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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Constitution remains unfinished



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Judicial Council president Elliot Poindexter speaks at Monday's Council of Representatives meeting. During the meeting, Brin Anderson was appointed next year's Judicial Council president.

By MATT BRAMANTI
Senior Staff Writer

In a marathon meeting Monday evening, members of the Council of Representatives inched toward finalizing the student union constitution by Wednesday's deadline, but several points were still up for debate.

Members were initially scheduled to vote on the constitution at Monday's meeting, but a procedural rule derailed that possibility. Council bylaws mandate that resolutions must be presented in writing 72 hours before they can be voted

on. Among the points of contention was the role of the Executive Programming Board, a proposed body that would "facilitate the coordination, communication and calendar setting" of all student government programming bodies.

Student Union Board manager Charlie Ebersol said the Executive Programming Board will help to minimize problems in scheduling a broad spectrum of campus-wide events.

"It's to make sure the groups don't conflict," Ebersol said. "It's to level the playing field for all organizations that pro-

gram events."

However, some members expressed concern that the proposed constitution puts the president's executive assistant — essentially a chief of staff — at the head of the Executive Programming Board.

Brian Coughlin, the COR adviser from the Student Activities Office, said the arrangement introduces an unnecessary layer of bureaucracy into the programming process.

"Everyone seems hell-bent on keeping a chief of staff position, but we don't have any-

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College holds female majority

Editor's note: This is the second part in a three-part series on gender representation in Notre Dame's colleges.

By KATE GALES
News Writer

The College of Arts and Letters — home to the highest percentage of Notre Dame undergraduates — also enrolls the highest percentage of women, according to the Office of Institutional Research.

Fifty-seven percent of the 2,784 Arts and Letters students are female, a trend that may reflect expectations of future career choices, said political science professor Christina Wolbrecht.

"These issues are part of a broader set of issues in public policy," Wolbrecht said. "Major choice influences future employment, future earnings and is where the wage discrepancy starts."

Hugh Page, assistant dean of undergraduate studies, agreed that Notre Dame students of both genders are very forward thinking when determining their undergraduate majors.

"I found students in my classes seriously thinking of quality of life choices and their long term outcomes — graduate schools, service opportunities, post-Notre Dame life," Page said. "There is a good bit of confusion about how to establish that kind of balance, how to live

Gender Differences

College of Arts and Letters



By Declared Majors:

Men		Women
36%	Anthropology	64%
26.2%	Psychology	73.8%
7.4%	Gender Studies	92.6%
34.4%	English	65.6%
23.6%	Peace Studies	76.4%
52.7%	Political Science	47.3%

Source: Office of Institutional Research
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with the choices you make — are you going to be employed?"

These larger decisions are not immune to gender influence, as five majors in the

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Students coordinate book drive for charity

By LAURA VILIM
News Writer

In an attempt to extend the gift of education to those of the South Bend community, Notre Dame students Nina Pressly and Marty Sims have launched a project aimed at collecting books on campus that will eventually be distributed to local children of lower-income families.

The drive, named "Readers are Leaders," will begin before the Easter holiday and will continue for the remainder of the spring semester. To collect the books, Pressly and Sims have created boxes, which will be set up in every dorm as well as in the lobbies of both dining halls, LaFortune and various other academic buildings on campus.

All books — new and used — that are suitable for children not yet enrolled in high school can be donated. The drive will also be accepting bookstore credit and cash donations in order to buy

books, Sims said.

Once books have been collected on campus, Pressly and Sims will deliver them to South Bend area schools that serve low income students and to educational programs such as the ones held at the Robinson Community Learning Center. Pressly said that she also hopes some books can be donated to the Alliance for Catholic Education program so that ACE members can bring books to each of the nationwide schools at which they will teach.

The idea for the project came about when Sims, a junior from Knott Hall, contacted Howard freshman Pressly after reading a previous article in The Observer about the book project she started in her local area of Palm Beach County, Fla.

Sims has also had experience working on book drives that benefited homeless children through his parish in Scottsdale, Ariz. The drive will be sponsored by

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MICHELLE OTTO/The Observer

Nina Pressly sorts through books that will be a part of the "Readers are Leaders" book drive. Drive organizers Pressly and Marty Sims will donate the books to local children of lower-income families.

INSIDE COLUMN

Freshman's first year

What a first year it's been! For a new student, the first year of college is a truly unique experience.

Let me begin with orientation weekend: the ladies of Saint Mary's tend to be shy and well-mannered, attending each informational meeting with only a slight murmur of boredom pronounced under her breath.

Lisa Gallagher

News Writer

One of the first weekends I spent at Notre Dame, taking the beauty of the campus in, I learned the term dis-orientation. Dubbed by the upper-classmen, I can find no better word to describe the festivities. Freshmen are "kidnapped" by the juniors and seniors and shown a really great weekend.

For most students, you know what I'm talking about.

For those who don't, where have you been?

During the first few weekends of September and October, the various class boards put hard work into planning fun and safe activities for the new students to enjoy, such as the Jamaica Shaka and the drive-in movie on the library green.

Notre Dame, on the other hand, sported much more exciting dorm parties, in which as many people as possible packed into a tiny room, danced the night away, and met various other students who they would later reunite with in the classroom setting, struggling to figure out how they know him or her.

Another topic to touch on between the two campuses is obviously the dating scene. Virtually non-existent, I am hardly surprised.

With the people we have met on countless weekends, I'm sure most of us know how easy it is to have a great time with someone and not see him or her again.

Contrary to popular belief, the sole purpose of attending school at Saint Mary's is not to "find a husband." After all, this is the 21st century, and we are here to get an education like everyone else. Nevertheless, college is a learning experience in other ways than just school. The Saint Mary's ladies are just trying to have fun like the ladies of Notre Dame.

The college life between Saint Mary's and Notre Dame is unlike any other, and I can't help being in awe each time I am on either campus. Here are thousands of some of the smartest, most privileged students in the country; they know how to study hard during the week and let loose on the weekends, maintaining strict grade point averages.

I'm so glad that as a freshman I received the opportunity to be privy to the college scene through not just one prestigious college, but two.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Lisa Gallagher at lgalla01@saintmarys.edu

CORRECTIONS

Due to inaccurate reporting, the article "Majors show some gender imbalance" in Monday's issue stated that the College of Engineering employs only five female professors in its chemical, civil and computer science departments. These departments actually have 10 female professors.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: HAS THE WARMER WEATHER AFFECTED YOUR CLASS ATTENDANCE?



Salra Khan
Junior McGlinn

"I'm a science major. I have to go to all of my classes."



Anthy Green
Senior McGlinn

"I'm from Florida. This isn't warm weather."



Meghan McCall
Junior Off-Campus

"I'm a nerd. I go to all of my classes."



Liz Kozlow
Freshman Pasquerilla West

"Yes..."



Laura Horne
Freshman Howard

"I'm from Texas. This is cold."



James Welcher
Freshman Siegfried

"I skip class and play with the squirrels."



MICHELLE OTTO/The Observer

Sophomore Marcus Jackson, right, came away the winner of the Irish Idol 2 competition. The event was sponsored by the Class of 2005 and held at Legends Monday night.

IN BRIEF

The department of classics is sponsoring a colloquium by Catherine Schlegel, "Satiric Manipulations in Horace" today at 4:30 p.m. in room 303 of the Main Building. Refreshments will be provided.

Professor Michael Nwanze of the department of political science at Howard University speaks about Africa today from 4 to 5 p.m. in 119 DeBartolo. This event is part of International Festival Week.

Angela Glover Blackwell, Founder and president of Policy Link and former senior vice president of the Rockefeller Foundation will give a lecture entitled "Search for the Uncommon Common Ground: New Dimensions on Race in America." It will take place Wednesday from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center.

Jim Wallis, editor of Sojourners Magazine will lecture Wednesday on "How will you Vote: Politics and Values in 2004." Sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns, the Office of Campus Ministry and Lyons Hall, the lecture will take place at 12:30 p.m. in the Coleman Morse Lounge, and lunch will be provided.

The Brazil Club will sponsor samba and forro dancing Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the lounge of Pasquerilla West Hall. The event includes performances, instruction and Brazilian treats and is part of International Festival Week.

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

OFFBEAT

County seeks to preserve outhouse

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Colo. — A group of history buffs is seeking historic designation for a campground outhouse, with one official saying it's important to preserve "fragments of our history."

The 4-Hole Log Outhouse was built in 1935 by the Civilian Conservation Corps, which was organized to employ Americans during Depression and played a key role in the evolution of the nation's parks and forests.

The Routt County Historic Preservation Board wants county commissioners to

consider historic designation when they meet Tuesday.

"It's all in the effort of preserving fragments of our history," board chairman Michael Olsen said. "You've got to try to preserve a little bit of the whole area, the whole spectrum."

Man confesses after seeing 'The Passion'

MESA, Ariz. — A 20-year-old man confessed to a half dozen burglaries, saying he felt guilty after seeing the movie "The Passion of the Christ."

When police responded to a burglar alarm at a wireless phone store around

3:30 a.m. on Sunday, Turner Lee Bingham walked up and confessed to taking \$80 from the register, police said. He also said he was responsible for five or six other burglaries.

"He had made some mention that after watching the Mel Gibson movie ... that was his motive for turning himself in," said Mesa police detective Ruben Quesada.

Bingham told officers he threw the money from a U.S. 60 overpass, Quesada said. Police did not find the money.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 52 LOW 37	HIGH 36 LOW 25	HIGH 47 LOW 36	HIGH 47 LOW 32	HIGH 51 LOW 38	HIGH 55 LOW 39

Atlanta 60 / 43 Boston 46 / 37 Chicago 46 / 36 Denver 70 / 34 Houston 80 / 52 Los Angeles 74 / 54 Minneapolis 36 / 24 New York 49 / 39 Philadelphia 50 / 40 Phoenix 96 / 66 Seattle 56 / 42 St. Louis 53 / 35 Tampa 78 / 60 Washington 51 / 42

BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Group approves trip request

By NICOLE ZOOK
News Writer

More than just the meeting place was new at Monday's Board of Governance meeting.

The meeting, usually held in the BOG office, was moved to Haggard Parlor to accommodate the annual switchover from this year's staff to next. The number of attendees was raised to 35 with the addition of the incoming board.

Incoming board members sat next to their outgoing counterparts to listen and learn, but were not yet allowed to participate in the meeting. Only current board members were allowed to ask questions and vote on the co-sponsorship.

Senior Jillian Bernas presented the co-sponsorship that requested funding for air travel to Tapachula, Mexico. Bernas and senior Annie Cashore have been asked to accompany the youth group at Clay United Methodist Church on their mission trip as translators.

The trip will take place during Clay high school's spring break from April 1 to 9. Bernas and Cashore will help the high school students work with Mexican children whose parents are in jail.

"In Mexico, it's quite interesting," Bernas said. "It's unlike the United States, where they are just put in foster homes together."

Rather, children of jailed parents are put in jail with their par-

ents. The Clay missionaries will serve at Albergue Ninos del Futuro el Buen Samaritano, a project that houses and educates children instead of letting them go to jail with their parents.

Bernas said that she and Cashore will be instrumental to the mission, as none of the adult chaperones speak Spanish and only a few of the Clay students have a partial knowledge of the language.

"We'd like to be able to share our experiences that we've gained from other things with these [high school students] so that they can communicate and help others," she said. "Also, we want to help them gain a better cultural understanding."

Because there would be only two Saint Mary's women receiving the travel funds, there was debate among the board about whether or not to sponsor the students for the full amount.

"What we have to go back to is does this benefit the whole Saint Mary's community?" sophomore class president Michelle Fitzgerald asked.

Outgoing RHA president Shay Jolly recalled a similar situation at the switchover meeting last year, in which only two students

received the grant. Jolly said the Spanish department and Saint Mary's Collegé as a whole will benefit from this particular case,

as this could become a yearly trip involving Saint Mary's students as translators.

"I move that we give Annie and Jillian \$500, with the stipulation that they come back and present in some way, shape, or form," she said.

The co-sponsorship was passed, and Bernas and Cashore will return at a later meeting to make a presentation about their trip.

In other BOG news:

◆ SAB is hosting an improvisational comedy group from Notre Dame on Wednesday in the Carroll Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. The performance is free to all students.

◆ Technology commissioner Michelle Cooper announced that wireless internet is now available on campus. It can be accessed in the Cushwa-Leighton Library and the Noble Family Dining Hall.

◆ This week is the Class of 2007's spirit week. Events will take place all week, and festivities will culminate on Saturday night with a first-year formal.

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**Michelle Fitzgerald
sophomore class president**

Mainwaring named Kellogg director

Political scientist appointed to 5-year term

Special to The Observer

Scott P. Mainwaring, Eugene Conley Professor of political science at the University of Notre Dame and a leading scholar in the University's Kellogg Institute for International Studies, has been appointed to a five-year term as director of the institute, according to Nathan O. Hatch, provost of the University.

Mainwaring's term includes the current academic year and concludes in 2007-08. He is a longtime faculty fellow of the institute and previously served as its director from 1997 to 2002.

"I look forward enthusiastically to working with the fellows, the staff and the University community to achieve the important objectives of the institute," Mainwaring said. "Kellogg will build on its reputation as a great comparative social science research institute addressing issues of democracy, development and social justice."

While retaining a "core focus" on Latin America, the institute's interests will continue to extend to

many other parts of the world, Mainwaring said. He also reaffirmed the institute's 10-year strategic plan, developed a year ago, which calls for research that has practical policy implications and for faculty and student efforts "to advance the internationalization of Notre Dame."

Hatch called Mainwaring "an outstanding teacher, scholar and leader."

Mainwaring earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in political science from Yale University and his doctorate from Stanford University.

Mainwaring's many books include two coedited volumes published in 2003: "The Third Wave of Democratization in Latin America: Advances and Setbacks" and "Democratic Accountability in Latin America."

He has been the recipient of numerous prestigious fellowships and grants, including a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation fellowship in 2000 for work on a project on authoritarianism and democracy in Latin America from 1945 to 2000.



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Hussein refuses to talk in interrogations

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — He doesn't have a lawyer in the room, but Saddam Hussein apparently is practicing what most attorneys would advise: Don't talk. Diplomatic and military officials say the former Iraqi leader has provided little useful information in interrogations so far — and may even be having fun.

The questioning of Saddam — initially handled by the CIA — is now a joint CIA-FBI operation, a sign that the aim is changing from finding intelligence to gathering evidence for any eventual trials.

The people who are asking the questions at the moment are from the FBI, said a U.S. intelligence official, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has indicated in interviews that interrogators aren't learning much from the former president of Iraq.

In a recent interview, Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage said he occasionally sees the interrogation briefing reports. "He's a pretty wily guy, and he's not giving much information that I've seen. But he seems to be enjoying the debate," Armitage told WPHT-AM radio in Philadelphia.

When Saddam was captured, haggard in an underground room in December, officials hoped the interrogation would yield details about the Iraqi insurgency, Saddam's weapons programs, human rights violations and corruption in the U.N. oil-for-food program.

Instead, House Intelligence Chairman Porter Goss, R-Fla., now calls the questioning a "patience project."

"He is very good at denial and deception. I am not sure he even knows what the truth is anymore," Goss said. "I think he's been surrounded by yes-men and sycophants."

In an interview with the Associated Press last week, FBI Director Robert Mueller said the FBI is assisting with "certain interrogations" in Iraq, as well as helping with investigations into

killings there. He said the bureau is also working with documents obtained in Iraq.

Those most likely include Saddam's papers. Vince Cannistraro, a former counterterrorism director for the CIA, said papers found with Saddam when he was captured have proved much more useful than anything the former leader has said. "Every thing that they have found and taken action on has come from documentation found on him," Cannistraro said.

A defense official would say only that Saddam was in good health at an undisclosed location.

Details of the interrogations could come out in any eventual trial of Saddam. But the logistics — including the date — of any trial have yet to be settled.

On Sunday, Jacques Verges, a French lawyer who claims to be representing Saddam at his family's request, said he expects that a trial is still some time away. Verges has not met with Saddam and is trying to act as his lawyer from afar, a U.S. intelligence official said.

The International Committee of the Red Cross visited Saddam in jail for the first time in February. The group does not release details of such visits or of a prisoner's confinement. However, Saddam did write a letter to his family that was to be delivered once the United States confirmed it did not contain any hidden messages to his followers. Verges did not discuss that letter.

A team of 50 Justice Department prosecutors, investigators and support staff has traveled to Iraq to help assemble a war-crimes case against Saddam and others in his former government.

But Justice officials take pains to say that the United States is there only to assist the Iraqis with advice on what their options for a trial might be.

The officials say they are helping the Iraqis to organize evidence and lay out possible charges, and aiding them in finding cooperating witnesses and key documents. The U.S. team is joined by legal experts from Britain, Spain and Poland.

Books

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primarily a program that developed from the initiative of Pressly and Sims to form a new opportunity to perform service.

"While we hear about food drives and blood drives we don't often hear about book drives," Sims said.

In this first year of the drive, Pressly and Sims hope to achieve their goal of campus-wide participation and set a standard to reach for next year's drive.

"It would be nice to see some participation," Pressly said. "If every member of the student body brought in just one book, we would have close to 8,000

books. That would be amazing. I hope to do this book drive all four years that I am at ND, and this year I just want to set a number to beat for next year."

Although Pressly and Sims are aware that other programs exist to help South Bend children receive a better education, they believe "Readers are Leaders" will fill a unique niche among Notre Dame's illustrious community service opportunities.

"People look at ND as a beacon of literary intelligence—we should work to further propagate this idea," Sims said. Most ND students have been the beneficiary of a wealth of books throughout their lives, and not all people have this luxury of having accessibility to books. The earlier kids start to read,

the more beneficial it will be for them in the future. No child should go without a book, because books change lives."

In addition, Pressly hopes having the program here will inspire other students to start their own book drives back home.

