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Activist receives written admonition



Photo courtesy of Delphin Bautista
An NDSP officer talks to freshman Eddie Velazquez on March 9 after he participated in an unauthorized demonstration.

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Associate News Editor

A Notre Dame freshman was threatened with immediate suspension for participating in unauthorized demonstrations on campus but received only a written admonition, he said.

Freshman Eddie Velazquez joined a tour of civil rights advocates during the SoulForce Equality Ride March 8 and 9, leading to a run-in with Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) officers and the Office of Residence Life and Housing.

"On the second day of the demonstration, all we did was lead a procession and carry wreaths in silence, but we were immediately stopped by NDSP officers," Velazquez said. "They

arrested everyone there and they would've arrested me too, but they realized I was a student, so they told me to go away if I didn't want to be suspended immediately."

Velazquez said he received a warning from the NDSP the first day the bus visited Notre Dame, after he and many Soulforce Riders staged a demonstration in LaFortune Student Center to encourage LGBTQ dialogue.

"I was just offering an anecdote about my personal experience on campus dealing with LGBTQ acceptance when I was interrupted by an officer who told me to stop because I was bothering the Huddle customers and harming the business," Velazquez said.

Bill Kirk, associate vice presi-

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Anti-war activist to speak

Sheehan will discuss experiences on Iraq

By KATIE KOHLER
Saint Mary's Editor

Cindy Sheehan, the anti-war activist who lost her son in Iraq and generated international attention by protesting outside President Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas, will speak about the war today at 10:30 a.m. in Carroll Auditorium at Saint Mary's.

"Sheehan's visit serves to remind us of the events of the war and that we can effect change, even four years later," said Bridget Hahn, president of Peacemakers — a social justice group on campus.

Following the death of her son, Casey, in Iraq, Sheehan demonstrated at a peace camp outside Bush's Texas ranch during his five-week vacation there in August 2005. She created Camp Casey by pitching a tent at the ranch and demanding an audience with the president — a demand ultimately not granted.

She is also one of the nine founding members of Gold Star Families for Peace, an organization that seeks to end the U.S. occupation in Iraq and provide support for the families of fallen soldiers.

Sheehan is presently on a speaking tour of Indiana colleges and universities. The College Democrats, the main sponsors



Sheehan

Dorms fill up for next year

Even amount of seniors to stay on campus, off

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Residence life is an integral part of the Notre Dame experience, and the abundant applications for on-campus housing confirm that maxim yet again this year.

While the official number of students who applied for on-campus housing will not be available for another few days, it seems the dorms will be filled to their maximum capacities — and beyond next year, even as a growing amount of seniors move off campus, said Scott Kachmarik, associate director of Residence Life and Housing.

While his office has seen large numbers of seniors move off campus in recent years, Kachmarik said the number of seniors staying on campus has grown as well. He clarified that the proportion of seniors moving off campus to those who stay in dorms has remained stable at around 50 percent.

The increase in the number of seniors can be explained by enrollment figures, which have increased over recent years. More students have decided to attend Notre Dame after they were accepted, and a relatively large number of transfer students are admitted regularly, Kachmarik said.

With tradition and community playing an important role in the lives of Notre Dame students, the high amount of seniors that have moved off campus has been a

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New RAs opt to transfer dorms

Several juniors will take up residency in other halls to fill demand

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Juniors Ashley Weiss and Cassie Saucedo are looking forward to getting section assignments and meeting their residents as they prepare to become resident assistants next year — not to mention that they must transfer to a new dorm.

Weiss and Saucedo are two of a number of juniors who will transfer to new residence halls next year in order to accept positions as resident assistants (RAs) next year — a move that Weiss and Saucedo said they are both looking forward to, despite the fact that they will be leaving their current residence halls.

According to Sister Mary Lynch, rector of McGlinn Hall, these transfers usually are due to the numbers of applicants.

"For the most part, it has to do with how many apply and how many are needed," Lynch said.

Applicants can choose on their application whether or not they are willing to transfer to another hall to become an RA.

Bill Kirk, associate vice president of Residence Life, said in a Feb. 27 Observer article that many applicants indicate they wish to be considered for other halls.

While some of these transfers may have to do with lack of applicants, as Lynch described, Kirk said creating a cohesive hall staff is also a factor.

"Even if there are enough applicants from a particular hall, RAs are chosen from outside dorms to create a team that best fits the hall," Kirk said in the article.

Kirk could not be reached for further comment Wednesday

evening.

Weiss and Saucedo, who will both be moving to Pangborn Hall next fall from Breen-Philips Hall and McGlinn Hall, respectively, were transferred due to a lack of applicants, Pangborn Rector Kuukua Yomekpe said.

Yomekpe said initially enough juniors applied, but some dropped out of the application process halfway through, causing them to draw from other dorms.

Yomekpe said Pangborn Hall has brought in students from other dorms to serve as RAs in the past, and it has never caused a problem.

"Most of the girls — we've drawn from Badin [Hall] and other dorms in the past — are very fired up about becoming Phoxes," Yomekpe said.

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Students move off campus to Dismas House

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

When fifth-year senior Emily Pike was looking for an apartment the summer after studying abroad, she chose an unlikely place, away from any residence hall or Turtle Creek. She decided to live at Dismas House — a non-profit organization that provides transitional housing and support services to men and women who have been recently released from prison or jail, according to the organization's Web site.

Pike's summer-long stay at Dismas became a two-year residency, where she lived and worked in the house as a kitchen manager throughout her latter semesters at Notre Dame.

"I absolutely love living in

Dismas House," Pike said. "It has become such an important part of my life here at Notre Dame. Basically it's like living anywhere else in a house of fifteen people. It's a little chaotic, and it's a lot of fun."

The people who live with Pike at Dismas, with the exception of two other students, have either served time in prison or have been sent to the house by a court order in place of prison time. They range from 19-years-old to approximately 55 or 60-years-old, she said.

"We are a re-entry program, and we like to provide a community environment for former offenders in which they can take some time to figure out what it will mean for them to live a sub-

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Photo courtesy of www.dismas.org

The Michiana Dismas House, located at 521 South St. Joseph Street, is a non-profit organization for transistion housing.

INSIDE COLUMN

Paintball aggression

At Notre Dame, being the Catholic institution that it is, we are taught to seek non-violent ways to solve our problems. But every once in awhile you are confronted with a person that all you want to do is be violent towards. Maybe it's the person who gave you a dirty look in class, maybe they spilled their drink on you at the Backer, or maybe it's the person on their cell phone in the bathroom.

Erin McGinn

Assistant
Scene Editor

So what can you do to unleash all of that pent up aggression caused by stupid people?

You might not be able to shoot them, but you can shoot someone else down at the local paintball field.

For those that have never before experienced this wonderful sport, paintball is a thrilling, tension-relieving experience. You don't have to have a particular athletic ability to play — and anyone from a ten-year old to a forty-year old can excel at it.

If you're looking to play around South Bend, Action Park is located 25 minutes away from campus in Osceola, IN and always welcomes Notre Dame students. You don't have to have any of your own equipment — they can rent you everything that you need to play. All you need to bring with you is enthusiasm, some Red Bull and some long, preferably dark, clothing. Gloves are also highly recommended as getting shot in the hand can hurt like nothing else.

The main piece of equipment in paintball is the gun, or marker, which is powered by a small tank of compressed gas. The paintballs themselves are exactly as they sound — they are marble-sized balls with a gelatinous shell and filled with water-soluble paint. Although it sometimes hurt getting shot, it's no worse than getting punched by a younger brother. Although if you get hit in your face-mask, you quickly learn that the paint tastes horribly.

The basic premise of the game is simple: shoot others, and don't get shot yourself. If you end up with paint on you, you're out of the game. There are a variety of different games to play, including elimination and capture the flag. Action Park also boasts a castle field where one team defends and the other attacks a fortress. They have both woods and speedball fields, which also allow for variations on the same games.

During each game, there are referees who monitor the action to make sure that all players are following the rules, as well as to provide "paint checks," to determine if a player is still in the game.

Although it might seem like an unusual sport, it is a great experience that is hard to replicate through any other activity. So if you're bored on the weekend or just looking to release some anger, grab some friends and head down to Action Park. After all, nothing brings people together quite like taking shots at each other.

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: IF YOU COULD SUM UP THE WEATHER IN ONE WORD, WHAT WOULD IT BE?



Jimena Dilorio
freshman
Breen-Phillips

"Maneater. It's so bad, it eats you from the inside out."



Greg Robinson
freshman
Stanford

"Paraguay, because that's where she wants to be."



Michelle Weissenhofer
freshman
Walsh

"Wet."



Ryan Smith
freshman
Knott

"Abomination, because it keeps teasing you ... going from warm to cold."



Susan Bigelow
sophomore
Badin

"Gorgeous. Think happy thoughts friends."



CHRISTIAN SAGARDIA/The Observer

Sophomores Casey McNeill, left, and Jillian Brems promote guitarist Matt Costa in LaFortune Wednesday. Costa will be playing at Legends Saturday at 10 p.m.

OFFBEAT

Sheriff gives himself a 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.

"But it kept bothering me," said Kocken. "Finally I decided to write myself a ticket. I felt it was the right thing to do."

The ticket carries a \$160.80 fine that Kocken said he fully intends to pay.

The ticket marks the second citation in seven months that a state law enforcement officer assessed to himself. In September, Chief Dick Knoebel of the Kewaskum police department wrote himself a \$235 ticket for passing a stopped school bus.

Moose, reindeer to take taste tests

STOCKHOLM, Sweden —

Moose and reindeer at a Stockholm wildlife park have been invited to an unusual taste panel that will help decide which type of salt should be used to de-ice the country's roads in wintertime.

The less they like it, the better.

The National Road Administration plans to introduce a new, sweeter blend of road salt, but wants to make sure it doesn't attract wildlife to Sweden's highways, project organizer Frida Hedin said Tuesday.

The project is expected to start in a week and last for around two months.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

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

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

Owen Smith, a 1995 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.

Opera Notre Dame will present "A Midsummer Night's Dream" Saturday at 7:30 at Washington Hall. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 adults. For tickets, call the LaFortune Box Office at 631-8128.

Notre Dame men's lacrosse will play Denver Sunday at 1 p.m. at Moose Krause Stadium

Notre Dame men's baseball will play Georgetown Sunday at 1:05 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium. Admission is free.

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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Career Center offers summer internship opportunities

By JENN METZ
News Writer

As the academic year draws to a close, many students have their summer plans for jobs and internships set. But for those without plans, especially seniors in need of permanent jobs, the Notre Dame Career Center provides services and resources to make the search easier.

Lee Svete, director of the Career Center, said there is still “a strong market” for seniors. The Indiana Career Fair was held before Easter break, and the Chicago Career Fair will be held Friday at the University of Chicago for students

from the University of Chicago, Notre Dame, Northwestern, and other top schools in the Midwest. This fair will feature representatives from 50 to 70 employers.

Another, more easily accessible option for students is the virtual Big East career fair. Students will have access to 180 employers offering up to 600 permanent jobs with the Big East online system.

“Even though companies have stopped coming to campus to recruit, there are still a lot of options out there,” Svete said.

Seniors also have access to Irish Online, a protected networking database that provides contact with 10,000 alumni. Svete encouraged networking with alumni to

get contacts and necessary information to secure good jobs.

For first-year students, sophomores and juniors, access to the alumni network is also available, but only in terms of looking for volunteer internships.

“It is not too late to find an internship,” Svete said. Internet databases like Intern Exchange through Go Irish on the Career Center’s Web site are protected, providing access to only a few schools. As of Wednesday, about 7,000 internships were still available through this database.

Svete also recommended jobcentral.com for its keyword search option, which can help students narrow down their search to their

specific area of interest and preferred location. This Web site is updated regularly.

“After their first year, students should start looking for internships. Hometown internships are great options,” Svete said.

He said students should use their first and second summers for experimenting and exploring different types of fields, but the summers after junior and senior years should be dedicated to career growth internships.

“The challenge is not finding an internship, but is finding a paid internship,” Svete said. Currently, the University participates in the Indiana Career Program Fund, which pays for 50 to 60 Notre

Dame students’ internships in Indiana.

The Career Center has proposed to take this program nationally and is working on endowments for the project.

Another option for students is an internship for credit. For example, anthropology students can get credit for interning at the Field Museum in Chicago. According to Svete, for-credit internships are very popular in the film and television areas.

Svete recommended students start rough drafts of résumés and that they “just come in and get started — the earlier the better.”

Freshman Eleanor Huntington visited the Career Center Tuesday because she “felt the need to start looking and establishing relationships.”

She said her career counselor was very helpful in explaining the center’s services and offered advice for constructing her résumé.

“I received concrete, direct advice about what I should be doing now, and what I should do next,” Huntington said.

Svete advises students to be aware of deadlines for some internship programs, which depend on the desired discipline.

“An early start is a sage start, but there are still tons of opportunities out there for this summer,” he said.

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students from other dorms does not tend to affect the dorm environment, something she credits to the application and interview process.

For Weiss and Saucedo, moving to a new dorm won’t be a drawback. In fact, they’re excited about the opportunity to meet new people and experience life in a different dorm.

“It’s great because you get to experience everything new — hall staff, residents, traditions,” Weiss said, stating that she’s looking forward to the “change in pace.”

Weiss also said her desire to become an RA “definitely superseded my need to stay in the dorm,” and she knew when she applied she would take a position outside of Breen-Philips Hall if one was offered.

Saucedo said she “mindlessly” checked the box on the application stating she would be willing to transfer to another dorm, and didn’t think it would be an issue.

“At first I didn’t think I would have to [move out of McGlinn],” Saucedo said. But since accepting the position at Pangborn Hall, she is pleased to be going there and is happy she made the decision to do so.

“I’ve been to dorm Mass and dorm council, and the girls are very welcoming and open,” Saucedo said. She doesn’t foresee any problems with the transfer.

Weiss also said they will bring new perspective to the dorm, as well as an unbiased view of all aspects of life in Pangborn Hall.

“I’ll have no preconceived notions about the dorm, or about any of the residents,” she said.

Both are excited to receive their section assignments and meet the residents they will serve.

Yomekpe said they will hold a dinner before the end of the year to meet new hall staff, which will be an opportunity for the transferred RAs to meet some of the residents.

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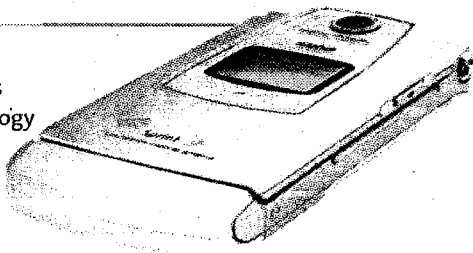
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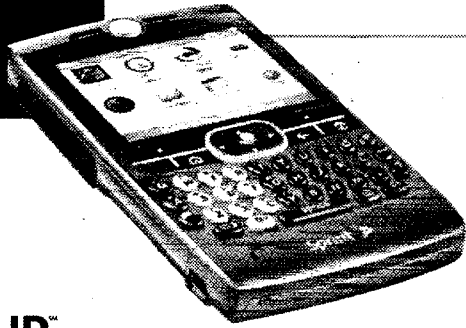


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Dismas

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stance-free life," Pike said.

Most residents of the Dismas House were drug offenders and could easily relapse into their abusive habits, Pike said.

"[Drug offenders] have the highest rate of recidivism," Pike said.

She attributed this primarily to "environmental factors" in the offenders' circles. When drug users are released from prison, most people they know are other users and traffickers, she said.

"It's very hard not to fall back into that lifestyle," Pike said.

It is "very disheartening, especially at first" when Pike sees Dismas House residents occasionally fall back into their old habits. But she said living in the house for some time has taught her to appreciate the residents that complete a full recovery.

