on this campus will know someone who is a survivor of sexual assault," Chapeaux said. "Think of your mother, sister, daughter or friend that might be a victim and might not have otherwise had the courage to tell their story."

Sexual Assault Awareness Week is sponsored by student groups Feminist Voice, Men Against Violence and the Identity Project of Notre Dame, as well as the Gender Relations Center and Student Government.

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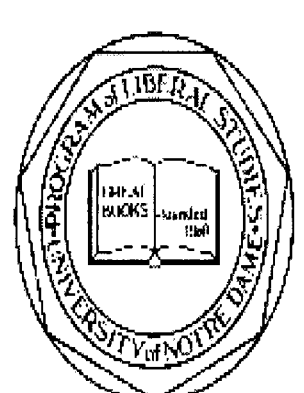
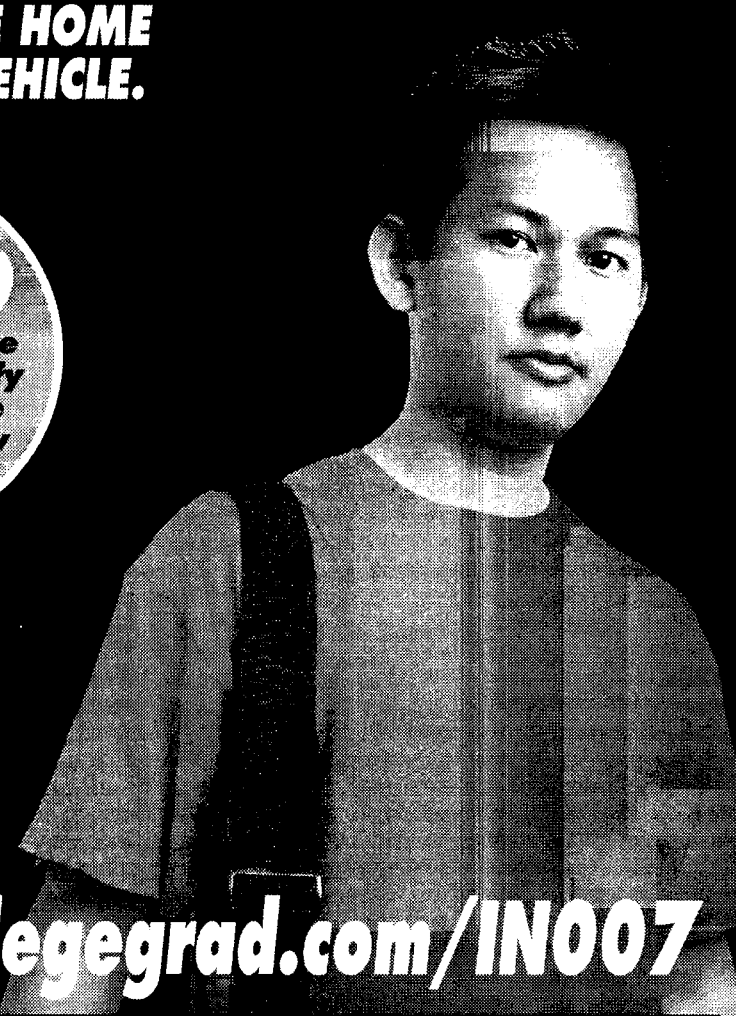
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Serbia ruled not guilty of genocide

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — The United Nations' highest court ruled Serbia was not guilty of genocide against Bosnian Muslims in the 1990s even though the judges never saw the full records of meetings by top Serbian political and military officials at the time, lawyers said.

Was there a smoking gun in the documents that was missed by the International Court of Justice in the February ruling?

"This is one of the things we just do not know," Phon van den Biesen, one of the lawyers representing Bosnia in the case, said Tuesday. "We had the strong impression that they could be relevant for the court to see."

The judges at the world court sifted through documents, pored over Yugoslav war crimes tribunal cases and heard hours of testimony before issuing the landmark judgment in Bosnia's genocide case against Serbia.

Crews work to clean major oil spill

SANTORINI, Greece — Cleanup crews struggled to avert a major oil spill Tuesday on one of the Mediterranean Sea's most picturesque destinations after a sunken cruise ship leaked dozens of tons of oil off the resort island of Santorini at the start of the summer tourist season.

Greek engineers expressed hope they could prevent an environmental disaster as crews fought to siphon up fuel from the Sea Diamond, which went down Friday after hitting a submerged reef. A French passenger and his daughter were feared drowned and nearly 1,600 people — mostly U.S. citizens — were safely evacuated.

Vassilis Mamaloukas, an environmental engineer leading the cleanup, said the spill was largely contained but the oil remained a threat to the resort.

NATIONAL NEWS

Teen accidentally shoots gun in class

CHICAGO — A high school student passed a handgun to a classmate inside a Chicago classroom Tuesday when it accidentally discharged, striking both in the leg, police said.

The two teens, both 15, were taken to hospital in "critical/serious" condition, the Chicago Fire Department said. Police initially said the students were in good condition.

The boys were sitting in the back of a science classroom at the Chicago Vocational Career Academy on the city's South Side around 2:15 p.m. when the gun discharged. One was struck in the thigh and the other near the knee, said Robert Lopez, an assistant deputy police superintendent.

NASA sets new launch for Atlantis

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA will try to launch Atlantis on the first space shuttle mission of the year in early June, almost three months later than originally planned, so that technicians can finish repairing its hail-damaged fuel tank, officials said Tuesday.

The new launch date now was set for no earlier than June 8.

NASA managers had been studying for weeks whether to finish repairing the tank and use it for Atlantis' mission or swap it out with another tank.

But NASA managers said they were pleased with the progress of repairs that already have been made.

LOCAL NEWS

Trustees review presidential hire

INDIANAPOLIS — Ivy Tech trustees next week will review their decision to hire an Anderson businessman as president after the state's public access counselor determined the board had acted illegally in selecting him.

The board will discuss the hiring of Thomas J. Snyder as the president of the state-supported community college at its April 19 meeting in French Lick, Vice Chairman Jesse Brand said.

"Personally, I don't foresee a different outcome," he said. "I know that I'm still comfortable with the process that we followed."

MOROCCO

Terror suspects blow themselves up

Three men flee with explosives; fourth shot by police before detonating bomb

Associated Press

CASABLANCA — Police surrounded a building in Morocco's largest city where four terrorism suspects were holed up Tuesday, forcing three of the men to flee and blow themselves up with explosives. The fourth was shot by police as he was apparently preparing to detonate his bomb.

A police officer was killed in the operation and a young child was injured, officials said.

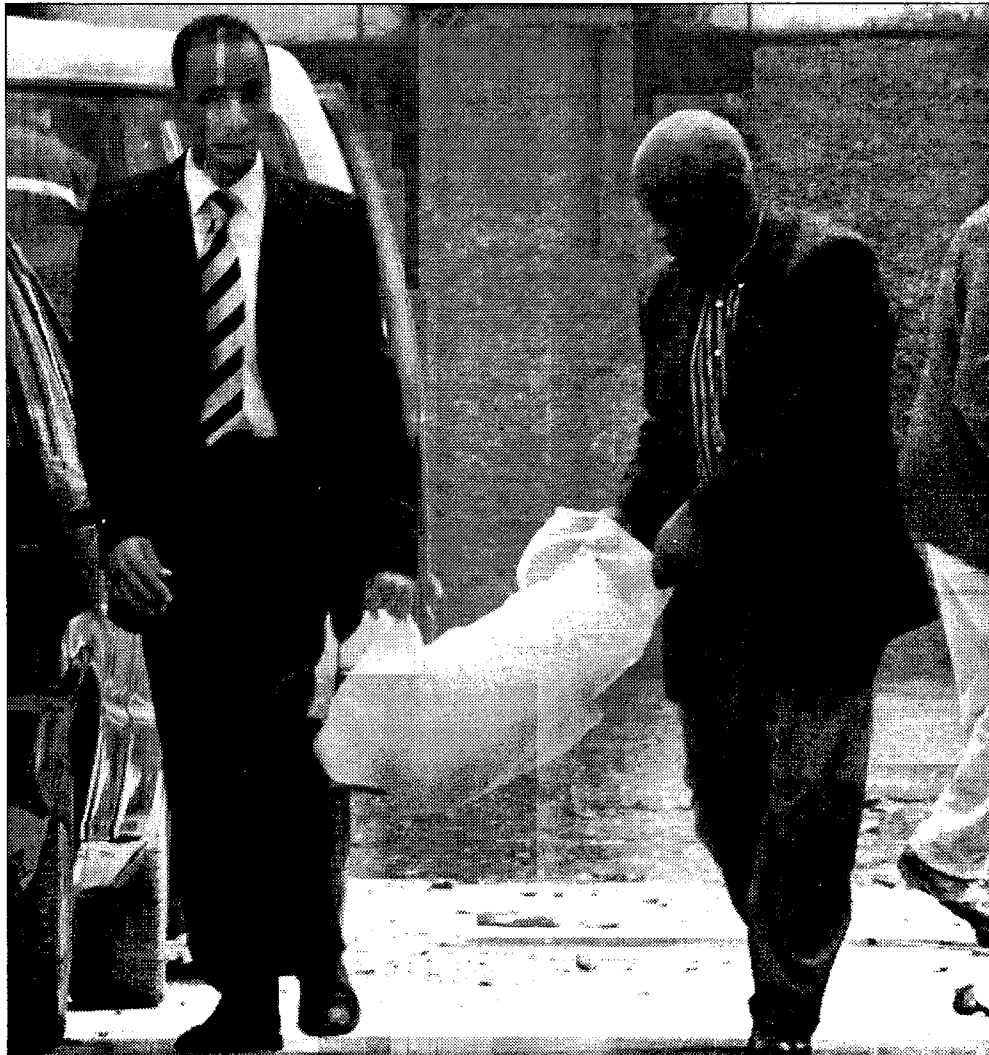
The explosions in Casablanca, weeks after the bombing of an Internet cafe in the city, promised to further rattle the North African kingdom whose first high-profile brush with Islamic terrorism came in five suicide bombings in the city in May 2003.

Moroccan authorities responded to those attacks, which left 45 people dead, with the arrest of thousands of alleged Islamic militants — some accused of working with al-Qaida to plot strikes in Morocco and abroad. At least two of those killed Tuesday were suspected of links to those attacks.

The suspects were all allegedly connected to the March 11 bombing of the Internet cafe — an attack that killed the bomber, Abdelfettah Raydi, and four others.

Tuesday's violence started when police, acting on a tip, surrounded a four-story apartment building in the working-class Hay Farah neighborhood of Casablanca where the suspected terrorists were holed up, officials said.

One of the suspects fled to the roof, where he blew himself up, said a police official on the scene who refused to give his name, saying he was not authorized to do so. Morocco's official MAP news agency identified that bomber as



Policemen collect the remains Tuesday of a suspected terrorist thought to be involved in an Internet cafe bombing. The suspect blew himself up in Casablanca, Morocco.

Mohamed Rachidi.

A second man appeared to be on the verge of detonating explosives, fumbling with his clothes, when a police sniper shot him, officials said. The suspect, who later died of his wounds, was identified by police as Mohamed Mentala. He was carrying nearly nine pounds of explosives, said an Interior Ministry official who also asked not to be named, citing ministry policy.

Mentala and Rachidi had both been sought by police for alleged involvement in the 2003 suicide bombings, the Interior Ministry official said.

The third suspect fled,

then blew himself up hours later as police were searching for him, according to another officer at the scene, who also refused to give his name. He was identified as Ayyoub Raydi, the brother of the Internet cafe bomber, the Interior Ministry official said. The police officer was killed and another seriously injured when Ayyoub Raydi detonated his explosives, the official said. A 7-year-old boy was hospitalized with minor injuries.

In the evening, the fourth suspect detonated his explosives in the middle of a boulevard, said a police official who spoke on condition of anonymity

because he was not authorized to speak publicly. The official MAP news agency said the blast injured five people. It gave no details.

Investigations into the March 11 cafe bombing led police to a wider suspected plot to attack the port in Casablanca, as well as police stations and tourist sites in Morocco. The group had amassed dozens of homemade explosives at a Casablanca apartment.

In last month's blast, Abdelfettah Raydi detonated his charge when the cybercafe's owner caught him surfing jihadist Web sites. He was killed and four others were injured.

Senators fight Bush on stem cell bill

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate supporters of embryonic stem cell research refused to take another no for an answer Tuesday, advancing politically popular legislation that is assured of passage, yet doomed for the second straight year to a veto that Congress cannot override.

"This bill eventually will become law," vowed Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., as debate opened on a bill to loosen federal funding restrictions on research that supporters say offers hope for treatment of numerous diseases.

"If not this year then next year. If not next year then the following

year."

Assuredly not this year.

President Bush, who cast the only veto of his tenure on a stem cell bill in 2006, quickly made it clear this year will be no different. The bill "would use federal taxpayer dollars to support and encourage the destruction of human life for research," the White House said in a written statement.

Stem cells are created in the first days after conception, and are typically culled from frozen embryos, which are destroyed in the process.

The legislation would overturn a policy Bush established in 2001, when he said federal funds may only be used for research on a limit-

ed number of stem cell lines that were in existence before the day of his announcement. The administration's goal was to satisfy calls for funding of scientific research without offending anti-abortion conservatives who had helped elect him to the White House.

The bill's supporters concede they are short of the votes needed to override a veto, but appeared eager to confront the president again on an issue with strong public backing. "If we did everything based on veto threats by the president, we would never get anything done around here," said Jim Manley, a spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

Mexico

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dominant political parties — Cárdenas said PDR politicians needed to collaborate with the administration of President Felipe Calderón, despite claims his electoral victory was fraudulent.

The PDR presidential candidate, Andrés López Obrador, lost the elections to Calderón by approximately one percent of the votes, according to the PDR Web site.

Only through cooperation among dissenting congressmen and elected officials, Cárdenas said, can Mexico effectively battle its problems with unemployment, the widening gap between the haves and the have-nots and mass emigration to the United States.

He called the inflow of Mexican immigrants to the United States "the most important migrant flow on the planet."

More than three million Mexican workers crossed the northern border without authorization in 2006, Cárdenas said, and more than 26 million are already established in the United States.

Higher walls along the southern Texan stateline, increased border patrols and labeling the immigration situation a matter of national security will not result in a solution for either side, he said.

"We have to understand that border security and the war on terrorism are not the same thing, and they should be faced with different means," Cárdenas said. "Terrorism problems in the United States have nothing [to do] with Mexican relations."

He said he hopes American citizens will recognize the contributions of Mexican immigrants to the United States economy and will see the two countries' desires to arrive at immigration policies that consider both sides.

Cárdenas said that while the United States should not slam its door to the immigrants, Mexico should work to improve the unemployment conditions that tend to drive people away.

He refuted claims that Mexico may not be interested in improving its own atmosphere because the substantial amount of remittances that arrive from workers in the United States are a steady source of national income.

"Remittances are important to the Mexican economy, but we would prefer that income to be generated within Mexico," Cárdenas said.

Freshmen Justin Perez said he was impressed such a prominent Mexican politician had visited Notre Dame but said he wished Cárdenas had spoken more about the relevance of remittances to the immigration debate.

"He almost left remittances out of the equation until someone asked him about them," Perez said. "I understand that this lecture was only intended to give a brief overview of the different challenges facing Mexican politics, but I still hoped he would offer more specific insights as opposed to generalized observations regarding

the road ahead."

The road ahead for the PDR, a left-of-center liberalist organization, could include plans to boost the Mexican economy through the integration of indigenous groups to the country's trade networks

and the expansion of the North American Trade Agreement (NAFTA) to resemble the model implemented by the European

Union, Cárdenas said. He recognized, however, the party's

limitations and flaws before these plans are implemented.

"There are many Lefts in Mexico and therefore, there are many PDRs," he said, referring to the internal disagreements and opposing viewpoints that hinder the party's efforts.

Senior Gustavo Rivera pointed out the support a faction of the PDR has lent gubernatorial candidate Ana Rosa Payán, a right-winger, during her ongoing campaign as one of the PDR's multiple incon-

gruities.

Cárdenas then reiterated his earlier point, saying the Mexican Left needed to put its own differences aside and work together to guarantee a better future for the country.

The future of the country, he added, should not forget to include the rest of Latin America in its agenda. In the past decades, Mexico's relationships to the countries south of its border have dete-

riorated considerably, Cárdenas said.

"The last administrations have paid no attention to the maintenance of the relationship between Mexico and the rest of Latin America," he said.

"In South America, many countries think Mexico is integrated to the north and doesn't have any responsibilities to its southern neighbors. We need to work on our economic and political relations with the Latin American countries. It's a task that will require time and work but we cannot stay detached from the south."

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Newspaper employees take buyouts

ATLANTA — Forty-three newsroom employees at The Atlanta Journal-Constitution have opted to take buyouts offered by the paper as part of a restructuring, a spokeswoman said Tuesday.

The changes come as the Atlanta paper, like other newspapers, adjusts to major shifts in news consumption and advertising spending on the Internet.

There were up to 80 staffers among the 475 full-time newsroom employees at Georgia's largest newspaper who were offered the buyouts in February.

Most of those who have accepted the buyout will leave the newspaper on June 30, but some may be asked to stay longer to help provide continuity for the paper, spokeswoman Mary Dugenske said.

The voluntary buyouts were presented to employees who are at least 55 years old and have more than 10 years at the paper.

There will be no involuntary layoffs. Some staffers who remain may be asked to take on new roles at the paper, Dugenske said.

The newspaper has said it plans to revamp its operations, including cutting its circulation area and focusing more on digital news.

Employees who opted to take the buyout will receive two weeks of pay for each year worked at the paper, up to 52 weeks.

Google spreads Darfur awareness

WASHINGTON — Google is using its popular online mapping service to call attention to atrocities in the Darfur region of Sudan.

In a project with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, inaugurated Tuesday, the Internet search company has updated its Google Earth service with high resolution satellite images of the region to document destroyed villages, displaced people and refugee camps.

Google Earth allows those who have downloaded its free software to focus on satellite images and maps of most of the world. When users scan over the Darfur region, where the United Nations estimates that more than 200,000 people have been killed and 2.5 million displaced in four years of carnage, Google Inc. hopes to attract their gaze with icons.

Cuomo challenges loan practices

Companies, university officials involved in \$85 billion industry may face charges

Associated Press

ALBANY — It was a call from an industry whistleblower that first drew New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo's attention to dubious practices in the student loan business.