"I think that it is amazing how involved the Notre Dame community is and how many people enjoy doing such projects," Pressly said. "I knew that ... people would be very willing to help. Plus, I know that people are from all over the country and hopefully I can influence them to start this project in their own home towns."

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Council

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thing for that person to do," a visibly agitated Coughlin said.

Following the lengthy — and heated — discussion, members discussed the role and name of the Student Union Board for nearly half an hour. Some members, like Hall Presidents' Council co-chair Sarah Keefer, said SUB's image could use a makeover.

"SUB doesn't have a very positive connotation in some circles," Keefer said.

However, not all members agreed. Jimmy Flaherty, who was unanimously confirmed as the new SUB manager, said the existing name has brand recognition among students.

"SUB ... is a branded name on campus," Flaherty said.

He said any name change would be expensive, as programmers would have to replace stationery, signs, office supplies and other materials to incorporate the new name. He

estimated the cost at somewhere between \$5,000 and \$10,000, but declined to cite specific documentation.

Cavanaugh senator Jordan Bongiovanni acknowledged that although council members disagreed, the council will still approve the constitution on time.

"We'll get it passed," Bongiovanni said. "These things aren't going to make people not pass it."

In other COR news:

◆ Members unanimously approved the new SUB Board of Directors. Flaherty will assume the role of SUB manager, Bridget Meacham will become director of programming, Jon McCarthy will become controller and Heather Kimmings will become director of operations.

◆ Members also unanimously approved Brin Anderson as the new Judicial Council president. Outgoing Judicial Council president Elliot Poindexter praised Anderson's experience in the student union.

"She has been very involved

with student government over the past two years," Poindexter said. "She has my approval."

◆ Poindexter also announced that off-campus elections will be held this Wednesday.

◆ Off-campus president Sarah Blake announced her organization will sponsor the last off-campus dinner of the semester on Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. at Buffalo Wild Wings.

◆ Sophomore class president James Leito said his class council will sponsor a pizza giveaway tonight at 9 p.m. in LaFortune. He encouraged students to pick up free pizza from local restaurants.

◆ Chief of staff Pat Corker announced a Texas Hold 'Em tournament will be held this weekend, with proceeds benefiting a family seeking to adopt a child. Would-be card sharks can sign up in the dining halls during dinner hours today through Thursday. The entry fee is \$10.

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The Riley Prize in Art History and Criticism



The Department of Art, Art History and Design is pleased to announce its annual competition for the Riley Prize in Art History and Criticism. Current Notre Dame undergraduate and graduate students are invited to submit essays on any topic in the history of art or art criticism for consideration in the competition. Essays must deal with the visual arts. They may have been written in conjunction with a course taken at the University, but need not have been.

Rules governing the competition are available in the Art Department Office, 306 Riley Hall.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Arab countries postpone summit

CAIRO, Egypt — Arab countries are rallying to Egypt's call to hold an Arab summit in late April after Tunisia postponed a scheduled meeting amid sharp disagreements on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and U.S.-backed attempts to reform Arab regimes.

The annual two-day summit, due to begin Monday, was postponed by Tunisia on Saturday amid regional turmoil over Israel's assassination of Sheik Ahmed Yassin — leader of the Palestinian militant group Hamas — and the U.S.-led war in Iraq.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak criticized Tunisia for its "unwarranted" postponement and immediately offered to reconvene the summit in Cairo. He told Saudi-owned Orbit satellite TV that Tunisia had "no justification for delaying the summit" and he saw "no problem with holding it within two or three weeks. Everybody is waiting."

In Washington, Secretary of State Colin Powell denied some Arab news reports that the summit was canceled because of pressure by the United States.

Suspects charged in bombings

MADRID, Spain — A Spanish judge charged two more suspects in the Madrid bombings, bringing the total number of people charged in the case to 14, court officials said.

Judge Juan del Olmo charged Basel Ghayoun, a Syrian, with mass killings and belonging to a terrorist organization. The judge also charged Moroccan Hamed Ahmidam with collaborating with a terrorist organization in connection with the March 11 bombings that killed at least 190 people.

The charges stop short of a formal indictment but suggest that the court has strong evidence against them. They can be jailed up to two years while investigators gather more evidence.

NATIONAL NEWS

Lawmakers ban gay marriages

BOSTON — The Massachusetts Legislature gave final approval — for this year — to a constitutional amendment that would ban gay marriage but legalize civil unions, taking the first decisive step toward stripping same-sex couples of court-mandated marriage rights.

Within moments of Monday's 105-92 vote, Gov. Mitt Romney said he would ask the state's highest court to delay implementation of its November ruling that ordered same-sex marriages to begin taking place as of May 17. He said he will seek a formal stay until the constitutional amendment process is complete.

Staying active helps in recovery

ORLANDO, Fla. — Getting modest amounts of exercise, even just an easy half-hour walk a day, appears to substantially improve women's chances of surviving breast cancer.

Staying active has long been thought to lower the risk of getting cancer, but a new report says it may also be an important prescription for recovery.

The study, released Monday, found that women who exercised after breast cancer reduced their chance of dying from the disease by one-quarter to one-half, depending on how active they were.

LOCAL NEWS

Restaurant fire caused by arson

NAPPANEE, Ind. — A fire that caused two people to suffer smoke-related injuries and damaged a restaurant apparently was an arson, investigators said.

The fire also displaced residents of six apartments above the Tap and Dine restaurant in downtown Nappanee, about 20 miles southeast of South Bend.

An initial investigation found the fire was intentionally set, Fire Chief Brian Huff said. No arrests were immediately made.

The fire began at 1 a.m. Friday in one of the apartments, Huff said.

RUSSIA

Oil tycoon repents behind bars

Former Yukos chief praises president and denounces privatization in Russia

Associated Press

MOSCOW — In a repentant newspaper article he allegedly wrote from behind bars, Russia's wealthiest man, who faces fraud and tax evasion charges, called Monday for higher taxes on business and denounced the post-Soviet privatization that made him rich.

In the article published in the business daily *Vedomosti*, billionaire Mikhail Khodorkovsky heaped praise on President Vladimir Putin and castigated himself and other tycoons for failing to help the poor and for lacking patriotism.

Khodorkovsky, the former chief of Russia's largest oil company Yukos, has been imprisoned since his Oct. 25 arrest, which was widely seen as a Kremlin-inspired attempt to avenge his growing economic clout and perceived political ambitions. Earlier this month, a court ruled to keep him jailed until late May to await trial.

In Switzerland, justice authorities said Monday they froze bank accounts containing several billion dollars as part of the money-laundering investigation into Yukos. The freeze was imposed at Russia's request.

The accounts were provisionally blocked since March 4, when Swiss authorities simultaneously raided companies across the country in connection with the Yukos investigation.

Russian prosecutors said the accounts contained the equivalent of \$5 billion, but Swiss officials refused to be more specific than saying "several billion Swiss francs."

The lawyer representing Yukos executives said the Swiss assets are clean and he would ask Switzerland's highest court to lift the government order. A ruling will take months.

"We believe this is a political case," Philippe Neyroud said.



Mikhail Khodorkovsky, former head of Russian oil company Yukos, speaks to the media Oct. 6. Khodorkovsky published an article Monday condemning unethical business practices and praising President Vladimir Putin.

In his newspaper article, Khodorkovsky scathingly criticized the liberals he funded for allegedly indulging themselves, despising the poor and ignoring the national interest.

"Russian liberalism has suffered a defeat because it tried to ignore ... vital interests of the vast majority of the Russian people,"

Khodorkovsky said of the election rout of Yabloko and the Union of Right Forces liberal parties in December's parliamentary vote.

Khodorkovsky, whose personal fortune of \$15 billion ranks him No. 16 on Forbes magazine's list of the world's richest people, owes his wealth to privatization deals of the 1990s in which privileged insiders snapped up prized assets at

a fraction of their price using government connections.

In a remarkable bout of self-criticism, Khodorkovsky criticized privatization, saying its liberal architects "ignored negative social aspects" of the sell-out. He also blamed himself and other tycoons for encouraging official graft by "our obsequious ability to give when they ask and even when they don't."

Courts hear challenges to abortion ban

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The federal ban on a type of abortion was challenged in three courtrooms across the nation Monday as abortion-rights activists argued that the law is so broad it infringes on women's basic right to choose.

The Bush administration argued in defense of the law, the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, saying fetuses feel pain during such "inhumane" procedures.

The law, signed in November by President Bush, has not been enforced because judges in New York, Lincoln, Neb., and San Francisco agreed to

hear evidence in three separate trials before deciding whether it violates the Constitution.

The law is the first substantial limitation on abortion since the Supreme Court's landmark *Roe v. Wade* decision. The current cases also appear likely to reach the high court.

Attorney A. Stephen Hut Jr., speaking for the plaintiffs, argued that the law "in its stunning breadth would ... remove the range of abortion alternatives available to women in the second trimester." He cautioned that the evidence will include "very raw stuff" and that descriptions of surgery were "not for the faint of heart."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Sean H. Lane

described the law as an attempt to ban an "inhumane and gruesome procedure that causes pain to the fetus."

"Evidence at trial will illuminate that partial-birth abortion is never medically necessary and is an inhumane procedure that should be banned," Lane said in front of U.S. District Judge Richard C. Casey in Manhattan.

He said the law was specific in banning an abortion procedure that kills a "partially born fetus just inches from birth."

The lawsuits center on what opponents call "partial-birth" abortion and what doctors call "intact dilation and extraction."

Gender

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College — anthropology, psychology, gender studies, English and peace studies — stand out as distinctly female-dominated.

Anthropology

At Notre Dame, 64 percent of anthropology majors are women, a majority that department chair Jim McKenna attributes to a variety of historical and contemporary reasons.

"Anthropology is one of the disciplines in which early on, women played an extremely important role," he said. "This is historically true and has been a factor in the feminization of anthropology."

Taking his analysis a step further, McKenna added that the sex discrepancy — real or stereotyped — may also have to do with anthropology itself.

"What I think [the feminization] is concerns the nature of what anthropology is," he said. "It's a very nurturing field, a lot of people who go into anthropology really approach their subjects in both professional and personal ways."

While many men in the field may also possess these qualities, he said. "We do identify, in a stereotypical role, this persona of nurturing, caring, listening, observing and protecting with female qualities."

McKenna also noted that many of the important figures in the field, such as Margaret Meade and Ruth Benedict, are women. He estimated the faculty of the department as close to equally distributed between men and women — even with "a tilt towards more men than women if you count concurrent professors."

Psychology

The field of psychology, in contrast, has not always been associated with female achievement.

"In the past, psychology was very male-dominated," psychology department professor Dawn Gondoli said. "Now, the field attracts women, and they're able to be successful in it."

At Notre Dame, Institutional Research found that as of the fall semester, only 26.2 percent of the 455 declared psychology majors were men.

While women tend to dominate subareas such as social psychology, developmental psychology and counseling, Gondoli added that areas such as neuroscience and quantitative and cognitive psychology put men in the majority.

Ten of the University's 26 psychology department faculty members are women, as opposed to 64.2 percent of the nationally available faculty, according to the November 2003 Notre Dame Report.

Gondoli predicted that both faculty and student representation would become increasingly female in the next decade.

"There are still older academics, who were predominantly male," Gondoli said. "Women started to get Ph.D.'s in droves in the 1970's."

For students, she said, "it's either more women than men or will become so in the next ten years."

Gender studies

Gender studies, however, is inarguably a female-dominated major. Only two of the 27 gender studies majors at Notre Dame are men, accord-

ing to Institutional Research.

"I think it's a wider problem of perception," said Sophie White, assistant professional specialist of gender studies. "A lot of males might be interested, but it's not easy for them to declare a major in gender studies."

"We certainly have an imbalance — quite a sizable one."

While the major is clearly more popular among women, individual classes may be close to evenly split thanks to cross-listings, White added.

"We're one of the largest programs, with close to 100 faculty members," White said. "We deal with many subjects through cross-listing."

She also pointed out that many students taking first-year composition use gender as an analytical method in their classes.

English

While students enrolled in English courses may observe a nearly even split of men and women in their classes, this perception can be misleading — only 34.4 percent of the 378 declared English majors are men.

"I think that there is a very equal representation of men and women in my classes — at least the ones I've had so far," said Valerie Ralph, a sophomore English major.

Like gender studies, the experiences of students in the English department reveal the propensity of Notre Dame students to take a variety of classes outside of their majors. Introductory classes often have a more even split than the higher-level, more specialized classes.

Senior English major Bess Malis said her courses became more female-dominated as they became more advanced.

"There are definitely more girls," Malis said. "Maybe it has something to do with books and analyzing. ... In the English department, a lot of the classes are more appealing to girls."

She added that she has observed more men in her cross-listed classes, "like Irish-Anglo literature."

Peace studies

While 52.7 percent of political science students — peace studies' parent major — are men, 13 of the 17 students in this supplementary major are women.

"Peace studies tends to be more focused on non-violent alternatives," said Daniel Philpott, a professor of both peace studies and political science. "Political science tends to be more mainstream, more focused on traditional policy and issues ... [some would call that the] classic male persona."

However, Philpott said that his students are doing well regardless of gender.

"There may be some gender discrepancy, but you see both males and females flourishing," he said.

Page agreed that the success and encouragement of students of both genders was of first importance to the college.

"The thing that concerns me the most is to create an atmosphere in the college that is affirmative and life giving to all of the students which we have," he said. "Any data antithetic to that gives me concern."

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UZBEKISTAN

Wave of terrorism kills 19

Associated Press

TASHKENT — Two women set off bombs at a children's store and bus stop in the Uzbek capital Monday, capping 12 hours of mayhem that killed 19 people in this former Soviet republic closely allied with Washington in the war on terrorism.

The violence, including two assaults on police and an explosion at a bomb-making hideaway, also marked the first outbreak of terrorism in this majority Muslim country since the secular government became a staunch U.S. ally after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. Uzbekistan hosts hundreds of U.S. troops at a tightly secured military base near the Afghan border.

President Islam Karimov blamed Islamic extremists and said there had been several arrests. He also said backing for the violence likely came from a banned radical group that has

never before been linked to terrorist acts — Hizb ut-Tahrir, or the Party of Liberation. The group denied responsibility.

"I call on everyone to unite and protect our country from enemies like this, to come forward against them as one fist," Karimov, the country's former Soviet leader who has held power since before Uzbekistan's 1991 independence, said on state-run TV.

The tiny opposition, banned by Karimov's authoritarian regime from working openly, feared the attacks would deepen a widespread crackdown against dissent and independent Islam that has led to the jailings of thousands and evoked international condemnation.

The U.S. Embassy in Tashkent warned that "other terrorists are believed still at large and may be attempting additional attacks."

"The attacks are yet another example of the importance of continued cooperation against

those who would stop at nothing to achieve their misguided goals," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said.

The violence, which also wounded 26 people, began Sunday night with a blast that killed 10 at a house used by alleged terrorists in the central region of Bukhara, Prosecutor-General Rashid Kadyrov said.

Police found 50 bottles with homemade ingredients for bombs and instructions on how to make them, a Kalashnikov rifle, two pistols, ammunition and extremist Islamic literature, he said.

The two assaults on police took place at a factory Sunday night and a traffic checkpoint early Monday, killing three officers.

The suicide bombings, carried out 30 minutes apart at a bus stop and the Children's World store near the Chorsu bazaar in Tashkent's Old City, killed three policemen and a young child.

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Down:	1,498	Composite Volume:	1,361,736,192
AMEX	1,236.55	+8.95	
NASDAQ	1,992.57	+32.55	
NYSE	6,553.56	+83.99	
S&P 500	1,122.47	+14.41	
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FTSE 100(London)	4,406.70	+49.20	

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MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	+1.12	+0.28	25.31
SIRIUS SAT RADIO (SIRI)	+1.54	+0.05	3.29
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	+1.92	+0.45	23.85
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	+1.34	+0.16	12.08

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5-YEAR NOTE	+1.79	+0.50	28.46
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IN BRIEF

Hollywood Entertainment bought out

PORTLAND, Ore. — Video retailer Hollywood Entertainment Corp. said Monday it has agreed to a buyout offer of about \$840 million from a group led by a Los Angeles-based investment firm.

The deal for the No. 2 video rental chain in the nation would also include the assumption of about \$300 million in debt.

The buyout comes as video retailers like Hollywood Entertainment and its bigger rival Blockbuster Inc. have come under pressure from video sales by discounters such as Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Target Corp.

Microsoft drops price of Xbox

SEATTLE — Microsoft Corp. is hoping to draw a broader audience to its Xbox game console — and away from rival Sony's PlayStation 2 — by cutting its price by \$30.

The Redmond-based company said Monday it would begin selling its Xbox for \$149.99 in the United States. It is making a similar price reduction in Canada and dropping the Xbox price by about \$45 in Mexico.

The company said it wants to attract a wider variety of potential buyers, beyond just hardcore gamers. Microsoft, better known for its business software and operating systems, is competing fiercely with Sony's PlayStation 2, the industry leader.

Judge tosses Winnie the Pooh lawsuit

LOS ANGELES — A judge threw out a lawsuit against the Walt Disney Co. over Winnie the Pooh merchandise royalties, ruling Monday that the owner of those rights unlawfully obtained confidential documents from Disney offices and trash.

Superior Court Judge Charles W. McCoy Jr. dismissed the suit with prejudice, meaning Pooh rights owner Stephen Slesinger Inc. cannot sue again on the claim.

The decision, if it survives appeal, brings to a close a 13-year legal bid by SSI, which sought to recover millions of dollars it claims Disney owes it for Pooh-related merchandise and royalties on the sale of video tapes, DVDs and computer software.

CORPORATE TRIAL

Judge denies mistrial in Tyco case

Associated Press

NEW YORK — An uproar over an apparently pro-defense holdout on the jury brought the grand-larceny case against two former Tyco executives dangerously close to a mistrial Monday before the judge sent the jurors back into deliberations.

"It seems to me that it would be inappropriate to declare a mistrial when all 12 jurors, who have devoted six months of their lives to this trial, are prepared to continue," Judge Michael Obus said in denying a defense request for a mistrial.

