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Construction of new dorm begins

Unnamed women's hall second of four residence buildings to be added to campus as part of plan

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

Construction has begun for a new women's residence hall adjacent to the Hammes Bookstore, the University announced Wednesday.

The yet-to-be-named residence hall is scheduled to open for the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year and will be 74,600 square feet and house 248 female students, according to a University press release.

The residence hall is the second in a series of four new dorms currently mandated by the University.

The first new dorm in the plan is Duncan Hall, a men's dorm, which is scheduled to open in August. Construction on Duncan Hall is on track for completion in time for students to move in for the fall semester and interior construction is ahead of schedule,

said Jeff Shoup, director of the Office of Residence Life and Housing.

Assistant Rectors and Resident Assistants for Duncan Hall were hired at the same time they were selected for other halls.

A rector has not been selected for Duncan, but Shoup said that the Office of Student Affairs is in the beginning phases of the process. An announcement may not occur until the summer, Shoup said.

The other two planned residence halls in the University's plan — one male, one female — will be located on part of what used to be Juniper Road, east of Pasquerilla East and Knott Halls, Shoup said.

There is no specific timeline for construction to begin on the Juniper Road dorms, he said.

The University is adding the

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Construction of an unnamed women's residence hall has begun behind Welsh Family. The new dorm will be completed by 2009.

DUSTIN MENELLA/The Observer

Catechist recognized for Echo

Conference honors faith-formation program

By BRIAN MCKENZIE
News Writer

The National Conference for Catechetical Leadership (NCCL) will recognize the Notre Dame Center for Catechetical Initiatives (CCI) and its director, theology professor Gerard Baumbach, with the 2008 Catechetical Award at an NCCL meeting in Houston April 8. The award, given each year for "exemplary contributions to the ministry of catechesis," recognizes Baumbach's work at the CCI, a part of the University's Institute for Church Life, an NCCL press release said.

The Center's director since its inception in 2003, Baumbach helped create the Echo Faith Formation Leadership Program, a two-year program where Notre Dame graduates, as well as participants from colleges across the nation, can explore their faith and grow as Catholic catechists through service projects at partner dioceses.

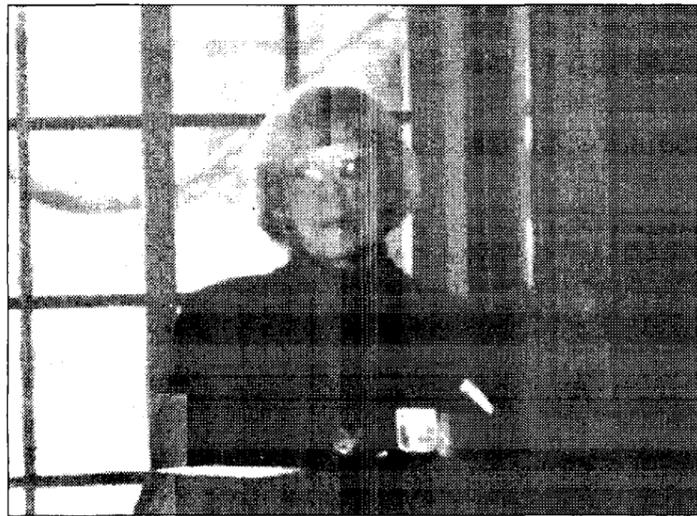
Baumbach said Echo stands out because it combines spiritual, professional and academic work, as the program also puts participants on the road to obtaining a Master's degree in theology from the University.

The apprentice catechetical leaders will "work in parish catechetical ministry for two years while simultaneously pursuing a Master's degree in theology from Notre Dame," he said.

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Professor honored by SMC students

Marcy receives sixth annual 'Women Honoring Women' award; fellow co-workers honored



LIZ HARTER/The Observer

Professor Theresa Marcy accepts the "Women Honoring Women" award at the Stapleton Lounge at Saint Mary's Wednesday.

By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary's Editor

Theresa Marcy, professor of political science, received the "Women Honoring Women" award Wednesday night during Saint Mary's sixth annual Women Honoring Women ceremony.

Marcy was joined by fellow finalists biology professor Doris Watt and Welcome Center Receptionist Ann Sheldon, who were selected from the faculty, staff and administrators nominated by students for their dedication to Saint Mary's core values, said event organizer Kelly Payne, student body vice president and Student

Academic Council (SAC) coordinator.

"These are women who the students believe exemplify the core values of the College, particularly in the intellectual, spiritual and personal realms," Payne said.

Like last year, the event was open to students who nominated the finalists. Originally, the event was only attended by members of SAC, a professor of their choosing, two students from each academic department and the finalist and her husband.

The event included a cocktail reception and formal dinner after which the students who nominated each finalist

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Gruscinski, Falvey begin tenure

Juniors take over Saint Mary's gov't as Hodges, Payne near graduation

By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary's Editor

After officially assuming their roles as Saint Mary's student body president and vice president April 1, juniors Mickey Gruscinski and Sarah Falvey are off to a running start.

Both attended the annual student government retreat this past weekend with most of the women who will join them in making up the Board of Governance (BOG) for the upcoming school year. The

retreat gave them a chance to begin planning events for next year and get to know their staff, Gruscinski said.

"Not everyone made it to the retreat but we talked about next year and bonded," she said.

Gruscinski and Falvey plan to continue the work of their predecessors, and work to improve even more. "We recognize we have big shoes to fill, and we'll try to continue what Kim and Kelly started, but we also have some ideas of our own," Gruscinski said. "We've got

an enthusiastic group of women with a multitude of ideas."

Gruscinski, a history major from Cleveland, Ohio, said she and Falvey are looking forward to holding BOG meetings to begin working towards accomplishing the goals they laid out in their platform.

"We really have to wait till our board starts meeting before we can really accomplish anything," she said.

Those goals include extend-

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STUDENT SENATE

Committee chairs, chief assistant named

By CLAIRE REISING
News Writer

The new student senators and executive council took office Wednesday at the first meeting of student body president Bob Reish and vice president Grant Schmidt's term, and created two ad hoc committees designed to improve communication between Student Government and other

organizations on campus.

Reish and Schmidt were sworn into office, and junior Karen Koski will serve as the Chief Executive Assistant.

Reish issued executive orders creating ad hoc committees on Student Outreach and Campus Technology to address problems on campus. The Student Outreach Committee, a part of Reish

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INSIDE COLUMN

March weather: just mean

It seems like every year I get proven wrong on predictions involving my favorite sports teams, which has led me to believe they love to tease me. The past three years, I thought the Yankees were a lock to play in the World Series. I guaranteed my friends last March that Notre Dame's Men's Basketball team was a lock for the Elite 8. This year, I thought the New York Giants' ceiling would be a first round playoff victory. As most sports fans could tell you, I was wrong on all three counts, but luckily for me, the Giants exceeded my expectations and won the Super Bowl.

Mike Gotimer
Sports writer

This year, my bad predictions carried over from the sports world into the unpredictable nature of spring weather. As it's now April, and March is over, I've realized that nature has used March to screw with our heads yet again.

Before spring break, my theology professor asked us to predict which day we thought would be the last snow of the year. I silently thought it would be March 27th, and I stored the date in the back of my mind.

The week we returned from spring break, we finally had some good weather, and it appeared as if we might finally be emerging from the deep freeze that is winter at Notre Dame. The sun came out and people were finally back out on the quads. On March 13th, two weeks before my prediction for that last snow of the year, we even hit the 60s. I was so excited that I quickly texted a friend back home, who is due to visit this week, to let him know how good our weather was. He was shocked and couldn't believe that dreary old South Bend had better weather than Long Island. I told him to get ready, because it had to get even warmer when he got out here in the first week of April.

Now at this point, I'd like to ask all the upperclassmen to stop chuckling and leave a poor, naïve freshman from the Northeast alone. Clearly, my knack for bad predictions lived on. The next day was almost as warm, but then we saw temperatures drop, and before I knew it, it was snowing on Good Friday.

The debauchery that is weather in March continued the next week as the temperature slowly rose, and when we finally hit March 27th, as chance would have it, early rain had turned to snow by the afternoon. It hasn't snowed since. I had finally predicted something right, but unfortunately I still feel like I jinxed us. I guess looking into the future isn't really my thing.

As I get to the end of this lengthy rant about March weather, my point is that the crazy fluctuation of weather last month drove me crazier than our winter weather this year. For every day that we were teased with temperatures in the 50s, we had another day where it snowed an inch. For every day that I broke out the shorts, there were two more that I had to pull my winter coat out for. I'm sure I'm not the only person on campus that was annoyed by the weather, but now that March is finally over, we can only hope that April brings sunnier days. However, I beg you not to blame me if it snows tomorrow.

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

Due to a reporting error the article "Comedy show helps senior class" incorrectly spelled freshman Laurel Javors' name. Due to a spelling error, the article "Gruskinski, Falvey prepare for office" Kristle Hodges is the admissions commissioner not the student ambassador commissioner. Also the new board took office on April 1, they will be commissioned on April 28 at the Church of Loreto. The Observer regrets these errors.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS THE STRANGEST FOOD YOU HAVE EVER EATEN?



Anthony Salpino
senior off-campus

"A friend of mine made beer and cheese soup. It was disgusting."



Barbera Ho
sophomore Farley

"When I was a kid I used to drink down KFC gravy."



Catherina Pinnaro
senior off-campus

"Sweetbreads — I liked it until I found out what it was."



Christina Lee
senior off-campus

"Cactus ... in a margarita. It tasted like margarita."



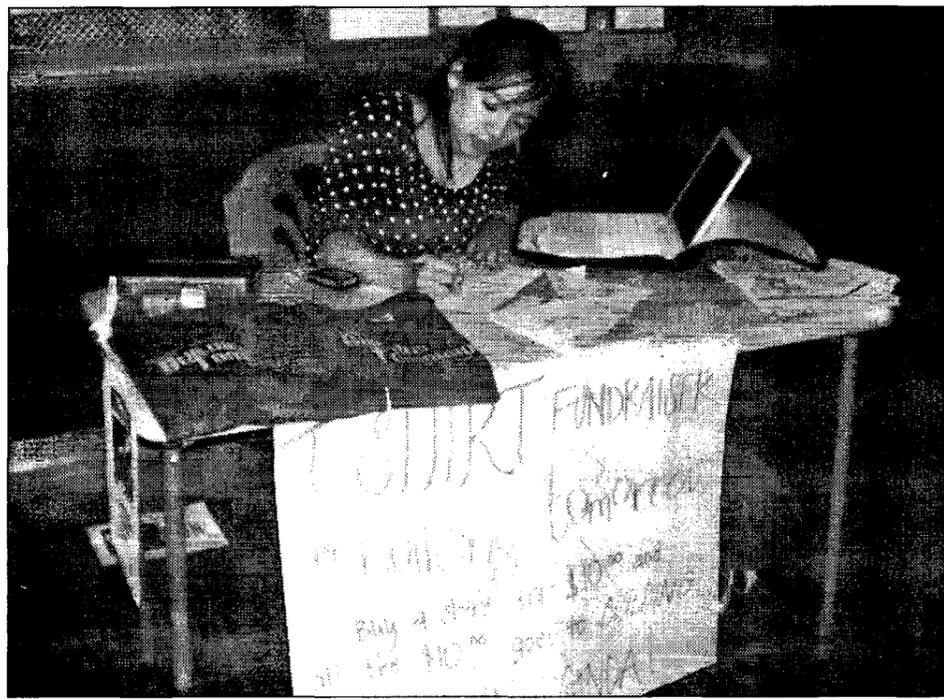
Elise Bartzen
senior off-campus

"I tried rattlesnake when I was twelve."



Rachel Heneghan
senior off-campus

"Chicken pate — it was absolutely disgusting."



Sophomore, Barbera Ho sells tee shirts at the Bike to Uganda table in LaFortune on Wednesday.

DUSTIN MANELLA/The Observer

OFFBEAT

Chilean mayor interrupts Bond filming

SANTIAGO — There's an unlikely new villain in James Bond's life. Carlos Lopez, the mayor of a remote northern Chilean town, burst onto the film set of the latest installment of the fictional super-spy's adventures, "Quantum of Solace," on Tuesday and was detained by police.

"He got angry, entered into a private enclosure ... and caused public disorder and was detained," a police official said by telephone from

Baquedano, declining to be named. "Now it is in the hands of the prosecutor."

Lopez said he drove onto the set between the cameras and Bond actor Daniel Craig, interrupting filming, because he was angry at what he called an excessive police presence in the small town because of the filming and the fact Chilean soil was being used to represent neighbouring Bolivia.

Burglar plays dead in funeral home

MADRID — A burglar

who broke into a funeral home tried to fool police by playing dead, but two things gave him away. First, he breathed. Plus, he wore grungy clothes rather than the Sunday best of those settling in for eternal rest.

Police and the Crespo Funeral Home said Wednesday they had no idea what the 23-year-old Spanish man was trying to steal in the March 17 break-in at Burjassot, a small town just outside Valencia.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The film "Blood Diamond," which tells the story of a diamond trade in Sierra Leone, will be shown at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on Tonight at 7.

Displace Me a night of solidarity with refugees and internally displaced people will take place on South Quad today. Registration to spend the night on South Quad is from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the camp.

The Notre Dame men's tennis team will play Ball State at 4:00 p.m. Friday at Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The third annual Saint Mary's Dance Marathon will take place from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. Friday in Angela Athletic Facility. Registration for dancers begins at 7 p.m. in the Noble Family Dining Hall.

The first student Scrabble tournament will take place in the Dooley Room in LaFortune on Friday at 1:30 p.m. Registration begins at 1 p.m. A \$3 minimum donations is required.

Policy-makers, journalists, film critics, activists and genocide survivors from Rwanda, Darfur and the Holocaust will discuss the relationship between genocide and the media. Witnessing Genocide: Truth, Reconciliation and the Media will be in McKenna Hall on Monday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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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LOCAL WEATHER						
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Prof receives Truman book award

Father Miscamble recognized for study of origins of Cold War

Special to The Observer

"From Roosevelt to Truman: Potsdam, Hiroshima, and the Cold War," by Father Wilson D. Miscamble, professor of history, has received the 2008 Harry S. Truman Book Award from the Harry S. Truman Library Institute for National and International Affairs.



Miscamble

The award recognizes the institute's selection of the best book published within a two-year period that deals with some aspect of the public career of Harry S. Truman or the history of the United States during the Truman presidency. An earlier book by Father Miscamble, "George F. Kennan and the Making of American Foreign Policy," received the Truman Book Award in 1994.

"I am very honored to receive this award," Father Miscamble said. "My book examines a crucial period in

the Truman presidency and helps explain the major transformation in American foreign policy during it. I'm grateful to the staff and benefactors of the Truman Library, whose valuable resources and generous support of my research helped make the book possible."

"We believe that Professor Miscamble's book will become a standard work on the origins of the Cold War," said Jeffrey Gall, chair of the award selection committee. "It directly challenges the argument held by some historians that Truman's actions as president represented a sharp break with the diplomatic policies of his predecessor, Franklin D. Roosevelt, that he was reckless in his dealings with Stalin and the Soviet Union, and that he unnecessarily provoked the Soviet dictator and helped bring on the Cold War.

'From Roosevelt to Truman' is a critically important addition to the historiography of the Cold War that will figure importantly in the historical debate about this period in American history for years to come."

A priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Father Miscamble was ordained in 1988 and joined the Notre Dame faculty the same year. He served as chair of the history department from 1993 to 1998. Most of his teaching and research concerns American foreign policy since World War II and the role of Catholics in 20th century American foreign policy. He also is the author of "Keeping the Faith, Making a Difference," editor of "Go Forth and Do Good: Memorable Notre Dame Commencement Addresses" and co-editor, with John Marzalek, of "American Political History: Essays on the State of the Discipline."

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Jeffrey Gall
chair of the Harry S. Truman Award selection committee

Turnover

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ing the Student Center hours, making an online calendar of College events for students to access and getting reliable wireless access in the dorms.

The two have attended introductory meetings with many College administrators to discuss the plausibility of these goals and attended the most recent meeting of the Community Campus Action Coalition (CCAC) as Saint Mary's student representatives.

The CCAC is a group created to foster better relations between South Bend and the local universities - Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, Holy Cross and Indiana University-South Bend (IUSB) at which they met many influential members of the South Bend community and the Notre Dame student body president and vice president for the upcoming year Bob Reish and Grant Schmidt.

"We talked about [our respective student] the governments and we are going to

get together to talk about next year," Gruscinski said.

Falvey is also enthusiastic about beginning her new duties.

"It's a great way to share what we love about Saint Mary's with other students and have the opportunity to make positive changes," Falvey said. "We're also going to focus on getting students more involved on campus and we have a lot of great events planned for next year."

Both also hope to continue the work Hodges and Payne did to revise the Student Government Association constitution.

Revision of the constitution will help to clearly define the roles of BOG members, Falvey said.

Gruscinski believes not being on BOG in the past is a benefit for next year's board.

"I'm aware there's a lot we need to learn, but most of [our board] is new to BOG so we're all really excited," she said.

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Mickey Gruscinski
Saint Mary's student body president

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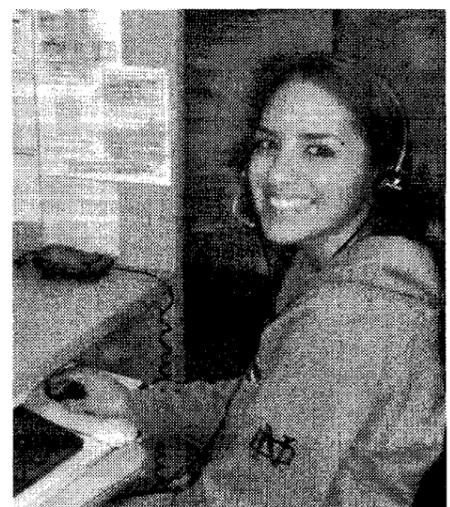
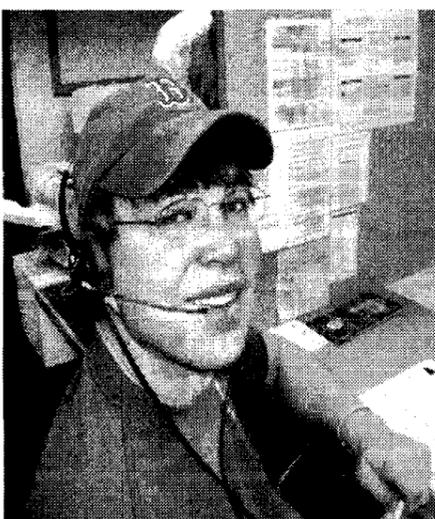
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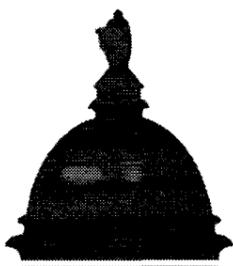
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four dorms in an attempt to alleviate problems in some of the existing dorms Shoup said.

"We're not adding lots of overall beds [in the new dorms], but we're making the other halls more livable,"

Shoup said.

In building the new West Quad dorms, the University is looking to remove beds from some of the overcrowded, older halls, such as Zahm, Morrissey, and Alumni, he said.

"People are stacked in too tight," Shoup said.

The second phase of dorm construction—the Juniper Road dorms—is focused on renovating halls that do not currently fit with the University's idea of residence life, he said.

Dorms such as Keenan and Stanford Halls are especially in need of renovation, Shoup said.

It is also an attempt to give students more options within the residence halls, he said.

"It's more of an issue with our philosophy to give students more options with their living arrangements," he said. "We want to

knock down some walls to make some rooms that are triples and quads."

Shoup said the University is looking to renovate existing halls, and that it has no plans to close any dorms.

"We're not planning to close any of the halls," he said. "It's not the long term goal of the University. Even if we did major renovations,

our goal would not be to close the hall for the renovation. We'd do it over the summer."

The University's desire to keep all its residence halls open during the school year, even while renovating, is unique to Notre Dame, he said.

"Most other places would take a hall offline for a year, but we don't want to do that," he said. "It disrupts the community — it might significantly change the way a community would interact with each other."

When asked specifically about rumors that Fisher, Pangborn, Stanford, and Keenan Halls are

in danger of being closed, Shoup strongly denied that the University had any such plans.