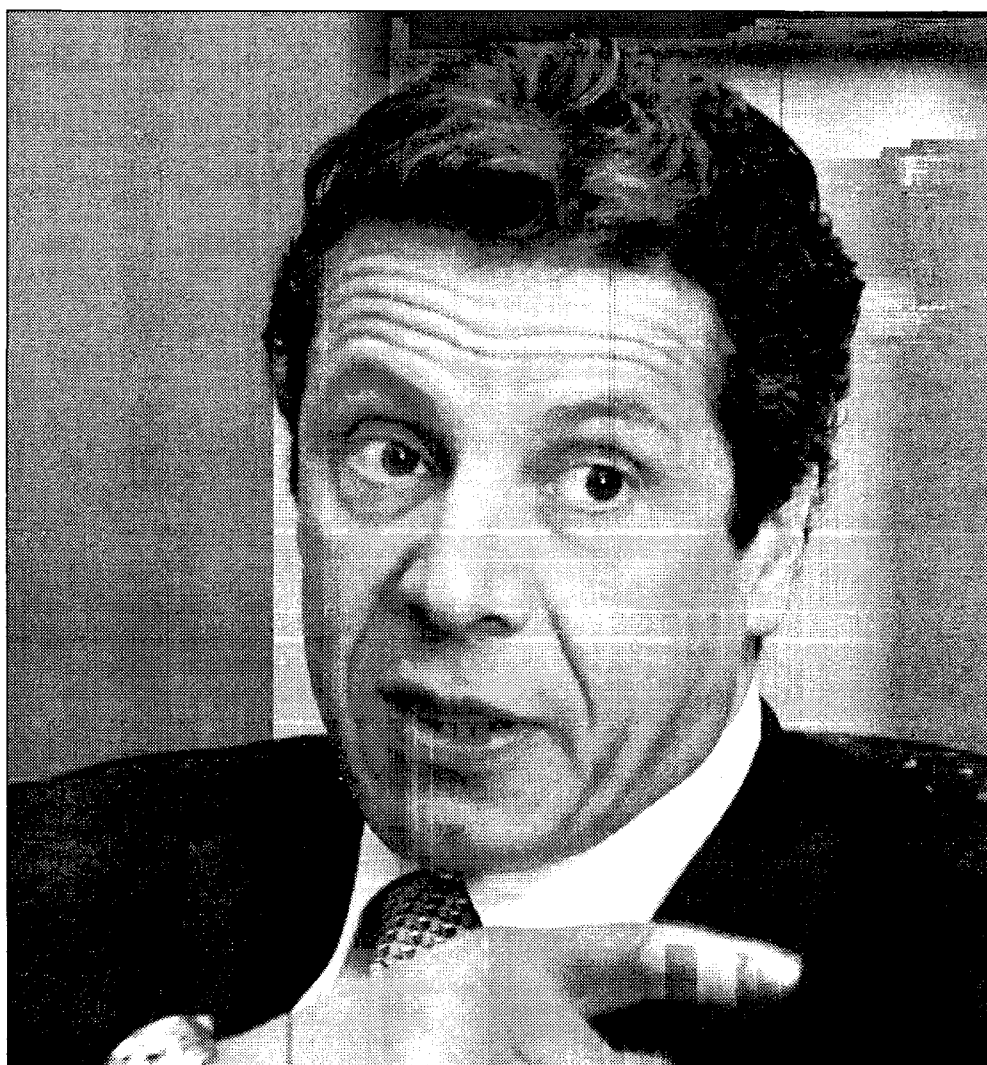
While various authorities have been examining the issue for about a year, Cuomo became interested after a lender trying to break into the business told him that a few loan companies dominated the lucrative market. Cuomo, who would not name the whistleblower, saw it as an antitrust issue and started asking questions.

"For me it became real when I talked to lenders who couldn't get into the market," Cuomo told The Associated Press Tuesday. "You can be a lender who wants to compete and have a better product, but you just can't get to the students. ... The schools are controlling the access to the students."

Two months after launching the case, Cuomo believes cozy arrangements between colleges and the companies that lend their students billions of dollars are far more widespread than even he anticipated. Cuomo wouldn't divulge where the burgeoning investigation is headed next, including whether more subpoenas are on the way, but said his investigation of the \$85 billion industry could lead to criminal charges against high-ranking officials at both lending companies and universities.

"This is like peeling an onion," Cuomo said. "It seems to be getting worse the more we uncover. It's more widespread than we originally thought ... More schools and more lenders at the top end."

Cuomo is investigating alleged kickbacks to school officials who steered students to certain lenders. His investigators say they have found numerous arrange-



New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo speaks during an interview in Colonie, New York Tuesday. His continuing probe of the student loan industry may lead to charges.

ments that benefited schools, financial aid officers and lenders at the expense of students.

Investigators found that many colleges have established "preferred lender" lists and entered into revenue sharing and other financial arrangements with those lenders. Some colleges have "exclusive" preferred lender agreements with the companies.

So far, six schools, including the University of Pennsylvania and New York University, have agreed to reimburse students a total of \$3.27 million for inflated

loan prices caused by revenue sharing agreements, Cuomo said. The schools will return money to students who took out loans during the time the revenue sharing agreement was in effect. Students will be refunded based on the amount they were loaned.

On Monday, a loan company that has been at the center of the investigation, CIT Group Inc., placed three top executives at its Student Loan Xpress division on paid leave following allegations of stock transactions with a high-level U.S. Department of Education official and col-

lege financial aid officers.

On Tuesday, two more school officials joined a growing list of those who have been placed on leave for possible ties to lending companies.

Widener University in Pennsylvania placed Walter Cathie, the dean of financial aid at Widener on leave. Cuomo's office said Cathie was paid \$80,000 by Student Loan Xpress since 2005. Investigators said they also believed Cathie had an agreement with the company to market its services to graduate schools, receiving fees based on loan volume.

Lower summer gas prices predicted

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Drivers may find gasoline a little cheaper this summer compared to last, despite a 64-cent-a-gallon jump since January.

The Energy Department said Tuesday that the recent sharp rise in gasoline costs is likely to slow in the coming weeks with prices averaging \$2.81 a gallon over the vacation driving season, about 3 cents lower than last spring and summer.

But the Energy Information Administration forecast is anything but assured.

Only a month ago, the agency said it believed the cost of regular-grade gasoline would peak in June, averaging \$2.67 for the month, a price already eclipsed last week.

The latest forecast calls for prices to peak with an average \$2.87 a gal-

lon for the month of May, then decline. Last summer's peak was an average of \$2.98 for the month of July.

"We think the forecast is about on track," said Geoff Sundstrom, a spokesman for AAA. He said based on current market trends he doesn't see another summer of \$3 gasoline nationwide.

Prices have soared beyond \$3 in each of the last two summers: During Hurricane Katrina in 2005 that disrupted Gulf Coast supplies and last July when the Israeli invasion of Lebanon caused crude prices to spike to \$76 a barrel with \$3-plus gasoline quick to follow.

The forecast assumes no new international crisis this summer.

Since January, the price of regular gasoline has gone from a weekly average of \$2.16 a gallon to

\$2.80 last week. Prices across much of the West Coast have been over \$3 a gallon.

Gasoline prices normally increase in advance of the April-to-September heavy driving season, but this time the price climb came shockingly early — in the dead of winter.

The government attributed the unusual early price surge to higher crude oil prices, unplanned refinery outages, declining imports from Europe and an increase in demand.

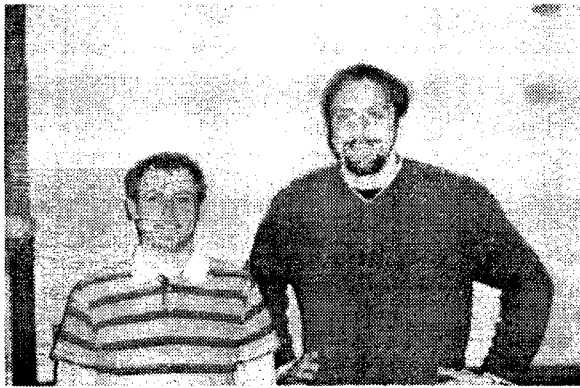
"Although gasoline prices began their seasonal increase about a month earlier than usual, the rapid rate of price increase is projected to slow over the next few months," said the energy agency.

Despite the higher prices, motorists show no signs that they're staying off the roads.

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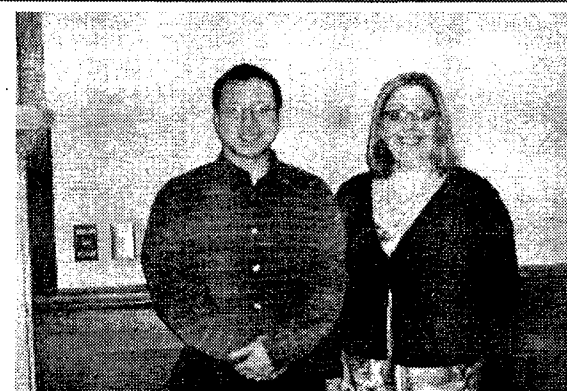
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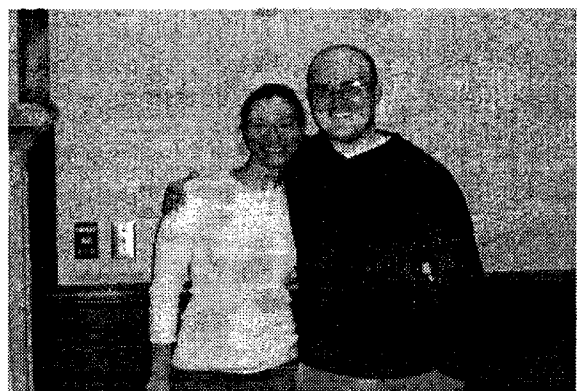
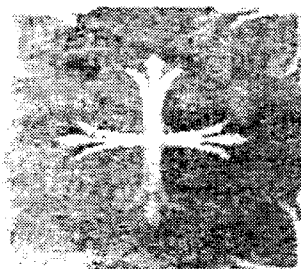
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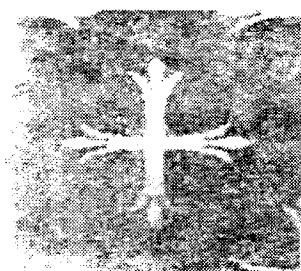
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At the Easter Vigil this past Saturday night, these 10 members of the Notre Dame community were fully initiated into the Catholic Church. At this liturgy, these 10 received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Please join us in congratulating them and welcoming them into our faith community.

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the same time period in previous years, Utilities Director Paul Kempf said.

"It's difficult to look at just a snapshot [in comparison]," Kempf said, due to a variety of variables, including growth at Notre Dame. "... We have more buildings, more people than a year ago, and it's difficult to create a growth factor for this."

From the records available, energy consumption levels increased in March this year by a few tenths of a percent, Kempf said. In March of 2006, the University used just under 11 million kilowatt hours — a

figure that increased to just more than 11 million hours this March, Kempf said. The difference was 32,000 kilowatt hours.

"I can't say that we noticed anything uniquely different for the month of March this year," said Kempf, who explained he was skeptical of the time change from the start.

And since metering accuracy allows for a one percent error, "it's too close to call, too close to say anything definitive," Kempf said.

Besides a growing University, Kempf said another factor the calculations don't account for is weather. He said data on the number of heating/cooling days for the most recent month of March is not yet available.

"Extreme weather will change energy usage," Kempf said. "Anytime you [deviate] from a benchmark temperature of around 55 degrees, you'll need to either heat or cool buildings."

Both heating and cooling will affect the energy usage patterns, he said.

At Notre Dame, major energy consuming areas include research spaces, Kempf said. Circulation systems in these spaces must constantly generate fresh air and cannot provide re-circulated air like many of the other circulation systems on campus.

The amount of energy used by the University in March — around 11 million kilowatt hours — is as much as 11,000

times what's used in the average American home. That figure is 800 to 1,000 kilowatt hours a month.

The Energy Policy Act of 2005, signed by President Bush in August of that year, was designed as an attempt to combat growing energy problems through numerous initiatives, including the change to the Daylight Saving Time schedule. Congress will evaluate the effects of the time change and has the ability to revert to the previous time schedule by spring of next year. The provision in the Energy Policy Act amended the Uniform Time Act of 1966.

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social worker employed by the office of Congressman Joe Donnelly, Jessie Whitaker, director of the LEND Homeownership Center in South Bend and Warren Outlaw, director of the Educational Talent Search Program at Notre Dame. Others included Mark Geissler, a South Bend Community School Corporation social worker, Pastor Hardie Blake, a member of redevelopment commission for South Bend and Lilia Periquet, part-time faculty member and field instructor for the Saint Mary's Social Work program.

All the panelists shared their unique experiences related to the discussion and many of them incorporated stories of their work with undocumented citizens.

"People think that those who come over from other countries are immediately able to get Social Security benefits, Medicare and Medicaid," Gonzalez said. "This is very untrue, and the population that this most affects is our children."

When a child is born in the United States, then he or she is a U.S. citizen, Gonzalez said. If they have parents who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents, then they do not get the federal benefits because they do not have a legal resident petitioning for the aid on their behalf.

Periquet agreed with Gonzalez and said those who check in to the Sister Maura Brannick Health Center must be at least 150 percent below the poverty level.

"People who are accepted to our clinic are those who do not have any insurance and are not qualified for insurance," Periquet said. "Due to those requirements, the children that we have [at the Center] are the children of undocumented people in our community."

Many of the problems presented at the forum involved the education of children.

"Children can go to school, but when they graduate from high school, what do they do?" Periquet asked. "Education is one way to get out of poverty, but if you don't have the money to pay privately for a college education, you can't get an education."

The panelists also said there needs to be a change in how those mired in poverty think.

Blake, who runs a parenting course for fathers at Ivy Tech Community College, said the intention of his program is to shift a parent's priorities so that he thinks of his children first.

"Our emphasis is on the children and we try to get the fathers to understand that," Blake said.

The class plans the forum annually, although it was not held last year because Kominkiewicz took a half-year sabbatical leave. In past years, the department has won awards for its extensive efforts in the area of gerontology, the study of aging. But for the past two forums, the students have decided to address issues affecting children and families.

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and the Hulk Hogan Talk Show.

"There were so many things that were funny, but a lot of sketches didn't get on — that's what would kill me the most," he said. "A lot of the best sketches came when people were screwing around and people would say, 'you should do that on the show'."

Quinn also said he felt "SNL" was often overproduced because each sketch is constantly being rewritten.

"By the time [a sketch] is on the show, whatever magic it had is gone — during the process it loses a lot."

Quinn said it took a lot of work to get his comedy career up and running.

"I grew up in Brooklyn. I was always the class clown-type personality. Everybody thought I should be a comedian," Quinn said.

He said after attending college for a year, a friend of his suggested that they brave the comedy world together.

"Immediately I was like, 'wow — this is exactly what I'm supposed to be doing,'" he said.

Quinn described some of the struggles that amateur comedians face when they are first starting out.

"The first night I did [stand up], the MC said, 'you're a natural — come back in a year.' It takes at least a year to get going — that's how you get started in comedy, doing it every night," Quinn said. "It's harder to do it now because there's just so many comedians

— when I started it was a lot easier."

Of the current "SNL" show, Quinn said, "I haven't watched it — but it looks pretty bleak. I've seen some funny things on it but I haven't really watched the show. I don't even know who's doing Weekend Update now. Once you're there you just can't watch it."

When asked about his current projects, Quinn said jokingly that he thought the bowling alley in South Bend would make a good comedy room. He said he stays busy doing stand-up acts and categorizing all of his material.

"I'm taking all my material over the years and categorizing everything into race, religion immigration. And I'm going to put it out into CDs," Quinn said. "I'm always writing, I'm psychotic. I write all the time."

He spends so much time writing, in fact, that he said he refuses to be in anything.

"When I was on 'SNL,'" Mike Myers wanted me to be in Austin Powers. I told him, 'That's great, but I'm working on my own stuff.' That was the only time it really bit me in the ass."

Quinn said that it is "individual moments" that inspire him comically.

"It inspires me when I see people pull something off that's funny, and it's just subtle," he said. "I feel like you have to actively pursue what's going to inspire you. It's there but it's so delicate."

You can't rely on a person — it has to be those moments."

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NTSB urges safety changes

Air traffic controllers need more break time, Transportation Board says

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal safety investigators urged regulators Tuesday to provide air traffic controllers with more time off between shifts to prevent dangerous fatigue.

The National Transportation Safety Board issued two safety recommendation letters designed to reduce fatigue and improve vigilance of controllers. The recommendations were based on its ongoing investigation of the Aug. 27 Comair crash that killed 49 people on take-off from Lexington, Ky., and on investigations of 10 earlier crashes or close calls.

Without reaching conclusions on the causes of the Kentucky crash, the board noted that the controller who cleared the Comair Bombardier for the early morning takeoff had only a two-hour nap during nine hours off before his shift. The board said the controller did not notice the plane had turned onto the wrong runway — one too short for a commercial jet — because, the controller said, he had turned away from the window to perform an administrative task.

The board said fatigue played a role in these close calls:

♦ At Chicago's O'Hare airport on March 23, 2006, a controller working on four hours sleep cleared two jetliners to take off on the same runway.

♦ At Los Angeles International on Aug. 19, 2004, a controller with five to six hours sleep cleared one jet to take off from a runway another jet was about to land on.

♦ At Denver International on Sept. 25, 2001, a controller working with 60-90 minutes sleep allowed a cargo jet to take off from a closed runway with construction equipment at the end.

♦ At Seattle-Tacoma International on July 8, 2001, a controller with three hours sleep allowed a jetliner to taxi across a runway another jet was landing on.

The board urged the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Air Traffic Controllers Association, which represents air controllers, to cooperate to revise work schedules "to provide rest periods that are long enough for controllers to obtain sufficient restorative sleep" and to modify shift rotations "to minimize disrupted sleep patterns."

"We'll certainly take a hard look at scheduling with the union, but many of the schedules that we have in place are at the request of our employees," said FAA spokeswoman Laura Brown. She said the contract calls for at least eight hours off between shifts, but the FAA negotiates how controllers rotate through shifts with union locals at each facility.

"This is a very welcome report," said Doug Church, spokesman for the controllers union. "We're ready to meet tomorrow morning. This discussion has to be had and goes to the core of aviation safety."

Negotiations on a new contract broke down in April 2006, and the FAA imposed work rules last September, Church said.

"They wanted to take back the ability to control the schedule. There is an understaffing problem and controllers are being asked to come in for mandatory overtime," Church added. "The FAA did away with ability of controllers to use sick leave if they are not rested enough," as the previous contract allowed.

The board praised the FAA for researching fatigue but flayed the agency for failing to act on it. The board noted the FAA had not acted on a recommendation by its own fatigue researchers in 2001 to evaluate work schedules at its facilities to provide longer rest periods.

"Little progress has been made to revise controller-scheduling policies and practices in light of the latest research findings," the board wrote. "Because of the lack of FAA action on this issue, controllers frequently operate in a fatigued state and the action needed now must go beyond simple evaluations."

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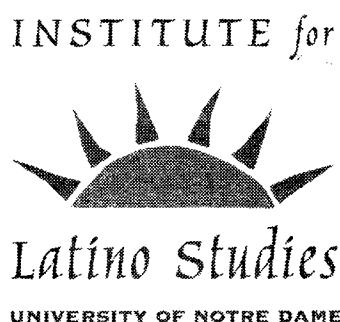


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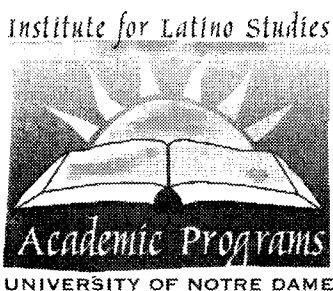
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Hendersonville firefighters spray water Tuesday on the smoky remains of Johnny Cash's lakeside Tennessee home.

