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Saint Mary's prepares for transition

President Eldred leaves behind a positive legacy

By ANGELA SAOUD
Saint Mary's Editor

On May 15 as Saint Mary's seniors walk off the College's campus and onto their futures, another woman will join them. After seven years as president of the College, Marilou Eldred will serve her last official day at commencement before retiring. "The phrase I've been telling people is that it's bittersweet," Eldred said. "I'm ready to retire. I'm ready to live a more normal life. But, at the same time, it's very hard to leave Saint Mary's."

Eldred came to the College in

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Observer File Photo

Saint Mary's College President Marilou Eldred addresses the sophomore class and their parents in fall 2002. Eldred's term as president ends June 1.

Mooney anticipates 'bittersweet' changeover to SMC presidency

By ANGELA SAOUD
Saint Mary's Editor

Carol Mooney will become the 11th president of Saint Mary's College on June 1, replacing Marilou Eldred, who held the position for the past seven years.

"My leaving Notre Dame will be bittersweet," Mooney said. "I've gotten a lot of great opportunities through [Notre Dame] University, and I've made many good friends. But at the same time, I'm very excited for the endeavors I am about to take on. I'm



Mooney

looking forward to it." After serving as vice president and associate provost of Notre Dame since 1996, Mooney interviewed for the Saint Mary's presidential position last fall. On Dec. 26 Saint Mary's Board of Trustees named her as the next president.

Mooney joined the faculty of the Notre Dame law school in 1980, became associate professor of law in 1984 and professor of law in 1991. In addition to her professional responsibilities, she served as an

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Notre Dame issues statement on Taco Bell

Seeking answers, University puts contract renewal negotiations on hold

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

Notre Dame issued a public statement Tuesday postponing the renewal of its sponsorship contract with Taco Bell until the University receives specific answers about the company's labor standards.

University spokesman Matt Storin said the athletic department had been in the process of renewing its existing \$50,000 contract with local restaurants — and expanding it to \$75,000 by

next fall — but put negotiations on hold due to the failure of Taco Bell officials to provide details about the Code of Conduct for its tomato growers.

While he stressed that the "clock wouldn't start until the fall" for facets of the renewed sponsorship to take effect, Storin said the University still expected a more complete and timely answer from the company.

"There has to be a point where we lose patience," he said.

Officials began drafting the statement late last week after they did not receive a satisfactory

response to a letter first sent by vice president and general counsel Carol Kaesebier on March 5. Kaesebier e-mailed another copy of the letter April 16 after a spokesperson for Yum! Brands Inc. — the Louisville, Ky.-based company that owns Taco Bell — said the inquiry was never received.

The only response the University will consider satisfactory is "a true one," Storin said. "At the very least, we need to get the facts."

The statement acknowledged the input Notre Dame has

received from the Coalition for Imokalee Workers and from concerned students, as during the past month several students delivered letters to University President Father Edward Malloy and more than 120 fasted to show solidarity with the tomato pickers. Storin said the crux of the statement was to solicit similar information from Taco Bell in an attempt to be fair to all sides.

"It demonstrates an evenhanded, deliberate way of dealing with the problem," he said, adding that the University must also take the priorities and mission of the

athletic department into account before coming down on either side.

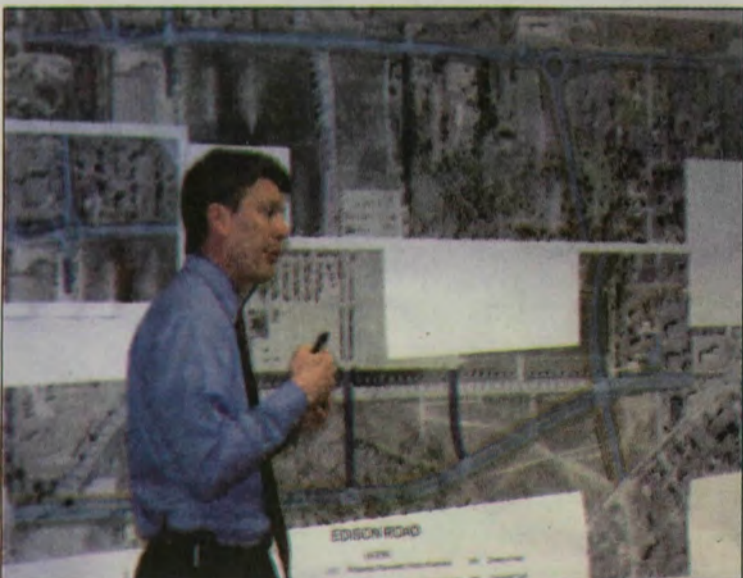
"We have to be careful in making that judgment," he said.

Though any unfairness on the part of Taco Bell has yet to be brought to light, Storin credited the students with calling attention to the issue.

"It remains to be seen whether all their concerns were justified," he said. "But we admire all their values and interest in doing that."

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ND details Juniper plan



MICHELLE OTTO/The Observer

University Architect Doug Marsh presents a plan for a new road to handle traffic that now travels on Juniper at a town meeting at Little Flower Catholic Church in South Bend.

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
Senior Staff Writer

The University unveiled additional plans for a new four-lane road near Ivy Road to handle the traffic created if Juniper Road is closed at Tuesday's meeting at Little Flower Catholic Church.

University Architect Doug Marsh unveiled the plans for the new road to the over 50 community members in attendance. The road, which will run between Edison and Douglas Roads, is similar to two different plans introduced at community meetings in January but contains more specific details. The new road would run through property the University owns as opposed to taking homes and the project would also involve improving

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Lao to request \$1 million for programming fund

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

Outgoing student body president Jeremy Lao and vice president Emily Chin will present a proposal for a one million dollar student programming endowment and a piece regarding the publication of Teacher Course Evaluations (TCEs) at Thursday's Board of Trustees meeting.

Lao said he will ask for the programming endowment to supplement the 54,000 dollars already granted to the Campus Programming Council (CPC) for speakers and concerts.

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Board of Trustees: Topics to Address

- The appointment of a new Executive Vice President
- A discussion of a review regarding whether University President Father Edward Malloy will remain as president
- The approval of the 10-year plan, "Notre Dame 2010: Fulfilling the Promise"

Source: Notre Dame News & Information

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INSIDE COLUMN

Any given Tuesday

If anything, it's made me more predictable.

Choose any given Tuesday within the past year I can tell you exactly what I've done between 6:30 p.m. and 4 a.m. I guess that's what working as an Assistant News Editor at The Observer does to a person.



Anneliese Woolford

Senior Staff Writer

Had I initially been asked what I'd gain at the end of my time in this position, predictability would be the last thing on my mind.

I never considered the fact that my roommates would leave an open parking space in front of our apartment without my reminding them. I never expected that my friends would go out to the bars without asking me along, and I certainly never guessed that I would have a Tuesday dinner routine at Reckers. Actually, my cooking skills are virtually non-existent, so I shouldn't be too surprised by that last one.

As I write this, tonight is my last at The Observer. Now I'll need a reason to come to the basement of South Dining Hall and I can't deny that I'll miss having one.

To be completely honest, I'm surprised that I've stuck it out this far. I announced my "retirement" from all Observer-related duties at the conclusion of my term as Saint Mary's editor in March. The realization that I would no longer have an income and the persistence of a certain news editor were the only aspects that prompted me to stay.

Without trying to generalize, I think many Observer readers fail to appreciate the time and effort that goes into a daily newspaper. Before working here, I too simply picked up a copy each day to flip through on my way to class. I didn't know how the stories came in, how the paper was put together or how it managed to be printed and delivered by 10 a.m. I didn't care.

Now that I've been here week after week starring wide-eyed at a computer screen into the wee hours of the morning, I do care. With editing each story at least two times and laying out pages, many of which begin from a blank template, nightly staffers are lucky to make it out by 3 a.m. I've even witnessed a few occasions at 5:30 a.m. myself.

Coming in at 7 p.m., that's a long night. It's made even better by time spent waiting for late stories to come in, negotiating with someone to write an inside column and uploading stories onto the Web site. At least the weather's finally warm enough where I don't have to scrape the ice off of my car and wait for it to warm up before driving home.

Regardless of it all, I'll miss my counterparts here more than anything else. With slogans like "News: We Put Out The Fastest" and a blown up microwave over a simple bag of popcorn, how could I not look forward to coming in each week? I'll definitely reflect back on this experience positively, but can already say I'm anticipating the much-needed free time. Corby's here I come.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Anneliese Woolford at wool8338@saintmarys.edu.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: HOW MUCH OF STUDY DAYS WILL YOU SPEND STUDYING?



Sean Tweed-Kent
Junior Knott

"Not much. It's his birthday."



Adam Wilson
Junior Knott

"None. I turn 21 on Saturday."



Mary Ann Jentz
Junior Badin

"How much I say I will do and how much I actually do are two different things."



Josh Frilling
Freshman Sorin

"Negative two."



Jessica Prlna
Freshman McGlenn

"Hopefully all of them, but probably none."



Lisa Lu
Freshman Breen-Phillips

"From Friday on ... studying ... yeah!"



HILLARY THORNTON/The Observer

Irish shortstop Sara Schoonaert tags a sliding DePaul player during a double-header Tuesday night. The Irish split the double-header with the Blue Demons losing the first game 3-1, but coming back for a 2-1 victory in the second game.

IN BRIEF

Notre Dame graduate and soprano Danielle Svonavec will present a lecture-recital featuring early music by Monteverdi in the Haggard Parlor on Saint Mary's campus tonight from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Admission is free.

Join tonight's Interfaith Christian Night Prayer for a Coffeehouse, featuring music from a campus band. The event will take place from 10 to 11 p.m. in the Coleman Morse Lounge.

Notre Dame's chapter of the computer science honor society Upsilon Pi Epsilon will honor the top juniors, seniors and graduate students of the Computer Science and Engineering department Thursday. It will then formally receive its charter from UPE President and special guest Robert Roggio. All are invited to attend from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Montgomery Theatre.

The Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra presents its Spring Concert Thursday at Washington Hall which includes Arutunian's Trumpet Concerto, Rachmaninov's Third Piano Concerto and Stravinsky's Firebird Suite.

The Saint Mary's College Women's and Collegiate Choirs present their spring concert Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Moreau's Little Theatre.

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

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

OFFBEAT

Dog feels below par after eating 28 golf balls

LONDON — Vets cut open a German Shepherd dog to find she had scooped no fewer than 28 golf balls.

Eighteen-month old Libby had been coughing blood after weeks of fetching golf balls at the northern England course where owner Mike Wardrop works as a bar manager.

Wardrop told Reuters on Friday he hadn't realized the dog had a secret appetite for the dimpled balls she found at Didsbury Golf Club in Manchester.

"When I take her for a walk every day she is

prone to finding golf balls," Wardrop said. "She can fit five in her mouth."

Libby is now recovering from the operation to remove the balls, with 30 stitches across her belly.

"I've had to buy her two footballs," said Wardrop. "She can't swallow them."

Motorist crosses opening drawbridge

GLOUCESTER, Mass. — What do you do when you're driving across a drawbridge and it suddenly starts to open?

Massachusetts resident Mark Mason faced that frightening dilemma in

Gloucester last weekend.

He was crossing the century-old Blynman Bridge in a minivan with his two young children in the back when — without warning — the drawbridge began to rise and fold open in the middle.

Unable to turn back, Mason says he made a snap decision to speed up. He barely managed to clear the gap in the middle of the bridge and make it to the other side. Mason and his kids were shaken but unhurt.

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Provost searches for Mooney's successor

By JOE TROMBELLO
Assistant News Editor

The search for an associate provost to replace Notre Dame's departing Carol Mooney, who will take over as Saint Mary's president in June, is well underway, according to University provost Nathan Hatch. He added that Mooney's departure should not have any adverse impact on the functioning of his office.

Although Hatch said he could not comment on the names or the number of candidates being interviewed for the position, he said the University is exploring candidates both inside and outside of Notre Dame.

"We are engaged in an extensive search with internal candidates, and we're also looking outside of the University to try to find the best candidates," he said.

Hatch said that a search consultant is being used to assist with the process. Qualified candidates should possess the necessary leadership and experience to work closely with faculty on a variety of issues, he said.

"We need someone who understands faculty well and who has long and valued experience at a University," he said. "The position is responsible for things like the promotion and tenure process. One has to someone who understands and appreciates all the dimensions of faculty life and can give leadership to that."

Hatch declined to comment on a timetable for the appointment of a new associate provost and vice president, although he noted it "will not be before May 1" and said he hopes "it will be sometime before the middle of May."

Hatch said that the announcement would be made public "as soon as we can."

He also said that the other members of his office would pick up any necessary slack should there be a gap between when Mooney leaves and her replacement assumes the position.

"We will accomplish the core functions — whatever it takes — we will do that. We will have to adjust to what needs to be done," he said.

In addition to Mooney, John-Affleck Graves and John Jenkins also serve as associate provosts and vice presidents.

Hatch also declined to comment on how his office would be affected should the Board of Trustees name someone from his office to the currently vacant position of Executive Vice President.

"We'll have to wait until the Board of Trustees act," he said. "I expect them to name someone at the upcoming Trustee meeting. I'm not free to say anything about it."

The Board of Trustees meets Thursday and Friday.

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"We need someone who understands faculty well and who has long and valued experience at a University."

Nathan Hatch
University provost

Tenants fear loss of deposits

By K. AARON VAN OOSTERHOUT
News Writer

Justin Funk, a tenant of nearby Turtle Creek Apartments, echoed the sentiments of many off-campus residents as summer vacation draws near and apartment leases terminate and residents prepare for the worst in terms of charges assessed for cleaning and damages done to leased property.

"The apartment's pretty much taken a beating," Funk said. "I'm pretty much assuming we're not gonna get [our security deposit] back."

Although details vary from one apartment complex to another, landlords generally charge tenants for excessive cleaning and property damage with security deposits. Tenants pay these deposits in order to establish their lease, and oftentimes in addition to other tenant charges, such as first month's rent, or first and last month's rent. The size of these deposits range from \$300 per unit at Castle Point to \$985 per unit at College Park Apartments, and appear to rise proportionately to the complex's "party reputation" among students.

Indeed, this week many Turtle Creek residents are preparing for tonight's "Rally in the Alley," just one in a slew of widely attended parties at the complex. As fits the trend, Turtle Creek's security deposit is highest, weighing in at \$300 per student, or \$1200 per townhouse. This year the complex ran a special, however, dropping the deposit to \$200.

According to Jackie Hackett, Assistant Manager of Turtle Creek Apartments, of that \$300, \$25 goes toward "application processing," \$75 goes toward non-refundable cleaning such as painting and carpet cleaning, and

the final \$200 is refundable depending on the condition of the room at the end of the lease.

"For the most part, everyone gets their deposit back," she said. "At least part of it."

According to Hackett, "malicious damage" would constitute a breach of contract, and money would be taken from the refundable \$200 portion of the deposit to cover the cost. For instance, "holes in the wall, complete and utter destruction of the carpet," she said. "Sometimes there's a divider between a dining room and a living room," and removing it would ruin the carpet and the ceiling.

Walking through the alley at Turtle Creek, one can see what might constitute "excessive damage," whether malicious or not. Approaching the apartment of senior Ryan Crochet, a window-pane, now broken and missing a circular slice near the bottom, looks out over the front lawn.

"I'm not really sure how that happened," he said. "We have a couple of holes in the ceiling from parties. We're gonna try and plaster them up."

Funk claimed that he, too, would try and avoid charges this year by replacing the divider that he and his roommates removed.

"It would cost \$1400 or something like that" for Turtle Creek staff to replace, he said, and added with a grin, "We're going to put that back together."

Some residents felt that Turtle Creek management was simply being fair in not returning the full deposit. "I would assume that most people do not get [the security deposit] back," said senior Joe Bollini. "It's a result of the occupants and not the landowners' stinginess."

Crochet concurred, saying that he had not heard of any abuse on the part of the management. "Not

that I know of," he said.

Many other residents, however, did not share these sentiments and cited stories of rampant excess charges and suspicious dealings.

"I've just heard from people that no one ever gets it back," Funk said.

Assistant Manager Hackett disagreed, however, and said, "We're not out to get anybody."

On occasion, the charges assessed at the end of the year exceed the security deposit, and the resident is charged the surplus amount. Hackett claimed that these instances were rare.

In response to these excess charges, many tenants have filed complaints with Turtle Creek staff. Most notably, 2003 graduate Jeff Baltruzak, in his November Letter to the Editor, "Beware of Turtle Creek," claimed that the management had overcharged him \$480 for carpet replacement.

Baltruzak stated that he had shampooed the carpet prior to moving out, but that Turtle Creek had replaced it anyway, and did not take pictures of the damage to prove Baltruzak's undue wear-and-tear.

According to Marianne Loftus-Heon, co-general manager of Castle Point, her apartment complex does not suffer these same complaints.

Whether at Turtle Creek or Castle Point, however, all residents will be cleaning and repairing whatever damage has accumulated throughout one year's worth of life. Said Funk, gazing at the mysterious reddish stain streaking down his glass sliding door, "It definitely won't be spotless by any means, but we don't want to be fined."

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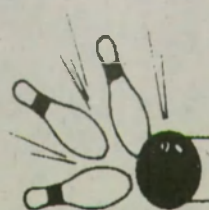
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Professor debates repercussions of recent Medicare Act

By ANDREW THAGARD
Senior Staff Writer

Dr. Gregory Gramelspacher, an associate professor of medicine at Indiana University School of Medicine, lectured Tuesday on the Medicare Act of 2003 that President Bush signed into law in December. The presentation, titled "Medicare Reform: Did the President and Congress Write a Good Prescription?" marked the conclusion of the 10th annual "Mini-Medical School Lecture Series," sponsored by the Medical Education Foundation and presented by the South Bend Center for Medical Education.

The Medicare Act of 2003 has been surrounded by controversy since it first arrived in Congress in November of that year. The House passed the bill by a narrow margin after a debate that raged all night.

After it was passed by the Senate and signed by the President, some hailed it as the most important bill passed by Congress since the establishment of Medicare and Medicaid in 1965. Others, however, claim that the legislation privatizes Medicare and will benefit the major players of the industry at the expense of patients.

The issue is an important one, according to Gramelspacher, in part because Medicare is a central component to healthcare that represents a significant chunk of the national budget. The 2001 Medicare budget

totaled \$240 billion or 12 to 15 percent of the total federal budget for that year. Healthcare spending in the U.S. is equivalent to 15 percent of the gross domestic product and costs \$5,800 per capita annually — the highest of any nation in the world by about \$2,000, Gramelspacher said.

"In this country we've decided to take a private market, capitalistic approach to healthcare ... We spend an awful lot of money on healthcare," he said. "The problem is what do we get with all this money?"

Not quite what we pay for, Gramelspacher said.

America ranks 20 to 25 worldwide for longest life expectancy and number one for obesity. Forty-four million people in the U.S. lack health insurance — most of them children and working poor, he said.

"You couldn't get sick in a better place than the U.S. but it's not a very good place to stay healthy," he said.

The new Medicare Act aims to address these issues. The legislation authorizes the creation of a fourth component to the Medicare system for drug benefits by 2006 and establishes a discount prescription card that will be available starting in July of this year. The Act bans the importation of prescription drugs from abroad and covers preventative physical examinations and blood tests for diabetes and cardiovascular diseases screening, among other things. It also blocks a scheduled 4.5

percent decrease in Medicare costs that was set to be paid to physicians and replaces it with a 1.5 percent increase in payment.

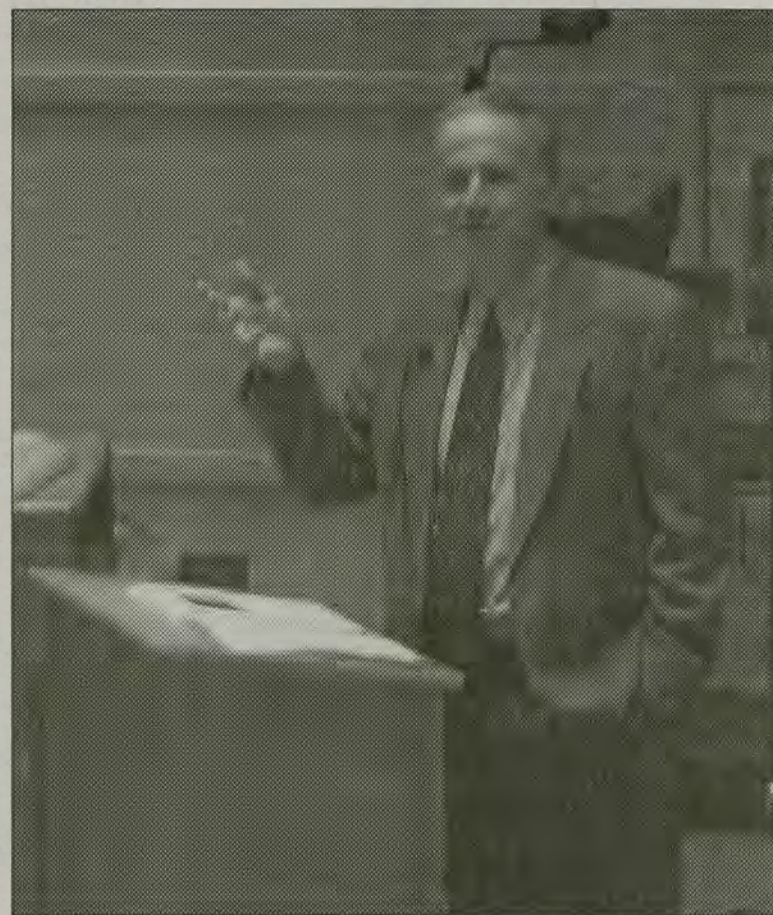
Such changes don't come without a price, Gramelspacher said. Initially, the Act was projected to cost \$400 billion for the first decade and \$1-2 trillion for the second decade. It is now projected to cost closer to \$530 billion for the first decade. Seventy-five percent of these costs will be paid out from general tax revenue and the remainder will be funded by monthly premiums.

"We're not going to have to worry about that [second decade, however,] because Medicare is projected to go bankrupt in 2019," Gramelspacher joked.

On a more serious note, Gramelspacher said that the potential benefits of the legislation will depend upon the individual. As with insurance, those people with minimal prescription costs will stand to pay more by opting into the program than if they didn't. People who use moderate amounts of prescription drugs stand to benefit from it and those who use substantial amounts will benefit the most.

While Gramelspacher praised some aspects of the Medicare Act, he said that such incremental reform is not the answer to American's healthcare problems.

"There are some things I like, there are a lot I don't like," he said. "I don't want incremental reform. I don't think it's a good prescription [for the country]."



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Dr. Gregory Gramelspacher, associate professor of medicine at Indiana University School of Medicine, lectures Tuesday on Medicare reform.