Obus said that he had spoken with the juror, a 79-year-old woman who has been identified by name in several news reports, and that she had assured him that "nothing that has happened will, from her point of view, prevent her from deliberating in good conscience with the other jurors."

After resuming deliberations, jurors sent a note asking to see a company memo, and they asked the judge to repeat some instructions.

"Much water has passed under the bridge since last Thursday, and we would like our recollections refreshed," the jurors wrote.

They later finished deliberating for the day without reaching a verdict and were to continue Tuesday. It was their eighth day of deliberations.

The trial against former Tyco International chief L. Dennis Kozlowski and former chief financial officer Mark Swartz was thrown into turmoil last week when jurors told the judge that the atmosphere in the jury room had become "poisonous." A note to the judge said



Mark Swartz, former chief financial officer of Tyco, leaves the New York State Supreme Court with his wife Karen during a recess Monday. The jury will continue deliberations in his grand larceny trial today.

the source of the acrimony was a juror who "does not have an open mind" and had "stopped deliberating in a good faith."

The juror drew intense scrutiny over the weekend when some news organizations reported that she had made an "OK" gesture toward the defense while walking to the jury box on Friday.

On Saturday, the New York Post featured a sketch on its front page depicting her making an "OK" gesture. It called the woman "Ms. Trial," a "paranoid socialite" and a "batty blueblood." The Wall Street Journal's Web site also identified the

woman, a former lawyer, by name.

Exactly what gesture Juror No. 4 made, or whether she intended to make a gesture at all, was still in dispute. Defense lawyers and prosecutors said they had never seen the gesture. An Associated Press reporter witnessed the gesture but did not interpret it as an "OK" sign.

On Monday, while sitting in the jury box, the same juror repeatedly brushed at her hair, her fingers crooked.

Regardless of the intent of her gesture, the defense argued that the media coverage — along

with the 11 other jurors — had placed unfair pressure on the juror to reach a conviction.

Defense attorney Stephen Kaufman also cited media comments by an alternate juror that suggested other jurors were hostile toward juror No. 4, and said, "What was a poisonous atmosphere on Thursday must now be lethal."

In arguing against a mistrial, prosecutor Marc Scholl noted the judge has repeatedly urged jurors to stay away from news coverage. "The law presumes that the jurors will follow the court's instructions," he said.

BANKRUPTCY

Haynes announces restructuring

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Haynes International Inc., an 870-employee maker of industrial metal alloys, filed for bankruptcy protection on Monday and said it had reached agreements with creditors and union employees in hopes of emerging from Chapter 11.

The 92-year-old company is trying to shake off a growing debt burden and dropping customer demand.

Haynes said it expected to continue operating without interruption as it prepares a reorganization plan in hopes of exiting bankruptcy by year's end.

Haynes, which made its bankruptcy

filing in federal court in Indianapolis, operates its largest factory and has its headquarters about 40 miles to the north in Kokomo. In addition to that 440-employee 1-million-square-foot plant, Haynes operates a 117-worker factory in Arcadia, La., and a 37-worker plant in Openshaw, England. The rest of Haynes' workers are part of the company's international sales force.

The bankruptcy is not expected to lead to layoffs, Haynes spokesman Steven Goldberg said.

The company makes nickel and cobalt alloy sheets, tubes and bars sold to customers in the aerospace, chemical processing and gas turbine industries, among others.

Demand for those products has been hurt recently by a weak economy and higher raw material and energy costs, the company said in a regulatory filing last month.

In its bankruptcy petition, Haynes listed \$187 million in assets and \$362 million in liabilities — up from \$235 million in liabilities listed in a regulatory filing last month for the quarter ended Dec. 31. The company reported a \$4.3 million loss for that quarter on revenue of \$46.6 million.

A tentative agreement with bondholders would give them a 96 percent ownership stake in the privately held company in exchange for turning over their \$140 million in bonds, the company said.

MEXICO

Fox signs justice reform proposal

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — President Vicente Fox signed a sweeping justice reform proposal Monday to overhaul a system best known for corruption, secrecy and the lack of public accountability.

The proposal, which was then sent to Congress, would substitute oral hearings for written exchanges of legal briefs, insert the presumption of innocence into the constitution, and reorganize national police forces.

The reforms contain several elements that would require constitutional amendments. Because it deals with crime and safety, some of Mexicans' biggest concerns, the initiative appears to have a better chance of receiving congressional approval than Fox's failed electric, labor and tax reforms.

"It is time to work together to get rid of corruption, impunity, inequality and injustice," Fox said.

For years, human rights groups have asked for profound justice reforms in a country where corruption, confessions extracted under torture, botched investigations, and an excess of bureaucracy feed a deep mistrust of the system.

An estimated 75 percent of crimes go unreported, and only about 10 percent of the few that are documented make it to a judge. Under the current system, if criminals aren't captured within three days of the crime, they won't be caught.

"If we want Mexico's transition to democracy to continue advancing, there has to be justice," said Jose Antonio Ortega, a member of a Mexico-based organization that gathers crime statistics and advocates criminal justice reforms.

The center of Fox's proposed reform would strip the federal Attorney General's office of all police investigative powers, according to administration officials who discussed details of the plan with The Associated Press. The change is aimed at speeding up lengthy court proceedings, discouraging corruption and eliminating conflicts of interest.

The reform would make the

Attorney General's office autonomous from the executive branch, subject all prosecutorial appointments to Senate ratification, and have prosecutors serve staggered terms not dependent on the president's six-year administration.

Judges handle at least 500 cases a year. They seldom have time to fully review the files, and instead simply sign off on them or pass them on to law clerks and secretaries. Currently, about 60 percent of defendants sitting in jail cells have not been convicted.

"The workload is no longer manageable," Enrique Ramirez Martinez, a judge in central Queretaro state, told The Associated Press by telephone.

With oral public trials, judges "would be involved in everything and automatically resolve the case," Ramirez said. "It would be faster, more immediate and much better."

The reform would require prosecutors and defense attorneys to argue their cases publicly before a judge who also would hear testimony and review evidence first-hand. It would also introduce plea bargains and mediations.

Although most Mexicans want justice reform, the proposal is likely headed for a tough debate.

Sen. Orlando Paredes, a member of the opposition Institutional Revolutionary Party, took exception with the idea of substituting written trials with oral, public trials.

Paredes, who is on the Senate's Justice Commission, said experiments with oral trials have failed in the past.

"We shouldn't adopt systems from other countries, because Mexico has its own characteristics."

Police would be given the power to investigate crimes, and could do so without having to wait for a formal complaint — as is the case now. All federal police agencies would be fused into one national force.

Some are concerned that the reform may not go far enough. It does not follow the widespread recommendation to take police powers away from the military, for example.

PAKISTAN

Top al-Qaida member may be dead

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Intercepted radio conversations indicate al-Qaida's top intelligence chief may have been killed in fighting in Pakistan, intelligence officials said Monday, but they admitted that no body has been found.

The radio transmissions disclosed that a man named Abdullah had been killed and that the death caused a great deal of distress among the al-Qaida forces, a Pakistani intelligence official said on condition of anonymity.

"He was a very important person for al-Qaida," the official said. He added that interrogations of suspected al-Qaida members led the Pakistanis to believe that Abdullah was the group's top intelligence official.

Pakistan's sweep through western tribal areas to root out suspected terrorists resulted in the deaths of 63 suspected militants dead and the arrest of 167 more, army spokesman Maj. Gen. Shaukat Sultan said Monday.

Another member of Pakistani intelligence said the military was showing photos of Abdullah Ahmed Abdullah to captured militants, but that so far none had identified the photo. He said all available information was also being shared with U.S. intelligence agencies.

Without a body — and after earlier speculation that al-Qaida's No. 2, Ayman al-Zawahri was cornered — the officials were cautious about any conclusions, since many

al-Qaida leaders use aliases.

Abdullah Ahmed Abdullah, who holds an Egyptian passport, was indicted for his alleged involvement in the Aug. 7, 1998, bombings of the U.S. embassies in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and Nairobi, Kenya, that killed 231 people, including 12 Americans.

He is on the FBI list of Most Wanted Terrorists and was known to have fled to Pakistan after the 1998 bombings.

Sultan said the army had confirmed Abdullah's death through "independent intelligence sources" but would not say whether it had his body. Abdullah is an extremely common name in the Islamic world, and it was impossible to know which of many al-Qaida and other terror suspects Sultan might be referring to.

The military declared the operation in South Waziristan over on Sunday, and claimed it was a success.

But hundreds of other militants were still at large, officials said. Uzbek terrorist leader Tahir Yuldash was reportedly wounded in the assault but escaped.

There were 73 foreigners among the 167 arrested. Sultan did not identify their nationalities, but security officials had said Uzbeks, Chechens and Arabs were among them.

Sultan said 46 troops were killed and 26 wounded.

Villagers have begun returning to their homes after seeking shelter in Wana and other villages dur-

ing the operation, when thousands of Pakistani forces battled hundreds of foreign and local militants.

Some angry tribesmen demanded compensation Monday for property they said was damaged and looted in the operation. Pakistan's biggest and bloodiest to flush out al-Qaida fugitives.

"I do not know whose rocket hit my house. I do not know who looted my home during the military operation, but I think the government is responsible for it," said Mohammed Alam, 43, a resident in the Azam Warsak area, which was a focus of the military operation.

Sultan said troops had demolished the homes only of tribesmen who sheltered terrorists, but conceded that some other houses could have come under attack. He denied claims of looting.

While Pakistani troops have withdrawn from the target area of the operation, they have not pulled out of South Waziristan.

Sultan said some of the militants had "dispersed into smaller groups" and they would not be allowed to regroup.

President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, a key U.S. ally, has sent 70,000 troops to the border with Afghanistan since the Sept. 11 attacks to prevent cross-border attacks.

U.S. and Afghan forces have been deployed on the other side of the border as part of an offensive against al-Qaida and Taliban forces there.

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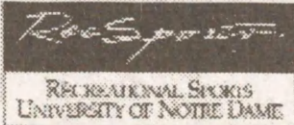
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IRELAND

Ban placed on tobacco in the Irish workplace

Associated Press

DUBLIN, Ireland — Smokers hid in toilet stalls or shivered outside Monday as Ireland's ban on tobacco in the workplace — including the country's 10,000 usually smoky pubs — began its first divisive day.

Over lunchtime pints, Dublin friends and work mates argued over the merits of outlawing cigarettes indoors — until the smokers ducked outside and began puffing away on city sidewalks choked with exhaust fumes.

Health Minister Micheal Martin, who pushed for three years to ban workplace smoking, celebrated with anti-smoking activists at Bewley's tea house in downtown Dublin. He predicted other European nations would soon follow Ireland's example.

Ireland's sweeping ban is the world's strictest national law,

though several individual U.S. states and cities have similarly rough prohibitions. However, the Irish version goes beyond measures in California and Delaware, which just prohibit smoking in bars and restaurants.

In the blue-collar pubs of north Dublin, Martin's crusade provoked both joy and fury.

"This is the worst idea any Irish government's ever had," said Gerry O'Connor, a prison guard sitting sullenly in a corner of John Doyle's pub. He'd just been busted trying to sneak a smoke in the pub's lavatory.

"He stayed in the loo [restroom] too long. I smelled smoke, went in and could hear him puffing, puffing, puffing behind the door," said barman John Golding, who ordered the offending butt extinguished.

"I think this ban's a great idea. Until now I've gone home from work with a hacking cough and

a sore throat from the smoke," said Golding. "The ban means there's going to be a lot more people quitting. No more peer pressure over a pint."

Ireland's airwaves and barstool discussions have been dominated by debate over the rights and wrongs of smoking — its role in the easygoing pub atmosphere, versus the cancer and other deadly diseases it causes.

A government National Smokers Helpline has been inundated with calls from people seeking nicotine patches, counseling and other break-the-habit aids. A second line, opened Monday, fielded calls from people reporting pubs and other businesses violating the ban.

A few publicans vowed Monday to ignore the ban, saying they couldn't afford to turn away loyal smoking customers. The government has warned that its 41 environmental health inspectors will mount undercover inspections if pubs ignore the law, which carries a maximum fine of \$3,700.

Opinion polls suggest a strong majority supports the ban in this country of 3.9 million, where about 30 percent of adults smoke. Feelings run deep on the issue.

The moment O'Connor started to bemoan the oppression he was suffering, his prison guard colleague Sean Donaghue, sitting at the next stool, bit his head off.

"You're talking a load of bollocks, Gerry. This is the greatest day Ireland's ever seen," said Donaghue.

"I've already had one bypass operation, a coronary stent in an artery, I've got diabetes — I'm living proof that cigarettes are killers," added Donaghue, who quit five years ago.

He said the smoke in pubs had forced him to give up his favorite recreation, playing guitar and banjo in a traditional band. "My surgeon told me I was inhaling so much smoke in the pubs I might as well be smoking myself," he said.

O'Connor defiantly insisted cigarettes were blamed for too many ills.

"My dad died last year of lung cancer, and he only smoked once a year at Christmas," he said. "There's probably more cancer-causing chemicals in the air outside the front door."

"This is the worst idea any Irish government's ever had."

Gerry O'Connor
Irish prison guard

Milwaukee mayor faces charges

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Prosecutors on Monday alleged campaign finance violations by the acting mayor, eight days before voters will decide between him and another candidate for mayor.

Acting Mayor Marvin Pratt admitted that he made careless mistakes, but denounced the investigation as politically motivated and said he hopes voters judge him on issues like jobs, crime and education.

"Mistakes were made and I accept responsibility," Pratt said.

Pratt was accused of four civil counts of filing a false campaign finance report and one civil count of failing to deposit personal campaign contributions in a campaign account. He faces a forfeiture of \$2,500, which Pratt said he will pay.

District Attorney Michael McCann said Pratt's campaign finance reports did not match up with bank statements for his campaign account. The figures were allegedly off by \$116,000 at the end of 2003.

The prosecutor decided against seeking a more serious

charge against Pratt, saying he did not believe there was a criminal motive. But, he described the problem as foolish and stupid.

"These are all disturbing, how else can you describe it," McCann said. "It is clear he is not very careful in how he handles his money."

Pratt became acting mayor in January when Mayor John Norquist left office four months early for a job in Chicago in the wake of a sexual harassment scandal and an admission that he had an extramarital affair.

New education law eases student testing

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For the fourth time in as many months, the Bush administration is easing the restrictions of its education law, this time in the area of testing.

The latest move — reducing the number of students a school may test without running afoul of the law — probably will cap a flurry of responses to concerns from states and schools.

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 requires schools to test at least 95 percent of students in math and reading. Schools also must have 95 percent participation from all major subgroups of students, such as minority or disabled youngsters.

The point is to make sure that schools are accountable for every student's progress, and to ensure that no schools have incentive to exclude lower-performing students on test days.

Under the new policy, schools will get some leeway. As long as they average a 95 percent participation rate among students over two or three years, schools will meet the law.

A school that tested 94 percent of students one year, for example, could make the mark if it tested 96 percent of students the year before. The same is true for subgroups of students.

Schools also won't have to count students who are enrolled but miss testing, including makeup exams, because of a medical emergency.

The changes are meant to fix a problem that has surfaced anecdotally: schools that fail to meet the federal standard just because a few students miss a test. There is no documentation of how often that has happened, but it can lead to consequences.

Schools that get federal poverty aid but don't make progress goals at least two straight years face mounting sanctions, from having to offer

transfers to risking state takeover.

"We are listening to parents and educators and making adjustments," Education Secretary Rod Paige said in announcing the new policy Monday to the National School Boards Association conference in Orlando. "But we are not willing to sidestep or ignore the heart of No Child Left Behind — making sure that all children count."

The changes will apply to the current school testing season.

Federal officials set out to offer flexibility without backing down from the law's call for at least 95 percent of all students to be tested. Since December, Paige has also eased rules affecting highly qualified teachers, disabled children and limited-English learners.

"It's the first time we've had any recognition of the issues we've raised over the last two years, in terms of their willingness to address them," said Michael Bird, federal affairs counsel for the National Conference of State Legislatures. "In that regard, they're to be commended for listening, although we still have some root problems with the law."

Among them, Bird said, is a view among states that the federal government hasn't provided enough money to pay for its requirements, from data collection to teacher training.

The Bush administration says that's not true.

No Child Left Behind, the most sweeping federal education law in a generation, is the centerpiece of Bush's education agenda. Aimed at improving minority achievement, it won strong bipartisan support but has since faced opposition over key provisions and funding.

First lady Laura Bush, also speaking in Orlando, urged school board members to support the law. She said it is based on the premise that "all children must have access to high-quality schools regardless of their skin color, their disability or their ZIP code."

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Dissecting the American desert complex

Dating back to the days of the Jamestown colony, Americans have always loved their deserts. And I am not talking about desolate and uncultivated lands, though I am sure there are Americans that cannot get enough of the Great Basin Desert in Nevada. I am talking about the definition of desert as the state of deserving rewards and punishments; a state with which Americans are infatuated. We are obsessed with freedom of choice and the value judgments that we attach to such choices. We are a culture that believes people get what they deserve.

Peter Quaranto

A Call to Action

This obsession with desert is deeply rooted in the traditional American Dream, which asserts that in America, any individual with work ethic and ambition can achieve his or her goals. Such a rationale, defended most clearly in the few rags-to-riches stories of our history, is not intrinsically wrong, but placed in a context of a flawed and unequal society, it can be problematic. In our day, too many people use this desert complex to rationalize actions that fail to be directed toward helping the poor and promoting the common good. Too many good people use this complex to help them sleep comfortably at night, while tens of thousands of Americans live in utter poverty.

Think about it. How often do you hear people speak of deserving to do something or live a certain way because they have worked hard and made sacrifices? How many of our parents believe they deserve to send their children to Notre Dame because they have succeeded in their work? How many of us believe that we deserve to be here because we worked hard in high school? It is apparent that this notion of desert plays a significant role in our culture.