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HENDERSONVILLE, Tenn. — Johnny Cash's lakeside home, a showcase where he wrote much of his famous music and entertained U.S. presidents, music royalty and visiting fans, was destroyed by fire on Tuesday.

Cash and his wife, June Carter Cash, lived in the 13,880-square-foot home from the late 1960s until their deaths in 2003.

"So many prominent things and prominent people in American history took place in that house — everyone from Billy Graham to Bob Dylan went into that house," said singer Marty Stuart, who lives next door and was married to Cash's daughter, Cindy, in the 1980s.

Stuart said the man who designed the house, Nashville builder Braxton Dixon, was "the closest thing this part of the country had to Frank Lloyd Wright."

When Cash moved there, the road was a quiet country lane that skirts Old Hickory Lake. Kris Kristofferson, then an aspiring songwriter, once landed a helicopter on Cash's lawn to pitch him a song.

The landmark video for Cash's song "Hurt" was shot inside the house.

"It was a sanctuary and a fortress for him," Stuart said. "There was a lot of writing that took place there."

Richard Sterban of the Oak Ridge Boys lives on the same road as Cash. "Maybe it's the good Lord's way to make sure that it was only Johnny's house," Sterban said.

The property was purchased by Barry Gibb, a member of the Bee Gees, in January 2006. Gibb and his wife, Linda, had said they planned to restore the home on Old Hickory Lake and hoped to write songs there. They had not yet moved in to the home.

Dixon built the three-story house in 1967 for his own family, but Cash fell in love with it. Dixon was reluctant to sell, but Cash kept after him.

"It was a very, very unusual contemporary structure," said Cash's brother, Tommy Cash. "It was built with stone and wood and all kinds of unusual materials, from marble to old barn wood. I don't think there was a major blueprint. I think the builder was building it the way he wanted it to look."

The younger Cash said many holidays and family get-togethers were spent at the house. And while Johnny and June also owned a house in Jamaica and a second house in Tennessee, they considered this one to be their home.

"Johnny and June lived there the entire time they were married," Tommy Cash said. "It was the only house they lived in together until they both passed on."

The fire, in this suburb about 20 miles northeast of downtown Nashville, started around 1:40 p.m. Fire trucks arrived within five minutes, but the house was already engulfed in flames, Hendersonville Fire Chief Jamie Steele said.

Just a few hours later, there was almost nothing left except brick chimneys and the steel frame.

The cause is unknown, but Steele said the flames spread quickly because construction workers had recently applied a flammable wood preservative to the exterior of the house. The preservative was also being applied inside the house.

No workers were injured, but one firefighter was slightly hurt while fighting the fire, Steele said.

Cash's long career, which began in the 1950s, spanned rock 'n' roll, folk and country. His hits included "Ring of Fire," "Folsom Prison Blues" and "I Walk the Line."



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Unconstitutional government

It is difficult not to notice the unprecedented amount of accusations leveled at President Bush claiming that he is destroying the Constitution. Many Democrats, and increasingly Republicans, rightfully charge him with illegally wire-tapping American citizens without a warrant, illegally restricting speech with the McCain-Feingold Campaign Finance Reform bill, and illegally holding "unlawful enemy combatants" indefinitely without trial or charges.



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Even Ray Charles could probably see the truth in some of these charges. The Fourth Amendment requires a warrant to search a person or his property, yet the president approved many such warrantless searches conducted by NSA in obvious contradiction to both the Constitution and statutory law. Indeed, he intentionally ignored the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) passed by Congress in 1978, legislation that prevented the Executive Branch from conducting surveillance without court supervision. McCain-Feingold restricts political speech just before elections, the time when free speech is needed most. The Fifth Amendment reads, "nor shall (the accused) ... be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law" — yet this is exactly what Bush claims the right to do when he designates people as "unlawful enemy combatants" and holds them indefinitely. Bush's blatant disregard for the protections enshrined in the Constitution is sickening, and politicians who criticize the administration's actions on these matters as unconstitutional deserve praise. However, it is ironic that those who claim such fidelity to the Constitution on civil liberties matters completely neglect it in budgetary matters.

The founding fathers were clearly wary of overbearing government, having just waged a successful war against such a government. They believed, as the Declaration of Independence states,

that all men have "unalienable rights" and that to secure these rights, "governments are instituted among men." They also knew that government itself is often the greatest offender of the rights of the people. Consequently, the Constitution sought to minimize this danger by placing strict, easily understood limits on what the newly created federal government could do. The Bill of Rights spelled out some of the rights of the people, supposedly protecting them from infringement by the federal government.

The Constitution created a federal government of enumerated powers. Article 1, Section 8 clearly lists these powers of Congress, defining the areas in which Congress has the authority to act (to raise and support armies, for example). James Madison, the "father of the Constitution," stated that "the powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government are few and defined." The 10th Amendment also confirms the point: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people." Therefore, Congress can only act in matters where the Constitution gives it express authority to do so; any lawmaking or spending by Congress on objects outside of its limited scope of powers are unconstitutional.

The US federal budget for 2007 is roughly \$2.8 trillion dollars. Of this, about \$585 billion (21 percent) goes to Social Security, \$395 billion (14 percent) to Medicare, \$365 billion (13 percent) to Unemployment and Welfare, \$275 billion (10 percent) to Medicaid and other health related programs, and \$90 billion (3 percent) to Education and Training. It is obvious from the previous analysis that Congress may only legislate within its enumerated powers; if it spends money on something outside of its powers, then it is acting unconstitutionally. What specific enumerated power in Section 8 grants Congress the power to spend money on any of any of the programs previously mentioned? Clearly, no enumerated power gives Congress the power to legislate in any of these areas. Furthermore, Madison once said in regard to proposed federal

aid to refugees that he could not "undertake to lay my finger on that article of the Constitution which granted a right to Congress of expending, on objects of benevolence, the money of their constituents." Therefore, these programs (which constitute more than 60 percent of federal spending) are unconstitutional.

It is a mark of how far America has strayed from the Constitution that both major parties openly support these programs. Entitlement spending alone — which includes Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid — constitutes a whopping 45 percent of all federal government spending. Both parties, although they would never openly acknowledge that they couldn't care less about the Constitution, are enthusiastic supporters of entitlement spending.

Those who rightfully accuse the president of constitutional violations want to have it two ways. On one hand, they swear loyalty to the Constitution and claim that the president is violating its provisions. On the other, they are no less reluctant than a dog after eating Taco Bell to defecate all over it in budgetary matters. For members of the Legislature who are required to take oaths to uphold the Constitution, their double standards are pathetic, not unlike Ohio State's football player graduation rate.

There is only one member of the Legislature who truly respects the Constitution. Rep. Ron Paul of Texas, who is also running for president, asks himself a simple question before voting on any piece of legislation: does the Constitution give Congress permission to legislate on this matter? If the answer is "no," then he votes "no." It is that simple. It is question that all congressmen should ask before voting.

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"He felt that his whole life was some kind of dream and he sometimes wondered whose it was and whether they were enjoying it."

Douglas Adams
English author

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

McDaniels goes too far

This letter may arrive too late to be relevant, and may do nothing but prolong the beating of a dead and rotting horse of a topic. But the fact remains that I have not had much of a problem with the content of "Kaleidoscope McDaniels" until the appearance last week of a strip dealing with heightened admission standards. Now, as a gremlin with a 3.66 GPA who rowed crew in high school, as one of the hundreds of Katherines on campus (though thankfully one who has never gone by Katie), as a product of the University standard-raising of 2005/2006, I would like to encourage Liam Moran to go ahead and heighten his personal standards of female acceptance.

First, I would like to apologize to Moran that myself and my fellow gremlins, those of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's alike, do not always spend the time and energy necessary to make ourselves attractive enough for his liking. I know that I go on chocolate binges during difficult papers and sometimes fail to exercise them off the next morning, that I'm too busy to straighten my hair every day, that I do try to look decent for class but don't always put forth enough effort. I acknowledge that habits such as mine are not uncommon, and so, in short, I apologize that many women here are too human to please Moran.

But despite this tragic shortcoming of ours, I advise Moran not to give up hope, to hold on to his own high standards and seek his ultimate partner elsewhere. There must be plenty of girls in the world who would suit him, girls who have not allowed thoughts to enter their heads and spoil their "great assets," girls who devote their lives and minds

and hearts and souls to the cultivation of their own sexiness.

One day, it will be possible for male students like Moran to leave this school — this wretchedly ugly institution whose female students actually think and feel and live — and find wives who are so occupied with their own appearances that they haven't the first idea how to boil an egg or hold a baby, let alone find an integral or write a thesis statement.

I hope that Moran is strong enough to hold out for such an ideal "woman" and that, until he finds one, he fortifies himself by fantasizing in front of late-night MTV. I hope that in the course of their subsequent marriage, she talks entirely in chatspeak, never opens a book, makes a complete mess of his household and spends all of his income on shoes. I hope that he ultimately initiates a revolution at Notre Dame, in which boys like himself follow his example, clinging to their similarly high personal standards despite the University's oppressive attempts to "forcibly lower them" by "raising" its own. And I hope that I'll personally feel the effects of this revolution. I hope that as its supporters are snapped up by the second-rate Paris Hiltons of the world, I will be forced to take my pony tail, jeans and big words elsewhere.

Ultimately I hope, if only for the sake of all our offspring, that women like me are abandoned by Moran and his followers and left with men of "lowered standards." God grant that we all find who we deserve.

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Sinking into culture leads to true understanding

Change is good. Sometimes.

This is how I often feel when I move to different countries. My first experience leaving home in Thailand was going to boarding school in England when I was eight years old. It was a 180-degree change to a new and completely different environment: the people, food and even the air were different.

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I don't remember much from the experience except the feeling that I was in a different world. My second time going abroad, however, was to Texas at the age of 16. I had no idea that people living on separate sides of the globe could have such different beliefs. I couldn't understand people there at first — it was both the accent and the ideas.

I lived with an American family, and my biggest problem was telling them about my discomfort with things. Back home, telling someone you didn't like something they were doing hardly ever solves a problem.

A major incident for me was being taken to church because my host family thought I was Baptist. When I finally said something after four months, they allowed me to stop going to church.

I think that when someone sinks himself or herself into a completely different culture, he or she can thoroughly understand it. That understanding leads a person to appreciate what he or she has, see what he or she may not have, and look at life differently.

In my case, I learned — after changing families twice — that if I wanted to have a good relationship with my host families, I needed to express my discomfort when it was present. And I learned to appreciate being able to tell someone I was unhappy with something they did.

One of my good friends who went to Ghana for two weeks said one of the most valuable experiences she had was seeing people who had nothing offer her so much. It made her appreciate what she had and want to give

more to others.

It's sort of like using a Mac versus using a PC. Mac and PCs are both computers, and they both have functions that can suit your needs. But the question is which one you like more. You can't really decide without trying both.

The problem is that the opportunity to travel is not always possible. According to statistics from the Office of Education Abroad Web site, 1,063 people studied abroad during the 2004-05 academic year. This is a significant increase from the 317 people who studied abroad in the 1995-96 academic year.

But even with the rising number of study abroad students and factors like cheaper plane tickets, some people have never been to another country. More importantly, a person might not get to fully experience a different culture even when he or she is in a different place.

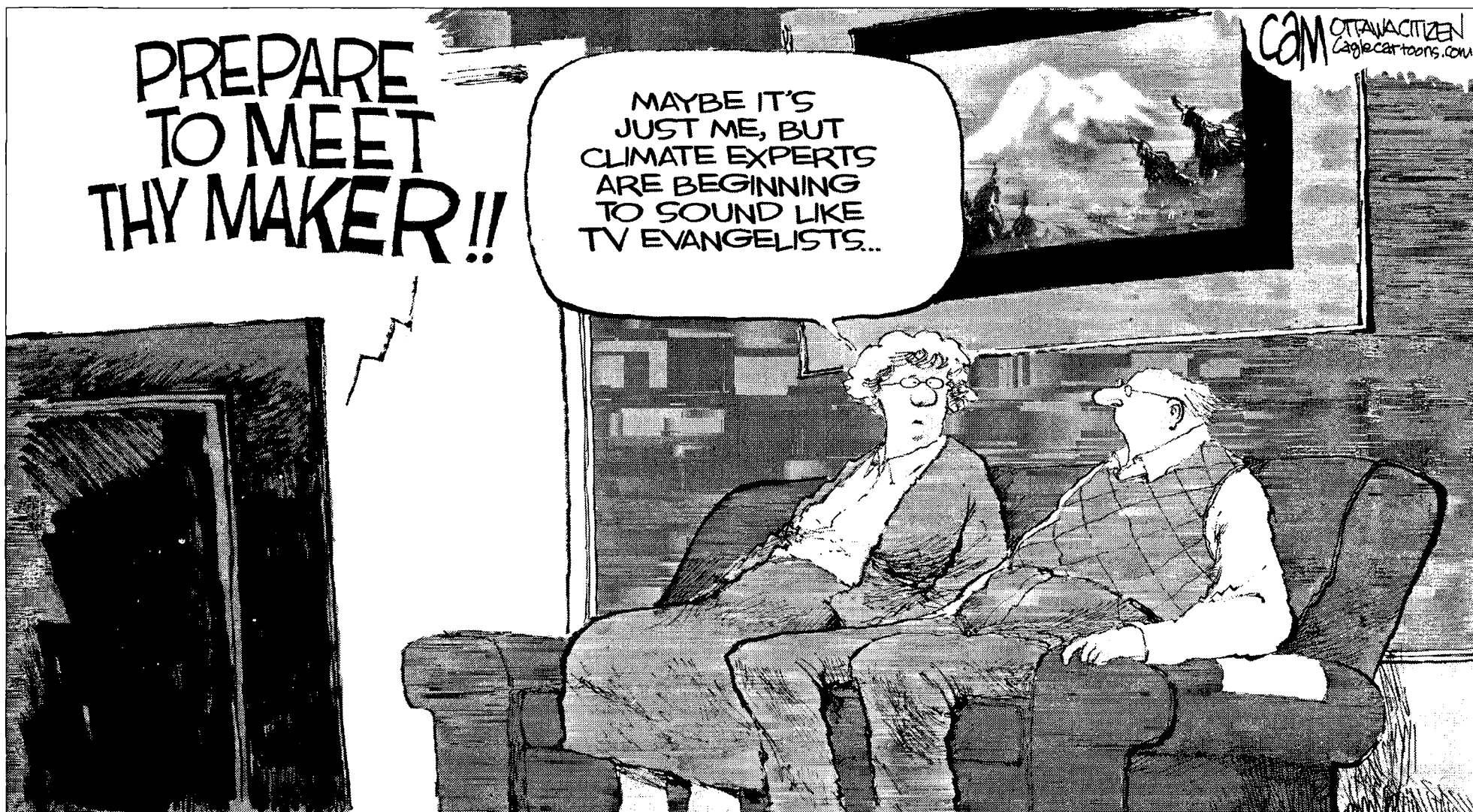
I had always thought diversity was mostly good because it made people more tolerant of difference. But I thank the diversity at OU for also allowing me to experience a new culture without having to go somewhere else. Through the presence of 1,050 international students and an average of two cultural events each quarter, I have been able to continue learning about different cultures without traveling anywhere else.

Though people might act different when they are in another culture, their beliefs are always with them and can be seen through their actions. And though I might be catching only glimpses of other cultures, I feel that I'm getting to see the real thing. I think learning about another culture starts from bits of such experiences, and that's when I can begin finding out whether Macs or PCs suit me better.

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REVIEWS BY ERIN MCGINN

Plenty of blood, scares and laughs are at the heart of the "Grindhouse" opening film, "Planet Terror." Robert Rodriguez's zombie horror film is a non-stop adrenaline rush. The shoot-em-up zombie romp balances multiple storylines with a very tongue-in-cheek approach.

"Planet Terror" is successful not only as an homage to the grindhouse flicks of the '70s, but it also retains the fun spirit of such classic zombie franchises as George Romero's "Dead" series or the Italian-made Fulci's "Zombi" films.

In "Planet Terror," poisonous gasses are released into the atmosphere, turning the townspeople of Austin, Texas into gut-wrenching zombies. The film features Rose McGowan as Cherry Darling, a go-go dancer and aspiring stand-up comedian who happens to meet up with old love interest El Wray (Freddy Rodriguez, of no relation to director Robert) and is forced to team up to fight back snarling hordes of bloodthirsty zombies. In typical zombie movie fashion, the film has

numerous storylines featuring, among other things, a government experiment gone horribly awry. In addition, the film's eclectic

PLANET TERROR

ensemble features appearances from heavy-handed military men (notably Bruce Willis and Quentin Tarantino), an unsavory scientist (Naveen Andrews of "Lost" fame), in addition to an abusive doctor (Josh Brolin) and his wife (Marley Shelton), who is trying to leave him.

Although it is presented in the style of a B-level movie, the film's witty script, pulp style and high-budget make it a far superior product when compared to others of its kind. Even though the film is full of outrageous special effects, "Planet Terror" manages to retain a very rudimentary quality about itself. Although there is a ton of stylized gore, the bright red goo oozing and splurting every which way is comical by its very nature and is enjoyable in its unreal-

istic fashion. Limbs are hewn apart and heads are blown off in such a way that the men of Monty Python would be proud, as all the limb-losing puts the inimitable Black Knight sequence to shame.

However, the truly unforgettable effect is the iconic image of "Grindhouse" — Cherry's prosthetic leg that Wray fashions for her out of a machine gun. Although that is something that actual grindhouse movies would never have been able to accomplish, it truly keeps with the spirit of the genre in its flashy combination of sex and violence.

The acting is purposely comical and greatly overplayed. Even better, the actors handle their roles with great enthusiasm — you can tell that they're having fun onscreen.

Rose McGowan easily steals the show with her role as Cherry and is consistently entertaining — even more so once she loses a leg. The brief appearances by both Bruce Willis and Stacy Ferguson (Fergie) are perfectly played out in a very stereotypical fashion.

Freddy Rodriguez capably handles the male lead and is perfectly stoic compared against McGowan's emotional dancer. Tarantino also manages to make a cameo in the film and is enjoyably revolting as a crude and cruel soldier, but to his discredit it is nearly impossible to forget that it's him on screen.

"Planet Terror" director Robert Rodriguez deftly handles his film, and it is obvious how much he genuinely wants the film to be fun for the audience. Once the movie begins rolling it continues to constantly build with an absolute minimum in lag time between the more exciting moments.

This results in an absolutely mammoth, snowballing rollercoaster ride of gore and explosions.

As a whole, "Planet Terror" is a never-ending gross-out and blow-up of a film. It knows how awesome it is, and it laughs at how fun it is — making it all the more enjoyable for the audience. Just be prepared to be exhausted by the end.