Gramelspacher graduated from Notre Dame with a degree in government and international relations. He earned his medical degree at Indiana University School of Medicine and completed his residency in internal medicine at the University of Michigan. He is the founder of the Program in Medical Ethics at IUSOM.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Gadhafi makes trip to Europe

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, once considered one of the world's most dangerous men, came to Europe for the first time in 15 years Tuesday, offering business deals and an olive branch — along with a veiled threat to return to the "days of explosive belts" if provoked by "evil" from the West.

The one-time pariah swept through the headquarters of the European Union like a movie star in brown Bedouin robes, flanked by female bodyguards in blue camouflage.

He gave a clenched fist salute to about 200 supporters outside the building while a smattering of protesters barricaded across the street shouted "Gadhafi murderer!"

Limited Iraqi self-rule to increase

WASHINGTON — Iraqis will have "a lot more sovereignty" after the June 30 hand-over of power, but the United States will still control security and the caretaker government won't be able to make laws, the diplomat nominated to be ambassador to Baghdad said Tuesday.

The interim government isn't ready to take on the security job, and it's not specifically its task to consider legislation, John D. Negroponte told a Capitol Hill confirmation hearing.

"Let's remember this is going to be a transitional government, by definition limited in its time frame" of about six months, he told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Its focus will be to organize elections for another government under which a constitution eventually will be written.

NATIONAL NEWS

Soldier sibs won't return to Iraq

MADISON, Wis. — Two soldiers whose sister was killed in a Baghdad ambush have decided against returning to Iraq, heeding pleas of their parents, the military and Gov. Jim Doyle.

Rachel and Charity Witmer chose instead to ask for noncombat jobs outside Iraq.

The soldiers said Tuesday they were swayed by Maj. Gen. Al Wilkening's request they remain stateside. He feared that if they went back, the increased attention on their units might put their fellow soldiers at risk.

"This we will not do," the sisters said in a statement read by a family friend.

12-year-old charged with murder

CARROLLTON, Ga. — An 8-year-old girl disappeared while riding her bike to visit a friend, and was found strangled hours later. On Tuesday, a 12-year-old boy was charged with murder.

The charge came almost 24 hours after 8-year-old Amy Michelle Yates vanished from the small trailer park.

Carroll County Sheriff Terry Langley said preliminary autopsy results indicated the girl was strangled by hand. He said investigators believe the boy acted alone.

"This investigation is continuing, and there still is a great deal of work to be done," Langley told the Times-Georgian.

STATE NEWS

Massive antique sale scheduled

PENDLETON — A collection of rummage and antique sales that could draw thousands of people is planned for this weekend along an about 30-mile stretch of Indiana 38.

The Indiana 38 Road Sale is planned for Friday and Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Organizers said vendor booths could be set up in front yards, fields, church properties and storefronts from Noblesville to New Castle.

As word of the sale spreads, organizers have town and Madison County police to prepare for as many as 5,000 shoppers.

Three Pendleton shop owners said they were inspired to create a smaller version of the world's longest yard sale — the 450-mile Highway 127 Corridor Sale that snakes from Kentucky to Alabama.

IRAQ

U.S. strikes Fallujah insurgents

Special Forces gunships, howitzers bombard Sunni district after Najaf firefight

Associated Press

FALLUJAH — U.S. warplanes and artillery attacked Sunni insurgents holed up in a slum in a thunderous show of force that rocked Fallujah Tuesday, sending huge plumes of black smoke into the night sky. The assault came after American troops killed 64 gunmen near the southern city of Najaf.

An American soldier was killed Tuesday in Baghdad, raising the U.S. death toll for April to 115 — the same number lost during the invasion of Iraq that toppled Saddam Hussein last year. Up to 1,200 Iraqis also have been killed this month.

The second straight night of battles in Fallujah came as the extension of a fragile cease-fire ended in the turbulent city west of Baghdad. Marines have been preparing to begin patrols in the city later this week.

Tuesday's battle appeared far heavier than the previous night's clashes, in which a Marine and eight insurgents were killed — suggesting U.S. forces were trying to wear down gunmen in the Jolan neighborhood, a district of narrow alleyways and ramshackle houses.

An AC-130, a powerful gunship that can unleash a deluge of ordnance, joined 105mm howitzers in opening up on insurgent targets in the neighborhood. Gunfire and explosions reverberated for nearly two hours, and an eerie orange glow shone over the area while showers of sparks descended like fireworks.

Fires were visible in the Jolan neighborhood, and mosque loudspeakers elsewhere in the city called for firefighters. U.S. aircraft



An Iraqi man searches through the rubble of his house in Fallujah on Tuesday after it was hit by a mortar shell during a fight between Sunni insurgents and U.S. troops.

dropped white leaflets over Fallujah before nightfall, calling on insurgents to give up.

"Surrender, you are surrounded," the leaflets said. "If you are a terrorist, beware, because your last day was yesterday. In order to spare your life end your actions and surrender to coalition forces now. We are coming to arrest you."

Fighting also broke out in Baghdad and in the south, where U.S. forces are in a standoff with militiamen loyal to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, who is wanted on murder charges for allegedly killing a fellow cleric.

U.S. forces killed 64 Iraqis on Monday and Tuesday in battles with militiamen outside the Shiite holy city of Najaf, Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt said.

The United States is trying to avoid a resurgence of the intense fighting

ahead of June 30 — the date for installation of a new Iraqi government.

At the United Nations, U.N. envoy to Iraq Lakhdar Brahimi briefed the U.N. Security Council on plans for a caretaker government that would take over from the U.S.-picked Governing Council. He also warned that there would be a "very bloody confrontation" unless an agreement was reached to end fighting in Fallujah.

John Negroponte, who has been nominated as U.S. ambassador to Iraq, acknowledged Tuesday that the caretaker government would have limited powers because the Iraqi security forces were not yet strong enough. The United States would keep control of security forces, and the new government may not have the authority to pass laws, he told a Senate panel in Washington.

Several U.S.-allied Iraqi

leaders demanded the government receive full sovereignty.

Mohsen Abdel-Hamid, a Sunni Arab on the Governing Council, said the prospect of the United States retaining some sovereignty is "not acceptable, this is totally rejected."

If the Americans do not respect agreements on giving complete sovereignty, "then the Iraqi people know what route to take," he said.

Two nights of battles in Fallujah have strained U.S. attempts to find a political way out of the siege of the city, avoiding a resumption of the full-fledged fighting that killed hundreds of Iraqis in early April. At least eight Marines have died in the fighting.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld told reporters at the Pentagon on Tuesday that continuing negotiations in Fallujah was "worth the try."

THAILAND

Scores die as cops battle militants

Associated Press

BANGKOK — Suspected Islamic militants clashed with police in Thailand Wednesday, leaving at least 70 people dead in the heaviest fighting yet in the troubled Muslim-dominated south, officials said.

The clashes erupted after militants launched simultaneous attacks on police bases and checkpoints in several districts of Yala and Pattani provinces, said Yala Gov. Boonyasit Suwanarat.

He told reporters that most of the dead were young men attempting to rob weapons from police and army bases. At least three policemen and one soldier were also killed.

It was the worst fighting so far in

the south where almost daily attacks by gunmen have left nearly 150 people dead this year.

Most of the casualties appear to have happened in Yala province.

Pattani police chief Maj. Gen. Paitoon Pattanasophon told The Associated Press by telephone that clashes took place in at least five places in Pattani province. The fighting raged for more than three hours after the first shooting began at 5 a.m.

One gunbattle was fought around a mosque in Krusei district of Pattani where the militants were holed up, he said.

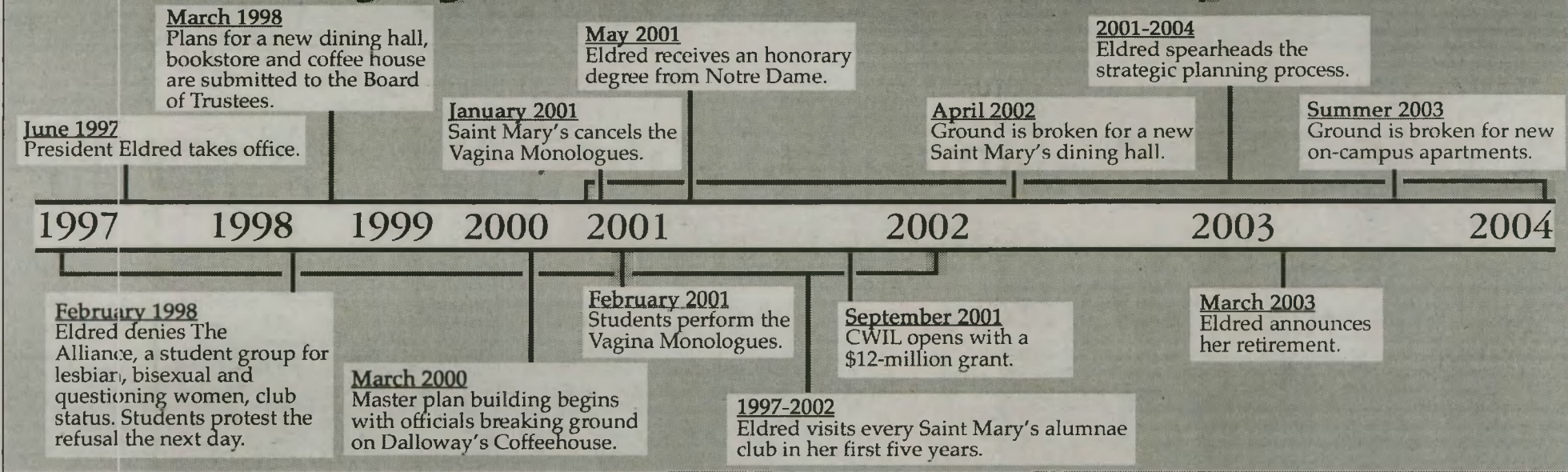
Pattani, Yala and Narathiwat are the only Muslim majority provinces in predominantly Buddhist Thailand.

Muslims there have long complained of discrimination in jobs and education.

They also say their culture and language are being subjugated by the Buddhist Thais, and cite as an example the state schools, which teach in Thai language. Muslims in the south speak Yawi, a dialect of Malay, spoken in the neighboring Malaysia.

The central government policies have been the source of a decades old separatist struggle, which subsided after an amnesty in the late 1980s, but exploded again this year with the Jan. 4 raid on an army arsenal and the torching of 21 schools. Four soldiers were killed in the arsenal attack.

Highlights of Eldred's tenure at Saint Mary's



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1997 after 18 years at the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minn., where she served in a variety of administrative roles. Eldred became the 10th president of Saint Mary's and was the first lay-woman to hold the position. Since becoming president, Eldred has worked to maintain the institution's position as the nation's premier Catholic women's college.

"She [Eldred] exudes the mission of Saint Mary's wherever she goes and can articulate it quickly and concisely."

**Sara Mahoney
student trustee**

During her time at Saint Mary's, Eldred instituted many positive changes for the future. She was particularly instrumental in creating the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership in 2001, the result of a \$12 million

grant from the Lilly Endowment.

In 2000, Eldred helped develop the College's Master Plan, which calls for many changes to the campus in attempt to fit students' ever changing needs. Ground-breaking for Dalloway's coffee house and the Welcome Center took place in spring 2000. In April 2002, construction began on the new Noble Family Dining Hall.

Last summer, groundbreaking took place for the first phase of an on-campus student apartment complex that will be occupied by seniors in the fall. Future plans call for the construction of a second phase of the apartments and a state of the art academic building.

Through Eldred's leadership, she has revitalized the relationship between the College and the South Bend community, as well as strengthening ties with

Notre Dame and Holy Cross.

Eldred publicly announced her retirement in March 2003, but was asked to stay on until a successor was named. Vice president and associate provost of Notre Dame Carol Mooney was chosen Dec. 26. She will begin her tenure as president June 1.

Though Eldred has enjoyed her time at Saint Mary's, she is ready for change, she said.

"My husband Don and I are going to move back to St. Paul, where I am going to take some time off," Eldred said. "And then, I hope to get involved with some volunteer work."

Over the course of seven years, Eldred has made and will take many memorable moments with her.

"Some of my fondest memories from campus are generally all of my interactions with students," Eldred said. "Other highlights for me include learning about faculty accomplishments, seeing the strong intellectual life that characterizes Saint Mary's and meeting so many of the wonderful alumnae from here."

Although it is hard to leave, Eldred said she is excited about

Mooney coming in.

"If I were to give her [Mooney] some advice, it would be to listen when you first come in to what everyone has to say," Eldred said. "But don't respond to all that advice. Also, take the time to set your priorities and to learn the culture of the College. It truly is a wonderful place to be."

Sara Mahoney, student trustee in 2003-04, believes Eldred did an outstanding job during her time at Saint Mary's.

"Dr. Eldred leaves an extraordinary legacy to Saint Mary's," Mahoney said. "She has been the catalyst of the Master Plan as well as the Strategic Plan. Her vision of where Saint Mary's can be in the future is inspiring to all of us here at Saint Mary's."

Mahoney said it was her presence around campus that students recognized and appreciat-

ed.

"She takes the time to talk to students in the hall and always has a welcoming attitude," Mahoney said. "She exudes the mission of Saint Mary's wherever she goes and can articulate it quickly and concisely. We want to thank Dr. Eldred for her commitment to each Saint Mary's student and wish her the best in her retirement."

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**Marilou Eldred
Saint Mary's president**

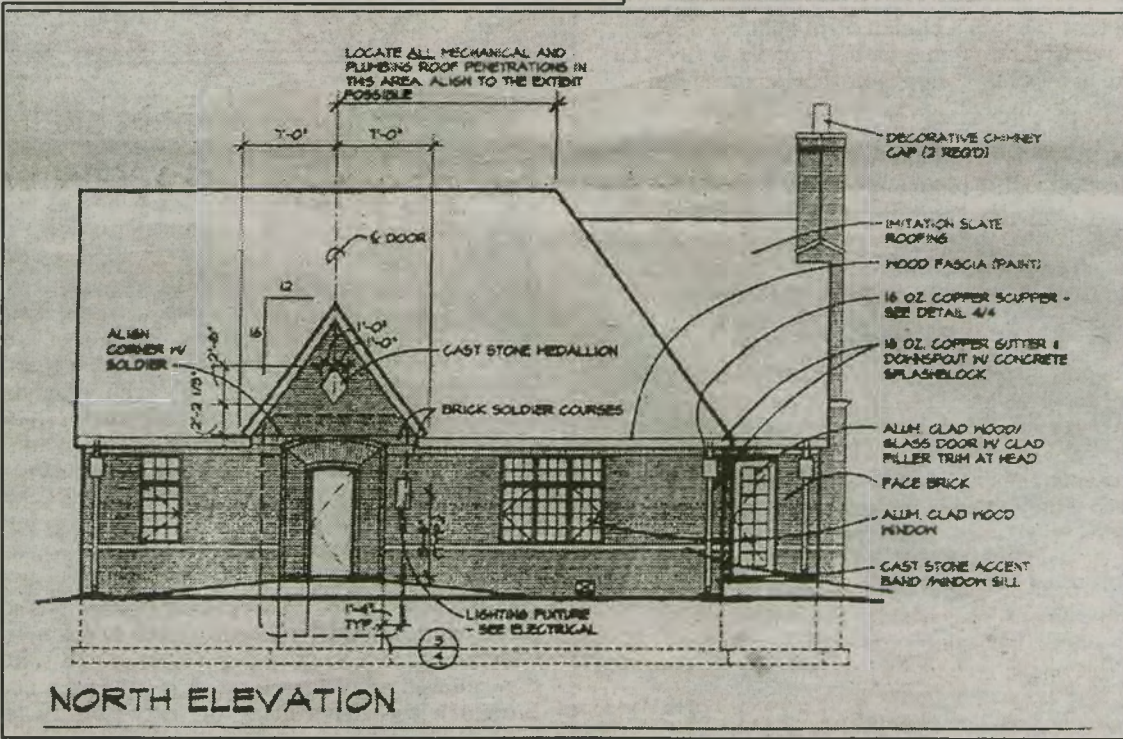
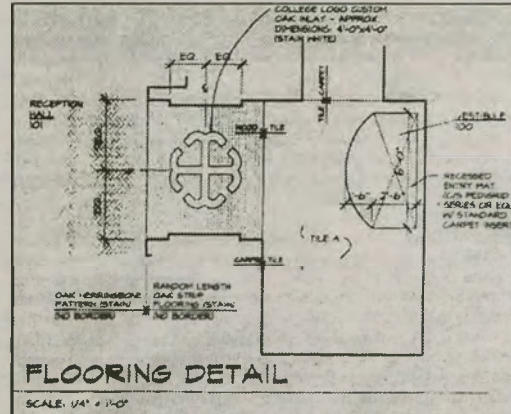
From her final weeks as president, Eldred will take with her a range of accomplishments and memories.

"This is truly an amazing and wonderful place," Eldred said. "I hope that I've made it a better place."

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The implementation of the College's 10-year Master Plan included significant construction developments and was one of the chief accomplishments of President Marilou Eldred's tenure. At right, plans for a new Welcome Center and Dalloway's Coffee House, and, at left, the construction of the Noble Family Dining Hall.



MARKET RECAP

Stocks		
Dow Jones	10,478.16	+33.43
Up:	1,841	Same:
Down:	172	Composite Volume:
	1,517,615,616	

AMEX	1,251.53	+5.28
NASDAQ	2,032.53	-4.24
NYSE	6,612.70	+15.00
S&P 500	1,138.15	+2.62
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	12,044.88	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	4,575.70	+3.90

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-0.07	-0.02	27.22
CONEXANT SYS (CNXT)	-14.04	-0.81	4.96
INTEL CORP (INTC)	-0.99	-0.27	26.88
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-0.86	-0.20	22.94
SIRIUS SAT RADIO (SIRI)	-3.36	-0.12	3.45

Treasuries			
30-YEAR BOND	-0.25	-0.13	52.10
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.65	-0.29	44.04
5-YEAR NOTE	-1.24	-0.44	35.07
3-MONTH BILL	+2.01	+0.19	9.62

Commodities		
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	+0.56	37.53
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+2.50	399.10
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+1.225	107.80

Exchange Rates		
YEN		109.6
EURO		0.8387
POUND		0.5581
CANADIAN \$		1.352

IN BRIEF

Job growth boosts confidence

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Lockheed Martin Corp. rode higher military aircraft sales past Wall Street expectations Tuesday, posting a 16 percent increase in earnings and raising its outlook for the year.

The nation's largest defense contractor reported earnings of \$291 million, or 65 cents per share, for the first three months of 2004, up from \$250 million, or 55 cents per share, a year ago.

That easily beat the consensus expectation of 53 cents a share by financial analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call.

Verizon Q1 earnings fall by half

NEW YORK — Verizon Communications Inc.'s earnings fell 50 percent in the first quarter, as employee buyouts increased expenses for the country's largest phone company.

Verizon said Tuesday it earned \$1.2 billion, or 43 cents a share, for the January-March period, down from \$2.4 billion, or 87 cents a share, a year ago.

One-time expenses cost 15 cents a share, most of which went toward early retirement packages for some of the 21,000 employees who left the company's payroll in the fourth quarter of 2003 as part of the company's voluntary buyout program.

US Air posts \$177M loss for Q1

ARLINGTON, Va. — US Airways Group Inc. lost \$177 million in the first three months of 2004 despite an 11 percent increase in revenue over the year-ago quarter, and the airline's new president again warned of the need to cut costs to survive.

The \$3.28-per-share loss compares with a profit of \$1.64 billion, or \$24.02 per share, in the first quarter of 2003. But the year ago profit was merely a paper tiger associated with the company's emergence from Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in March of that year.

The company's operating loss of \$143 million in the first three months of this year is a 31 percent improvement over the \$207 million operating loss in the year-ago quarter.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Janus, two states settle for \$225M

SEC probes market timing scandal

Associated Press

DENVER — Janus Capital Group struck a \$225 million agreement with regulators Tuesday to settle claims of improper trading practices, the latest deal to emerge from the scandal sweeping the \$7 trillion mutual funds industry.

Janus will pay \$100 million to investors — \$50 million in restitution and \$50 million in civil penalties — and reduce the fees it charges investors by \$125 million over five years.

The Denver-based company will pay an additional \$1.2 million to the Colorado attorney general's office for investor education, future enforcement and attorney's fees. It also will institute measures to create more accountability to prevent future problems, Attorney General Ken Salazar said.

"What we want mutual fund companies to do is make sure they are treating all investors fairly," he said.

Regulators accused Janus of entering into agreements with select investors that permitted them to engage in improper, frequent short-term trading while diluting the returns of other shareholders.

The agreement was regulated in principle with regulators in Colorado and New York pending final approval of the Securities and Exchange Commission. An SEC representative declined comment.

Janus said it will take a

\$59 million charge in the first quarter related to the settlement.

"This is a huge step forward for the firm. We know we still have the two priorities — restoring complete trust and confidence in Janus and delivering performance for our investors and we're confident we can do that," Janus spokeswoman Shelley Peterson said.

The industry scandal has resulted in criminal charges, subpoenas and scrutiny of dozens of fund companies. Other companies have agreed to settlements ranging from \$40 million to \$675 million.

Janus was under investigation for market timing — a type of rapid, in-and-out trading that can skim profits from long-term fund shareholders. The practice is legal, but Janus policies discouraged it.

Regulators say companies that officially forbade the practice but made exceptions for certain clients are guilty of fraud.

Janus has acknowledged 10 market timing arrangements, all of which have been ended, and had said it will return to shareholders \$31.5 million gained from market timing trading.

The industry scandal came to light in September when New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer accused Canary Capital Partners, a multimillion-dollar hedge fund, of securing special trading privileges at several big-name mutual fund companies, including Janus.

FAST FOOD

McDonald's earnings surge 56 percent in Q1

Golden Arches glow despite CEO's death



A flag flies at half-staff outside a McDonald's last week in Chicago, mourning the death of CEO Jim Cantalupo.

Associated Press

CHICAGO — McDonald's Corp. posted a 56 percent increase in first-quarter earnings Tuesday, extending an impressive year-long comeback for a company that was jolted last week by the sudden death of its CEO.

Chief executive Jim Cantalupo, who died of a heart attack while in Florida for a McDonald's convention, was replaced by the fast-food chain's 43-year-old president and chief operating officer, Charlie Bell.

Bell paid tribute to Cantalupo in a news release accompanying McDonald's quarterly earnings report as "an incredibly inspiring and passionate leader" and said he is committed to strengthening McDonald's and "continuing the momentum that began under Jim's leadership."

Net income for the first three months of the year was \$511.5 million, or 40

cents per share, compared with \$327.4 million, or 26 cents per share, for the same period a year ago. That matched the consensus estimate of analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call.

Revenue was \$4.4 billion, up 16 percent from \$3.8 billion a year earlier.

After suffering from weak results for the previous two years, McDonald's has bounced back to report higher comparative sales from its U.S. restaurants in each of the last 12 months. Sales have risen sharply with help from new products, such as salads and McGriddles breakfast sandwiches, later hours and a Cantalupo-led focus on food and service quality over expansion and capital spending.