Even in outreach to the poor and

marginalized of our society, we often project this obsession with desert. We place standards on who should receive aid and we make judgments on who is worthy of our help. Why do we feel more sympathy for the family that is homeless because they lost everything in a fire than for the homeless man who lost his job due to alcoholism? Again, I am not suggesting this is necessarily wrong, but we must be more aware of the emphasis that we place on desert in our culture.

This American desert complex does hold legitimacy in certain respects, but it also does lend itself to many problems. Such a complex assumes equal opportunity for all, which is not the case in our country and world. In our tremendously unequal world, the social status, location and wealth into which one is born have drastic effects on one's opportunities, resources and support. It is naive to suggest that someone growing up in an economically-poor family in a troubled neighborhood of Chicago has the same opportunities as someone from a middle-class family in suburban Massachusetts. In our country, the notion of social mobility is becoming ever more mythical, and to ignore such trends in exchange for a rationalization of desert is to make a grave mistake.

At Notre Dame, I often wonder how many people really believe they deserve to be here. In a world where less than 1 percent of people get to receive a college education and billions of people live under \$2 a day, why do we deserve to be here? Is it because we worked harder than our peers in high school? Well then, what if we were born in another country, such as Uganda? What if we grew up in a fami-

ly that could not put food on the table? To assert a justification of desert for one's right to a college education is to show a serious lack of global consciousness.

Finally, for Catholics, this notion of desert is problematic. For an individual to assert that all is a gift from God and that no one is outside God's love and mercy, and then to turn around and assert that one has every right to make hundreds of thousands of dollars at the expense of millions of people in poverty is hypocrisy. Jesus dined with the prostitutes, the tax collectors and the most undeserved of society. Why then, here at the most Catholic university in

America, is the desert complex so rampant?

In the course of this questioning, I find myself wondering what a society and world would be like where people could move beyond this ungrounded obsession with desert. Would those who are blessed enough to make large amounts of money or achieve great amount

of power use it more humanely? Would conceptions of justice and responsibility for others, especially the poor, take hold more in our consciousness? And would Notre Dame students spend more time utilizing the many opportunities available here for growth, giving and gratitude? Only when we begin to think outside this excessive desert complex can we begin to build a just world where people are more responsible to one another.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Commemorating 'Week of Action'

I am writing to support Antonio Rivas' hunger strike this week in order to bring needed attention to various situations of injustice upon our campus.

Tony is a dedicated, committed individual involved in several campus groups working toward social and economic justice. His hunger strike marks the nationwide Week of Action, and reminds us all of the inconsistencies practiced by our own administration here at Notre Dame. Tony's commitment to the strike also reminds us of what power students have; we must choose to act in socially and ethically responsible ways by encouraging the administration to fully live out its proudly-held Catholic heritage.

The principles of Catholic social teaching maintain a dignified standard of human and labor rights not always recognized by companies associating with Notre Dame. Taco Bell's lack of

responsibility for their labor practices which keep farm-workers in poverty, the Gallo Wines' longstanding labor abuses and corresponding boycott, the lack of unions for our campus workers, the utterly discriminatory decision denying United in Diversity its right to form a club and other important corporate and social decisions affecting our campus must not be ignored.

Please support Tony's hunger strike by investigating these issues and encouraging the administration to do so as well, focusing upon justice and equality and responding as a Catholic institution should.

Kate Maich
senior
off campus
Mar. 29

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"To act without clear understanding, to form habits without investigation, to follow a path all one's life without knowing where it really leads — such is the behavior of the multitude."

Menciu
Chinese philosopher

GUEST COLUMN

Defining the real environmentalist

As new studies show the planet is constantly coming closer to total annihilation unless we radically change our policies, one must wonder why any sane person would not do everything possible to stop our impending demise. We still drive pollutant-spilling cars and cut down oxygen-producing, carbon dioxide-reducing forests, even though we constantly hear about the devastation they cause to nature.

Yoni Rublin

Daily Targum

Typically, the average person who calls himself or herself an "environmentalist" is just someone who loves and appreciates the Earth's natural beauty and resources. This type of person is understandably worried about pollution, toxins and trash, but in the end, he or she primarily views the Earth as an amazing resource for humans to use and enjoy. This type of environmentalist's concern for the Earth's well-being is centered in his or her desire for the prolonged benefit for humankind.

Most people think of themselves as pro-environment, but they mean something far different and far more innocent than the most prominent philosophers, founders and leaders of the modern environmentalist movement.

Environmentalists believe nature exists for its own sake, not for humanity's enjoyment and survival. Humans are no more important than endangered species, polluted lakes or the damaged ozone layer.

Environmentalists see humans not as the only moral beings on the planet or having the utmost value over all other living things, but rather as a disease afflicting the earth, as the enemy of the natural world.

Why do some people think the entire world's attention should be focused on

environmental issues such as global warming, ozone depletion or chopping down trees, while others would rather focus their attention on issues such as combating terrorists and violently suppressive dictators?

The answer to this question all comes down to the differing beliefs regarding humanity's power to destroy the planet. Could humanity destroy the world? It is not a scientific question as much as a question of how powerful one sees himself or herself.

If one believes there is nothing more powerful than humans (i.e., a god), he or she believes humans are powerful enough to destroy the planet. But, if one believes there is an all-powerful god, then he or she will think a human's strength is quite insignificant, and consequently humans don't have much of an effect on the environment. These people believe any attempt to try to destroy the Earth would be futile.

Many founders and leaders of the environmentalist movement believe humanity is cutting Earth on the path to destruction. Former Vice President Al Gore wrote in his book "Earth in the Balance," "We are still reluctant to believe that our worst nightmares of a global ecological collapse could come true; much depends on how quickly we

can recognize the danger"

Biologist George Perkins Marsh, author of "Man and Nature," agreed natural forces and processes exist in a stable, harmonious balance but said human activity was destroying that balance. He wrote, "Man is everywhere a disturbing agent; wherever he plants his foot, the harmonies of nature are turned to discord." He went on to call humankind "brute destroyers" who "destroy the balance which nature had established."



Those who agree with Gore and Marsh see themselves as being powerful and capable of determining if the Earth's ecosystem will survive — a belief due to thinking there is no stronger transcendent power above Man.

Some think because we are only human we could not destroy the world if we tried. They believe this not because they think we haven't developed big enough bombs, but because they often live with a feeling of reverence for a higher transcendent power. This belief in a supreme being puts their vision of humanity's strength in perspective. When a believer in God sees vast oceans, enormous mountains or millions of stars, they are reminded of humans' finite power and the infinite power of the one who created everything.

The religious person tends to focus on

good and evil; being morally good is more important to him or her than having a healthy world. The Earth is worthless if there are no humans on it to be morally good.

Many who spend their time helping the environment or dealing with issues involving human evils have similarly good motives centered on helping humanity. They just differ on how to go about accomplishing this noble goal.

Secularists tend to focus on the environment because a healthy planet is most important to them. Since they believe there is no god, they hold all living things as equals. Most derive their morality from nature and see morality as a tool to help nature flourish. They would prefer a healthy world with murderers to a damaged Earth where people were morally good and there was less human suffering.

The secularists' views can be as extreme as The Voluntary Human Extinction Movement, whose slogan is "May we live long and die out." They hold that by the human race ceasing to breed, it will allow Earth's biosphere to return to good health as we become less dense.

My opposition to radical environmentalism is rooted fundamentally in morality and in the supreme moral value of human life and our well-being on Earth.

While a moral humanity in an unhealthy world is an unfortunate, difficult and potentially irreparable problem, a world without a moral humanity is a world not worth existing. Some people are moral to live, while others live to be moral.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Supporting differences

Euripides said, "There is just one life for each of us: our own." Assuming that God exists and that God is the supreme creator, God created human life, and if God wanted us all to be the same, God would have made us all the same. Fortunately, God made us in all shapes and sizes and colors because God rejoices in difference. God also gave us each a mind of our own in which to formulate beliefs and thoughts as well as a heart that knows no boundaries to love.

Jesus was sent to us to practice and preach the supreme message of God — that is, to love one another. There is no footnote or appendix or additional clause saying "Love only those who are straight," or "Love people who have no flaws" or "Love only those who believe in the same things as you do." No, Jesus' message was crystal clear: God made us out of love, and our purpose during our time here is to love totally all beings in God's beautiful creation.

We were not sent here to be the judge of other people's morality. If we oppose something, we do not take have to take part in it. But we are not called to point our finger at a "sinner" unless we ourselves have no sin. God will be the judge of us on the last day, until then, we all have enough of our own morality to keep us from infringing our beliefs on other people.

In the comfort of the Notre Dame bubble — which is ready to burst in its heaps of Catholic doctrine — it seems the Student Activities Board has forgotten what is at the heart of our faith. In not permitting United in Diversity (UID) to attain club status, the administrative powers on this campus foster an atmosphere in stark contrast to the message of Christ. Rather than welcoming all people and nurturing a sense of inclusiveness in its student body — something this world is in desperate need of — the powers that be continue to try to mute the voice of UID, thus, telling its students that in fact, we do not have to include all people. This is not only unconstitutional, discriminatory and simply unjust — it is anti-Christian.

UID is not mute, nor is it going away. I only hope the members of the Notre Dame community recognize the injustice being done against this group as incentive to make their voices heard.

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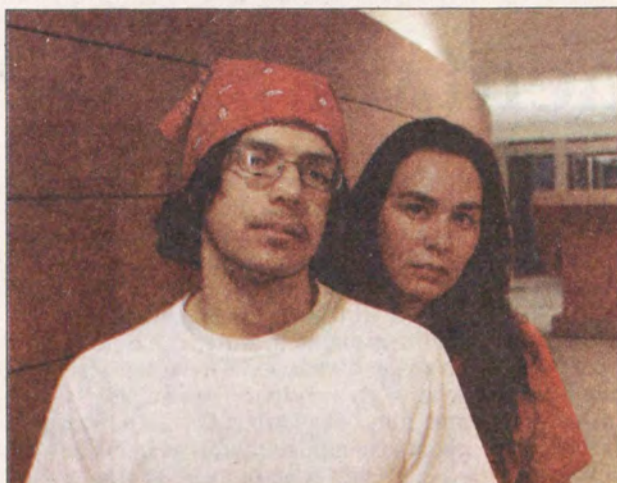
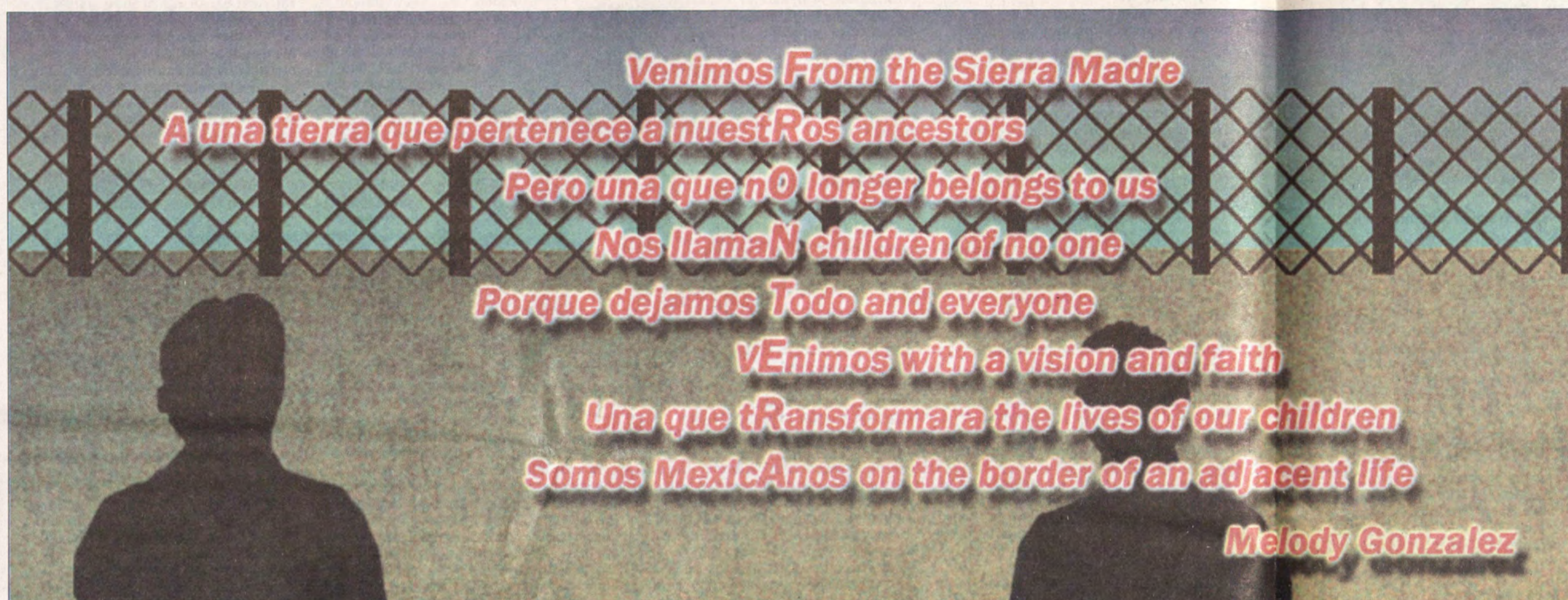


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Partners in the fight for justice

Whether through poetry or a hunger strike, students Melody Gonzalez and Tony Rivas find unique ways to campaign for the causes they both believe in



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STORY BY MARIA SMITH

Melody Gonzalez and Tony Rivas could not have realized before meeting this semester how much they would have in common. Since meeting through mutual friends, the two have bonded over more than both living near Los Angeles or a common love for playing guitar and listening to Rage Against the Machine. The two share a cultural heritage and passion for social activism that has led them to become some of the University's most dedicated social activists. Anyone who claims Notre Dame students don't care about social causes or much else outside the Notre Dame bubble has obviously never met these students. Whether or not students or administrators agree with their political stances, their dedication to the causes they believe in is undeniable.

Gonzalez and Rivas both work with the Progressive Student Alliance. Both participated in the spring break Migrant Experiences seminar in Immokalee, Fla. through the Center for Social Concerns. Both traveled to Kentucky in February to participate in a protest march against Taco Bell and other companies considered by the Coalition for Immokalee Workers and other labor organizations to take advantage of abusive labor practices.

Most importantly, Gonzalez and Rivas are both children of fathers who worked as migrant farm laborers in their teenage years after moving to the United States from Mexico. Gonzalez' father never had the chance to graduate from high school before dropping out to help support his family. He worked picking cucumbers, raspberries and other crops in the 1970s before obtaining work at the fiberglass factory where he still works in the early 1980s. Rivas' father picked crops every day after school and for a year after high school graduation before finding work in a factory.

The two students' family backgrounds have given them an especially strong affinity for organizations like the CIW that campaign for labor rights in farming communities. Any student who participates in the Migrant Experiences seminar is bound to come away with a new compassion for the plight of migrant laborers who, according to the CIW, have to pick two tons of tomatoes in order to earn \$50 in a day. But a week in the Florida fields can't compare with a student whose parents have told them firsthand what working in them firsthand was like.

"A lot of the passion I have for immigrants and workers comes from my parents," Gonzalez said at a talk Monday night where both students described their parents' and their own experiences. The talk was held in honor

of Cesar Chavez day, a holiday celebrated in California and other Southwestern states in recognition of Cesar Chavez' groundbreaking work establishing the United Farm Workers in the 1960s. The talk also featured a lecture by IUSB Head of Labor Studies Paul Mischler and part of the film "Fight in the Fields," which depicts the fight for labor unions through original footage.

Cesar Chavez day also marked the start of the Student Week of Action. The week is a national call to students supported by Jobs for Justice, Amnesty International and other organization in honor of the work of Cesar Chavez and Martin Luther King Jr.

At Latin Expressions on Friday, the campus had a chance to see how much the friendship, and the causes the Rivas and Gonzalez fight for, have meant to both.

Gonzalez, auditioned for the show reading a poem entitled "People of the Sun." She has used poetry to express ideas

about her heritage, personal experiences and political views since the age of 11 following her younger sister's death.

Gonzalez auditioned by herself, but for the performance she asked Rivas to accompany her on guitar. Rivas composed an original melody with help from a friend in Chicago to play while Gonzalez read.

The poem was an appropriate one for the two friends to perform together. "People of the Sun" describes the exploitation of certain classes that can come under capitalism.

"People of the sun/There are those who have more than they need /But always convince themselves of not having enough/While we barely have enough para sobrevivir (to survive)," Gonzalez writes.

When she wrote the poem Gonzalez originally dedicated it to her father and to the CIW. At the Friday performance she also dedicated it to Rivas, who has decided on a new way to protest for his cause.

Rivas began a week long hunger strike Friday night as a call to the students and administration of the University to examine several issues on which the freshman feels the University and its members could take a more compassionate Catholic stance. Rivas has not eaten since Friday night, and does not plan to eat until a PSA protest at Taco Bell Friday night, where the group hopes to have live music and real Mexican food. Rivas was inspired by stories of a 30-day hunger strike started by members of the CIW.

"If they can go for 30 days, I can go at least seven to raise awareness at a university which can have so much power and influence," Rivas said.

Rivas mentioned the issue of campus workers' right to organize and the gay-straight alliance, but emphasized that he wanted to raise promote awareness of migrant workers' rights at the University.

Rivas was especially concerned about the University's connection with companies that have been denounced by the

CIW and other labor organizations. The athletic department at Notre Dame has a small level sponsorship agreement with Taco Bell which allows the company to advertise in publications and announcements. Matt Gallo, a Board of Trustees member, is the director of a company called Gallo of Sonoma Winery, which also has been accused of unfair labor practices by the UFW.

University spokesman Matthew Storin cited the University's Migrant Labor seminar as evidence that Notre Dame is not insensitive to the issues for which Rivas campaigns.

"The problem is not unknown to the University as a whole," Storin said. "If he learned about the problem as a student here at ND that should count as University awareness on some level."