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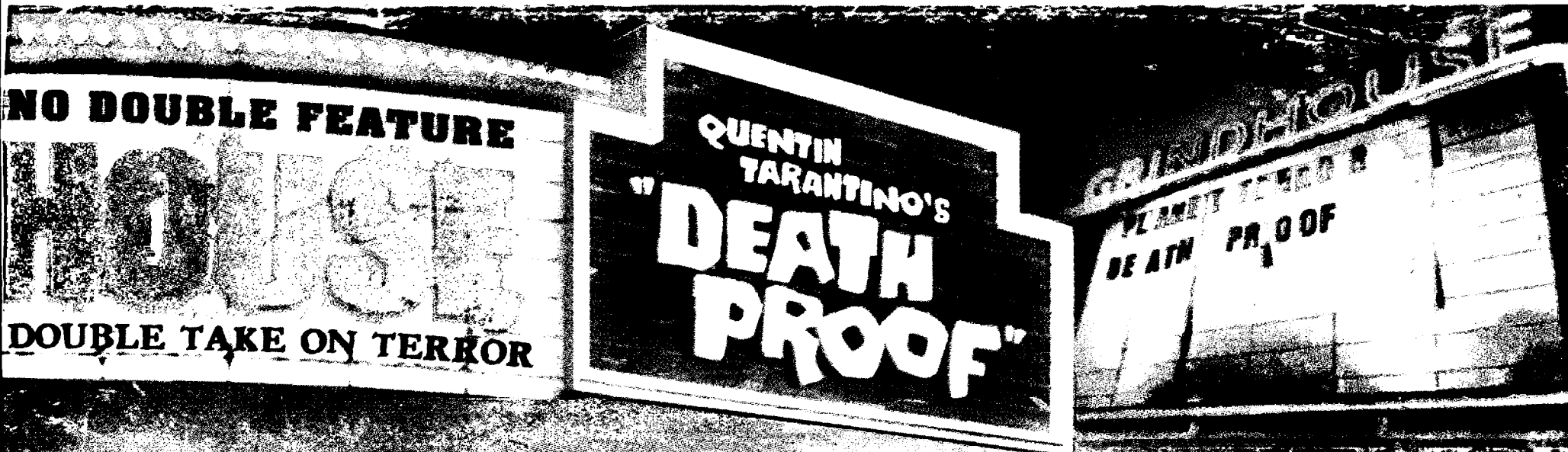


Rose McGowan blows away audiences as the smoking-hot Cherry Darling, a go-go dancer who loses her leg to zombies.



Freddy Rodriguez lights up the serious ex-boyfriend who rescues





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If movie theaters had seat belts, you would want to strap in for "Death Proof" — it's one heck of a wild ride. Even though you can't click it after buying your ticket stub, you might want to at least hold onto the arm rests or something when director/twisted genius/madman Quentin Tarantino hops behind the wheel to present his idea of a horror movie.

Kurt Russell rocks as Stuntman Mike, a creepy yet charismatic serial killer with a taste for vehicular womanslaughter.

Burning rubber, wheeling and dealing death at every turn, Tarantino's latest delivers as a horror film fueled by pure popcorn cinema — you can't help but wince, scream and squirm on the edge of your seat as he serves up sequence after sequence of heart-racing chase scenes and can't-look-away terror.

Kurt Russell rocks as Stuntman Mike, a creepy yet charismatic serial killer with a taste for vehicular womanslaughter. Stuntman Mike stalks his nubile victims by prowling around in his black muscle car, replete with growling engine, skull and crossbones and a whole lot of ponies under the hood. Due to his job and fortunately for Mike, his car has been reinforced so that no matter how bad he totals his wheels, he'll survive — giving the film its title, "Death Proof."

Unlike his buddy Robert Rodriguez, who directs his half of "Grindhouse" with a lead foot, Quentin Tarantino doesn't go pedal-to-the-metal from the get-

go. Instead, QT employs herky-jerky stop-and-go pacing as he lets the engine idle on "Death Proof" with signature stretches of dialogue, then revs the film up to its breakneck conclusion.

"Death Proof" comes equipped with many of the accessories we've all come to know and love over the years.

Tarantino doesn't disappoint with diner dialogue reminiscent of "Reservoir Dogs" and a vintage soundtrack groovier than a bag of Ruffles potato chips.

At times, Tarantino does fall in love with the sound of his own cinematic voice. At one point, QT's love tendency to get cute with his dialogue leads him to include a bit in which several of the characters quote fragments from a Robert Frost poem. Although his wordplay doesn't snap quite as much as it normally does, Tarantino's love of long-winded anecdotes remains fun despite not having a point or really going anywhere. His unique insight into the wide world of women remains an interesting experience, as he attempts to delve into one of the great mysteries of the universe, the female psyche, through a series of "girl talk" conversations from the film's many female characters.

DEATH PROOF

However, with the babe parade

on display, who cares? At one point or another, Hollywood hotties Rosario Dawson, Rose McGowan and Mary Elizabeth Winstead all spend some quality screen time. In particular, Sydney Poitier sizzles onscreen as "Jungle Julia," a sassy nonsense radio host who runs afoul of Stuntman Mike while showing her out-of-town friend Arlene (played by Vanessa Ferlito) a good time.

Much like Uma Thurman's character The Bride in Tarantino's two-part jaunt "Kill Bill," "Death Proof" is full of femme fatales, as several of Stuntman Mike's victims develop a healthy case of retaliatory road rage and take a crash course in

Tarantino doesn't disappoint with diner dialogue reminiscent of "Reservoir Dogs" and a vintage soundtrack groovier than a bag of Ruffles potato chips.

defensive driving to kick the serial killer to the curb. Tracie Thoms packs some girl-power punch as Kim, who's basically Tarantino's female equivalent of Samuel L. Jackson: a token black woman who drops mother f-bombs with aplomb. In addition, stuntwoman Zoe Bell shines as her character by the same name and may actually be "Death Proof" after her stunts in a series of death-defying moves and high-speed hijinks in one of the film's two major chase sequences.

Due to Quentin Tarantino's dark genius and flair for the unusual, the tires never fall off this wild ride as "Death Proof" zooms to its hair-raising (and satisfying) ending.

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screen as El Wray, Cherry's mysterious from hordes of the undead.



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Stuntman Mike (Kurt Russell) stalks his victims by prowling around in his specially-made "Death Proof" muscle car.



LEGENDARY CINEMATOGRAPHER COMES TO CAMPUS

AN INTERVIEW WITH HASKELL WEXLER



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By BRIAN DOXTADER
Senior Staff Writer

Haskell Wexler, winner of two Oscars and widely considered one of the most influential cinematographers of his time, is coming to Notre Dame to present his latest film, "Who Needs Sleep?" Scene senior staff writer Brian Doxtader held a phone interview with Wexler in anticipation of his arrival.

What is the film that you are screening here, and what is it about?

The name of the film is "Who Needs Sleep?" and it's a documentary I completed about seven months ago. I'm a working cameraman, and there's a "secret situation" that happens in show biz, which everyone thinks is exciting and entertaining. As a matter of fact, routine work on films and TV is 14, 15 hours regularly with very little time between. My investigation of this started when a friend and assistant cameraman fell asleep at the wheel and killed himself driving home after a 19-hour day. That's essentially the film.

Why is this now an important issue?

I worked on the documentary you saw over the period of a number of years, and over those years the hours increased and the research on how important getting a decent sleep is to your health and safety has increased. Medical research shows that cognitive ability is impaired, so really when they work you long hours, you're paying overtime for inferior work and for dangerous work, because oftentimes the work of a cinematographer is very dangerous. We work from camera-cars, from cranes, in physically dangerous situations with heavy equipment. It's a serious matter of safety.

How is this serious matter being addressed?

Of course, all kinds of organizations, especially those within the federal government, have now pointed out that about 70 percent of car crashes are from fatigued drivers. Unlike alcohol or drugs, it's difficult to diagnose when the cause of a crash is fatigue, but they're now determining that "falling asleep at the wheel" is a chief cause. They do this by first ruling out drugs, alcohol or mechanical failure. Then, in most of these accidents,

they also determine that there are no skid marks. When you fall asleep at the wheel, as I have done (and frankly, all my co-workers have done), you just sort of drift off, because you don't know when you're sleep-deprived.

How else has this matter personally affected you?

Disruption to your family life is immense. People with kids go into work on Friday morning and get home Saturday morning — if you have kids, their time off is the weekends and you're most going to be a basket-case trying to catch up on sleep on those weekends. Since I finished the film, the situation has gotten worse. But because job situations are tight, people don't want to speak out about it because they're afraid that employees will just say, "Well, we'll find someone who can cut the mustard."

How is the film being received within the industry?

It's interesting because "Who Needs Sleep?" was screened at the Sundance Film Festival. Critically it was applauded, but when industry distributors were there, nobody bid on it. I asked one of the industry people that I know, "How come something that's being so well-received won't be bought?" and he said, "Well, it's viewed as 'industry-unfriendly.'" Of course, I got tremendous response from workers — I've gotten hundreds of emails, and the film's reputation is growing worldwide. There has been a lot of progress, with things like insurance companies and lawsuits. But really, there have been a lot of accidents on the set and off. People in the business, the workers who are on the set, know that it costs more to work those longer hours because your productivity drops drastically.

What are you looking forward to about being at Notre Dame?

I don't want to just come and air my big beef about a particular problem. I want people to know that it's great to be interested in film, and I hope people see that.

How did you get started in the industry?

When I was really young, I made small movies at a time very few people had movie cameras — we're talking about 1937 here. I was in the war for five years, then I went to make documentaries. I was

an assistant on the newsreels before television and gradually got to work on feature films as an assistant out of Chicago. It was a different time — to be upwardly mobile was easier then, I think.

Are there any directors you've worked with, or films that you've worked on, that have been particularly memorable?

I liked working with John Sayles. I particularly enjoyed working on a film with him called "Matewan," which was nominated for an Oscar [Writer's Note: in 1988 Wexler was nominated for a Best Cinematography Oscar as well as for the American Society of Cinematographers Award for Outstanding Achievement in Cinematography for this film.] I worked with Hal Ashby for a long time and Norman Jewison in the early days. I sort of prefer to direct now and am doing documentaries. When Sayles has another film, I'll probably do that.

How do you think the industry has changed since you've entered it?

Everything is more corporatized. Everything is more quantified and they want, at least out of cinematographers, someone who is fast and makes an acceptably good picture and gets along with people. With video and hi-def, there are always producers and marketing people hanging around the monitors with their opinions on how things look. There are some terrific filmmakers out there, of course. It's shocking how many good films are made.

What films or people have influenced you the most?

Early on, I worked under James Wong Howe, who was a director of photography. I shot second-unit for him on "Picnic." He was a big influence on my photography. A lot depends on the script, though.

What other projects have you directed, and what upcoming projects do you have in store?

Besides "Medium Cool," I've directed a film called "Latino," which I wrote and directed, and it's a pretty good-looking film. I've also shot in combat areas, with the Contras and the Sandinistas in Nicaragua. I'm working on a thing for HBO. Previously, I shot "Big Love" for them, which was a really good experience. I also shot a film for them called

Haskell Wexler
Who Needs Sleep? (2006)
Wednesday, April 11 7:00pm
Browning Cinema, DPAC
Free but ticketed event



"61*" which was directed by Billy Crystal. On directors, I really like Billy Crystal — he's a great director and a decent human being and a good actor. In "Who Needs Sleep?" he talks about working on "61*."

Is working on television a lot different than working on features?

Depends on the television. Except for sitcoms, in general, television hours are very long. In general though, I would say that television is a lot like features nowadays, except for a few very complex features, which have a lot more scope to them. Photographically, when you're shooting features you do a lot more coverage and wider shots. When you shoot for television, everything is very tight, because you have to think about things like screen size and the TV size.

Would you say you have a particular style or approach to your cinematography?

No, I don't think so. Some people say that, but I try to make the style fit the film. There probably is some perceptive person who looked at all the films I've shot and could say, "This is his style," but I couldn't say that about myself.

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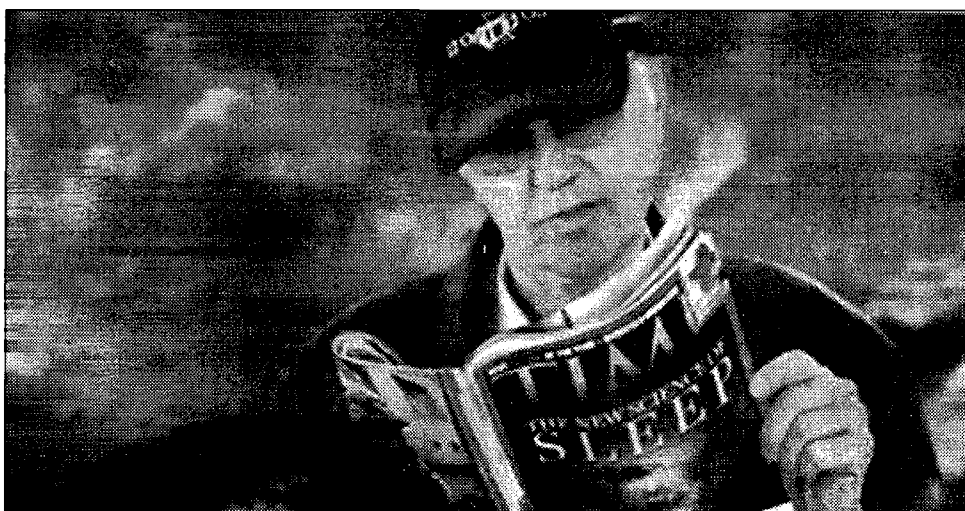


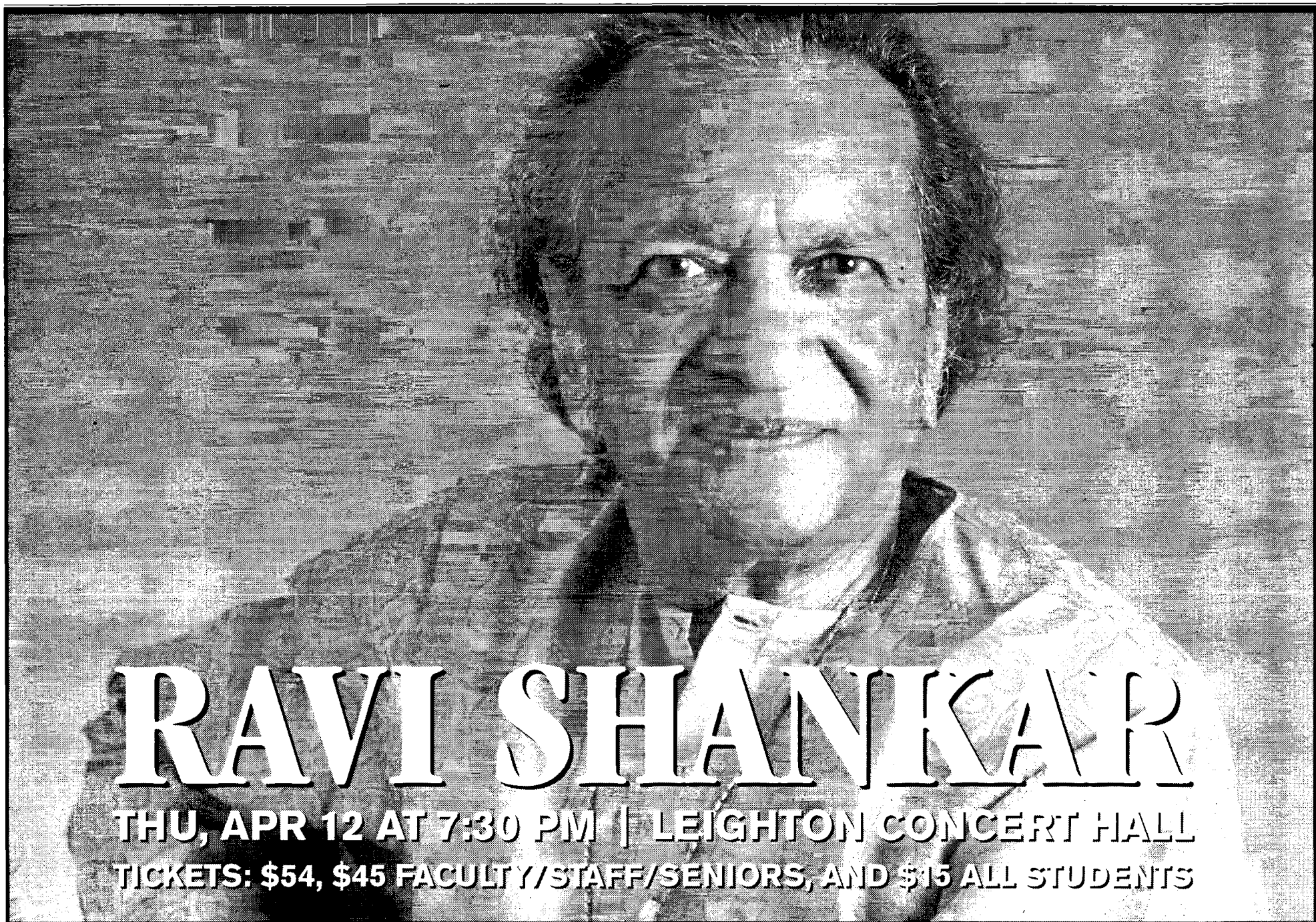
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Haskell Wexler's latest documentary "Who Needs Sleep?" is a commentary on the negative effects of sleep deprivation and excessive working hours.



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Haskell Wexler, serving as cinematographer, advises director and writer John Sayles on the set of the 2004 political comedy "Silver City."



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Who Needs Sleep? (2006)
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MLB

Cubs rally falls just short in loss to Houston

Red Sox rough up Seattle pitching for 14 hits, Beckett pitches seven innings of one-run ball in 14-3 opening day win at Fenway

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Houston's Chris Sampson needed only 64 pitches for five shutout innings against the Chicago Cubs, who seem to be numbed by the cold — at the plate and in the field.

If Sampson's calf muscle hadn't tightened up while he was running the bases, he could have pitched a little longer on another windy day at Wrigley Field.

"Believe me I didn't want to come out of the game, but for the long run it was the best decision," Sampson said after the Astros' 4-2 win. "It's fine. Pitching, walking, all that doesn't bother it. When I try to run on it that's when it starts getting pretty sore."

Sampson (1-0) allowed three singles in his fourth major league start, his first this season, and the Astros beat the Cubs for a second straight day. The game featured three errors by Chicago shortstop Cesar Izturis, a former Gold Glove winner.

"It was tough today. It's part of the game, errors," Izturis said. "You have to forget about today and come back tomorrow with a new mind."

Getting a boost when the Astros scored three in the first inning, Sampson extended his scoreless streak against the Cubs to 12 innings dating to last season, giving up six hits.

And the starter's role seems to suit him. In his first four major league starts, Sampson is 2-1 and has allowed just one earned run in 19 2-3 innings.

"Sampson did a nice job of making good pitches and our hitters put some runs on the board early," Astros manager Phil Garner said. "They're talking about Chicago's offense hasn't broken out. Well, our offense hasn't broken out, either."