The leading burger chain also has profited from a slump at No. 2 Burger King and a rebound in the restaurant industry as a whole.

FACULTY

Veteran accounting prof to retire

By MATT BRAMANTI
Senior Business Writer

After a 15-year career as an accounting professor in the Mendoza College of Business, Dan Simon will step down from teaching after this semester.

Simon said he jumped at the opportunity to teach at Notre Dame's business school, then known as the College of Business Administration.

"I always wanted to come to Notre Dame," Simon said. "I finally got to in the late 80s."

After receiving degrees from Indiana, Purdue and Northwestern, Simon became a certified public accountant, then taught in the IU system.



Simon

During his time in the college, Simon taught the gamut of accounting classes, from introductory courses to senior-level auditing.

Simon had nothing but praise for the University.

"I can't think of anything I dislike about Notre Dame — everything's been great," he said.

"I like the students, I like the support we have for research here, and of course everyone likes the campus."

Despite his departure from the classroom, Simon is not leaving Notre Dame altogether. Since last year, he has been working on a scholarly paper, with fellow accountancy professors Margaret Shackell-Dowell and Tom Stobe, entitled "Re-Audits of Prior Years Financial Statements of Former Arthur Andersen Clients."

Simon said the paper will aim to quantify companies' loss in confidence of Arthur Andersen LLP, the former accounting powerhouse.

"It should be interesting to see how some of the firms have the new audi-

tor go back and redo some of Andersen's previous work," Simon said.

Some audit firms have been wary when accepting former Andersen clients, for fear that the new auditors might be held liable for old Andersen errors.

Most of Simon's research has focused on audit fees and the market for audit services in various countries, including Nigeria, South Korea and Ireland.

Simon said he hopes his continued research will allow him to maintain ties with Notre Dame.

"That's probably the most important thing I'm going to be doing, still connected with Notre Dame," Simon said. "I'm not completely gone yet."

In addition to his research, Simon said his retirement will allow him to spend more time with his family and play bridge.

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"The current amount granted to CPC is simply just not enough to bring good concerts and speakers to campus," said Lao. "We determined that 50,000 dollars was a safe amount that could be used endowment and focused specifically on concerts and speakers each year."

The endowment would potentially be supplemented by revenue from market returns, profits from any of the concerts CPC and continued donations, Lao said.

Though Lao said "all of the bases are covered," he still has concerns about the perceived feasibility of the proposal.

"The biggest challenge when we ask for this money is that the University has already approved a 10-year plan," Lao said. "Basically, we're asking to become a priority, and to secure the funds through a capital campaign with the development office."

The presentation will also address the issue of TCEs, after the Faculty Senate recently came out strongly against their publication, as they found the TCE forms

themselves flawed.

Lao said he will ask the Board of Trustees to have the Office of Provost make this issue a priority, but will not come out directly in favor of their publication.

"Judging from faculty reaction, it's pretty evident that they don't want TCEs published, so asking the provost's office to do so just wouldn't be respectful," Lao said. "I want to see the provost's office address faculty concerns so we can work towards the publication."

Lao and Chin have been working on the report since the beginning of the semester, after they previewed a portion

of its content at the fall Board of Trustees meeting.

"The Trustees seemed receptive to the endowment when we included it [in the winter meeting], so it basically comes down to having a good presentation and proposal,"

Lao said. "Emily and I saw [TCEs and the student programming endowment] as the two most important issues at the time, so that's what we're going to deal with."

Lao declined to provide an advance copy of the proposal to The Observer.

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Jeremy Lao
former student body president

Juniper

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Edison and Douglas, along with modifying access roads on campus.

University officials will present the plan to the St. Joseph County Council at their meeting on May 11 and the council could vote on it as early as their June 8 meeting.

Under the plan, Edison Road would be moved south and run through the current tailgating lots from Notre Dame Avenue to Ivy Road. The new road would begin off Edison west of Ivy Road and curve to occupy the space where Ivy Road currently runs between Vaness Street and Dunn Road. It would then curve west, intersecting Bulla Road at a stoplight and running behind the Fischer Graduate Apartments, meeting Douglas Road at a traffic roundabout. Traffic on both directions on Douglas Road, in addition to traffic on the new road, would intersect at the roundabout.

Marsh said that studies show that traffic roundabouts are 40 percent more efficient than a regular signalized intersection and "a million times faster" than the flashing light that currently directs traffic at the intersection of Ivy and Douglas Roads. However, the idea of a roundabout was not popular with some residents, including Cesar Aquino, who questioned how well South Bend residents would be able to negotiate it even though the concept is successful in Europe and the East Coast.

Douglas Road would be expanded to four lanes between the roundabout and the current

Old Juniper Road by the Notre Dame Federal Credit Union, which would have a traffic signal and connect with Juniper north of campus.

A number of changes would take place on local roads, including Ivy and Bulla Road. One segment of the current Ivy Road would run from Douglas Road to a cul-de-sac near Dunn Road. Another segment of Ivy Road would run from an alley south of Vaness Street to a cul-de-sac that would back to Edison Road. Traffic moving west on Bulla Road from Ironwood would dead-end near the current Ivy Road and would not connect to the new road.

With the exception of Vaness Street, no local roads would connect to the new road, which could handle a 40 mph speed limit. At Vaness Street, where students currently cross Ivy Road to access campus from apartment complexes such as Turtle Creek, crosswalks would be put in place and there would be a landscaped median between both directions of traffic to aid pedestrians in crossing.

Even with the median and crosswalks, residents like John Norton, who lives north of campus on Juniper, were concerned about having students cross a four-lane road.

"It's going to be a hassle for students," he said. "They'll be darting through traffic. ... They've got designated crosswalks but they don't necessarily use them."

The plan would also involve building new roads on the campus. Eddy Street, which currently ends at Edison, will be opened through campus, passing between the Stadium and DeBartolo, allowing public

access to these buildings, in addition to the Snite Museum and the new Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. The access road will loop around the back of the Joyce Center and through the C1 lot, which will be redesigned to add more landscaping and safer access for pedestrians. Cars will be able to access the B2 and D2 parking lots on the northeast end of campus three ways: by entering Bulla Road via the new four-lane road, by using Leahy Drive from a new connection to Douglas Road or by driving on an access road in front of Stepan Center to a new light at St. Joseph Drive and Douglas Road.

Community response to the proposal was mixed. Many residents are still opposed to the closure of Juniper Road, but are appreciative of the efforts the University has made to include community input in the proposal.

"I think you guys did a great job," Aquino said. "Unfortunately there is an isolationist attitude of Notre Dame that I hope over time changes ... [but] this is a good proposal. This is inconveniencing 10,000 people, but it is only moving them 500 feet to the east."

And many residents had been expecting the University to request the road to be closed for years.

"It's been a long time coming," Norton said. "You could see it coming ... you've got more academic buildings going across [Juniper]. They're going to have to close it, there's no two ways about it."

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an assistant dean from 1988 to 1991, and associate dean from 1992 to 1993.

A 1972 graduate of Saint Mary's, Mooney is looking forward to a return to her alma mater. Mooney said she believes her Saint Mary's background will help make for a smooth transition.

"[Having attended Saint Mary's] I think will certainly help in my transition," said Mooney. "The experiences I had at Saint Mary's engendered my love for the institution, but it's important to remember, [that] like everything else, Saint Mary's has

changed. It's been 32 years since I graduated, and it's important for me to remember that things are different now."

While Mooney plans to continue on with the efforts of the Saint Mary's Master Plan and the Strategic Plan Eldred started, her plans for the campus are much broader.

"My goal is to focus on the academic excellence of the institution," said Mooney.

But for now, Mooney is making the most of her last month at Notre Dame, before answering to a different call.

"I'm looking forward to meeting everyone next fall, and getting to know all the students," Mooney said.

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Pollution regulations leave farmers stumped

Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. — Thousands of confused California growers have failed to comply with new state regulations monitoring water pollution from farms.

Regulators, however, are unsure of how to enforce the rules, which environmentalists consider too lax and are challenging them in court.

Between 25,000 and 80,000 growers who have irrigation water or stormwater running off their lands had until April 1 to report what they grow,

what pesticides or fertilizers they use and how they will test canals and creeks that eventually empty into the Central Valley's rivers.

Until this year, farms enjoyed a blanket exemption from California's water quality law, which requires businesses and cities to apply for permits to discharge runoff and submit plans to reduce pollution. The State Water Resources Control Board made the exemption conditional under pressure from environmental groups.

INDONESIA

Religious conflict rages on

Deadly Muslim-Christian violence leaves a bloody wake

AMBON — Snipers spread terror across this provincial capital Tuesday in a third day of bloodshed that intensified fears the region could plunge back into a Muslim-Christian war that killed 9,000 people three years ago.

Gunmen killed two paramilitary police officers and critically wounded a third and a Muslim man later was incinerated by a bomb explosion, bringing the death toll since Sunday to 24.

The violence underscored the fragility of Maluku province, known as the Spice Islands during Dutch colonial rule and once held up as a model of religious harmony. Communal tensions worsened in recent decades with an influx of Muslims from elsewhere in Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim nation.

Coming in a region where Islamic extremists have been trying to drum up support, the new bloodshed is a further complication for Indonesians heading into a presidential election in July. Six years after protests ended the dictatorship of Gen. Suharto, the main election issue has been stability in this sprawling nation of 210 million people.

Community leaders in Ambon urged calm, hoping to head off a resumption of the

1999-2001 war.

"I'm telling Christians to stay indoors and don't be provoked," Ambon's Roman Catholic bishop, Petur Canis Mandagi, told The Associated Press after talks with Muslim leaders and security chiefs at police headquarters. "The conflict can be stopped, but we must be quick."

Shortly after dawn Wednesday, several loud explosions and sporadic gunfire could be heard in a Christian part of the city. It was not clear whether there were any casualties.

Muslim men armed with machetes and sharpened sticks gathered outside the main mosque, chanting "God is great" and calling for holy war against Christian separatists. Mobs put up barricades between the Muslim and Christian parts of Ambon, which is spread across wooded hillsides overlooking a sparkling blue bay.

"We are defending our area," said one man at a checkpoint. "If we are attacked we will respond in kind."

The U.S. State Department advised Americans to leave Ambon or put off travel to the region.

The latest round of violence erupted Sunday after several members of the region's small,

largely Christian, separatist movement rallied in the city center. Muslims, who view such public displays as a provocation, assaulted the demonstrators, touching off sectarian clashes in the city.

Islamic radicals have been trying to whip up Muslim fervor in the Maluku in reaction to the global war on terrorist groups.

The earlier conflict here galvanized militant Muslims across Indonesia, and it also attracted Islamic fighters from around Southeast Asia and from the Middle East.

Many members of Jemaah Islamiyah, an al-Qaida-linked extremist group blamed for a series of deadly bombings in Indonesia, have told authorities that they fought in the conflict.

There have been reports of a rift within Jemaah Islamiyah between militants who want to target Westerners and those who wish to limit their holy war to fighting Indonesian Christians in regions like the Maluku.

Many politicians and diplomats said the 1999-2001 fighting in Maluku was encouraged by hardline military commanders loyal to Suharto who wanted to destabilize the administrations that followed his ouster.



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Son seeks credit for father's famous photo

Associated Press

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii — When the air alert sounded aboard the USS Missouri that day in 1945 off Okinawa, one of the battleship's cooks raced to a bridge armed not with a gun, but a 161 mm camera.

From his perch some 70 feet above the action on the main deck, Baker 2nd Class Harold "Buster" Campbell captured the fierce air battle, snapping away as a single Japanese kamikaze pilot penetrated the ship's formidable anti-aircraft fire.

"He kept coming through the greatest ack ack I've ever seen," reads Campbell's journal entry of that day, April 11, 1945. "He then came direct at the ship and hit us on the starboard quarter on the main deck, burst into flames. I was shaking but felt relieved after he hit."

The entry continues: "I took a beautiful shot of him as he hit ..."

But did he?

The image of the A6M Zero kamikaze taken at the moment of impact has become one of the most recognized photos from the Battle of Okinawa. It is featured prominently in books, souvenirs and aboard the decommissioned Missouri, now anchored off Ford Island as a museum and memorial.

The photo is credited to another man, the late Len Schmidt, one of the Missouri's official photographers who also shot the April 11 battle and the kamikaze's collision.

But Navy historians say photos weren't credited to individual photographers until 1973. Schmidt has been given credit since then based on his body of work and first-hand account of the attack, said Mike Weidenbach, curator for the USS Missouri Memorial Association.

It wasn't until last year, when Campbell's son saw the photograph in a souvenir book his daughter brought back from a Hawaii vacation, that Missouri historians were alerted to the possible discrepancy.

Dan Campbell, a 52-year-old government worker from Baltimore, contacted

Weidenbach about his father's story. If the curator wanted more proof, the son had his late father's entire collection of Missouri memorabilia — a small suitcase full — that he wanted to donate.

The collection included his father's handwritten journal, a letter opener made from the kamikaze debris and more than 200 pictures. Dan Campbell scanned some of the photos and sent them to Weidenbach on a CD.

Now, with the complete collection in hand, Weidenbach has seen enough to believe the son's claim is credible.

"We saw there was photographs of the kamikaze attack that we had never seen before," Weidenbach said.

Using the photos, Missouri historians matched features and sight lines to pinpoint the exact spot from where the photo was taken: a bridge eight levels above the main deck.

"We went back to Lennie Schmidt's description of where he was," Weidenbach said. "He tells it himself that he's below that level. He couldn't have taken this picture from the perspective he says he was at. All the pieces just started to fall in place."

Weidenbach, who's still cataloging and preserving the collection, said the next step is to convince the Naval Historical Center of who deserves the credit.

Officials at the Washington-based center said Friday they were unaware of the Campbell collection and the possibility that the photo was miscredited.

Spokesman Jack Green, who also was the center's photo curator for six years, said the claim sounds like something that would be "very, very difficult to validate."

If the center receives more information and documentation, its photographic section could study the matter and issue an opinion on who should get credit, Green said.

"But that cannot be a definitive thing," he said. "I'm not saying the fellow is wrong, but this would be something that would be difficult, if not impossible, to prove."

12-year-old arrested for murder

Associated Press

CARROLLTON, Ga. — Police say a 12-year-old boy used his hands to strangle a third-grader who disappeared while riding her bicycle to a nearby friend's house.

Amy Michelle Yates, 8, was found dead Monday night, hours after she went missing. Tuesday afternoon, the boy was arrested and charged with murder.

Carroll County Sheriff Terry Langley and Chief Deputy Sheriff Brad Robinson would not disclose what led investi-

gators to the boy, whose name was withheld because he is a juvenile. He was being held in the Paulding County Youth Detention Center in Dallas, Ga.

Many of Amy's neighbors helped her parents search the area late Monday after they learned she never arrived at her friend's home.

Her body was found in tall weeds about 100 feet outside the Twin Oaks Mobile Home Park, which next to low dense woods. Her bike was found between two abandoned trailers within view of her home.

Children in the trailer park

don't typically play where Amy was found, said Bill Vallandingham, 39, a neighbor who helped with the search.


"It's so thick back there," he said. "It's hard to find anybody."

Amy would have turned 9 on May 5. Neighbors described her as a bright, energetic girl who made friends easily. Her classmates at Central Elementary School were having trouble dealing with her death, said Carroll County Schools spokesman Brian Doss.

Teachers informed students of her death Tuesday morning on a room-by-room basis, and counselors from throughout the school system will be on hand this week to help the children, Doss said.

"It's so thick back there. It's hard to find anybody."

Bill Vallandingham neighbor


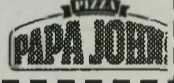






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Poll shows that racial integration may improve education

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Nearly three-fourths of Americans say integration of the nation's schools has improved the quality of education for black students, according to an Associated Press poll that found the view more prevalent among whites than blacks.

Four in five in the poll, however, oppose transferring students to more distant schools to achieve racial balance.

The public perception about improved education for black children comes at a time when black students continue to trail white students in performance on tests for reading and math.

The federal No Child Left Behind Act, passed in 2001, aimed to close that gap by requiring top teachers in all core classes, higher annual achievement by students in all major groups and other improvements. The law has come under fire from critics, who argue that it requires expensive improvements without supplying enough money to pay for them.

Four in five parents of school-age children prefer schools with black, white and Hispanic students over ones with students of the same race or mostly from another race, according to the poll conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs.

"People like the idea of racially mixed schools," said Charles Clotfelter, author of the new book "After Brown" on the historic court decision that desegregated schools. "They don't like the idea of children being bused across town."

That Supreme Court decision, *Brown v. Board of Education*, declared 50 years ago next month that "separate but equal" public school segregation was unconstitutional.

By a 2-1 margin, whites said public schools are doing a good job of serving all children equally, regardless of race. Blacks were evenly split on that question.

People have grown more convinced over the past three decades that public school integration has increased the quality of education for both black and white students.

Almost three-fourths now say integration has improved the quality of education received by black students. Only four in 10 felt that way in a 1971 Gallup poll.

Three-fourths of whites said in the AP-Ipsos poll that integration has improved the education of black students, and more than half of blacks felt that way.

Half said it has improved the quality of education for white students, while almost that many said it had not. In 1971, about a fourth said integration has

improved the quality of education for white students.

For 21-year-old Lena Pons, a junior at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the biggest diversity problem in her Maryland high school involved language, not race.

A third of the students at Albert Einstein High School in Kensington, Md., were Hispanic, which created a language barrier, said Pons. "As far as problems like violence or racial tension," she said, "we didn't experience that."

She now attends a university with a much smaller minority population and says some white classmates "don't know what they're supposed to do. They compensate by being overly politically correct."

Parents' views on integration often depend on how it affects their families.

Robert Bivona, the white father of two elementary school children in Richardson, Texas, says attending an integrated school is good for them because "all kinds of races are given the opportunity to learn as much as possible about each other."

Cheryl Coffman, a black 41-year-old mother of six from Columbus, Ohio, said keeping children in their neighborhood is a top priority for her because sending them to a school far away cuts down on her school involvement. "I don't think it's worth it," she said.

The level of racial separation in public schools dropped sharply between 1970 and 1990, but researchers say that trend has shifted in the last decade because

of court decisions relaxing standards and shifting authority back to school districts.

"We've definitely made progress since the late 1960s," said Chungmei Lee, a researcher at the Civil Rights Project at Harvard University. "But we're seeing a lot of the progress being reversed."

Research has shown that as strict court supervision has waned, the level of integration has

receded slightly.

Schools are doing a better job of treating children equally now, even with the recent decline in desegregation, said Clotfelter, adding:

"There is reason to see the glass half-full."

The poll of 1,000 adults was conducted April 16-18 and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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Homeless student given dorm room

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A New York University sophomore who says he spent eight months sleeping in a library basement because he couldn't afford campus housing has been moved to a free dormitory room, school officials said.

Steve Stanzak, 20, said he began spending six hours a night in the sub-basement of Bobst Library at the beginning of the academic year after he was unable to pay a \$1,000 housing deposit.

He slept on four library chairs and carried vital belongings — a laptop computer, books, clothes — in his backpack. He kept other items, like toiletries and clothing, in storage lockers.

University officials discovered an online journal Stanzak kept about his experiences and relocated him to a free dorm room last week.

"Seventy percent of our students are on financial aid," NYU spokesman John Beckman said Tuesday. "If they have a problem they choose to come to talk to us and we find a way to help them. This person chose a pretty unique solution to his issues."

Scores of students read about Stanzak's daily adventures on his Web site, homeless-atnyu.com, and he became something of a campus celebrity. His site wasn't working Tuesday night.

"I thank everyone who helps me get through the day, and makes me realize that although I'm poor and live in a library ... that I'm learning a lot about life, and that I will make it

through this," reads an entry dated April 15.

Stanzak, who dubbed himself "Bobst Boy" on the Web site, says he washed in the library's bathroom and took occasional showers at friends' apartments and dorm rooms.

He said security guards awakened him about five times in the library, twice telling him he couldn't sleep there, other times checking that he was OK and was in fact an NYU student.

"I wasn't afraid of being thrown out of the library," he told The New York Times for a story in Tuesday's editions. "I could have slept in the park.

My worst fear was getting kicked out of NYU. I love this school."

Although he works four jobs, receives a \$15,000 NYU scholarship and has several student loans, Stanzak said, he received no financial assistance from his divorced parents and had only enough money to cover tuition,

about \$31,000 a year for full-time undergraduates. Undergraduate housing costs anywhere from \$7,700 to \$16,600 per year, depending on the room arrangement.

Beckman said federal law prohibits university officials from discussing a student's financial aid package.

In his Web log entry for Tuesday, Stanzak said the room he was given was in the same dorm he originally was assigned to at a cost of \$10,980, "which is a huge cry from the meager prices I spend to stay sane."

Stanzak, a creative writing major, grew up in Waterloo, N.Y., a small town in the Finger Lakes region.

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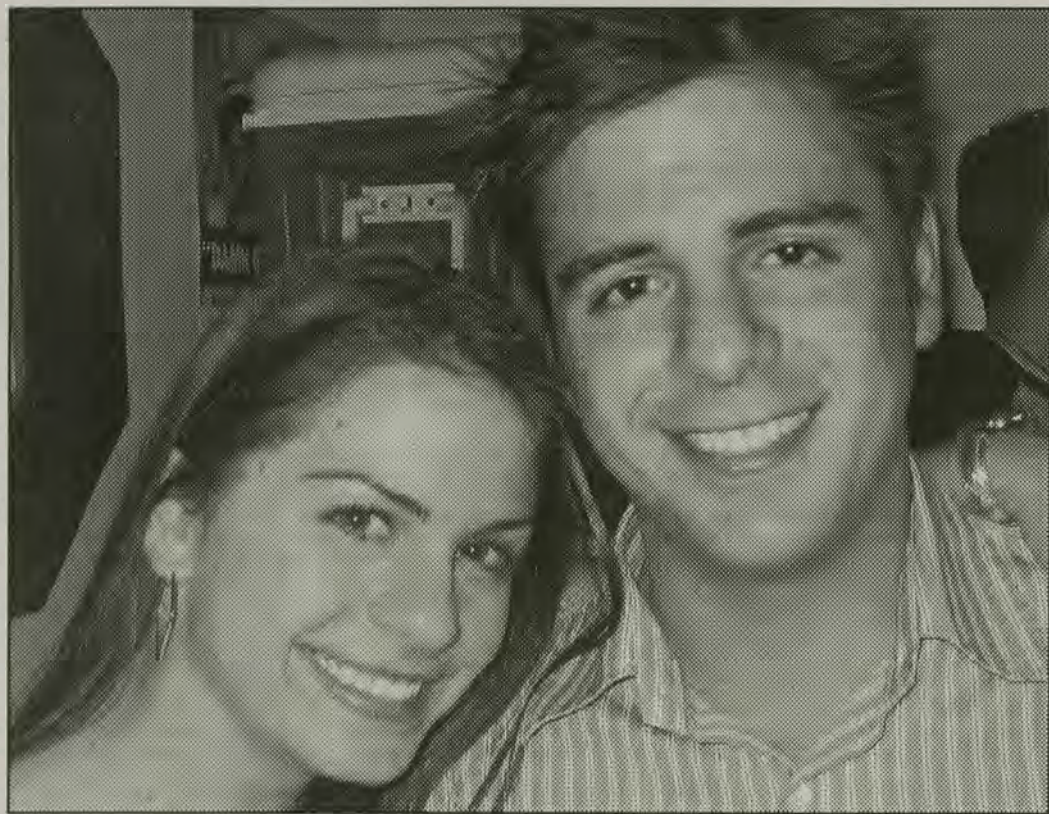
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Foreign applicant drop concerns U.S. schools

Universities ask government to review visa process for international graduate students

Associated Press

BOSTON — A steep decline in graduate school applications from foreign students has university administrators pushing the federal government to reform the visa process. Their argument: The trend could cost U.S. schools much-needed revenue and research help, and make America seem isolated in the eyes of the world.