"We're not planning on removing any residence halls. We're going to renovate rather than tear them down," Shoup said.

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director of Residence Life and Housing

Senate

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and Schmidt's platform, will enable the student body to give feedback to the Senate and suggest future initiatives through a survey issued each semester.

"During the course of our campaign, Grant and I realized that there's definitely a gap that we thought we could bridge between students and the administration, more importantly between students and student government," Reish said. "We're hoping that through this committee, we'll be able to get more of a sense of what students want to be working on."

Because of the range of technology-related issues discussed this past term, the Campus Technology Committee will improve communication between the Office of Information Technologies (OIT) and Student Government and allow all technological issues to be concentrated within one committee.

Reish and Schmidt also appointed new committee chairs.

McGlenn sophomore Sarah Rodts was approved as chair of the Student Outreach Committee, and junior Devin Fee, from Stanford, will head Campus Technologies.

The Senate also unanimously approved the nominated chairs for the already existing committees.

Ryan Brellenthin, a sophomore in Stanford, will be the

new Academic Affairs chair. He served on the committee last term and said this term's agenda will include planning Majors Night and making more business courses available to non-business students.

Gus Gari, last term's Keenan Hall senator, will serve as chair of the Community Relations Committee and plans to address the use of Domer Dollars off-campus and problems with taxi services during the term.

Keough sophomore Patrick Tighe will remain the co-chair of the Gender Issues Committee, and Lauren Cummings, a junior in Cavanaugh, will also serve as co-chair when she returns from London. In addition to the annual Health and Body Image Conference, Tighe said the committee also plans to look into policy that affects gender relations, such as the double-standard between men and women regarding dorm parties. He also wants to address the addition of sexual orientation to Notre Dame's non-discrimination clause.

"Our community needs to figure out a way that we can make this issue and maybe present to the university that there is discrimination going on based on sexual orientation, instead of just letting this be a nice tradition that we pass this resolution and nothing ever happens," Tighe said.

Ian Secviar, a sophomore in Knott, will continue to serve as Oversight Committee Chair and said he plans to

concentrate on increasing efficiency in student government.

Cavanaugh sophomore Joy Hwang will lead the Residential Life Committee and said she will pursue free DVD rentals in The Huddle, better water quality in the Rockne Center and better workout facilities. Hwang said that when she looked at Princeton Review Rankings, she was disappointed that Notre Dame did not rank No. 1 for "Happiest Students."

"ND was only No. 20 for happiest students, and that makes me wonder why we aren't No. 1," she said. "I feel like next year, I want to try to get us up there to No. 1."

Cavanaugh junior Michelle Byrne will head the Social Concerns Committee. Byrnes said she will continue last year's initiatives, as well as strengthen Senate's relationship with the Center for Social Concerns.

Ashley Wright, a junior from Lewis Hall, will chair the University Affairs Community when she returns from studying abroad in London. She has previously served on the University Affairs and Community Relations committees.

Besides installing new leaders, the Senate approved resolutions awarding Liz Brown, Maris Braun and Sheena Plamoottil for their work as student body president, vice president and chief executive assistant, respectively.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

France to help Colombian hostage

PARIS — France launched a delicate mission Wednesday to help an ailing hostage held by Colombian rebels, the French president's office announced.

Former Colombian presidential candidate Ingrid Betancourt may be within hours of death if she doesn't get a blood transfusion, according to her son.

Betancourt — who is both French and Colombian — is among hundreds of hostages held by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, but her release has become a cause celebre in France.

The Colombian politician has been held in a jungle for more than six years.

"A humanitarian mission of three facilitator countries, Spain, France and Switzerland, has started, in liaison with concerned authorities," French President Nicolas Sarkozy's office said in a brief statement.

Irish prime minister to resign in May

DUBLIN, Ireland — Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, the common-touch Dubliner who tended Ireland's economic boom and the blossoming of Belfast peace, announced his resignation Wednesday under a darkening cloud of financial scandal.

The announcement stunned Ireland and much of his Cabinet, whose members stood by Ahern during an 18-month battle against allegations he accepted secret cash payments from businessmen in the 1990s.

Ahern, who governed Ireland through 11 years of growing prosperity at home and peace in Northern Ireland, maintained his innocence.

NATIONAL NEWS

Explosion destroys Wisconsin church

OCONOMOWOC, Wis. — An explosion and fire in southeastern Wisconsin on Wednesday demolished a church, gutted two homes and injured seven people, including three firefighters, authorities said.

Road and sewer work was being done in downtown Oconomowoc before the explosion occurred around 1:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, said Bob Duffy, economic development director for the lakeside community 30 miles west of Milwaukee. The blast and flying debris knocked over several workers, he said.

"It shook my house," said Joy Freudenstein, 30, who lives three blocks away and was cleaning when she heard a boom. "It sounded like someone downstairs blew something up."

Ranger convicted of comrade's death

ROCKVILLE, Md. — A Maryland jury has found a former Army Ranger guilty of second-degree murder in the shooting death of a fellow Ranger he had served with in Afghanistan.

Gary Smith, 25, was accused of killing Michael McQueen, 22, with a gun shot to the head in the apartment the two shared in Gaithersburg in September 2006.

Smith claimed McQueen's death was a suicide, and that McQueen was despondent over issues such as his job prospects and a break up with a girlfriend.

LOCAL NEWS

Kernan endorses Schellinger in race

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Former Indiana Gov. Joe Kernan has endorsed Democrat Jim Schellinger for governor in this year's race.

Kernan says he's known the Schellinger family for many years and that Schellinger is a great friend who would make a great governor. Schellinger is a native of South Bend, where Kernan once served as mayor and now lives.

Schellinger faces former Indiana congresswoman Jill Long Thompson in Indiana's May 6 primary.

Kernan was lieutenant governor in September 2003 when then-governor Frank O'Bannon died after suffering a stroke. Kernan filled out the remainder of O'Bannon's second term and ran for governor in 2004, but lost to Republican Mitch Daniels.

ZIMBABWE

Dictator may have stolen election

State paper predicts presidential runoff, acknowledging Mugabe wasn't re-elected

Associated Press

HARARE — President Robert Mugabe's long-ruling party lost its parliamentary majority Wednesday, bolstering opposition claims that impoverished Zimbabweans voted for change in this struggling southern African nation.

The opposition also claimed victory for leader Morgan Tsvangirai in Saturday's presidential vote, but the state-controlled newspaper predicted a runoff — the first official admission that Mugabe, the nation's autocratic leader of 28 years, had not won re-election.

The Movement for Democratic Change expressed confidence Tsvangirai could win a runoff with an even larger margin, but there were fears an embattled Mugabe would roll out every weapon in his considerable political and government arsenal to stay in power.

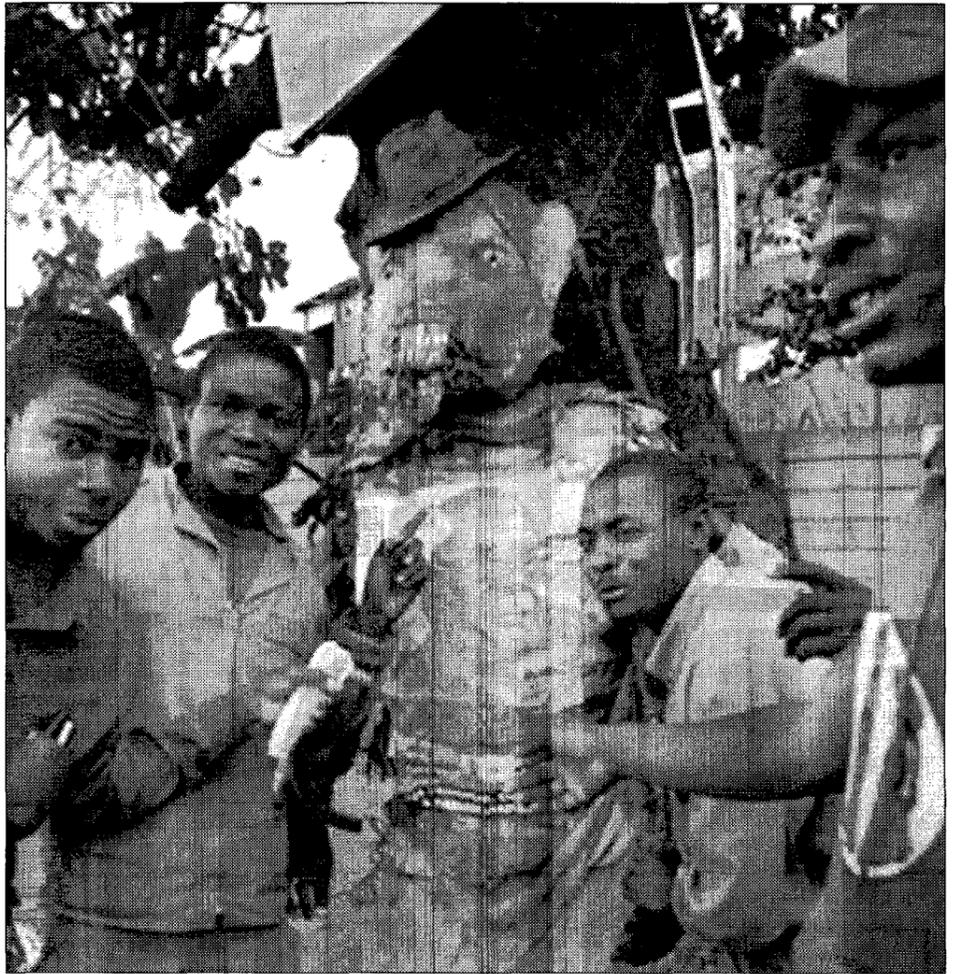
Election observer Imani Countess of the Washington-based TransAfrica Forum told The Associated Press that the most frightening conversation she has had in Zimbabwe was with a senior official of the ruling ZANU-PF party discussing a runoff.

"He was very calm and jovial but made it very, very clear that if there was a runoff, that ZANU would use all the state organs at its disposal to ensure victory, and that is very, very worrisome," she said.

Countess, whose group promotes Africa's interests in the United States, said the powerful elite that has benefited from Mugabe's patronage since independence from Britain had a vested interest in ensuring he wins.

The 84-year-old Mugabe, who hasn't commented on the voting, has been accused of stealing previous elections that Western observers said were marred by violence, fraud and intimidation.

This election was different because local results were



Residents pose with an effigy on which is pinned an election poster of Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe as they mock his government in Harare, Wednesday.

posted outside polling stations for the first time. That let independent monitors and party representatives make tallies independent of the official electoral commission, which reported no figures in the presidential race while slowly releasing results in parliamentary contests, including losses by eight Cabinet ministers.

The Electoral Commission announced final results for parliamentary elections after midnight, giving the opposition 109 seats to 97 for Mugabe's party, plus one seat to an independent in the 210-seat parliament. Three seats must be decided in by-elections since candidates died or withdrew. Eight Cabinet ministers have lost their seats,

according to official results.

Tendai Biti, secretary-general of the opposition MDC, said the party's compilation of local returns gave Tsvangirai 50.3 percent of the votes in the presidential contest, against 43.8 percent for Mugabe. Simba Makoni, a former ruling party stalwart whose defection brought an internal rift over Mugabe's leadership into the open, got about 8 percent.

"We maintain that we have won the presidential election outright without the need for a runoff," Biti said at a news conference. But he added the opposition would take part in any runoff ordered — and expected to do even better in a two-way race.

But the figures Biti gave at

the news conference did not back up his contention that Tsvangirai won. Biti said 2,382,243 votes were cast, and Tsvangirai got 1,171,079, which is 49 percent. Contacted soon after the news conference, Biti could not explain the discrepancy.

The constitution provides for a runoff within three weeks of the election if no candidate wins more than 50 percent plus one vote.

The Herald newspaper, which reflects government and ZANU-PF thinking, said Wednesday that "the pattern of results in the presidential election shows that none of the candidates will garner more than 50 percent of the vote, forcing a rerun."

Senator's husband admits to hiring prostitute

Associated Press

TROY, Mich. — The husband of U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow told authorities that he used the Internet to arrange a \$150 sexual tryst with a prostitute at a metropolitan Detroit hotel, police said Wednesday.

Thomas Athans, 46, co-founder of the liberal TalkUSA Radio network, was stopped by police who were investigating prostitution at the hotel, according to a police report obtained by The Associated Press.

Athans, in a statement issued by his attorney, apologized and said he "fully cooperated with law enforcement. My family and I are dealing with this matter in a personal and private way."

Stabenow, D-Mich., said in an inter-

view with The AP that she wanted "folks to know that I'm grateful for their prayers and support and this is a family matter that is very difficult but we are going to work through it."

"I think it's important to continue to do my job and to focus on people in Michigan who are hurting every day and expect that I'm going to fight for them every day," she said.

The Detroit Free Press and The Detroit News first reported on the case in stories on their Web sites Wednesday.

Troy police had set up a stakeout at the Residence Inn after learning of suspected prostitution at a room there, the police report said. Officers said they saw Athans enter the room Feb. 26 and leave 15 minutes later.

They stopped Athans' car and

informed him they were investigating prostitution. He told the officers he had used the Internet to make a date with a prostitute and paid her \$150 for oral sex at the motel, the report said.

Police did not bring any sex charges against Athans but later mailed him a ticket for driving with a suspended license.

Athans' license was suspended last year for failure to pay a ticket for driving without proof of insurance, according to the Michigan Department of State. Court records show he paid a \$115 fine, and the state restored his license March 11.

Athans was cooperative and "didn't drop any names or ask for preferential treatment," said department spokesman Lt. Gerry Scherlinck.

Catechist

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But training to become a successful catechist involves more than just having faith or the right degree, so Echo emphasizes the importance of being in touch with the community's needs and also of living by the faith proclaimed.

"To my knowledge, we're the only university developing apprentice catechetical leaders in this way in the nation, if not the world," he said.

Echo students take classes over the summer and are assigned to dioceses across the country for the duration of the academic year. During that time, they are expected to immerse themselves in their assigned communities while taking online courses, he said.

John Fahy, a graduate student in theology not enrolled in Echo, agreed that the simultaneous academic and professional work distinguished the program from its peers.

"Echo is a great program," he said. "From what I understand, it provides a great way to develop two kinds of skills: practice, [or] the ability to succeed in the day-to-day challenges of ministry, and the academic. I think that's an innovative way to learn," he said.

Anne Roat, the Director of Ecclesial Lay Ministry for the Diocese of Lafayette, agreed that the initiative was groundbreaking.

"It is unprecedented and unparalleled in forming catechetical leaders. Jerry

[Baumbach] is an authentic catechetical pioneer," she said.

One such innovation is the program's use of mentors and learning covenants to guide apprentice catechetical leaders. Baumbach said "each of our students works with a mentor, a parish staff person who serves in parish ministry."

This individual is often the parish's catechetical leader, he said. With the help of the mentor, each apprentice prepares a "learning covenant, which helps the apprentice identify his or her areas of responsibility within the parish," he said.

These areas of responsibility might include directing a children's catechetical program, a program for adult faith formation or a special needs program, he said. Baumbach said learning covenants were important because they provided a way for the CCI to "work with [apprentices] in their formation for ministry, even though they are serving in dioceses across the country.

"The Echo experience is formative and perhaps unique as a shared experience and partnership between the University and the Diocese and the parish," he said. In its four years of existence, 47 graduates have begun or completed the two-year Echo apprenticeships. More than 80 percent of Echo graduates have chosen to stay in ministry-related fields.

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Women

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read their nomination presentations.

Junior Arlene Forney nominated Watt because she is an "exemplary role model."

Watt is never afraid to ask questions and encourages her students to do the same, Forney said.

"She explores complex issues with an open mind and encourages the women of Saint Mary's to continue to search for truth through questioning, observing and engaging their community," she said.

Watt challenges and encourages each woman to search for realistic answers to pacify their curiosity, Forney said.

Next, senior Kristy King spoke about why she nominated Sheldon.

Sheldon's title of Welcome Center receptionist does not fully illustrate her vital role on campus, King said.

"I have come to know her as the warm face that greets every prospective Saint Mary's student and campus

visitor," she said. "[Ann] is constantly able to put anxious students and parents at ease and make them feel at home at the beginning of their Saint Mary's experience."

Finally, senior Cate Cetta said she nominated Marcy because of her dedication to the College.

Marcy has been a part of the Saint Mary's community since she was a student in the 1950s, Cetta said. She has been a fixture of the political science department for decades.

"Her consistency and commitment has been an asset to both the administration and students of Saint Mary's," she said. "[She] has

had an impact on my life by pushing me to achieve my academic potential."

Cetta said she took an upper level course taught by Marcy in her freshman year at the College and Marcy helped and

encouraged Cetta to write a semester long research paper that she was proud of.

"This was so striking to me because up to this point in

my academic career I simply cared about completing assignments, doing them well was just a bonus," Cetta said.

Marcy said she was surprised to achieve the award because she only teaches a few courses a semester.

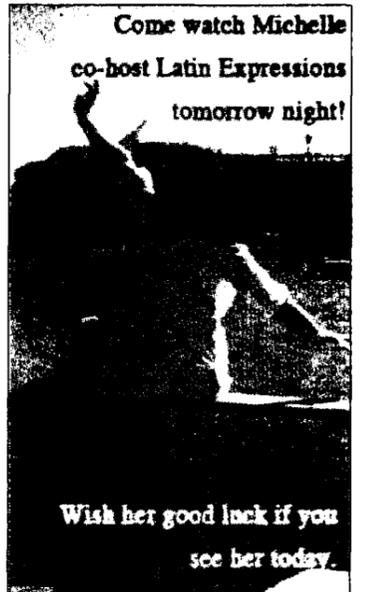
"I can remember when I served on endless committees that voted awards and how much we appreciated the recommendations from students," Marcy said. "I really appreciate the fact that this is a student award and that students determined it."

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"[Watt] explores complex issues with an open mind and encourages the women of Saint Mary's to continue to search for truth through questioning, observing and engaging their community."

**Arlene Forney
Saint Mary's junior**

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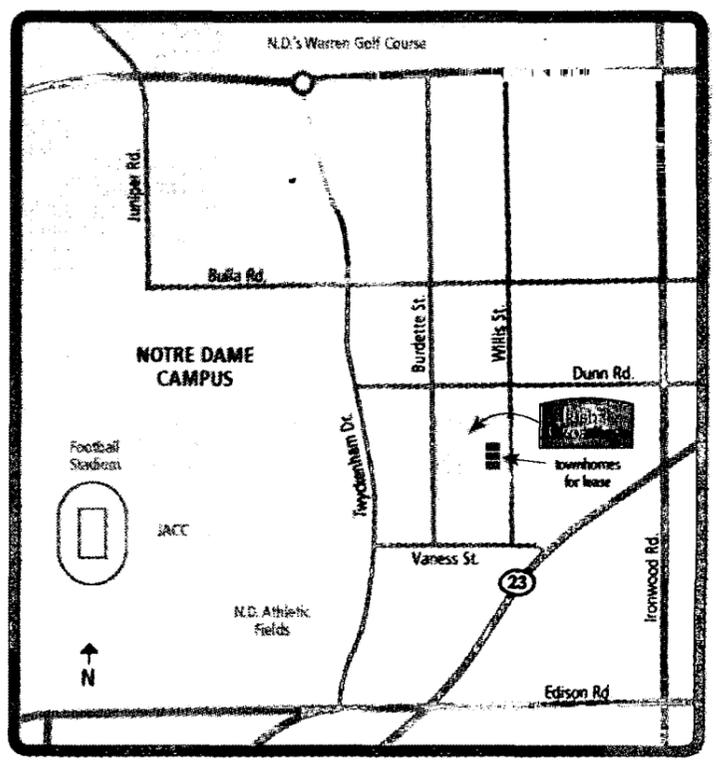
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IN BRIEF

Stocks decline as oil prices spike

NEW YORK — Wall Street turned lower Wednesday as investors worried that a sharp jump in oil prices could be another sign that consumers are under stress in an economy that is already showing signs of a recession.

The major indexes, which spent most of the session in a tight trading range, tumbled after oil prices shot higher in response to the Energy Department's report of an unexpected jump in gasoline demand. That could lead to higher prices at the pump, a troublesome trend given that retail gas prices are expected to rise further as the summer approaches and put more financial pressure on consumers.