Blanked on three hits through eight innings by Sampson, Rick White and Chad Qualls, the Cubs scored two runs in the ninth with four hits off Dan Wheeler. Derrek Lee and Mark DeRosa had RBI singles before pinch-hitter Matt Murton's game-ending popout with two on.

Red Sox 14, Mariners 3

The Red Sox welcomed the Seattle Mariners to Boston with a whole different kind of storm.

Pelting World Series star Jeff Weaver with seven runs in the first two innings, Boston cele-

brated its home opener with a victory on Tuesday in the Mariners' first game since a blizzard snowed them out of four straight in Cleveland.

"They were put in a tough situation for the last four days," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said. "We had an advantage, and we took advantage. Hopefully that will work for a couple days."

Jason Varitek and Kevin Youkilis each had three of Boston's 14 hits, and J.D. Drew homered in his first game for Boston at Fenway Park. Josh Beckett (2-0) pitched seven innings of two-hit ball, striking out eight and allowing one run, while retiring his last 15 batters.

Boston also hit seven doubles and drew seven walks.

"We pulled out the whupping sticks today," Beckett said. "They've been off for a while. It maybe affected their pitchers being able to throw strikes. You can't go through our order and walk guys. You're going to get burned."

Weaver (0-1) was dismal in his first outing since pitching eight innings of four-hit ball in the final game of the St. Louis Cardinals' World Series victory over Detroit. He allowed seven runs, seven hits and two walks, throwing 70 pitches in two innings.

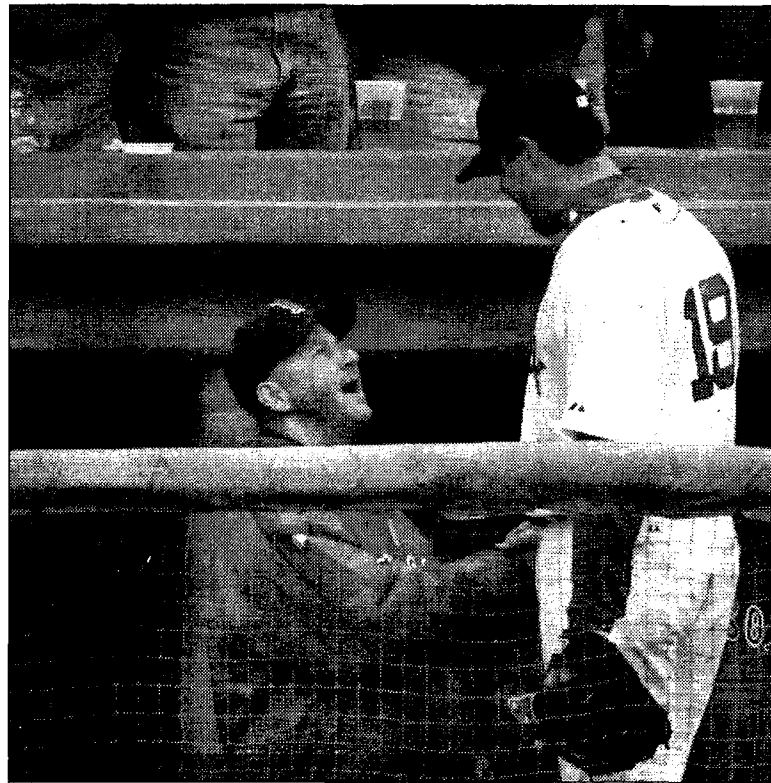
The Mariners also helped out with errors by leftfielder Raul Ibanez and shortstop Yuniesky Betancourt while managing just two runners against Beckett.

"Yeah, we played like we hadn't played in four days today," Mariners manager Mike Hargrove said. "We pitched like it. We swung the bats like it. We played defense like it. We should be better tomorrow."

Tigers 3, Orioles 1

Nate Robertson was throwing brilliantly, yet he was locked in a scoreless game when Baltimore Orioles starter Jaret Wright walked off the mound with an ominous shoulder injury.

Minutes later, a throwing error by Brian Roberts provided the Detroit Tigers with all the runs they needed Tuesday night in a victory.



Boston manager Terry Francona congratulates winning pitcher Josh Beckett during the Red Sox 14-3 win Tuesday over Seattle.

Robertson (2-0) allowed no runs and four hits, struck out five and walked one in 7 1-3 innings. The left-hander is 2-0 with a 1.35 ERA in four starts against Baltimore dating to last season.

"He just mixes pitches well. He had a good sinker, a good slider and mixed in some changes," Detroit manager Jim Leyland said. "He's a bulldog, you know, and he's a real tough competitor."

In the pivotal sixth inning, Wright (0-2) gave up an infield hit and a walk before summoning Orioles trainer Brian Ebel from the dugout. After a brief discussion, Wright left with stiffness in his right shoulder.

Wright said he began to feel stiffness when he started throwing in the fifth inning. Because he has a history of shoulder problems, Wright knew it wouldn't be prudent to test his arm any further on a chilly night at Camden Yards.

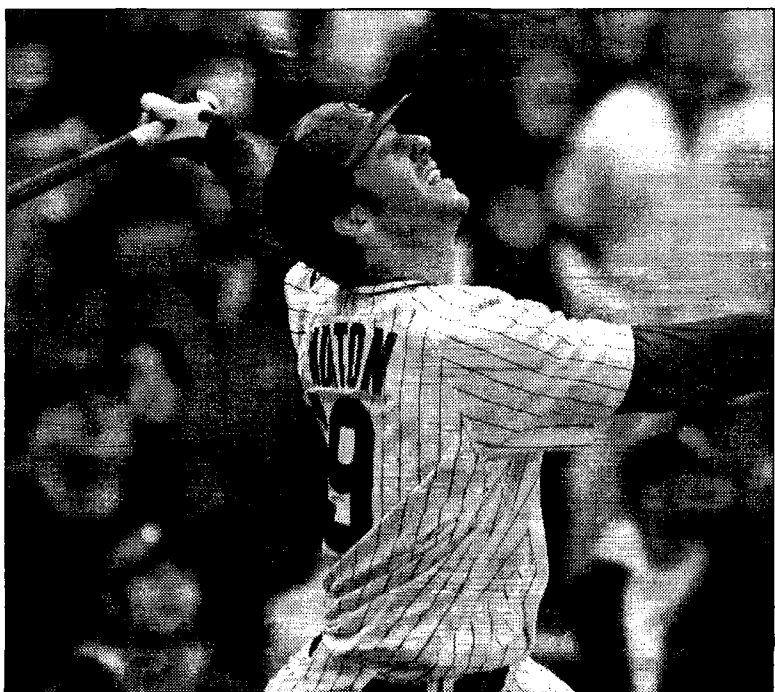
"I know if I kept going that I could probably really hurt it. I just want to give myself a chance to let the doctors work

on it and see what they can do with it," he said. "If it was routine soreness, I would still be out there throwing. It just kept getting tighter, and I didn't want to keep pushing it."

Wright said that kind of tightness is consistent with the feeling he's had in the past when experiencing shoulder problems. The right-hander spent half the 2005 season on the disabled list with a right shoulder strain and missed much of the 2002 season with the same ailment.

Obtained by the Orioles in an offseason trade with the New York Yankees, Wright came in with a 15.43 ERA after getting rocked by Minnesota last week in his Baltimore debut. He issued five walks in 2 1-3 innings against the Twins, but he did not walk a Detroit batter until the sixth.

Orioles manager Sam Perlozzo replaced Wright with Scott Williamson, who had not pitched since opening day in part because he was dealing with the aftereffects of a bout with bronchitis.



Cubs left fielder Matt Murton watches as he pops out to end the game in Chicago's 4-2 loss to Houston Tuesday.

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After much careful consideration, there was nothing deemed funny enough to occupy this hallowed space of Observer Personals. Thank you all for your understanding

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Major League Baseball

American League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Toronto	4-2	.667	4-2	-
Boston	4-3	.571	4-3	.5
New York	3-3	.500	3-3	1
Baltimore	3-4	.429	3-4	1.5
Tampa Bay	2-4	.333	2-4	2

American League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Minnesota	4-2	.667	4-2	-
Cleveland	2-1	.667	2-1	.5
Detroit	3-3	.500	3-3	1
Chicago	3-3	.500	3-3	1
Kansas City	2-5	.286	2-5	2.5

American League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Los Angeles	5-2	.714	5-2	-
Seattle	2-2	.500	2-2	1.5
Texas	3-4	.429	3-4	2
Oakland	3-5	.375	3-5	2.5

National League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Atlanta	5-1	.833	5-1	-
New York	5-2	.714	5-2	.5
Florida	5-2	.714	5-2	.5
Washington	1-6	.143	1-6	4.5
Philadelphia	1-6	.143	1-6	4.5

National League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Cincinnati	4-3	.571	4-3	-
Pittsburgh	4-3	.571	4-3	-
Milwaukee	3-4	.429	3-4	1
St. Louis	3-4	.429	3-4	1
Houston	3-5	.375	3-5	1.5
Chicago	3-5	.375	3-5	1.5

National League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Arizona	6-2	.750	6-2	-
San Diego	5-2	.714	5-2	.5
Colorado	4-3	.571	4-3	1.5
Los Angeles	4-3	.571	4-3	1.5
San Francisco	1-6	.143	1-6	4.5

NCAA Men's Lacrosse Inside Lacrosse Top 20

	team	points	prev.
1	Cornell	359	1
2	Virginia	335	2
3	Albany	328	3
4	Duke	310	4
5	Princeton	281	5
6	Georgetown	269	6
7	Maryland	252	10
8	Navy	226	7
9	North Carolina	204	11
10	Johns Hopkins	200	9
11	NOTRE DAME	175	NR
12	Loyola Md	159	NR
13	Bucknell	138	NR
14	UMBC	112	NR
15	Towson	102	12
16	Drexel	85	NR
17	Syracuse	51	NR
18	Delaware	44	14
19	Stony Brook	33	NR
20	Rutgers	25	NR

around the dial

NBA

Orlando vs. Detroit
8 p.m., ESPN

MLB

Seattle vs. Boston
7:05 p.m., ESPN2

NFL



Tennessee Titans cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones, shown during football training camp in Clarksville, Tenn., was suspended Tuesday for the 2007 season for violating the NFL's personal conduct policy.

Titans' Jones suspended for 2007 season

Associated Press

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell vowed to draft a revised conduct policy with harsher penalties for players who get into trouble with the law. Cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones and wide receiver Chris Henry learned it wasn't just talk.

Jones of the Tennessee Titans has been suspended for the entire 2007 season and Henry of the Cincinnati Bengals has been banned eight games for violating the league's personal conduct policy and engaging in conduct detrimental to the league on numerous occasions, the NFL announced on

Tuesday.

Each player must earn the right to be reinstated.

"We must protect the integrity of the NFL," Goodell said. "The highest standards of conduct must be met by everyone in the NFL because it is a privilege to represent the NFL, not a right. These players, and all members of our league, have to make the right choices and decisions in their conduct on a consistent basis."

Goodell conducted hearings with Jones and Henry last Tuesday after meeting with a newly formed players advisory committee that worked with the league in formulating a

new player conduct policy.

Disciplining players who get into trouble with the law topped the agenda at the league meetings last month. Goodell made it clear then that he intended to adopt a policy that would allow the league to impose harsher and quicker discipline to players who encounter off-the-field problems.

The first ones to feel the teeth of the new policy were Jones and Henry, college teammates at West Virginia whose two-year pro careers have been marred by arrests.

"Your conduct has brought embarrassment and ridicule upon yourself,

your club, and the NFL, and has damaged the reputation of players throughout the league," Goodell told the players in a letter released by the NFL. "You have engaged in conduct detrimental to the NFL and failed to live up to the standards expected of NFL players. Taken as a whole, this conduct warrants significant sanction."

Jones has been arrested five times and questioned by police five other times since being drafted sixth overall in 2005. He still faces felony and misdemeanor charges of obstructing police in Georgia from an incident in February 2006.

IN BRIEF

Duke lacrosse players await possible end in assault case

RALEIGH, N.C. — The three men indicted in the Duke lacrosse sexual assault case could learn this week whether state prosecutors plan to bring them to trial or drop the charges, a person close to the case said Tuesday.

The attorney general's office, which has said for several weeks it was close to completing its investigation since taking the case from the district attorney, has wrapped up the additional interviews, said the person, who spoke to The Associated Press on a condition of anonymity because a formal announcement has not been made.

A spokeswoman for the state attorney general's office said Tuesday no announcement in the case was scheduled. No motions or court papers were filed in the case on Tuesday.

Hall of Fame coach Wooden may leave hospital Thursday

LOS ANGELES, C.A. — Former UCLA basketball coach John Wooden could be released by Thursday from a hospital where he has been treated for a reaction to a combination of medications.

The 96-year-old Hall of Fame coach has been in a Los Angeles-area hospital since Sunday when he began suffering symptoms similar to those he experienced a year ago when he was hospitalized for diverticulitis, an inflammation of pockets in the colon.

Wooden's daughter Nan Muehlhausen said her father was doing well and walked around "a little bit" Tuesday.

"We think he might be released from the hospital tomorrow or Thursday and then Dad needs plenty of rest to build back his strength," she said in a statement.

Rutgers women's basketball team to appear on Imus show

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — The Rutgers women's basketball team blasted radio host Don Imus Tuesday for "racist and sexist remarks that are deplorable, despicable and abominable" and agreed to meet with the embattled radio host.

Starting Monday, Imus will be suspended for two weeks for calling the players "nappy-headed hos."

Rutgers players, who had not spoken publicly until Tuesday, called his comments insensitive and hurtful but reserved judgment on whether he should be fired until after they meet him.

"Unless they've given 'ho' a whole new definition, that's not what I am," said Kia Vaughn, the team's sophomore center.

Calls for Imus' dismissal have been growing since he made the remarks about the team, which includes eight black women, a day after the team lost the national championship game to Tennessee on April 3.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Durant seeks Texas-sized success in NBA

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — By the look of his Texas tank top and shorts, Kevin Durant might have fooled someone into thinking he'd changed his mind. Was it a hint he might stay in college?

No chance. The kid is leaving for the NBA.

Durant, an 18-year-old freshman and The Associated Press Player of the Year, said Tuesday he will

leave the Longhorns to enter the June draft, bringing a quick end to what was a short but spectacular college career.

"I just thought it was time to go," Durant said at a news conference to announce his decision. "It's been my dream for a while. I felt I was ready."

After an All-American season in which he swept the major player of the year awards, few expected Durant to stay at Texas.

Now the question is whether he'll be the first player drafted. Durant and Ohio State's freshman center Greg Oden — who has not yet said if he'll

leave college — are considered the likely first two picks.

"I know I'll be one of the higher picks. It doesn't really matter if I go one or two as long as I go," Durant said.

Durant's parents, Wayne and Wanda Pratt, said his year in college was invaluable.

"The University of Texas has been very good to him," Wayne Pratt said. "He's matured a lot."

So much so that the player whose diet often consisted of too much candy, who was so down humble he'd keep stats at team managers' pickup games, said he's ready to matchup up with Kobe Bryant, Tim Duncan and the rest of the NBA's best.

"You trying to scare me?" Durant said. "It will be a challenge ... I don't want to be just a player in the NBA. I want to have an impact."

Durant's attire at his news conference suggests he never wants to leave the basketball court.

Announcing a pro career sure to bring millions of dollars in playing and endorsement contracts might call for

a new suit or at least a shower.

Instead, Durant's skinny arms poked out of his practice uniform as he sipped on a sports drink. He looked somewhat eager to get back on the court for a pickup game with his teammates when he was done answering questions.

"I'm still a part of this team," Durant said.

"I'm proud of him," point guard D.J. Augustin said. "I saw what he was going through. I know it was a tough decision."

Durant was one of the country's most heralded recruits when he arrived on campus. An NBA rule change required players to be 19 and out of high school for a year before

they could enter the draft.

Durant was a dominant force in college from the start.

The Big 12 player and freshman of the year, He averaged 25.8 points and 11.1 rebounds — one of three players in the country to average more than 20 points and 10 rebounds.

He shot 47 percent from the field, 40 percent from 3-point range and 82 percent from the foul line. He led the Longhorns in steals and blocked shots and scored at least 30 points a Big 12-record 11 times.

He led Texas, which started four freshmen, to a third-place finish in the Big 12 and to the second round of the NCAA tournament, where the Longhorns lost to Southern California. The Longhorns fin-

ished 25-10.

"What he has accomplished this year has never been done," coach Rick Barnes said. "Everybody goes to college to better themselves. Very few get to see their dreams come so early in life."

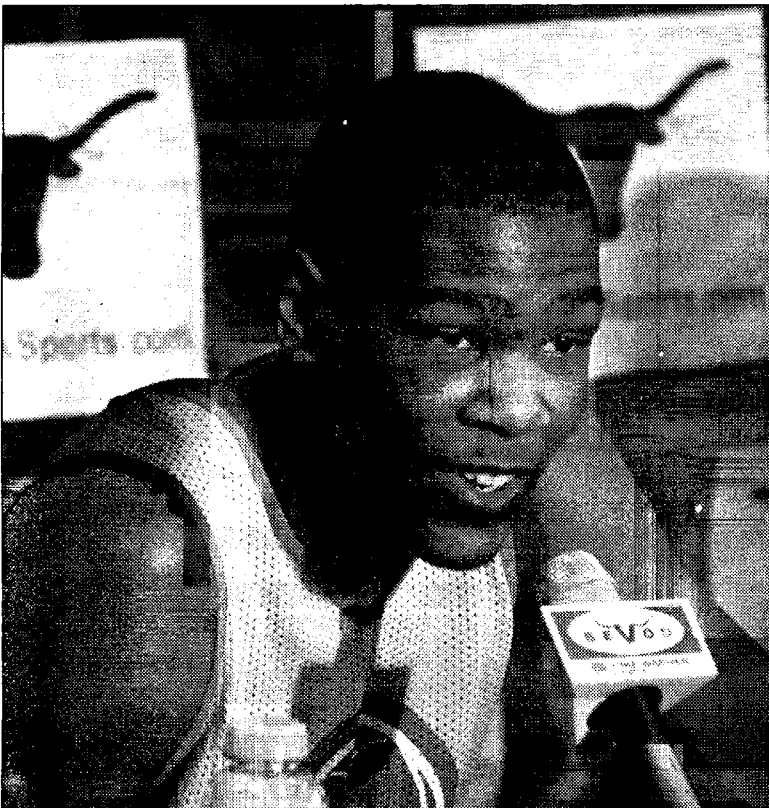
Durant made his decision last weekend when he was in Los Angeles to receive John R. Wooden Award. Although word leaked out Monday night, Durant said he didn't tell his coach or his teammates until Tuesday.

He didn't really think about the magnitude of it all until he had a quiet moment by himself in his room.

"I just started smiling," Durant said. "It's been my dream since I was young."

"I don't want to be just a player in the NBA. I want to have an impact."

Kevin Durant
Texas forward



Texas freshman forward Kevin Durant, the Associated Press Player of the Year, announced Tuesday he will enter the NBA draft in June.