International graduate student applications for this fall are down 32 percent compared with a year ago, according to a recent survey, and schools are extending application deadlines so they don't lose students still negotiating U.S. bureaucracy.

Meanwhile, in public comments and private lobbying, universities are urging federal officials to speed up visa applications, stressing that America's role as a beacon to the world's students could be in jeopardy.

Officials from several California schools and the Department of Homeland Security discussed foreign student matters Tuesday at a gathering in San Diego.

And representatives from a handful of prominent schools, including the presidents of Yale and Princeton, met in New York recently to explore ways to use the influence of their trustees to help make their case.

Universities acknowledge that the importance of foreign students is not obvious to the public, which has security concerns after one of the Sept. 11 hijackers entered the country on a student visa. Some may wonder why foreign students take up 600,000 slots in American uni-

versities in the first place.

But administrators insist those slots are as important now as ever.

"This is one of America's most effective forms of diplomacy," said Douglas Kincaid, vice provost for international studies at Florida International

University in Miami, where foreign enrollment is down 10 percent. "We're educating people who will be in influential positions in science and industry and government around the world."

More than 90 percent of graduate schools reported their foreign applications for this fall declined, according to a survey of 113 universities last month by the Council of Graduate Schools.

Undergraduate applications also are down, but not as much, likely because fewer undergraduates plan to work on sensitive technologies that require a more thorough background check.

Feeling the effects are big, public universities and elite, private ones like Harvard, whose president, Lawrence Summers, reported a sharp drop in international applications to each of Harvard's nine schools in a recent letter to federal officials.

Many schools count on foreign students to teach classes and fill labs.

"We don't have domestic students to take their place, mostly in fields like science and technology," said Stephen Durnett, vice president for international education at the University at Buffalo, part of New York's state university system. The school has 3,600 foreign students, with applications down one-third this year.

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Supreme Court mulls opening secret records

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court appeared troubled Tuesday by the prospect of letting the public have a look into private White House policy meetings, a hopeful sign for the Bush administration's aggressive defense of secrecy in the case of Vice President Dick Cheney's energy task force.

The court is the latest stop in a nearly three-year fight over access to records of the task force that prepared a national energy strategy. The president put Cheney, a former energy industry executive, in charge and the group's recommendations were friendly to industries. Most stalled in Congress.

Raising the gravest concerns about unnecessary snooping into the executive branch was Justice Antonin Scalia, who stayed in the case despite conflict-of-interest questions relating to his friendship with Cheney. He said a president has broad authority to keep matters private.

"He has the power as an independent branch to say, 'No, this intrudes too much upon my powers. I will not do it,'" Scalia said.

Other justices also expressed concerns about a ruling that would disrupt behind-the-scenes work of government.

At the same time, the court could disappoint the administration by deciding that the case is premature for a ruling because the lower court that ruled against the Bush administration had not worked out exactly which documents should be released. Several justices, including Sandra Day O'Connor, hinted at the possibility of such an outcome.

The Bush administration argues that privacy is important for candid White House discussions on difficult issues. It was sued by watchdog and environmental groups under a federal open-government law. The groups accused the administration of letting energy industry executives and lobbyists help write the task force policy.

The administration has lost two rounds in federal court. If the Supreme Court makes it three, Cheney could have to reveal potentially embarrassing records just before the presidential election. A lower court would have to work out details.

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Antonin Scalia
Justice

Lawmakers debate economy

Hill press conferences center on trade rules, manufacturing

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With an eye to the fall election, House Republican leaders on Tuesday outlined a spring and summer economic agenda centered on cutting taxes, slicing government red tape and reducing lawsuits.

House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, joined by Commerce Secretary Don Evans and others, said the package of bills to be introduced over the next several months "marks the broadest and most forward-looking economic agenda Congress has undertaken in a generation."

Rep. Todd Tiahrt, R-Kan., who helped craft the economic program, said it was "about changing the environment that we put in place over generations."

The Republicans did not go into specifics, although DeLay mentioned legislation to encourage private sector research and development. GOP Whip Roy Blunt, R-Mo., said the House would take up a free trade agreement with Australia.

On the other side of the Capitol, Democratic leaders accused the Bush administration of failing the economy by ignoring the loss of manufacturing jobs and not enforcing trade laws.

Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm said states need federal help to enforce international trade laws, fund workforce training and reduce rising pension and health care costs. "There's a myth out there that states are not doing enough," she said. "We need federal part-



Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm speaks during a news conference Tuesday on increasing U.S. support for manufacturing.

ners to prevent job losses."

Already planned for the next several weeks are several attempts to make permanent the tax cuts Congress has passed in recent years, including one eliminating the so-called marriage penalty and another maintaining the current 10 percent rate for the lowest income tax bracket.

Overall, leaders named eight general areas: health care security, bureaucratic red tape, lifelong learning, fair trade, tax relief, energy security, spurring innovation and ending lawsuit abuse.

The Republican-dominated House has already addressed many of these issues, only to see legislation stall in the Senate, where Democrats have greater ability to block bills they don't like.

The House has previously approved bills limiting medical liability and class action lawsuits, and promoting associated health plans for small businesses. DeLay noted that enactment

of an energy security bill passed by the House last year depended on Senate Democrats ending their resistance.

Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle, House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi and three Democratic governors, meanwhile, blamed the Bush administration's economic policies for what they called the hemorrhaging of U.S. manufacturing jobs.

Pelosi, D-Calif., said 2.8 million manufacturing jobs have been lost since Bush took office and 1 million jobs have moved overseas.

The nation is experiencing the "longest job slump since the Great Depression," said Daschle, D-S.D. "The Republican response so far has been to do nothing."

Evans, at the separate news conference, defended the administration's trade enforcement policies, noting that the United States has filed twice as many anti-dumping cases against China as any other country.

Gunman kills two at Phoenix brokerage

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Two men were shot to death Tuesday inside a small office building where they worked, and police searched for a man who had threatened both victims.

SWAT team officers and other police surrounded the building in northeast Phoenix after someone in an adjacent business reported hearing an argument and several gunshots at about 7:25 a.m., authorities said.

Officers evacuated the building and after a two-hour search, concluded the gunman had fled, police said. Schools nearby were locked down during the search.

Police were looking for

Howard Collin Fisk, 33, who knew both men and had threatened them over the past several days, Sgt. Randy Force said. He did not elaborate.

The victims' identities were not immediately released. Both had been shot with a handgun, Force said. No other injuries were reported.

Building owner Tom Bowman said the shooting occurred at a trucking brokerage firm. "It's just unbelievable that it happened here," he said.

Mike Theobald, who works at a carpet cleaning business in the same building, said he was arriving for work when someone from the office where the attack took place asked him to call 911. "He was very upset," Theobald said.

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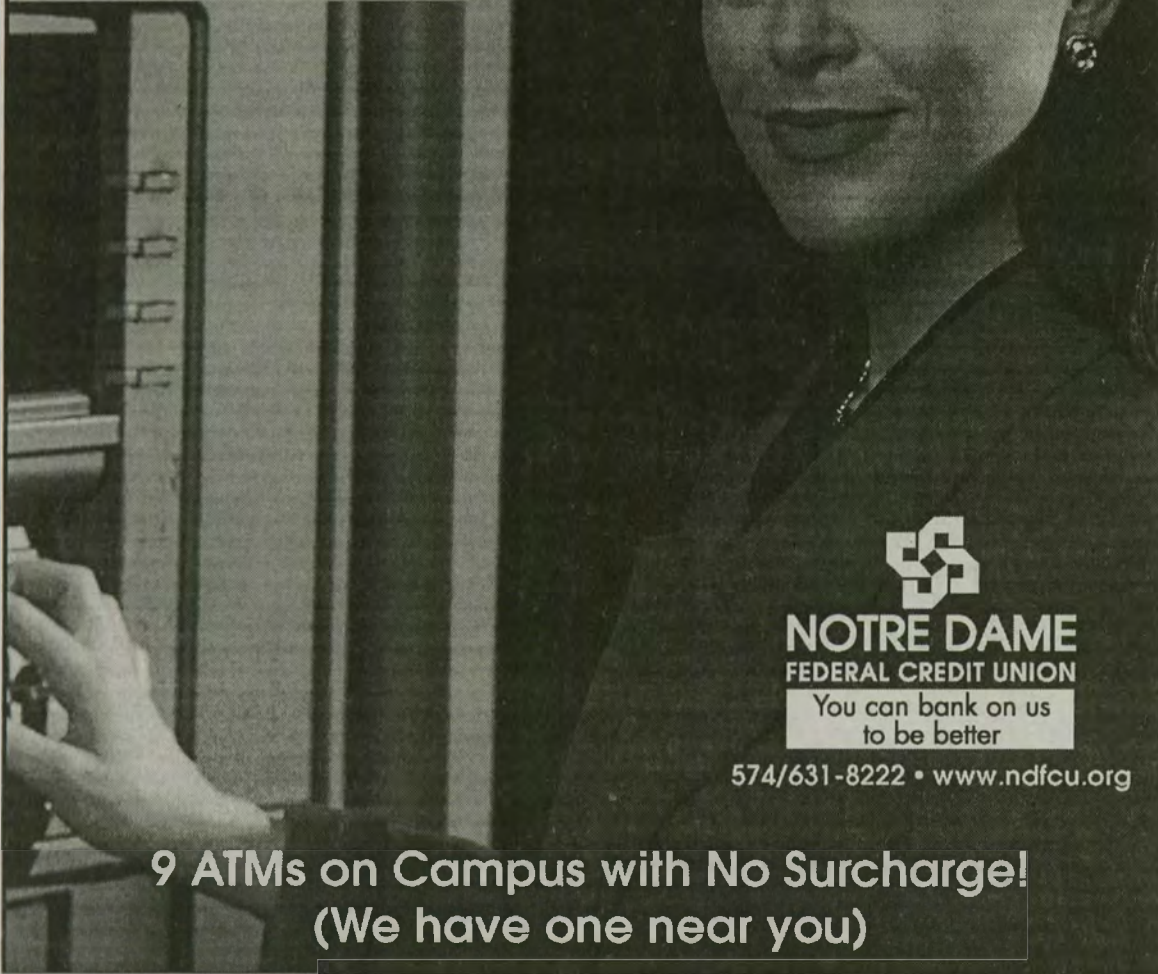
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Risks remain for waste storage sites

Terrorism concerns prompt GAO review of nuclear security

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Security upgrades ordered at nuclear weapons sites after the Sept. 11 attacks may not be fully in place for five more years, auditors say.

The delay has led to the possibility that plutonium and weapons-grade uranium might have to be removed from some facilities.

Investigators with the General Accounting Office said Tuesday the Energy Department's 2006 deadline for meeting its new security requirements at weapons labs and other facilities probably is not realistic, short by possibly as much as three years.

At the same time even that program, based on assumptions developed last year about the kind of terrorist assault that might be expected given the Sept. 11 attacks, is being revised, administration and congressional officials acknowledged.

For the first time, the Energy Department is asking security

planners to prepare for the possibility that a terrorist would try to take over a facility holding nuclear material, barricade himself inside and try to fashion a crude nuclear weapon and detonate it in a suicide attack.

Security plans previously have been designed under an assumption that a terrorist would break in to steal the material and could be thwarted on the way out.

Some lawmakers and private watchdog groups have said that some facilities would be impossible to defend against a suicide assault and that plutonium and highly enriched uranium at those sites should be relocated.

Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., asked why it took nearly two years after the attacks in New York and at the Pentagon for the Energy Department to develop its revised May 2003 assessment of the kinds of terror attacks security forces probably would have to defend against. He also wanted to know why it will take another two to five years to deal with the increased risks.

"We know the terrorists will not wait that long to try to exploit lingering vulnerabilities in our

nuclear complex defenses," said Shays, chairman of the House Government Reform subcommittee dealing with nuclear security.

Energy Department officials acknowledged their latest security plans won't be fully in place everywhere the government has weapons-grade material until the end of 2006. They characterized the GAO assessment that another three years might be needed as overly pessimistic.

"Today, no nuclear weapons, special nuclear material or classified materials are at risk anywhere within the nuclear weapons complex," Linton Brooks, head of the DOE's National Nuclear Security Administration, told the subcommittee members.

Brooks acknowledged risk always exists but assured the lawmakers, "People looking for a soft spot would be ill-advised" to target DOE facilities. "There are no soft spots."

Shays said that some of the sites should be closed, or at least their nuclear materials transferred elsewhere. It "should have been immediately obvious" that the government "has too many facilities housing nuclear materials" and that consolidation is

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**Linton Brooks
National Nuclear Security
Administration director**

needed.

Plutonium and weapons-grade uranium are being kept at nearly a dozen facilities within the DOE weapons complex including five national laboratories.

Brooks said the department is reviewing the weapons complex to determine where material can be consolidated, either in more secure areas within facilities or at other sites. Plans already are in place to move plutonium from the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico to the Nevada Test Site.

"But consolidation is not a panacea," Brooks said.

He said he opposes moving the plutonium at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California to another location, for example, because scientists there need the material to assess the weapons stockpile properly. To move material from another DOE facility, the Y-12 complex near Oak Ridge, Tenn., could take decades, probably cost billions of dollars and accomplish little in the short term, Brooks said. Current plans would consolidate the material within the Y-12 complex.

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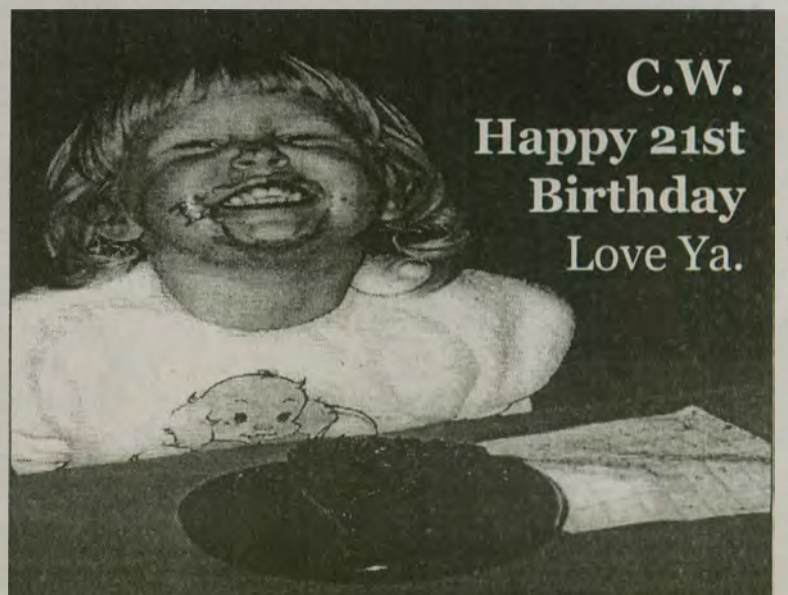


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Goodbye Eldred

Seven years ago, Marilou Eldred came to Saint Mary's, bringing 18 years of experience and a vision for the College. That vision involved advancements in curriculum, technology and diversity.

Eldred has done a wonderful job of keeping the College on the right path, and directing it towards the future. In her seven years, she has changed the College physically, academically and personally through her hard work and dedication to the students, staff and faculty.

During her time, Eldred made an effort to boost enrollment and to maintain the College's status as the nation's premier Catholic women's academic institution. The college received a No. 1 ranking from "U.S. News & World Report" for six of Eldred's seven years as president.

In 2000, she helped to unveil the College's Master Plan. This plan called for a new coffee house, welcome center, dining hall, student center and on campus apartments, all of which are currently in progress. The plan also calls for updates in the residence halls, a refurbishment of O'Laughlin Auditorium, a renovation of the Angela Athletic Facility and a brand new academic building. These plans are all on track to be completed successfully.

In 2001, Eldred helped to establish the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership through a \$12 million grant received from the Lilly Endowment. The center helps women currently in leadership roles to collaborate

to make a difference in the world and to foster the next generation of women leaders. The CWIL grant has also helped countless students take part in activities, workshops and educational opportunities that were previously not available to them.

With these advancements over the past several years, Eldred has left her mark on Saint Mary's.

Now Carol Mooney enters as the 11th Saint Mary's president. She is already closely tied with the community. Having graduated from the College, and working as Notre Dame's vice president and associate provost, she is familiar with the community, and the steps

that have been taken to make Saint Mary's future brighter.

It will be important for Mooney to continue on the path that has been paved before her by Eldred.

It will also be important to continue to bridge the gap between Notre Dame, Holy Cross College, the greater South Bend community and Saint Mary's, as Eldred had already begun. Her history at Notre Dame should make this aspect of her job something of importance.

When Mooney takes office on June 1, it will be important that she continue to listen to and foster the Saint Mary's community and follow in the footsteps of Eldred.

While the Saint Mary's community will miss the leadership of Eldred, Mooney has the potential to build upon her legacy and continue Saint Mary's tradition into the future.

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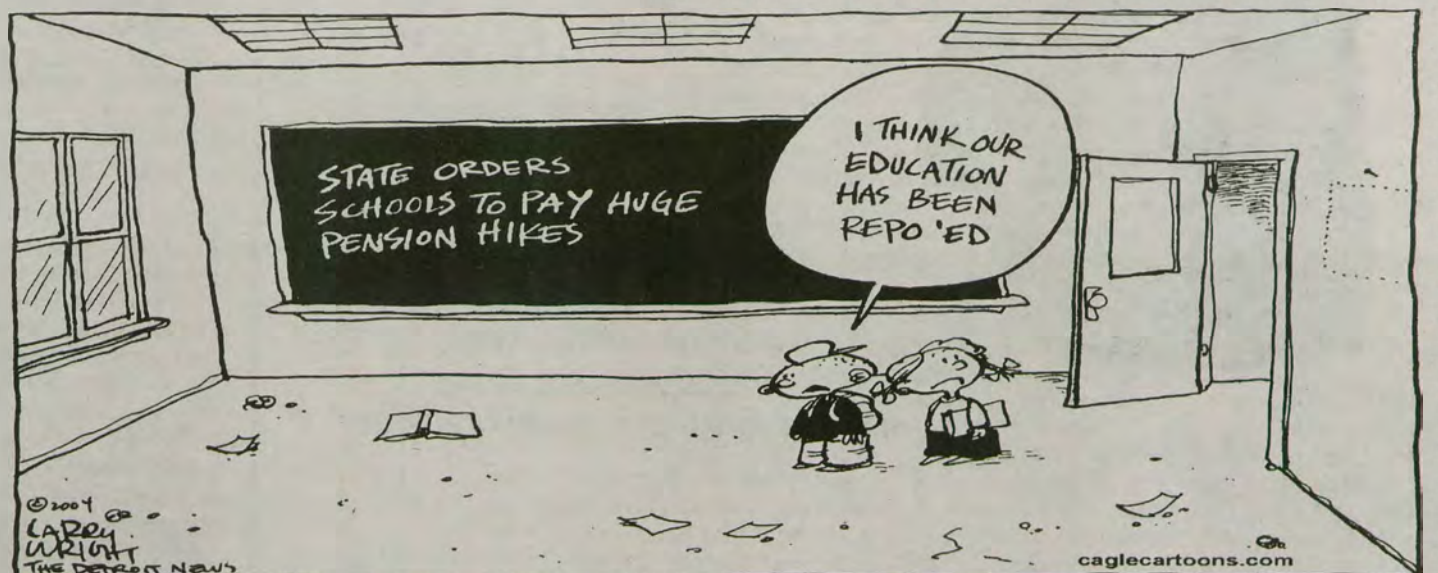
Equality between dorms

I want to applaud the University for its decision to eliminate the use of security monitors in female residence halls. The objections that removing the officers will create a greater burden for hall staff only help to illustrate the need for their removal. The purpose of security officers should never have been to serve as an extension of hall staff to deter parietais and alcohol violations. The fact that they had become deterrents is what made their presence in only female dorms problematic, not their alleged "security" functions. Using monitors to police the behavior of female students had the effect of perpetuating double standards and the antiquated notion that, while "boys will be boys," women's characters are to be closely monitored.

The removal of security monitors from female dorms should place no greater burden on female hall staff than currently exists for hall staff in men's halls. An outdoor security system will better maintain a sense of equality between men and women on campus and, unlike the suggestion of one Resident Assistant to implement monitors in both men's and women's halls, will show a greater respect for all students as adults.

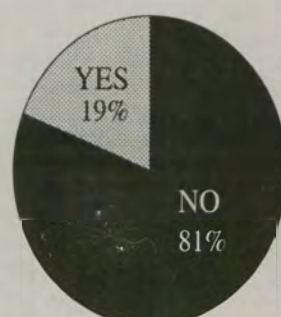
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OBSERVER POLL

Should the Board of Trustees ask University President Father Malloy to return for another term?



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself."

Chinese proverb

A tough year to be Irish

At last, we have temporarily put an end to those 50-minute daily intervals in which the portals of Hell are temporarily flung open allowing raging professors to treat us like poverty-stricken Americans under the Bush healthcare plan. So now, in my own symbolic way of pouring out a 40 for the 2003-2004 school year, the time has finally come to express my sophomoric opinions about my freshman experience at the University of Notre Dame.

Let me be blunt. This certainly wasn't the easiest year to become acclimatized to the Notre Dame lifestyle. After being bombarded by alumni with the heroic tales of the legendary Fighting Irish football team and about the raw excitement and adventure that pervades the atmosphere of an entire football weekend, I obviously arrived on campus with the loftiest of expectations. Now, having lived through several of these fabled experiences, I can't help but feel a bit let down.

Not that the games weren't memorable. Not that tailgating wasn't the orgy of beer and brats that upperclassmen and alumni had made it out to be. Not that it wasn't touching to watch thousands of green-shirted lunatics flailing their hands wildly in the shape of a 'W,' proudly showing Ty their drunken version of the Bat Signal.