Although Rivas learned much of what he knows about the issues surrounding migrant labor on a University seminar, he still feels the University could do more good on some issues.

"Cesar Chavez and Martin Luther King Jr. did so much good, and they were only one guy," Rivas said. "If one guy can do so much, why can't the University do more worldwide?"

Rivas hopes for a reaction from the University's officials, but has not spoken with the administration directly.

"This is a show of concern for the issues. I want to leave discussion with the administration to people more knowledgeable," Rivas said. "If I don't hear from them at all, if I don't feel like they're doing anything, I may keep going."

Whatever happens as a result of Rivas' effort, he can count on his friends to support him as he has supported them.

"I could see this fire inside of Tony [when I met him]," Gonzalez said. "He gives me a lot of energy. He inspires me to do the stuff I'm already involved with."

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Baby Doll is one of a kind

Saint Mary's sophomore Skip Bacon wins ninth award for her custom classic 1984 Chevy S10

STORY BY MARIA SMITH

Sarah Rochelle Bacon doesn't look like a grease monkey. No one seeing the Saint Mary's sophomore standing around the Cavalcade of Wheels in the JACC Saturday and Sunday in her pink shirt and pink hoop earrings would guess that Sarah, better known as Skip, had overhauled the engine and done the body work on her bright pink 1984 custom classic Chevy S10 herself.

Bacon bought the truck for \$500 after wrecking her mom's van in high school. She overhauled the engine with some help from her dad and brother when it failed a month after she bought it.

"When I bought it the engine was shot and the body was trashed," Bacon said. "It ran, but not for long."

When the car gathered so much rust that driving it was barely legal, Bacon decided to redo the body herself. And while she was at it, she decided to make sure everyone knew it was her car and her handiwork.

"I used to drive into town in a little red pickup, and everyone would ask if it was my dad's, or my brother's or my boyfriend's. They didn't believe me that it was mine," Bacon said. "Now, no one asks."

She had the interior redone in pink leather, repainted the dashboard in specially mixed pink paint and recovered the steering wheel herself.

The truck was referred to as the Barbie car, Pink, the peppermint car and other nicknames around the show. But its real name, "Baby Doll," is unmistakably written across the top of the windshield.

To top everything off, the car was made in the same month and year that Bacon was born. In January the owner and her truck both turned twenty. The age is the requirement for the car, if not the owner, to be considered a classic.

"In five more years we'll both be 25," Bacon said. "We'll turn antique together."

Bacon has yet to undertake any more automotive projects, but still does maintenance on her beloved Chevy.

"She keeps my hands pretty full," Bacon said. "It's a 20-year old engine, it's not easy to keep running."

Thanks to Bacon's hard work, the truck is now an award-winning classic and Bacon's pride and joy. Bacon tours to shows around the state and always dresses in pink to match her car.

For the show on Saturday, her car was parked in the center of the hockey arena surrounded by other pickups, motorcycles, dragsters and all other types of motor vehicles. Other cars were taken by elevator to line the hallways on the upper



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Saint Mary's sophomore Skip Bacon hangs an air freshener for every trophy from the gear shift in her cab.

levels of the JACC. Altogether nearly 250 cars took part in the show.

Bacon keeps eight pink air fresheners dangling from the gear shift in the cab of her car — one for each award her truck has won. After Sunday, she'll have to buy one more. Bacon left the Cavalcade of wheels with first place in the category of "Mini Pickups, 1970-1987."

Although Bacon is excited about the trophy, which stands nearly half her height, and about the cash prize she won at a show in Iowa, she doesn't plan to move into the higher echelons of car shows. Companies will sometimes sponsor top cars to travel around the country and pay for repairs and improvements to the vehicles, but the Saint Mary's student would rather maintain her independence.

"If you have sponsors, you have to do what they say," Bacon said. "For example, if they wanted me to replace my rims, I'd have to do it. I like what I have."

While some classic car owners refuse to drive their cars anywhere but into the show, Bacon uses her Chevy for errands, going to movies and anything else she has to do.

So if you see a pink truck anywhere around town, make sure to take a closer look and admire Bacon's hard work. And keep the custom paint in mind when you decide whether to try squeezing into that tight parking space next door.



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Bacon bought her truck for \$500 before overhauling the engine and redoing the body. Bacon painted the truck pink to make sure everyone would know it belonged to her.

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NHL

Kalinin scores twice in Sabres' 6-0 victory over Blue Jackets

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — The New York Islanders had better look out: Here come the Buffalo Sabres.

Dmitri Kalinin scored twice and added an assist, and Martin Biron stopped 23 shots to earn his 100th career victory in Buffalo's win over Columbus.

Buffalo moved within three points of the Islanders in the race for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. Both teams have three games remaining, and the Islanders' magic number is four points.

"They've got to be feeling a little heat now," Sabres coach Lindy Ruff said. "We want to put a lot of pressure on them."

Derek Roy had a goal and assist, and Maxim Afinogenov, James Patrick and Chris Taylor also scored in helping the Sabres extend their unbeaten streak to five games (4-0-1).

"It's as tight as it's ever been," Biron said. "We've clawed ourselves back there. And we've got to look at it as a little step. But you haven't done anything until you close the deal."

The Sabres, who next play at the New York Rangers on Wednesday, are also feeling anxious, hoping their run isn't coming too late.

"There's a lot of stress and anxiety involved," Sabres defenseman Jay McKee said. "We've just got to keep this thing going, our goal is to win out."

The Blue Jackets, shut out for the 11th time this season, had a four-game winning streak snapped. The 4-year-old franchise has never won five straight.

The Sabres took control early and kept pressing, making up for their last game — Saturday's 2-2 tie at Pittsburgh in which Buffalo blew a 2-0 lead.

Kalinin and Roy scored 2:09 apart, putting the Sabres ahead 2-0 by the 8:16 mark of the first period, and before Columbus registered its second shot on net.

Kalinin's first goal was an opportunistic one when his centering pass, intended for Mike Grier, bounced in off Columbus defenseman Scott Lachance's skate. Roy made good on Afinogenov's pass into the high slot, one-timing it in from 30 feet to beat Fred

Brathwaite on the glove side.

The Blue Jackets were outshot 7-0 when Kalinin scored and 9-1 on Roy's goal. Columbus was outshot 15-6 in the first period and 39-23 overall.

The Sabres didn't stop there in matching a season high by earning their third six-goal victory of the season.

Senators 5, Lightning 4 OT

The way the Ottawa Senators and Tampa Bay Lightning were going, it figured the last shot would decide the game.

"It's two good teams that know how to battle right at the end," Tampa Bay's Dave Andreychuk said after Chris Phillips scored from just inside the blue line to give the Senators an overtime victory over the Eastern Conference leaders.

"We showed good character by coming back. But they also did, too. That's the intensity level both teams want going into the playoffs. We've been looking for that, and in our last few games we've been able to get that. It's a good thing."

The victory gave Ottawa a sweep of the season series. The Senators are 13-2-1 against Tampa Bay the past four years, and outscored the Southeast Division champions 17-9 in four games this season.

The Lightning are 8-2-2 against the second, third and fourth-place teams in the East. They're also at a loss to explain their futility against No. 5 Ottawa, which moved within one point of Toronto and Boston — the co-leaders in the Northeast Division.

"We got a point, but it's still a loss," Tampa Bay's Tim Taylor said. "Our goals aren't the Eastern Conference anymore. Our goals are the Presidents' Trophy and it looks with just getting a point tonight we won't be able to do it now."

Tampa Bay began the night tied with Detroit for the overall NHL points lead.

The Red Wings beat Minnesota 5-3 and pulled one point ahead of the Lightning with 105. Detroit has three games remaining, and Tampa Bay has two.

Maple Leafs 4, Thrashers 2

Gary Roberts' two-point effort helped the Toronto Maple Leafs get back into first place.

Roberts had a goal and an assist, and the Maple Leafs moved into a tie for first place



Toronto's Gary Roberts is knocked down by Atlanta's Daniel Tjarnqvist in front of Atlanta goalie Pasi Nurminen during the third period of Toronto's 4-2 victory over Atlanta.

in the Northeast Division by rallying for a victory over the Atlanta Thrashers.

Toronto is tied with Boston with 99 points. The third-place Ottawa Senators have 98.

"It's just amazing how tight it really is," Roberts said. "Every day you look at the standings and you go from second to fourth to sixth. We're going to be doing a lot of scoreboard watching the next few days."

Toronto started slowly, trailing 2-0 in the first period before scoring the next four goals.

Maple Leafs goalie Ed Belfour made 22 saves, including several impressive stops throughout.

Toronto played without Owen Nolan, who will be sidelined at least three weeks because of a knee injury sustained in Saturday's tie against Ottawa.

Dany Heatley and Serge Aubin scored for the Thrashers.

"We were aware it was a big game for them, but we have guys that are fighting for jobs. I can't fault our effort," Atlanta coach Bob Hartley said.

Heatley, standing alone in front of the net, gave Atlanta a 1-0 lead at 4:47 of the first by

batting a rebound out of the air and past Belfour. Just over a minute later, Aubin scored after getting to a loose puck before a defenseman or Belfour could.

Brian Leetch got Toronto going by making a pass from behind the net to Tie Domi, whose one-timer cut it to 2-1 at 13:08 of the first.

Alexander Mogilny's one-timer tied it with 47 seconds left in the first. Roberts sent Atlanta defenseman Frantisek Kaberle to the ice with a check before making a pass from the behind the net to Mogilny.

Roberts gave Toronto the lead after his shot deflected off Atlanta defenseman Andy Sutton's skate and in at 3:44 of the third. Nik Antropov made it 4-2 during a power play by putting a rebound past goalie Pasi Nurminen.

Red Wings 5, Wild 3

The Detroit Red Wings have nearly secured first place in the Western Conference. Now their sights are set on the post-season.

Brendan Shanahan had a goal and an assist Monday night in the Red Wings' victory over the Minnesota Wild.

Detroit, with 105 points,

reduced its magic number to one point over San Jose to clinch the top seed in the Western Conference playoffs with three games remaining. The Red Wings have won three straight to take over first place in the overall NHL standings.

"Our objective is to get ready for the playoffs," Detroit forward Steve Thomas said. "We wanted to continue what we were doing against Colorado."

The Red Wings beat the Avalanche in their two previous games.

Darren McCarty, Jiri Fischer, Boyd Devereaux and Pavel Datsyuk scored the other Red Wings goals. Ray Whitney had two assists for Detroit, which led 2-1 after the first period.

"We're trying to peak as we're going into the playoffs," Whitney said.

Alexandre Daigle scored twice, and Andrei Zyuzin netted the other goal for Minnesota.

McCarty opened the scoring at 4:26 when he put in a wrist shot from the top of the left circle. Minnesota tied it on a power-play goal with 9:57 remaining when Zyuzin slammed in a one-timed shot from in front.

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Fall 2004 Courses

ROIT 310 TEXTUAL ANALYSIS / ADVANCED GRAMMAR 9:30-10:45 T/Th C. Ryan-Scheutz

An introduction to the critical analysis of Italian literary texts across a variety of genres and periods, complemented by an advanced grammar review and practice in writing. Recommended for all majors and supplementary majors.

ROIT 371 INTRO TO ITALIAN LITERATURE I 11:00-12:15 T/Th C. Moevs

An introduction to the close reading and textual analysis of representative texts from the Duecento through the Renaissance, including Lentini, Guinizzelli, Cavalcanti, Dante, Petrarca, Boccaccio, Poliziano, Machiavelli, and Ariosto. We will trace the profile of Italian literary history in this period, setting the texts in their cultural and historical context (including music, art, and architecture), with attention to the changing understanding of human nature and the physical world in these centuries. Requirements include class participation, short essays, short presentations, a midterm and a final. Taught in Italian. Pre-requisite: ROIT 202 or equivalent; ROIT 310 suggested. The course is required for majors and secondary majors.

ROIT/LLRO 411I DANTE I: INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE 2:00-3:15 T/Th T. Cachey

According to the eminent critic John Freccero "Understanding in the *Inferno* is a process that might be characterized as hyperbolic doubt systematically applied to the values of contemporary society." This may explain the strong revival of interest in the poem that we have witnessed of late. In this course we will read and discuss in detail the *Inferno* as well as important "minor" works leading up to the *Divine Comedy* including the *Vita nuova* (New Life), the *Convivio* (The Banquet), and the *De vulgari eloquentia* (On vernacular eloquence). The course, which satisfies the literature requirement, will be offered in English. Undergraduate students of Italian at all levels are welcome. Midterm, final exam and brief presentations.

FTT/ROIT/LLRO 452I ITALIAN CINEMA: THE REALITIES OF HISTORY 1:30-2:45 M/W Z. Baranski* (ROIT 450L - Lab 3:30-5:30 Th)

This course explores the construction and development of the Italian cinematic realist tradition from the silent era to the early 1970s, although its primary focus is on the period 1934-1966, which stretches from the appearance of Blasetti's openly fascist 'historical' reconstruction, "La vecchia guardia", to Pasolini's 'eccentric' exercise in left-wing commitment, "Uccellacci e uccellini", with its mix of expressionist and hyper-realist techniques. At the centre of this period are found some of Italy's most highly regarded films made by directors, such as Vittorio DeSica, Roberto Rossellini, and Luchino Visconti, who belonged to the Neo-realist movement (1945-53). These film-makers rejected escapist cinema and tried to make films that examined the contemporary experiences of ordinary Italians. As well as analysing the films in themselves, the course examines the formal and ideological continuities and differences between Neo-realist films and their silent and fascist predecessors. In a similar way, it analyses Neo-realism's impact on later film-makers, such as Federico Fellini, Pier Paolo Pasolini, Gillo Pontecorvo, Dino Risì, and Francesco Rosì, who attempted to develop new versions of cinematic realism. Finally, the course aims to locate the films in their historical and cultural contexts and to address theoretical issues arising from the concept of 'realism'.

ROIT 471 ITALIAN SHORT STORY 12:30-1:45 T/Th J. Welle

Taught in Italian, this course treats the historical development of the short prose narrative in Italian literature. Beginning with the folktale, and moving into selected novelle by such Medieval and Renaissance writers as Boccaccio, Bandello, Firenzuola and Machiavelli, the course also includes modern and contemporary contributors to the genre including Verga, D'Annunzio, Pirandello, Moravia, Gozzano, Tozzi, Deledda, Serao, Maraini, Calvino, and Ginzburg. Students will be required to write a number of brief papers, to give brief oral presentations and to participate in class discussions. There will be a mid-term and a final exam.

ROIT 500 ITALIAN GRADUATE READING 8:30-9:20 M/W/F Staff

This one semester, intensive study of Italian grammar and syntax is intended for graduate students working in the humanities or sciences, who are interested in acquiring reading proficiency in Italian.

ROIT 515 DANTE'S WORLD OF BOOKS 12:30-3:00 T Z. Baranski*

Dante's World of Books aims to examine the oeuvre and career of, arguably, the most original and influential writer in Western culture from three closely interlinked perspectives. First, the course provides an overview of all Dante's writings, the books he actually produced. Second, it explores his intellectual formation and his attitude towards the literary tradition—the books that were probably present in his 'library'. Third, it will assess the manner in which Dante synthesized his different ideological and poetic interests in order to develop an incisive and powerful assessment and critique of humanity's position in the order of divine creation. In the Middle Ages, the created universe was often metaphorically described as "God's book" or the "book of creation". The course thus attempts to investigate the complex inter-relationship that Dante forged between his books and the 'book' of the Supreme Artist, a popular and highly influential medieval image for God the Creator.

ROIT 588 MODERN ITALIAN POETRY 3:30-6:00 Th J. Welle

Addressed to graduate and advanced undergraduates, this course focuses on Italian poetry in the twentieth century. Major Italian poets and poet/translators to be studied include D'Annunzio, Gozzano, Marinetti, Ungaretti, Saba, Montale, Pavese, Quasimodo, Fortini, Pasolini, Sanguineti, Zanzotto, Rosselli, Giudici, Magrelli, Valduga and D'Elia. The role of translation in the evolution, transmission and diffusion of modern Italian poetry will also be considered. Requirements include a 20 to 30 minute seminar presentation, class participation including brief reports on critical readings, and a final research paper.

ROIT 551I RENAISSANCE & EARLY MODERN EUROPE SOCIAL & CULTURAL HISTORY 1:30-4:00 M M. Meserve

This course will examine the intellectual and cultural climate of the Italian Renaissance, with an emphasis on both its origins in and impact on the structures of late medieval Italian society. We will also examine the later spread of Renaissance culture to the rest of Europe in the 16th century, with a view to studying the interplay between cultural practices and the societies in which they developed. Topics of study will most likely include: Italian humanism in its social context; the origin and development of Renaissance social 'types' (the artist, the engineer, the secretary, the courtesan, the prince); print culture and political propaganda; patronage and clientage; civic culture and performance; historical consciousness and national identity; changing relationships between the individual, society and the state.

ROIT/ARHI 546M SURVEY OF ITALIAN BAROQUE ART 3:00-3:50 M/W/F R. Coleman

This course surveys Italian painting, sculpture, and architecture of the 17th and 18th centuries, the era of the foundation and suppression of the Jesuit Order, the Counter-Reformation, absolute monarchy, and democratic nations. Artists and architects under discussion include Caravaggio and the Carracci, Bernini, Borromini, Guarini, Algardi, Artemisia Gentileschi, Pietro da Cortona, Baciccio, Pozzo, and Tiepolo.

ROIT/ARHI 545E MANNERISM: PAINTING & SCULPTURE IN CENTRAL ITALY AFTER THE DEATH OF RAPHAEL 11:45-01:00 M/W R. Coleman

This course will explore the artistic trends in Italy after the High Renaissance (c. 1520) and before the Baroque (c. 1580). Our attention will then turn to the Roman art of Raphael's heirs, Giulio Romano, Perino del Vaga, and Polidoro da Caravaggio, and the emerging Tuscan painters Pontormo, Rosso Fiorentino, and Domenico Beccafumi. We will also investigate the dispersal of the Roman school: Giulio Romano to the Gonzaga court in Mantua, in 1524, and, following the Sack of Rome in 1527, other maniera artists to Genoa, Bologna, Parma, and as far as the French royal chateau at Fontainebleau.