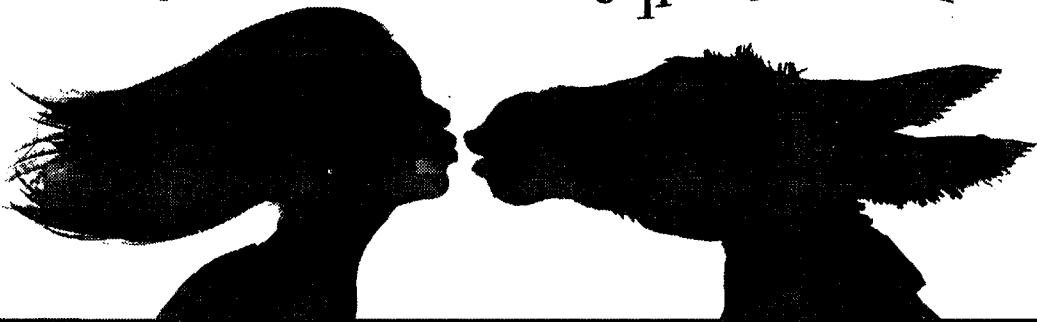
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NBA

Regular season crown is not sufficient for Dallas

Mavericks still find motivation from 2006 playoff disappointment

Associated Press

DALLAS — The Dallas Mavericks can call themselves the best team in the NBA in 2006-07.

"That and a dollar," team owner Mark Cuban said, "leaves you with a dollar."

Dallas has won 64 games with five left. Winning them all would tie the team for the second-best record in league history. Even if the Mavs lose them all, they're still guaranteed the most wins in the league this season and the most in team history.

They've also secured the top seed in the playoffs, another franchise first, and they've won only the second division title in their 27 seasons.

While everyone is proud of they've accomplished, nobody is making a big deal out of it. Not after being halfway to the championship last year, then blowing it with four straight losses.

That's why there were no more victory smiles than usual following a 96-86 win over the Los Angeles Clippers on Monday night.

Half the team already was up the tunnel when the public-address announcer mentioned that the win clinched the No. 1

seed. It drew a revived ovation from fans who apparently also had to be reminded about the accomplishment.

"Our emphasis is on improving — each game, each practice, getting better and positioning ourselves to get back to the finals," point guard Jason Terry said. "I haven't gotten over (last year) yet. Finish — that's our motto this year."

Still, there's something to be said about having the best record in the entire league. Even just being the top seed in the tough Western Conference is enough of a challenge to have been worth setting as a preseason goal.

"We've never talked about it," coach Avery Johnson said. "All we do is go out every night and try to meet certain criteria offensively and defensively. Then, after 82 games, we see how we've met that criteria. If you make the playoffs you have a chance to win the championship."

His point is proved by last year, when Dallas made the finals as a No. 4 seed in the West and Miami was seeded second in the East.

Johnson also noted what happened in 1995, when he was playing for San Antonio. The Spurs won a league-best 62 games but lost in the conference finals to sixth-seeded Houston, which won only 47. The Rockets went on to sweep Orlando in the

finals.

"I just think if you are the best team, you're going to win the championship," Johnson said.

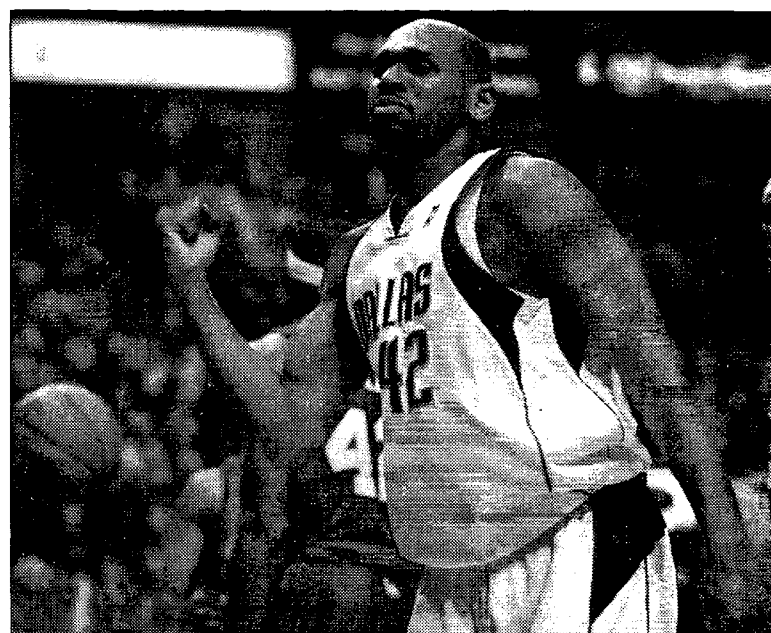
The best part of being the No. 1 seed is having home-court advantage in every round of the playoffs. Ultimately, that means that if any series comes down to a Game 7, that game would be in Dallas.

Cuban half-jokingly said that could make him some money. But he also knows his team did just fine on the road in the playoffs last year, winning three series on rivals' courts, including a Game 7 in overtime against the top-seeded Spurs.

"All things being equal, you want it," Cuban said. "It's to your advantage. There's no down side to it. But you still have to play good basketball."

That's something Dallas hasn't been doing lately, at least not to Johnson's standards. The Mavericks have lost twice and been in several way-too-tight games since a 6-0 road trip that pretty much locked up the top seed.

"I don't know if we're the most talented team, but when we're playing well, I think we can be pretty good," Johnson said. "The team that I've been seeing over the last week or two is not a deep team. There is a team that was on a six-game road trip about two weeks ago, that was a pretty good basketball team."



Dallas guard Jerry Stackhouse pumps his fist after an alley-oop in the Mavericks' 96-86 win over the Clippers Monday night.

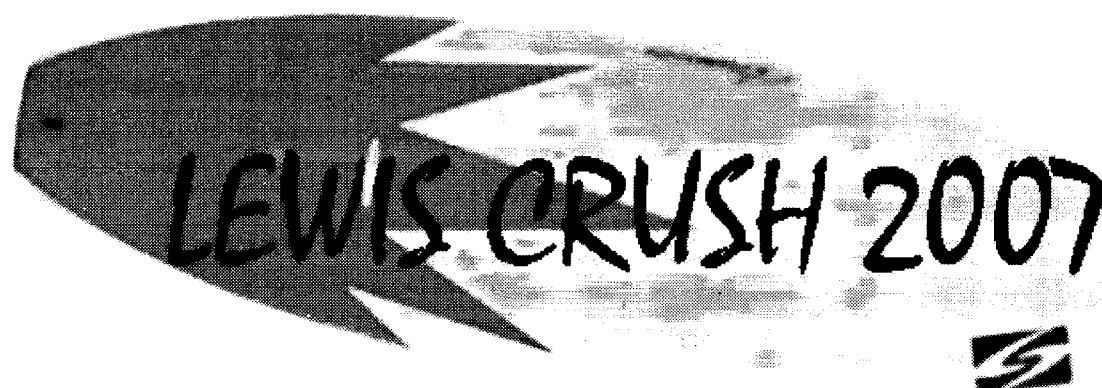
As much as Johnson wants to work out the kinks and get his team playing like that again, he knows he must wait until the playoffs. Rest is more important now.

He laughingly threatened to fine Dirk Nowitzki and Jerry Stackhouse if they tried boarding the team plane Tuesday, forcing them to miss a game Wednesday night in Minnesota. More players are likely to miss time down the stretch, including center Erick Dampier, who left Monday night's game in the

opening minutes because of a shoulder strain.

With two West Coast games on back-to-back nights to close the season, don't be surprised if rookies Pops Mensah-Bonsu, Jose Juan Barea and Maurice Ager log heavy minutes.

"It's nice to know that we've established ourselves with the ability to play good basketball," Cuban said. "Now, can we play our best basketball during the playoffs? The best record is a reflection that we can. Hopefully that's how it will turn out."



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Colts in support of stricter player conduct code

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay believes NFL players must do more than simply win games. He thinks they have a responsibility to behave properly on and off the field.

On Tuesday, hours after NFL commissioner Roger Goodell announced a stricter conduct code for players and team employees, the Super Bowl champions wasted no time in backing the effort.

"Kids look up to these players and what's really important are the messages you send to the young people because they're our future," Irsay told The Associated Press. "We're put in a sacred and special position to show kids how

you conduct yourself, and it's a big responsibility. It's a privilege we take seriously, and for me, it's something that's bigger than the game."

Under the new guidelines, teams will be disciplined when employees, owners or players violate the league's personal conduct policy. Players could face longer suspensions and the loss of more money. Goodell did not say specifically how he would hold teams responsible, but stripping them of draft choices is considered one of the most effective ways to do so.

In Indianapolis, the move was a welcome change for a team that prided itself on winning last year's championship in what coach Tony Dungy called "the right way."

"I think the commissioner is trying to make a statement and I think it's good," Dungy said. "I think we need that. ... I think down the line, it will help us."

From June 2006 through their championship victory in early February not a single Colts player was arrested, and in the week leading up to the NFL's biggest game, the Colts also managed to avoid potential distractions that have derailed other conference champions.

The offseason, however, has been a different tale.

Super Bowl hero Dominic

Rhodes, who has since signed with the Oakland Raiders as a free agent, pleaded guilty to reckless driving after prosecutors dropped drunken driving charges. Dungy later called that a disappointment.

Since then, defensive lineman Darrell Reid was arrested on suspicion of possessing marijuana and former defensive back Dexter Reid was arrested on gun

and drug charges. Two other players who had previous scrapes with the law, cornerback Nick Harper and safety Mike Doss, also have left as free agents.

Irsay has had to deal with his own demons, too. In November 2002, he acknowledged a prior addiction to hydrocodone, blaming it on several operations and chronic pain. He sought treatment at rehab centers in Indiana and Arizona, and he believes that for the new policy to be effective it must offer players more help.

"These are young men and when mistakes happen they need to A) have consequences and B) have an opportunity to learn from it," Irsay said. "I think it's important to have a situation where there is a penalty of nonplay combined with nonpay. I think both combined are very important in terms of a deterrent."

Irsay believes the announcement Tuesday will help.

"I was always raised with the belief that if you had character guys, you'd win."

Jim Irsay
Colts owner

SMC SOFTBALL

Belles take one of two against Calvin

By BECKY SLINGER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's continued MIAA play by splitting a doubleheader with No. 8 Calvin Tuesday afternoon in two extra-inning thrillers.

"We were kind of squeaking by," junior captain McKenna Corrigan said of the team's performance. "It shouldn't have been that close."

In Calvin's first MIAA game, the Belles handed the Knights a 2-1 loss. Calvin exacted revenge in the second game, beating the Belles 4-3. The Belles now have an overall record of 14-4 and a conference record of 1-3, keeping them in seventh place while Calvin moves to fifth in the MIAA.

Sophomore pitcher Calli Davison helped the Belles to their first conference win, allowing five hits and just one run in Calvin's 30 at-bats. The Belles jumped out to an early lead when freshman centerfielder Ashley Peterson scored in the first on Sarah Miesle's single.

Calvin junior catcher Samantha Ehler had the Knights' only run in the seventh inning after sophomore shortstop Loren Scarbrough doubled.

In the extra frame of the eighth inning, Peterson got things started again by leading it off with a double to right-centerfield. With Peterson on second, freshman second baseman Mo Healy singled to right center to drive in the go-

ahead run at 2-1. Calvin failed to convert its two hits in the bottom half of the inning for runs, and Saint Mary's escaped with the win.

The Belles jumped out to a strong start again in the second half of the double dip. Sophomore catcher Ashley Fusaro scored an unearned run in the second and Davison scored an unearned run in the third for the 2-0 lead. The Calvin hitters finally found their rhythm, scoring one run in the fourth and two runs in the fifth. Calvin junior centerfielder Ruth Diemer scored in the fifth on a wild pitch.

The Belles sent the game into extra innings after they tied the game 3-3 when Peterson scored on a sacrifice fly off Healy's bat in the bottom of the seventh. In the eighth, Calvin senior leftfielder Erin Conrad scored to push the Knights to their first MIAA victory.

"We had the opportunities, but we just couldn't do it," Corrigan said. "We tried to squeak by like we did in the first game, but we just came up short."

Corrigan said the team hasn't given up on their conference schedule.

"We still have a lot of conference ball to play," she said. "We're still going to keep the same goals and do our best to achieve them in our remaining time."

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SMC TENNIS

Saint Mary's swept in Dairyland

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

While the Belles' conference record may still be perfect, their trip this weekend to Madison resulted in three losses to top Wisconsin teams.

"We played against really tough teams this weekend," senior captain Kelly McDavitt said. "Some of us were able to rise to the occasion and win matches, but we all learned something from the tournament."

In the first match of the weekend, the Belles fell 8-1 to the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, a team ranked No. 29 in the nation. While McDavitt lost in straight sets to UWL player Angie Riedel in the No. 1 singles spot (6-1, 6-1), standout Camille Gebert earned the only win for Saint Mary's in the No. 2 spot, defeating Rachel Benn (6-2, 6-4).

In a close third match, freshman Lisa Rubino fell to UWL player Julie Tellefsen. After winning the first set 6-3, she lost the following set by the same score and eventually the tiebreaker to give the match to Tellefsen.

In the No. 4 spot, senior Tara O'Brien fell to UWL

player Erin Fekete in two straight sets. Playing in the fifth singles spot, junior Cassie Quaglia fell in two sets, 7-5 and 6-1, to UWL player Carlie Bohman. In the final singles match, UWL player Sarah Schoenwaelder defeated Belles senior Grace Gordon.

During the day's doubles play, McDavitt and Gebert first fell to Tellefsen and Riedel 8-4. The Belles' No. 2 doubles duo of O'Brien and Gordon fell 8-1 to Benn and Fekete, and the freshman duo of Erin Kaplan and Rubino also fell 8-1 to Schoenwaelder and Tornow.

The Belles seemed to have better luck in the second match of the day against the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. Though they lost the match 5-4, they dominated singles play, winning four of the six matches.

McDavitt won her match against UWW player Nicole Stamm. Rubino won her match against Kara Theis in dramatic fashion with a 10-7 tiebreaker.

In the No. 4 singles spot, O'Brien fell in two straight sets to UWW player Kara Amundson. In the final singles match, Gordon clinched the win in a tiebreaker after winning the first set 7-6 and

losing the second set 1-6.

The Belles fell apart during the matches' doubles play. After Stamm and Theis first defeated McDavitt and Gebert 8-6, Belles players O'Brien and Gordon fell 8-4 to Farrar and Dawson. In the final match of the day, Kaplan and Rubino fell to Kara Admundson and Brittany Aering 8-5 to complete the sweep.

In the weekend's final match, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire took four of the six singles matches to secure a 7-2 win over the Belles.

The Belles only two wins of the match came in singles play from McDavitt and Rubino.

During the match's doubles play, the Belles were swept once again. The freshman duo of Kaplan and Rubino fell in the final match of the day 8-5 to WEC players Deprey and Courtney Lynne.

"This tournament was a great opportunity for our team," McDavitt said. "I think all of us on the team learned something about our game. We now know what we need to improve for our match against Tri-State."

With an overall record now of 7-9, the Belles will travel today to Angola, Ind., to play Tri-State University and try to maintain their undefeated conference record. The match will begin at 3 p.m.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Shutout moves streak to 16

Notre Dame picks up two more wins over Indiana and Ohio State

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

No. 2 Notre Dame extended its dual match-winning streak to 16 with 7-0 victories over No. 33 Indiana Saturday and No. 50 Ohio State Monday.

"We went through a little stretch where we played all right," Irish coach Jay Louderback said. "But we didn't play like we could, but the last two weeks we've been back playing well again."

Over the past few weeks, the Irish have weathered injuries to freshman Colleen Rielley and junior Brook Buck to keep their streak going en route to a 21-1 overall record. Buck sat out again this weekend with an undisclosed injury while Rielley, who played in Notre Dame's previous match against Purdue last Tuesday, sat out the Indiana match with the flu.

"[Colleen] can't catch a break. But she played against Ohio State. She played really well in the doubles, but a little rusty in the singles," Louderback said. Rielley won her singles match against Christina Keesey of Ohio State 6-4, 5-7, 1-0 (11-9).

The injuries have forced the Irish to switch their doubles pairings, but Notre Dame hasn't missed a beat.

The All-American team of

seniors Christian and Catrina Thompson won both of their matches. Notre Dame's new No. 2 doubles team of freshman Kali Krisik and sophomore Kelcy Tefft also knotted a pair of victories to improve to 5-0 since playing together.

Freshman Cosmina Ciobanu played with sophomore Katie Potts against Indiana and won 8-6 over Erin Clark and Brianna Williams. Ciobanu then paired with Rielley against the Buckeyes. The duo defeated Ally Mueller and Keesey 8-1.

Louderback was pleased with his doubles teams' performances given the success the Hoosiers had against No. 9 Northwestern.

"Doubles looked good. All the doubles teams looked very good," Louderback said. "Indiana's doubles are good. They won the doubles point two days later against Northwestern."

In singles play, No. 26 Catrina Thompson won her match over Indiana's Alba Berdala Saturday 6-0, 6-2 and survived a first-round scare against Ohio State's Julie Blackmore to pull off a 7-5, 6-1 victory.

Christian Thompson won both of her matches from the No. 2 slot. Against Indiana's

Laura McGaffigan, Thompson survived two tiebreakers to win 7-5, 6-7 (5-7), 1-0 (10-4). She had an easier time with Ohio State's Ally Mueller, winning 6-2, 6-1.

Tefft dropped just four games in her two matches. She improved to 16-3 in dual matches this season and has won her last seven.

Ciobanu kept her perfect streak going, improving to 22-0 in dual matches with a pair of victories. Krisik also has an unbeaten streak of her own going.

Since entering the lineup after the injuries to Buck and Rielley, Krisik has won all six of her matches. Potts, who played in place of Rielley against Indiana, won her sixth dual match of the season with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Lindsey Stuckey.

The Irish will face No. 9 Northwestern for the second time this season Friday. Notre Dame previously beat the Wildcats 4-3 in the semifinals of the ITA National Indoor Tournament Feb. 4. The victory lifted the Irish to their first-ever finals appearance in that tournament.

"They'll be gunning for us. I guarantee it," Louderback said. "It's going to be a good match."

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TRACK

Meet cancelled due to inclement weather

Irish look forward to stiff competition next weekend in California

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

The Indiana Relays, which were scheduled to take place this weekend in Bloomington, were cancelled due to the unusually cold weather.

Bloomington experienced similar weather to what South Bend has dealt with, assistant coach John Millar said.

"We talked to the schools and decided it wasn't worth the effort," he said. Millar said the cancellation will have mixed effects on the team.

"I think it helps some, and I think it hurts others," Millar said. "It allows the people going to the Mount SAC Relays to get a little rest and a little training. They would not perform well in those conditions anyway."

The Mount SAC Relays start next Saturday in Walnut, Calif., and annually draw some of the nation's

top athletes from powerhouses all across the country.

However, Millar said the cancelled meet this weekend hurts the athletes who don't get as many opportunities to compete on a regular basis. The smaller format of the race would have allowed for many of those athletes the chance to show what they can do.