But looking back on the fall season, the majority of my most powerful memories revolve around depressing numbers like 45-14, 38-0, 37-0, and 38-12. Not to mention the fact that the recollections of many friends and classmates being cordially introduced to football weekend festivities by being dragged away from the excitement and tradition by disgruntled police officers truly make me wonder if the fabled Stuhldreher, Crowley, Miller and Layden had been secretly replaced by John's Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse.

And Carson Daly? Let's just say that it was refreshing to see that our legendary pep rallies had enough popularity to draw one of the few whores of Hollywood with enough positive contributions to society to actually merit him a ranking right in between Herpes and Hitler.

Then in December, after my less-than-triumphant freshman football season, I continued to hold my head high and cheer, cheer for old Notre Dame straight onto Coach Brey's basketball court. Prior to the season, the same enthusiasm and expectation that surrounded the football team in August truly had me believing that I would soon be traveling to San Antonio to witness Chris Thomas lifting the national championship trophy over his shoulders ... at least until a circus midget from Central Michigan slapped us around and ended any real hope of us achieving basketball greatness in 2004.

On top of these sub-par athletic achievements, my first year on campus has been rife with accusation, allegation and scandal. Take the Princeton Review's frank portrayal of Notre Dame as a bastion for racists, bigots and homophobes in their annual rankings related to campus homogeneity and acceptance of alternative lifestyles. Now, you and I both know that this isn't completely the case here, but the ensuing "Gay? Fine by Me" tangerine rally certainly proved to be a bit disheartening. Yes, an impressive number of students showed their support for the gay community, but the cold-blooded reaction to the event expressed in private campus conversations and in several letters to the Observer made me wonder if the Princeton Review really was on to something. Sadly, the subsequent racist comments made by Hall of Shame alumnus Paul Hornung did little to restore my Notre Dame pride.

It truly was a mysterious phenomenon to relax on a shaded bench nestled within the trees of God Quad and gaze at the two distinct faces of the University of Our Mother of the Lake. How could such a gorgeous, serene environment filled with such beautiful and loving elements as Grotto vigils, selfless blood drives and community service projects be simultaneously pervaded with such an ugly, disgusting and un-Christian infestation of hatred?

Moving right along, as far as weekend enjoyment went, my fellow underclassmen and I had the luxury of witnessing many cherished campus traditions stomped out faster than open-minded opinions in the White House. Bars were busted, students arrested, impromptu St. Patrick's Day Parades repressively smothered and all the while juniors and seniors who had seen brighter days were there to taunt us with tales of how things used to be.

Clearly, it's no secret that Notre Dame has changed. However, was this change a consequence of poor, insular decisions made internally or merely the inevitable result of an increasingly defunct society placing demands with which the values and traditions that form the foundation of Notre Dame simply cannot comply? That answer, unfortunately, lies far beyond the realm of this meager freshman intellect.

So instead of pointing fingers, I can only offer my hope and prayers for next year, and the year after that, and all the years waiting in store for the greatest university in the world, that when new generations of Irish continue to send a volley cheer on high, there will still be some thunder left to shake down from the sky.

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Joey Falco

Forty Ounces
for Falco



The Domestic Agenda

Last week, I spelled out the Common Sense Party's foreign policy goals. This week, it's time to deliver the domestic agenda. Once again due to space restrictions, I can only cover a few issues in detail.

One issue certainly to be on the minds of voters is the economy. In the aftermath of the Bush tax cuts, it has become popular among his detractors to say that this is responsible for the record federal deficit. To a certain extent — without getting into a complicated economic debate about the benefits of deficit spending — this argument carries some weight especially in the midst of an expensive war. But before jumping to any conclusions, let's stop and ask ourselves something here. Were the tax cuts responsible for the deficit or was it our legislators who increased spending to exorbitant levels to finance a ridiculous stream of pork-barrel projects? Like the true libertarians we strive to be, the best government is the one that governs least. Under this premise, the Common Sense Party will strive to reduce wasteful spending in an effort to reduce federal taxes across the board for all Americans regardless of their economic status. Restoration projects and building initiatives should be handled at the local level. Pork-barrel is a dirty word in this party. The days of spending millions on researching the mating habits of bees will be over.

Joe Licandro

The Licandro
Non-Factor

Immigration is a touchy subject that both parties exploit for political advantage in their rhetoric, but never actually do anything about with legislation. As a nation of immigrants, the Common Sense Party recognizes the vitally important role immigrants play. A careful distinction, however, must be made between legal immigrants and illegal aliens. Thus, the Common Sense Party openly welcomes legal immigrants who come here for legitimate purposes and can contribute to this country. The same invitation will not be extended to illegal immigrants. For homeland security and economic reasons, the Common Sense Party will do everything in its power to stop illegal immigration now. This begins with deporting illegal aliens and visitors who overstay their visas and have no legal right to be here. This means harshly cracking down on companies who hire and exploit illegal aliens. This means following the lead of Governor Schwarzenegger in California and not giving driver's licenses to illegal aliens. This means abolishing standing laws and stopping benefits that give instant U.S. citizenship to illegal immigrant mothers who have children in this country. This also calls for stationing the U.S. military along our borders and coastlines. Before we get accused of anything, there's nothing racist or radical about this idea. Protecting our sovereign borders is common sense. Most other countries do this. Why shouldn't we? Putting the military on our borders will not only stem the tide of illegal aliens, but also have the dual purpose of halting illegal drug trafficking.

In a closely related topic, the renewal of the Patriot Act is another issue that will certainly be on the minds of voters this fall. With the ongoing threat of terrorism, the Common Sense Party supports this legislation in full. If you listened to the ACLU and other liberal bastions, the Patriot Act was supposed to transform this country into a totalitarian state not seen since the likes of Stalin and the Soviet Union. Pretty soon, we would start referring to the federal government as Big Brother. The FBI would make the KGB look like humanitarians, while our policemen would be confused for the gestapo. Guess what? None of this ever happened. No one's rights have been trampled on. No one has been oppressed. But what has happened is that the FBI now has broader authority to investigate potential terrorists. In its scope, the Patriot Act is similar to the RICO laws of the 70s which helped the FBI systematically dismantle the Mafia to where it is now only a shadow of its former self. Here's the number one reason, though, why the Patriot Act should remain. If the Patriot Act were around three years ago, the 9-11 tragedies probably would have been prevented. This is why the Common Sense Party will never align itself with the ACLU, who is more hell-bent on defending criminals and terrorists than protecting the innocent victims of their crimes.

For the party's stances on other pertinent political issues and social matters, here's a quick word association game. Gun restriction laws and stiffer background checks — yes. NRA — no. Gay marriage — yes. Gay pride parades and gay olympics — no. Abortion — no. Death Penalty — no. Life imprisonment really means spending the rest of your life in prison — yes. Life imprisonment for convicted murderers, rapists, child molesters, and other first-degree sex offenders — yes. Life imprisonment for terrorists — yes. Tougher sentences for drug dealers and other hardened criminals — yes. Tougher sentences for white-collar criminals from major corporations like Enron, Adelphia, Worldcom, Imclone and Tyco — yes. School vouchers — yes. Tort reform — yes. Caps on money awarded for class-action lawsuits — yes. Buying medical drugs from Canada — yes. Legalizing marijuana — no. Prayer in school — no. Government funding for faith-based organizations — yes. Developing alternative forms of energy — yes. Affirmative action — no. Socioeconomic action — yes. Driving hybrids — yes. Relying less on oil — yes. Buying no oil from the Middle East — yes. Keeping the Clean Air Act — yes. Protecting our national parks from pollution — yes. Tougher pollution standards — yes. Urban renewal — yes. Expanding welfare benefits — no.

There you have it. For those many issues I didn't cover, just use a little common sense.

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Combs receives mixed reviews for 'Raisin'

Associated Press

NEW YORK -- "Can't Nobody Hold Me Down," chants P. Diddy in one of his hit songs. Maybe not even a bag full of mixed reviews.

The hip-hop impresario, known on stage by his real name, Sean Combs, got a lukewarm reception from most New York critics for his portrayal of Walter Lee Younger, the angry, frustrated hero of "A Raisin in the Sun," Lorraine Hansberry's landmark drama now being revived on Broadway.

Combs, who has acted in such movies as "Monster's Ball," is making his stage debut in the Broadway revival, which premiered Monday at the Royale Theatre. Also in the cast are Phylicia Rashad and Audra McDonald, who received better notices than their more-famous co-star. Set in the late 1950s in a rundown South Side Chicago apartment, "Raisin" deals with the hopes and disappointments of a black family trying to find a better life.

The show took in \$133,000 Monday at the box office, according to spokesman Bob Fennell and expects to double that figure Tuesday, despite several unenthusiastic notices.

"People are really responding," producer David Binder said Tuesday. Binder has been working since July 1999 to bring "A

Raisin in the Sun" to Broadway. "It's a testament to the play and it's a testament to Sean Combs.

"This is all happening because of him," he said, adding that Combs auditioned twice before he was hired. "Sean brings them in and that crosses a lot of different lines. So many different kinds of people can connect to him."

"Our audience is not an audience that needs to be validated by reviews," said Eric Schnall, marketing director for the show. "A lot of them don't read them."

Writing in The New York Times, the most influential paper in terms of theater reviews, Ben Brantley said the revival "lacks the fully developed central performance from Mr. Combs that would hold the show together. This Walter Lee never appears to change, in big ways or small. ... [Combs] comes across as smaller than you might expect, as Madonna did when she made her Broadway debut in 'Speed the Plow.'"

While praising his "compelling physical presence," The Associated Press said, "Combs is not a nuanced performer who can bring to life the enormity of Walter Lee's resentment, much less his eventual redemption in the play's final scene."

In Variety, Charles Isherwood said Combs "is simply not up to the role's considerable demands.

... [His] conservative performance may limit damage to the star's reputation — it is by no means an embarrassment, and certainly his many fans aren't likely to be disappointed — but it fails to do full justice to Hansberry's play."

Combs, who was not immediately available for comment, fared better with the New York tabloids. While saying that Combs does not measure up to Sidney Poitier (who played the role in the original 1959 production and reprised it in the 1961 movie version), Clive Barnes, in the New York Post, said Combs was, "believe it or not — pretty damn good."

Writing in the Daily News, Howard Kissel said Combs "showed plenty of stage presence," even if "he does not project the turmoil inside the character." And in Newsday, Linda Winer wrote, "Combs is better than OK. He has presence playing someone besides his formidable self."

"A Raisin in the Sun," with a top ticket price of \$91.25, has been doing respectable, if not sellout business. Last week, it grossed a solid \$393,389, playing to 75 percent capacity, according to figures released Monday by the League of American Theatres and Producers.

"Raisin" is seeking to reach

beyond the largely white middle- and upper-class audience that traditionally goes to Broadway shows, although it has not neglected such regular advertising outlets as daily newspapers and direct-mail campaigns.

The production has been advertising on hip-hop and rhythm 'n' blues radio stations, in hip-hop and black women's magazines and on New York subway platforms, according to Schnall. The production even has big posters at Amtrak stations in Washington, D.C., Philadelphia and New Haven, Conn., to greet travelers as they board trains to New York City.

"For 'Raisin,' we are targeting every age group," Schnall said. "There really hasn't been an attempt to just get the traditional theatergoer, just get the 20-year-old hip-hop fan or just get that



Sean Combs, better known as P. Diddy, in his first crack at the Broadway stage.

35-year-old African-American woman."

As of Monday's opening night, the production had a \$2.5 million advance for its limited engagement, which is expected to end July 11.

"The miracle of our audience is that it encompasses every race and every age group," Schnall said.

Blondie not going gray with recent albums

Associated Press

NEW YORK -- The members of Blondie admit it's a bit weird to be on the music scene again when bands like the Rapture are named for one of their songs, and '80s fashion is so hip that girls shamelessly wander the streets in hot-pink leg warmers.

While they don't mind the flattery, they do think musicians modeling their sound on '80s rock should be digging deeper into music history.

Blondie put new wave punk on the radar as they skipped among many styles, from reggae and rap to rock and disco. Their hit "Rapture" was one of the first songs to blend rock and hip-hop, and sultry lead singer Deborah Harry was among the first females to front a rock band.

"We were referencing a lot of stuff when we first came out like Jimi Hendrix and the Rolling Stones," said guitarist Chris Stein. "But young kids aren't going back far enough, they aren't getting to the real meat of things by only using us or someone else from that time as a reference."

Not that Blondie is history. After a 16-year hiatus, the four founding members of the band — Harry, Stein, drummer Clem Burke and keyboard player Jimmi Destri — reunited and

have made two albums in the past five years.

"Blondie's always been a concept piece," Burke said. "We go do other things, and always come back to it."

Their latest effort, "The Curse of Blondie," is a throwback to the good old days. There's a Harry rap nestled in the song "Good Boys," and "Hello Joe" is a tribute to fellow punk Joey Ramone.

Blondie's music was considered counterculture during the early '80s, when the band performed at the seminal CBGBs club in New York. Now, Blondie argues, their brand of punk pop is mainstream.

"It's the way culture works," Harry said. "What was alternative then is now a fabric of popular culture."

The band produced six albums before breaking up in 1982. Songs like "Heart of Glass," "The Tide is High," and "Call Me" were huge hits, and their album "Parallel Lines" sold more than 20 million copies worldwide. Five years ago they got back together to record "No Exit."

During a recent interview, Harry, still looking like a sexpot at 58 with wild hair and bedroom eyes, sits in a dimly lit Manhattan conference room with her cohorts. Stein wears faded jeans and shields his eyes with a pair of black

shades. Burke, also wearing dark sunglasses, is dressed in a maroon suit a la Roy Orbison.

Harry's years of rock-star stage antics seem almost tame in comparison to Janet Jackson's breast-baring or Madonna and Britney Spears kissing on MTV. Harry and Stein refer to a scathing story legendary rock journalist Lester Bangs once wrote about their concert, when Harry wore a "teeny-tiny little red

plastic skirt" on stage.

"He said she was shameless and all vile and all this stuff," Stein said. "But look at what's going on now!"

"Don't get me wrong, I approve of sex," Harry said with a sly grin. "It's a great thing. And a lot of great women use their sexuality. It is not a big deal."

The band is optimistic about their new CD, saying their fan base includes both veteran Blondie lovers and teenagers.

They are touring across the country this summer.

"The inspiration, the sound of the band is from the city," Burke said. "It was the way we dealt with things. I don't know if we could have done it anywhere else."

Harry said she used to write songs in a laundromat in New York's Lower East Side.

"All those rhythms going on, it's a great place," she said. "But it was the city, too. Being there in the city."



Blondie, one of the top countercultural bands of the 1980s, used to make waves with their daring stage antics. Today the group feels their brand of music has become mainstream.

Photo courtesy of www.mtv.com

The Freshmen Four

Up-and-coming actors and directors from this year's freshmen class show promise that good things are in store for Notre Dame theater

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

Every year as Notre Dame theater says goodbye to its seniors, the Student Players are busy breaking in the next generation of actors and directors.

The Freshmen Four plays give some of the best actors of the freshmen class a chance to showcase their talent for the older actors and directors in University's various dramatic groups.

The one-act skits are also directed by freshmen, offering students a chance many of them never had in high school or other drama groups they might have been part of in the past. Student directors choose their own skits and apply along with other directors for one of the four slots.

Making the cut isn't easy. This year the producers chose the directors from over 20 applicants, and over 50 freshmen auditioned for 16 roles in the show. For the freshmen who do make the show, it's an exciting chance to explore the possibilities of college drama.

This year's show features four sharply contrasting scripts. The skits move from serious and dignified drama to bawdy off-the-wall humor. Actors and directors alike have done an excellent job developing the scripts and bringing out the particular charm of each one. The energy and variety in the show make it one of the most entertaining performances on campus this year.

"The Tale that Wagged the Dog"

"The Tale that Wagged the Dog" by Tim Kelly is a somewhat ridiculous story about composer Johann Strauss's valet, who contrives to make extra cash selling supposed souvenirs of the composer to his legions of enamored fans. Strauss, who lived in the mid-19th century, was actually considered a heart-throb by the fashionable women of his age, and the eccentric elitists who were so impressed with the dashing composer appear in all their glory in the Freshmen Four plays. The fans rave, cry, beg for locks of hair and parade around in an assortment of dresses more than ridiculous enough to suit their characters.

"It's fun because you don't have to worry about being too over the top," said Michelle Lewis, one of Strauss's groupies. "It's completely in character."

Director Kevin McCarthy was ini-

tially worried about his ability to direct a show on his own, but is more than satisfied with the results. Before directing in the Freshmen Four, McCarthy's directing experience was limited to a Spanish version of Snow White in his junior year Spanish class.

"I was really concerned I wasn't going to be able to do it, but the cast has been so eager and ready to work," McCarthy said. "It's gone amazingly well."

One of the most distinctive characters in the show is the valet's proverb-spouting wife Trudi, played by Nikkie Masciopinto.

"I see her as a mixture between Lucy from Peanuts and Lady MacBeth, two very important literary characters for me," McCarthy said.

"She commands the action whenever she's onstage."

"Wanda's Visit"

"Wanda's Visit" by Christopher Durang is the most entertaining of the four plays. The playwright has a reputation for extreme characters and dark humor, and uses both to their full extent in this skit.

The play opens with a straight-laced and predictable couple who probably own tasteful dining room sets and entire wardrobes from B a n a n a

Republic, but cannot capture the spark of a happy marriage. Jim and Marsha are on rocky ground before Jim's ex-girlfriend from high school comes to visit, and when Wanda arrives nothing gets better. Wanda is, as Jim says, "a magnet for trouble," and although her tales of her life since she and Jim parted ways leave serious doubt as to her sanity, Jim finds himself intrigued by her energy.

Mary Levy's campus debut as Wanda is not one that will be easy to forget. Levy falls into the over-the-top role completely naturally and makes the entire skit outstanding.

"I get to be this crazy lady that says all the things we wish we could and acts out of decorum and think that I'm fine," Levy said. "It's great to be able to do things and not worry about the consequences."

Levy's costume works extraordinarily well to enhance her character. The freshman found a floral jacket in a costume closet and home, and dressed it up with her mother's jewelry from the 1980s. Four of the six people involved in the skit are from Texas, and Levy described the costume as being based on the wardrobes of tacky Texas ladies.

"At auditions she did the massage scene with Adam, who plays Jim," co-director Conor Woods said. "They had such good awkward chemistry that it really worked."

Co-director Kaila Crowley chose the skit precisely because it is so outrageous.

"It's a crazy balance between being ridiculously offensive and hilarious," Crowley said. "It only took one reading [to choose]."

"Impromptu"

"Impromptu" by Tad Mosel takes a philosophical turn after the riot of

"I get to be this crazy lady that says all the things we wish we could and acts out of decorum and think that I'm fine."

Mary Levy
actor

"Freshmen Four"



Directors: Kevin McCarthy, Kaila Crowley,

Conor Woods, Molly Kealy, Sarah Loveland

Writers: Tim Kelly, Christopher Durang, Tad

Mosel, David Ives

Starring: Andre Valdivia, Mary Migliozi,

Michelle Lewis, Nikkie Masciopinto, Annie

Hollenbeck, Megan Ohlenforst, Adam Bonosky,

Mary Levy, Garrett Jost, Garek Koxlien, Even

Henley, Ashley Garber, Madison Liddy, Bob

Monahan, Brad Jenkins, Brandon Colpitts, Patrick

Vassel, Emily Sladek, Drew McElligott

introspective Tony, jaded Winifred, sugary Lora and self-confident Ernest struggle to find common ground and to try to construct an impromptu drama that will indeed be life.

Although Winifred initially assures Tony that "soul-searching is the lowest form of entertainment," this ultimately seems to be the point of the exercise not only for the actors but for the audience.

"The point is probably just to break down the walls," director Molly Kealy said. "The actors obviously have walls, but even the audience has walls."

For Kealy the directing the play is not only a pastime, but also an experiment in a field she might want to pursue.

"I'm a theater major, which is the

closest thing to a directing major here," Kealy said. "There are a couple of directing classes — this department does a lot of preparing you for everything."

The layers of the play present a challenge for the actors, who have to portray actors both in and out of character.

"It's a totally different style of acting — it's hard to make people act like they're not acting," Kealy said.

"English Made Simple"

"English Made Simple" by David Ives provides an introspective end to the show. The skit examines the seemingly endless layers of meaning that can lie

behind the simplest phrases. Ives especially examines what lies behind the superficial small talk exchanged at parties and in public where sometimes it seems one face could instantly be changed for another.

Patrick Vassel and Emily Sladek portray Jack and Jill, the couple used to expand on all the personal stories that might lie behind a simple hello. Both play their roles with all the sincerity and emotion the skit requires. Drew McElligott helps enhance the meanings of the words as the professorial Loudspeaker. The three actors have sharp timing and stage interaction, which is vital to the tightly constructed script.

Director Sarah Loveland has already been part of six campus productions this year, including acting in "God's Country" and "Spike Heels" and doing technical work for "The Glass Menagerie" and "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest." Loveland was forced to drop out of the Not So Royal Shakespeare's Company's production of King Lear when she became ill, and had not fully recovered for the rehearsals of "English Made Simple." Loveland relied on a dedicated cast and crew to get her through the show.

"It's gone wonderfully well," Loveland said. "I have one of the most talented casts I could ask for, and my stage manager knows everything."

Losing the seniors of the drama scene is always sad, but if the actors in the Freshmen Four stick around through their time at Notre Dame the quality of theater won't lag.

"There are a lot of fun freshmen," Crowley said.

"They've got a good group here," Woods said.

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MLB

Burrell's bat continues to drive Philly offense

Slugger batted just .190 against St. Louis in last season's series

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS -- Pat Burrell is quickly bouncing back from an awful season.

Burrell had four hits, three RBIs and two nice defensive plays in the Philadelphia Phillies' 7-3 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Tuesday night.

Burrell slumped to a .209 average last year with 21 homers and 64 RBIs, a big drop-off after he hit 37 homers and drove in 116 runs in 2002. So far this year, he's hitting .339 with two homers and 14 RBIs.

"I've never had a good start, not that I was anticipating a bad one," Burrell said. "But to come out and swing the bat well, it's a great plus for me."

Mike Lieberthal hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the sixth for the Phillies, who are 3-1 with two games to go on a six-game trip. They lost five of their first six on the road, but have averaged 5.5 runs on this trip and got to Matt Morris (3-2) for two homers and two doubles.

Burrell, who batted .190 against the Cardinals last season, went 4-for-4. He had RBI doubles in the first and third, walked and scored in the sixth against Morris, added a run-scoring single in the seventh off Cal Eldred and singled in the ninth.

Bobby Abreu had two hits with a homer and two walks as the Phillies' 3-4-5 batters reached base 11 times in their first 12 at-bats, going 6-for-7 with five walks. Jim Thome, who was 9-for-20 with five homers and 10 RBIs against the Cardinals last season, walked in his first two plate appearances and was 2-for-3.