* Professor Zygmunt G. Baranski, 2004 Visiting Distinguished Professor of Dante and Italian Studies

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NFL

Owners decide to keep Tagliabue, instant replay

Patriots and Colts to open season Sept. 9

Associated Press

PALM BEACH, Fla. — NFL owners are ready to give commissioner Paul Tagliabue a new contract and keep instant replay.

The questions are how long Tagliabue's term will last and if replay will be made permanent.

Pittsburgh owner Dan Rooney, who heads the committee that oversees league operations, said Monday the 32 owners agreed unanimously to extend Tagliabue's contract, which expires in May 2005. Rooney said the extension could be as long as three years, depending on the wishes of the 63-year-old commissioner.

The extension of replay, meanwhile, was presented to the owners in three possible forms:

The vote on replay is likely to come Tuesday or Wednesday.

Owners also discussed some touchy financial issues, including what several considered a widening gap between haves and have-nots that could hurt the on-field parity that has characterized the past decade.

"With our stadium and ticket pricing and market, we are 32nd out of 32," said Indianapolis owner Jimmy Irsay, who went into his own pocket to pay a record \$34.5 million signing bonus to quarterback Peyton Manning, last season's co-MVP.

"There has to be some way to create a shift there, and it's THE issue in the NFL right now, revenue sharing."

Owners such as Irsay, Rooney and Buffalo's Ralph Wilson, among others, are concerned about the disparity in cash

flow between their teams and teams such as Washington.

Redskins owner Daniel Snyder paid out nearly \$50 million in signing bonuses in the first two days of free agency this year. Even with a salary cap, some owners believe it's difficult for teams with less cash to match that, even though Snyder's spending has failed to improve his team in the five years he's owned it.

Tagliabue predicted Monday the owners would renew the NFL Trust, a method by which teams share revenues from the sale of licensed merchandise. But that amounts to only about \$4 million per team a year — the cost of a decent cornerback — and Snyder and Dallas' Jerry Jones want to continue discussions that would allow them to market their own products without cutting in others.

That concerns small market

owners, as well as some of those in bigger markets, such as New England's Robert Kraft and the New York Giants' Wellington Mara.

"I can't see why we're talking about selling a few more bobblehead dolls in Buffalo," Wilson said. "And I wonder how many Cowboy hats Jerry is going to sell there. There's a far more fundamental issue: The money disparity that will end up making it a league of haves and have-nots."

Tagliabue, who took over in 1989 following the retirement of Pete Rozelle, has seen the NFL through a series of franchise shifts and the institution of free agency and the salary cap.

Rooney noted Tagliabue's needed to provide continuity through new labor and television agreements. The TV contract expires after the 2005 season.

"He's taken the league to a new level," Rooney said. "The television situation is phenomenal, the relationship with the players union is great. We're entering an important period and we want him to continue to lead us through it. It's obvious what we think of him."

It's believed he will make somewhere in the area of \$8 million a year.

Meanwhile, there will be no expansion of the playoffs from the current 12 teams. Kansas City withdrew its proposal to expand the postseason to 14 teams, making it officially dead.

Changing the overtime rule remains on the table, but is unlikely to be approved. There is some sentiment to give both teams a possession in the extra session instead of sticking with the sudden-death rule, but that support has diminished. Last season, teams getting the ball first won 23 percent of the overtime games, down from 36 percent in 2002.

The competition committee, headed by Atlanta general manager Rich McKay and Tennessee coach Jeff Fisher, also recommended instituting 15-yard penalties for choreographed celebrations. And it suggested some minor changes to the fair catch rule.

Irsay's Colts and Kraft's Patriots will open the 2004 season on Thursday night, Sept. 9 in Foxboro, Mass.

The game is a rematch of the AFC championship won 24-14 by New England last January.

The other prime-time games for the first weekend will be Kansas City at Denver on Sunday night, Sept. 12, and Green Bay at Carolina on Monday night, Sept. 13.

Dallas will play at Minnesota in a national television game on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 12. No other matchups were announced Monday.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Dry spell over for Duke

Blue Devils back in Final Four after "lengthy" 3-year absence

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Sheldon Williams couldn't help but smile Monday when asked about Duke's three-year absence from the Final Four.

"Three years is pretty dry," the sophomore said with a laugh.

Jokes aside, that is the attitude at a program that has reached the national semifinals 10 times in 19 seasons. Under Hall of Fame coach Mike Krzyzewski, getting this far in the NCAA tournament is not just a goal. It's expected.

Now the Blue Devils are two wins away from a fourth national title.

"That's the reason I came to Duke, and I'm sure it's the reason most of the guys came to Duke," sophomore guard J.J. Redick said. "To be in situations like this."

The Blue Devils (31-5) face Connecticut in Saturday's second semifinal in San Antonio. It's the Blue Devils' first trip to the Final Four since winning the national title in 2001.

The Blue Devils had reached the round of 16 in each of the last two years. That performance would qualify as a successful post-season for most schools, but

at Duke it's as close to a drought as it gets.

"This program has had so much success and tradition," guard Daniel Ewing said. "I think it's a real disappointment when a Duke team doesn't make it to the Final Four."

It doesn't happen often. Krzyzewski, in his 24th year at Duke, is second in NCAA tournament victories with 64, one behind North Carolina's Dean Smith. He also ranks third in Final Four appearances with 10, two back of UCLA's John Wooden and one behind Smith.

Krzyzewski took over at Duke before the 1980-81 season, struggling to a 38-47 record in his first three seasons while rivals North Carolina and North Carolina State each won NCAA championships.

Three years later, Krzyzewski guided the Blue Devils to the 1986 title game, starting a run of seven Final Fours in nine seasons, including two national championships. Duke first won the title in 1991, upsetting undefeated UNLV in the Final Four then beating Kansas. The next year, Duke became the first team in nearly two decades to repeat as champions, beating Indiana in the semifinals and Michigan in the

championship.

In Krzyzewski's 24 seasons at Duke, his teams have beaten Georgetown with Alonzo Mourning, UNLV with Larry Johnson and Michigan's "Fab Five" in the NCAAs. It's a history of big wins that the coach has relied on to teach this year's team, which has only one player — senior Chris Duhon — who has played in a Final Four.

Before Sunday's regional championship win against Xavier, Krzyzewski showed his team tape from past victories that catapulted Duke into the Final Four.

"It showed the excitement and who they played against," Krzyzewski said. "All of a sudden, they see (Christian) Laettner and Alonzo Mourning go up for a jump ball."

He said he did "those things to let them know about the moment and don't assume that they're going to know about the moment. We'll do a little of that before we play Saturday."

Still, Duhon said, the players don't just assume they'll make deep runs in March.

"You have to realize that it takes hard work and you have to earn to be in the Final Four," he said. "You can't just expect it, or you're not going to get there."

"You have to realize that it takes hard work, and you have to earn to be in the Final Four."

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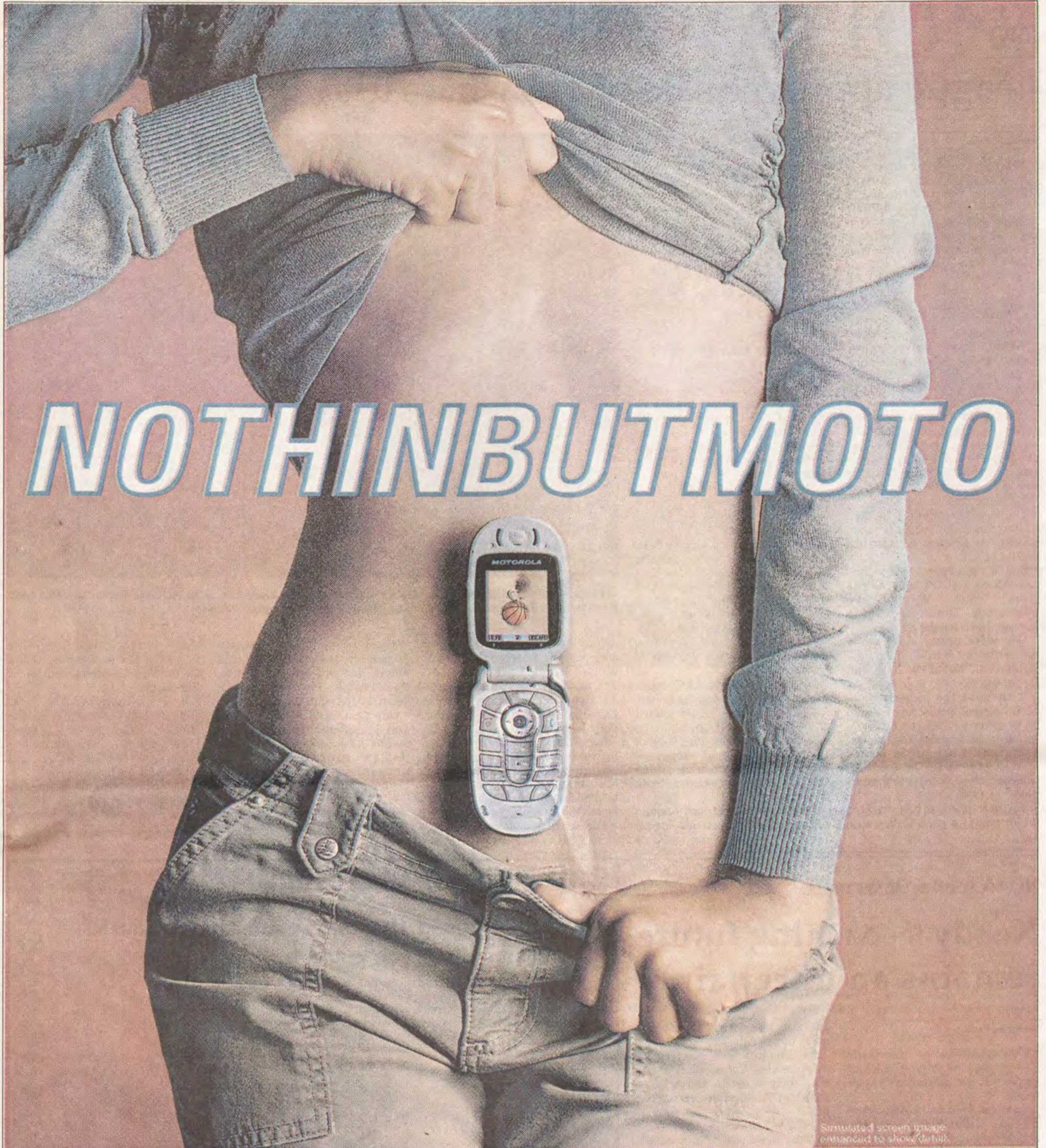
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NHL

League approves sale of Thrashers to Atlanta Spirit LLC

Associated Press

ATLANTA — With the NHL's approval of the \$250 million sale of the Atlanta Thrashers and Hawks on Monday, the new ownership expects to have final documents signed within two days to acquire the teams from Time Warner.

"It should be less than 48 hours," said Michael Gearon Jr., one of the Atlanta-based members of the new nine-man ownership group.

"When I say we're inches away, we're literally inches away," he added before Monday night's Hawks' home game against Memphis.

Gearon said he expects the actual signing process to take three hours, a reflection of the complexity of the acquisition of two franchises and Philips Arena, where the teams play their home games.

The new partnership, headed by Boston businessman Steve Belkin, is known as Atlanta Spirit LLC.

Belkin's group agreed to buy the teams and Philips Arena from Time Warner in September. The NBA gave its approval two weeks ago.

"We were pretty naive when we entered this process," Gearon said about the long wait for approval.

"I thought the biggest issue both leagues would have would be whether we had the financial liquidity to acquire the teams, and there were other issues that were specific to both leagues that were very complex," he said.

The sale process has dragged on for nearly a year. Dallas auto

dealer David McDavid began exclusive talks to buy the teams last April, but could never close the deal.

With McDavid still believing his offer would work out, Time Warner suddenly changed course in mid-September. The media conglomerate announced it was selling the teams to a group headed by Belkin, founder and chairman of the Boston-based marketing and investing company Trans National Group.

The wait for approval put management decisions on hold for both teams.

"I can't say anything would have been done any differently this season," Gearon said. "I'm just thrilled we have the approval. I had goose bumps when I got word of the NBA approval."

The Thrashers have tentatively scheduled a press conference for Wednesday to discuss more details of the sale.

"We're ecstatic to receive NHL approval as the final step in the sale," said Atlanta attorney Rutherford Seydel, a member of the partnership and the son-in-law of former Hawks and Thrashers owner Ted Turner.

"Our formal closing is now imminent, and we can't wait to get started."

Atlanta Spirit LLC also includes Turner's youngest son, Beau Turner. Ted Turner owned the teams and baseball's Atlanta Braves but lost control through a series of corporate mergers. The Thrashers joined the NHL as an expansion team in 1999.

Belkin and Larry Bird headed a group that made a bid for an



Members of Atlanta Spirit LLC listen during a press conference in Atlanta Sept. 16. The NHL finalized the \$250 million sale of the Thrashers to the group Monday.

expansion team in Charlotte. In December 2002, the NBA picked Black Entertainment Television founder Robert Johnson to get the North Carolina team, which will begin play next season.

Time Warner decided to unload the Hawks and Thrashers to help relieve some of its massive debt. The company has backed off in its efforts to sell the Braves.

Turner Broadcasting, a Time

Warner subsidiary, will retain 15 percent ownership of Atlanta Spirit, but will have no say in operations. The rest of the group is split into thirds.

One section is Atlanta-based and includes carpet company owner Bud Sereteian, longtime Hawks executive Michael Gearon, his son, Gearon Jr., Seydel and Beau Turner.

A third of the group is Washington-based and includes two former minority owners of

the NHL's Washington's Capitals, Bruce Levenson and Ed Peskowitz, along with Todd Foreman.

Belkin owns a third by himself. He will concentrate on the Hawks, while the Washington-based group — with its hockey experience — and Seydel will work with the Thrashers.

Peskowitz will be primarily responsible for Philips Arena, both as a sports and concert venue.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Keady's coaching future remains an uncertainty

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Gene Keady saga at Purdue doesn't appear to be ending any time soon.

Purdue sports information director Elliot Bloom said the school doesn't expect to make an announcement about Keady's future until after the NCAA championship game April 5.

Purdue officials were not commenting late last week in an attempt to keep attention focused on the women's team in the NCAA tournament. That stance was rendered moot when the Boilermakers lost to Georgia on Saturday.

Bloom said Keady planned to attend the Final Four in San Antonio. So is University of San Francisco athletic director Bill Hogan, who will spend his time there interviewing candidates for the Dons' coaching position. The job opened when Phillip Mathews was fired earlier this month.

Hogan would not comment on specific candidates Monday, but said any delay by Keady and Purdue would not factor into his decision.

"We're moving forward with our whole process here," Hogan told The Associated Press. "I've interviewed two already and I'm

going to interview at least two more in San Antonio."

He already has confirmed interviewing Connecticut assistant Clyde Vaughan and Arizona assistant Rodney Tention for the job.

Keady is easily the most accomplished of the three candidates.

His 505 career wins in 24 seasons in West Lafayette are by far the most of any Purdue coach. He also owns six Big Ten titles and has taken the Boilermakers to the NCAA tournament 17 times.

The 67-year old coach has one year left on his contract at Purdue and has said he would like an extension.

Purdue athletic director Morgan Burke has not said whether he will give Keady the extension, but in a written statement issued last week he said Purdue "will not stand in his way if he wants to pursue this opportunity."

"That said, Gene knows we are committed to him through the final year of his contract."

That may not be enough for Keady, who clearly wants to continue coaching, whether it's at Purdue or somewhere else.

"Sure, I'd like to be back, but you've got to take it day-to-day," Keady said last week.

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1	Illinois	16-0	85.00
2	Baylor	15-2	69.06
3	USC	12-2	67.63
4	Mississippi	14-1	65.96
5	UCLA	12-5	61.97
6	Rice	17-0	61.00
7	VA Commonwealth	17-2	58.85
8	Duke	12-5	56.18
9	Stanford	9-3	56.15
10	Florida	9-4	55.18
11	Texas Christian	13-2	48.07
12	Georgia	9-3	45.00
13	Louisiana State	10-2	44.14
14	Virginia	15-1	43.73
15	Harvard	9-3	41.53
16	Kentucky	11-4	39.66
17	Vanderbilt	9-6	36.09
18	Ohio State	11-2	35.89
19	North Carolina	15-2	33.64
20	Texas A&M	13-6	32.81
21	Tennessee	9-4	32.12
22	Washington	10-5	31.27
23	Pepperdine	12-6	28.81
24	Arizona	10-6	28.20
25	Florida State	10-6	27.21

NCAA Division I Women's Tennis

	team	record	avg.
1	Stanford	14-0	80.60
2	Florida	13-0	75.40
3	Duke	10-1	72.16
4	Georgia	14-1	68.24
5	Vanderbilt	15-0	61.89
6	Northwestern	11-3	61.67
7	Washington	14-2	59.43
8	USC	12-3	58.87
9	North Carolina	13-5	58.07
10	UCLA	10-5	55.76
11	Texas	11-2	49.25
12	California	12-3	48.18
13	Fresno State	12-2	47.22
14	Brigham Young	12-4	38.91
15	Miami (FL)	11-2	37.76
16	Texas A&M	11-6	37.16
17	Oklahoma	12-1	37.14
18	Kentucky	13-7	36.44
19	Michigan	10-1	35.89
20	Clemson	13-3	34.91
21	Tulane	14-1	33.96
22	Univ. of Alabama	9-5	33.71
23	NOTRE DAME	8-4	32.46
24	Harvard	7-6	30.67
25	Louisiana State	9-6	28.65

NCAA Softball Top 15

	team	record	points
1	Arizona (10)	26-1	438
2	UCLA (8)	26-2	438
3	Texas	22-2	409
4	Nebraska	14-2	382
5	Washington	23-2-1	380
6	Oklahoma	18-3	365
7	California	19-6	329
8	Cal State Fullerton	16-7	314
9	LSU	18-6	301
10	Stanford	21-7	277
11	Georgia	24-3	276
12	Arizona State	21-7	274
13	DePaul	10-3	216
14	South Carolina	16-6	215
15	Michigan	11-6	181

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NHL



Colorado Avalanche forward Steve Moore gets a shot past Vancouver goalie Johan Hedberg. Moore spoke on Monday for the first time about the injuries he sustained later in that game.