Consumer spending, which makes up about two-thirds of the U.S. economy, is watched closely by the Federal Reserve. Earlier Wednesday, Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke said he expects the economy to contract in the first half — a trend that would mean the U.S. is in a recession.

Crude oil rose \$3.85 to settle at \$104.83 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Monthly factory orders fall again

WASHINGTON — Orders to U.S. factories fell for a second straight month, a worse-than-expected performance that reinforced worries that the risk of recession is rising.

The Commerce Department reported Wednesday that factory orders dropped by 1.3 percent in February, about double the downturn that economists had been expecting. Orders had fallen an even bigger 2.3 percent in January, the largest decline in five months.

The falloff in demand was widespread, with steep declines in orders for motor vehicles, various types of heavy machinery and demand for iron and steel.

Many economists believe a prolonged housing slowdown and credit crunch have already pushed the country into a recession. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, testifying before the Joint Economic Committee on Wednesday, said that the economy could shrink over the first half of this year, his most pessimistic assessment to date.

"It now appears likely that gross domestic product will not grow much, if at all, over the first half of 2008 and could even contract slightly," Bernanke told lawmakers.

Senate leaders agree to ease crisis

Bipartisan bill aims to boost slumping housing market, help families avoid foreclosure

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A bipartisan Senate bill designed to ease the slumping housing market won tepid reviews Wednesday, and even its top sponsor acknowledged that much more is needed to help millions of families threatened with foreclosure.

The scaled-back proposal unveiled by Senate Banking Committee Chairman Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., contains an amalgam of ideas aimed at boosting demand for housing and helping homeowners saddled with subprime mortgages avoid foreclosure.

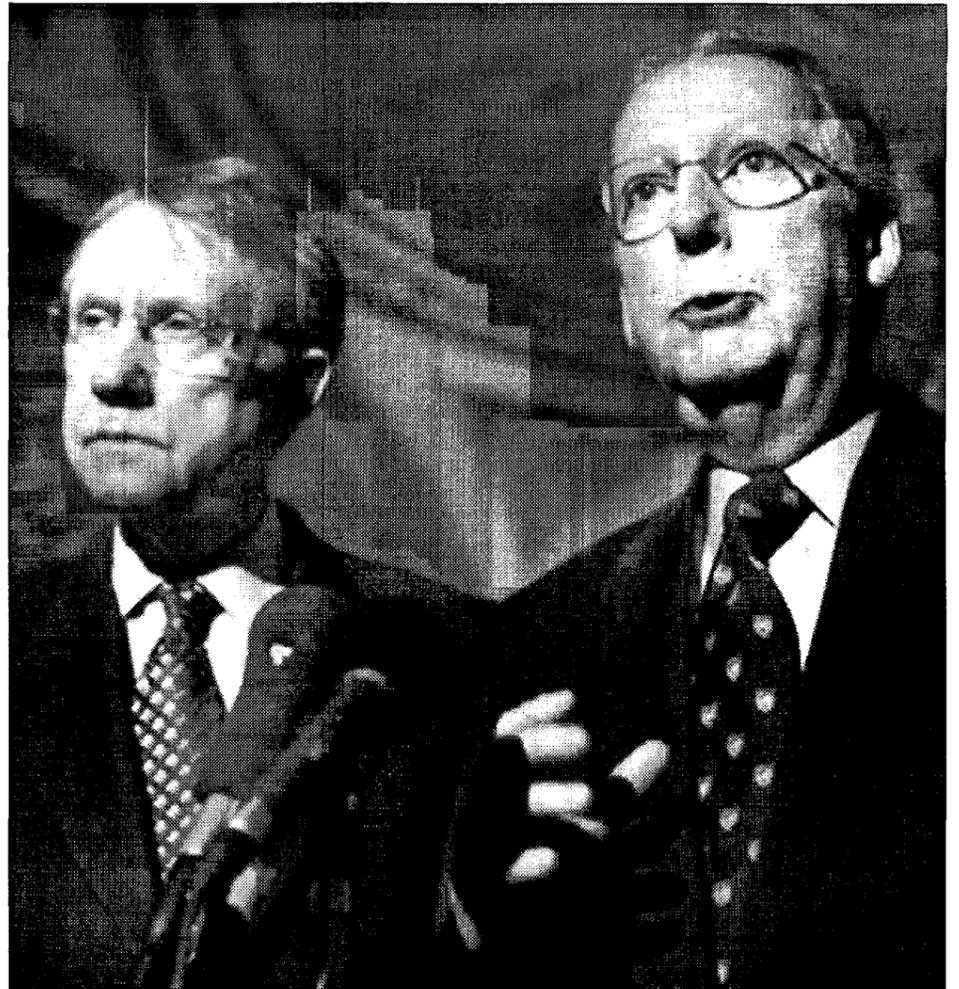
The plan contains \$4 billion in grants to local governments to buy and refurbish foreclosed homes, new authority for states to issue bonds to be used to refinance subprime mortgages, and a temporary \$7,000 tax credit for people buying new homes or properties in foreclosure.

Those provisions, and others, were the product of a bipartisan negotiation that produced a narrow, common-denominator approach to the crisis.

"There's a lot more that needs to be done," Dodd said. "But it's a step in the right direction."

The White House weighed in with serious doubts about the plan, and economists across the spectrum were skeptical that it would do much to ease the wrenching crisis in the housing market and the wave of foreclosures spreading across the country.

White House spokesman Tony Fratto said the administration likes some provisions, such as issuing mortgage bonds and modernizing the Federal Housing Administration to boost access to FHA-insured loans. But he added that the administration has "serious



Senators Mitch McConnell, right, and Harry Reid, are shown in Washington in 2004. Senate leaders announced an agreement Wednesday on legislation to ease the housing market.

concerns" about other provisions such as the homebuyers' tax credit and aid to local governments to purchase foreclosed homes.

"Some of these provisions that are purportedly to help homeowners actually would not help them and in some cases could hurt them," Fratto said. For example, he said, the tax credit for buyers of foreclosed and newly constructed homes could force down prices for many other sellers.

While supporters said the measure would boost demand for housing, help

people refinance adjustable-rate mortgages and help communities beset with abandoned homes, many economists cautioned that the measure's benefits would be modest — and would help banks and homebuilders while doing hardly anything for people facing foreclosure.

"They're good steps, but they're small steps and certainly not big enough steps to solve the problem," said Mark Zandi, chief economist for Moody's Economy.com. "I don't think it's going to be enough to solve the housing

problem, at least not in 2008."

The measure also contains a provision dropped from February's stimulus measure that would permit homebuilders and other money-losing businesses to reclaim previously paid taxes, new disclosure requirements aimed at preventing unsophisticated borrowers from being duped by mortgage brokers, and additional money to provide counseling to people threatened with foreclosure and help them in negotiating with their lenders.

House approves FDA tobacco regulation

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress on Wednesday moved a step closer to handing the Food and Drug Administration broad new authority to regulate tobacco products, despite concerns voiced by many lawmakers that the agency cannot handle its current workload.

The House Energy and Commerce Committee voted 38-12 for legislation that would allow the FDA to reduce nicotine levels and require larger and more informative health warnings on cigarette packs. A Senate committee has already approved similar legislation.

Energy and Commerce Committee Republicans were divided on the legislation, with 11 voting for it. Those who opposed it said the agency has had enough trouble ensuring the safety of the nation's food supply and medicine.

"This legislation, if it becomes law, would require the FDA to take on a task that is enormous, complex and com-

pletely outside its regulatory experience," said Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, the ranking Republican on the committee. "It will almost necessitate a diversion from its core functions."

Barton said the Federal Trade Commission was better suited for the job.

But Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., said the "unfortunate state of affairs" at the FDA did not mean the agency should ignore the harms of tobacco.

"It simply means that when we give the agency this additional responsibility, we also must give it the resources necessary to handle the job and to handle it well," Waxman said.

To address concerns about resources, the legislation calls for the assessment of user fees on tobacco companies. The assessments could initially generate \$90 million this year. By 2018, that amount would increase to \$755 million. Aides said the fees would be assessed based on market share.

Health groups have been highly sup-

portive of the legislation.

"This bill will put a stop to decades of Big Tobacco marketing, aimed at addicting each new generation of young people to their deadly products," said Daniel Smith, president of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network.

More than 400,000 people die from smoking-related illnesses each year. Rep. Jane Harman, D-Calif., noted that both of her parents died from lung cancer, and she asked lawmakers to consider the financial toll that additional smokers generate when they come down with smoking-related illnesses.

Proponents say various aspects of the legislation would deter people from taking up cigarettes or from using cigarettes that they may view as less dangerous because of their labeling.

The legislation would ban candy-flavored cigarettes, which attract younger smokers. It would also prohibit terms such as "light" or "mild" which many consumers mistakenly believe means the products are safer.

18 states sue EPA for inaction

Petition asks agency to respond to ruling on global warming

Associated Press

BOSTON — Officials of 18 states are taking the EPA back to court to try to force it to comply with a Supreme Court ruling that rebuked the Bush administration for inaction on global warming.

In a petition filed Wednesday, the plaintiffs said the 5-4 ruling in April 2007 required the Environmental Protection Agency to decide whether to regulate greenhouse gas emissions, including carbon dioxide, from motor vehicles.

The EPA has instead done nothing, they said.

"The EPA's failure to act in the face of these incontestable dangers is a shameful dereliction of duty," Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley said.

The petition asks the U.S. District of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit to require the EPA to act within 60 days.

In last year's decision, the Supreme Court ruled the EPA has the authority to regulate emissions from new cars and trucks under the Clean Air Act, and said the reasons the EPA gave for declining to do so were insufficient.

EPA spokesman Jonathan Shradar said the Supreme Court required the agency to evaluate how it would regulate greenhouse gas emissions from cars and other vehicles but set no deadline.

The EPA plans to include the evaluation in a broader look at how to best regulate all greenhouse gas emissions, not just those from vehicles, he said. Otherwise, a mash of laws and regulations could emerge rather than the "holistic" approach the administration favors.

"We want to set a good founda-

tion to build a strong climate policy of potential regulation and laws we can work toward and actually see some success," Shradar said.

At a press conference Wednesday, David Brookbinder of the Sierra Club, one of 11 environmental groups involved in the suit,

said the EPA has been talking about a "holistic" approach to climate change for years.

"In fact, they have done absolutely nothing except stand in the way of everybody's else's efforts," he said.

Last week's announcement by the EPA of the

formal rule-making procedure signaled the agency wanted to put greenhouse gas regulation "on indefinite hold," said Jim Milkey, chief of environmental protection at Coakley's office, who argued the case before the Supreme Court.

"Every day that goes by without a solution, the window of opportunity to fix the problem closes a bit more," he said.

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said the EPA "has failed to lead, it has failed to follow the states' lead and we are prepared to force it out of the way in order to protect the environment."

The plaintiffs in the latest court action include Coakley and attorneys general from Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington and the District of Columbia, plus representatives of the

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the cities of New York and Baltimore, and several environmental organizations.

The plaintiffs contend the EPA has already completed the work needed to start regulating carbon dioxide.

The Supreme Court ruling requires the agency to regulate carbon dioxide if it determines it's a danger to public health and welfare. Senior EPA employees have told House investigators about a tentative finding from early December that carbon dioxide posed a danger because of its impact on climate.

They also said a draft regulation had been circulated internally, then abandoned. EPA administrator Stephen Johnson has said the issue had to be re-examined because of tougher automobile mileage requirements enacted in December.

The plaintiffs want the finding about the dangers of carbon dioxide released within 60 days so the process for regulating vehicle emissions can begin. They said final rules wouldn't be ready until the next administration takes over.

In Washington, the House Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming voted 12-0 Wednesday to issue a subpoena for all drafts of EPA documents on the issue.

"EPA has made no effort to accommodate the committee's request," said Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., the committee's chairman.

Shradar declined to say whether the agency would produce the documents the subpoena will request. "We will review this new petition and respond appropriately," he said.

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Massachusetts
attorney general**

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Massachusetts attorney
general's chief of
environmental protection**

Alleged bombmaker questioned after arrest

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — A Jamaican arrested after trying to check luggage containing pipe bomb-making materials onto a flight home explained that he wanted to show his friends there how to make them, authorities said Wednesday.

Investigators were questioning whether Kevin Christopher Brown had ever been to Iraq — where he told them he'd seen similar bombs made, according to court documents — and looking into his mental health history after his arrest Tuesday at Orlando International Airport.

Authorities and airline officials repeated their assurances that passengers were never in danger.

Transportation Security Administration officials nonetheless touted the 32-year-old's arrest as a victory for new covert screening techniques involving plainclothes officers mingling with travelers.

Cleveland Laycock, a manager in TSA's behavioral detection program who was walking in civilian clothes, first spotted Brown approaching the Air Jamaica ticket counter. He told a uniformed subordinate to watch the man, and soon that officer called another for backup.

Behavior detection officers Frank Skowronski and Jose Zengotita wouldn't specify what Brown did that looked suspicious, saying it would undermine TSA's strategy. But they generally study facial expressions and body posture for fear, stress and deception.

"When he came up to ticket counter, he wouldn't look at anyone directly," Skowronski said.

The officers watched Brown drop off two bags to be checked, and had security officials set them immediately aside.

Inside were two glass vodka bottles containing nitromethane, a colorless liquid used as a fuel for drag racing, in manufacturing and as a cleaning solvent, the FBI said in a court filing. Brown told officials he hoped the liquor bottles would disguise the nitromethane, the document states.

The baggage also had a model rocket ignitor, galvanized pipes, end caps, two small containers containing BB's, batteries, a lap-

top, and instructions on how to make bombs, the FBI document said.

Dave Platt, a TSA bomb appraisal officer who searched the luggage, described the instructions as something that could be downloaded from the Internet.

He said the bags held virtually everything necessary to make a pipe bomb, and someone of his experience could have assembled it in about 15 seconds. But he said Brown's operation appeared to be "at the beginning stages of somebody starting to mess around, making pipe bombs."

"But regardless of whether they're new at the game or not ... when you make a pipe bomb, it still could kill you, whether you're a novice at it or you're really good at it."

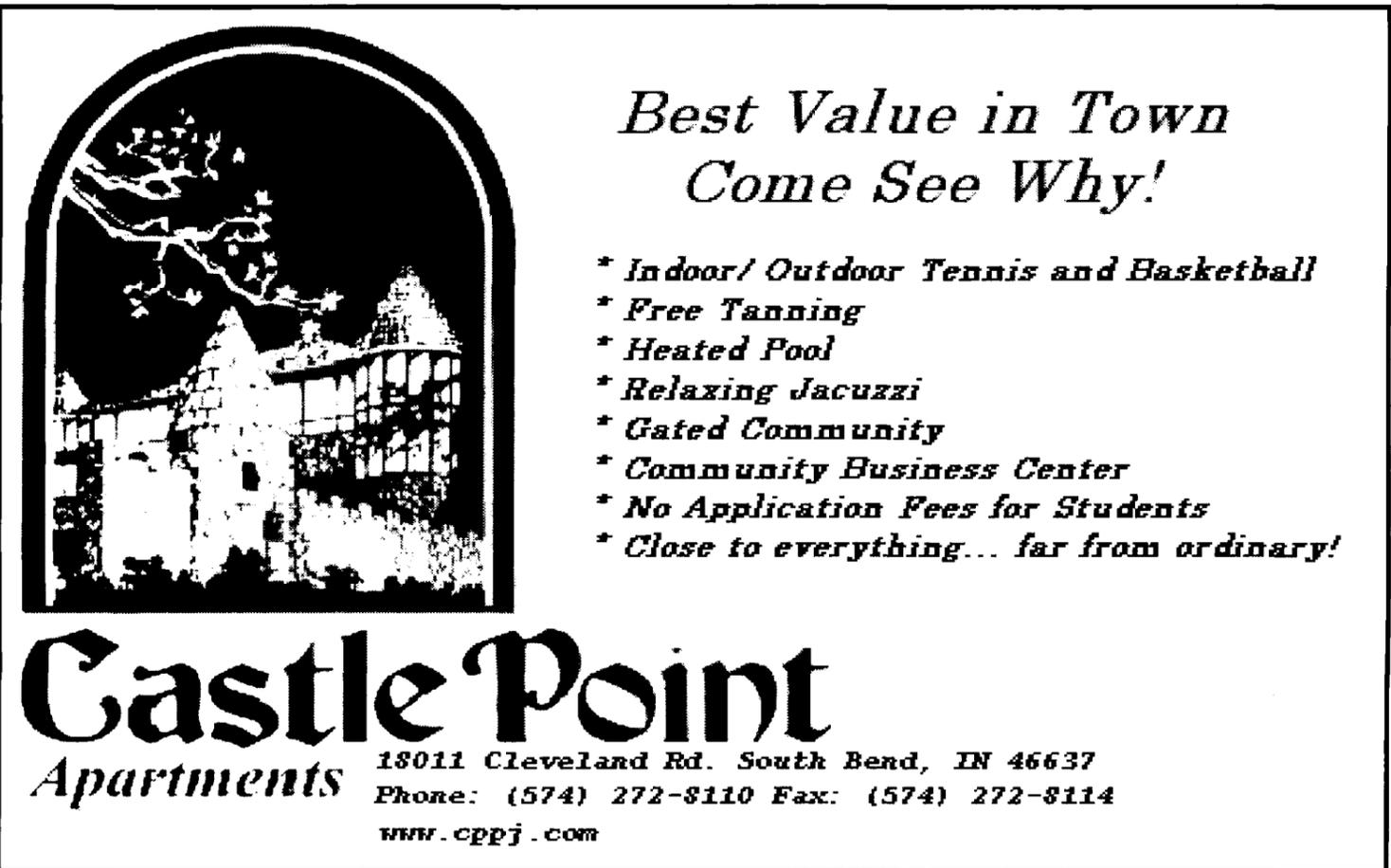
Passengers were briefly cleared out of the ticketing area where Brown checked in for a flight to Montego Bay in Jamaica. Some flights departing Orlando were delayed up to two hours, airport spokeswoman Carolyn Fennell said.

Air Jamaica executive director Shirley Williams said the items could not have caused an explosion and the aircraft and its passengers were never at risk.

Brown first told authorities he wanted to detonate the materials on a tree stump in Jamaica, but later said he was going to show friends in his home country how to build explosives like he saw in Iraq, according to an FBI criminal complaint.

Federal prosecutors were reviewing Brown's mental health history and trying to determine whether he was ever in Iraq.

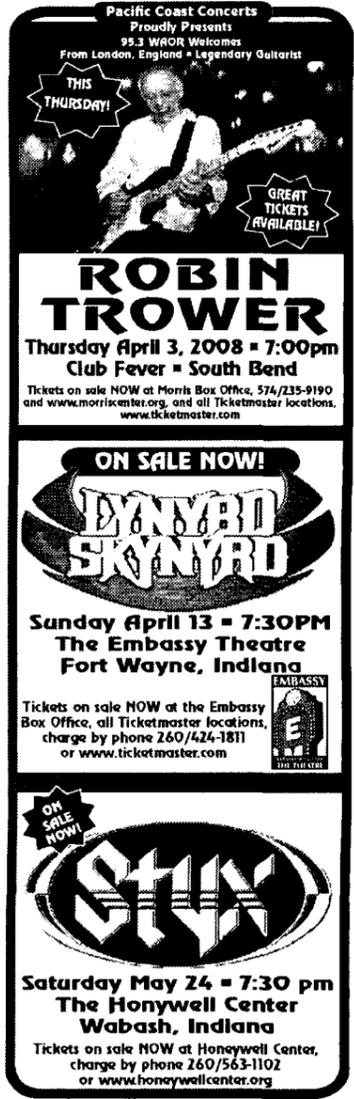
Brown did not speak at a brief court hearing Wednesday where he was ordered held without bail. Clarence Counts, Brown's court-appointed public defender, declined to comment as he prepared for a formal bond hearing Thursday.



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Bill Clinton makes third campaign trip to Indiana

About 1,000 in town of 18,000 attend rally, hear former president speak; Obama to appear in Muncie Friday

Associated Press

SEYMOUR, Ind. — Bill Clinton's third campaign swing through Indiana in three weeks brought out stalwart supporters of his wife, along with many people interested in seeing the former president in their small town.

Clinton made a four-stop trip Wednesday in a pocket of southern Indiana where the race between Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama for delegates in the state's May 6 primary almost takes a back seat to seeing a bit of hometown history.