Students can live at Dismas House for \$320 per month — although Pike said this amount can often be reduced or waived through work-study. Currently, three students are living at the house, and Pike said this number varies from year to year. Students can apply to live there for a semester, a year or the summer.

At first, arriving at Dismas House can be frightening for students who don't know what to expect from the house dynamics.

"It can be a little bit intimidating at first," Pike said. "You sort of walk in and don't know what to expect, but the truth is that these people are just like anybody else you know."

Like other residents, students living at Dismas House are expected to help run the house. "Everybody has a chore that they have to do," Pike said. "Everybody sort of fights over who gets the last bagel and that sort of thing. For the most part, we all get along really well and have a really good time together."

All of the people living at Dismas House are also expected to eat dinner together at 6:30 p.m., although Pike said this rule could be bent for students. She described these meals as "family time."

If the houseguests consider each other family, the volunteers who pay them regular visits could be the extended family. Fischer Hall, Keenan Hall, Breen-Phillips Hall and Fischer Graduate volunteers come to cook dinner regularly, Pike said.

To Pike, the responsibilities and expectations at Dismas are similar to the ones she would expect to find in any other living situation.

"Basically you are responsible for things that you would be responsible for at other places," Pike said.

As far as rules, Pike said there is no drug use or drinking in the house and to commit such an offense is "pretty serious."

"You cannot use any kind of drugs and you can drink, but you cannot come home if you have been drinking," Pike said.

Pike said most of the residents have curfews, which means that almost everybody is home during the evenings to spend time together playing cards or watching movies.

While some students may be reluctant to live off-campus without their friends, Pike appreciates her off-campus experience and said it has been one of her favorite parts of life at Dismas House because it has kept her attentive to the world outside the Notre Dame community.

"When you're a Notre Dame student, you can become so wrapped up in campus life that you forget that there's something

else out there, that the city of South Bend — two miles from campus — is such a radically different place than most of us have ever experienced," Pike said.

The only way to discover that other world is to plunge into it, she said.

"I think we all believe that we have an idea of what that is, but I think until you are there [you do not fully] understand how great the need is with real people in real places with real problems," she said.

Dismas House, located at 521 South St. Joseph Street near the Post Office, is currently accepting applications for housing for students. Students can either apply online or come to the house to fill out an application in person, Pike said.

After filling out the application, students will be interviewed and invited to attend a dinner with the residents of the house. Following the dinner, the student's application is presented to a review committee composed of people who do not live in the house. Despite the multiple steps, Pike said the application process is "pretty easy" and "not terribly strenuous."

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Activist

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dent of Residence Life, spoke on behalf of his office and NDSP Wednesday, declining to comment about any exchange that may have occurred between Velazquez and NDSP officers, as the University maintains a policy of not commenting on students' disciplinary records.

He said student academic suspensions fall under the jurisdiction of Residence Life as outlined in the student handbook, "dulac."

Once classes resumed after spring break, Residence Life director Jeff Shoup contacted Velazquez for two disciplinary hearings. The freshman eventually received a written admonition for violating the University's demonstration policy.

Velazquez said he did not know with certainty which section of the policy he violated, but he suspected it was his failure to notify Residence Life in writing about his intentions to participate in a demonstration. Shoup declined to comment on Velazquez's case Wednesday.

Velazquez said he joined participants of the Soufforce Equality Ride in their two-day stop at Notre Dame and was "flanked by NDSP

officers the whole time."

The Soufforce Equality Ride is a 50-day nationwide bus tour to different Christian colleges to promote tolerance and acceptance of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual and questioning (LGBTQ) students ran by Soufforce Equality, a non-profit organization against homophobia, according to the Soufforce Web site.

The dulac guidelines for demonstrations on campus say "only members of the University community may organize or lead a demonstration" if they register in writing their intentions at Residence Life.

Moreover, "demonstrators may not impede the freedom of the University community," the rulebook says.

Under the umbrella of the above regulations, NDSP officers handed out trespass notices to six of the Soufforce Riders that were leading discussions in the LaFortune lounges and wrote down Velazquez's contact information for interfering with the student center's operations and participating in an unauthorized demonstration, Velazquez said.

He said he was also cautioned to stay away from any further demonstrations the Soufforce Riders may attempt to organize.

The next day, however,

Velazquez said he rejoined the Riders outside the University gate to participate in a procession that would end at the feet of the statue of celebrated Notre Dame missionary Tom Dooley, who was gay.

Velazquez said he and graduate student Erin Emme were pulled aside by NDSP officers during the silent procession and were told to leave to avoid an immediate suspension from the University.

Velazquez said he did not understand why he was not arrested alongside the other riders as he had already received a warning the previous day to cease any efforts to organize more demonstration with Soufforce Equality on campus.

"I think the University wanted to spare itself the trouble and the fallout that would've caused the arrest of one of its own students who just stood up for his own rights on his own campus," Velazquez said. "It saddens me to see the administration act so apprehensively toward LGBTQ students and their efforts to initiate dialogue among the student body. This type of behavior only makes Notre Dame even more non-conducive to students who may be gay and want to come out and say it but are scared they won't be accepted."

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A Panel Discussion on Democratic Governance in Latin America

4:15 pm - TODAY!

Hesburgh Center, Room C-103

Panelists

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President of Honduras (2002-2006)

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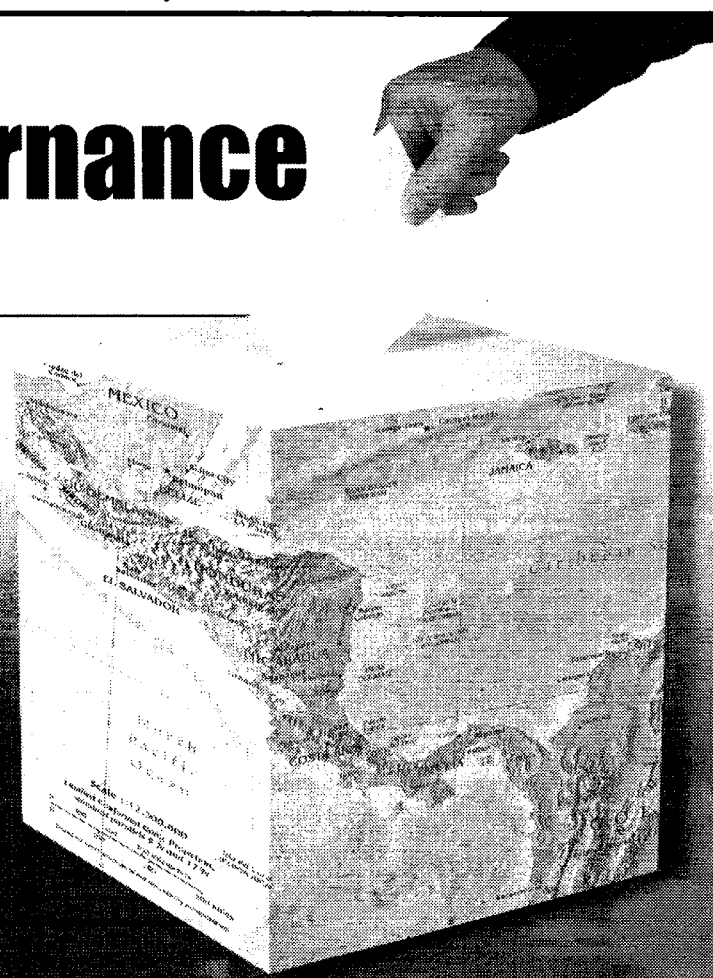
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. requests help in Afghanistan

QUEBEC CITY, Quebec — The United States is pressing its allies to contribute additional forces, equipment and other resources in Afghanistan for a NATO-led spring offensive against the Taliban.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates planned to meet with a number of military leaders late Wednesday and Thursday. He was not expected to offer any additional U.S. troops, according to a senior U.S. defense official.

About a half-dozen defense ministers from countries working together in the volatile southern sector of Afghanistan will discuss how to "fill those last critical pieces that are needed," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Among those would be increased flexibility in how some troops can be used. Certain forces are limited in how or where they can be used, and those restrictions have been a prime complaint by the U.S. and NATO.

Ethiopia detains terrorism suspects

NAIROBI, Kenya — Smiling broadly and wearing casual clothes, eight terrorism suspects have been paraded on Ethiopia's state television as the country faces mounting pressure to explain a controversial program to net alleged al-Qaida loyalists.

The detainees, including an American, told the Ethiopian News Agency they were being treated humanely. One said the captors were "like our friends" and another thanked the government for treating them so well.

The Tuesday night broadcast came hours after Ethiopia's government confirmed an Associated Press report that it had detained foreigners as part of an effort to stem terrorism in the Horn of Africa region.

NATIONAL NEWS

Army tours extended by three months

WASHINGTON — A thinly stretched Army just got thinner.

All active-duty soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan have been informed they will serve 15-month tours — three months longer than the previous standard. Rather than continuing its recent practice of deciding on tour extensions on a unit-by-unit basis, the Pentagon decided to give longer tours to all.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates cast the news in a positive light, saying that more soldiers and Army families will benefit from a predictable deployment schedule, which he said would ensure that they get at least 12 months at home between deployments.

Early reaction from Army families, however, indicated that many saw the latest news coming, and were prepared for it.

Texas executes 12th prisoner this year

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — Convicted killer James Lee Clark was executed Wednesday for the 1993 rape and slaying of a high school honors student.

When asked by the warden if he had a final statement, several seconds passed and he noticed witnesses watching him through a nearby window.

He blurted out, "Oh I didn't know anybody was there. Howdy."

Clark was the 12th prisoner executed this year in Texas, which has accounted for all but one of all the nation's executions in 2007.

LOCAL NEWS

Nerve agent stockpile to be destroyed

INDIANAPOLIS — The Army has contracted with a French company to dispose of chemical waste from the destruction of Indiana's deadly VX nerve agent stockpile, but environmentalists said they will fight this effort.

Army spokesman Greg Mahall said Wednesday that Veolia Environmental Services had signed a \$49 million contract to truck about 2 million gallons of the caustic wastewater, called VX hydrolyzate, about 1,000 miles from western Indiana's Newport Chemical Depot to Port Arthur for incineration.

KYRGYZSTAN

President's resignation demanded

Leader's offer to restrict powers rejected, protestors call for 'honest government'

Associated Press

BISHKEK — Thousands of protesters demanding the president resign set up traditional yurts and tents in the main square of Kyrgyzstan's capital on Wednesday, threatening political upheaval in a country of strategic importance to Washington and Moscow.

President Kurmanbek Bakiyev, who came to power himself following a popular street revolution two years ago, sought to head off the protest by signing constitutional amendments curtailing his power Tuesday. The opposition, however, rejected his move and rallied about 6,000 protesters to Bishkek's Ala Too square near the presidential headquarters.

The protesters carried banners reading "No to Bakiyev!" and chanting "Bakiyev go!" Many young protesters were armed with large wooden sticks.

"We must drive him out," said Abdysaly Satybaldiyev, 47, complaining about unemployment and poverty in the northern Talas region where he lives.

Police said about 4,000 officers were on duty to maintain order in Bishkek during the rallies, but there were no reports of disturbances.

Both the U.S. and Russia have air bases in the Central Asian ex-Soviet republic, making the prospect of political instability in the country a major concern. The U.S. base supports combat operations in Afghanistan; Russia's was established under a regional security treaty.

Autocratic leaders elsewhere in the energy-rich region have also pointed to Kyrgyzstan's political disputes as the justification for restricting political rights in their own nations.

Bakiyev was elected in July 2005 on a democracy and anti-corruption platform after the mass demon-



Demonstrators hold banners and a Kyrgyz flag during a rally demanding President Kurmanbek Bakiyev's resignation in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, Wednesday.

strations of the so-called "Tulip Revolution" ousted his predecessor, Askar Akayev.

The voting was assessed by international observers as the freest and fairest in any ex-Soviet Central Asian state, but Bakiyev's tenure has been plagued by political squabbling and allegations of cronyism and corruption. Many feel he has also lost control over crime and public security.

Fueling the dissent, the clan-dominated nation of 5 million people is divided by historic rivalries between the north and the south. Bakiyev and his entourage come from the south, while many opposition leaders, including former Prime

Minister Felix Kulov, are from the north.

"We want a government that would be honest and open ... and not divide the nation into the south and the north," Kulov told the opposition rally.

However, Kulov has failed to rally any support in the south, where opposition activists have been subjected to several attacks, and most protesters on Wednesday were from the north.

"We are disgusted by Bakiyev's policy," said 20-year-old Mirlan Ozubekov from the northern Issyk-Kul region. "He only puts the southerners in official jobs."

Michael Hall, Central Asia project director of the

International Crisis Group think tank, said that given the opposition's rejection of the concessions made by Bakiyev in recent weeks, it is unlikely to settle for anything less than Bakiyev stepping down.

"They want only one thing: his resignation," he said.

The crisis started in December with Kulov's resignation in a complex political maneuver that backfired.

The move essentially was meant to get Bakiyev out of a bind. The president had been forced under opposition pressure to sign constitutional amendments giving parliament the power to form a government.

SWITZERLAND

Red Cross calls Iraq case 'disastrous'

Associated Press

GENEVA — Millions of Iraqis are in a "disastrous" situation that is getting worse, with mothers appealing for someone to pick up the bodies on the street so their children will be spared the horror of looking at them on their way to school, the international Red Cross said Wednesday.

Thousands of bodies lie unclaimed in mortuaries, with family members either unaware that they are there or too afraid to recover them, according to Pierre Kraehenbuehl, the neutral agency's director of operations.

Medical professionals also have been

fleeing the country after cases where their colleagues were killed or abducted, the group said in a 13-page report. "Hospitals and other key services are desperately short of staff," Kraehenbuehl said. "According to the Iraqi Ministry of Health, more than half the doctors are said to have already left the country."

The report, "Civilians without Protection: The Ever-Worsening Humanitarian Crisis in Iraq," was produced over the past two to three weeks, a spokesman said — well after the stepped-up American-led military operations in the capital began Feb. 14.

The report went beyond the

International Committee of the Red Cross' usual appeals for all sides to protect civilians as required by the Geneva Conventions. It added photographs and quotes from the civilians to describe the situation.

"Once I was called to an explosion site," it quoted a young Baghdad humanitarian worker named Saad as saying. "There I saw a 4-year-old boy sitting beside his mother's body, which had been decapitated by the explosion. He was talking to her, asking her what had happened."

Kraehenbuehl said the situation has steadily deteriorated in recent years — especially since February 2006.

Seniors

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the high amount of seniors that have moved off campus has been a concern to some officials who worry about preserving the University's residential climate, Kachmarik said.

Notre Dame, however, currently needs those seniors to move off campus, because there is not enough space for them, he said. Residence halls have been filled from 98 to 103 percent of the buildings' maximum capacity in recent years, Kachmarik said.

Farley Hall Rector Sister Carrine Etheridge said she believes the number of seniors living in Farley has increased in recent years, something she has been pleased to see.

"I like having seniors in the hall because they give stability," Etheridge said.

Seniors who stay on campus often have a significant impact on the hall environment and the dorm's sense of ongoing tradition, she said.

Of approximately 250 girls living in Farley next year, 53 will be seniors, Etheridge said.

Mark DeMott, rector of Keough Hall, said about half of the current juniors will stay next

year. Although he has only been Keough's rector since last fall, DeMott said he senses about 50 percent of juniors regularly stay in Keough their senior year.

"It's really an asset to have upper-class students involved in the hall community," he said. Not only does the hall depend on upperclassmen to serve in the hall staff, but those students also serve as mentors, he said.

For former Fisher Hall vice president and junior Drew Whiting, who plans to live off campus next year, seniors do provide stability in the dorm and help carry on the traditions. Losing some upperclassmen could create a sense of absence in the hall environment and tradition, Whiting said, although he said he hasn't felt that loss in his dorm.