Moore speaks about injury at news conference

Associated Press

DENVER — Wearing a brace from his chin to his chest, Steve Moore walked into a news conference Monday and said he doesn't remember the hit that knocked him out for the season — and might have ended his NHL career.

The Colorado Avalanche forward still has a red welt under his right eye, but wore a broad smile while speaking to the media for the first time since Vancouver's Todd Bertuzzi sucker-punched him during a game on March 8.

"I feel very fortunate to be able to be here today, to be able to walk in here," the 25-year-old Moore said

before Colorado played Los Angeles. "I don't know whether I'll be able to play again, but I remain optimistic. I'm more fortunate just to be alive and to take one day at a time."

Moore sustained two broken vertebrae, a concussion and cuts on his face when Bertuzzi punched him from behind and drove his head into the ice. The hit was believed to be retaliation for a check by Moore in February that knocked Canucks star Markus Nasland out for three games.

Bertuzzi was suspended for the rest of the season and playoffs, and Vancouver police are look-

ing into assault charges against him. He also must apply to NHL commissioner Gary Bettman for reinstatement before he can play again.

Moore has not spoken to Bertuzzi and avoided questions about his punishment, but did say the hit was over the line.

"I think that type of stuff doesn't have any place in the game," he said. "We have a tremendous game, this game of hockey, and I think this incident has made the image of this game suffer. That's unfortunate and I sincerely hope nothing like this ever happens again."

Moore doesn't recall being punched or remem-

ber the 20 minutes before or after he was struck — his first memory was lying in the medical room in Vancouver's arena.

"I can't explain how scary it is to wake up to a nightmare," he said. "I'm playing a game and the next thing I know I'm lying in a room with medical personnel standing over me. I have a neck brace on and having my equipment cut off of me, and I am strapped down and really have no idea on what was going on. It was pretty scary."

"Since that game in Vancouver, my main concern has just been to regain my full health and take one day at a time."

IN BRIEF

Holtz suffers broken leg at practice

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Coach Lou Holtz vowed to become more involved next season in South Carolina's offense, but nobody expected him to break a leg doing it.

Holtz sustained a hairline fracture to his lower left leg Saturday while watching the offense practice goal-line situations, the university said Monday.

Holtz, who was Notre Dame's coach from 1986 to 1996, was crouched down when running back Cory Boyd inadvertently knocked him over.

The 67-year-old coach jumped right back up and continued practice, but later learned the extent of his injury. The tibia doesn't bear weight, however, so Holtz and his sore leg were back on the practice field Sunday.

Griffey sustains calf injury during spring training

Ken Griffey Jr. was hoping to stay healthy all spring. He didn't quite make it.

The Cincinnati outfielder strained his right calf while running out a groundball Monday night and left the Reds' game against Pittsburgh in Sarasota, Fla., as a precaution.

In each of the last three seasons, Griffey sustained a major injury in the final week of spring training or the first week of the regular season. Last year, he dislocated his shoulder in the fifth game of the season, returned and tore up his right ankle. He then had surgery for both injuries.

Griffey played the field as the Pirates batted in the second inning, then left the game. He jogged off the field accompanied by a trainer.

Half a world away, the New York

Yankees and Tampa Bay Devil Rays got ready to begin the regular season.

IUPUI will not renew hoops coach's contract

INDIANAPOLIS — IUPUI will not renew the contract of women's basketball coach Kris Simpson, athletic director Michael Moore said Monday.

Simpson's contract expires June 30. She had a record of 97-148 in nine seasons coaching the Jaguars, including a 7-21 mark last season.

Simpson has guided the program since its inception in 1995-96.

"We appreciate Coach Simpson's efforts to grow with the IUPUI women's basketball program," Moore said in a written statement. "However, with the conclusion of the coach's contract we have the opportunity to engage new leadership to make the Jaguars more competitive in the Mid-Continent Conference."

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Tiebreakers no help to Irish

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

Those pesky tiebreakers proved to be the bane of Notre Dame's existence.

No. 33 Wake Forest (9-7) and No. 9 North Carolina (14-6) cornered the No. 23 Irish (8-5) in several close matches this weekend, forcing a decision in tiebreaking matches. Ultimately, however, the Irish were defeated by the Demon Deacons 7-0 and the Tar Heels 5-0.

"We didn't play all that well in both matches, but they were definitely closer than they looked," coach Jay Louderback said. "They just couldn't win in tight matches."

A dogged Wake Forest came prepared to make a statement Saturday, sweeping singles and claiming wins in two of the three doubles matches. The Demon Deacons were fresh off a 4-3 win against North Carolina on Wednesday and seemed poised for another win after such an upset, according to Louderback.

"With the way they've been playing this season, they're probably better than North Carolina, who has a better ranking," he said.

At No. 3 doubles, junior Sarah Jane Connelly and sophomore Kiki Stastny were the first to finish, finding defeat in their match against Karin Coetzee and Liz Proctor 8-1. Ashlee Davis and Katie Martzolf secured the doubles point for Wake Forest after a hard-fought match against No. 1 doubles freshmen Catrina and Christian Thompson.

In each loss this season, the Irish have relinquished the doubles point. Louderback believes losing the doubles

point set the tone for the rest of the match.

"The doubles point is so important because it gives the kids momentum for singles," he said. "We played hard in doubles; it was just a matter of pulling out big matches."

Senior co-captain Alicia Salas and sophomore Lauren Connelly posted the only win of the match for the Irish, besting Danielle Schwartz and Aimee Smith 8-3 at No. 2 doubles. This season, the pair is 9-4 in dual match play and 15-6 overall.

"They really played well against Wake," Louderback said. "They've had a pretty consistent year and it's good to see them win."

In singles, No. 22 Coetzee collected a quick win over Christian Thompson at No. 2 6-0, 6-3. At No. 1, Salas dropped her first match on the weekend against Davis 6-3, 6-1. The No. 10 Salas is 22-9 this season and 10-3 in dual-match play.

At No. 4 singles, Proctor secured the win for Wake Forest, edging out Lauren Connelly 7-5, 7-6, (7-2).

Although at No. 5 Stastny won her first set, Schwartz returned with renewed energy to win 5-7, 6-2, 6-3. Martzolf followed suit at No. 3 singles against No. 92 Catrina Thompson 6-7 (8-6), 7-6, (7-4), 1-0 (11-9).

Smith rounded out the Demon Deacons' win with a 6-4, 7-5 win over Liz Donohue at No. 6 singles.

On Sunday, North Carolina collected wins in each of the singles and doubles matches completed. The Irish were forced to abandon two of the last singles matches due to time constraints.

No. 23 Aniela Mojzis and Kendall Cline gave the Tar Heels an early 1-0 lead by

defeating Catrina and Christian Thompson 8-4 at No. 1. At No. 3, North Carolina clinched the doubles point following Sara Anundsen and Jenna Long's 8-3 win versus senior Emily Neighbours and sophomore Kristina Stastny.

Lee Bairos and Kendrick Bunn added to the Tar Heels' success, posting a win against Salas and Lauren Connelly 8-6 at No. 2.

Bunn was next to contribute a point for North Carolina, triumphing over Stastny 6-1, 6-2 at No. 5. No. 29 Mojzis was next off the courts pulling off a 6-4, 6-1 upset of No. 10 Salas at No. 1. Clinching the win at No. 4 was the Tar Heels' Anundsen, garnering a win against Lauren Connelly 6-2, 6-3. At No. 6, Long beat Sarah Jane Connelly 6-2, 4-6, 6-2.

The Irish abandoned the matches at Nos. 2 and 3 due to time constraints. At No. 3 Catrina Thompson held a lead against Cline in a tiebreaker (7-4) and left the match tied at 3-3. Christian, meanwhile, also led her match against Bairos 6-1, 4-6, 3-2.

"All of the kids were pretty upset after this weekend's meets knowing we didn't get two wins when we had the opportunity," Louderback said. "They're a very competitive group and they don't like to lose."

The Irish are set to meet Marquette Saturday and No. 15 Miami Sunday.

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Jay Louderback
Irish coach

SMC SOFTBALL

Belles victory ends 7-game losing streak

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

After seven straight losses, the Belles finally got what they needed Monday as they took both games from Tri-State by the scores of 4-3 and 10-0.

Coming off two tough losses last weekend against Alma — a team who has dominated its opponents all season long — the Belles (7-11) rebounded and played solid ball, especially in their five-inning blowout in Monday's later game.

In the first game of the doubleheader, Saint Mary's and Tri-State were tied until Kate Sajewich singled in Bridget Grall for the game-winning run. Marnie Walsh starred offensively for the Belles going 3-for-3 with a run scored in the game. Erin Sullivan added two hits. The Belles as a team had 12 hits off Tri-State pitcher Erin Brockert.

Sajewich pitched well for the Belles, giving up three runs on six hits over seven innings. She struck out six and walked none.

In the second game, the Belles simply dominated Tri-State in every facet of the sport, outplaying them to a 10-0 victory in five

innings. Libby Wilhemly threw a one hitter, striking out two and walking none while facing just two batters over the minimum.

Walsh again went 3-for-3, with a double, a triple and three RBIs, making her 6-for-6 on the afternoon. Laura Helene went 2-for-2, with two runs scored.

Coming off her team's loss Thursday against Purdue-North Central, Belles coach Anna Walsh seemed patient that the Belles would turn it around once they clicked.

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Anna Walsh
Belles Coach

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The pair of wins Monday could be exactly what Welsh was talking about.

The Belles will need to carry the momentum from Monday's victories Wednesday when they travel to Albion for their first away league games of the year. They will face a team with a 2-0 MIAA record and who is 8-4 overall.

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Practice

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on April 24 at Notre Dame Stadium.

Beginning on day one, Willingham wanted his team starting with the basics and working with the knowledge that every practice matters.

"We just want to get started and get back," Willingham said. "We want to come out and always have a great deal of intensity, and we want to hustle and do all the things a good football team does from a fundamental standpoint. It's been more fundamentals today than anything else."

The senior leadership and Willingham are on the same page. Senior linebackers Derek Curry and Mike Goolsby view the spring as a time to improve on the little things that will make summer workouts and practices leading up to the season that much more productive.

"Our goal is definitely to be more fundamentally sound," senior linebacker Derek Curry said. "Last year, we played good at times, but if we had been more fundamentally sound we could have played well across the board all the time. That's one thing the spring really is for ... you have time to get back to the basics."

Goolsby, who sat out last season due to injury, understands a team coming off a rough season needs to begin its basic preparation in the spring.

"Every time you have kind of an off-season or anything bad happens, you try to get back where you'd like to be," he said. "You start from the bottom up. One of the things coach talked about earlier, especially defensively, was getting that attitude back that we had a couple years ago; getting everybody to the ball and making big plays. And if you

start with that attitude, that's a good starting point."

On the offensive side of the ball, quarterback Brady Quinn stepped onto the field and — while not a seasoned veteran — took charge of an offense as a second-year starter.

"I think we expect more of each other," he said. "Though it's the first day of practice, we expect to execute and get our job done. So a lot of that comes with experience."

The Irish return fourteen starters, with eight on offense and six coming back on defense, including Curry, Goolsby and Quinn. Spring practice starts early, however, and the taste of a 5-7 season in the mouths of these and all of the players still lingers.

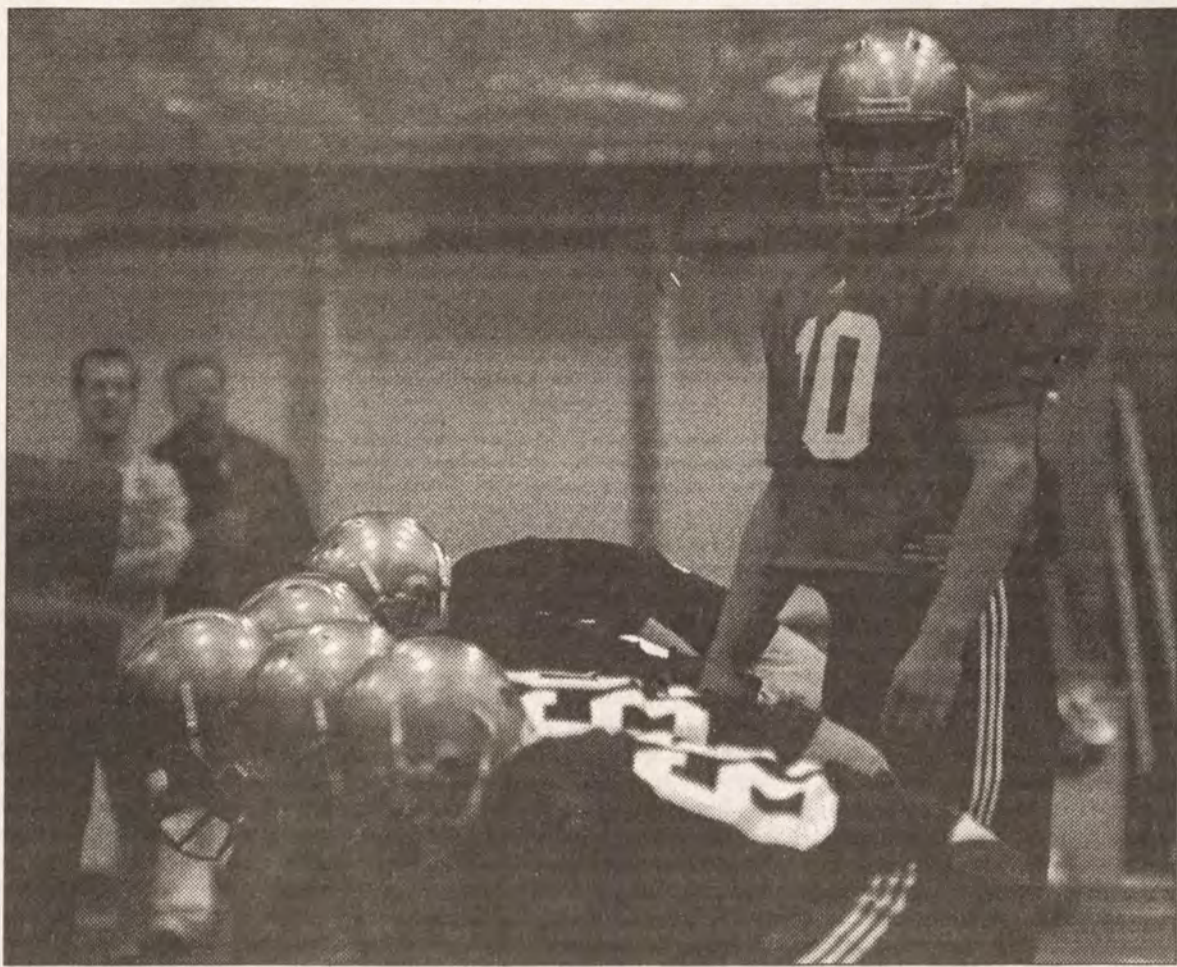
"If you're a competitor it's still going to be there," senior running back Ryan Grant said. "That's obviously a motivation for next year. But at the same time, you've got to be able to move forward and realize that we don't need that to happen again. So I think we're going about the right steps and doing what we need to do."

Remembering last season can cause players to become anxious, but the senior leadership on this Irish team has shown its face on the first day of spring practice and helped the team remain focused on the task at hand, on the important stuff — on the fundamentals.

"It's really hard to kind of take it a day at a time, but that's really what you have to do," Curry said. "We have a lot of expectations, but we do know that each and every day of the spring matters and we have to take that attitude."

"We can't look at Michigan yet. We can't look at summer workouts. We have to look each day [at what] we do now."

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Quarterback Brady Quinn calls out signals during practice Monday. Quinn is one of fourteen starters returning to the Irish in 2004.

SMC TENNIS

Belles look to build off weekend

By STEVE COYER
Sports Writer

After two convincing victories in a home tournament over the weekend, Saint Mary's will go on the road to face MIAA opponent Alma College today.

In their first match against Tri-State, Saint Mary's came out

with a 7-0 sweep. In the championship match, Aquinas fell to the Belles by a score of 8-1 to give Saint Mary's the decisive victory.

The Belles have won nine matches already this season and will look for their third straight MIAA victory against Alma. In a match last year against Alma, the Belles dominated and recorded a 9-0 sweep.

Against Alma the Belles will continue to rely on the strong play of Kate Bowler, Kaitlin Cutler, Kristen Palombo, Jeannie Knish and Kris Spriggle.

Over the weekend, the doubles team Cutler and Spriggle defeated Aquinas 8-3, bringing their overall record of the year to 9-1.

In singles play, Cutler continued her success by nearly sweeping both of her singles

matches and finished the weekend at 11-1 overall.

In addition to her win in the doubles match against Aquinas, Bowler also won 6-0 in both sets while facing Tri-State in singles. The victory brings her singles record to 7-3 this season.

Knish and Palombo played at Nos. 1 and 2 respectively for the team and both pulled out victories against Aquinas after long matches.

Junior Lindsey Thelen returns as the top player for Alma this season. Thelen lost to Knish in both the regular season and the MIAA tournament.

Saint Mary's will play at Alma today at 3 p.m. The Belles play their next home match on Friday.