The trips, though, are aimed squarely at voters like Jay Clark, a 41-year-old Seymour factory worker who never voted for Bill Clinton in his presidential runs.

"I just wanted to be able to tell my boy I saw a president," he said. But he also said he would probably vote for Hillary Clinton

"I respect him for taking the time to come to a small town. They mean business. They are trying to win an election."

Jay Clark
Seymour resident

after hearing Bill Clinton's hour-long speech.

"I respect him for taking the

time to come to a small town," Clark said. "They mean business. They are trying to win an election."

Clinton's trip came the same day former Rep. Lee Hamilton, a popular figure who represented the area in Congress for more than three decades, endorsed Obama.

Obama's campaign also had its own advocates in the state as actor Jeremy Piven, of the HBO series "Entourage," talked up the Illinois senator at Indiana University's Indiana Memorial Union hours before Bill Clinton spoke at IU's Assembly Hall after a stop in Bedford.

Obama is scheduled to make a campaign visit to Muncie on Friday, while supporter Ethel Kennedy, the widow of Robert F. Kennedy, will visit Fishers

and Indianapolis on Friday and South Bend on Saturday. Singer Dave Matthews is to perform at an Obama event at IU on Sunday.

About a thousand people packed a Columbus fire station for Clinton's first stop

Wednesday morning, with several hundred more watching through the glass doors to see him. Three bus loads of students from Columbus East High School showed up there, and dozens of students were in the crowd for his next stop at Seymour High School.

Katie Keily, an 18-year-old senior at Seymour's Trinity Lutheran High School, attended Clinton's speech with some friends, even though she's not inclined to vote for Hillary Clinton.

"It's a great opportunity to see the president, but I don't know that it will necessarily change my decision on Obama," she said.

Veronica Miller and her husband, Bill, had their choice of Bill Clinton events to attend as his stops in Seymour and Columbus were both within a half-hour of their home. Veronica Miller, 70, wore a Hillary Clinton T-shirt and button for Bill Clinton's Seymour speech.

"I thought he was one of the greatest presidents we ever had and I think she'll do even better," she said. "I would have come down and camped out if I needed to to get in."

She didn't need to, even though Clinton spoke to more than a thousand people — which seems like a large crowd



Former President Bill Clinton greets attendees during a campaign stop for his wife, Hillary, at Seymour High School Wednesday.

for a city of 18,000. But there was plenty of room around the back of the school's bleacherless auxiliary gymnasium, which was used rather than the 8,000-seat main gym located across the hallway.

The Clintons have already crossed much of the state with more than a month remaining before the Indiana primary, including stops all of its television markets.

Hillary Clinton has visited nine cities over three days

since March 20, while Bill Clinton has been in 11 cities on his three daylong trips since March 18.

But it might be while before Indiana voters become blasé about the campaigning.

"You wouldn't think someone like this would come here," Dane Williams of Brownstown said before Clinton took the stage in Seymour. "The issues are important, but it's also that someone like him would come to a place like this."

Customs, border protection drone patrol program takes off

Associated Press

SIERRA VISTA, Ariz. — The pilot has gone through his checklist and taxied his plane into position for takeoff.

He gets clearance from the control tower, throttles forward and — from the ground — guides his unmanned aircraft into the sky along the Mexican border to watch for drug traffickers and illegal immigrants, part of a bird's-eye patrol that authorities hope to expand.

Four Predator B drones have become fixtures over Arizona

since October 2006, and two more will join them soon, Juan Munoz-Torres, a Customs and Border Protection spokesman, said Wednesday.

Once those six are in place, the agency wants Congress to fund six drones along the Canadian border and six more on Florida's Gulf Coast and the Caribbean, said Douglas Koupash, who heads Customs and Border Protection's drone program.

"You're talking about really, really vast spaces and our ability to get to some of the remote

spaces efficiently," Koupash said recently.

The Predator Bs used for these missions are unarmed civilian adaptations of missile-toting drones used by the U.S. military in Iraq and Afghanistan. Each weighs five tons, has a 66-foot wingspan and can fly virtually undetected at altitudes of up to 50,000 feet, said Pete McNall, deputy director for Customs' unmanned aerial systems in the Southwest.

The border agency's fully loaded, \$10.5 million Predators

carry long-range cameras, but even at night, operators using the drones' radar imaging and infrared capabilities can light a target with a laser visible only through the night vision goggles of helicopter crews who intercept some of the border crossers.

"That's like a little red finger from God coming down and saying, 'Hey, there's some guy under that tree right there.' Very effective," McNall said.

From October 2006 through Feb. 16, the drones had helped in the apprehension of 3,857

illegal immigrants and the seizure of more than nine tons of marijuana, according to the most recent statistics available. Those numbers don't include apprehensions and seizures credited to different kinds of drones tested in Arizona in 2004 or to a Predator B that flew from October 2005 until it crashed the following April; the National Transportation Safety Board ruled pilot error as the likely cause.

Officials say intelligence gathering drives each flight, but critics question whether the aerial surveillance doesn't abuse the privacy of American citizens.

Lee Tien, senior staff attorney with the Electronic Frontier Foundation in San Francisco, said the flights are likely to create "a civil liberties-free zone along the border."

His organization has not received any complaints about Predators, but Tien said he assumed "that's because they can't see them or aren't aware of them."

"It's Catch-22," said Barry Steinhardt, director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Technology and Liberty Project. "How can you tell if you're being pictured if you can't tell whether you're being surveilled or not?"

Koupash said he hasn't dealt with any specific inquiries over privacy concerns, but noted the drones are flown primarily over remote border territory, not large cities.

The first flights outside Arizona are begin this spring. A drone from Arizona will patrol the Canadian border out of Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D.





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At the movies with Hillary

One of the worst things to happen to television in recent times, perhaps only surpassed in atrocity by "The Hills," is the trend of cable networks straying from their stated purpose. TV Land is supposed to show episodes of classic television series, but good luck finding Happy Days or The Dick Van Dyke Show. Instead, they've got a bunch of people who graduated high school together 20 years ago in the same house. Indeed it seems sometimes that C-SPAN is perhaps the last channel left resisting this ignoble trend, although I hear if you want to see the really good legislation, you have to go to C-SPAN 2.

The worst offender is American Movie Classics. Their level of complicity is so disturbing because by including the word "classic" in their name they imply that anything they air has attained the level of classic, when in fact I once stumbled upon Catwoman, the 2004 Halle Berry vehicle, on the network. Now, I have no problem with that movie being shown on television, but isn't there a Starz: Reputation-Wrecking Performances Channel where they could show such films?

For every Catwoman that AMC shows there is a much better movie they could be showing in its place, something that might in some circles be considered, you know, a classic. The result is that the public becomes less conversant on classic film, a problem recently encountered by the real subject of this column, Hillary Clinton.

Recently, the former First Lady, and also former prohibitive favorite for the Democratic nomination for president, began comparing herself to ultimate underdog Rocky Balboa in a remarkably condescending appeal to Pennsylvania voters in advance of the state's April 22 primary. Mrs. Clinton's belief that the voters of Pennsylvania

are stupid enough to buy the comparison shall be left to other writers. What I am interested in is the fact that, due to the negligence of AMC, not one person on the Clinton campaign staff has ever seen the Best Picture winner from 1976.

How do I know they haven't seen the movie? Well, I guess I don't, not really, but I just assume that if any of them had they would have mentioned to the candidate that Rocky loses to the black guy in the end.

Now, I like to be helpful, just ask anybody, and I watch a lot of old movies, so I thought maybe I could help the Clinton campaign out here, and think of a more appropriate character that Mrs. Clinton could claim connection to. I must admit that my immediate thoughts turned to The Godfather. Michael Corleone wouldn't let anything stand in his way, and neither would Hillary. However, a google search of "Hillary Clinton+ fratricide" returned mixed results at best, so I let that one die.

Other unflattering comparisons came to mind, mostly to female Disney villains, until I found that I was ashamed of myself: I was being mean to Mrs. Clinton. I was projecting all of the worst qualities I could think of onto her, and using that to form my comparison. No, the best way was to take the candidate at her own words, get to know her as she presents herself, for really, I have no reason to doubt her, and use this to try and establish a resonant fictive comparison.

Well, I did this for a few days, and I'm proud to announce the result. Hillary Clinton is most like Forrest Gump.

The surface likenesses are obvious, from an influential "Bubba" figure in each of their lives to their shared status as All-American Alabama football players. But the real connection here is more metaphysical. Think back to

the movie, and what do you remember? Forrest sure was everywhere, wasn't he? School integrations, Watergate, Vietnam, opening up of China, heck he even met both Kennedy and Nixon. It seems like there wasn't a major event of the baby boom generation that Forrest Gump wasn't around for. He was never really the key figure, no, Forrest was more content to play a background role, and indeed you might remember the events quite well without remembering his involvement.

Well, after listening to Mrs. Clinton discuss her "35 Years of Experience" at several different campaign stops recently, what better metaphor could there be for her life? This unfortunate woman has lived her whole life on the scene of the great moments of history, but no one remembers her role correctly. What a pity David Trimble et al don't remember her at the peace talks in Ireland! What a shame that there is no one who can recall her so strongly protesting the NAFTA agreements her husband championed! What an outrage that her boss during her work on the Watergate hearings clearly misremembers her, since he dishonestly that she was then a deceitful, dishonest lawyer!

Yes, like Forrest Gump, it seems no one will ever really acknowledge the pivotal role Mrs. Clinton has played in world affairs. The Clinton campaign needs to keep reminding us of this, to keep the flame alive, before Apollo Creed, I mean Barack Obama, puts it out forever.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The gift of life is so precious that we should feel an obligation to pay back the universe for the gift of being alive."

Ray Bradbury
author

God denied tenure, low TCEs cited

We're approaching the time when students get the chance to evaluate their professors. This has me wondering whether, after Judgment Day, we get to fill out TCEs on God? I'd be happy to complete one, but only if God swears to abide by the current anonymity and no-grade-change policies.

Fr. Lou DeFra

Faithpoint

Not that I'd have anything particularly damning to say. In fact, I'd give God high scores on "The instructor is well-prepared," though, granted, omniscience gives God a leg up here, and "The instructor welcomes contact with students outside of Church." But I'm still thinking about how God would rate on a few of the other criteria ...

"When asked questions, the instructor satisfies the students." Yikes. Question: "Teacher, where do you live?" Answer: "Come and see." Poetic, yes, but hardly satisfactory. In fact, I'm not sure He ever did answer that one. Furthermore, while some of God's communiqués seem disproportionately over-the-top (see parting of the Red Sea, the Incarnation, etc), He also, in these post-Biblical days, seems to skip office hours with alarming regularity — maybe He already got tenure?

Scripturally, during these 50 days of Easter, we are immersed in the heart-stirring narratives of the Resurrection — Mary Magdalene at the tomb, the

two disciples on the road to Emmaus, Doubting Thomas. This should be a prime opportunity for God to answer the big questions clearly. For example, there is no greater human question than death — what lies on the other side of our deaths? If God can answer this one, perhaps we can forgive the obscurity with which He responds to many of our smaller inquiries.

God has great material to work with here. He resurrected his son from the dead. High score on "The class material stimulates creative thinking." If God is more powerful than death, then all kinds of horizons open up. If death is our question, the resurrection is a definitive, and admittedly quite welcome, answer.

The difficulty is that, in the days following the Resurrection, the disciples are plagued by a striking amount of ambiguity, fear, and doubt. And, furthermore, Jesus' words and actions often seem to feed that ambiguity, more than clarify it.

The evangelist Mark, probably the earliest canonical recorder of the Resurrection, indicates a rather unexpected reaction from the first witnesses to the empty tomb and the announcement that the answer to the question of death is that there is more, and better, life. "Do not be amazed," says the angel at the vacant tomb. "Jesus has been raised; He is not here. Go tell the others." An assuring answer, to say the least. And yet, we read next: "So the disciples

fled from the tomb, seized with trembling and bewilderment. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid." Incidentally, Mark's original Gospel probably ended on this rather sour note, which also conspicuously fails to include any positive appearance by the resurrected Christ. Only later generations of Christians were able to add the more positive endings of Jesus' appearance and Commissioning of the 11. These later Christians were, perhaps, as perplexed as I am regarding Mark's rendering of God's pedagogical method. With outrageous love, God seems to give to the disciples at the tomb the answer key before they take the final exam. Only, when they open the key, the answers seem blurred, and the disciples, accordingly, disconcerted.

Later evangelists' accounts confirm both of Mark's original themes — the reality of Jesus' resurrection from the dead, but also the lack of absolute clarity that this definitive answer should have provided for the disciples. Matthew captures the nearly contradictory experiences by recording that the disciples left the tomb "fearful, yet overjoyed." What kind of an answer produces simultaneous fear and over-abundant joy?

Luke records that the resurrected Jesus appeared to two disciples walking the road to Emmaus, took the time to explain patiently the Scriptures to them, then revealed himself fully in the breaking of the bread. This would have been a good time to hand out the

TCEs — right after having the students over for that end-of-semester dinner. But not after He mysteriously vanishes from their sight, which happens in the next verse. John likewise records that Jesus revealed his resurrected self to Mary Magdalene, but when she lovingly moved to embrace him, Jesus commanded, "Do not hold on to me, for I am ascending to my Father and your Father." Again and again — the astounding and final answer of the Resurrection. Again and again — the disciples' struggle to wrap their arms around this answer.

It's hard to fault God, generally speaking, and in this particular instance, God appears to have provided as satisfactory an answer to our death as we could hope for. So why all the uncertainty and fear, laced throughout our greatest hope? Perhaps because what we hope for — nothing short of our eventual resurrection and divinization and union with God — is more than our human capacity currently allows us to understand?

That is to suggest, the source of the confusion might lie in the students', rather than the teacher's, limitations. But that takes all the fun out of TCEs.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Leave athletic sexism in the past

When I started reading Greg Yatarola's column, "The tyranny of Title IX," it was April 2nd, 2008, but when I looked up from my paper it was 1950. The world had gone black and white, Notre Dame hadn't admitted women, and apparently, people cared about wrestling.

The fact that Yatarola feels that wrestling should be priority No. 1 for the University, which frankly has more important things to worry about, isn't the worst part. Even worse is the fact that he discounted every athlete, coach, staffer, or fan of women's athletics at Notre Dame and beyond. From his sweeping claims that men are physically superior, to his inappropriate and unnecessary drop-in comment about women athletes being "comfort women," Yatarola is the exact kind of person that Title IX responds to.

There are some who agree and some who disagree with Title IX, so let me try to put it into phrasing that Yatarola might understand — Title IX is a disgrace. It's an absolute injustice, for no other reason than it is a relatively small attempt to apologize and make up for the massively one-sided, unfair, and unequal past treatment of women in the collegiate atmosphere. Its embarrassing existence is a painful reminder that our society actually had to write into law something that should have been a given in the first place — women deserve equal and just treatment. Yes there are flaws present in the implementation of Title IX, but since then, our female athletes have been able to pursue professional careers in sports, Muffet McGraw and Randy Waldrum (among others) have built nationally-ranked and recognized programs, and women's athletics has grown exponentially, and this is just at Notre Dame.

It may be just my opinion, but if all we lost for this growth was a dead-weight wrestling program 16 years ago, I'd say we're doing just fine. And Greg, if you're hard up for some tough, hard-nosed, and "hopelessly working-class" competition, tune in Sunday to ESPN to see the coach with the most wins, male or female, in college basketball. Her name is Pat Summit and she's coaching the Tennessee Lady Volunteers. And to think, she wouldn't have 7 national championships and all those wins — if only Notre Dame kept a wrestling program.

John Whitty
 sophomore
 Stanford Hall
 Apr. 1

Rampant excitement for commencement speaker

In case you haven't heard, this year's commencement speaker will be the Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, of Church fame.

Now, I'm sure the Cardinal is a decent guy. I'm sure he's done something sometime that someone thought was real nice. Bet he mumbles a good hymn. But there'll be plenty of homilies from priests over graduation weekend. Do we need to replace the commencement speech with another?

Commencement is our last chance to hear someone tell us important lies about the real world before we're jettisoned into it, screaming and crying and, in all likelihood, drinking. So we'll have the Cardinal.

But the Class of 2008 chose a different commencement speaker. A speaker with vision, who speaks from the gut, where the important decisions are made, like whether to blow all your flexpoints on Subway or Burger King. That speaker, of course, was Stephen Colbert. I know I'd pay for his appearance. He's a good looking gentleman.

But apparently Our Lady disagreed. Presumably, she was offended by his notoriety, sense of humor, and relevance. These qualities are not in line with the mission of the University, it would seem. The University got so mad at Stephen she isn't even commenting on him! Oh snap! But what can we, the lowly class of 2008, do? I think the answer is obvious.

But first, let's consider what we shouldn't do. Boycotting commencement is out of the question — who would give up the chance to stand up with hundreds of strangers then sit back down? Likewise, ignoring the Cardinal is out; no one will listen anyway, so it's not an act

of defiance to do so.

I say the best revenge is to live well. Which is to say, the best revenge is to listen attentively and nod and smile and elbow neighbors and, in general, express a zealous enthusiasm for the Cardinal's speech (I believe the topic will be "The Kids These Days Don't Know What Religion Is, Why Don't You Go to Church More Often?").

I'd suggest taking the following additional steps: Archies: forget that tiny cardboard version of the Basilica! Build one of those pointy cardinal hats on your mortarboard and write "McCarrick is my Hero!" or "We Love McCarrick!" or "Stephen Colb-who?" on it.

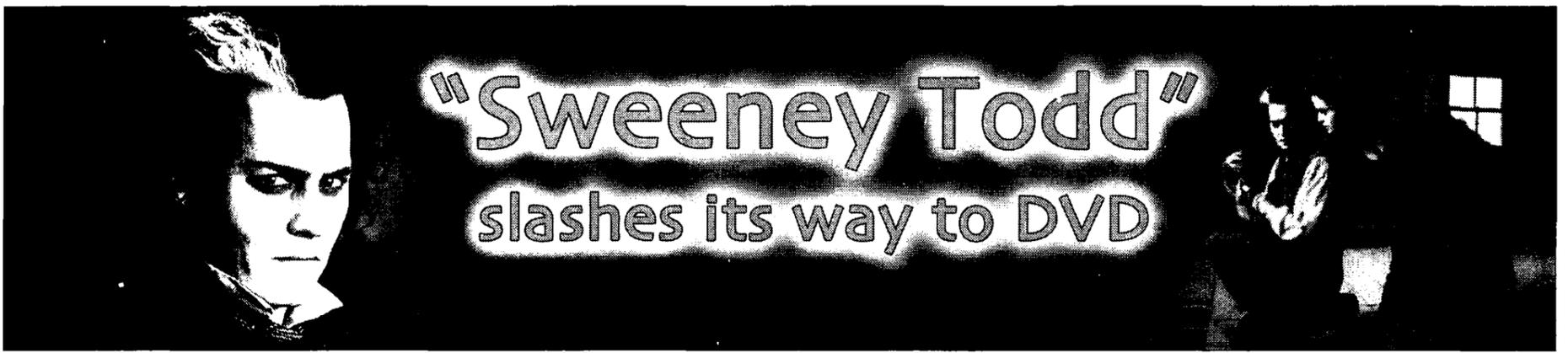
Arts and Letters: I'm just saying, no one cares what you wear under that gown. Why not dress up like your favorite childhood hero, Cardinal Theodore "The Best" McCarrick?

Business: You'll be too busy wondering where your soul went to listen to McCarrick anyway. I pity you, even though I envy your Scrooge McDuck-like piles of money.

So, in sum: here comes McCarrick! Get ready to get really inappropriately excited about something no one wanted anyway!

And hey, Notre Dame Our Mother: maybe next time around you could put one of those giant golden arms down in your \$6 billion pocket and fork over the cash for a real speaker.

Chad Lavimoniere
 senior
 off campus
 Apr. 2



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By **KAITLYN CONWAY**
Scene Editor

Looking for a movie in which a barber kills all of his clients? Or maybe something that makes you laugh as someone fantasizes about her love life with someone who won't even hold her hand? Then "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" is right up your alley.

"Sweeney Todd" follows the story of a barber who returns to London after 15

years in Australia, where he was exiled on false charges. When he returns, he has lost both his wife and child to the machinations of the vile Judge Turpin. The movie chronicles his growing obsession with getting revenge on the judge at any cost.