Diamondbacks 10, Cubs 1

The Chicago Cubs have gone from blowout winners to blown out losers in a hurry.

Brandon Webb allowed four hits in seven scoreless innings, Chad Tracy hit his first major league homer and the Arizona Diamondbacks routed the Cubs for the second night in a row, 10-1 on Tuesday.

Chicago came to Phoenix on a six-game winning streak — beating opponents 39-5 in the process — but has been outscored 19-1 by the

Diamondbacks.

"Everything seems to be coming together," Webb said. "Our pitching's hot, we're hitting the ball, scoring a lot of runs, and our defense has been great."

Luis Gonzalez added a three-run homer and Steve Finley had a two-run shot in Arizona's third straight victory and fifth in six games.

"That's the way baseball is," Gonzalez said. "A couple of weeks ago everybody wanted to trade guys, fire managers, and we're playing good now. The key for this whole homestand is we're getting big two-out hits, and the team's playing with a lot of confidence."

The Cubs, beaten 9-0 by Randy Johnson and the Diamondbacks on Monday night, failed to score for 18 consecutive innings before Todd Hollandsworth led off the ninth with a homer off Jose Valverde.

"He goes out and throws a shutout, and I want to try to follow him, too," Webb said of Johnson's example. "That definitely motivates me to do things like he does."

Rockies 13, Marlins 10

Florida manager Jack McKeon didn't want his players to be fooled into thinking they were beaten by the long ball.

Vinny Castilla hit a tiebreaking three-run double in the eighth inning, and Jeromy Burnitz homered twice to lead the Colorado Rockies over the Florida Marlins 13-10 Tuesday night.

"I told our guys that it was those other things, not the home run that beats you here," McKeon said. "They hit five home runs, but it was the walks, singles and a double that got us tonight."

Burnitz, Charles Johnson and Matt Holliday hit consecutive home runs to start the third inning, the second time in franchise history Colorado has hit three straight homers.

"We've been taking some beatings in the last few days and to give up a lot of runs and to battle back tonight. It's emotional," Burnitz said. "It's a good feeling to come back like that. Especially when we were down pretty much most of the game." Burnitz also threw out two



Phillies outfielder Pat Burrell had four hits and three RBIs in a 7-3 Philadelphia victory over the St. Louis Cardinals Tuesday night. Burrell's bat has come alive after a rough 2003 season.

runners at the plate from the outfield in the fifth inning.

"It seemed like arena football," Colorado manager Clint Hurdle said. "That's vintage Coors Field right there where the last bucket wins."

Royce Clayton tied the game at 10 with a two-out single off Nate Bump after the Rockies loaded the bases on a double by Johnson, a hit batsman and a walk against Chad Fox (0-1).

Brewers 9, Reds 8

Chad Moeller felt awful — except at the plate.

Fighting muscle aches and chills the past few days, the Milwaukee Brewers catcher hit for the cycle Tuesday night in a 9-8 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

The Brewers rallied from an 8-6 deficit in the ninth inning and won on pinch-hitter Bill Hall's two-out, two-run homer off closer Danny Graves.

Moeller was in the dugout tunnel near a heater when he saw Hall's line drive leave the park on television.

"I really do feel under the weather," he said. "My whole

focus today was really just getting through nine innings behind the plate somehow, some way. It probably just helped me out because I didn't think about anything except just three more outs, or six more outs.

"If we would have gone extra (innings), it would have been a real battle for me. I don't know if I would have made it through," Moeller said.

Hall's home run made sure he didn't have to. Hall was quick to credit his sick teammate, however.

"Those are the times when you have your best games," Hall said. "It means you are not trying to do as much. It's just like Michael Jordan in the playoffs."

Moeller homered in the second inning, doubled in the fourth, tripled in the fifth and singled in the seventh, becoming the first Brewers player to complete the cycle since Paul Molitor in 1991.

Obtained from Arizona last offseason in the Richie Sexson trade, Moeller is the fifth Brewers player to accomplish the feat.

Yankees 10, Athletics 8

Even Ruben Sierra figured his shot would go foul.

Yet in a twist of the Yankees' fortune, Sierra's drive smacked down squarely on the left-field line for a pinch-hit double, high-

lighting a six-run rally in the eighth inning that sent slumping New York over the Oakland Athletics 10-8 Tuesday night.

"For a minute, I thought the ball was going to hook outside," Sierra said. "I saw the ball was turning to the line."

Sierra paused for a moment to watch, then took off after chalk kicked up near the corner. The go-ahead, two-run hit came after a sloppy, frustrating game in which most everything seemed to go against the Yankees.

Trailing 8-4 and in danger of their fifth straight defeat, the defending AL champions suddenly broke loose and handed Oakland its fourth loss in a row.

Yankees starter Mike Mussina failed to hold an early lead and was looking at a clubhouse television when the comeback began with a couple of soft singles and a pair of walks. He still wasn't sure when the ball left Sierra's bat.

"Before that, it would've been a foot foul, the way we were going," he said.

Bernie Williams started the rally with a single that ended his 0-for-13 rut and capped it with an RBI grounder. Sierra, batting for Miguel Cairo, put the Yankees ahead 9-8 with his bases-loaded double off Ricardo Rincon that somehow stayed fair.

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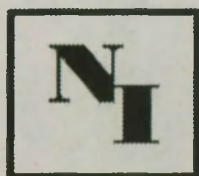
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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

**Deng declares he is
available for draft**

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Duke freshman Luol Deng has made himself available for the NBA draft but is not ruling out a return to school.

Deng, who led the Blue Devils to the Final Four, will not hire an agent for now, keeping open the option of returning for his sophomore season. He has until June 17 to remove his name from consideration and retain his college eligibility.

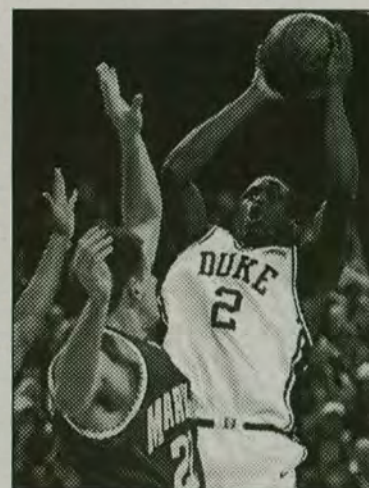
The 6-foot-8 forward issued a statement Tuesday but was not available for comment.

Duke sports information director Jon Jackson said Deng likely would not comment on the issue until after he has decided whether to return to Durham in the fall. Deng is taking final exams this week, Jackson said.

"The opportunity to pursue a career in professional basketball has been a dream of mine," Deng said in his statement. "With help from my family and coaches, I will continue to gather information to make the best possible decision regarding my future."

Deng, a native of Sudan who came to the United States from England, had an impressive freshman season, averaging 15 points and seven rebounds. Deng was the MVP of the Atlanta Regional and led Duke in scoring in its final three games, including 16 points in the 79-78 loss to Connecticut in the national semifinals.

Deng is a versatile forward who can play on the perimeter



Luol Deng issued a statement declaring himself for the draft.

or inside, and he was widely regarded as the No. 2 recruit in his class behind LeBron James. Chris Monter, an analyst who publishes a draft newsletter five times a year, expects Deng will be at least a top 10 pick.

"Undoubtedly he will be a very high pick," Monter said from Lakeville, Minn. "I think he's going to go high enough that I'd be surprised ... if he came back."

Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said the school would help examine available draft information "to help Luol make a decision that is best for him and his family."

"We're supportive of Luol's decision," Krzyzewski said.

Deng's father, Aldo Deng, said it was important to the family that Krzyzewski supported the decision.

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NFL

Bledsoe renegotiates contract with Buffalo

Bills quarterback signs deal to give team salary cap relief

Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Drew Bledsoe renegotiated his contract with the Bills on Tuesday, giving Buffalo nearly \$4 million in salary cap relief.

The new three-year deal, which includes some incentive bonuses, will replace the old contract the Bills assumed when they acquired Bledsoe from New England in 2002. That original deal had seven years remaining on it, including a \$7 million bonus due Bledsoe in November.

The Bills will no longer have to pay that bonus.

"Drew made some concessions for this year and the next couple of years," Bills president Tom Donahoe said. "It's not just about shuffling money."

The 11-year veteran was scheduled to make a base salary of \$5.9 million this season, a figure that would balloon to \$12 million in 2008.

"This is something I'm really excited about," Bledsoe said on a conference call Tuesday. "At this point in my life, having a little extra money isn't going to make a big change in my life. This allows us to have stability, both personally and within the organization."

Bledsoe admitted he was hesitant to restructure the original deal, saying he was initially willing to risk being cut two months into the season if he wasn't performing.

But after realizing the potential negativity of the \$7 million bonus looming over the organization throughout the summer and into the fall, Bledsoe sought out Donahoe.

"I know it would have been a distraction, one way or the other," Bledsoe said. "I've learned over my career that the more you can alleviate distractions the better off you are."

The renegotiation comes after Buffalo traded for a first-round pick in the NFL draft on Saturday to select Tulane quarterback J.P. Losman. The team hopes to groom Losman as Bledsoe's successor.

Besides dealing away their first-round pick next year, the Bills also sent a second- and fifth-rounder in last weekend's draft to Dallas for the Cowboys' No. 22 overall pick.

"I'll do everything I can to teach him and help him along and help him develop as a quarterback," Bledsoe said about Losman. "There certainly won't be any information withheld from him by me."

Despite selecting Losman, the Bills maintained Bledsoe is their starter heading into next season.

"We still have great confidence in Drew, and we've told Drew that," Donahoe said. "But we have to prepare for tomorrow."

Bledsoe was supposed to be the team's quarterback for the long-term future when Buffalo acquired him from New England. He was strong in his first season in Buffalo, setting 10 franchise passing records and helping the Bills to an 8-8 finish — a big turnaround for a team that won only three games in 2001.

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Tom Donahoe
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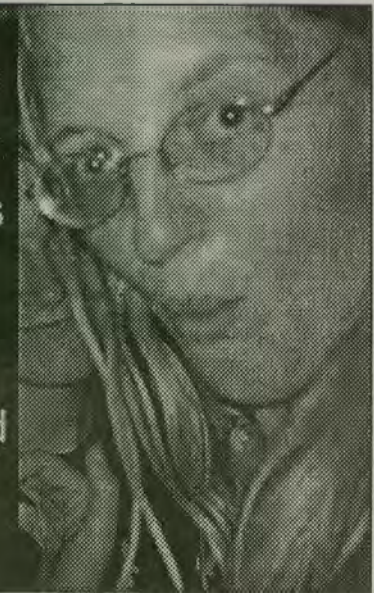
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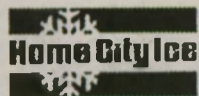
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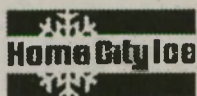
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NCAA FOOTBALL

Lobos might use live wolf as team mascot

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE — The University of New Mexico's athletic department is considering using a live silver wolf as a mascot to rev up fans during next season's home football games.

Joe Weiss, an assistant athletic director, said the department will have to consider a number of issues, including safety, before a decision is made.

"There are a lot of things we would need to look at, primarily safety — the animal's safety and the fans' safety," Weiss said.

The 2-year-old silver wolf, which belongs to a UNM professor, made its debut during the team's Cherry-Silver spring football scrimmage on April 10.

"It's something we've talked about as a staff that would be neat for fan entertainment,"

Weiss said. "We brought it out for the spring game just to see what would happen. It was on the (northeast) concourse, just kind of meeting and greeting people, if a wolf can actually meet and greet. And the trial run went very well."

The Lobos experimented with a live mascot in the past, Weiss said.

During an Oct. 28, 1989 home loss to Wyoming, All-American wide receiver Terance Mathis said he was nipped by the wolf after throwing a block and rolling out of bounds.

Mathis wasn't hurt, but he was quoted as saying at the time, "He sure scared me. I've got tooth marks in my pants."

Weiss said coach Rocky Long and athletic director Rudy Davalos would ultimately determine this wolf's fate as a mascot.

MLB

Appier out with strained muscle

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Royals pitcher Kevin Appier will be out four to six weeks with a strained muscle that could be related to his elbow surgery.

Appier, the only right-hander in Kansas City's rotation, came out in the second inning against Minnesota on Friday night. He had surgery in the offseason for a torn flexor tendon in his right elbow.

He lasted only 15 pitches against the Twins before leaving with a strained muscle in his right forearm.

"The muscle he strained works in conjunction with the muscle-tendon area that was surgically repaired," trainer Nick Swartz said. "The same muscle action that's used in throwing, this muscle works in conjunction with it."

Appier, 36, was re-signed by the Royals last September after being released by Anaheim. A 15-year major league veteran, he has a 169-137 career record, ninth on the active wins list. He

pitched for the Royals from 1989-99 and holds the club record with 1,456 strikeouts.

Appier was 0-1 in one start this year with a 13.50 ERA.

"It means we go backwards from where he was the other night with regard to where he is pitching-wise," Swartz said. "In the big picture, this will heal. It's a muscular strain, so these things do heal."

Manager Tony Pena said he was unsure who would replace Appier in the rotation, although left-hander Dennys Reyes is a possibility.

"It's very tough," Pena said. "Not only for him, but for everybody in this organization. Appier is one of those guys, he works so hard and he wants to do this so bad. He wants to show everybody in baseball that he still has some time left."

"Now we just have to wait. He was starting to throw the ball real well."

Also, first baseman Mike Sweeney was out of the starting lineup for the fifth straight game with a strained wrist.

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NBA

Hornets sting Heat and tie series at two apiece

Baron Davis leads Hornets with 23 points and 10 assists in 96-85 victory

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The New Orleans Hornets have stopped showing their age and started showing off their experience.

Baron Davis had 23 points and 10 assists, while 13-year veteran Stacy Augmon came off the bench for 17 points, including two shot clock beaters in the final period. The Hornets evened their first-round playoff series with a 96-85 victory over the Miami Heat in Game 4 Tuesday night.

"Things are starting to come together," Davis said. "Tying it up 2-2 puts a little more pressure on them to hold serve on their home court. We're going in there with the utmost confidence. We just have to play to our experience."

Miami was hurt by a late mistake by rookie Dwyane Wade, who failed to inbound the ball before the requisite five seconds with 53.6 seconds left and the Hornets leading 88-82.

After that, Miami was forced to foul. New Orleans hit the free throws to pull away.

The series resumes Friday night in Miami. The home team has won every game.

New Orleans, which looked overwhelmed by a younger, more athletic Miami team after the Heat took Game 2 93-63, looked composed and rarely rushed or forced shots in hitting 50 percent from the floor.

Augmon and another veteran role player, George Lynch, combined to shoot 11-for-16 as Lynch finished with 11 points.

"Showing your age is a misconception. Those first two games we took a lot of bad shots on their floor," Lynch said. "We like to say the older you get, the smarter you become as a basketball player, and when you've got [opponents] that are more athletic and faster, you've got to find a way to slow it down and keep them from playing to their strengths."

Miami coach Stan Van Gundy called small forwards Augmon and Lynch "the guys that really hurt us."

"For them to get 28 points at that position ... they just dominated that spot today," Van Gundy said.

Some of New Orleans' tougher shots fell, as well, such as two double-pump 3s by Davis.

Timberwolves 84, Nuggets 82
Kevin Garnett's determination has the Minnesota Timberwolves within a game of reaching the second round.

Garnett had 27 points, 14 rebounds and five assists Tuesday night, helping the Timberwolves hold off the Denver Nuggets 84-82 for a 3-1 series lead.

Garnett had several heated exchanges with the Nuggets after being pushed around in Game 3, but kept his cool this time. He finished 8-for-17 and was 11-for-15 on free throws to put Minnesota in position to reach the second round first time in eight tries.

It almost wasn't enough. Minnesota led by eight midway through the fourth quarter, but Marcus Camby cut it to 76-

74 on a 3-point play with 4:43 left that got the crowd on its feet.

The Timberwolves pushed it back to a six-point lead, but Voshon Lenard hit a 3-pointer and had a steal that led to another 3 that made it 81-80 with 1:14 left.

Latrell Sprewell answered with a 3-pointer in the corner, then Nene scored on a dunk to make it 84-82 with 18 seconds left. Sprewell missed two free

throws with 12 seconds remaining at the other end. But Andre Miller missed a shot in the lane and Lenard was nowhere close on a turnaround at the buzzer.

Game 5 is Friday in Minnesota.

Minnesota played without sixth man Wally Szczerbiak, who broke three vertebrae in a nasty fall in Game 3, but got 14 points from defensive specialist Trenton Hassell and 15 from Sam Cassell.

Lenard had 28 points and Miller 13 for Denver, but star rookie Carmelo Anthony had just two points on 1-for-16 shooting against Hassell and spent the final minutes of the fourth quarter waving a towel from the bench.

Anthony struggled from the start, missing all nine shots in the first half and had a runner from halfcourt waved off because it came after the buzzer.

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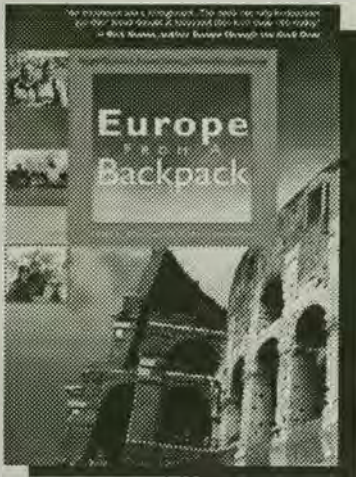
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NHL PLAYOFFS

Flyers prepare for a tough venue in Toronto

Associated Press

TORONTO — Maple Leafs forward Alexander Mogilny has a new stick and renewed attitude.

"I'm smiling. Real happy," he said after practice Tuesday. "Everything's great."

That's a significant change from what happened after Toronto's last game, a 2-1 loss at Philadelphia on Sunday. The loss put the Leafs down 2-0 in their best-of-seven second-round playoff series, which resumes in Toronto on Wednesday.

As the game ended, and after he squandered two scoring opportunities in the final five minutes, Mogilny was spotted snapping his stick.

"No frustration," Mogilny said

when reminded of what happened. "The stick was already broken. There's no point of bringing dead weight back to Toronto."

And that's an attitude that might go for the rest of the Maple Leafs, who need to forget the past and quickly regain their offensive touch.

The Leafs, who had the NHL's fourth-best offense in the regular season, have managed just two goals in two games against the Flyers. Mogilny banked in a shot off Philadelphia defenseman Mattias Timander's skate to score in a 3-1 loss in Game 1, and tough guy Tie Domi scored on a deflection Sunday.

"We've scored two goals in two games, you don't have to look too

far for an answer," Mogilny said. "The bottom line is we've got to generate more offense. You can't win a lot of games scoring one goal a game."

That's the challenge for the banged-up squad. Owen Nolan (leg) is out; leading playoff scorer Joe Nieuwendyk (back) probably won't play for a second straight game; and captain Mats Sundin is playing with an injured left leg.

More troublesome is that Toronto's offensive woes haven't come just against Philadelphia. The Leafs managed just 14 goals in seven games to eliminate

Ottawa in the opening round.

In an effort to rekindle their offense, coach Pat Quinn had Sundin, Mogilny and Gary Roberts playing on the same line in practice.

"Obviously, our scoring hasn't been a strong part of our playoffs series,"

Quinn said. "We are generating



Simon Gagne, 12, of the Philadelphia Flyers scores on Maples Leafs goalie Ed Belfour on Thursday.

chances but not finishing them off, and hopefully we'll find some scoring here someplace soon."

Quinn is also considering putting Domi on a line with Ron

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Arguments continue in Bryant rape case

Friends, ex-boyfriend testify as judge decides on admissibility of accuser's sexual history

Associated Press

EAGLE, Colo. — Kobe Bryant's sexual assault case returned to closed hearings Tuesday while a judge decides whether the sexual history of the NBA star's accuser can be used against her at trial.

More than two dozen witnesses — including the 19-year-old woman's friends, former boyfriends and college roommates — have testified in closed hearings this spring after being called by attorneys for the Los Angeles Lakers' guard. Nine defense witnesses testified in private Monday.

Prosecutors were expected to call their own witnesses Tuesday. Witness lists are sealed, but in a court filing Monday prosecutors said they would present their side once the defense is finished.

State District Judge Terry Ruckriegle also was expected to resume a hearing on another key issue: whether certain evidence should be thrown out because it was gathered illegally.

Bryant's attorneys argue that investigators improperly questioned him and improperly ex-

ecuted a search warrant. Prosecutors say he voluntarily spoke with investigators and handed over evidence, including a T-shirt stained with the woman's blood and a rape kit performed on Bryant.

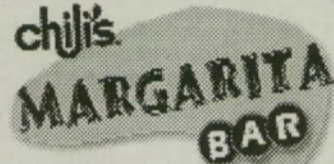
Among the witnesses who testified Monday were Johnray Strickland, a former boyfriend who met the alleged victim last year at the University of Northern Colorado, and Eagle County sheriff's Detective Doug Winters.

The defense says injuries found on the woman could have been caused by sex with multiple partners before and after her encounter with Bryant. The prosecution says the sexual history is irrelevant in determining whether the woman was assaulted.

"If they can put on credible evidence that she had sex after Kobe Bryant and before she went to the cops, I'm not sure we're even going to have a trial," said Craig Silverman, a former prosecutor who is following the case. "That one fact alone would cause reasonable doubt for one or more of the jurors."

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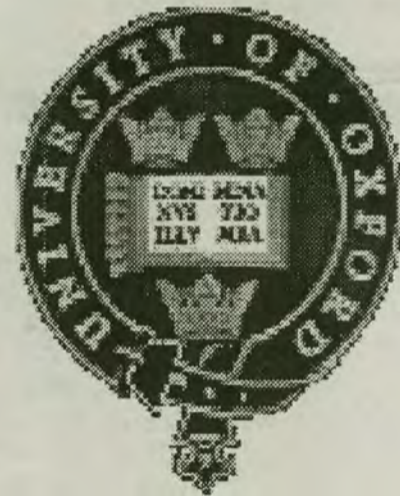
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Senate committee obtains documents

New secret BALCO documents could deter drug cheaters

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A Senate committee obtained secret documents that could help U.S. Olympic officials keep drug cheaters out of the Athens Games.

The Justice Department's decision to turn over the materials subpoenaed by the Commerce Committee was considered virtually unprecedented during a federal investigation.

Still, it's unclear whether anti-doping authorities will have access to the documents, obtained during the grand jury probe of an alleged steroid-distribution ring.

The Commerce Committee, chaired by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., had sought "documents relating to U.S. amateur athletes' alleged purchase of banned performance-enhancing substances from the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative (known as BALCO) and their possible use of such substances."

U.S. Olympic officials hope to use such documents to open their own cases against admitted drug cheaters — invoking a U.S. Anti-Doping Agency rule barring athletes who acknowledge the use of steroids and other banned substances.