"As long as the underclassmen can understand what a place is all about and embrace it, you don't lose those things," Whiting said.

Kachmarik said that maintaining a proportionate representation of each class in the residence halls is a priority.

"We're committed to making sure there's a balance and good mix," Kachmarik said. "It tends to naturally balance itself out," he said.

The annual migration of students off campus is a concern

for some members of the community, like Whiting, who worry about the safety of students.

"They are venturing off into a community which is dangerous and unfamiliar," Whiting said, "[You] hear about muggings and robberies in downtown South Bend."

While there is little room for more seniors on campus now, Whiting said more seniors would stay in the dorms if they were given some of the liberties off-campus students enjoy.

Whiting cited the contract dorm residents must sign to host social gatherings and parties and the restrictions placed on alcohol consumption as primary reasons for moving off campus, in addition to the financial sav-

ings associated with the off-campus life.

"A big incentive to move off campus is that it is cheaper," Whiting said. "Room and board costs far more than living off campus."

Whiting said he has seen a decrease in interest in dorm leadership during his three years in Fisher. New rules and restrictions and the rising costs of room and board are enough to lure some students off campus, and when some go, their friends follow, he said.

"The snowball effect of others moving off campus has led many, including myself, to see [moving off campus] as the best option for my last year at this school," Whiting said. "If it made

sense, I would live in Fisher for senior year in a heartbeat. It's convenient to live on campus."

In the meantime, Kachmarik said that while Residence Life and Housing cannot do anything immediately to reduce the numbers of seniors moving off campus — due to the lack of space — construction of new dorms like Duncan Hall, scheduled for completion in the fall of 2008, will address this problem.

Kachmarik said the additional space would allow more seniors to live on campus senior year if they wanted to stay and would offer more comfortable living conditions to all students.

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Sheehan

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and provide support for the families of fallen soldiers.

Sheehan is presently on a speaking tour of Indiana colleges and universities. The College Democrats, the main sponsors and organizers of the event, were contacted by Sheehan's assistant, Kathy Liggett, and asked to host Sheehan. Liggett is also a member of Americans Against the Escalation in Iraq.

"We saw it as an incredible opportunity and did not want to pass it up," said Angela Rosato, vice president of the College Democrats.

Sheehan is stopping briefly at Saint Mary's before traveling to Indianapolis. Elaine Meyer-Lee, director of the Center for Women's Inter-Cultural Leadership (CWIL), sees the visit as monumental for Saint Mary's.

"We at CWIL are happy to be able to draw on relationships to contribute to our students' engagement in dialogue around pressing and timely global issues," she said.

Rosato is hoping for a turnout of more than 200 people.

"This is probably a relatively small crowd for Sheehan, but I understand that she wanted a smaller audience due to the fact she has been traveling so much recently," she said.

Sheehan's visit is sponsored by the College Democrats, CWIL, the Women's Resource Center, Peacemakers and Justice Education.

Jan Pilarski, director of the Justice Education program, said Sheehan's visit is a wake-up call.

"We've now been in the Iraq war longer than we were in World War Two," she said. "The four-year mark is time for us to reflect on what we've done in Iraq and what it means for the future."

Sierra Campoli, an active member of the College Democrats and Peacemakers and one of the coordinators of the event, hopes Sheehan's

visit changes the opinions of many students about the war.

"I really encourage activism for peace as part of any group that is fighting for the same cause — to end this useless and senseless war," she said.

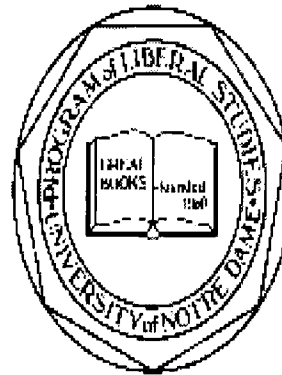
Campoli also linked Sheehan's visit to the overall mission of the College.

"We, as women of Saint Mary's College, are here to train women who can make a difference in the world," she said. "When we fight for a cause that changes the world, we are making a difference."

Hahn said Sheehan's actions are personal, yet admirable.

"I feel that she did what she felt called to do, and there is nothing wrong with that," she said. "I commend her on turning the devastating event of her son's death into something positive. I support her anti-war efforts."

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1,056	141	2,178	2,958,891,601

AMEX	2,199.05	-6.50
NASDAQ	2,459.31	-18.30
NYSE	9,413.63	-55.07
S&P 500	1,438.87	-9.52
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	17,480.81	-189.26
FTSE 100(London)	6,413.30	-4.50

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	-0.51	-0.03	5.90
INTEL CP (INTC)	-1.02	-0.21	20.47
NASDAQ 100 TR (QQQQ)	-1.05	-0.47	44.21
CISCO SYS INC (CSCO)	-0.77	-0.20	25.79
S&P DEP RECEIPTS (SPY)	-0.41	-0.59	144.02

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	+0.32	+0.015	4.724
13-WEEK BILL	+0.10	+0.005	4.880
30-YEAR BOND	+0.18	+0.009	4.906
5-YEAR NOTE	+0.39	+0.018	4.631

Commodities			
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GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+0.20		681.70
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+0.10		101.85

Exchange Rates			
YEN			119.4100
EURO			0.7426
POUND			0.5060
CANADIAN \$			1.1402

IN BRIEF

Stocks down amid gas price jump

NEW YORK — Wall Street stumbled Wednesday, pulling the Dow Jones industrials down nearly 90 points after minutes from the Federal Reserve's most recent meeting indicated the central bank is not ruling out an interest rate hike to curb inflation.

The minutes, coupled with a jump in gasoline prices, heightened investor worries about inflation and drove an already sagging stock market even lower. Investors are growing increasingly anxious that rates may rise, which could limit corporate profits and consumer spending and further weaken the housing market by making mortgages more expensive.

Wall Street had been hoping instead that the central bank might lower rates because of the slowing economy; the Fed's recent statements accompanying its rate decisions have indicated it was closely watching the economy's direction and leaving open the possibility of a rate cut.

Escalade CEO dies suddenly at 53

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Escalade Inc. President and CEO Daniel A. Messmer died from an apparent aneurysm, the company announced Tuesday.

The 53-year-old was home Monday preparing for a business trip when his wife found him, said Terry Frandsen, the publicly traded company's vice president and chief financial officer.

"He was in perfect health, no problems, wasn't complaining of any aches or anything," Frandsen said.

Frandsen said the company's board would meet later this week to pick an interim CEO.

"We've got some pretty strong leaders within the organization," he said. "I anticipate that it will run pretty much by itself until we get an interim CEO."

Messmer became CEO in August. He joined Escalade Sports in 1976 and was serving as president of the company's office products subsidiary.

Escalade employs about 900 people worldwide and makes and markets sporting goods and office/graphic arts products. It reported an \$8.5 million profit in 2006 on \$192 million in revenue.

, down from a \$13 million profit on \$183 million in revenue the previous year.

Citigroup to eliminate 17,000 jobs

Executives say plan will lower costs, result in faster service for customers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Under pressure from investors to contain burgeoning costs, Citigroup Inc., the nation's largest financial institution, announced that it will eliminate about 17,000 jobs, shift 9,500 positions to "lower cost locations" and consolidate some corporate operations.

The steps — which are expected to shave more than \$2 billion from the bank's operating costs this year alone — also should result in faster service for consumers and businesses, Citi's chief operating officer, Robert Druskin, said Wednesday.

"A lot of the initiatives undertaken in the name of expense reduction also are designed to unclog our corporate system," he told The Associated Press. "We want to make Citigroup a more nimble, entrepreneurial place. We want decision-making to be quicker. We want things to move through the pipelines faster."

The 17,000 job cuts amount to about 5 percent of the bank's 327,000-strong work force.

Druskin led the structural expense review, which was aimed at reducing costs at the New York-headquartered bank and improving profit.

Citigroup executives have been under pressure from analysts and a number of investors, including Saudi Arabian Prince Alwaleed bin Talal, Citigroup's biggest individual shareholder, to improve performance. The bank's stock has not done as well as its peers, including Bank of America and JPMorgan Chase & Co., which have been more profitable.

The elimination of the jobs won't reduce the bank's work force, but merely slow its growth, Citi executives said.



A woman walks in front of a Citibank branch in Taipei, Taiwan March 12. Citigroup announced Wednesday that it will eliminate 17,000 jobs.

Druskin told a conference call with Wall Street analysts they should expect Citi's headcount to grow this year because of acquisitions and plans to open new branches, especially overseas.

"But that rate of growth will be at a significantly diminished rate," Druskin said.

Goldman Sachs analysts William F. Tanona and Daniel Harris predicted "a tepid reaction" by investors they said had expected deeper cuts.

In afternoon trading, the bank's shares dropped 89 cents, or 1.7 percent, to

\$51.51 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Carter Burgess, managing director of the Directorship Search Group, a recruiting firm based in Greenwich, Conn., said that "the question is, if all these areas for cutting expenses exist, why wasn't it done sooner?"

He noted that Citigroup, like many of the giant money center banks, was built through a series of mergers and acquisitions and that "it's not totally clear you can make all of this work efficiently together."

Charles Prince, the bank's chairman and chief execu-

tive officer, said that implementation of Druskin's recommendations "will improve business integration as well as our ability to move quickly and seize new growth opportunities."

Prince also emphasized that more expense cutbacks were possible, saying that Citi was adopting "a continuous approach to improving our efficiency — this is not a one-time effort."

The changes announced Wednesday include eliminating unnecessary layers of management, reducing staff at corporate headquarters and other locations.

Judge tries to keep kids out of debt

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A bankruptcy judge who has tired of seeing people burdened with credit card debt in his courtroom has decided to do more than help them untangle their finances.

Judge John C. Ninio II founded Credit Abuse Resistance Education, or CARE. It sends volunteers from the bankruptcy system — including judges, trustees and private attorneys — to talk to young people around the country about developing good money skills and avoiding debt traps.

CARE is among the 180 organizations that make up the JumpStart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy. Each April, the Washington, D.C.-based JumpStart marks financial literacy for youth month with conferences aimed at sharing pro-

gram ideas and visits to congressional offices to urge support for school programs.

Laura Levine, JumpStart's executive director, said CARE and other groups "do an amazing job, often with few resources," in trying to bring basic financial skills to the nation's youth.

She gives the coalition an A for effort, but acknowledges it has a way to go to deal with "a big problem that's not going to be solved overnight."

Judge Ninio uses real stories from his bankruptcy courtroom in Rochester, N.Y., to educate students about the potential dangers of misusing credit cards.

He tells of a couple who didn't even earn \$50,000 a year but ran up more than \$50,000 in credit card debt by taking repeated trips to Disney World

"to keep the kids happy." And of an accountant who racked up \$80,000 on her credit cards "keeping up with the Joneses and everybody else." And the man who accumulated \$100,000 in card debt but wasn't worried because he intended to pay it off when he won a lottery.

Ninio believes stories like these prove his point that the lack of financial literacy has moved beyond the problem stage to the crisis stage.

"We truly have a national epidemic of financial illiteracy in this country," Ninio said in an interview. "We in the trenches of the bankruptcy system see it every day."

The idea behind the bankruptcy professionals' participation in CARE, he said, was "to be proactive to get the word out to people ... instead of being the ones who have to clean up the mess all of the time."

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50 minutes and a class crush

It's been said that in college, you'll learn more outside of the classroom than in it.

Huh? What? Even if you aren't interested in photosynthesis or in writing a thesis, the truth is, there's no better laboratory for studying human nature than in your own DeBartolo classroom.

There's the boy who plops down in the desk beside the door on the first day of class. You quickly realize that he chose that particular seat so as to secure an easy out to see his girlfriend after the 50 minutes are finished. And he executes his post-class plan perfectly — before the last student crosses the plane of the doorway, his fingers are already interlocked with his girlfriend's at the bottom of the DeBartolo stairwell.

There's also the girl who always brings her computer to class, even though the average student is entirely capable of jotting down all of the notes by hand. The professor supposes that her constant keyboard pecking is copious note-taking, but you know what it really is — Instant Messenger repartee.

Then there's your class crush. As your professor announces the pre-assigned teams for your upcoming project, you fidget with your earrings while whispering under your breath, "Be in my group. Be in my group. Be in my group." You figure that this is the only avenue through which you

can progress beyond staring at the back of his head. But no such luck — that road's blocked. He's in Group 1, and you're in Group 2.

Then there's the staged class debate between the Federalists and the Anti-Federalists. In class, you argue with just enough zeal to earn an A for the assignment. Yet when you spot a Constitutional decider at Feyer that night, you kick up your argumentative fervor a few notches, re-adopting your Alexander Hamilton persona and arguing for the end of the Articles of Confederation as if you yourself were present at the 1787 convention. But what about when your professor tries to renew the debate in class on Tuesday? Silence.

Everyone's too busy staring at the clock. And with approximately three minutes left in class, a chain reaction commences — you'll cap your pen, prompting the person next to you to fish through her purse for her keys, prompting the person next to her to slam his textbook. And all the while, the professor becomes increasingly uncomfortable as he attempts to nail home the last few themes of Invisible Man.

But regardless of whether or not you learned the themes of Invisible Man, class provides the optimal opportunity to learn about one particular (wo)man — yourself. Where does your mind wander when you no longer want to hear about the requirements for membership in the EU? Are you wondering if it'd be smart to pay for membership to the English Honors Society? Or are you thinking about your class crush again — would it be too weird if you Facebook friend her?

Your class is full of potential Facebook

friends. There's the girl who seems to have a Starbucks cup permanently melded to her hand. And the boy who raises his hand every time the professor's voice inflections hint that he might be on the verge of asking a question. And what about the girl whose cell phone rings (to the tune of "Sweet Escape," of course) during every class? And the boy who only shows up for the tests?

Throughout 15 weeks of class, you might not utter a word to any of them — until the post-Final Exam bond, of course. After you all endure two hours of blue-book writing, you'll be like best friends who waged war in Vietnam together. "What'd you think of the test?" you'll ask, as you stagger past the desk where the girlfriend-loving boy once sat. Maybe you'll even speak your first words to your own class crush.

You still think class doesn't matter? Then tell me why — when in the spring of your senior year, a friend introduces you to someone he thinks you've never met — you will undoubtedly remember that she sat across the aisle from you in your Introduction to Philosophy discussion section that met on Fridays during the fall semester of freshman year.

You can learn a lot in a 50 minute class.