The movie has elements typical of director Tim

Burton in it. The dim lighting, gothic costumes, deathly-pale characters with heavy eye makeup, fake blood and excessive gore are all examples of Burton's style present in the film.

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While appropriate to the movie, the excessive bloody and gory scenes sometimes take away from the story of Todd's revenge on the despicable Judge Turpin. Scenes that would have been poignant if not for the CGI blood and excessive violence turn into darkly humor-

ous scenes under Burton's direction. Even then, the dark humor has its place in the movie. The movie is not supposed to be a pleasant one, but one-liners and antics from Helena Bonham Carter's Mrs. Lovett help elevate the mood in otherwise dark moments. In particular, her fantasies during "By the Sea" are hilarious. Of course, you can't disregard Depp's acting in that particular scene as well, which is spot on and is also perhaps the only moment when he is not playing a vengeful character.

And the entire movie isn't just focused on Todd's single-minded desire for revenge; it is lightly paralleled by the love unfolding between Todd's shipmate, Anthony Hope, and his daughter, Johanna. There is also a sweet, though eerie, mother-son bond that appears in "Not While I'm Around," in which the

young Toby assures Mrs. Lovett of his devotion to her. Todd's love for his wife, Lucy, is also an important theme. It's his desire to avenge her that leads him to his obsession to kill Judge Turpin.

In "Sweeney Todd," Depp and Bonham Carter deliver roles that are both touching and frightening in a movie that sometimes goes overboard on the gore. Yet when you listen to Todd's bittersweet ballads and Mrs. Lovett's whimsical opening song "The Worst Pies in London," you can't help but enjoy the movie. There's something entrancing about watching Todd's descent into an obsessive revenge.

In a few words, the movie is delightfully disturbing. If gore isn't your cup of tea, then avoid it at all costs, as some scenes do go overboard, and the shock of Todd slitting someone's throat never goes away. But if you're looking for a darkly humorous yet moving film, this should definitely go on your list.

There's something entrancing about watching Todd's descent into an obsessive revenge.

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**Sweeney Todd:
The Demon Barber of Fleet Street**

Director: Tim Burton
Music by: Stephen Sondheim
Starring: Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter and Alan Rickman



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By **JAMES COSTA**
Scene Writer

Apparently Moby isn't done clubbing. After almost 25 years of frequenting the New York City club scene, digesting the beats, pulses and rhythms of electronic light and reverb circuses, he offers his newest album, "Last Night," as a tribute to his many experiences of the past and his unquenchable thirst for finding new inspirations in the heat of the music.

The album marks a return to the style of his extraordinarily popular

1999 release "Play." While his last two releases, 2002's "18" and 2005's "Hotel," moved away from the dance music formula that "Play" utilized to enthrall his audience in an atmospher-

ic and near semi-conscious realm of listening, "Last Night" capitalizes on the best elements of "Play" by offering listeners a new record of pure dance music. It's a thumping, emotional and invigorating series of tunes that never quite lets up for even a moment. The tunes blend into each other rather fantastically, not allowing for any respite from the constant sway of the beat, which is exactly what Moby was going for — executed to near-perfection.

A concept album, "Last Night" highlights the moments of an all-night clubbing experience. While it's funny to imagine a giddy man in his 40s still exploring the metaphorical bedrock of dance music in its gritti-

est and most beautiful details, Moby pulls it off with characteristic ease and expertise.

It's not hard to trace the progress of the evening through the tracks on the record. Beginning with "Ooh Yeah," the song features a repetitive vocal track simply singing "ooh yeah" over and over again. The music starts slowly, building to a joyous frenzy, celebrating the beginning of an evening and all its promise and mystery, still waiting in the club shadows, ready to flash across the dance floor with the playing of the night's first song.

Throughout the record, Moby barely makes an appearance himself at the microphone, and this is a good thing. While his skill with the mixer and beat machine is unquestionable, his vocals often have had a somewhat boring and dulling effect on previous albums. You just have to think back to "Play's" hit "Southside," a duet with Gwen Stefani, to remember why Moby shouldn't ever be adding his own voice to a record.

As the album progresses, the pulses of the evening become more evident. Things start to slow down just a little

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bit with the rather melancholy track "Degenerates." Following the first 10 tunes, it highlights the trance-like sensation of being awake and confused, surrounded by strangers and even stranger stimuli. It's not a bad track, but it's a bit boring.

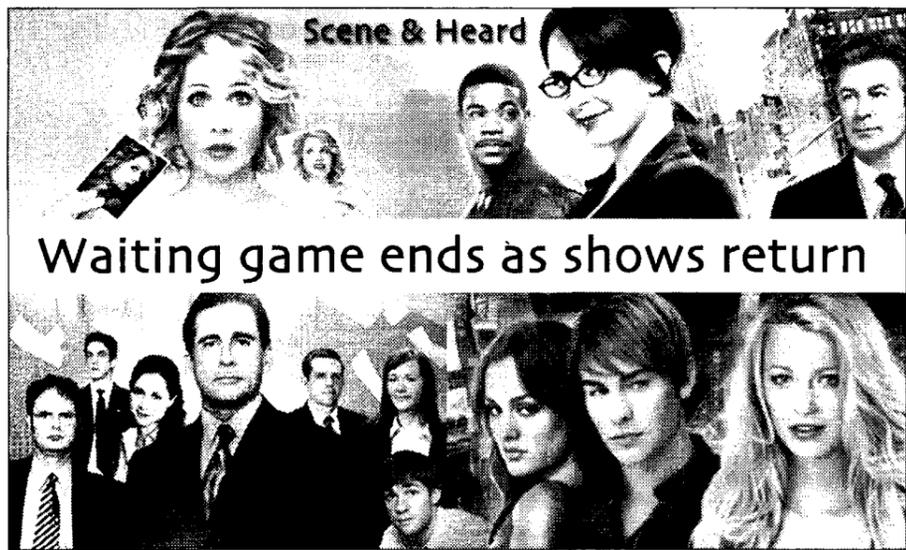
After "Degenerates" come "Sweet Apocalypse" and "Mothers of the Night." While neither features any vocal tracks, both contribute to the winding-down tempo of the night. Void of the elated spirits highlighted on the album's first tracks, they are more rooted in desire for expression of darkened prayers. They are eerily observational, showing that the clubber is quite aware of the varying levels of sensation and experience circling through the mind as the evening progresses on quickly towards dawn.

While the album doesn't quite have moments as strong and resoundingly powerful as was found on tracks like "Play's" epic "Natural Blues" featuring Jill Scott, "Last Night" is still a welcome return to the dance music form for Moby. He's shown us that he's still in the club, still listening, taking in everything and summarizing obvious complexities of thought into a thoroughly enjoyable and solid set of tunes.

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Last Night
Moby

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Recommended Tracks: "Ooh Yeah," "Sweet Apocalypse" and "Mothers of the Night"



Scene & Heard

Waiting game ends as shows return

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When the writers' strike ended a month and a half ago, I rejoiced in the metaphorical streets in my mind. My favorite TV shows were returning and I could begin to blow off my homework and social life again so I could re-watch episodes of "30 Rock" four times.

Cassie Belek

*Assistant
Scene Editor*

But what I was really in for was a long wait until television shows resumed production and began airing new episodes. I couldn't have been happier when "How I Met Your Mother" returned on March 17, but that only meant that I would still have to wait until April for the rest of my shows to finally come back. Guess what? It's April, and these are the shows I can't wait to see again.

"Samantha Who?"

Monday, April 7, 8:30 p.m.

This freshman comedy charmed me from the first moment Samantha Newly awoke from her coma. Christina Applegate stars as a former bad girl who's trying to make good after forgetting her identity and past misdeeds. Samantha is joined by her childhood best friend she abandoned after gaining popularity, her bad-girl partner in crime who tries to get her to remember her naughty ways and her ex-boyfriend who she still harbors feelings for. In each episode, Samantha remembers a little something about her past and learns a new lesson. The format could get old, but "Samantha Who?" manages to keep it fresh and funny.

"The Office"

Thursday, April 10, 8 p.m.

Was I disappointed in "The Office" this season? Heck yes. But am I still excited for "The Office" to return? Of course. I stuck through "Friends" and "The West Wing" through all their rough patches so I won't abandon "The Office" just because I think Michael Scott has lost all grounding in reality and Jim and Pam are so boring. There are so many things to look forward to in the show, like Kelly and Darryl's blossoming relationship and Angela fighting her feelings for Dwight. And then there's Toby. I really miss Toby.

"30 Rock"

Thursday, April 10, 8:30 p.m.

What have I done without Liz Lemon and Jack Donaghy all these months? I'm really not quite sure. "30 Rock" has become my new "Arrested Development" (Jack Donaghy is my new Lucille Bluth), and the second season was on fire until the writers' strike put it out. "30 Rock" has surpassed "The Office" in comedy and excellence, and it's about time viewers started noticing. Thankfully, the show that brought us the dance hits "Werewolf Bar Mitzvah" and "Muffin Top" will be back in my life soon. My biggest hope? That the Floydster returns to Liz Lemon before she dies and meets a super-cute guy in heaven.

"Gossip Girl"

Monday, April 21, 8 p.m.

I know that I was probably the only one who watched the fourth season of "The O.C." (and people still don't believe me that it was awesome), but I was quite sad when the soapy teen drama was cancelled. And then "Gossip Girl" came to me in all its Upper East Side wealth and glamour. "Gossip Girl" has all the conniving, pretty people that "The O.C." had without Marissa (I hated her). I just hope that Serena gets less boring soon because right now, this show is all about Blair.

"Ugly Betty"

Thursday, April 24, 8 p.m.

Is it okay that I like Gio more than Henry? Because I think Betty does too. And with Henry running off to Tuscan soon to be with his baby mama (or is she?), Betty needs someone in her life who won't get anyone pregnant. This is a love triangle that probably won't go away any time soon, and I'm OK with that. I'm really just excited to have Wilhelmina, Marc and Amanda back in my life. My Thursdays aren't complete without their catty quips and sinister dealings.

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Gio, left, and Betty's personalities may clash, but this duo's chemistry is enough evidence that these two belong together. Henry doesn't stand a chance.

April's Must-see Movies Leatherheads - April 4



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MLB

Lester, Ortiz help Red Sox blank Athletics

Bannister shuts down Detroit's vaunted offense as Kansas City improves to 2-0 for the first time in 28 years

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — After opening day in Japan, an exhibition weekend in Los Angeles and yet another opener in Oakland, the Boston Red Sox are finally headed back east from the Far East.

And they're still off to a rock-solid start to their crazy season.

Jon Lester pitched three-hit ball into the seventh inning, David Ortiz broke open a scoreless game with a two-run homer and the Red Sox beat the Athletics 5-0 Wednesday.

Kevin Youkilis had a double and a run-scoring single while setting the major league record for consecutive errorless games by a first baseman as the Red Sox defeated the A's for the third time in a four-game series that began last week in Tokyo. Boston won two straight in Oakland, with Lester and Daisuke Matsuzaka carrying the Red Sox until their hitters perk up.

"We're certainly not on all cylinders," manager Terry Francona said. "That may be part of the trip ... but what they did today was good enough."

The Red Sox still aren't done with a 16,000-mile trip that included two exhibitions against Japanese teams and a game in front of 115,300 fans at Los Angeles' Memorial Coliseum. Boston has a three-game weekend series in Toronto before finally getting back to Fenway Park.

Lester (1-1), who lost his season debut in Japan, didn't allow an Oakland runner to reach second base after the first inning. He retired 10 straight batters before Emil Brown dapped a weak single into right field with two outs in the seventh. Lester then left to a standing ovation from a crowd made up of roughly 75 percent Red Sox fans.

"I don't think the whole Japan thing is as big a deal as everybody is making it out to be," Lester said. "Sure, it was a long flight, but we had a few days to adjust, and now I think it's fine."

Jason Varitek added a ninth-inning homer for Boston, and relievers Bryan Corey and Manny Delcarmen completed the shutout for the World Series champions, who held the A's to one run in the last

two games.

Ortiz was hitless in his first 12 at-bats this season before a fifth-inning single. He followed with a drive over the right-field fence against former Red Sox reliever Alan Embree (0-1) as the A's bullpen wasted Rich Harden's second strong start.

"I always do, I don't know why," Ortiz said of his penchant for slow starts. "It's about the same this year. It might be a little more crazy because we've been out of the country for a while."

Lester was matched by Harden, the injury-plagued right-hander who started just four games last year. He yielded four hits and four walks while striking out six and repeatedly escaping trouble in five innings.

"I wanted to keep my pitch count down and get a little deeper into the game," Harden said. "But it was one of those ones today where I kind of battled through it and threw a lot of pitches. I didn't really have any quick innings, so there's no point in pushing it. As the season goes on, we're going to extend it, definitely."

Harden and Lester faced each other last month in Tokyo, with Harden getting the win with nine strikeouts in six innings of three-hit ball.

Youkilis played his 194th consecutive mistake-free game at first base to break Steve Garvey's record for errorless games at their position. Youkilis even made a running, over-the-shoulder catch of Bobby Crosby's foul popup to end the seventh, and he adeptly fielded Jack Cust's grounder to end the game.

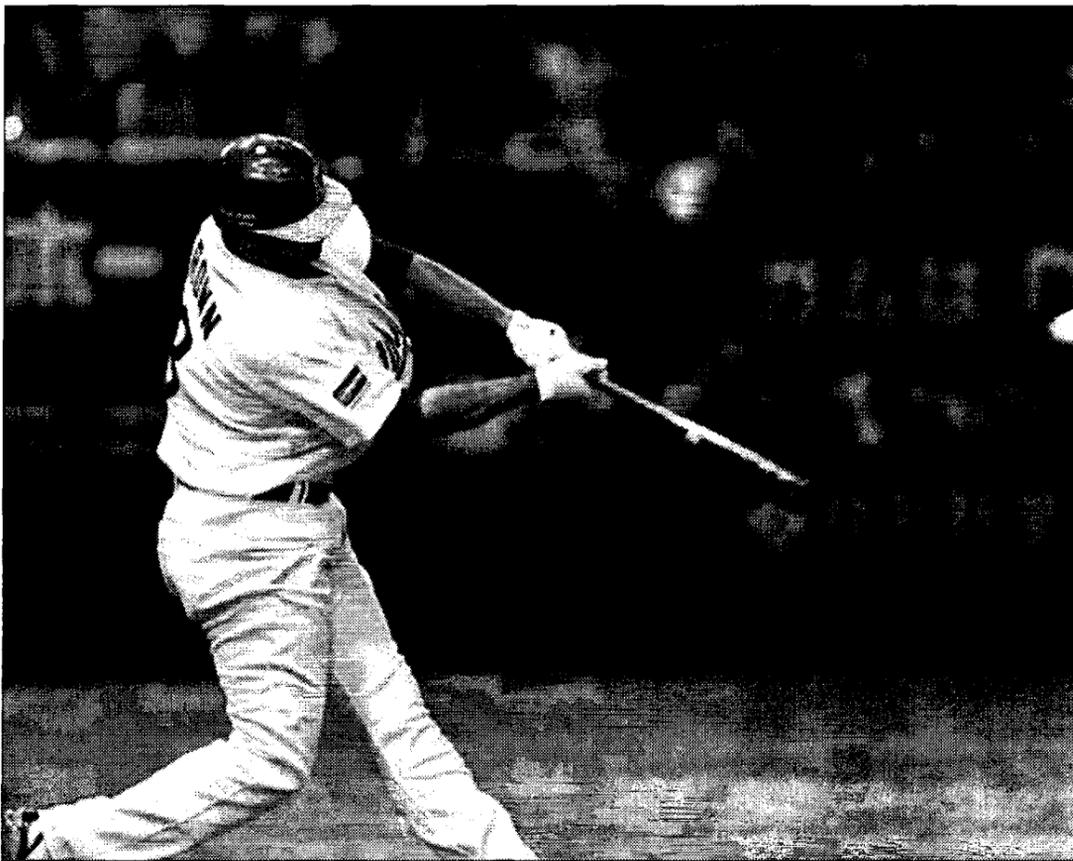
The A's gave first base to Youkilis in appreciation, and the ball used on his final putout was sent to the Hall of Fame.

Royals 4, Tigers 0

If Brian Bannister were a lefty, people would call him crafty. Instead, he'll have to settle for effective.

Bannister stymied the Detroit Tigers' heralded offense Wednesday, allowing two singles in seven innings as the Kansas City Royals won.

"That's a very good lineup, and they are going to score a lot of runs, but I also know that they have a lot more expectations than we do," Bannister said. "That's why I



Athletics outfielder Emil Brown hits a homerun off Red Sox pitcher Jon Lester in the third inning of the opening game of the season at the Tokyo Dome in Tokyo, Japan on March 26.

wanted to put them under pressure early."

Bannister doesn't try for a lot of strikeouts, preferring to induce grounders and fly balls.

"I get criticized for the way I pitch, but I believe in it, and it's working," said Bannister, who went 12-9 with a 3.87 ERA as a rookie last season.

Kansas City is 2-0 for the second time in 28 years. The Royals won their first nine games in 2003 en route to their only winning season since 1993.

"This isn't the time to get cocky," new manager Trey Hillman said. "Banny pitched very well today, and this is a nice start, but that's still a very good team and we've got to face them again tomorrow."

Detroit's high-paid attack has only scored four runs in 20 innings. The Tigers moved one runner into scoring position Wednesday and are hitting .191 with 19 strikeouts through two games.

"If we got shut out by someone who was hanging breaking balls and leaving pitches in the middle of the plate, I'd be concerned," Tigers manager

Jim Leyland said. "But when a guy locates like he did today, that's the way it goes. You aren't going to wear out good pitching that locates. You've got to take advantage of mistakes, and we didn't do that."

Edgar Renteria had Detroit's only hits, all singles.

"He was always strike one on everybody, and when you do that, you get in a rhythm," said Gary Sheffield, who went 0-for-3. "Let's just hope that was the last shutout. We'll turn around."

Bannister (1-0) gave up leadoff singles to Renteria in the first and fourth innings, didn't walk a batter and struck out four. Leo Nunez and Joakim Soria each threw a scoreless inning of relief.

"I haven't gone farther than this yet this spring, and the way our bullpen is throwing, I'm happy to hand the ball to those guys," Bannister said.

Kenny Rogers (0-1) dropped to 0-5 in nine starts since he beat Cleveland on July 4. He allowed two runs and five hits in six innings.

"I'm disappointed that I didn't hold us in there close

enough, but all in all, those are the type of results you'll take every time out," he said. "Over the season, this is an outing that I'll win a few times."

Rogers matched Bannister for the first five innings, allowing only a pair of singles, but got into trouble in the sixth.

Mark Grudzielanek doubled with one out, improving to 12-for-20 (.600) against Rogers. Jose Guillen doubled with two outs and Billy Butler hit a 400-foot double to center for a 2-0 lead.

"The second run was not very good pitching," Rogers said. "It was a dumb pitch, and Butler crushed it."

Kansas City added two more runs in the eighth. Zach Miner struck out Alex Gordon and Guillen with runners on the corners, but Butler and Mark Teahen followed with RBI singles.

"If you can keep scoring runs with two out, you'll be a pretty good ball club," Butler said. "Banny was so good today that when we finally got some runs, it seemed huge."