It was not immediately clear whether the documents include grand jury testimony. Dozens of elite athletes, including track star Marion Jones, were asked by the federal grand jury in San Francisco about steroids.

Since grand jury proceedings are secret, it's unclear whether McCain's committee could give the USOC or the USADA access to such material. McCain has promised to keep the material secret, but he also has vowed to use the documents to make sure the U.S. team is drug-free for the Athens Games.

Legal scholars said Tuesday they were shocked the documents had been turned over to McCain's committee in the middle of an investigation, and said the law is murky on whether such material can be passed on to the USOC or the anti-doping agency.

Jones, who won five medals in the 2000 Olympics, and Montgomery, the world record-holder at 100 meters, repeatedly have denied steroid use. An attorney for Jones said she never received steroids from Conte. An attorney for Conte said he never provided steroids to Jones or Montgomery, and never gave such information to federal agents.

Jones' attorney, Joseph Burton, said he welcomed the release of the documents to McCain's committee.

IOC gets insurance for Athens

\$170 million IOC policy guards against natural disasters, terrorism

Associated Press

LONDON — Guarding against terrorism and natural disasters in Athens, the IOC took the unprecedented step of buying insurance in case the Olympics are called off.

The International Olympic Committee's \$170 million policy guarantees that the organization and affiliated national committees and sports federations have enough money to continue operations. The policy would not compensate individual victims.

The policy also doesn't cover corporate sponsors and TV networks, which have billions of dollars riding on the Athens Games. Many have their own insurance, and city organizers underwrite their own liability coverage.

IOC president Jacques Rogge said Tuesday insurance was "standard prudent judgment" and reflects no lack of confidence in the Aug. 13-29 games, which have been troubled by construction delays and security worries.

The IOC would not be covered if the games are called off because of the delays, IOC finance chairman Richard Carrion said.

The Athens Olympics, the first Summer Games since the Sept. 11 terror attacks, will be the most heavily guarded in history. The security budget is nearing \$1 billion — more than three times the amount spent on protecting the 2000 Sydney Games.



The IOC and its president Jacques Rogge bought a \$170 million insurance policy for the Summer Olympics in Athens.

Aside from terrorism, insurance experts say the main risk in Athens would be from earthquakes. The city straddles a fault line, and 143 people died in a quake in 1999.

Athens 2004 spokesman Stratos Saffioleas said the organizing committee had no comment "on an IOC policy that concerns not just Athens, but the Olympic Games in general."

The IOC is paying about \$6.8 million for the policy, and the syndicate is led by New York-based insurance giant American International Group Inc., according to two Olympic sources who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Joe Norton, spokesman for AGI in New York, declined to comment, saying the company had a policy of not breaching clients' confidentiality.

The policy covers full and partial cancellation for a "whole range of issues such as terrorism, earthquake, flooding, landslides, things like that," Rogge told The Associated Press by phone from Lausanne, Switzerland.

Carrion said the IOC negotiated the bulk of the coverage before the March 11 bombings in Madrid, Spain, that killed 191 people.

Rogge said the IOC also will

negotiate individual cancellation policies for future Olympics, including the 2006 Winter Games in Turin, Italy, 2008 Summer Games in Beijing and 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver.


Rogge said security has long been the IOC's top priority and that Greece has done "everything humanly possible" to safeguard the games.

The Athens policy protects the bulk of the 28 international sports federations on the Olympic program and the 202 national Olympic committees represented at the games. Many of those organizations rely heavily on games-related revenue.

"We will certainly have the required amount after the successful completion of the Athens Games," Carrion said.

Rogge said the IOC began exploring insurance coverage in 2001, but the industry was reluctant to offer terrorism coverage after the Sept. 11 attacks. The IOC had no coverage for the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City.

Carrion said the IOC also considered taking out a credit line to absorb the bulk of the risk, or a combined insurance-credit arrangement for Athens and Beijing.



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NHL

Richards goal all but eliminates Canadiens

Associated Press

MONTREAL — Brad Richards and the Tampa Bay Lightning stole the thunder from the Montreal Canadiens and all but knocked them out of the playoffs.

Richards scored his second goal of the game 1:05 into overtime to give Tampa Bay a 4-3 win Tuesday night over Montreal and lift the Lightning to a 3-0 lead in the second-round playoff series.

With one more victory, the Lightning will reach the conference finals for the first time in their 12-year NHL history. That could come as early as Thursday night with Game 4 in Montreal.

Vincent Lecavalier scored his fifth goal of the series with 16.5 seconds remaining in regulation to send the game to overtime.

Richards, who scored his second goal of the playoffs to put Tampa Bay up 2-1 in the second, got his own rebound and banked a shot from behind the goal line off the left skate of goalie Jose Theodore and into the net for the winner.

Nikolai Khabibulin made 28 saves, and Cory Stillman scored a short-handed goal for Tampa Bay.

Montreal rookie Michael Ryder scored his first goal of the playoffs midway through the third, and Patrice Brisebois put the Canadiens up 3-2 when

he scored off a faceoff at 16:13.

The Lightning have won two playoff series in their history, one in each of the last two years, but have never advanced with a sweep.

Lecavalier, who scored four goals in the first two games of the series, forced overtime when he stuck his stick through his legs to redirect Dave Andreychuk's pass behind Theodore at 19:43.

The enthusiastic sellout crowd let out a stunned gasp as Lecavalier banged his stick against the glass behind the net while Richards joined him in celebration.

NHL scoring champion Martin St. Louis and Lecavalier, both Montreal natives, had plenty of family and friends in attendance, though they had little chance being heard over the partisan crowd.

The Canadiens came out aggressively in the first period when referees Paul Devorski and Rob Shick handed out 34 minutes in penalties including nine minors against Montreal.

Stillman scored on his second straight breakaway chance 58 seconds into the Canadiens' second power play of the game, 8:41 into the middle period.

The Canadiens tied it on the same power play when Alex Kovalev scored his sixth goal of the playoffs 52 seconds later.

Richards quieted the crowd again when he put a point shot past Theodore on a power play

at 12:24.

Ryder, the league's rookie scoring leader during the season, scored his first goal in 10 playoff games 10:32 into third to tie it at 2.

Brisebois gave the Canadiens' hope of getting back into the series when he beat Khabibulin with 2:47 left on a shot from the right boards after Jim Dowd won a faceoff in Tampa Bay's zone.

Calgary 3, Detroit 2

Jarome Iginla scored a power-play goal and Martin Gelinas had two assists, leading Calgary to a victory over the Detroit Red Wings in Game 3 of the second-round playoff series.

The Flames, feeding off the energy from a raucous home crowd, lead the best-of-seven Western Conference semifinal 2-1. Calgary, which won the series opener in Detroit, will host Game 4 on Thursday.

Stephane Yelle and Shean Donovan also scored for the Flames.

Robert Lang and Jiri Fischer scored for the Red Wings.

A two-day rest between games seemed to help the Flames, who beat the older Red Wings to loose pucks and mixed in speed to complement their grit.

Detroit, which had the NHL's best record in the regular season, outshot Calgary 12-5 in the third period but couldn't get the tying goal past goalie Miikka Kiprusoff.



Tampa Bay Lightning forward Vincent Lecavalier gives a hand to the face of Montreal Canadien Andrei Markov in Game 3.

The Red Wings played without veteran defenseman Chris Chelios, who was injured Saturday after a hit by Calgary's Oleg Saprykin. Chelios returned to that game but was unable to play Tuesday.

Calgary defenseman Rhett Warrener also didn't play. He was hit in the eye and across the bridge of the nose by he stick of Detroit captain Steve Yzerman in Game 2.

The Flames escaped from a wild, five-goal second period with a 3-2 lead.

Lang silenced the roaring, sellout crowd when he opened the scoring at 1:17, catching Kiprusoff out of position.

Yelle tied it at 3:38 when his shot from the boards ticked defenseman Mathieu Schneider's stick and deflected through the pads of Detroit's Curtis Joseph.

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NFL

Browns wait to sign Winslow

No. 6 overall pick still negotiating a long term contract

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Choosing Kellen Winslow Jr. was easy for the Cleveland Browns. Signing him may not be.

The Browns traded a second-round pick, swapped first-rounders with Detroit and used the No. 6 overall selection in last weekend's NFL draft to select Winslow, a tight end with Hall of Fame pedigree and potential.

But before Winslow can begin living up to expectations, the Browns will have to negotiate a long-term contract with his agent, Kevin Poston, who in the hours after the draft began laying down some parameters for talks.

"A lot of teams had him [Winslow] No. 1 on their board," said Poston, who along with his brother, Carl, are known for driving a hard bargain.

The Postons also represent St. Louis tackle Orlando Pace, who was franchised by the Rams and is seeking more money. Other Poston clients include New England cornerback Ty Law, San Francisco linebacker Julian Peterson and Washington linebacker LaVar



Kellen Winslow, a tight end from Miami, holds a Cleveland Browns jersey after being selected sixth in the NFL draft.

Arrington. All have had contract problems.

The Redskins are currently in a dispute with the Postons, who filed a grievance on Arrington's behalf that claims the team owes him more than \$6.5 million.

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the next class is 10 percent over the previous year.

However, Poston has already indicated Winslow may be an exception to that rule.

"Kellen could easily be the LeBron James of the Browns," Poston said, referring to the Cavaliers' rookie of the year.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

NCAA considers a new BCS bowl game

11 Division I-A commissioners will base final decision on game's market viability

Associated Press

PHOENIX — A proposal for adding another game that would match the top two teams after the BCS bowls was discussed by the commissioners of all 11 Division I-A college football conferences Tuesday.

Big East Commissioner Mike Tranghese said the main emphasis of the meeting, which included representatives from the BCS bowls and ABC Sports, was how to implement a fifth BCS game, which was agreed to in March.

"How to create it. How to manage it. Where it could be played. The impact a fifth game could have on the system economically," said Tranghese, the BCS coordinator.

The possibility of a sixth game between the top teams after the BCS games are played was not the focus of the meeting, Tranghese said.

The Bowl Championship Series agreed to add a fifth game, increasing access for schools not part of college football's most lucrative postseason system.

The fifth bowl is subject to final approval based on market viability, but all indications point to it being in place when the new BCS contract takes effect before the 2006 season.

The idea of adding a game to be played after the current BCS bowls — Sugar, Orange, Rose and Fiesta — gained attention after last season's split national championship.

LSU won the BCS championship by beating Oklahoma in the Sugar Bowl, but Southern California, which beat Michigan in the Rose Bowl, was voted No. 1 in The Associated Press media poll.

The so-called 'plus-one' model been used last season, LSU and USC would have played in January.

Tranghese said this week's meetings are about gathering information and planning.

"I don't think we're at a point where we are ready to make a decision," he said.

Also taking part in the meetings are an athletic director from each Division I-A conference and Notre Dame.

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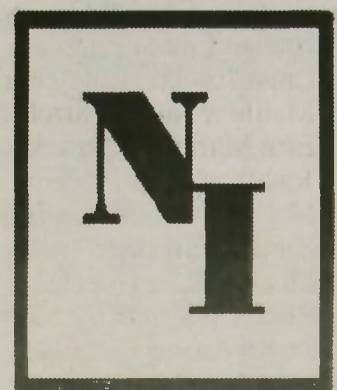
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NFL

Maddox meets with Cowher to discuss Roethlisberger

Steelers quarterback angry with draft pick

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — An angered Tommy Maddox met Tuesday with Steelers coach Bill Cowher, presumably to discuss the team's use of a first-round draft pick on quarterback Ben Roethlisberger.

Maddox, Pittsburgh's starting quarterback for the past two seasons, left the Steelers' training complex without talking to reporters and there was no word on what they discussed.

The meeting came three days after the Steelers added Roethlisberger, the only quarterback they have drafted on the first round since 1981. Roethlisberger is expected to become the starter by the 2005 season.

Maddox initially planned to talk to Cowher on Monday, but told his agent he was too upset to meet then. He also wanted to talk to Steelers chairman Dan Rooney or president Art Rooney II about his contract situation, but it is believed Tuesday's meeting was only with Cowher.

Maddox, the 2002 NFL comeback player of the year, is upset because the Steelers indicated to him before the draft they would choose a right tackle and not a quarterback.

Maddox also expected the team would renegotiate his \$750,000 salary — currently the lowest for an NFL veteran starting quarterback, but now realizes the addition of Roethlisberger may change that.

With the Steelers already close to the NFL's salary cap and Roethlisberger all but certain to get the richest rookie contract in their history, it is unlikely they can pay Maddox more money.

For now, the Steelers plan to go into the season with Maddox as the starter, though Cowher has not ruled out Roethlisberger starting sometime this season. However, some scouts expect

Roethlisberger may take longer to become a starter than either the Giants' Eli Manning or the Chargers' Philip Rivers, the quarterbacks drafted ahead of him.

Despite Maddox's unhappiness, Cowher said he doesn't expect Roethlisberger's presence to affect how Maddox plays or practices. Wide receiver Plaxico Burress also expects Maddox to respond to the competition.

"I've been playing with him for two years now and I pretty much know he'll step up and defend his position," Burress said.

The Steelers have not said what they would do if Maddox, who will be 33 in September, asks to be released to pursue a job with another team. With nearly every NFL team now set at quarterback in advance of training camp, Maddox may not be able to find a team that would let him compete to start.

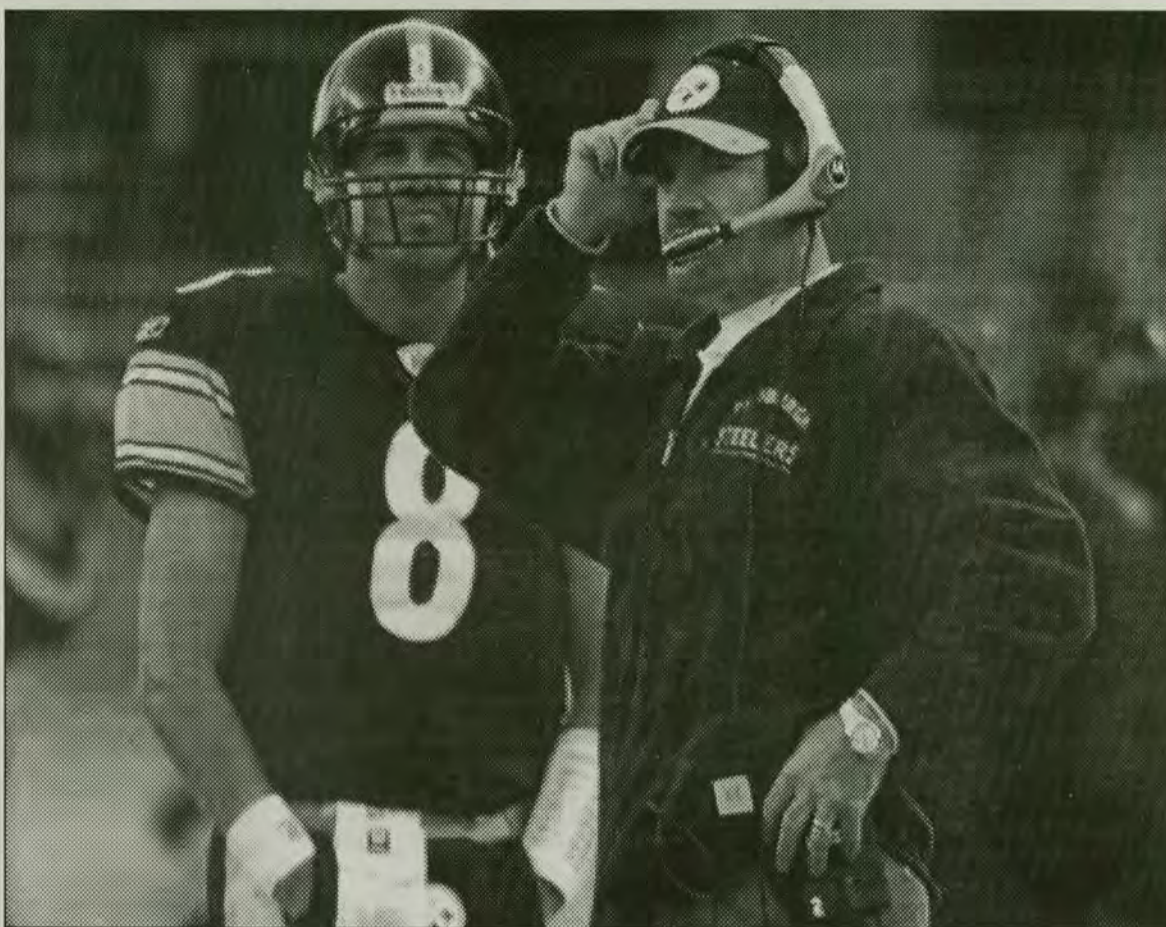
Even if the Maddox goes into the Steelers' training camp in late July as the starter, Cowher will not promise there won't be a training camp competition.

"I can't tell you right now how that's going to unfold," Cowher said. "I just know that I'm not going to sit here and say we're not going to do something. I'd like to stay open-minded about it and let it play out."

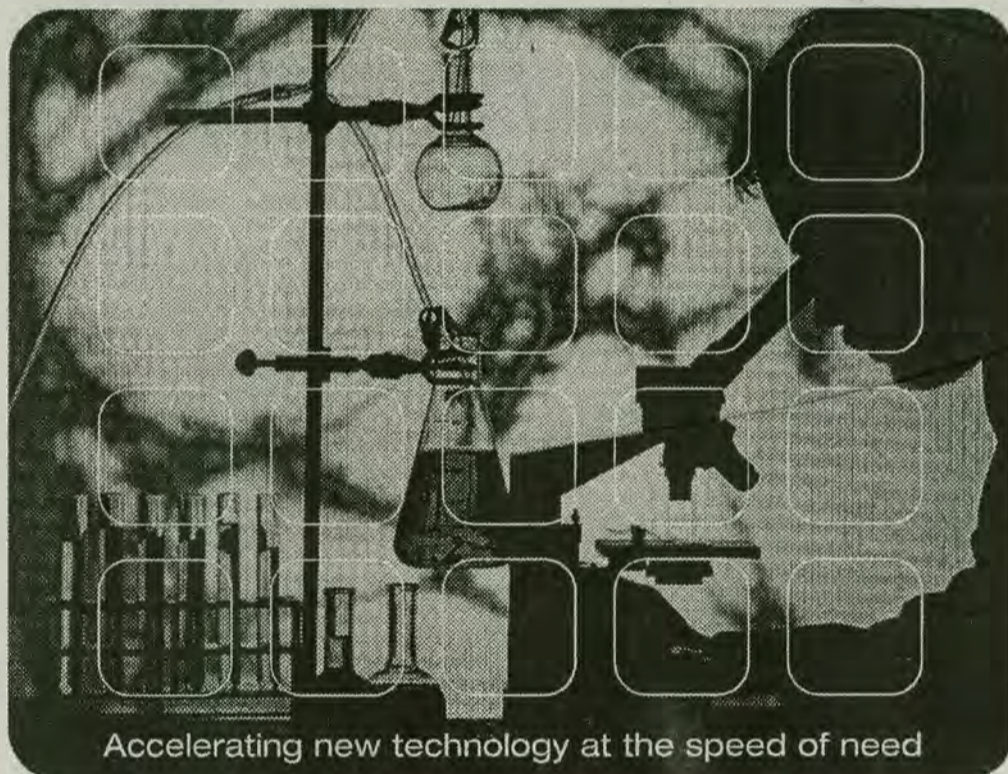
"He is our incumbent starter; I'm not saying things can't change."

Maddox unexpectedly beat out Kordell Stewart to become the Steelers' starter three games into the 2002 season — 10 years after he was first drafted by Denver — and has held the job since.

Maddox led the Steelers to a 10-5-1 record and the second round of the playoffs that season, throwing for 2,836 yards, 20 touchdowns and 16 interceptions in 13 games. Without the support of an effective running game, Maddox's production dropped last season as the Steelers slumped to a 6-10 record, even though his 3,414 yards passing were the second most in team history.