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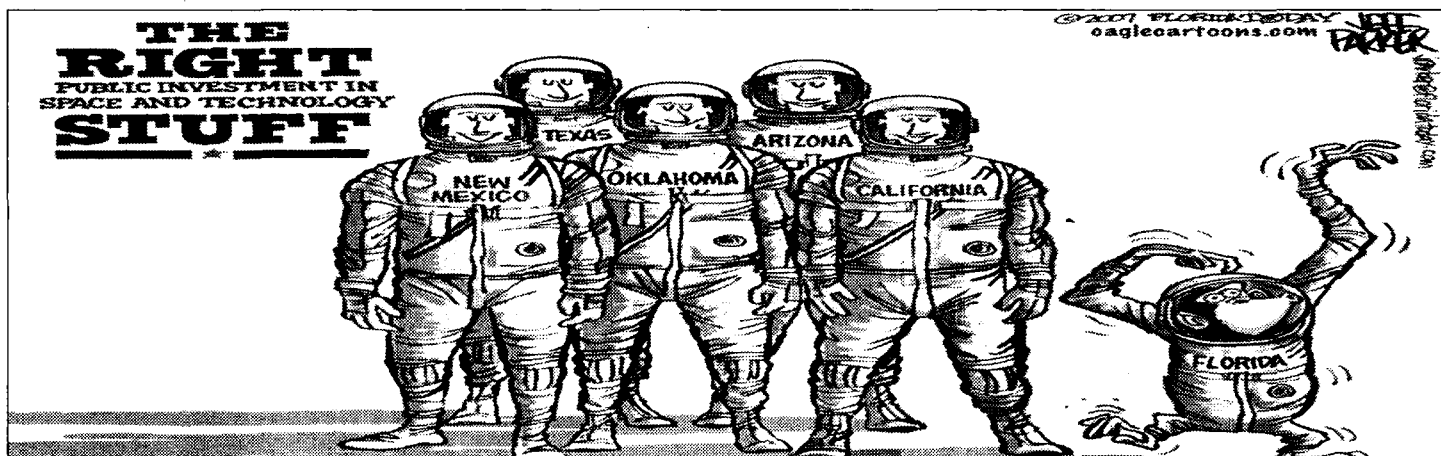
Fighting stereotype with stereotype

After reading the April 11 Letter to the Editor, "McDaniels goes too far," by Katherine Khorey, I could not help but think to myself, "What is she trying to say? That superior intelligence is the primary quality that men should look for in women?" She begins her article by stating that she is part of a class with the highest acceptance standards of any Notre Dame class and announcing her GPA to the school. The problem with these two statements is that every year the standards increase, so next year's class will be "smarter" than hers, and frankly, nobody cares what her GPA is. Also, in her attempt to fight one stereotype, she creates another. She then begins to attack any girl who may be considered "pretty" by societal standards by saying girls at Notre Dame actually "think and feel and live." Is this to say that "pretty" girls cannot think, feel, and live? She continues to talk about the ability to do integrals,

write thesis statements and boil eggs as if these skills should be Liam Moran's main criteria in seeking his future wife. Although I consider intelligence to be important, the ability to compute integrals or write a thesis statement does not turn me on to a woman. I would rather my future wife be sweet, loving and someone I can always have fun with — not someone who I can sit down with for an exciting Saturday night of Calculus. The point is that everyone is attracted to beauty. Nobody can deny that. So to complain about human nature is pointless.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Expecting a carjacker or rapist or drug pusher to care that his possession or use of a gun is unlawful is like expecting a terrorist to care that his car bomb is taking up two parking spaces."

Joseph T. Chew
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Fearful, yet overjoyed

How can fear and joy exist in the human heart at the same time?

St. Matthew recalls that, on the first Easter, Mary Magdalene and another woman approach the tomb of Jesus. There, an angel tells them that their friend is not among the dead. They should return to their homes in Galilee, where they will see him again. So, they leave, "fearful, yet overjoyed." A contradiction in emotions?

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But, perhaps, we understand. Perhaps each of us has been here before. Perhaps, the four men preparing for Ordination as Holy Cross priests this Saturday understand. Even as I write this question, I recall the night before my own Ordination, three years ago next week. I felt that night like I imagine my brother and his wife felt the night before their wedding, or the moments before their first child was born. I stood on the threshold of a future that was at once very intimately known, and yet, simultaneously, filled with mystery.

It's that feeling that you've been waiting for this day forever. And, at the same time, there persists a nagging whisper: "Another day to think this over wouldn't kill me." But then, my family presents me with my chalice. My brother sees his fiancée walk towards him down the aisle. Their baby exhales the first cry of new life. And all we can feel is ... joy. We are taken up into something so much bigger than we — a deep realization that the mystery of God's plan for our life is upon us, and, despite what we don't know about it, it is good. It is very good.

"Fearful, yet overjoyed." The two women at Jesus' tomb — these first witnesses to Christ's resurrection — have been where we sometimes find ourselves. These women, like any of us preparing to give our lives away to another — like the four who will give their lives in priest-

hood this Saturday — made their way to a fearful, but ultimately joyous, place.

In the women's case, it is the tomb of their friend, surely not the expected destination when they first answered Jesus' call. Then, suddenly — mysterious news, like an earthquake beneath their feet. The ground beneath them shifts, and a truth begins to dawn, even beyond what the women are able to comprehend.

What they thought was here is not here. And what is here is beyond their wildest imagination. You can't even take it all in, suggests the angel, so for now, just go home. And there, in your daily life, you will come to understand.

And so they went — "fearful, yet overjoyed."

My very first memory after being ordained is the odd-est memory. After the bishop ordained my classmates and me, we all knelt on the top step of the sanctuary, and our brother priests, one by one, laid their hands upon our heads, in the manner of the first apostles.

Of course, it was beautiful ... but there were a couple hundred priests and it took close to 45 minutes! As I knelt on the marble step, I began to sweat. My mouth dried up. I got dizzy from thirst.

Finally, we got up, and were waved into a back chapel, and there was the most beautiful first sight I could ever hope for as a priest — ice cold bottled water, which I guzzled so quickly that I got the most pleasant headache of my life!

This odd memory has always stayed with me. It reminds me that most things, post-Ordination, don't change. You wake up Sunday with the same limitations you went to sleep with on Saturday. All your thirsts remain — your thirst for friendship, your thirst for a more virtuous life, your thirst to be part of a family — none of your human thirsts disappear.

And yet, at the same time, this presence of water ...

A week after my Ordination, I lowered Peyton Stephens, four months old, into the baptismal font at Holy Redeemer Parish in Portland, Ore. As I held him up, and the congregation welcomed him into the Church, and I watched that water drip off his head and shoulders, I began to realize that water would never be the same again. Nor would bread, nor wine, nor oil, nor anything else.

As a Christian, and perhaps as a priest in a particularly humbling way, water changes forever. Even as you continue to thirst for it, you begin to bless and baptize with it. You mix it with wine, and drink and share it, as Christ's own blood. What was everyday bread becomes the food of people's deepest hunger — you can see it in their eyes. Oil becomes the bath water of the sick.

To be ordained a priest is to walk to the tomb of the Resurrected Christ — simultaneously in fear and joy, for here the known and the unknown meet. Here the tomb will never again be just a tomb, and water will never again be just water.

So, after all, it does make sense — fear and joy existing simultaneously. It's just that, like the reality of being wed to another, like the reality of creating new life, the reality of becoming a priest is too much to bear all at once. And so, we are told, "Just go home. Live your promises — in fear, in joy. Go back to Galilee."

Where everything is as it always was, and where nothing will ever be the same again.

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Notre Dame — anything but diverse

Recently, "The Daily Show" news anchor Larry Wilmore, the show's only African-American correspondent, commented on an announcement by Disney that it will soon be presenting its first black princess character. Wilmore stated, dryly: "We have overcome."

Some, it seems, would like to make similar, though less ironic, assessments of Notre Dame and its continuing efforts to "diversify." After all, it is projected that some 25 percent of the class of 2011 will be ethnic minorities, making it the most ethnically diverse class in the University's history. This must be progress.

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Guest Columnist

However, the very real fact remains — denied by many here, but felt intimately by others — that Notre Dame is anything but diverse. Diverse in the most fundamental sense of the word: as in, a place where difference, pure and unconditional, is honored, embraced and even fostered. Such a place Notre Dame is not.

As the number of racial and ethnic minorities (slowly) increases on campus, there does not seem to be a corresponding increase in racial integration and interaction. Putting people of different colors and ethnic backgrounds in the same space, it turns out, does not amount, in itself, to establishing a truly multicultural community. As a moderator for three years now of the two-day "Diversity" requirement for freshman in Contemporary Topics, I can attest to the pervasiveness of the sentiment among white students that: "Racism just really isn't an issue anymore." What's worse, in my mind, is that this attitude is so hegemonic at Notre Dame that many students of color, who know otherwise, feel compelled to keep quiet about the racist comments and behaviors with which they're confronted regularly

at this school, lest they be labeled as "bitter" or "exaggerators."

As a person who is queer (in more polite terms, "gay"), I can say that the situation at Notre Dame is similar for us. Similar, but not the same. Because, while it is usually apparent when a person is of a non-normative (i.e., non-European) ethnicity, (some) people with non-normative sexual desires or behaviors, or ways of doing gender, are able to conceal these characteristics, thereby passing as "normal." Of course, this choice to conceal only makes sense in an environment where only one type of sexuality (heterosexual) and one type of gender expression (masculine for "men," feminine for "women") are understood — and sanctioned — as normal, natural and acceptable. In such an environment, it is understandable not only that a majority of non-heterosexual students and professors choose to hide or at least downplay their sexual preferences, but also that attempts to assert the dignity, rights and even the existence of such persons are suppressed. In this sense, it is no mere coincidence that this semester the former-Queer, former-Gay and Lesbian "film event" did not feature any of those words in its title, or that six members of the Equality Ride, a large group of students who are touring the country in support of LGBT students at Christian universities, were arrested when they came to this campus to raise awareness. In effect, what the University has said — a sentiment with which many students here would agree — is that homophobia, like racism, sexism, ableism, classism, etc., just isn't a problem here. A few lesbian or gay students go here and, like everyone else, they're "part of the Notre Dame family."

And that, finally, is the point. In a world where, many feel, "community" is the stuff of folklore and "morals"

exist solely as the butts of jokes, Notre Dame seems to offer what few institutions can — a place where like-minded people can come and revel in their shared convictions and group traditions. It is a place, we're told, where "family" still means something. Which may, of course, be true. However, the crucial question is — What price do we pay for this homemade "community"?

The answer, for many of us, is quite simple — difference. Despite (mostly) politically correct and polite efforts here to "accept," or at least "tolerate," people whose backgrounds, "orientations" or attitudes differ from the majority's, there is no honest effort to take on those differences, to acknowledge the profound challenges they pose to traditional ways of living and thinking, to admit and address the ways such differences, at this school and in this country, are constantly stereotyped, stigmatized and punished. Any real recognition of such serious differences here takes the form of irrational reactions (slurs, censorship, arrests, etc.), panicked responses filled with fear, threat and contempt.

None of this will change "naturally." Nor can it be resolved rhetorically, through talk of "increased numbers" and "multicultural programming." This is a fundamental problem that reaches to the very core of this place. Some of you are privileged enough to ignore these issues. Others of us are not. My hope is that we'll all begin to take this matter of difference seriously, so that one day, maybe, we might be able to remove the quotes surrounding "community" here.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Fall study abroad students get short end of stick

One of the things which attracted me to Notre Dame was the system in which students typically live in the same residence hall for their duration at the University. As a resident of Cavanaugh Hall for the past two years, I cannot speak enough about how much I love my dorm. Mindful of the cramped living quarters of freshman year, I was looking forward to my junior status and the perks which come with it, including having a higher lottery number in the room picks. However, my decision to go abroad fall semester has not only deprived me of receiving a lottery number, but in essence is actually forcing me out of my beloved dorm.

The current practice allows for students studying abroad in the spring semester to receive a lottery number and go about making living arrangements in the typical manner. They are then given the privilege of sub-letting their room to a friend or some other type of benefactor for the spring semester. While this practice may have generally worked when more girls studied abroad in the spring, this year, 15 students are going abroad in the fall from Cavanaugh but only 13 are going in the spring, leaving a deficit of two beds.

Instead of instructing two of the 17 transfers into the dorm that their spaces may only be good for a semester (until two junior Cavanaugh girls return from abroad), the beds will be taken away from two of its own residents, who are left to scramble to find other options or to hope that "something else opens up in the dorm." Bottom line: This is way below what I've come to expect from Notre Dame.

I recognize that this problem does not fall squarely on Cavanaugh's shoulders, nor does its resolution. Until the Office of International Studies and the Office of Residence Life and Housing find a better solution, the only lesson that can be garnered is to study abroad in the spring, because then at least you'll know where you'll be sleeping during your semester on campus.

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CD REVIEW

Jones 'Not Too Late' with another great album

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Scene Critic

Norah Jones' latest album, "Not Too Late," preserves her beautiful and sultry sound even as she moved into new territory and composed or helped to compose all the songs on her album for the first time.

Jones doesn't take too many musical chances — choosing instead to embellish and build upon what she has already established — but many of her lyrics are appealing and more personal than before.

Jones already has an impressive pedigree. Her debut album "Come Away With Me" won five awards at the 2003 Grammy's, including "Record of the Year," "Album of the Year" and "Song of the Year." The song "Sunrise" on Jones' second album, "Feels Like Home," won the Grammy's "Best Female Pop Vocal Performance" in 2005. The same year she won "Record of the Year" and "Best Pop Collaboration with Vocals" for her work

with Ray Charles on the song "Here We Go Again."

"Not Too Late" stands apart from previous albums because every included song was either written or co-written by Jones herself. While many of the songs maintain a similar feel and sound to those on her previous records, they all contain a little extra personality that is inspired from her own experiences.

As always, the character of Jones' music is increased by her use of piano, electric guitar, organ, acoustic guitar and keyboard in addition to her singing. These touches make "Not Too Late" a strong next step in the continuing evolution of her music.

There are several stand-out songs on the album. "Wish I Could," while light and smooth, is a reflective ballad full of longing and bittersweet memory. "Sinkin' Soon" is a swinging, brassy tune that features an excellent trombone part by J. Walter Hawkes. The most energetic song on the album, "Sinkin' Soon" has a refreshingly different sound. "Little Room" has a

sweet sound and cheekily romantic lyrics that make it a fun addition. The titular song, "Not Too Late," epitomizes Jones' sound and theme — beautiful, sweet and strong, with a touch of melancholy and hope.

Backed by cello, bass and light electric guitar,



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Norah Jones has won eight Grammy awards since her debut in 2003, and her most recent album, "Not Too Late," should continue to keep her in the award spotlight.

Jones' vocals on "Broken" are appropriately soft and slightly melancholy for the lyrics. "My Dear Country" is Jones' first politically oriented song.

She delivers her point simply — a lilting parallel of piano and voice move into a short but beautiful instrumental solo before returning to the ivory keys. The message itself is a bit simplistic, but the appeal of the music makes up for it.

The strong and persistent flow of "Rosie's Lullaby" reflects both the waves it illustrates and the yearning it describes. "Thinking About You" is a cheerful, if sedate, song that is pleasant to listen to.

Not every artist can make the transition from performing what they have been handed to what they have composed. But "Not Too Late" effectively blends what has made Norah Jones successful in the first place, her beautiful voice and playing, with her new creative attempts.

There are a few new sounds on "Not Too Late," but most of Jones' new expression comes from the use of songs she has composed — an innovation that is something to look forward to from her.

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Norah Jones

Not Too Late



Recommended tracks: 'Sinkin' Soon,' 'Wish I Could'

SCENE & HEARD

Poetry readings can be both inspiring and exciting

Sliding skillfully below the radar of most Notre Dame students, the Notre Dame Creative Writing Program is a department that doesn't scream for attention. The program quietly holds gatherings and readings in off-campus locations, and for the lucky and attentive listeners, those who attend know they have found something special. In fact, the literary output of the program is one of hidden gems of this campus.

Wednesday night, two of Notre Dame's finest student writers — Raechel Lee and Silpa Swarnapuri — joined forces to create a coffee shop reading session of poetry and prose that was truly amazing. Lee read poetry, Swarnapuri worked with prose, and both proved to be extremely skilled.

The thing is, I didn't really even want to go the reading. My roommate was going as a student of one of Lee's classes, and he asked if I wanted to tag along. Reluctantly — and with the image of off-campus Chipotle burritos dancing in my head — I agreed to go. I figured, "I'm an English major. I like writing and reading poetry. I like Chipotle. A lot." I had never been to a

poetry reading, and figured outside of the cultural hubs of major cities, I should keep my expectations low. I couldn't have been more wrong.

Lee's poetry screamed of talent. Polished, unpretentious, and profound, the poems brought ink and paper to life. I had never met Lee before, but like all good writers, Lee's work seemed to contain her. It made me wonder what I had been missing out on.

Swarnapuri, originally from India, was equally adept. She wrote stories with undertones, whether overt or more hidden, of her Indian background. Her skillful prose leapt off the page with action and emotion. She went second in her reading, and I was truly disappointed when her last story ended.