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NCAA Men's Lacrosse Inside Lacrosse Top 20

rank	team	record	points
1	Syracuse	7-1	347
2	Duke	10-1	342
2	Maryland	7-2	319
4	Virginia	9-1	305
5	Georgetown	5-2	288
6	North Carolina	7-2	253
7	NOTRE DAME	7-1	251
8	Cornell	7-1	236
9	Navy	8-2	218
10	Johns Hopkins	3-4	170
11	Army	7-2	167
12	UMBC	5-3	158
13	Drexel	8-2	144
14	Princeton	4-3	131
15	Bucknell	7-2	101
16	Brown	6-2	70
17	Ohio State	5-3	65
18	Delaware	7-3	58
19	Hofstra	3-4	54
20	Loyola Maryland	4-4	42

NCAA Women's Lacrosse Bounce/Inside Lacrosse Top 20

rank	team	record	points
1	Northwestern	10-0	220
2	Princeton	7-0	207
2	Maryland	9-1	200
4	Virginia	8-2	186
5	Syracuse	8-2	162
6	Georgetown	8-2	159
7	Duke	7-3	157
8	Pennsylvania	7-1	154
9	George Mason	7-1	119
10	North Carolina	8-3	118
11	Boston University	8-2	108
12	NOTRE DAME	8-3	89
13	Yale	7-3	85
14	New Hampshire	9-2	78
15	Johns Hopkins	5-4	64
16	Oregon	9-3	54
17	Vanderbilt	7-4	51
18	Stanford	6-5	33
19	JMU	4-5	21
20	Dartmouth	4-4	16

IWLL Men's Lacrosse Conference Standings

team	conference	overall
NOTRE DAME	1-0	7-1
Ohio State	1-0	5-3
Quinnipiac	0-1	6-1
Bellarmine	0-1	6-3
Denver	0-0	6-4
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Big East Women's Lacrosse Conference Standings

team	conference	overall
Syracuse	2-0	9-2
Georgetown	2-0	8-2
NOTRE DAME	2-1	8-3
Rutgers	1-1	5-6
Loyola Maryland	1-3	3-7
Connecticut	0-3	1-9

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6 p.m., ESPN

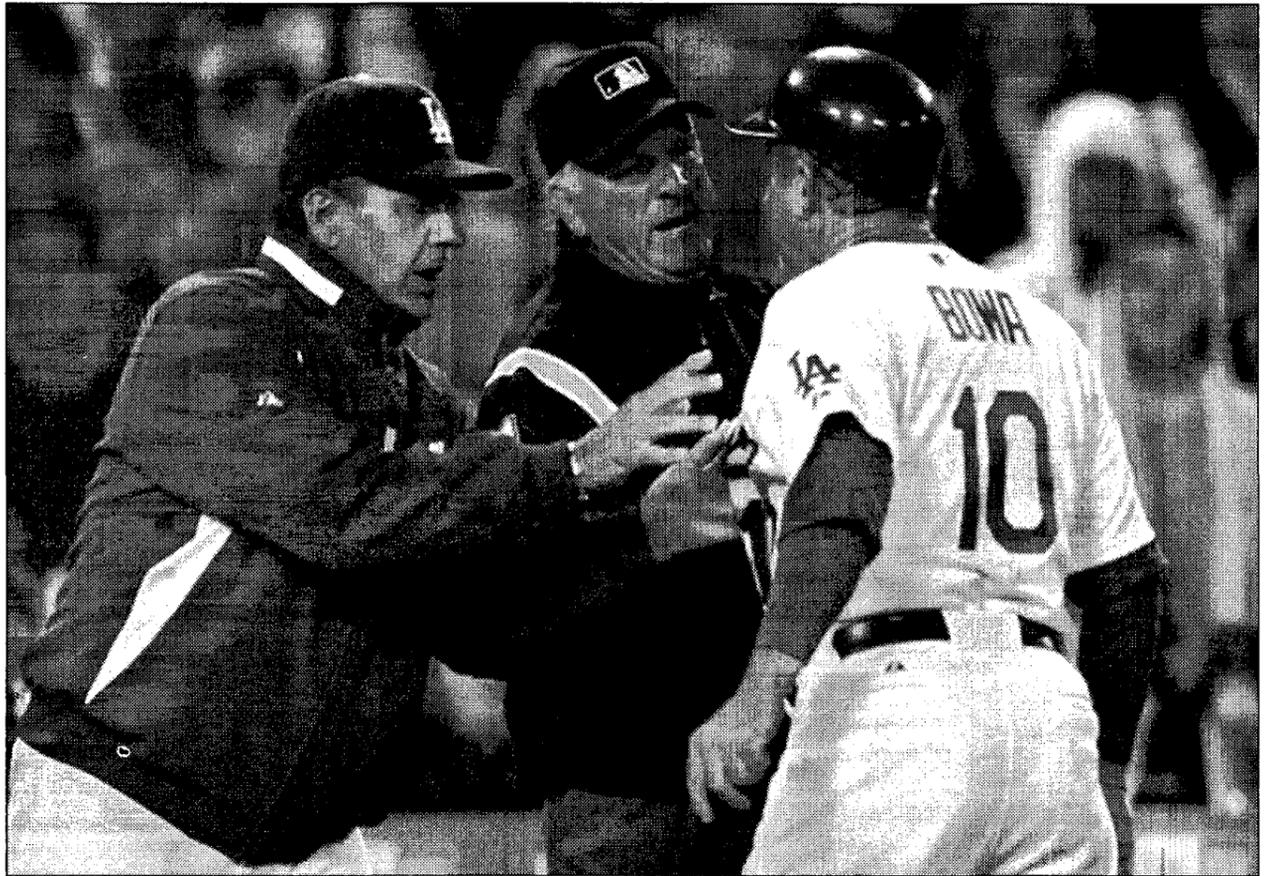
Slam Dunk & 3-Point Championships
8 p.m., ESPN

NBA

Chicago at Cleveland
8 p.m., TNT

Houston at Portland
10:30 p.m., TNT

MLB



Los Angeles Dodgers manager Joe Torre, left, attempts to separate third-base coach Larry Bowa, right, from umpire Ed Montague. Bowa was thrown out of the game Tuesday for standing outside his coaching box.

Bowa tossed, suspended after dispute

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Dodgers third-base coach Larry Bowa was suspended for three games and fined by the commissioner's office Wednesday following a wild argument.

Bowa was ejected from Tuesday night's game against San Francisco in the sixth inning by umpire Ed Montague, who had told him to keep within the boundaries of the coaching box.

Bob Watson, baseball's vice president in charge of discipline, cited Bowa for "inappropriate and aggressive conduct," which included making contact with Montague several times.

Major League Baseball announced in late February that starting this year, first- and third-base coaches must not cross the lines toward home plate or the field until batted balls pass them. Only then can they take up other spots to guide runners.

In November, general managers decided big league base coaches must wear protective headgear this year, starting with exhibition games.

Double-A first base coach Mike Coolbaugh was killed by a line drive to the neck last season.

Third-base coaches routinely stand much closer to the plate than

the lines permit, trying to get a better look at where outfielders are positioned.

"I did it all spring, nobody said a word," Bowa said after the game. "I did it yesterday, nobody said a word. It's impossible to coach third and stay in the box with a runner at second."

Montague said it was "probably one of the dumbest ejections he's had."

"We got a memo and an edict, and they're adamant about the box and stuff," the umpire said. "Don't go up in front of the box toward home plate, and don't get any closer to the foul lines. I told Bo in the bot-

tom of the fifth, because he got up close. And that's what caught my eye. And I just told him, 'Bo, you got the memo, we got the memo, and you've got to stay back.' I went over and told Joe in-between innings what I told Bo. And Bo just said, 'I'm going to do it the way I've always been doing it.'

The ejection was Bowa's first since July 11, 2004, when he was managing Philadelphia and got banished after arguing balls and strikes with umpire Rob Drake. He was ejected 22 times during his four-year stint as Phillies manager, and five times while piloting San Diego — all in 1987.

IN BRIEF

McNamee sells Clemens mementos online for charity

BOSTON — Brian McNamee was planning to dump all his mementos of his relationship with Roger Clemens.

Then a friend persuaded him to think better of it.

Now the former personal trainer who claims he injected the seven time Cy Young Award winner with steroids is selling dozens of personal items in an online auction, and donating the profits to his juvenile diabetes charity.

A baseball signed by Clemens and McNamee that started the day Thursday at \$38 was bidding \$4,000 by late afternoon, said Phil Castinetti, a friend of McNamee's and owner of SportsWorld in Saugus who is handling the sale.

At Castinetti's suggestion, McNamee turned over 50 to 60 items including hats, uniforms, balls and pictures of Roger Clemens, Andy Pettitte, Jose Canseco — "all the steroid guys," Castinetti says.

The first auction will end Friday. Sorry, no syringes.

NFL makes several changes, playoff reseeding voted down

PALM BEACH, Fla. — A show of hands made it obvious that reseeding the NFL playoffs wasn't such a good idea.

So the league's competition committee withdrew the proposal Wednesday after an informal vote sent it "down in flames," according to New York Giants co-owner John Mara.

The owners did pass several resolutions, including eliminating the forceout on receptions; allowing teams to defer their decision to the second half when winning the opening coin toss; and making field goals and extra points subject to replay review to determine whether the ball passes over the crossbar and through the uprights.

In addition, any direct snap from center that is untouched by the quarterback now will be a live ball; in the past it was considered a false start and the play was blown dead. The 5-yard penalty for incidental contact with a facemask has been eliminated, with the 15-yarder remaining for any grasping or twisting of the facemask.

Knicks hire Walsh as president, Thomas' future questionable

NEW YORK — Donnie Walsh is in. Now he needs a little time before deciding if Isiah Thomas is out.

Walsh was hired Wednesday as the New York Knicks' president of basketball operations, taking one of Thomas' jobs. Sometime soon, he will decide if Thomas keeps the other one as coach.

Walsh will have complete power to decide. Madison Square Garden chairman James Dolan gave the long-time Pacers executive full autonomy to shape everything from the team's roster to the organization's media policy.

The Knicks (20-54) are finishing their seventh straight losing season and are just as dysfunctional off the court. Thomas and Dolan were found to have sexually harassed a former team executive, Thomas has feuded with some players this season, and fans at Madison Square Garden frequently chant for him to be fired.

NBA

LeBron fouls out in Cavs victory over Bobcats

Arenas makes return in Wizards' loss to Bucks; Celtics tie record for best single-season turnaround with win over Pacers

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — LeBron James scored 29 points before fouling out for the only the fourth time in his career, but the Cleveland Cavaliers made several big plays down the stretch and held off the Charlotte Bobcats 118-114 on Wednesday night to snap a six-game road skid.

James was called for his sixth foul when he reached in on Charlotte's Jason Richardson at the top of his drive to the basket with Cleveland leading 104-101 with 3:56 left.

The crowd cheered as James went to the bench, then watched Wally Szczerbiak, Devin Brown and Zydrunas Ilgauskas step up.

Szczerbiak hit a jumper, Brown hit two free throws and Ilgauskas had two buckets as the Cavaliers took a 113-106 lead. Richardson hit two 3-pointers to get the Bobcats to 116-114, but Brown made two free throws with 20 seconds left to put it away.

Brown finished with 20

points, Anderson Varejao added 17 points and 12 rebounds and Ilgauskas had 16 points and 12 rebounds for Cleveland, which improved to 17-22 on the road.

Richardson had 31 points, Emeka Okafor matched a season high with 25 and Gerald Wallace scored 21 for the Bobcats, who lost their second straight game amid questions of coach Sam Vincent's future.

With the Bobcats out of the playoff picture, part-owner Michael Jordan hasn't said if Vincent will return next season. And on the same day Vincent made a passionate plea to keep his job, the Bobcats couldn't take advantage of James' absence.

Early on James wowed the crowd which included Davidson guard Stephen Curry. James so impressed with Curry's torrid streak during the NCAA tournament he attended Davidson's upset win over Wisconsin last week in Detroit, when Curry scored 33 points.

Bucks 110, Wizards 109
Agent Zero is back. Now the

Washington Wizards have to figure out how to win with him.

Gilbert Arenas made a surprise return Wednesday night after 66 games away, but Ramon Sessions provided the Arenas-like dramatics with a 19-foot jumper at the buzzer to give the Milwaukee Bucks a victory over the Wizards.

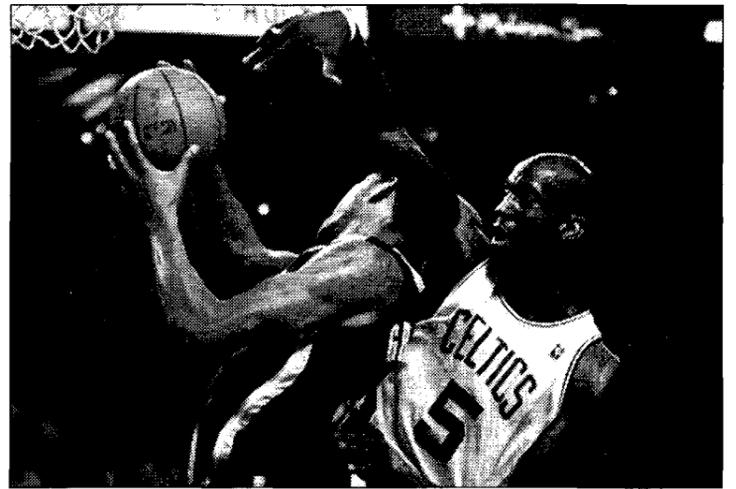
The Bucks, who never led by more than one point, set up the perfect inbounds play to win the game. With 1.1 seconds left, Royal Ivey threw the ball in to Andrew Bogut, who found Sessions open in the corner. There was barely a tick left on the clock as the ball left Sessions' hands, but the shot was clearly good upon instant replay review.

Sessions gave the Bucks a chance to win by chasing down a loose ball in the backcourt after losing a jump ball to Caron Butler with 6.3 seconds left. Butler tipped the ball toward teammate Antawn Jamison, but Jamison had to dive into the second row of seats to save it inbounds, keeping it alive for the hustling Sessions.

Celtics 92 , Pacers 77

Kevin Garnett had 20 points and 11 rebounds, and the Boston Celtics tied the NBA record for the best single-season turnaround with a win over the Indiana Pacers on Wednesday night.

With the league's best record at 60-15, the Celtics have 36 more wins than last season when they finished 24-58, the



Celtics forward Kevin Garnett, right, defends Indiana Pacers forward Danny Granger during Boston's 92-77 victory Wednesday.

NBA's second worst mark. The only other team to improve by that much was the San Antonio Spurs, who went from 20-62 in 1996-97 to 56-26 the next season, Tim Duncan's first.

The Celtics added Garnett in the offseason and have won 60 games for the first time in 22 years. They were 67-15 in 1985-86, when they won the most recent of their 16 NBA championships. That was their sixth 60-win season in a seven-season stretch.

Boston won its fifth straight and increased its Eastern Conference lead to 6 1/2 games over Detroit, which was idle. The Celtics lowered their magic number for clinching the No. 1 seed to two.

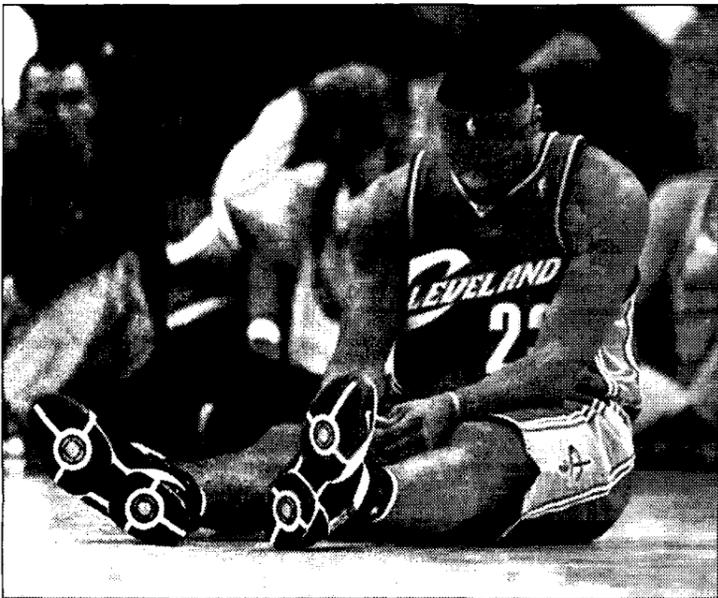
Indiana dropped 3 1/2 games behind Atlanta for the final

playoff spot in the East with each team having seven games remaining after Wednesday night, when the Hawks faced Toronto.

The Pacers were led by Danny Granger with 14 points and Mike Dunleavy and Jermaine O'Neal with 12 each. O'Neal came off the bench for the second game since missing 33 straight with a bone bruise on his left knee.

Ray Allen had 15 points and Leon Powe had 14 with nine rebounds for the Celtics.

Boston hit its first four shots of the game and Indiana missed its first six as the Celtics never trailed. They took a 35-24 lead with 7:26 left on a 3-pointer by James Posey and led by at least 10 points the rest of the way.



Cavallers forward LeBron James reacts after fouling out in Cleveland's 118-114 win over Charlotte Wednesday.

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NHL

LaRose's hat trick leads Carolina over Tampa

Crosby scores two as Penguins clinch first division title in 10 years, Devils struggle in narrow defeat of Bruins

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — After missing nearly two months with a broken leg, Chad LaRose is making up for lost time. His latest effort helped the Carolina Hurricanes stay one step ahead in the Southeast Division race.

LaRose scored three goals to lead Carolina past the Tampa Bay Lightning 6-2 on Wednesday night.

"Sitting out for so long was so tough, and I promised myself when I would get back that I'd be great every shift," LaRose said. "I'm trying to work at it."

Eric Staal and Tuomo Ruutu each had a goal and an assist, and Scott Walker also scored

for Carolina, which broke a 1-all tie by scoring four straight goals. The Hurricanes lead Washington by two points in the Southeast race with one game left. The Capitals have two games remaining.

The Hurricanes could wrap up the division crown and the No. 3 seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs by beating Florida on Friday in the regular-season finale or by having the Capitals lose one of their final two games in regulation.

"One more game to win, and we look forward to the challenge against Florida," Staal said. "We need to come out with that same energy and passion that we did tonight, and just take it to them."

Martin St. Louis had a goal and an assist, Jeff Halpern scored, and Mike Smith stopped 26 shots for last-place Tampa Bay, which lost its second straight. The Lightning allowed two power-play goals after being perfect on the penalty kill during their previous four games.

"It's been a tough year. We've had some personnel changes. We're trying to work together and get better as a team, but obviously, we know where we're at," St. Louis said. "We're trying to work for the future and trying to work hard to come together as a team."

Cam Ward turned aside 23 shots in his career-best 19th straight start, the longest streak by a Carolina goalie since Arturs Irbe started 26 consecutive games from February-April 2001. The Hurricanes snapped a two-game slide that put their once-secure playoff position in peril.

They frittered away most of the six-point division lead they had with six games left after the Capitals beat them in a shootout last week and then topped them 4-1 Tuesday to turn up the pressure inside the dressing room.

Penguins 4, Flyers 2

Sidney Crosby scored twice and Evgeni Malkin netted the go-ahead goal for the Pittsburgh Penguins, who clinched their first division title in 10 years with a 4-2 win over the Philadelphia Flyers on Wednesday night.

The Penguins secured the

Atlantic Division title only two years after they had the Eastern Conference's worst record and the NHL's second-worst mark. They also overtook idle Montreal for the East lead by two points. The Canadiens have two games remaining, at home Thursday against Buffalo, and Saturday against Toronto. Pittsburgh ends the regular season Sunday at Philadelphia.

Pittsburgh hadn't won a division title since taking the Northeast in 1997-98, the season after Hall of Famer Mario Lemieux retired for the first time. The Penguins have 102 points to 97 for division rival New Jersey, which beat Boston 3-2 in a shootout but can finish with no more than 101 points.

The Penguins, winning their eighth in a row at home to assure themselves of no worse than the No. 2 seeding in the conference playoffs, trailed 2-1 after the first before turning to their two stars for the game's two biggest goals.

All four were scored on the power play.

Devils 3, Bruins 2

With the Atlantic Division title now out of reach, the New Jersey Devils are working for the next best thing — home-ice advantage for the first round of the playoffs.

Zach Parise scored the only goal in a four-round shootout, and the Devils moved within a win of assuring home ice for the first round by beating the Boston Bruins 3-2 on Wednesday night for their third

straight win.

"We are trying to move forward and play well going into the playoffs," goaltender Martin Brodeur said. "This is a big win. We didn't play our best game. We were patient in the third, not trying to score right away. We got rewarded by a big goal at the end."

The win guarantees that the Devils won't finish lower than fifth in the Eastern Conference, but it wasn't enough to keep them alive in the division race. The Pittsburgh Penguins captured the crown with a victory over Philadelphia on Wednesday.

The Devils can clinch fourth by winning at Philadelphia on Friday or beating the New York Rangers at home Sunday in the regular-season finale.

"We talked about the home-ice advantage," said Parise, who got a shot at the game winner after Brodeur stopped Glen Metropolit, Phil Kessel, David Krejci and Marco Sturm in the shootout. "That's the thing we need to get. It's an important win for us."