Millar does believe that despite losing one more chance to compete, the cancelled meet should not have a drastic impact on members of the team who are currently battling to qualify for the end of year Big East and national tournaments.

"We have enough competitions coming up. Those that will qualify for the NCAAAs will do it."

John Millar
Irish coach

"We have enough competitions coming up. Those that will qualify for the NCAAAs will do it."

The Irish squad will split up this weekend as many of the top runners will travel west for the Mount SAC relays, while other members will remain in the Midwest to compete at the Indy Relays which start Friday afternoon in Indianapolis.

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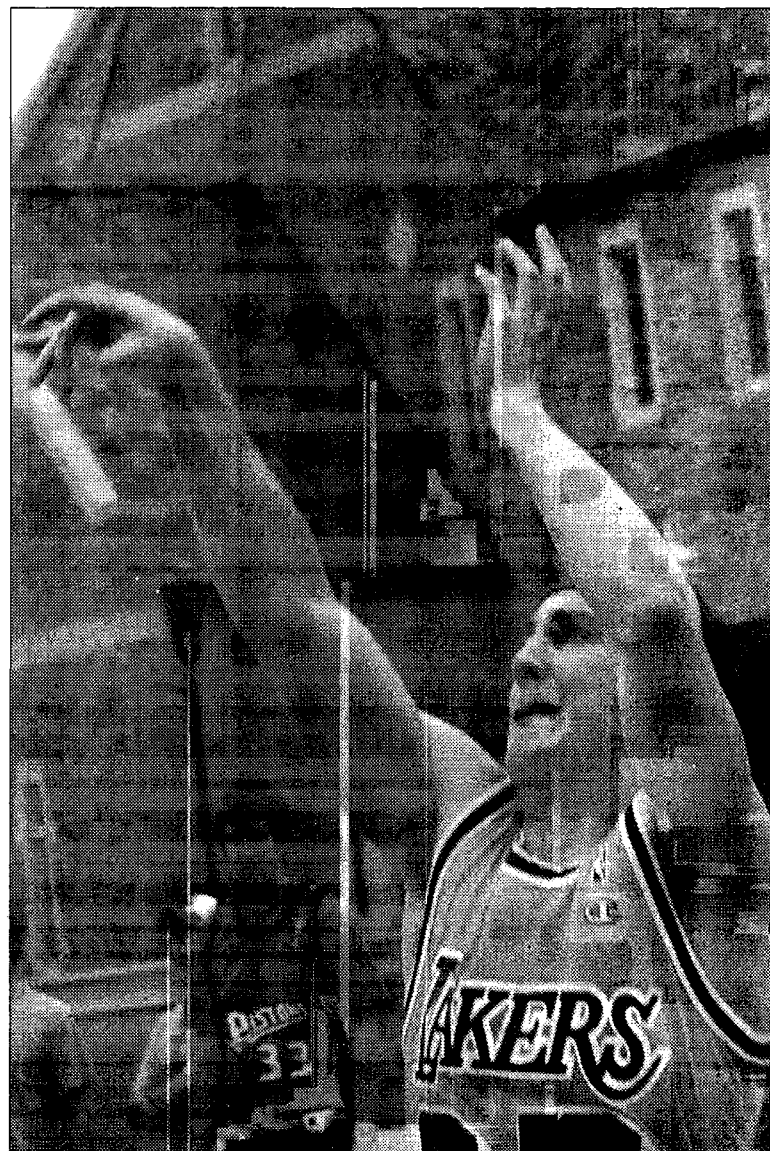
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Jim Murphy works on his follow through and his dance moves during a Bookstore basketball game April 3.

ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish grab fifth place thanks to final round

Nagazaki shoots par Tuesday to lead team in Indy Invitational

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Notre Dame came from behind at the Indiana Invitational to grab a fifth-place finish thanks to a strong performance in Tuesday's final round.

Monday afternoon was supposed to feature two rounds of golf, but inclement weather moved the start time back several hours only allowing a single round. Rather than playing the full 54 holes, the tournament was shortened to 36 with the final round played Tuesday afternoon.

Notre Dame shot a plus 14 (302) in Tuesday's final round of play to finish with an overall score of 612.

The Irish nearly missed a top-three spot, coming in two behind Oregon which finished in fourth with a 610 and only three behind Illinois who held on for the third-place finish.

Michigan came away with the victory after shooting a tournament-best plus seven (295) in the last round to come from behind.

Once again, senior co-captain Noriko Nakazaki was the best golfer for the Irish with her three-over-par 75 on the first day of the tournament. Only

three strokes off the lead heading into the final round, she posted an even-par 72 to finish in a tie for second place with senior Rachel Meikle of Michigan State.

Illinois junior Seul Ki Park took first place honors at the invitational. Nakazaki matched Park with her second round, but could not overcome the three-stroke difference from the first day of play. Nakazaki's gem marked the highest finish of the season for the Irish.

The Irish also capitalized on solid performances from their rookies. Freshman Annie Brophy claimed her first top-10 finish of her career by tying for ninth place with a seven-over par 151 (77-74). Freshman Kristin Wetzel equaled her classmate's two-over par on the day and eventually finished with an 11-over par 155 (81-74).

Julie Kim completed the freshman trio and finished fourth for the Irish with rounds of 78 and 82 to give her a 16-over par showing, good enough for a 57th-place tie. Rounding out the Notre Dame lineup was sophomore Lisa Maunu, who clubbed a 19-over par 163 (80-83).

The solid Irish performance at the Indiana Invitational is a great tune-up heading into the 2007 Big East championships. Notre Dame will challenge its conference rivals in Louisville at the Oxmoor Country Club April 23-24.

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MEN'S GOLF

Isban notches top-20 finish

Senior captain leads the way as Irish defeat Baylor and Washington

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

At the Boilermaker Invitational Saturday and Sunday, the Irish defeated two opponents that were ahead of

them in the Golfweek rankings prior to the weekend matches.

Notre Dame senior co-captain Cole Isban's eighth top-20 finish of the season helped the team finish in a tie for eighth place in the 15-team field. The finish gave the No. 57 Irish

key victories over No. 31 Baylor and No. 34 Washington.

The Irish missed a top-five finish by only two strokes. Indiana and Ohio State tied for sixth one stroke ahead of Notre Dame, and Michigan took the fifth spot with a score of 608. Michigan State was the overall winner, finishing with a 593.

Isban led the way for Notre Dame with a six-over par 150, putting him in 15th place for the tournament.

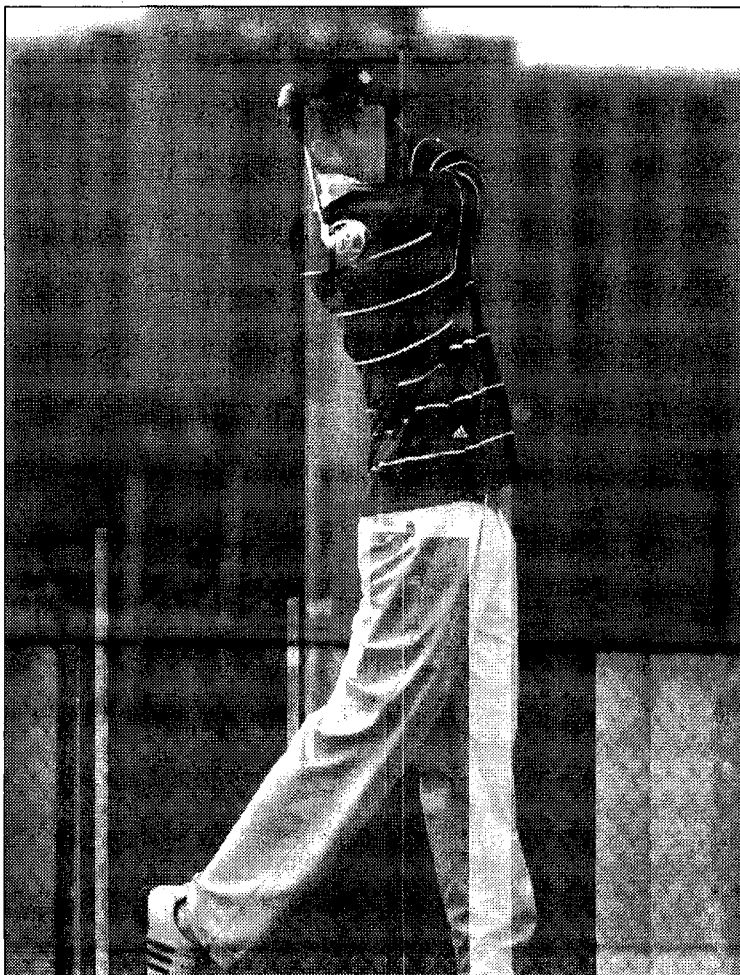
Sophomore Josh Sandman, meanwhile, finished in a tie for 24th place with an eight-over par 152. Including the fall season, Sandman has now placed in the top 25 at seven of 10 Irish tournaments this academic year.

Junior Greg Rodgers, who was playing in his first tournament of the spring, shot a final-round 72 and finished in a tie for 36th place with a 10-over par 154. The score was Rodgers' lowest final of the year so far.

Senior co-captain Adam Gifford and freshman Doug Fortner rounded out the field for the Irish, carding respective overall scores of 11-over par 155 and 15-over par 159.

Next up for the Irish is the Kepler Intercollegiate, which is hosted by Ohio State at the Scarlet Golf Course in Columbus, Ohio, this Saturday and Sunday.

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Senior co-captain Cole Isban tees off during the Fighting Irish Gridiron Classic Oct. 10.

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with an RBI and a run scored but his teammates got just three hits in 27 combined at bats.

Notre Dame has hit just .240 in the eight games started by Phelps (4-3) this season. The team is now 3-15 when scoring four or fewer runs.

Notre Dame 9, Cincinnati 5

Notre Dame salvaged the final contest of the three-game weekend series behind a five-run third inning and a big day from sophomore second baseman Jeremy Barnes.

Barnes went 4-for-5 with an RBI and three runs scored as he raised his season average from .247 to .276.

In the third inning, first-pitch singles from A.J. Pollock, Ross Brezovsky, Barnes and Mike Dury chased Bearcats starter Michael Hill. The Irish touched up the sophomore righthander for seven runs in just 2 1/3 innings before he was pulled. Dressman, Barnes, Dury, and freshmen Ryan Smith and Michael Wright all knocked in runs for the Irish in the big inning.

Sophomore righthander Kyle Weiland got a no-decision in his first career start for the Irish. Weiland was charged with four runs on seven hits and two walks.

Junior righthander Joey Williamson replaced Weiland and did not allow an earned run in four innings of action. Weiland struck out four and got the win to improve his record to 2-2 on the season.

Senior righthander Jess Stewart worked the final two innings for the Irish, recording his first save of the sea-

son.

The Irish improved to 14-16 overall and 2-6 in Big East play. Cincinnati, which left 17 runners on base in the game, fell to 17-14 overall and 4-5 in conference play.

Notre Dame 3, IPFW 2

The Irish were held hitless by IPFW starter Stacy Herrold through four innings before reaching the sophomore righthander for three hits and the game's two decisive runs in the fifth inning of a 3-2 victory over the Mastodons at Frank Eck Stadium Tuesday evening.

Host Notre Dame, which improved to 15-16 with the win, pushed across a run in the second inning to take the early lead. Designated hitter Matt Weglarz, a graduate student, walked and senior centerfielder Danny Dressman reached on an error by the pitcher Herrold. With the runners on second and third, Mike Dury

grounded out to third, scoring Weglarz.

IPFW tied the score at 1-1 in the fifth when Mike Dury misplayed a grounder with runners on second and third.

"It was a tough play on a ball in the hole," Irish head coach Dave Schrage said of Dury's error.

But Dury redeemed himself in the Irish half of the inning as he drove a double off the left field wall to score sophomore second baseman Jeremy Barnes, who had reached on a single to center. Dury moved to third on a sacrifice bunt by freshman catcher Ryan Smith, then scored when freshman rightfielder Michael Wright laced a single past IPFW junior first baseman Nick Millsaugh.

"We moved Dury down to the seventh hole [in the batting order] tonight and he

came through for us," Schrage said.

Sophomore lefty Sam Elam got the start for the Irish and held IPFW scoreless for his four innings of work.

"One of the most encouraging things I saw today was Sam Elam's performance," Schrage said. "He's a guy we could really use down the stretch [of the season]."

IPFW threatened against the Irish bullpen in the seventh and eighth innings but both rallies were snuffed out by stellar defensive plays by the Irish. In the seventh, the Mastodons put runners on first and second against Irish freshman lefthander David Mills. With two outs, IPFW junior centerfielder hit a line

drive into shallow left field. But Irish leftfielder Ross Brezovsky charged hard and made a diving catch to bail out Mills.

In the eighth, the Mastodons again put two men on, this time with one out against Irish junior righthander Tony Langford. The Irish then turned a 4-6-3 double play to squash IPFW's scoring chance. "Our defense played very well tonight," Schrage said, whose club allowed three unearned runs in each of its two losses to Cincinnati this weekend.

Langford also worked the ninth for the Irish to record his first save since the 2005 season. IPFW pulled to within 3-2 in the inning on a walk, a balk and two wild pitches, but Langford struck out the final two Mastodons to close out the victory.

Sophomore righthander Brett Graffy (2-2) got the win for the Irish by giving up one unearned run while pitching the fifth and sixth innings.

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Bargar allowed only one hit and a walk in four innings pitched and chalked up four strikeouts. In relief, Fuemmeler was credited with the loss on three innings pitched, allowing three hits and two runs.

Early in the second inning, Bargar faced some resistance with a leadoff single. After a sacrifice bunt and a fielder's choice, Eastern Michigan threatened to take an early lead, until Bargar struck out the last batter to end the chance.

In the bottom of the second, the Irish notched their first single when freshman Heather Jackson ripped a shot to center field. But nothing came of the hit, as the side was quickly retired.

Notre Dame led off the third with a single from sophomore Erin Glasco. Once again, the Irish could not capitalize and went to the top of the fourth in a scoreless duel.

After the pitching change was made in the fifth, Eastern Michigan senior Lauren Clark brought in the first run of the game with an RBI single up the middle. Later on in the sixth, the Eagles added an insurance run for the 2-0 lead. Freshman Jenny Scherer brought in the second run of the game with a sacrifice fly.

In the bottom of the sixth inning, senior Stephanie Brown continued her nine-game hit streak with her first home run of the season over the right-field wall to cut the lead to 2-1. It was the last threat the Irish offense could muster.

Notre Dame also announced that it has rescheduled its contest against Valparaiso to April 19 at 5 p.m.

Notre Dame will travel to Chicago to face No. 16/19 DePaul Thursday in a double-header. The second game is a make-up from earlier this season and it will be a face-off between the last two undefeated teams in the Big East.

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The Blue Devils went on a 10-1 run that included a stretch of nine straight goals and went into halftime in control of the game with an 11-4 lead. The Irish were unable to make up much ground in the second half, never cutting further into the Duke lead than seven goals.

The Notre Dame defense, which entered giving up only seven goals a game on its four game win streak, could not contain Duke's offensive stars. The combination of Blue Devils senior Kristen Waagbo, junior Caroline Cryer and sophomore Carolyn Davis netted 14 of the goals. Waagbo tallied four goals and two assists, and Davis and Cryer put in five goals each.

The Irish were led offensively by sophomore Jillian Byers with four goals. Senior Kaki Orr also contributed two goals and an assist for Notre Dame.

The Blue Devils outshot the Irish 33-22.

The Irish were able to rebound Saturday with a win over California (5-4). The Golden Bears got off to a fast

start, taking a 5-2 lead in the first half as the Notre Dame woes continued.

The Irish then clicked offensively, scoring six straight to take an 8-5 lead into the half. Notre Dame built up a seven-goal lead midway through the second half and kept California in check down the stretch for the 16-11 win.

The Irish continued their offensive balance, with six different players scoring two goals or more. Sophomore Jane Stoeckert led the Irish with six points on three goals and three assists. Junior Mary Carpenter added a career-high three goals, and Byers, McKinney, Heather Ferguson and Megan Murphy each had two.

Senior Laura Cavallo led the Golden Bears with four goals and an assist. Madeleine Dale also scored twice, and five Cal players notched single goals.

Notre Dame outshot California 39-23, and goalkeeper Erin Goodman had five saves for the Irish.

The Irish will return to Big East play Saturday, finishing up its five-game home stand with a match against No. 11 Georgetown.

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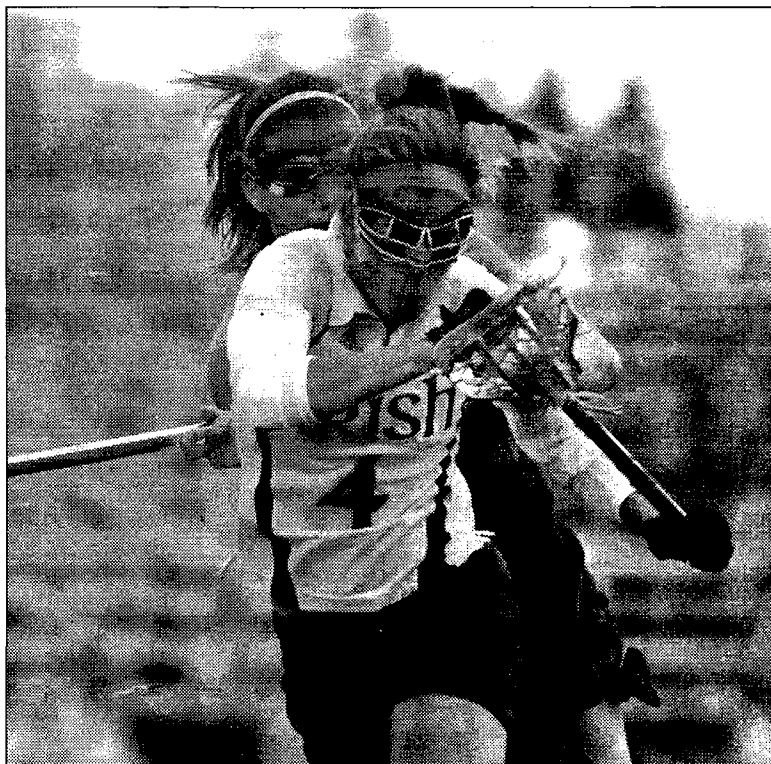
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Sophomore attack Jillian Byers drives to the net for one of her four goals in a 15-7 win over Duquesne April 1.

Awards

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been [in St. Louis] with my teammates. That would have made the weekend perfect — being able to compete — but it's definitely a good step forward for Irish hockey," Brown said. "Hopefully, that will help to open some eyes in the college hockey world."

Brown, who was Jackson's first player to advance to the final three in Hobey balloting, was only the second Irish player to advance to the top 10 for the award in school history.

"I told him afterward he's my player of the year. So as long as he knows he did the best job he was capable of doing, it puts a positive reflection on the University and the program," Jackson said. "He's done a tremendous job and should be proud of that."