These readings struck me on several levels, but one thing it made me realize was the lack of attention some of these finer programs get from the general student body. I know poetry isn't for everyone, but this marginalization goes for so many cultural events on campus. Outside of those with some direct connection to the people putting on the event, it seems attention is minimal. Poor attendance at academic and socially-aware movies, small crowds of the student body at art exhibits and finally the lack of recognition for outstanding events like the readings at Lula's cafe, which sits just off Edison Road, right across from the Linebacker.



Photo courtesy of whatdvd.net

Most people lack exposure to poetry outside of a classroom setting, like that in "Dead Poets Society," which makes attending a poetry reading a new experience.

As fine of an institution as the 'Backer is, I promise you Lula's is equally amazing, albeit in a different way.

Trust me, I'm not chastising anyone for not attending some of these cultural events. They really aren't for everyone. But as a guy who didn't really want to go this reading in the first place, I'm sure glad that I did.

I want to encourage people to maybe step outside of their bubble a little bit and attend some of these events

around campus. They are happening all the time.

Of course, there's the possibility that you might hate it, but then again, you might not. And there's only one way to find out.

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SCENE & HEARD

Annual room picks can cause drama in dorms

Each spring, there comes a series of notable signs that the seasons are changing. The bunker-sized piles of snow (usually) melt, and the DuLac-protected tulips emerge from their earthen beds, fresh and ready to greet the populace.

The ducks tend to congregate in anything from the lakes to an oversized puddle. Even the students, with their now-ungodly pale complexions and winter-induced light sensitivity, leave their former states of hibernation and burst out onto the sunlit quads.

One not-so-natural sign of spring, however, lurks ominously behind these cheerful reminders of seasonal shifting on campus. It's not the reappearance of meat on Fridays at the dining halls, nor is it the proliferation of cornhole, Frisbee and other outdoor games. No, this demon is more terrifying than anything that either man or beast could dream up.

Two words: room picks.

For those of you who might be freshmen and have yet to experience this lovely phenomenon, let me enlighten you. Or, rather, let me give you a well-intentioned warning, so as to make sure you avoid killing someone during this process. Because it will, undoubtedly, make you want to

shoot/strangle/poison/other-variation-of-maim your friends and neighbors, especially if they take the sweet, sweet room that you desire.

Room picks — that delightful time of devious plotting, disappointments and occasional tears — is not meant for the faint of heart. As one might surmise, the academic year coming to a close means that your average Domer guy or gal must ensure that they do, in fact, have a place to live come fall semester. In order to fill this need, dorms individually hold their own versions of the room picking process, involving lottery numbers and oh-so-dramatic periods of selection.

"Dramatic?" you ask incredulously. "It's just a room ... right?"

Oh, you naïve little buggers. How I wish it were "just a room." It's more than a room — it's an uncomfortably personal jungle of competing wants, needs and facilities. Do you want a single? Good luck finding one! Do you want a double? Make sure that who you plan on rooming with does, in fact, want to room with you (an underestimated part of the equation).

Triple? Quad? Eight-man? Keep your friends close and your enemies closer, and make your arrangements in advance — otherwise, you may end up living in a tent in the middle of South Quad.

My own beloved home, Howard Hall, gives the process an interesting twist. Having received their lottery numbers, each Duck has the opportunity to place a matching magnet on a white board of the dorm's available rooms to denote each



Photo courtesy of movieweb.com

Dormitory room picks often end up playing out like a scene from "Mean Girls," with drama and controversy aplenty rising between both friends and rivals.

resident's desired room. During the course of the 24-hour room pick period, however, anyone with a better number has the option of literally removing your magnet from its resting place and replacing it with her own. Again, it's an awkwardly personal process.

Some students choose to avoid the process entirely by moving off campus for their junior or senior year. A house or apartment is inevitably much bigger than a dorm room, plus, you get to cook for yourself. However, you also have to clean, pay bills and find transportation to and from campus.

And who wants to act like a real live

adult before it's absolutely necessary? Not me.

Personally, I prefer the room pick drama. Not while it's actually happening, of course — especially if my lottery number isn't exactly ideal.

But afterward, once my room is secure, I can sit back with a bowl of popcorn to watch the underclassmen go through the same thing. It's just another sign that spring has sprung again.

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SCENE & HEARD

Sanjaya shocks and appalls 'Idol' fans everywhere

Across the country, hearts are breaking and tears are flowing. Fans of "American Idol," regardless of who their favorite contestant might be, are united by deep-seated anguish and despair caused by a single person.

His name is Sanjaya Malakar.

He seemed innocent and harmless — at first. The audience got their first taste of Sanjaya during the Seattle auditions. He quickly won over fans when he tried out with his sister, Shyamali, and they were both accepted to Hollywood week.

When his sister was eliminated, he ran out to find her in the hallway and held her as they both cried.

It was endearing and heart-warming — but still nothing to be worried about.

There are always a couple of contestants every season that cause fans to wonder what Simon, Paula and Randy were thinking when they accepted them into the final 24. But then the voting is left to America — so those flaws are typically corrected by the millions who call in every week to vote.

Some may argue that the crowning of Taylor Hicks last season was a strong sign of Idol's decline — that the contest wasn't being taken seriously anymore. But no one was prepared for Sanjaya.

For the first couple of weeks, there was little cause for worry. It takes a couple of

weeks for the performers to settle down on the stage, and there were others worse than Sanjaya.

He wasn't even the initial focus of the now infamous votefortheworst.com, which annually chooses the worst contestant to vote for. But as worse performers like Antonella Barba and Sundance Head fell to the wayside, it became clear that Sanjaya was going to be the next elimination.

Or so we thought.

When it came down to choosing the top 12, he landed in the bottom two. The world watched as he stayed and Brandon Rogers left. Rogers wasn't that good, so it wasn't a crushing moment. But since then, Sanjaya has not appeared in the bottom tier of votes despite getting worse — much, much worse.

In the Top-11 episode, he performed "You Really Got Me" by The Kinks. An atrocious performance on its own, it was made worse by the 13-year-old girl in the audience who bawled during his entire performance.

She attracted so much attention that Sanjaya went over to hug her and Ryan Seacrest invited her up during the closing credits. It was subsequently parodied on "Saturday Night Live" during their "weekend update." He made it through that episode, and "Idol" lost Stephanie Edwards, who had been predicted to finish much higher.

As if things couldn't have gotten worse, the Top-10 episode was next. Making it into the top-10 guarantees a spot on the summer "Idol" tour and on the compilation record, but it didn't stop there.

Gwen Stefani was the guest that week



Photo courtesy of fox.com

Sanjaya Malakar, pictured here with his "pony-hawk," is the current bane of "American Idol." From last night's results, it seems he isn't leaving anytime soon.

and Sanjaya chose to perform "Bathwater" by No Doubt. Although his singing was atrocious, no one paid attention to his vocals. All attention was on his hair — on the faux-hawk that he created out of seven ponytails.

Simon complained that nothing they said mattered anymore — and true to that statement, Sanjaya lived on. The next week Malakar proclaimed that it was time for the "Universe of Sanjaya."

But only a select few want to be members of that universe.

Votefortheworst.com is behind him, as is Howard Stern. But more and more people are becoming disgruntled as Sanjaya remains on the popular show.

A few people on Myspace became well-known for their participation in hunger

strikes until he was eliminated — they have either starved or given up by now. Simon Cowell told "Extra" that if Sanjaya wins, he'll quit the show.

Last night's result show proved that this circus isn't over yet. Sanjaya wasn't even in the bottom three, meaning that he isn't anywhere close to elimination. Is this a sign that the reign of "American Idol" is coming to an end?

Hopefully not — but there won't be much of an option if Sanjaya isn't stopped soon.

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MLB

White Sox get help from Erstad, Dye in win

Pirates blow 2-run lead in ninth inning to Cardinals; Brewers need two days and 13 innings to beat Marlins

Associated Press

OAKLAND — Darin Erstad hit a go-ahead sacrifice fly in the ninth after Jermaine Dye connected for a tying two-run homer an inning earlier, and the Chicago White Sox beat the Oakland Athletics 6-3 Wednesday.

The A's scored all of their runs in the first inning, then Chicago's pitchers shut down the struggling Oakland offense the rest of the way — and the defending division champions have yet to win a series through their initial three sets.

Dye, who had a career-best 44 homers last year, hit his first of the year, a drive off Justin Duchscherer after the right-hander had struck out two batters. Erstad hit a bases-loaded sacrifice fly after closer Huston Street (1-1) allowed a single to Juan Uribe and consecutive walks to A.J. Pierzynski and Scott Podsednik. Street intentionally walked Jim Thome to bring up Paul Konerko, who lined a two-run double to left.

David Aardsma (1-0) pitched a perfect eighth for the win, then Bobby Jenks finished for his second save, one day after blowing a chance in Chicago's 2-1 loss. The White Sox pounded nine hits after getting 12 total in the first two games. Uribe's RBI double in the second scored the team's first run Wednesday.

Mike Piazza, who is getting this DH thing down, hit a two-run double in the first to stake Joe Kennedy to an early lead. Eric Chavez added an RBI double after Piazza's hit, but that was it for the A's.

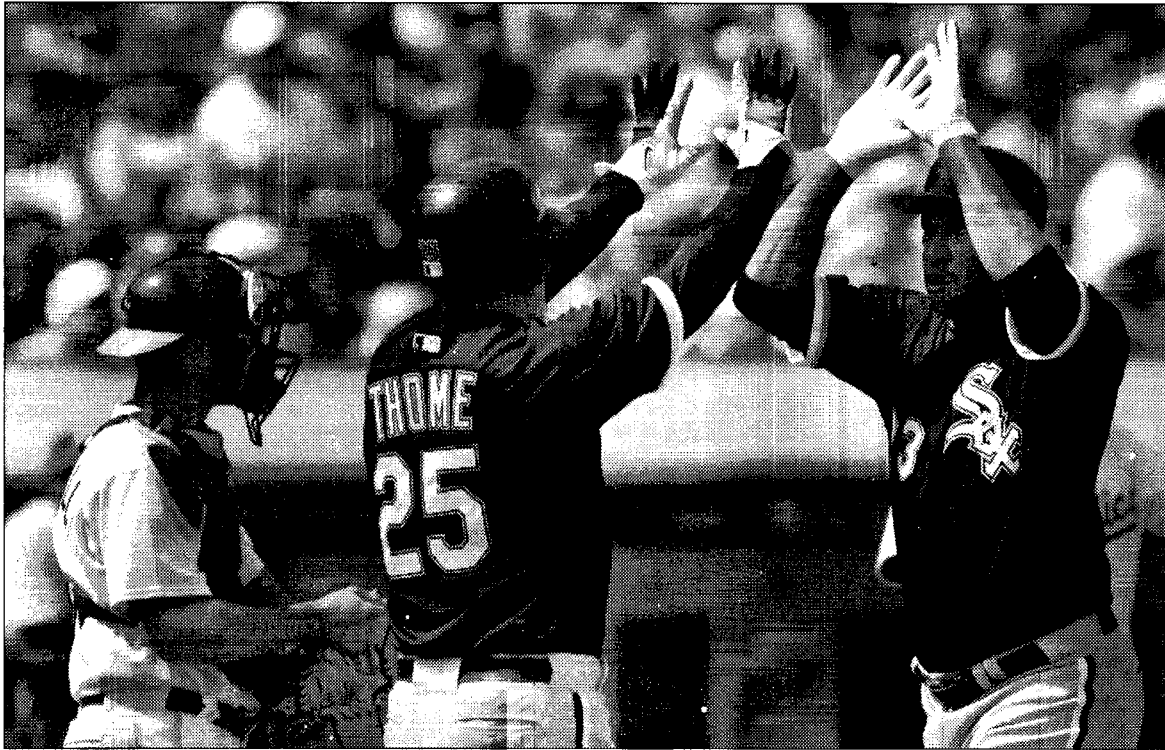
The 38-year-old Piazza, playing in the American League for the first time after a 15-year catching career that will likely land him in the Hall of Fame, has an eight-game hitting streak and is 14-for-33 (.424) during that span.

White Sox left-hander Mark Buehrle allowed three runs and four hits in seven innings and threw 113 pitches, showing signs he's healthy after leaving his season debut in the second inning following a line drive on the left forearm. He retired 17 of his final 18 batters.

Cardinals 3, Pirates 2

Gary Bennett successfully gambled by running on a short fly ball to score the winning run in the 12th inning, and the St. Louis Cardinals rallied from two runs down in the ninth to beat the Pittsburgh Pirates on Tuesday night.

Bennett singled and Aaron Miles doubled with one out in the 12th against John Wasdin (0-1), the fifth Pirates pitcher. Yadier Molina was intentionally walked to load the bases and set up the double-play opportunity. But Skip Schumaker lifted a fly



White Sox right fielder Jermaine Dye celebrates with teammate Jim Thome after his two-run home-run against Oakland Wednesday. With more offensive help in the ninth, the Sox won 6-3.

ball to left fielder Jason Bay, whose throw to the plate beat Bennett only to have catcher Ronny Paulino drop the ball.

Schumaker was credited with a sacrifice fly, even though it appeared Bennett would have been out if Paulino held onto the ball.

Brad Thompson (1-0) pitched two scoreless innings for the victory before Jason Istringhausen came on for his third save in as many opportunities and second in as many days in Pittsburgh.

The Cardinals did nothing against Tom Gorzelanny, who pitched seven shutout innings in his second effective start in a row, or reliever Matt Capps in the eighth. But the Pirates couldn't hold a 2-0 lead in the ninth as Salomon Torres blew his first save opportunity in five chances.

After David Eckstein singled and Chris Duncan walked, Albert Pujols missed a home run by several feet on a long fly ball that Bay tracked down several feet from the wall. The drive was deep enough that both runners tagged up, allowing last-minute lineup replacement Scott Spiezio to tie it with a two-run single to right.

Spiezio, who didn't play Monday because of an apparent case of food poisoning, started

only because Scott Rolen was held out with back spasms. Rolen, who had five RBIs in his last two games, had been in the Cardinals' lineup until a few minutes before game time.

The left-handed Gorzelanny, who stayed in the Pirates' rotation despite a miserable spring training in which his ERA was above 10.00 for most of March, struck out five, walked none and retired 12 of the final 13 batters he faced. Gorzelanny had to be sharp against Cardinals replacement starter Scott Keisler, who limited the Pirates to two runs over six innings in his first major league start since 2005 with Cincinnati.

Brewers 3, Marlins 2 (13 inn.)

Prince Fielder singled in the go-ahead run in the 13th inning, the seventh time he reached base, and the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Florida Marlins Wednesday in the completion of the first suspended game caused by Major League Baseball's rules change.

The game was suspended with the score 2-2 after 10 innings and three rain delays Tuesday night that totaled 1 hour, 42 minutes.

Before this year, it would have become an official tie game and would have been replayed from

the start. But under the rules change made during the offseason, it was picked up where the teams left off.