Bruins goalie Tim Thomas had stopped Brian Gionta, Patrik Elias and Jamie Langenbrunner before facing Parise.

Parise skated slowly down the middle, make a deke and lifted a backhand over the Thomas' glove.

"I was watching what the other guys were doing, seeing what Thomas was doing," Parise said. "Gionta was saying he's putting his glove down. I just wanted to put it over it."



Hurricanes forward Chad LaRose, right, and Lightning defenseman Jussi Jokinen, left, fight for the puck Wednesday.



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Olympic torch begins journey in Kazakhstan

ALMATY, Kazakhstan — The president of Kazakhstan ran with the Olympic flame Wednesday in a tightly guarded ceremony that he praised as a display of his country's tight relationship with China, the host of the Summer Games.

French athletes and officials promised dissent over Chinese policy after the torch reaches Europe, saying that athletes carrying the torch through Paris would wear badges celebrating free expression. The mayor of Paris said a banner supporting human rights would hang on city hall.

Kazakhstan was the first stop for the Olympic flame on its 130-day global tour. Protests against China's policies toward Tibet and Sudan were expected in several of the 21 stops ahead of the Beijing Summer Games, including London and San Francisco.

About 4,500 policemen were deployed to the ceremony in Almaty, the economic capital of the oil-rich nation former Soviet republic, which has become increasingly dependent on its economic and political ties with neighboring China.

"The fact that the city of Almaty became the first point of the Olympic flame's run proves China's good attitude to Kazakhstan, and Chairman Hu Jintao's good attitude to me personally," President Nursultan Nazarbayev, dressed in a white sports outfit, said before his short symbolic torch run at a mountain resort. Thousands of spectators waved flags and cheered.

"We are grateful for such good feelings toward Kazakhstan," the 67-year old leader said.

A crowd greeted the chartered plane that brought the torch from Beijing. About 80 Kazakh athletes, including Kazakh participants and government officials.

The cheering crowd mostly consisted of university students who were given a day off to participate in the festivities.

Several said that they sympathized with Tibetans who have been protesting against Chinese rule in recent weeks, promising a harsh crackdown. But the students said they chose not to disrupt the ceremonies, fearing detention or expulsion from

university.

Performers in national costumes, symbolizing the multi-ethnic population of Kazakhstan, participated in a lavish ceremony. Horse and camel riders evoked Kazakhstan's past as a major hub of the Great Silk Road.

Predominantly Muslim Kazakhstan borders China's western Xinjiang region and is home to a large community of Uighurs, a Muslim minority in western China whose language and culture are distinct from Han Chinese. Kazakh authorities have arrested some Uighur activists who advocate independence from Beijing and extradited some to China.

The 85,000 miles of torch relay is a record length, meant to showcase China's growing economic and political clout. But the Games have also focused attention on China over the protests in Tibet, the biggest challenge to Chinese rule in the Himalayan region since 1989.

David Douillet, a two-time French gold medalist in judo, said torch carriers in Paris will wear badges as a "distinctive sign" celebrating free expression. He did not say what will be written on them.

Mayor Bertrand Delanoe said city hall will display the banner because "Paris defends human rights all over the world."

Activist group Reporters Without Borders has promised to protest China's crackdown on recent demonstrations in Tibet.

Robert Menard, the group's president, condemned China as the biggest prison in the world and said his members would be protest in T-shirts emblazoned an image of the five rings of the Olympic logo transformed into five handcuffs.

Around 80 athletes will carry the torch over a 17.4-mile route that snakes round the Trocadero, down the Champs-Elysees toward City Hall, then crosses over the river Seine to the Left Bank past the National Assembly, before ending at the Charley track and field facility.

The torch goes to Istanbul, Turkey on April 3; St. Petersburg, Russia on April 5; London on April 6; Paris on April 7 and San Francisco on April 9.

MLB

Injury forces Pedro to DL

Associated Press

MIAMI — Pedro Martinez will be sidelined four to six weeks with what the New York Mets said was a mild strain of his left hamstring.

The three-time Cy Young Award winner was placed on the 15-day disabled list before the Mets' game against the Florida Marlins on Wednesday night.

Martinez was injured Tuesday night, returned to New York on Wednesday and was examined by Dr. David Altchek at the Hospital for Special Surgery.

"We just have to play and get after it," Mets manager Willie Randolph said after Wednesday night's 13-0 win over the Marlins. "We're going to miss him. I'm not trying to downplay losing Pedro. It's unfortunate. He worked real hard to get back to this point. I know he was looking forward to being in the clubhouse around this team to help us win."

The Mets will need Oliver Perez, who threw six shutout innings Wednesday's night, and John Maine to pitch well until Martinez returns, and find another starter.

"We're looking forward to those guys stepping up."



Mets pitcher Pedro Martinez walks off the field after being injured in a game against the Florida Marlins Tuesday.

Randolph said.

Martinez pitched four runs in 3 1-3 innings during a 5-4, 10-inning defeat on Tuesday, limping off the mound after injuring himself during a pitch.

"Everyone feels bad about that," Perez said. "We just have to be prepared and continue to play."

The Mets filled Martinez's roster spot by purchasing the contract of pitcher Nelson Figueroa from

Triple-A New Orleans.

They could put Figueroa in the rotation to start against Philadelphia at home next week. Jorge Sosa is a long shot possibility for the rotation.

"You can't feel sorry for yourself," Mets third baseman David Wright said. "When somebody goes down in the lineup the hitters rally around one another and pick up the slack. I expect the same from the pitchers."

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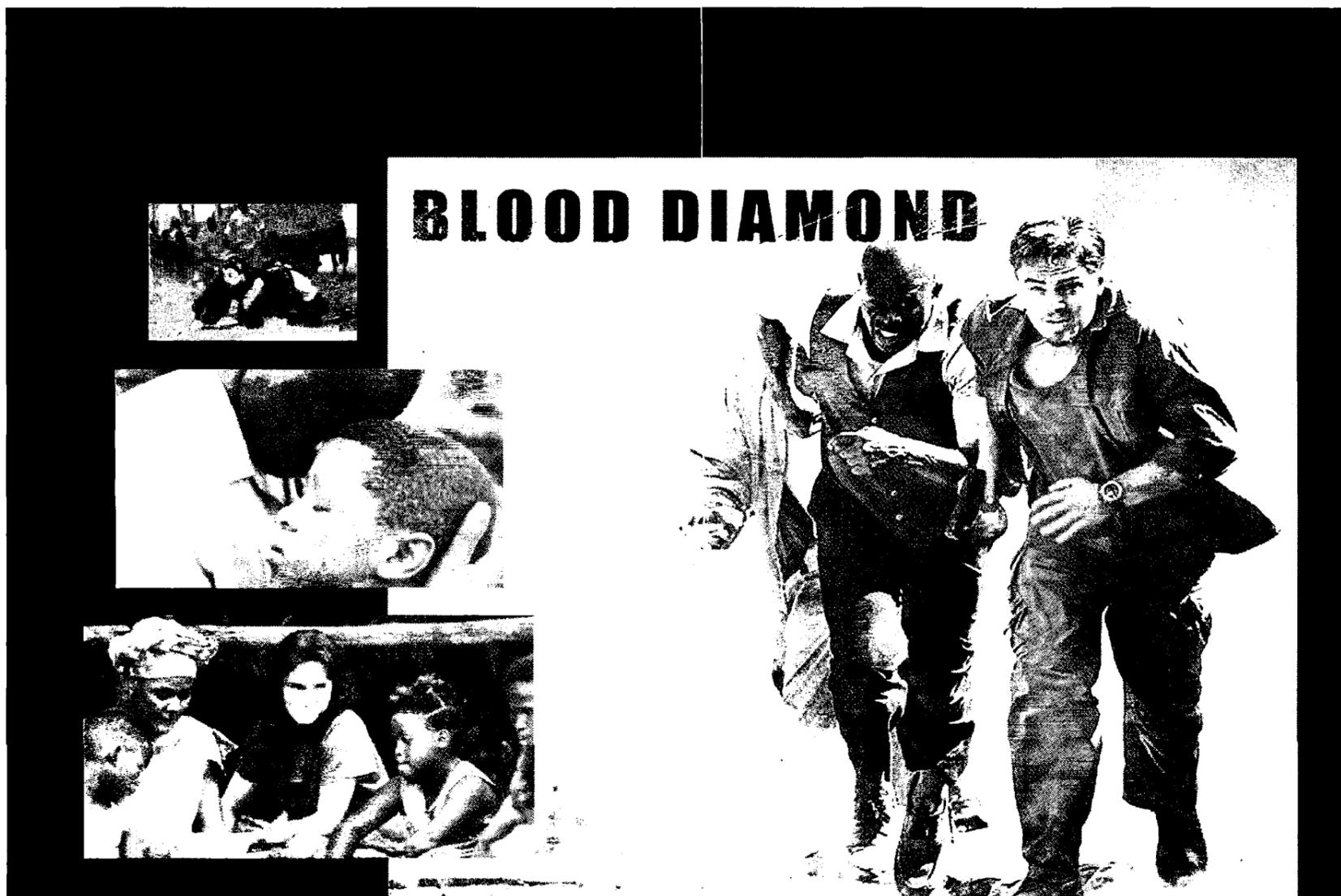
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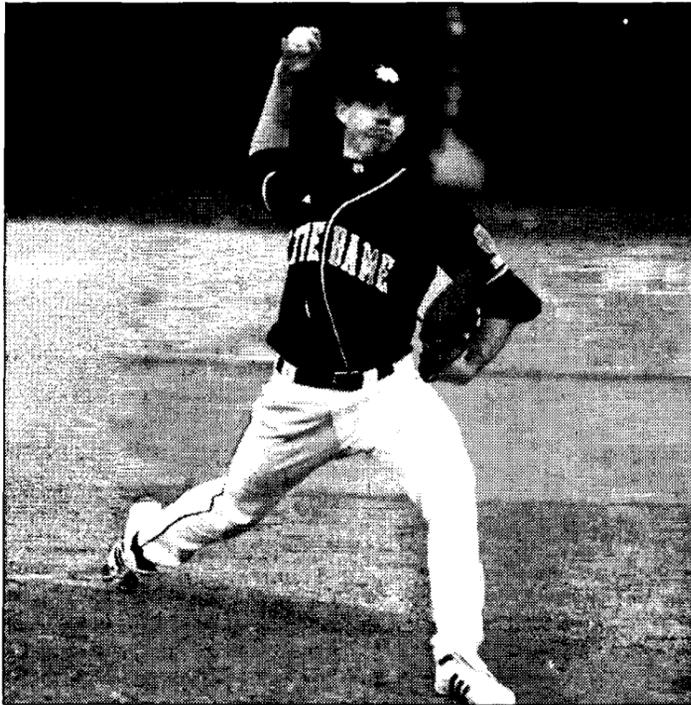
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Silverhawks and the Irish — a portion of ticket sales went toward cancer research and the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation to fight Niemann-Pick Type C Disease.

"I just appreciate the Silverhawks to give us this opportunity to play," Schrage said. "[Silverhawks President] Joe Kernan and [field manager] Mark Haley are both very classy individuals. The people of Michiana got a chance to put baseball in the spotlight tonight, and raise money for a great cause."

Freshman Brian Dupra took the mound for the Irish, and from the first inning showed he was not shaken by the pressure. Dupra opened the game by striking out the side, effectively using his 92-mph fastball. In all three at-bats Dupra located the fastball for a first-pitch strike, and threw only 11 pitches in the inning. "Coming back from the field Brian said that he should have signed his pro contract coming out of high school," Schrage said. "He got hit a little bit in the second, but it was a good line and overall he played great."

The Irish received even more production out of their talented freshman class, as they showed the team was good enough to compete with a minor-league squad. Evan Danieli threw a shutout inning, while Ryan Sharpley gave up one run but struck out two in an inning of work. Freshman Matt Scioscia, hitless on the year entering the game, came up in a big way with a game-tying two-run



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Junior reliever Kyle Weiland delivers a pitch in Notre Dame's 4-3 win over Cincinnati at Eck Stadium on March 29.

double in the fifth inning, and classmate Cameron McConnell ripped an RBI double to the gap.

"It's certainly a weight off my shoulders, it's a relief to finally get the hit, get my feet wet a little bit, especially in a clutch situation like that," Scioscia said. "It helps to stay close with a pro-team like this, it helps give us more confidence, a little bit more of a swagger." The Irish used six other pitchers throughout the rest of the game, getting scoreless innings from freshmen Todd Miller and Joe Spizzirri, sophomore Andrew Scheid, and senior Justin Gingerich. Junior Brett Grafty gave up two unearned runs, while classmate Sam Elam gave up one earned run in his outing. Dupra led the team with four strikeouts

in two innings of work.

Dupra gave up eight runs in his collegiate debut.

"It was cool to come in and pitch against minor leaguers, because you hear about all these guys signing pro-contracts and all that," said Dupra. "But after the way my first college inning went and the way the first inning went tonight, it was tough to hold back a smile walking towards the dugout."

The Irish will look to keep the momentum and the smiles going as they entertain Big East rival Rutgers at Frank Eck Stadium for a four game series beginning this Friday at 5:05pm. Junior David Phelps is slated to take the mound in the

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against the nation's elite teams.

Leading the Blue Devils offensively are junior attackers Carolyn Davis and Meagan Del Monte, who have combined for 55 goals on the season. Davis has also tallied 11 assists and leads Duke in points with 42.

Coyne said the team enjoys facing top competition like Duke outside of conference play.

"This is why we play the game," Coyne said. "We're not here to just be winning. We want to beat the best teams because we want to be the best, and that's how you make that happen."

Notre Dame has certainly proved itself capable against lesser opponents, as it thrashed winless Connecticut 18-11 in its last game. Junior attack Jillian Byers scored seven goals in the contest, extending her season total to 49 — best in the country and eight ahead of William & Mary's Jaime Sellers.

"In the Connecticut game,

she was definitely in the flow," Coyne said. "We were wide-open and they were finding each other. Her off-ball movement is excellent, and she was getting herself open and capitalizing on her opportunities."

Despite Byers' outstanding individual achievements and play, Coyne said the junior's focus remains on doing whatever it takes to win.

"If you asked her whether she wants to be leading the country in scoring or winning a national championship, she'd definitely say a national championship. The records don't really matter to her ... it's all about winning."

Byers was recently named Big East offensive player of the week following her performance in wins over the Huskies and Hofstra. The Irish hope Byers' success will continue when they face off against the Blue Devils at 4 p.m.

The Irish will travel to play at Northwestern and Big-East foe Georgetown next week before returning home to play a non-conference contest with Vanderbilt on April 16.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Poor conditions move Belles game one day

Observer Staff Report

The MIAA conference game between Saint Mary's (13-3) and Olivet (5-11) scheduled for Wednesday was postponed due to poor field conditions in Olivet, Mich.

The doubleheader has been pushed back one day and will now be played today with first pitch scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

The Belles are 13-3 on the season, 2-0 in MIAA play. Olivet brings a 5-11 record into today's game.

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having this many backs, Weis said, is that he can be confident going with any of the three of them in any situation.

"That's one of the positions on the team where you can put three guys out there and feel confident that you are putting a top-flight player out there," he said.

Weis also said that the running backs themselves will "dictate how much they play" based on their performance in spring camp. But regardless of who is standing in the backfield for the first snap, Weis said that all three can expect to see playing time in each game.

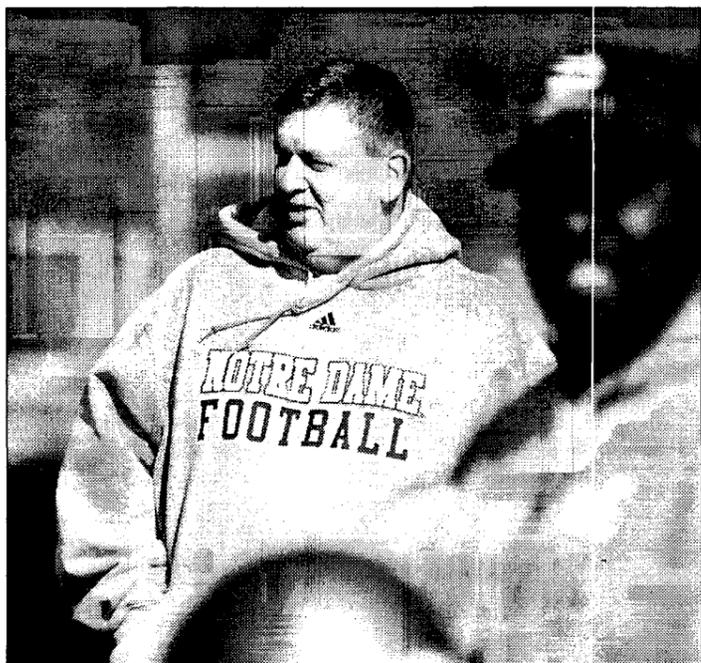
Weis said that he is not looking at anything in particular during the spring; rather, he is doing an overall evaluation of the various skills necessary for a running back to succeed.

"I'm just looking period. I'm just watching. I'm watching blitz pickup. I'm watching run reads. I'm watching routes. I'm watching their hands. I'm watching their knowledge. I'm watching for mental errors. It's all encompassing. I'm looking at everything they do," he said.

Aldridge said this system is "bittersweet" because it means more rest, but with that fewer carries.

"You can get into a flow when you get 20, 25 carries but you also can get tired after a while," he said. "Naturally a person's going to get tired. Coming in and having fresh legs is also a good thing too. I've always been a big fan of fresh legs."

Aldridge said he under-



Head coach Charlie Weis watches over drills during spring practice on Wednesday.

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stands how the system works and that he supports Weis' decision to play whichever tailback seems most ready for that week's game.

"I know coach Weis is a big fan of seeing who has the hot hand and that's who you go with. That's smart. I can't argue with that," Aldridge said. "He pretty much leaves it up to us to see what we can do."

Aldridge also said the unit has worked to develop the "swagger" Weis said he wanted to instill in the team this season, in large part because of offensive coordinator and running backs coach Mike Haywood.

"Our swagger is up there because we all run with an attitude. And that comes from the coaching. Coach Haywood coaches the running backs and his personality comes out through us.

He's a high-tempo coach, big time attitude guy and that's how we're running the ball."

Notes:

◆ Kallen Wade's mother Valerie Wade passed away this week. Saturday's practice and coaching clinic has been moved to 7:30 a.m. at Wade's sister's request so his teammates can join him at the funeral Saturday afternoon in Cincinnati.

◆ Weis and special teams coach Brian Polian visited Virginia Tech on Tuesday to talk with Hokies head coach Frank Beemer, whose teams are known for their great special teams play. Weis said in return he talked with Virginia Tech's offensive coaching staff.

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ing from a scrape on the knee after a loose ball, and there were many more tipped balls. However, the Chu Ballzers were not to be stopped on this day.

Throughout the second half, they opened up the offense, running out on the fast break and, most notably, draining a number of jump shots from outside.

"We'd like to make it to at least the round of 32," said Garcia. "I think we could really surprise some people."

As for the Camels, however, Wednesday's game marked the end of the road.

So Money 21, Spitzer's Callgirls 7

The bright yellow jerseys worn by So Money might initially draw a viewer to watch their game. Their play, however, will certainly keep you watching.

Showcasing athleticism and team organization not normally seen in Bookstore Basketball, So Money disposed of Spitzer's Callgirls.

"We've been playing together for the last three years," So Money captain Brad LeNoir said.

The game, particularly the opening 10 points, was very competitive, much more than the final score would indicate. The teams traded baskets at the beginning, which resulted in a 4-4 tie. From there, however, So Money would take control. Implementing a half court trap, it forced the Callgirls into a number of turnovers and contested shots, and So Money drained its own shots on offense. They scored the final seven points of the first half and ran away to a 11-4 lead.

"We weren't worried," LeNoir said. "But give them credit, they came out and played really well."

In the second half, So Money cruised as it did in the first half, knocking down shots and playing tenacious defense en route to the victory.

"We hope to win it all, but you never know," LeNoir said. "You could easily get matched up against an unseeded team who is really good. Last year, we made it to the round of 32, but this year we are hoping to go farther."

The Callgirls, however, refused to consider themselves the losers, even after the game.

"We may have lost, sure," Callgirl Steve Bold said. "But we were definitely well groomed, though."