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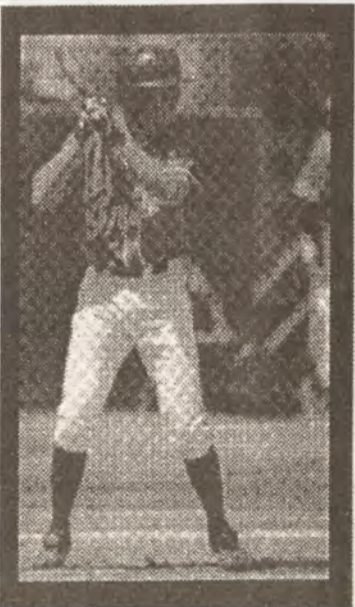
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Baseball

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In the bottom half of the inning, the Irish evaded a scare themselves as the Mountaineers put runners on second and third with one out. Needing only one run for the win, West Virginia then attempted a squeeze play to bring the runner home, but Edwards fielded the ball cleanly and got the runner out at home. The next batter lined out to Matt Macri at third base to end the inning.

The Irish took the lead for good in the 10th as Lopez doubled in Cody Rizzo from second. They added an insurance run as Sollmann hit a sacrifice fly to score Lopez, who had moved to third on a Mountaineer fielding error.

Irish pitcher Jeff Samardzija got the win in relief for the Irish, his first of the season, and Ryan Doherty recorded his fourth save of the season.

In the nightcap of the double header, the story was all Tom Thornton. The big Irish left-hander notched a complete

game shutout of the Mountaineers, allowing just six hits. With the win, the sophomore improved to 4-1 on the year.

With a 2-0 Irish lead in the seventh, Notre Dame designated hitter Steve Andres doubled his team's lead with a two-run triple to secure the Irish victory.

Irish right-hander Grant Johnson — still rehabbing from Tommy John surgery — got the start for Notre Dame Sunday but was on a planned pitch count and worked only two innings. Senior Joe Thaman came on in the third and held the Mountaineers to one run on one hit in five innings to pick up the win.

Lopez continued his hot hitting with a 3-for-4 performance to improve his average to .411 on the season. Sollmann also had an important two-run blast to give the Irish a 3-1 lead in the fifth.

The Irish return to action Wednesday when they host Western Michigan at Frank Eck Stadium at 5 p.m.

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Fencing

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in 2003. But given the choice, she wanted to face her teammate in the finals.

"It's the best-case scenario because if we have to fence earlier then we won't be first and second [and] that's what we wanted," Ament said.

Following in Kryczalo's footsteps, freshman Valerie Providenza won the sabre title in her first national championships, only the fifth Notre Dame freshman (and first sabre) to do so. She avenged her loss to Sophia Hiss during the round-robin bouts by defeating Hiss in the gold medal bout by a score of 15-8. Providenza never trailed and claimed the last six touches to clinch the win.

"It hasn't really hit me yet," she said. "I'm just kind of in shock right now, just assuming I have another tournament tomorrow."

Epeeist Kerry Walton closed out the women's competition with a silver medal finish. The senior lost to Wayne

State's Anna Garina by a 15-10 margin in the finals.

All four women, however, barely made it to their respective title bouts. In the foil semi-finals, Ament faced Ohio State's Hanna Thompson who had been little trouble for Ament in her 5-2 round-robin win. Thompson, however, looked ready for revenge and jumped on Ament for a 5-1 lead and led by a 5-2 score at the second intermission. But Ament put together a furious rally, storming back to score four of the next five touches to force sudden death overtime.

She was awarded the priority and would win in the event of time expiring without a touch, but she did not need it. Ament scored the next touch and advanced into the finals.

Kryczalo's bout was a polar opposite. In a much faster bout, she had no worries of overtime but had to ward off a comeback from Jessica Leahy. Leahy, who had handed Kryczalo her only loss in Friday's round robin, provided problems as a smaller,

quicker opponent. After trailing 12-10, Kryczalo won the next four points to put herself on the brink of the finals. But Leahy battled back to 14-14, forcing a next-touch-wins situation. Kryczalo scored it and advanced.

Providenza also faced a 14-14 score against Ohio State's Louise Bond-Williams but only after she had emerged from a 14-12 deficit. But she capped her comeback, scoring the final touch and clinching an appearance in the finals.

"Someone taught me that when you do 15-touch bouts, think of it as always zero-zero," Providenza said. "Then you don't [think] 'Oh my gosh, I'm down.' I was pretty nervous but I knew I was better."

There were no dramatic scoring swings in Walton's semifinal against Cornell's Meghan Phair but there was sudden death overtime. There, too, the Irish prevailed as Walton became the fourth Notre Dame finalist.

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Golf

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at 80, Bellino shooting 89 and Simmerman recording a 79.

Simmerman's scoring average of 82.50 strokes per round leads the team on the season.

This was the first time Fantom competed among the top five golfers, according to Hamilton.

"She was a little nervous at first, but then started to get back into the groove and got her competitive mind going," Hamilton said.

On the second day, the Belles totaled 347 strokes to round out the competition. Simmerman garnered an 82, Dunham scored 84, Fantom finished with 90, Hanlon followed with 91, and Bellino ended her round with 98.

"The course played a little tougher on the second day," Hamilton said. "We didn't have very good short games, but I was impressed with the ball striking during the meet."

This invitational was a learning experience for Saint Mary's. Hamilton described it as an opportunity to identify areas for improvement and to compete against larger teams.

He said that the Belles will primarily focus on their short games in preparation for the next meet and for the rest of the season.

"We just need to get outside more for practice," Hamilton said. "We should be able to put any five of our players in the lineup and do well. In practice, we're really going to be asking our players to step up. They should be ready to compete at any time."

The Belles head to Quincy College April 5 and 6.

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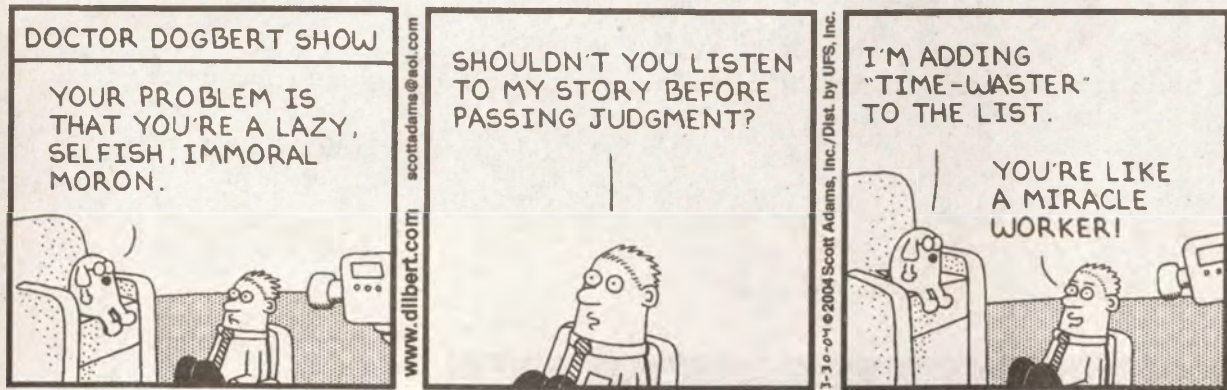
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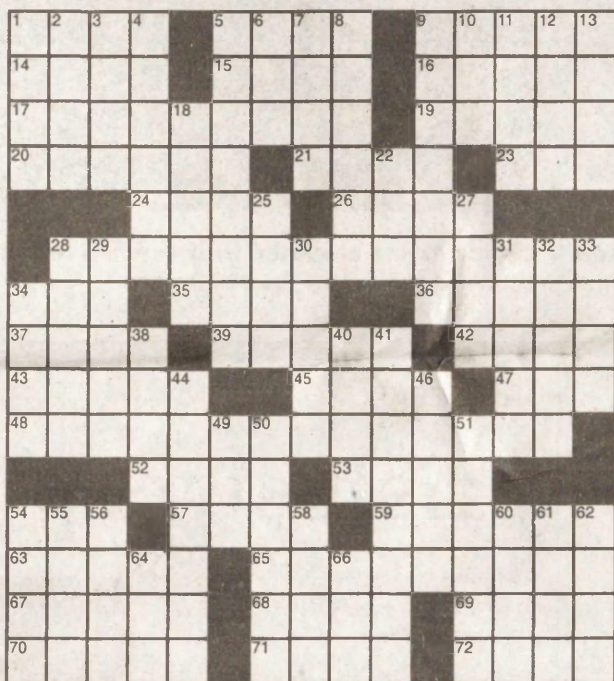
Answer: "OILY" (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FINAL ONION LOTION INFUSE
Answer: What Mom faced when she ran out of window cleaner — NO "SOLUTION"

CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 Like some appliances, electrically
 - 5 Field of work
 - 9 Daft
 - 14 Bailiwick
 - 15 Gossip tidbit
 - 16 Wahine's welcome
 - 17 Auto trailblazer
 - 19 Eatery
 - 20 Small sofa
 - 21 "Drat!"
 - 23 Wrap up
 - 24 Ltr. holders
 - 26 First course, often
 - 28 Auto trailblazer
 - 34 Kid- (Saturday a.m. fare)
 - 35 "The Thin Man" canine
 - 36 Operation at the Alamo
- DOWN**
- 37 Yalies
 - 39 Slangy denial
 - 42 Protein bean
 - 43 Freeze over
 - 45 Self-identifying word
 - 47 "All Things Considered" network
 - 48 Auto trailblazer
 - 52 Slip on the galley
 - 53 Dead against
 - 54 Little shaver
 - 57 Suffragist Carrie
 - 59 Plays the role of
 - 63 Geologic period
 - 65 What 17-, 28- and 48-Across were, so to speak
 - 67 Alphabet set
 - 68 Director Kazan
 - 69 Equestrian's grip
 - 70 Camera setting
 - 71 Withhold from
 - 72 Hot Springs and others



Puzzle by Bob Frank and Nancy Salomon

- 34 Bride hider
- 38 Spades or clubs
- 40 Explosive star
- 41 Refuse admission to
- 44 Prep mentally
- 46 Lumberjack's first cut
- 49 Reviewer of books, for short
- 50 Place of rapid growth
- 51 Soda bottle units
- 54 Fall faller
- 55 Gibbons and gorillas
- 56 "Go ahead!"
- 58 Scrabble piece
- 60 Trickle
- 61 Inter-___
- 62 Workers' ID's
- 64 Sound in a barn rafter
- 66 Martini ingredient

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ODDS	SPOKES	BAR
LIEU	ELAINE	EMU
GEMMY	CARTER	FEB
ADO	EAT	GLOBE
WANOLD	DREAGAN	
OLDEST	AWAIT	
VAULT	DYER	HALE
ACOLYTE	LEVELER	
LESS	SLOT	ARDOR
IRATE	CLEANS	
JESTER	ARTHUR	
AXLES	HUE	ERA
VIE	HAIRY	TRUMAN
ALP	INCOME	SIGN
NET	PAYEES	AREA

HOROSCOPE

EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Eric Clapton, Paul Reiser, Warren Beatty, Tracy Chapman

Happy Birthday: Don't let your stubbornness stand in the way of your success. You will have to admit to your mistakes in order to get ahead. This will be a year of change and you must take things as they come if you don't want to miss opportunities. Open your eyes and mind to new ideas and ways of doing things and everything else will fall into place. Your numbers: 2, 8, 12, 17, 35, 44

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Help those who can't help themselves. You may want to get involved in investments. Be careful not to overextend yourself. Romantic partners will be most accommodating. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You and your mate may not see things eye to eye. Make sure that you aren't just being stubborn for the sake of arguing. Get involved in projects that require time and energy. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may be questioning your direction in life. The possibility of lacking the educational credits to follow your dream is likely. Consider getting what you need through night courses. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Get involved in events that include children or good friends. Be prepared for a hectic but fun-filled day. You will be admired by those less talented when it comes to helping others. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Opposition from your family is likely if you haven't been honest or doing your chores dependably. You may want to make amends by doing something special. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't let anyone stand in your way; go after your goals. Your opinions may change due to new friends you have made and books you have read. You are open to suggestions. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Clear up important legalities. Look over your papers and make family decisions. Minor health problems may crop up if you haven't had sufficient rest. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You should relax and let yourself go. Exciting romantic connections can be made if you're willing to let down your guard. Travel and entertainment should be on your agenda. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Consider making changes with regard to your profession. You will be able to help others sort out their problems if you are willing to listen. Reevaluate your motives. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Competitive sports will allow you to vent. You are probably frustrated with your life right now and you certainly need a constructive outlet. Don't put money into risky investments. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may be a little difficult to live with. Residential moves will be favorable in the long run; however, the initial stages will be hectic. Don't count on getting help. **

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Get involved in physical activities. You should make plans to do things with family or close friends. Don't take on more than you can handle or exhaustion will result. ***

Birthday Baby: You make a warm and helpful friend. Your family will be proud of your ability to be patient and giving to others. You'll be devoted to learning and teaching throughout your life. You're a giver when it comes to dealing with others, but you're also smart enough not to be taken advantage of.

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FOOTBALL

Back on the field

Irish focusing on fundamentals in spring practice

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

Defensive line coach Greg Mattison was ready to hike the football on a ball pursuit drill when he noticed a defensive player ready in an incorrect stance.

"Get set," he said. The player adjusted himself and readjusted. Mattison refused to resume his count at quarterback until every player was set. The drill dragged on, and before he could hike the ball, a whistle blew.

Head coach Tyrone Willingham stepped towards the action, took the whistle out of his mouth and made it simple.

"Run it again," he said. The Irish started spring practice with the first of 15 practices Monday afternoon at the Loftus Sports Complex. The team will practice into the month of April and will end spring football with the annual Blue-and-Gold game

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PAMELA LOCK/The Observer

Victor Abiamiri, left, and Derek Curry take a breather with teammates during practice Monday. The Irish held their first practice at the Loftus Sports Center.

SMC GOLF

Belles finish 14th in Kentucky

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's finished in 14th place at last weekend's Northern Kentucky invitational, with a two day total of 678. DePauw took first place with 612 strokes.

"Some of the teams we hadn't competed against before. They had lots of low scores," coach Mark Hamilton said. "On the second day, we didn't compete as well and that put us down on the ladder."

Junior Stefanie Simmerman led the Belles with a 35th place finish, followed by junior Chrissy Dunham at 46th, senior Liz Hanlon at 72nd, sophomore Kirsten Fantom at 89th and sophomore Nicole Bellino at 90th.

Saint Mary's fared better the first day compared to the following day, with a team total of 331. Nearly all of the golfers topped their best scores of the season, with Hanlon posting 83, Dunham

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FENCING

Individuals dominate NCAAs for Irish

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

WALTHAM, Mass. — Unlike last year, the sum of the individual parts proved greater than the whole at the 2004 fencing national championships Sunday at Brandeis University. The individual competition proved very successful for the Irish, as the team totaled four gold and silver medal performances and one third-place medalist.

On the men's side Michal Sobieraj placed third individually, a year after he finished as the epee runner-up. After losing to Benjamin Bratton from St. John's 15-13 in the semifinals, he defeated Ohio State's Denis Tolkachev in the third place bout by a 15-8 score to take the bronze medal.

For the women, the individual success was historic. Notre Dame qualified four fencers to compete in all three

weapons, Alicja Kryczalo and Andrea Ament in foil, Valerie Providenza in sabre and Kerry Walton in epee. Of the three weapons, the Irish women boasted two national champions and two runners-up with at least one in each weapon. No women's team in NCAA history had ever posted finalists in all three weapons prior to Friday.

Kryczalo's win marked her third foil championship in as many years, defeating teammate Ament in the title bout by a 15-7 score. She becomes only the second woman in NCAA history to win three titles in any weapon since Penn State's Olga Kalinovskaya won four foil championships from 1993-96.

Ament, the other half of the talented "A-Team," finished in the top three for the third time in her career, taking second to Kryczalo also in 2002 and winning the bronze medal

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BASEBALL

Irish sweep Big East series

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Senior Staff Writer

The Irish got off to a torrid start in Big East play with a three-game sweep of West Virginia on the road in Morgantown, W.V.

Notre Dame (17-3, 3-0), now ranked as high as No. 5 by Collegiate Baseball Newspaper, topped the home-standing Mountaineers (8-13, 0-3) 5-3 and 4-0 in a double-header Saturday and closed out the sweep with a 6-2 victory Sunday.

The opener of the series Saturday — originally scheduled for seven innings — would take 10 innings to be settled. Irish right-hander Chris Niesel led the way on the mound for Notre Dame and worked seven innings, holding the Mountaineers to three runs on seven hits.

The Irish pulled ahead 2-1 in the top of the fifth when second baseman Steve Sollmann — who broke out of an offensive slump with a 5-for-11 weekend against West



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Junior Matt Edwards slides into third during Wednesday's 16-6 win over Detroit.

Virginia — got the scoring started with a triple to the centerfield wall. Designated hitter Matt Bransfield and first baseman Matt Edwards followed with a pair of RBI doubles.

In the bottom half of the inning, West Virginia reclaimed the lead with a pair of runs of its own. The Irish came right back in the top of the sixth to tie the game at 3-3.

Notre Dame had a chance to put the game away in the eighth, as shortstop Greg Lopez and outfielder Craig Cooper put together consecutive one-out singles. Centerfielder Danny Dressman then walked to load the bases. But with just one out, Sollmann grounded into an inning-ending double play to end the threat.

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

SMC SOFTBALL

Two wins against Tri-State over the weekend snapped a seven-game losing streak.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

The Irish are shut out in two matches against Wake Forest and North Carolina.

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SMC TENNIS

The Belles go on the road to face Alma in a MIAA match today at 3 p.m.

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MEN'S HOOPS

Duke is back in the Final Four after a three-year absence.

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NHL

The league approves the \$250 million sale of the Atlanta Thrashers.

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NHL

Steven Moore makes his first public appearance since Todd Bertuzzi's hit that knocked Moore out for the season.

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