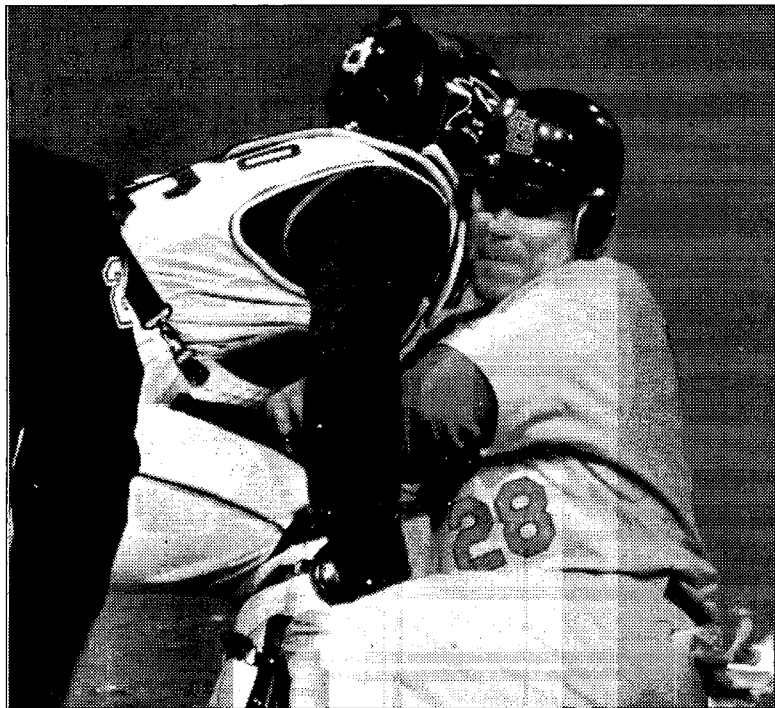
Fielder finished 4-for-4 with three singles, a double and three walks.

Renyel Pinto (0-1), who lost in his first major league decision, relieved to start the 13th and walked Rickie Weeks leading off. Weeks advanced on Craig Counsell's sacrifice and J.J. Hardy's groundout, then scored on Fielder's hit to right.

Elmer Dessens (1-0) pitched a scoreless 12th for his first victory for the Marlins. Cody Ross doubled with one out in the bottom half of the 13th against Francisco Cordero, but Alfredo Amezaga lined to shortstop J.J. Hardy, who doubled up Ross for a game-ending double play.

On Tuesday, Hardy tied the score for Milwaukee with a one-out RBI double in the ninth off Jorge Julio, who has blown both of his save chances this year. Florida had taken a 2-1 lead on Dan Uggla's sacrifice fly in the fifth.

Marlins starter Rick Vanden Hurk, brought up from the minors earlier in the day, made his major league debut and allowed one run and five hits in 4 2-3 innings with five strikeouts and three walks.



Cardinals catcher Gary Bennett slides home safely past Pirates catcher Ronny Paulino for the winning run Wednesday.

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Michael Stark showered for the first time this semester. His go-to shampoo is Selson Blue. He's the kind of guy that likes long walks on the beach and candle-light dinners.

New Dillon Hall government positions appointed. President Taylor Montgomery seized power early last week.He vowed to crush any opposition, and establish his legacy.

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AROUND THE NATION

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NBA

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Toronto	45-33	.577	-
New Jersey	37-40	.481	7.5
Philadelphia	32-45	.416	12.5
New York	32-46	.410	13
Boston	23-54	.299	21.5

Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Detroit	50-27	.649	-
Chicago	47-32	.595	4
Cleveland	46-32	.590	4.5
Indiana	34-43	.442	16
Milwaukee	26-51	.338	24

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Miami	42-36	.538	-
Washington	39-38	.506	2.5
Orlando	36-41	.468	5.5
Charlotte	32-47	.405	10.5
Atlanta	29-49	.372	13

Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Utah	48-29	.623	-
Denver	41-36	.532	7
Minnesota	32-45	.416	16
Portland	31-46	.403	17
Seattle	31-47	.397	17.5

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Phoenix	58-19	.753	-
LA Lakers	40-38	.513	16.5
Golden State	38-40	.487	19
LA Clippers	37-40	.481	20.5
Sacramento	32-45	.416	24

Western Conference, Southwest Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Dallas	64-13	.831	-
San Antonio	56-21	.727	8
Houston	49-29	.628	15.5
NO/Oklahoma City	37-41	.474	27.5
Memphis	19-60	.241	46

NCAA Men's Lacrosse Inside Lacrosse Top 20

	team	points	prev.
1	Georgia	97.00	1
2	Virginia	89.20	3
3	Ohio State	87.61	2
4	Baylor	82.00	4
5	North Carolina	79.71	5
6	NOTRE DAME	78.82	6
7	Mississippi	72.80	7
8	Southern California	70.70	9
9	Illinois	68.55	8
10	UCLA	67.43	10
11	Wake Forest	63.76	11
12	Louisiana State	62.12	13
13	Texas	61.98	15
14	Oklahoma State	58.61	14
15	Alabama	57.14	12
16	Duke	55.00	16
17	Florida	54.82	18
18	Michigan	53.72	19
19	Pepperdine	53.54	17
20	Clemson	50.29	28

NCAA BASKETBALL



Radio personality Don Imus, shown during an appearance on Al Sharpton's radio show earlier this week, will no longer appear on MSNBC as a result of remarks he made about the Rutgers women's basketball team.

Slur costs Imus MSNBC simulcast

Associated Press

MSNBC said Wednesday it will drop its simulcast of the "Imus in the Morning" radio program, responding to growing outrage about the radio host's racial slur against the Rutgers women's basketball team.

"This decision comes as a result of an ongoing review process, which initially included the announcement of a suspension. It also takes into account many conversations with our own employees," NBC news said in a statement.

Talk-show host Don Imus triggered the uproar on his April 4 show, when he referred to the mostly black

Rutgers women's basketball team as "nappy-headed hos." His comments have been widely denounced by civil rights and women's groups.

The decision does not affect Imus' nationally syndicated radio show, and the ultimate decision on the fate of that program will rest with executives at CBS Corp. In a statement, CBS reiterated that Imus will be suspended without pay for two weeks beginning on Monday, and that CBS Radio "will continue to speak with all concerned parties and monitor the situation closely."

MSNBC's action came after a growing list of sponsors - including American Express Co., Sprint Nextel Corp.,

Staples Inc., Procter & Gamble Co., and General Motors Corp. - said they were pulling ads from Imus' show for the indefinite future.

NBC News President Steve Capus said he made the decision after reading thousands of e-mails and having countless discussions with NBC workers and the public, but he denied the potential loss of advertising dollars had anything to do with it.

"I take no joy in this. It's not a particularly happy moment, but it needed to happen," he said. "I can't ignore the fact that there is a very long list of inappropriate comments, of inappropriate banter, and it has to stop."

NBC's decision came at a

time when Imus' program on MSNBC was doing better competitively than it ever has been. For the first three months of the year, its audience was nearly identical to CNN's, leading CNN to replace its morning news team last week.

Calls for Imus' firing from the radio portion of the program have intensified during the past week, and remained strong even after MSNBC's announcement. The show originates from WFAN-AM in New York City and is syndicated nationally by Westwood One, both of which are managed by CBS Corp. MSNBC, which had been simulcasting the show, is a unit of General Electric Co.'s NBC Universal.

IN BRIEF

Robinson remembered at funeral services

GRAMBLING, La. — They began arriving soon after the sun came up over the piney woods: football greats, government figures and everyday people - all of them there to say goodbye to former Grambling football coach Eddie Robinson.

"Most coaches are rated by the players they recruit," the Rev. Jesse Jackson said as he waited for Robinson's funeral to start in the school's new assembly center. "Coach was known for how many players he graduated and sent on to successful lives."

About 5,000 people attended Wednesday's funeral - just across the street from the stadium where Robinson and his players made history.

"It's like coming to your father's funeral," said Robert "Big Bird" Smith, who played for Robinson and was an assistant coach during Robinson's final four years at Grambling. "He was like a father to everyone that ever played for him."

NASCAR'S Waltrip found in overturned vehicle in ditch

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The witness who discovered Michael Waltrip's overturned car initially thought no one survived the accident until the NASCAR driver wiggled out the back window.

The witness, an 18-year-old college student at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte, requested anonymity during a phone interview Wednesday with The Associated Press for fear of reprisal from Waltrip's fan base.

But she said she lives near the two-time Daytona 500 winner in Sherrill's Ford, and stumbled upon the accident when she was returning home around 2 a.m. Saturday. She saw an overturned Toyota Land Cruiser in a ditch and rushed over to check on the occupants. She didn't see anyone in the car and no one answered her shouts, so she called 911 for help.

Chancellor to take over LSU women's basketball

BATON ROUGE, La. — Van Chancellor has won WNBA championships and Olympic gold medals.

By taking over an LSU program that's been to four consecutive Final Fours, Chancellor will have as good a chance as he's ever had before to win his first NCAA title next season.

Chancellor was hired as the women's basketball coach at LSU on Wednesday, succeeding Pokey Chatman.

He intends to keep the coaching staff left behind when Chatman abruptly resigned last month just before the NCAA tournament. Chancellor singled out for mention assistant Bob Starkey, who took over the team and guided the squad to another Final Four appearance.

"I wouldn't have taken this job if Bob Starkey wasn't wanting to stay here," Chancellor said at a news conference. "Why would I want to change a Final Four team four years in a row?"

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Nets at Cavaliers
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NCAA LACROSSE

Charges dropped in Duke rape case

Associated Press

The Duke lacrosse rape case finally collapsed Wednesday, with North Carolina's top prosecutor saying the three athletes were railroaded by a district attorney who ignored increasingly flimsy evidence in a "tragic rush to accuse."

In a blistering assessment of the case, Attorney General Roy Cooper dropped all charges against the players, all but ensuring that only one person in the whole scandal will be held to account: Durham County District Attorney Mike Nifong.

"This case shows the enormous consequences of over-reaching by a prosecutor," Cooper said.

Cooper, who took over the case in January after Nifong was charged with ethics violations that could get him disbarred, said his own investigation into a stripper's claim that she was sexually assaulted at a team party found nothing to corroborate her story, and "led us to the conclusion that no attack occurred."

"There were many points in the case where caution would have served justice better than bravado," Cooper said. "In the rush to condemn, a community and a state lost the ability to see clearly."

Later, at an often-bitter, I-told-you-so news conference, the three young men and their lawyers accused the news media and the public of disregarding the presumption of innocence and portraying them as thugs.

"It's been 395 days since this nightmare began. And finally today it's coming to a closure," said one of the cleared defendants, David Evans, his voice breaking at one point. "We're just as innocent today as we were back then. Nothing has changed. The facts don't change."

Defense attorney Joe Cheshire said: "We're angry,

very angry. But we're very relieved."

Nifong was out of town and could not immediately be reached for comment. But his lawyer, David Freedman, said: "If further investigation showed the boys were innocent, he would be in agreement with what the attorney general's office decided to do."

Evans, Reade Seligmann and Collin Finnerty were indicted last spring on charges of rape, kidnapping and sexual offense after the woman told police she was assaulted in the bathroom at an off-campus house during a team party where she had been hired to perform. The rape charges were dropped months ago; the other charges remained until Wednesday.

The case stirred furious debate over race, class and the privileged status of college athletes, and heightened long-standing tensions in Durham between its large working-class black population and the mostly white, mostly affluent students at the private, elite university.

The woman is black and attended nearby North Carolina Central University, a historically black school; all three Duke players are white.

The attorney general said the eyewitness identification procedures were unreliable, no DNA supported the stripper's story, no other witness corroborated it, and the woman contradicted herself.

"Based on the significant inconsistencies between the evidence and the various accounts given by the accusing witness, we believe these three individuals are innocent of these charges," Cooper said. He said the charges resulted from a "tragic rush to accuse and a failure to verify serious allegations."

"I think a lot of people owe a lot of apologies to a lot of people," Cooper said.

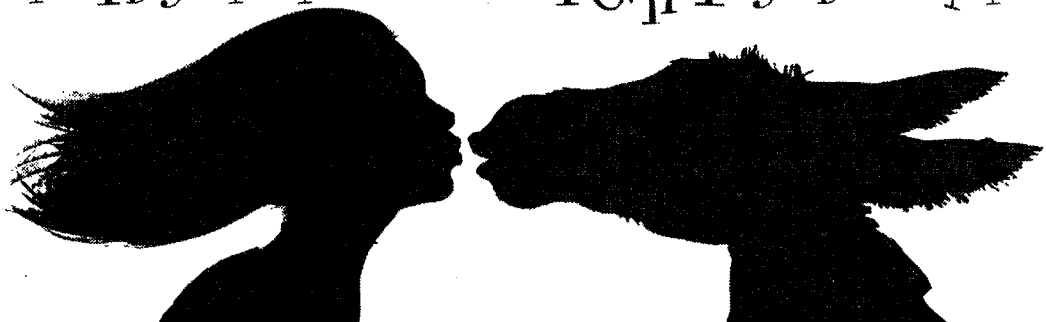
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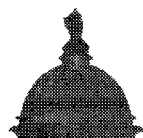
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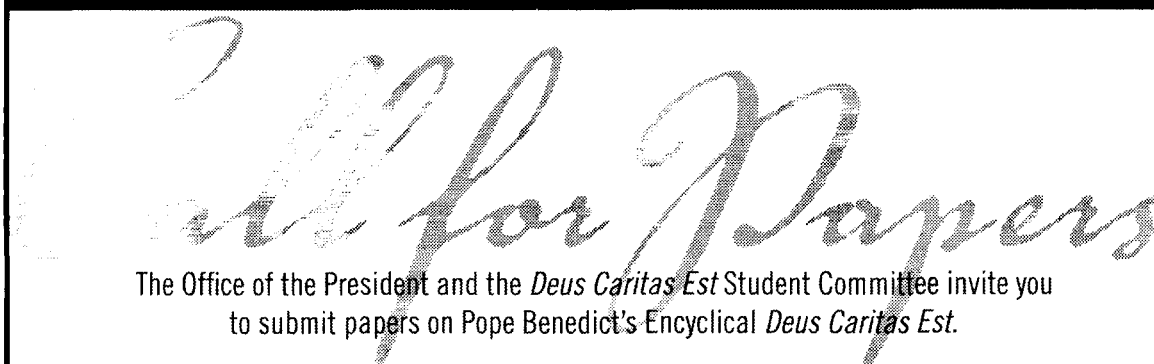
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NHL

Gretzky to return as Coyotes coach

Associated Press

The Phoenix Coyotes cleaned out their front office Wednesday, firing general manager Mike Barnett and two other executives after the franchise's worst season since it moved from Winnipeg in 1996.

Wayne Gretzky, who owns a share of the team and is its managing partner, will return for a third season as coach next fall.

But the front office felt the fallout from the team's third consecutive last-place finish in the Pacific Division. Also dismissed were director of hockey operations Cliff Fletcher and assistant general manager Laurence Gilman.

"The bottom line was how would we best be served going forward," Coyotes chief executive officer Jeff Shumway said at a news conference. "We believe we need a general manager that can help us build from the inside out."

The Coyotes finished last in the Western Conference for the first time since the franchise came to Arizona and their 67 points were the team's fewest since that move. Phoenix hasn't made the playoffs since 2002.

Barnett, Gretzky's close friend and his agent for 21 years, had signed a four-year contract extension before last season. He had been general manager since

2001, when Gretzky — the NHL career scoring leader — joined the organization as managing partner.

"This is probably one of the harder days of my life," Gretzky said. "Mike Barnett's meant more to me than probably anybody other than my father."

Shumway and Gretzky said the team was in far better shape than it was when Barnett took the job five years ago. But Shumway didn't believe Barnett and the others were best suited for developing a young team after failed attempts to build a contender via free agency.

"The future of this team is young, talented players," said Shumway, who took the Coyotes job after Jerry Moyes took over controlling ownership a year ago. "We need a general manager who has experience building a franchise from the inside out. The franchises that you see now that are successful start off with their own talent that they can develop in their minor leagues."

The Coyotes want to hire a general manager from outside Gretzky's vast circle of friends.

"Let's put it this way," Gretzky said. "It probably is a benefit to the franchise if the person who comes in, that I don't know him. I want to get the best person and hopefully somebody I don't know."

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SMC TENNIS

Belles take on Hope after snowed-out match



KATE FENLON/The Observer

Freshman Camille Gebert prepares to receive serve against Olivet March 21. The Belles defeated Olivet 8-1 at Eck Tennis Pavilion.