And as if that didn't make them winners already, Bold went further.

"Overall, I think we did better than the football team this

year," Bold said. "I should call Coach Weis and give him some pointers."

Manchild Nation 21, Dream Team Ballers 9

An outmatched Dream Team squad of five Saint Mary's girls was unable to put up much of a fight against the Manchild Nation, who dominated most of the game with its physical prowess.

Dream Team started off strong scoring the first basket of the game, but from then on was stifled by Manchild's tough defensive scheme.

Their zone defense caused several fast break lay-ups put the men from Siegfried up 11-3 at halftime.

The Dream Team once again tried to get out to fast start at the beginning of the half by scoring the first point.

However, once again, Manchild Nation answered with several blocks, steals, and lay-ups to pull away.

The Manchild Nation did admit they had a bit of a tough time finishing off the Dream Team.

Bagkehbauw 21, No Bookstore For Old Men 19

In a battle that pitted the young against the old, the freshmen from Bagkehbauw outlasted the senior-laden No Bookstore For Old Men 21-19.

"They had a definite age advantage," No Bookstore for Old Men member P.J. LeBlanc said. "They just out ran us."

The weather conditions proved to be somewhat of an advantage for the seniors.

"It was nice outside, but the wind was definitely a factor," Mat Spencer of Bagkehbauw said.

The game was closely contested. The teams traded baskets for most of the game and neither held a lead greater than three.

Thanks to a string of jump shots, Bagkehbauw took an 11-8 lead into halftime.

The experienced seniors refused to give in and fought their way back to tie the game at 16.

As fatigue began to set in, the younger freshmen displayed their superior fitness and pulled away to win by two.

"We need to work on the age thing in the offseason," LeBlanc said shortly before being reminded of his pending graduation. "They started making jump shots and we didn't."

Spencer is looking forward to the next round

"It was a good win for our team," Spencer said. "We still need to work on our zone offense before next round's game."

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish sweep Boilermakers

Team clinches match with four early wins, holds off Purdue's rally

By DAN MASTERTON
Sports Writer

The Boilermakers staged a strong comeback, pushing three Irish singles player to three-set matches, but the drama was already over.

Notre Dame sealed Wednesday's match early, winning all four early matches handily and then preventing all three Purdue comebacks for a 7-0 sweep.

The Irish (14-7) flexed their muscles early, taking the doubles point on their way to sweeping the match.

The dynamic pair of senior Brook Buck and junior Kelcy Tefft started the sweep with an 8-2 win. Buck and Tefft were ranked the No. 1 doubles pair in the national poll for the third straight time this week. They have won 12 of their last 13 matches.

Sophomores Colleen Rielley and Cosmina Ciobanu fell from the national doubles rankings this past week, but extended their win streak to seven. Their 8-4 win over Cigdem Duru and Joanna Craven improved their record to an impressive 14-1 on the dual season and gave the doubles point to Notre Dame for the eighth straight match.

Sophomore Kali Krisik most

often plays No. 3 doubles with freshman Kristen Rafael, but Rafael has been out since having to retire during the first set of her singles match on March 22 at Texas A&M.

Against Purdue, Krisik played with junior Katie Potts for the second straight match. The duo lost against Indiana in a tiebreak but bounced back to win 8-6 over Purdue's Whitney Reys and Alejandra Boeker to complete the doubles sweep.

However, the momentum did not immediately carry over to the singles matches. Purdue started strong, winning the first two sets but the tide turned quickly.

Potts made a statement by dropping a 6-0, 6-0 "bagel" on Purdue's Boeker. The junior extended her personal winning streak to three and gave the Irish the momentum they needed to take the match.

Krisik fell out of the national rankings this week but continued to play like one of the country's best. After rolling to a 6-0 first set victory, Krisik pulled out a 7-6 win in the second set to improve to 18-3 in the dual season.

Krisik is now 43-10 so far in her two years at Notre Dame, and her .811 winning percentage is good for third in school history.

Tefft made short work of Purdue's No. 1 player Brooke Beier, winning 6-3, 6-1. Tefft is now 10-4 in the No. 1 lineup slot, and her two-set win clinched the match for Notre Dame.

Rielley was next off the court, rebounding from a two-set loss at the hands of Indiana's Lindsey Stuckey to win in three sets over the Boilermakers' Craven, 5-7, 7-5, 6-3.

Ciobanu battled through a three-set thriller of her own. After splitting the first two sets, Ciobanu and Duru played an abbreviated, tiebreaker third set, which Ciobanu won 10-7. She has now played 35 singles matches this year, the most on the team.

Buck capped the sweep by recovering from a 6-7 loss in the first set to win the last two 6-0, 6-3. Buck increased her personal win streak to six, the longest active streak of any Notre Dame player.

The 7-0 win put Notre Dame a season-high seven games above .500. The Irish will try to carry the momentum on the road with them as they travel to Iowa City, Iowa to face the No. 46 Hawkeyes. First serve will be Friday at 4 p.m.

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Pitching

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both of the Notre Dame's RBIs.

"Katie really stepped up for us today, but she has been having that kind of a great year," Gumpf said.

Laing hit a towering home-run over the fence in left-center field on the first pitch she saw from Rockets pitcher sophomore Hannah Rockhold, Laing's third of the year.

"I tried something new at the plate today, and I was seeing the ball very well," Laing said. "I hit the homerun because I was upset at missing the catch on a bloop fly-ball just before."

It was on that fly ball the Rockets put their first and only run on the board. Rockets catcher junior Alison Hess led off the second inning with a double to put a runner in scoring position with no outs. Valdivia almost snuck out of the inning unscathed, retiring the next two batters, but with two outs, Rockets sophomore Whitney Erickson hit the bloop fly-ball that Laing just couldn't quite reach.

Laing plated the game-winner in the third inning with a sharp line-drive to center field that scored freshman Sadie Pitzenberger. That run would prove enough, as the Rockets never had another scoring opportunity for the rest of the game.

Valdivia threw three innings giving up only two hits and one run with four strikeouts.

"Jody [Valdivia] only gave

up that one real hit, and then she got hurt for it because of that little blooper to right field, which she couldn't do anything about," Gumpf said.

Bargar came into the game in the fourth inning and picked up where Valdivia left off, facing the minimum over the final four innings. Bargar notched the win with two strikeouts and no runs, hits, or walks.

"Bargar really shut the door on them," Gumpf said. "Brittney is doing right now what I expect her to do all the time. She is leading the team, she is a very strong force out there on the mound, and she takes control of the hitters."

The only complaint for the Gumpf Irish in this game was the runners they left on base. The Irish had two runners on base with only one out in both the second and fourth innings, and failed to capitalize in both situations.

"We left a lot of runners on base in scoring position," Gumpf said. "And we really need to do a better job of driving them in."

In the second inning, two walks and a bunt had junior Stephanie Mola and sophomore Christine Lux on second and third base, but the next two batters failed to get drive in the potential runs.

"It is an issue when we have runners at second and third and can't score them early," Gumpf said.

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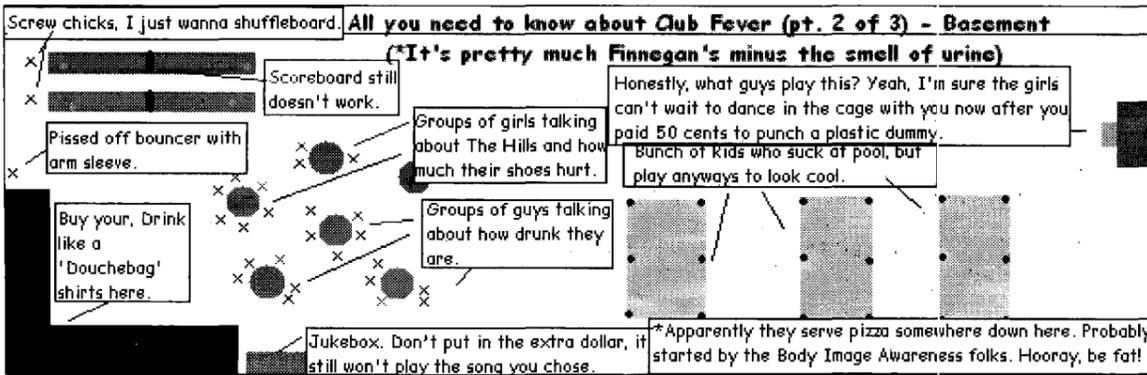
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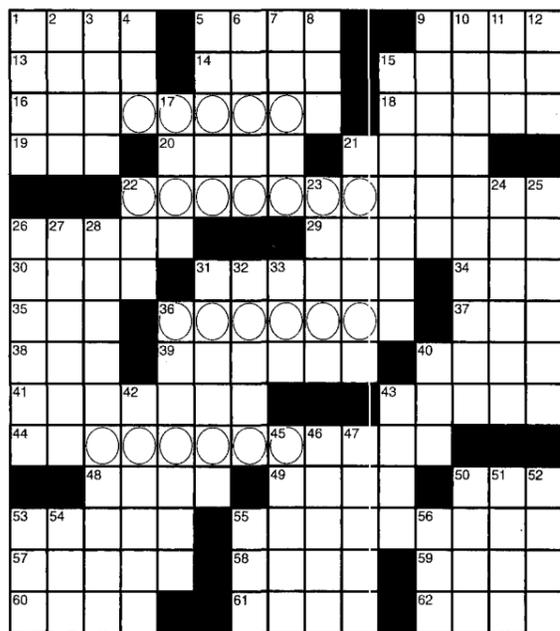
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 - 55 Party snack (and a hint to this puzzle's circled letters)
 - 57 Bullet followers
- Down**
- 1 Flimflam
 - 2 Off-white shade
 - 3 Creator of Oz
 - 4 Abbr. that may precede an ellipsis
 - 5 Like a certain court
 - 6 Sign of fright
 - 7 Owner of The History Channel
 - 8 Instant replay subjects, for short
 - 9 Mother ___
 - 10 Providers of life lessons
 - 11 Words with a familiar ring?
 - 12 "S" on a French shaker
 - 15 Put a new coat on
 - 17 "___ Coming" (1969 Three Dog Night hit)
 - 21 Overseas
 - 22 Priests: Abbr.
 - 23 Summon up
 - 24 Require
 - 25 Get in trouble, in a way, with "on"
 - 26 Susan who wrote the best seller "Compromising Positions"
 - 27 Sighter of the Pacific, Sept. 25, 1513
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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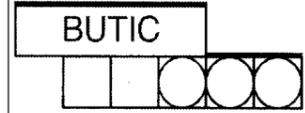
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Yesterday's Jumbles: EXUDE LIMIT CHARGE UNEASY
Answer: When the mechanic installed the new muffler, it was — "EXHAUSTING"

HOROSCOPE

EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Christopher Meloni, 47; Emmylou Harris, 61; Linda Hunt, 63; Leon Russell, 66

Happy Birthday: Don't feel pressured to move too quickly to make a decision or to finalize a deal. Study carefully each situation you face. You have far greater control than you realize -- you can organize your time and your priorities to reach the maximum end result. Your numbers are 2, 13, 20, 23, 25, 31

ARIES (March 21-April 19): An unusual connection will get you thinking about the possibilities that exist. Patience will be required and trimming your plans down to something that will not leave you short financially will be the key to your success. 4 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Stick to what benefits you and your interests. Giving your money or donating to someone else's cause will end up in personal loss. Serious thought, planning and action will pay off if you go forward alone. 2 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't let anyone persuade you to go in one direction when you clearly want to go in another. Your imagination and intuition will lead you to the results you want. Avoid anyone who is using emotional blackmail. 5 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll be tempted to do things differently or to change your lifestyle if you meet someone who impresses you. Things are looking up and it's time for you to put your efforts into something you believe in. You won't have to go far to find what you want. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Give more thought to your financial situation. Make creative adjustments that will help you budget efficiently. Now is not the time to pay for others or to support someone else's needs. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll be getting attention but don't let it go to your head. A money game or power struggle may cause you to lose out if you allow compliments to sway a decision you must make. Have fun but don't get too serious about what others are asking of you. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be creative when looking for answers but don't give in to something or someone who will make you angry or feel used later on. This is not the time to try to impress someone at the expense of losing out on something you want for yourself. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Travel and communication will lead you to a lucrative endeavor. You may want to make a physical or mental change in order to take full advantage of an opportunity or offer that is available. 5 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You won't be thinking clearly when it comes to emotional or personal matters and this can lead to mistakes. Refrain from sharing your thoughts until you know where everyone else stands. Someone is likely to put restrictions on you. 2 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't fall into the trap that someone who wants your support dangles in front of you. If it sounds too good to be true, it is. Do your research and make sure you understand all the possible consequences. Take the reins and make a few adjustments. 4 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't shut down due to emotional upset. Instead, make adjustments and continue in the direction that suits you best. Your strength to move forward on your own will make a statement that will be respected. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be prepared to do some damage control if a secret matter is revealed because of an emotional mishap. You can come out of whatever situation looking good if you are conscious of what is fair and just for everyone involved. 3 stars

Birthday Baby: You are creative, sensitive and compassionate. You are insightful and helpful, an advocate of justice and fair play and passionate about standing up for the underdog.

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FOOTBALL

Three-legged race

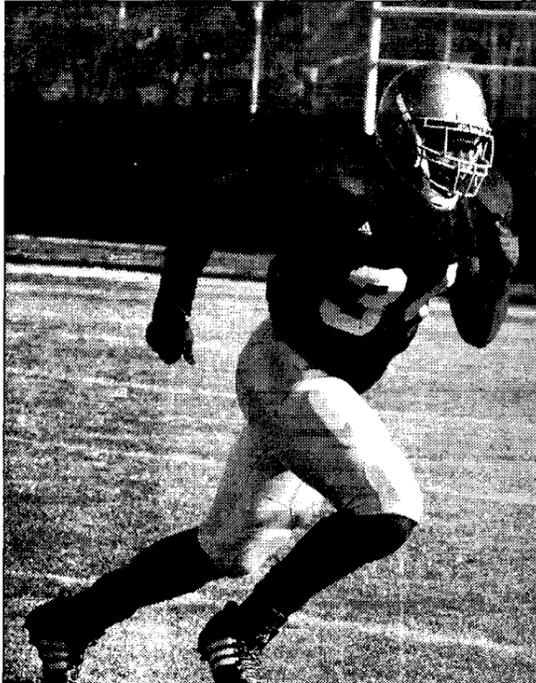
Trio of running backs to compete for carries

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Last offseason, one of the biggest questions for Notre Dame's offense was who the starting tailback would be. Darius Walker, who accounted for three quarters of the team's rushing yards and 60 percent of its carries, defected for the NFL after his junior season, leaving a void in the backfield going into the spring.

This year, running back is one of the most solid positions in the Irish offense, with three experienced rushers ready to handle the load.

Rising junior James Aldridge and rising sophomores Robert Hughes and Armando Allen each bring different styles to the Irish offense. Hughes is a stereotypical "power back" who mostly ran dives up the gut. Allen played more of a finesse game, running outside the tackles and catching screens and swing passes. Aldridge was a combination



Left, rising junior running back James Aldridge sprints during practice Wednesday. Right, rising sophomore running back Robert Hughes runs through drills.

of the two, showing both speed and strength at different times.

None of the backs received as much playing time as Walker did two seasons ago, but their even carries created similar results. Aldridge

carried 121 times for 463 yards, Allen was second on the team with 86 carries and 348 yards, and Hughes rounded out the group with 294 yards on 53 carries. As a unit, the trio carried 260 times for 1,105 yards, or

4.25 yards per carry. By comparison, last season Walker carried the ball 255 times for 1,267 yards, and average of 4.96

The clearest advantage to

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BASEBALL

Local teams battle, help fight cancer

By PAT STYNES
Sports Writer

For most college baseball squads, mid-week games allow the younger and inexperienced players the chance to get reps in non-conference games. But Wednesday's game was a different story — the game itself was about more than just the final score.

Notre Dame coach David Schrage's wife, Jody, passed away due to liver cancer last January. Despite the unimaginable hardship of dealing with such a loss, and the burden of being a single father, Schrage chose not to take a leave of absence from the team, and instead chose to keep his commitment to his players and coach the Irish squad that season.

Last night, 2,337 fans attended the exhibition between the South Bend

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Chu Ballzers cruise to easy victory over Flying Camels

By ALEX BARKER & ANDY ZICCARELLI
Sports Writers

Whether it was draining outside shots or finishing layups, it did not seem to make a difference to the Chu Ballzers in

their opening round game Wednesday. In a game that was as close as the final score indicates, The Chu Ballzers made quick work of the Flying Camels, defeating them by a score of 21-3.

"We came out and gave it our all. It was lots of practice, late

nights and early mornings," said Ballzers Kevin Garcia with a laugh.

All kidding aside, Chu Ballzers looked like a team that could be a force to be reckoned with. A team consisting of upperclassmen from Keough Hall, they jumped out to an 11-

1 halftime lead by mostly pounding the ball inside. The team used its superior height to its advantage.

The Flying Camels, however, refused to phone the game in, perhaps to appease their cheering section that watched from the corner of the court.

"Put on your rally caps!" one fan yelled, after the score of the game reached 20-3.

The Camels were fierce on the boards and went after loose balls with vigor. There was at least one blood sighting, result-

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Laxers travel to take on No. 7 Blue Devils

By MATT GAMBER
Associate Sports Editor

No. 12 Notre Dame will battle its second top-10 opponent of the season tomorrow when it takes on No. 7 Duke in Durham, N.C.

The Irish (8-3, 2-1 Big East) will try to take the momentum they have built over the past few weeks as winners of three straight and five of their last six. The Blue Devils, on the other hand, have lost two straight, including their first home loss in two years.

"I think we're in a good position going in because we do have the momentum — not just because of the games we've won, but how we've

won them," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "We struggled early but we've learned a lot as a team, whereas Duke is in the midst of their struggle — but I still think they're very well-coached and very athletic. And traditionally, we haven't beaten them, so I don't care what their record is."

Notre Dame's only blemish since two consecutive losses in California came when the Irish lost their Big East opener to No. 6 Syracuse 16-13 in overtime on March 16. With important Big East games and the conference tournament on tap, the Irish hope to prove they can compete

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ND SOFTBALL

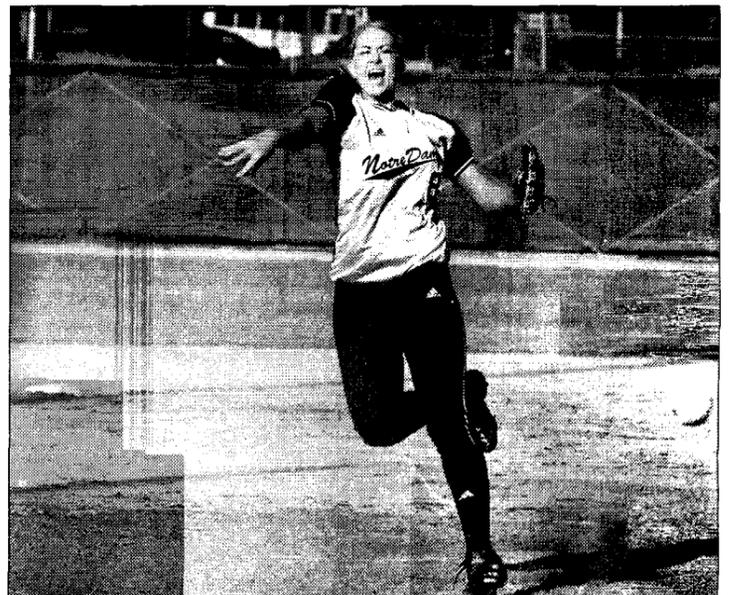
Laing, pitching key in 2-1 win

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

The Irish squeaked out a 2-1 victory over Toledo Wednesday behind outstanding individual performances from senior second-baseman Katie Laing and the one-two pitching punch of freshman Jody Valdivia and junior Brittney Bargar.

"A win is a win," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "We took care of business today to beat Toledo, but I feel like we could have done a better job of finishing the game and not leaving runners on base."

Laing single-handedly accounted for almost the entire Irish offense on the day, batting 3-for-3 with a solo homerun, a double, a single, a run, and



Irish pitcher Brittney Bargar throws in Notre Dame's 8-0 win over IUPUI at Ivy Field on March 26.

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