The American Hockey Coaches Association announced Tuesday that Jackson would be awarded the 2007 Spencer Penrose Award for the top Division I hockey coach at an awards banquet April 28 in Naples, Fla. After two national championships and four CCHA playoff championships with Lake Superior State in the early 1990s, it is the first time Jackson earned the prestigious honor.

"[The Spencer Penrose] is a positive reflection of this group of kids and this coaching staff," Jackson said. "It's a tremendous honor, and it's obviously something that I'm humbled by."

In only his second year at the helm for the Irish, Jackson guided a Notre Dame team that had won just five games two years ago and 13 games last season to an NCAA-high 32 wins, a league

regular season championship and a league playoff championship this year. It was his eighth season behind a college bench, where he owns a 227-78-32 (.721) record.

He defeated Rick Comley of national champion Michigan State and Joe Marsh of St. Lawrence for the award.

The Lowe's Senior CLASS award goes to the senior student-athlete who has shown loyalty to his or her school during their athletic careers. The coaches, media and fans who vote for the winner take in to consideration work in the classroom as well as in the local community, along with the player's performance on the ice.

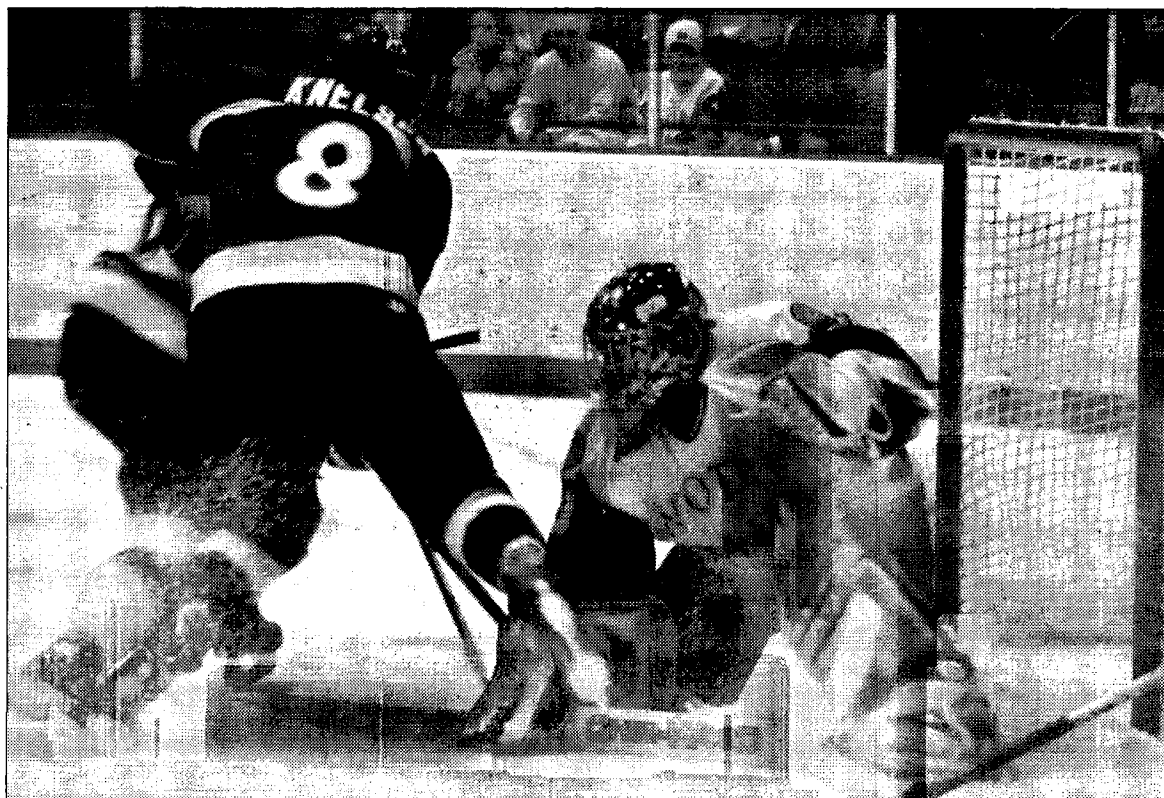
Prior to this year the honor was only given in basketball, but the program expanded this season to include hockey, baseball, softball and men's lacrosse.

"Being the first recipient of the award is a very prestigious honor. It's a great feeling to be recognized like that," Brown said.

During his four years at Notre Dame, Brown involved himself in the South Bend community, where he participated in the Buddy Walk to help children with Down's syndrome and skated with the local Boys and Girls Club.

The Stoney Creek, Ont., native has also made a big impact between the pipes for the Irish during his career. Brown set school career records for most shutouts (12), lowest goals-against average (2.32) and best save percentage (.916). His 55 careers wins left him just one win shy of the program record set by Lance Madson, who played from 1986-90.

Brown picked up more than half of those wins this year, finishing with a record of 30-6-3 —



LAURIE HUNT/The Observer

Irish goaltender Dave Brown stops a shot during Notre Dame's 3-1 win over Alaska Dec. 2. Brown received college hockey's first-ever Lowe's Senior CLASS award Saturday night.

more than any other goalie in the country. His 1.58 goals-against average was also tops in the nation, and his .931 save percentage was second only to Kevin Regan of New Hampshire.

Those numbers earned him a spot as one of two goalies selected for this year's RBK Hockey West Team first team All-America. Brown becomes the eighth Notre Dame player to garner All-American honors in the program's history and the first to make the team since defenseman Benoit Cotnoir in 1999. The last Irish player to be named to the first team was Kirt Bjork in 1983. Bjork had 29 goals and 34 assists in his senior campaign that year.

"I'm very proud that I could make that contribution to Notre Dame hockey, and hopefully it is a sign of things to come for some of the younger guys we got here," Brown said.

Brown is joined on the western first team by Michigan defenseman Jack Johnson and forward T.J. Hensick, North Dakota linemates Ryan Duncan and Jonathan Toews and Minnesota defenseman Alex Goligoski. Four more CCHA skaters were selected to the second team, which gave the league seven out of the 12 western team selections.

Brown is currently working out with teammates in preparation for a professional career. The graduating senior was

drafted by the Pittsburgh Penguins after his freshman year and has until August 15 to sign a contract with them before becoming a free agent.

Meanwhile, Brown will leave a hole in net for the Irish larger than any five-hole he may have flashed to opposing shooters.

"Anytime you lose a player of that caliber and experience, it's always difficult to replace him," Jackson said. "You don't replace him, you just hope [goalies] Jordan Pearce, Tommy O'Brien and incoming freshman Brad Phillips ... take it upon themselves to fill that challenge."

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same with Keckley and Bass defeating Epkey and Perdomo 9-7, Parbhu and Helgeson defeating Phillips and Jorge Rodriguez 9-8 (5), and Bass and Roth defeating Epkey and Vallee 8-4. The win from the Parbhu and Helgeson duo was especially impressive, as it was the first time the two had played doubles together during the 2006-07 season.

"I thought a number of guys came out of the box quickly in singles and did a good job of getting momentum and winning matches in a timely fashion to take pressure off of the other guys. Both [Bass and Parbhu] did a good job of playing up on the baseline and keeping the ball deep and moving their opponent around," Bayliss said about their win.

The experience for the team, however, was just as important as the win according to Bayliss, as the Irish are quickly approaching tournament time.

"It was very good for us to get a win and it was very good of us to get the match experience," Bayliss said.

The next match for the Irish will be at home against Kentucky this afternoon at 3:30 p.m.

Kentucky (13-12, 3-7 in the SEC) has a very deceptive record. The Wildcats have one of the nation's toughest schedules, having played five top-10 opponents, with Notre Dame making six. They have not just played tough competition, they have also come out victorious. They beat now No. 15 Alabama

earlier in the season 4-3 and recently defeated South Carolina 4-2 over the weekend.

"They are obviously an SEC team so we expect a tough match. We played them frequently in the past so we are excited to renew the rivalry we had," Bayliss said.

The Irish are unblemished so far this season at home with an 8-0 record. This is bad news for the Wildcats, who have struggled on the road to the tune of a 1-7 record.

The key for an Irish victory should be strong play at the top singles positions where the Irish boast three ranked players at the top of their roster.

"I think that if we can get wins in the top half of their lineup we'll have a good chance because that's where they seem to be strongest. Starting off with some wins up high will really help us," Bayliss said.

He also added that their No. 1 singles player, No. 90 Bruno Agostinelli (19-5), has a strong backhand and could potentially cause problems for Bass if he was not careful. Also, their other top players — Marcus Sundh and Peter Bjork — who both boast team best 4-4 records in the brutal SEC, can be very dangerous.

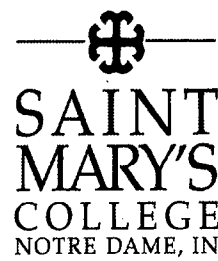
The Irish need to make good use of their match opportunities; the match against Kentucky is their second to last before starting the Big East tournament and then moving on to the NCAA team and singles/doubles tournaments. With so little time left to prepare and gain match experience, matches like these are precious for the Irish.

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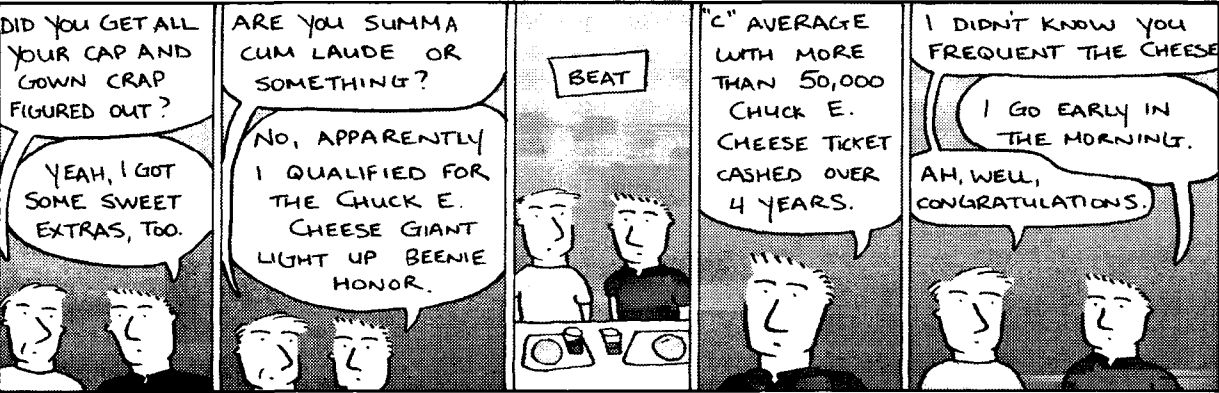
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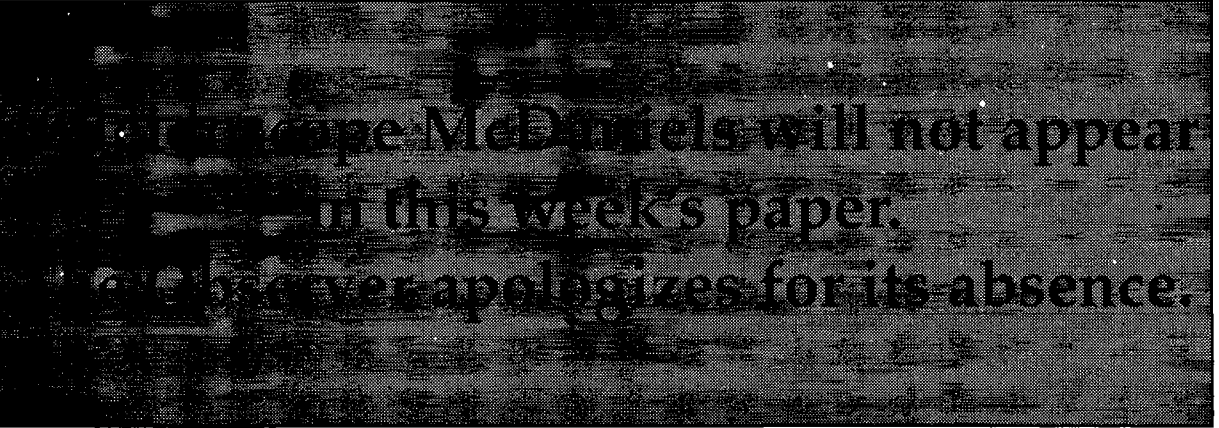
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27 Table scrap

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31 Romanian composer Georges

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36 Martial art

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42 Country cuisine

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59 One of the Marx brothers
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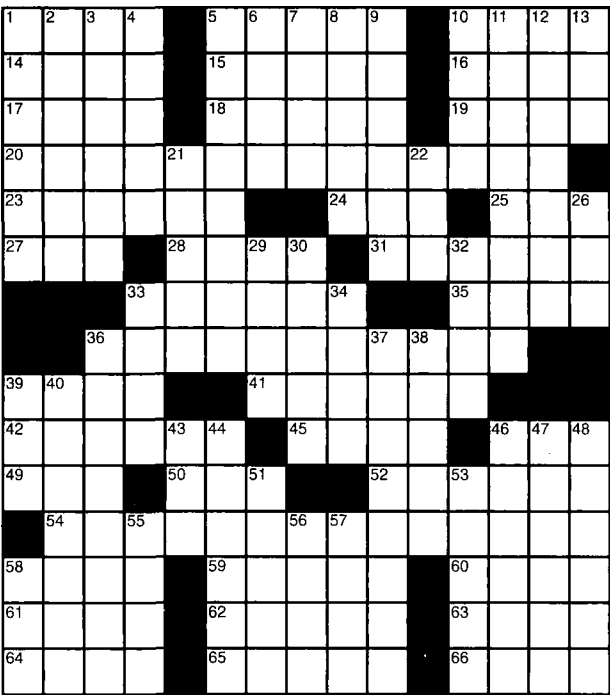
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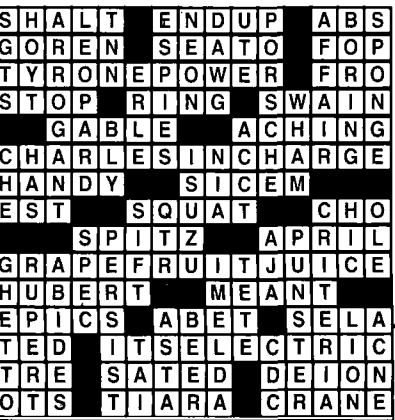
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HOCKEY

Kings of the rink

Jackson, Brown earn postseason accolades for record-setting year

By DAN MURPHY
Associate Sports Editor

The long list of firsts Notre Dame racked up this season most likely came to a close this weekend when head coach Jeff Jackson was named Division I national coach of the year, several days after senior goaltender Dave Brown received both the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award and first team All-American honors.

The news of Brown's awards came during a busy last weekend in St. Louis at the Frozen Four, where the senior goalie was present as one of three finalists for the Hobey Baker Memorial Award. The honor, however — college hockey's highest — went to sophomore forward Ryan Duncan of North Dakota.

"I would have loved to have

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Irish goaltender Dave Brown looks over his shoulder during Notre Dame's 2-1 loss to Michigan State March 24. Brown was named to the West All-America team this weekend.

LAURIE HUNT/The Observer

ND SOFTBALL

Win streak ends with EMU loss

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's 10-game win streak was snapped at Ivy Field Tuesday in an out-of-conference 2-1 loss to Eastern Michigan. A doubleheader was scheduled, but after the first contest, both coaches met and decided that they would postpone the second match.

Eastern Michigan senior Aimee Woodrum allowed only one run and three hits in a complete-game gem, improving her record to 5-5.

The Irish pitching, however, also showcased some talent on the field with excellent performances from sophomore Brittney Bargar and senior Kenya Fuemmeler.

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BASEBALL

Irish recover after dropping two due to errors

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

The Irish surrendered three unearned runs in each of a pair of 4-3 losses to Cincinnati in the first two games of their weekend series at Marge Schott Stadium. On Sunday, visiting Notre Dame rebounded to take the final contest 9-5.

Cincinnati 4, Notre Dame 3

The Irish were unable to

capitalize on a strong start by senior Dan Kapala as they stranded 13 runners and could not hold on to a 3-0 first inning lead.

Kapala allowed just one earned run in six innings, dropping his season ERA to 1.46. He surrendered five hits while striking out three.

But in the bottom of the fifth inning, Kapala's own two-out throwing error opened the door for a Cincinnati rally that culminated in a three-run

triple to right field by Bearcats first baseman Neall French. French, a fifth-year senior, went 3-for-4 in the contest.

Cincinnati sophomore righthander Steve Blevins improved to 5-4 on the season. Blevins went eight innings and threw 141 pitches before being relieved by junior Billy Welsh, who recorded his fourth save by working a scoreless ninth.

Senior shortstop Brett Lilley went 3-for-4 with a run and moved to the top of the team

batting charts with a .396 season average.

Cincinnati 4, Notre Dame 3

For the seventh time this season, unearned runs proved to be the difference in an Irish loss.

Sophomore righthander David Phelps went all eight innings for the Irish, finishing with seven strikeouts and just one earned run.

But Irish catcher Matt Weglarz's sixth inning throw-

ing error allowed the Bearcats to break a 3-3 tie.

Cincinnati sophomore left-hander Dan Osterbrock got the complete-game victory and held the Irish scoreless after regaining the lead in the sixth to improve his record to 5-1.

Osterbrock allowed five hits and did not walk a batter while striking out seven.

Irish senior centerfielder Danny Dressman went 2-for-4

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

ND bounces back with win

Late surge leads Irish to victory over Cal after falling to Duke

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

No. 13 Notre Dame salvaged an earlier loss in the week when it defeated California 16-11 at home Saturday, after losing to No. 4 Duke Thursday.

The Irish (10-3) began the weekend with a 20-10 loss to the Blue Devils (10-1). After jumping out to a 3-1 lead in the first minutes of the game, Notre Dame was overwhelmed by the powerful Duke attack.

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Irish junior attack Heather Ferguson cradles around a defender in Notre Dame's 15-7 win over Duquesne April 1.

PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

MEN'S TENNIS

Team reaches milestone by beating Ball State

By JAY WADE
Sports Writer

No. 6 Notre Dame shook off the cobwebs after its match Saturday at Southern Methodist was cancelled due to weather, by defeating Ball State 7-0 in dominant fashion Tuesday.

Ball State (8-11) has now lost to the Irish 17 consecutive times.

With the victory, the Irish (20-3) gained their first 20-win season since their 2001-2002 campaign, and the 14th in program history. Also, along with the victory, No. 9 Stephen Bass (29-9; 18-3) moved to fifth on Notre Dame's all-time win list when he defeated Joe Epkey 6-2, 6-2. No.

51 Sheeva Parbhu (26-10, 16-4), who defeated Aaron Phillips 6-0, 6-1, also jumped a place on the all-time list to reach the 10th spot.

"They both have made major impacts in Notre Dame tennis, and the thing about both of them is the amount of improvement that each has made after coming to college," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said.

Rounding out the rest of the singles victories were No. 114 Brett Helgeson, Barry King, Ryan Keckley and Andrew Roth. Roth blanked his opponent Joe Vallee 6-0, 6-0.

In doubles, it was much the

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