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's contest with Tri-State Wednesday was postponed due to snow, but the Belles return to action tonight at 5 against Hope at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

Today's competition will be Saint Mary's second home conference match of the season. Saint Mary's and Hope last faced off in March 2006 when the Flying Dutch defeated the Belles 6-3.

Belles coach Dee Stevenson hopes to avenge last season's loss.

"We lost to Hope last year, and we certainly hope to improve our play this year," he said.

Anneliese Fox, the 2006 MIAA most valuable player, lead Hope to victory against the Irish. Returning this season without Fox, Hope boasts three returning letter winners.

The Flying Dutch will turn to sophomore Samantha Stille, junior Christina Garcia, and senior Ashley Leary to pick up where Fox left off. Though Hope College boasts a 9-7 record overall, the Belles are seeded ahead of them in league play. Hope maintains a 2-1 MIAA record, with a 5-4 lost to Kalamazoo. During last season's match, McDavitt fell to Stille at the No. 2 singles

spot. This year McDavitt will compete in the No. 1 spot, hoping to avenge last year's loss to. The regular duo of McDavitt and freshman Camille Gebert will compete at the No. 1 doubles spot and likely face Stille and Lucy Himes.

Saint Mary's last competition came April 6-7 during a trip to Madison, Wis., for the Midwest Invitational. Though the Belles finished 0-3 in the tournament, senior captain Kelly McDavitt said it was an honor just to be invited to play some of the Midwest's top teams.

"The Midwest Invitational was a great opportunity for our team," McDavitt said.

"... [O]ur team now knows what we need to do to improve our game..."

Kelly McDavitt
Belles captain

and continue our undefeated record."

The Belles first fell to No. 29 University of Wisconsin LaCrosse 8-1. They went on to compete against the Wisconsin-White Water, and after a tough battle, the Belles eventually lost 5-4. In the final match of the weekend, the Belles were defeated 7-2 by Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Wednesday's match was

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SMC GOLF

Golfers set for MIAA play

By KATE ARNOLD
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will have its plate full today as members of the team travel to Angola, Ind., to compete in the first round of the MIAA qualifying tournament. The tournament will be combined with the Tri-State Invitational tournament, which was postponed earlier this month due to weather conditions.

The Belles enter today's competition after a two-week break from play. Saint Mary's last faced an opponent March 25 at the Northern Kentucky Invitational, in which the team placed 19th.

Junior Katie O'Brien led the Belles in Kentucky as she shot back-to-back rounds of 83 and 84. Meredith Fantom followed in O'Brien's footsteps with

rounds of 91 and 87.

Saint Mary's coach Mark Hamilton said the long wait between competitive play will not have a positive effect on the team.

The Belles not only enter the tournament after two weeks without facing an opponent but also after a three-day break from practice.

Hamilton gave the team days off to travel over the Easter weekend.

But, he said, every school has faced similar circumstances and no one team will enter the tournament with a strong advantage.

This course will be the easiest the Belles have played all year, and Hamilton is confident that the Belles will place well.

"The only teams we are concerned about are the conference teams," Hamilton said. "We were not able to beat Olivet in the fall, but we feel we are well prepared and can beat them if we play our best in all five spots."

Saint Mary's placed fourth in the MIAA Championships in October. Olivet took the title with 348 points.

Hamilton said that today's match will be won on the greens. Saint Mary's has been working especially hard to eliminate wasted strokes on and near the putting surface in preparation for the course it will face today.

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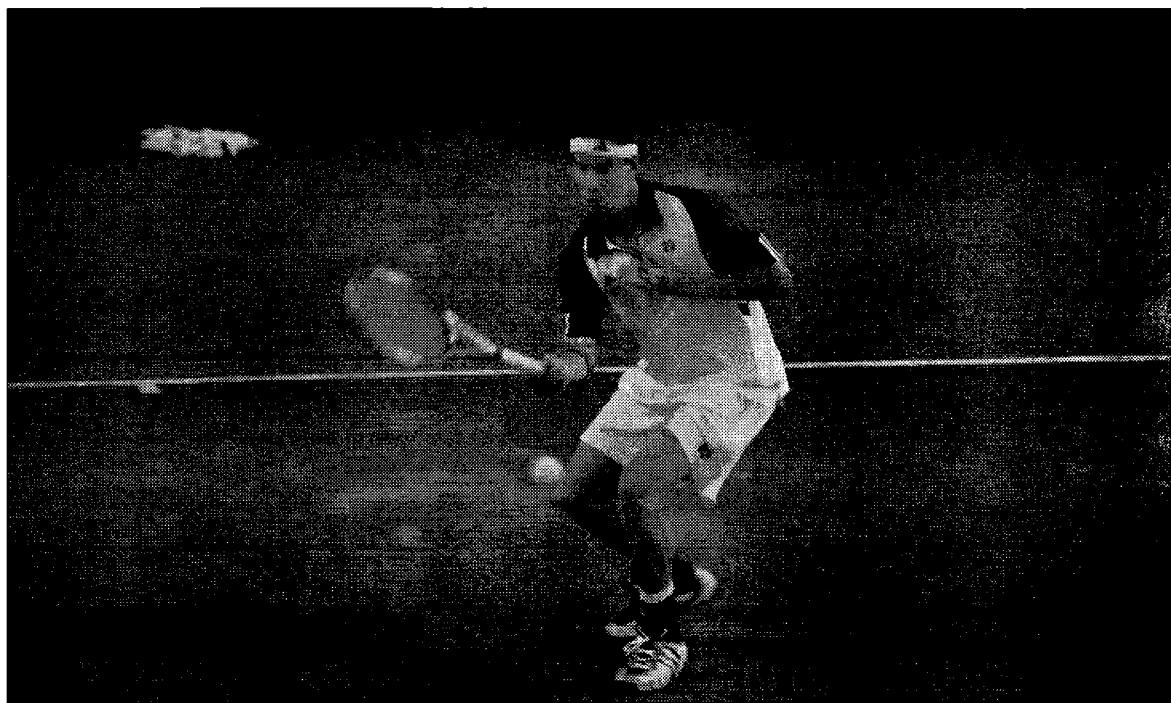
relative ease. Roth and King were the first off the court for the Irish winning 6-0, 6-2, and 6-4, 6-3, respectively. Keckley clinched the win for the Irish during his 6-3, 6-1 victory over Hodge at the No. 5 spot. With the win secured, No. 51 Parbhu was next off the court as he was up 6-4, 3-1 over Peter Bjork before the match was retired. No. 114 Brett Helgeson defeated Marcus Sundh 7-6 (2), 6-2. No. 9 Bass finished singles play for the Irish with a 7-5, 6-3 win over Agostinelli.

"I thought it was a great effort

from our guys because we were on the road yesterday and we did not have a lot of turn around time," Bayliss said. "Also, I think it speaks well for the pride that we have in what we're doing that we were able to win in straight sets after we knew we would win, especially since Kentucky is such a dangerous team. Straight up and down I'm happy with everybody."

The Irish will finish off the regular season this Saturday at No. 57 Louisville, looking to avenge their loss to the Cardinals in last year's Big East Championship match. First serve is scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

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Irish senior Ryan Keckley returns a serve against Kentucky Wednesday. Notre Dame defeated Kentucky 7-0 at the Eck Tennis Pavilion to finish its home season undefeated.

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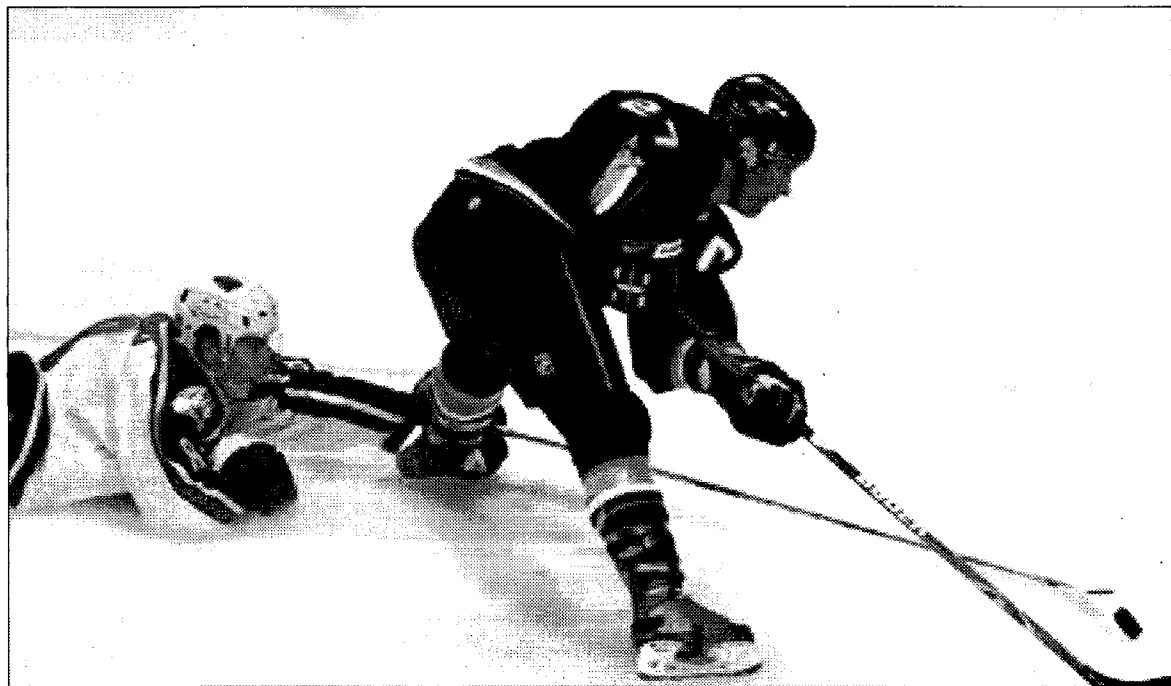
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Ducks win opening contest



AP

Minnesota defenseman Brent Burns, left, fights Anaheim defenseman Scott Niedermayer for the puck Wednesday night. Anaheim defeated Minnesota 2-1 in the opening playoff game.

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Dustin Penner's patience — and positioning — paid off.

Penner scored with 5:20 remaining to lift the Anaheim Ducks to a 2-1 victory over the Minnesota Wild on Wednesday night in the opening game of their first-round playoff series.

Penner poked the puck in after Minnesota defenseman Kim Johnsson crashed into Wild goalie Niklas Backstrom, sending him sprawling backward into the net.

The puck was sitting in the crease, and Corey Perry swept it toward the goal. Penner took a couple of swipes at it and forced it in.

"I saw it coming. That's why I moved over to the side," Penner said. "If the puck didn't go in after the initial shot I wanted to be able to pick up any loose change."

"I was looking for the puck, the ref was right there and he made a great call. Obviously the puck was free. You could see it on the replay. Perry and I just whacked away and it went in."

Backstrom thought the goal should have been disallowed.

"I watched the replay and I was sure it was under me and nobody saw the puck," he said. "Of course, you're going to get

the puck out from a goalie if you slash at it with your sticks.

"That's a bad goal and we lose a game on that," added Backstrom, who stopped 32 shots.

Minnesota coach Jacques Lemaire wasn't so sure it should've counted, either.

"I don't know if he stopped the puck or whether he was right on top of it or if it was under the pad," Lemaire said. "He waited a bit and they whacked the puck right in."

Teemu Selanne tied it for Anaheim with a second-period goal, just 3:51 after Pavol Demitra scored for Minnesota.

Ilya Bryzgalov started in place of Jean-Sebastien Giguere and made 24 saves for Anaheim.

"It's the playoffs and all the marbles are on the floor," Bryzgalov said. "It's very important. It was a very difficult game. Every game is so close."

Giguere has been taking time off to be with his wife and newborn son. Maxime was born April 4 with a condition that could leave him blind in his right eye. Giguere and his wife, Kristen, were worried about the vision in the baby's left eye as well, but a specialist told them on Tuesday that their son will have sight in that one.

Anaheim coach Randy Carlyle explained his decision to keep Giguere on the bench: "We felt that the emotional roller coaster Giguere has been on, it was more beneficial to let him get his feet underneath him."

"With the good news that he received yesterday about his son, we felt it would be best if he backed up tonight. Now we have both goaltenders available."

Giguere was the MVP of the 2003 Stanley Cup playoffs, when the Ducks were beaten in Game 7 of the Stanley Cup finals by New Jersey.

Bryzgalov played well during the postseason last year when Giguere was injured, helping Anaheim advance to the Western Conference finals, where the Ducks lost in five games to Edmonton.

The 36-year-old Selanne, rejuvenated since his return to Anaheim before the 2005-06 season, took a long pass from Francois Beauchemin, broke behind the defense and into the slot, where he slid the puck between Backstrom's pads at 9:52 of the second period.

Demitra beat Bryzgalov with a 15-foot slap shot down the slot, with the puck sailing into the net high on the goalie's glove side at 14:51 of the second period.



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Linebacker Maurice Crum, left, rushes at linebacker Steve Quinn during practice Wednesday. The Irish are looking to strengthen their defensive lineup for the fall season.

Defense

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in Brown's new scheme.

"He thought it would be a struggle for him, but I think he's starting to adjust and like it now, especially because we're starting to do some different things," defensive line coach Jappy Oliver said.

One of the main reasons for Laws' move to the end was to free him up to be more effective in the trenches.

"He's got a good punch, you're not going to move him off the line of scrimmage, and I think he's starting to enjoy it a little more because we're going to do some things with him," Oliver said. "We're going to do some things to free him up."

Although the full playbook will include plays designed to give Laws room to maneuver at defensive end, Oliver said practices so far have been "vanilla" just to get the players acclimated to the new system.

"But now we put some stuff in today and over the next couple of weeks. When we get

back, we'll put some more stuff in, and we'll put some stuff in for him also," Oliver said in an April 4 interview.

One difficulty rebuilding the defensive line this year for Oliver is that so many of his players are young or inexperienced.

Two of the main competitors for the nose guard position — sophomore Chris Stewart and junior Pat Kuntz — have little playing experience at the college level.

Kuntz appeared in 12 games last season, but only recorded seven tackles. But with a better chance of cracking into the starting lineup this season, Kuntz has stepped up his game this spring.

"Kuntz is doing a nice job. He's a fighter. He's got the temperament to play down inside," Oliver said. "I like him. He's another kid that could put another ten or twenty pounds on him if he could and just anchor it."

Stewart has a harder transition to make because he is switching to the other side of the ball from the offensive line.

Stewart suffered an addi-

tional setback earlier this spring after he sprained an ankle.

"Any time a player, no matter who you are, whenever you miss, you don't want guys to miss because inevitably there's going to be something that you have to catch up on," defensive coordinator Corwin Brown said. "When you miss days, it's going to affect you. So he's just going to learn as much as he can and get healthy and come back."

Overall, Brown has been pleased with the performance of his defensive line this spring — especially the more experienced players.

"They're taking to the coaching, and that's encouraging because if you can't hold up there, you are going to have a lot of trouble," he said. "They're taking to the technique. They're understanding things better. There's a lot we still don't have in, but what we're doing, I will say that with the d-line I have been relatively pleased with the older guys."

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Big East

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Brown was also named Louisville Slugger/NFCA player of the week last Wednesday. Brown is currently atop the Big East standings in batting average (.477) and on-base percentage (.531). Her frequent trips around the bases have given the power hitters in the lineup a chance to gain RBIs — she leads the Big East in runs scored with 24.

With her strong pitching during the streak, sophomore Brittney Bargar earned an honorable mention in the Big East after going 3-0 with two complete games, a shutout and 21 strikeouts in 20 innings pitched. Irish senior Kenya Fuemmeler will also take the mound, riding on a series of strong performances herself. She has a 7-5 record with a 2.60 ERA, seven complete games and 57 strikeouts.

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PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Irish pitcher Kenya Fuemmeler deals in Notre Dame's 10-2 win over Syracuse April 1. Fuemmeler is 7-5 with a 2.60 ERA.

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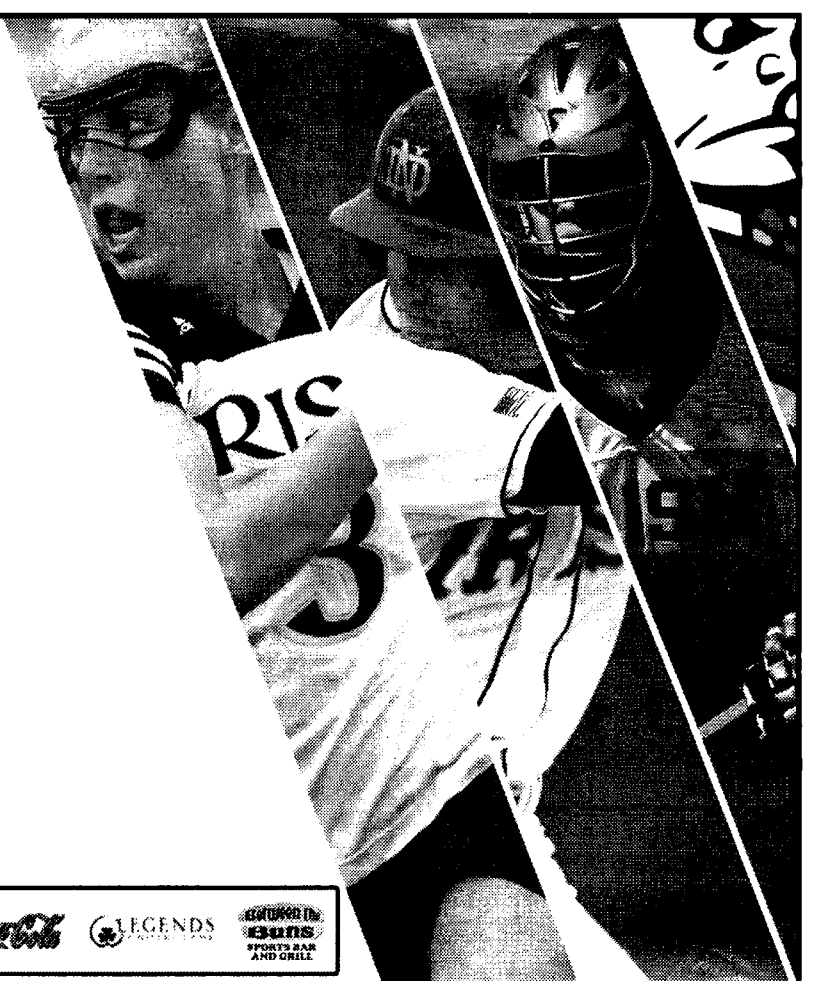
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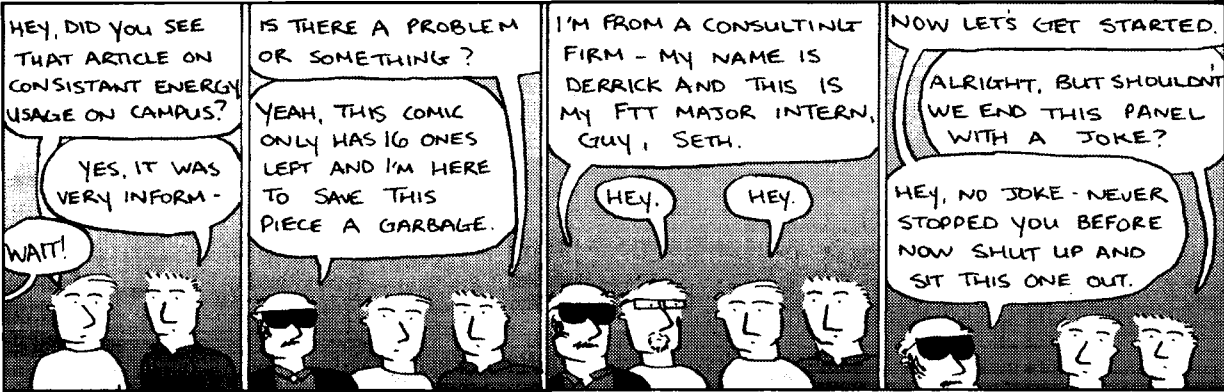
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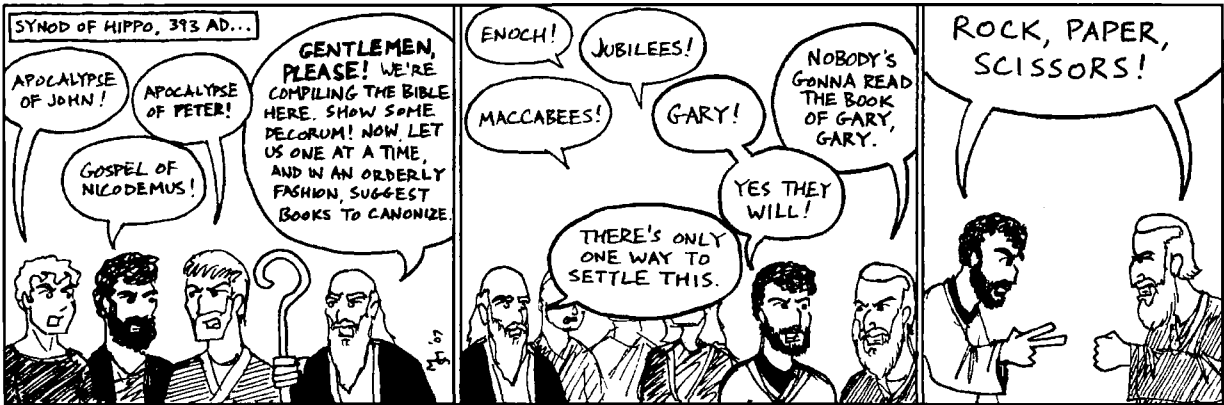
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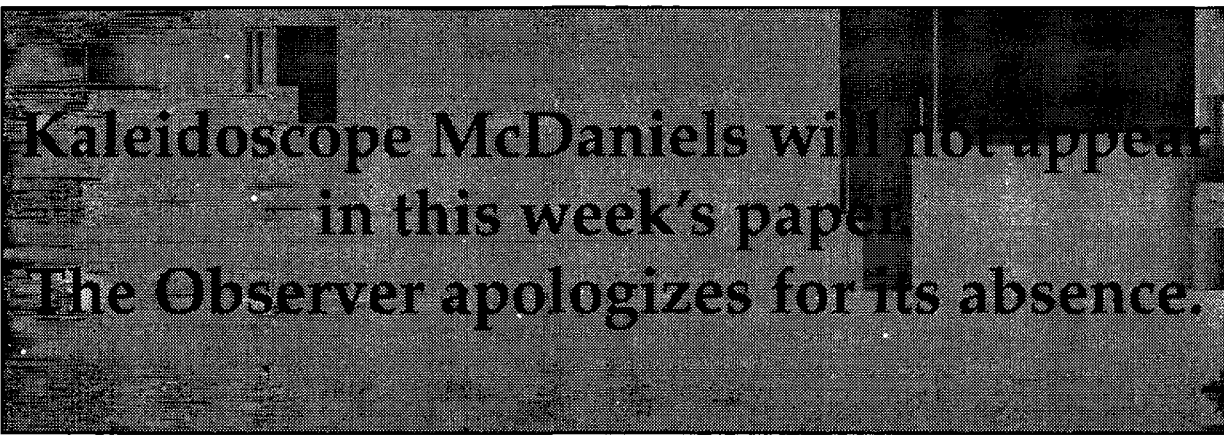
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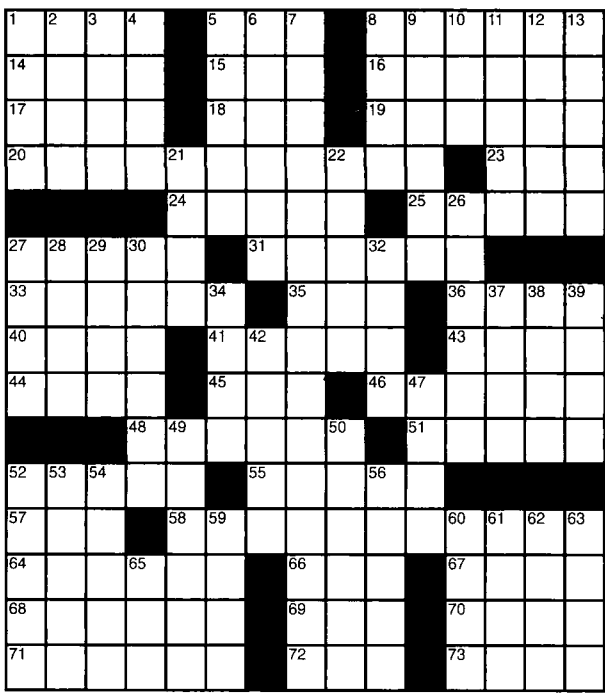
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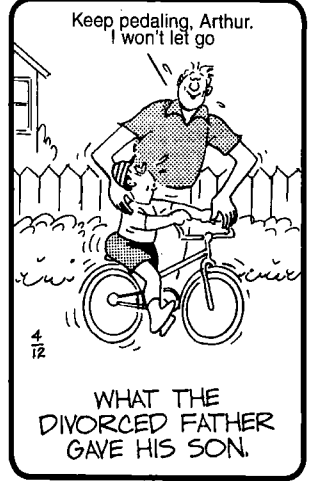
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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish finish perfect home season with win at Eck

Notre Dame remains undefeated on own courts with 7-0 win over Kentucky, goes unblemished for second straight year

By JAY WADE
Sports Writer

The Irish cemented a perfect home record of 9-0 on the season with a 7-0 win over Kentucky Wednesday.

The win over the Wildcats was the second straight match in which the Irish have shut out a team, and the eighth time over-

all this season.

The 9-0 home record marks the first time Notre Dame has had back-to-back perfect home records in school history, and it is only the fourth time in history that an Irish team has finished undefeated at home. Notre Dame was 8-0 a season ago.

The Irish are 13-0 this season when winning the doubles point. Notre Dame continued that

streak against Kentucky as third doubles Barry King and Andrew Roth defeated Will Ward and Shane Collins 8-6. The duo of Ryan Keckley and Stephen Bass clinched the doubles point for the Irish with an 8-5 win over Bruno Agostinelli and Kenny Hodge at the No. 1 position. Sheeva Parbhu and Brett Helgeson, who did not get to finish their match at No. 2 doubles,

were paired together by Irish coach Bobby Bayliss for the second time this season in as many matches.

Bayliss said the decision to switch up the doubles combinations was due to the struggle Parbhu and Keckley were having at No. 1 doubles.

"We were struggling at one doubles and we had plateaued out at two with the combinations

we had," Bayliss said. "We felt that it was important enough to the overall picture to make the change and we couldn't do it at one [doubles] without involving the other combinations so we did what we did."

The singles players fared the same as the doubles, as Notre Dame defeated Kentucky with

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FOOTBALL

Moving in the trenches

Adjusted defensive line crucial to success in Brown's scheme

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associate Sports Editor

After graduating three starters on the defensive line this season, Notre Dame has to start building its new 3-4 defense by first rebuilding its defensive line.

The Irish graduate defensive ends Victor Abiamiri and Chris Frome and defensive tackle Derek Landri, and lost defensive end Ronald Talley — the only Irish backup with any real playing time — as a transfer to Delaware this off-season.

The anchor of the defensive line will be fifth-year senior Trevor Laws, a defensive tackle last season who moved this spring to defensive end

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Sophomore defensive lineman John Ryan charges a scout during practice Wednesday. The Irish are looking to fill holes in the defensive line after losing three starters.

VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

ND SOFTBALL

DePaul to test squad in Big East

Strong pitching from Adix and Heteniak to lead Blue Demons

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will look to stay undefeated in Big East play today, facing off in a doubleheader against No. 19 DePaul.

The Irish (24-7) are currently tied for first in the conference with the Blue Demons (24-7) with identical 8-0 conference records. The doubleheader is scheduled to start at 4 p.m. in Chicago, weather permitting.

Notre Dame will have to work hard to score runs against DePaul pitchers Tracy Adix and Becca Heteniak. The senior Adix has dominated so far this season, posting a 10-1 record with a 0.57 ERA. Heteniak, a freshman, has an ERA of 1.13 and 10 wins on the season.

The Blue Demons are led offensively by junior Sandy Vojik, who has seven homers and 17 RBIs on the year. Junior Marcy Wilus leads the team with 18 RBIs, and Kate Sheaks has 23 runs scored and a .344 batting average on the season.

Although the Irish had their 10-game winning streak snapped at home Tuesday against Eastern Michigan, the Notre Dame players enter Thursday's matchup with confidence in their play of late.

Senior Stephanie Brown earned her first ever Big East player of the week honors for her performance in the last four games. Brown boasted a .722 batting average (13-for-18) with two doubles, a triple, four RBIs and five runs scored.

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BASEBALL

Matchup against Bowling Green rained out

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

Notre Dame's game with Bowling Green, scheduled for Wednesday night, was cancelled due to inclement weather.

No make-up date has been set.

"I'm a little disappointed we couldn't play today because I wanted to continue our momentum," Irish coach Dave Schrage said.

Notre Dame (15-16, 2-6 Big East) dropped twin 4-3 decisions in the first two games of its conference series with Cincinnati Thursday and Friday, but rebounded to beat the Bearcats 9-5 Saturday.

The Irish then beat IPFW 3-2 Tuesday at Frank Eck Stadium

for their second straight win.

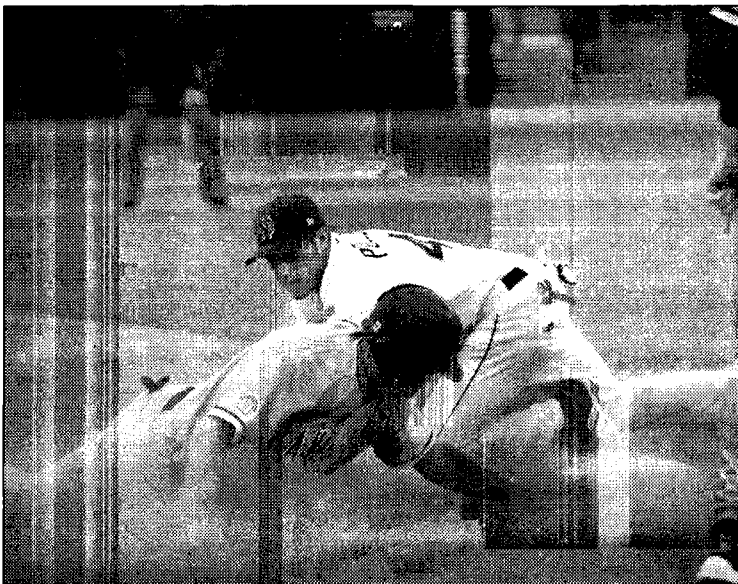
Notre Dame pitchers threw and position players took swings in the batting cages at Frank Eck Stadium Wednesday, but the team was unable to practice fielding.

The Irish have committed 52 errors this season.

The Falcons lost a chance to end their three-game losing streak after they were swept by Central Michigan over the weekend. They jump right back into MAC play Friday with a three-game series against Toledo.

Weather permitting, Notre Dame will host Big East cellar-dweller Georgetown in a three-game series Thursday, Friday, Saturday at Frank Eck Stadium.

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Irish short stop A.J. Pollock applies a tag at third base during Notre Dame's 7-3 win over Oakland April 3.

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