Tommy Maddox is upset with the Steelers' choice of drafting quarterback Ben Roethlisberger in the first round of last week's draft. He met with coach Bill Cowher to express his discontent. AP



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Major League Baseball

American League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Boston	12-6	.667	8-2	-
Baltimore	10-7	.588	7-3	1.5
New York	8-11	.421	3-7	4.5
Tampa Bay	7-10	.412	3-7	4.5
Toronto	7-12	.368	4-6	5.5

American League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Minnesota	12-7	.632	7-3	-
Chicago	11-7	.611	6-4	0.5
Detroit	11-8	.579	5-5	1.0
Cleveland	7-12	.368	4-6	5.0
Kansas City	6-11	.353	2-8	5.0

American League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Anaheim	11-8	.579	5-5	-
Texas	11-8	.579	7-3	-
Oakland	10-9	.526	4-6	1.0
Seattle	6-13	.316	4-6	5.0

National League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Florida	13-6	.684	5-5	-
Atlanta	10-9	.526	6-4	3.0
Philadelphia	7-10	.412	6-4	5.0
New York	7-12	.368	2-8	5.0
Montreal	5-15	.250	3-7	8.5

National League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Chicago	12-7	.632	7-3	-
Cincinnati	12-7	.632	7-3	-
Houston	11-8	.579	5-5	1.0
St. Louis	10-9	.526	6-4	2.0
Milwaukee	10-10	.500	5-5	2.5
Pittsburgh	8-10	.444	4-6	3.5

National League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Los Angeles	12-6	.667	7-3	-
San Diego	11-9	.550	7-3	2.0
Arizona	8-11	.421	5-5	4.5
Colorado	8-11	.421	4-6	4.5
San Francisco	8-12	.400	3-7	5.0

Women's Lacrosse Top 20

	team	record	points
1	Princeton	14-0	300
2	Virginia	15-3	280
3	Loyola	13-2	264
4	Maryland	12-3	259
5	Duke	11-5	232
6	Northwestern	12-1	222
7	Georgetown	10-3	221
8	James Madison	12-3	194
9	Johns Hopkins	12-3	180
10	Dartmouth	9-3	159
11	Vanderbilt	9-4	130
12	UNC	8-7	123
13	NOTRE DAME	10-4	121
14	Yale	9-4	108
14	Syracuse	10-3	108
16	Towson	14-3	75
17	William & Mary	9-7	45
18	Penn State	5-10	33
19	New Hampshire	11-4	31
20	George Mason	6-8	18

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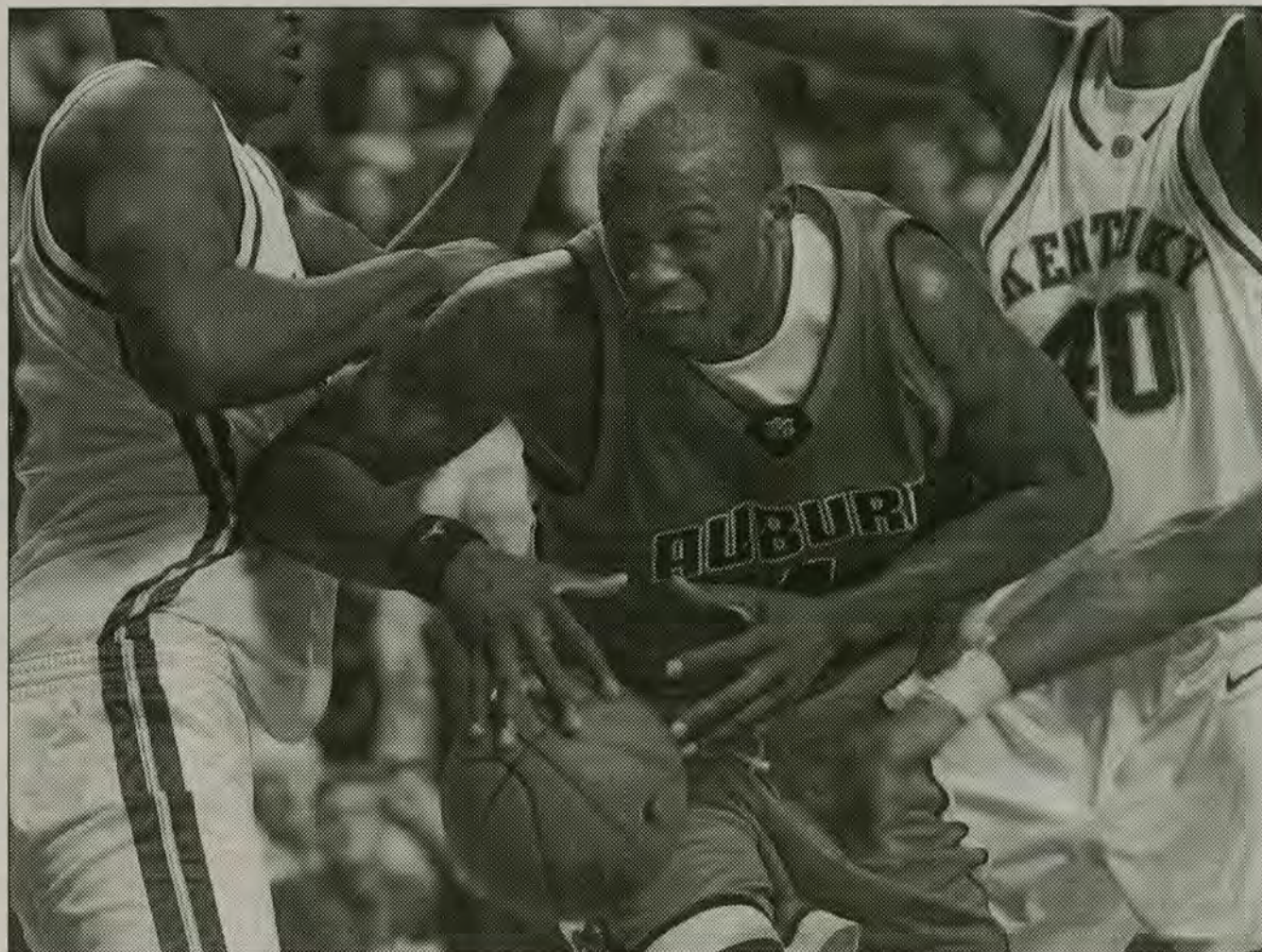
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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL



Marco Killingsworth led Auburn in scoring and rebounding last season. Tuesday, the men's basketball team was placed on a two-year probation for their involvement in a high school recruiting scandal.

Auburn placed on two-year probation

Associated Press

AUBURN, Ala. — Auburn's basketball program was put on two years' probation on Tuesday, with the NCAA cutting one scholarship but clearing the university of major rules violations.

Auburn was exonerated of accusations involving large sums of money and expensive cars given to high school prospects Chadd Moore and Jackie Butler. But the NCAA found that an AAU coach, Mark Komara, was acting as a representative of Auburn when arranged to wire \$3,125 for Butler and get a 1996 Dodge Stratus for Moore.

Komara is believed to be the first summer league basketball coach designated a representative of a school, said Thomas Yeager, chairman of the NCAA's Division I Committee on Infractions.

The university, which denied the major accusations, already had imposed its own penalties, including the loss of one scholarship for the 2004-05 season. The NCAA cut that scholarship for 2005-06, too, but did not ban post-season play or televised games.

"I think it's always disappointing to be called to task by any organization in which you have violated established regulations,"

Auburn interim President Ed Richardson said. "But I think that it was clearly identified that the sanctions that were provided, we feel were justified."

Hal Baird, athletics assistant to the president, said the sanctions were severe enough to invoke a clause that adds an eighth year to the contract of new coach Jeff Lebo.

The NCAA cleared Auburn assistant coach Shannon Weaver of offering \$50,000 and a car to Moore's mother. Auburn also was found innocent on charges of offering Butler \$70,000 and a car worth more than \$40,000.

"The committee found that much of the informa-

tion associated with these allegations was in conflict and thus was not sufficient to support findings," Yeager said.

Neither player made official visits to Auburn, and the university had maintained that neither was offered a scholarship. Both were sophomores at the time of the alleged offers.

Coach Cliff Ellis, who was not implicated by the NCAA, was fired March 18 and replaced by former Chattanooga coach Jeff Lebo.

Moore and Butler played summer ball for Komara, who the NCAA alleged was a representative of Auburn and was involved in improper recruitment.

IN BRIEF

James, Anthony and Wade lead NBA All-Rookie team

NEW YORK — LeBron James, Carmelo Anthony and Dwyane Wade were unanimous members of the NBA All-Rookie Team announced Tuesday.

Chris Bosh and Kirk Hinrich also made the first team in voting by the league's 29 head coaches.

James won all six Rookie of the Month awards in the Eastern Conference this season; Anthony won all six in the West.

James, taken No. 1 overall in last year's draft by the Cleveland Cavaliers, is just the third rookie to average at least 20 points, five rebounds and five assists (Oscar Robertson and Michael Jordan are the others). He won the Rookie of the Year award last week.

Anthony led all rookies in scoring average at 21 points and helped the Denver Nuggets reach the playoffs

for the first time since 1995.

Miami's Wade ranked among the top five rookies in five statistical categories, while Toronto's Bosh led first-year players in rebounding (7.4 per game) and blocks (1.41), and Chicago's Hinrich led them in assists (6.8).

The second team members were Dallas' Josh Howard and Marquis Daniels, Milwaukee's T.J. Ford, Miami's Udonis Haslem and Washington's Jarvis Hayes.

No Williams verdict after first day of deliberations

SOMERVILLE, N.J. — A jury began deliberating Tuesday in the case against Jayson Williams, the former NBA player accused of manslaughter in the shotgun slaying of a limousine driver.

The jury got the case after three months of trial, 43 witnesses and widely divergent versions of what

happened the night in 2002 when Costas "Gus" Christofi was killed.

Christofi, 55, was killed in Williams' bedroom while the former New Jersey Nets player was giving friends and members of the Harlem Globetrotters a tour of his mansion. Williams was playing with one of his shotguns when it went off.

Williams, 36, faces eight charges, the most serious of which is aggravated manslaughter. To convict Williams on that charge, the jury must unanimously find that he recklessly caused Christofi's death "under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to human life."

He is also charged with trying to make the shooting look like a suicide by wiping down the shotgun and putting Christofi's hands on the gun. Prosecutors said he also instructed his guests to lie to authorities.

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varsity four-race, taking first and fourth places in the Grand Final race. Notre Dame's "A" crew of Caitlin Rackish, cox, Sarah Keefer, stroke, Meredith Thornburgh, Kristin Henkel and Tricia David won the race in 7:35.74 ahead of the Orangewomen's 7:56.41. Georgetown took third place in 7:56.76 while Notre Dame's "B" boat of Shannon Lettieri, cox, Courtney Quinn, Ann Mulligan, Meghan Chidsey and Jennifer Connolly finished fourth in 8:00.29.

"We managed to win all of the varsity races, which is an incredible accomplishment and a tribute to the hard work and dedication of this team," Protasewich said. "I am so proud of all my teammates and their efforts, they are truly an inspiring group, and I know that we are thankful to our coaches for the great job they have done this year."

Notes

◆ On May 15, the Irish will travel to Oak Ridge, Tenn. and compete in the Central Regions. The outcome of the regional competitions will determine whether Notre Dame will qualify for the NCAAs.

"We are continuing to move closer to our goal of a team bid for NCAAs, and we plan to work very hard these next two weeks in preparation for the races in Tennessee," said Protasewich.

◆ The rowers' success has not been limited to their time on the water. Several rowers were honored for their scholastic achievements at Monday's Academic Excellence Awards Dinner. The dinner celebrated the work of 369 student-athletes who had a 3.2 cumulative grade point average or higher.

Megan Sanders was named

Notre Dame's top student-athlete. Sanders, who is enrolled in the College of Science with a concentration in mathematics and life sciences, has a 3.997 overall grade index, has made Dean's List all seven semesters to date and has earned a 4.0 in six of those semesters. Rowers Andrea Doud and Natalie Ladine were also honored for their 4.0 grade point indexes during the 2003-2004 season.

"Academically, I thank God for blessing me with the intelligence and motivation to succeed here at Notre Dame," said Sanders. "I am far from the smartest person on campus, but I am willing to find the time to make academics a

priority. Athletically, I was not blessed with much natural talent, but I was given a strong work ethic. I have to work harder than others, but I feel the rewards are greater when I succeed because of all the time I put in."

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"We are continuing to move closer to our goal of a team bid for NCAAs."

Danielle Protasewich
rower

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish seek to repeat title

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

The No. 28 Irish will settle for nothing less than a repeat.

Throughout the season, the team's Big East champion aspirations have remained a constant. After winning the tournament last season, Notre Dame has had its sights set on a repeat of last year's success.

"This is a big meet for us," coach Jay Louderback said. "It's been our goal to win the Big East all year. This isn't your normal, everyday match."

Top-seeded Notre Dame (10-10, 3-0 in the Big East) received a first-round bye and will not see competition until Saturday, when they meet the winners of the No. 71 Virginia Tech versus Syracuse match. The winners of Saturday's match will square off with the winners of the No. 26 second-seeded Miami versus Boston

College/Rutgers competition.

Both teams present unique challenges to the Irish.

"We'll get to watch them play on Thursday, which will be good for us because we haven't seen Syracuse all this year," Louderback said. "They're both good teams."

Seeded fourth in the tournament, Virginia Tech 13-12 (6-2) has already seen competition against the Irish this year. Notre Dame defeated the Hokies 5-2 in February.

The last three years, Virginia Tech has walked away with a third-place finish. With nationally ranked sophomore No. 109 Anat Elazari of Israel leading the team, the Hokies hope to surprise a number of teams competing at the tournament. Elazari is 17-15 and has pulled upsets against No. 23 Alicia Salas and William and Mary's Megan Muth this season.

Syracuse (6-11, 5-2), seeded

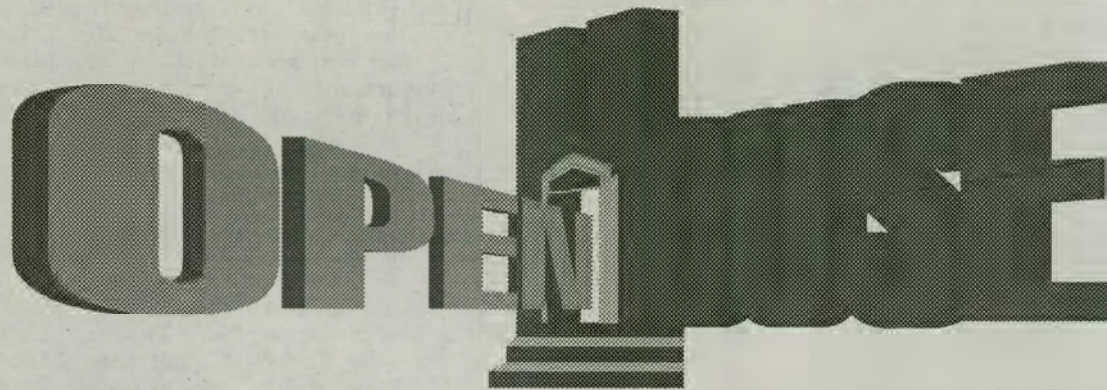
fifth, will not be a pushover during the tournament, despite their seeding. Although Syracuse dropped matches to Boston College 5-2 and Virginia Tech 7-0, the team did defeat Rutgers earlier this season 4-3. In addition, the Orangewomen have walked away with a fifth-place finish the last three years of the tournament.

Louderback said the weather will provide the greatest challenge for the Irish this weekend, as the competition will take place in Coral Gables, Fla.

"The temperature can be in the nineties down there. With the weather we've been playing in up here, we won't have a chance to really adjust to the weather [in Florida]. Luckily we play both of our matches in the morning," Louderback said.

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ND TRACK

Irish eager to win Big East

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

One has done it before. The other has come close. Neither will be content if they don't do it this weekend.

The men's and women's track teams are on a quest for a conference title.

The Irish men enter this weekend's Big East Outdoor Championships at Rutgers as the defending champions, while the women are vying for their first outdoor title after finishing second the past two seasons.

Godwin Mbagwu was the hero of last year's men's meet as he triple-jumped 15.32 meters in the final event to give Notre Dame a 139-136.5 victory over Connecticut. Mbagwu is one of two defending individual champions for the Irish as Selim Nurudeen will try to defend his title in the 110-meter hurdles.

Head coach Joe Piane feels this year's meet is wide open. Besides Notre Dame, Piane believes Rutgers, Connecticut, Georgetown, Villanova and Pittsburgh all have a chance to win the title.

"It should be a pretty good battle," he said.

After a close loss to Connecticut at the Big East Indoor Championships earlier this year, the Irish men are hungry to win a title.

"It will definitely be difficult

to win, but since we have a little different lineup outdoors I think we have a better chance," said distance runner Austin Weaver.

The women's team will try to get a monkey off their back as they have finished second two years in a row to Miami. Molly Huddle is the only Irish defending champion, winning the 5,000-meters in last year's meet.

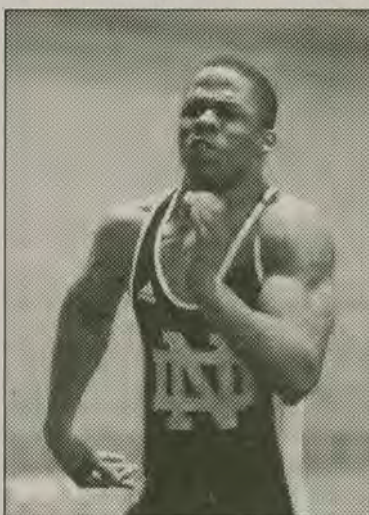
Huddle will spearhead the Irish efforts along with fellow distance runner Lauren King. King finished a close second in last year's conference 1,500 meters to Georgetown's Treniere Clement.

Piane believes the women's title is also anybody's to win as Miami, Pittsburgh, Georgetown, Villanova and Notre Dame are all in the hunt. Though these teams have a chance, Miami is the favorite as the Hurricanes are vying for their fourth straight title and sixth in the past seven years.

"It will be hard to beat Miami, but that is our goal," Piane said. "We might have a better overall team than they do but they are just loaded in the sprints and jumps."

The Irish are willing to do whatever it takes to win the conference championship. Huddle is not only racing in the 5,000 meters but she will run in the 1,500 meters as well.

"Our distance crew is smaller than usual this year so we have



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Dwight Ellick runs the 60-yard dash indoors earlier in the year.

to focus on getting quality out of all of us," Huddle said.

Huddle admitted the 1,500 meters would not be an easy race to win as it includes national collegiate record holder Kim Smith of Princeton. When asked about what it would mean to finally beat Miami and win the school's first women's outdoor title, Huddle's voice perked up.

"That would be awesome," she said. "We're always trying to beat them and it would be especially nice since they're leaving the Big East after this year."

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles and Calvin to meet in postseason

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

The Belles' wishes have come true and the team now prepares to take on Calvin in the first round of the upcoming MIAA tournament.

After Albion and Hope split a doubleheader Saturday, Saint Mary's locked up third place in the conference.

The double elimination postseason tournament begins this Friday at 11 a.m. at Alma College. Earlier this year, the Belles won the first game of a doubleheader against Calvin, only to drop the second against the Knights. Calvin is 11-3 in the MIAA and 19-13 overall, but the Belles believe they have just as good of a chance in the tournament as anyone.

"We are excited and pumped about achieving one of our team goals of making it to the tournament," Erin Sullivan said. "We are very confident in our chances of winning because we split with both Calvin and Albion, and we know that we can beat anyone by playing our game."

On the season, the Belles finished with a conference record of 9-5, and two of the losses came at the hands of top-seeded Alma. The record was a great improvement to last

year's 4-8 MIAA record.

Angie Ellison ended the season leading the team in batting average and hits, with 36, while teammate Marnie Walsh drove in 16 runs. Pitcher Kate Sajewich finished with a 10-6 record, and Libby Wilhelmy recorded four shutout victories.

Following Friday's morning game, Saint Mary's will take the field again at 3:30 or 5:30 p.m., depending on the earlier outcome. If the Belles win that next game, their season will resume Saturday afternoon.

The Belles are not looking that far ahead. But with almost a week layoff since playing Kalamazoo, the Belles have been focusing hard on their next game. A major part of practice has been concentrated on hitting, an area the Belles have improved in since the beginning of the season. An 11-2 run in early April reflects the hitting improvement.

"[Practice] hasn't been too much different," Katrina Tebbe said. "We're working on doing the little things right and driving the ball hard."

Understanding that two losses means the end of the season, Saint Mary's will lay it all on the line against Calvin this Friday.

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Matt Macri hit into a fielder's choice for the first out. Second baseman Zach Sisko then smacked a single, and both Macri and Sisko advanced a base on a passed ball.

With first base open, Ball State elected to walk designated hitter Matt Bransfield to load the bases for catcher Javi Sanchez. The senior captain delivered for the Irish with his second sacrifice fly of the night to tie the game at six.

Left fielder Steve Andres then hit a hot shot to first baseman Brad Miller, who misplayed the ball, but second baseman Kyle Dygert was there to gather in the ball and make the play at first to end the inning.

The game would remain scoreless until the bottom of the 15th inning, when Andres made good on his chance at redemption and

smacked a leadoff triple to the gap in right center. Right fielder Craig Cooper followed with a single to right, and Andres scored easily to win the game.

Miller provided most of the offense for Ball State Tuesday. The 6-foot-5 sophomore smacked a pair of home runs in his first two plate appearances against the Irish. Miller added a double in the 13th inning to finish the night 3-for-6 with 4 RBIs and 2 runs scored.

Following a difficult pair of losses at the hands of Pittsburgh Sunday, Mainieri feels that Tuesday night's win is the type of game that could really spur the Irish to great things.

"I told the guys after the game, in every year that I have been here, there's always been a game that we can point at and say, 'That game made our season. It was the turning point in our season,'" he said. "And I really believe that that's what that game was today for us."

The Irish will have little time to

savor the big win, however, as they return to the diamond today to host Cleveland State (9-20) at 6 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium.

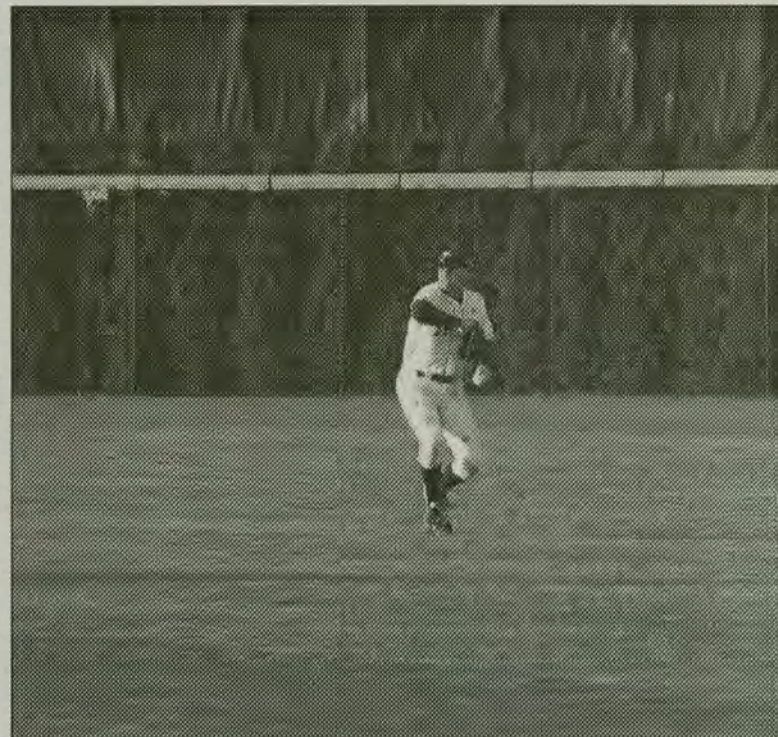
Notes:

♦ Tuesday's 15-inning marathon tied the record for the longest game played at Eck Stadium. The previous mark was a 5-3 win over West Virginia in 1998, which also lasted 15 innings.

♦ Ball State set a new school record for strikeouts in a game Tuesday night by fanning 20 times against Irish pitchers. The previous mark of 18 was set in 1950 in a game against Taylor University.

♦ The Irish tied the school record for batters hit by a pitch Tuesday night in the 11th inning when reserve infielder Tim Murray was plunked. It marked the 75th time this season an Irish batter had been hit by a pitch.

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Sophomore outfielder Craig Cooper knocked in the winning run in the 15th inning for the Irish victory Tuesday.

DePaul

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run in the top of the fourth, but came back right away to tie it up again on an RBI single by Meghan Ruthrauff. Sloppy defense cost the Irish the game in the sixth.

Starting pitcher Heather Booth made a throwing error that allowed DePaul's Sara Martz to score from third. The error also allowed Saskia Roberson to move to second on the play, where Ashley Parker replaced her as a pinch runner. Parker scored one batter later on Jessica Evans' RBI single.

Booth pitched a complete game, allowing four hits and striking out six.

The Irish found themselves down early in game two, as

well, as Sarah Douglas hit a solo home run off Steffany Stenglein in the second inning. That would be the only damage against Stenglein, who allowed only five hits while striking out four.

The Irish got all their runs in the third inning, as Carrie Wisen led off with a single. Sara Schoonaert attempted to bunt Wisen to second, but DePaul first baseman Roberson threw the ball wide of first base, which resulted in Irish runners at second and third.

Stephanie Brown delivered a double in the next at-bat to score both runners, but the Irish would score three straight outs to end the threat, including a double play that was the result of poor baserunning.

Notre Dame now stays at home this weekend to face two Big East opponents in double-

headers, going against Virginia Tech Friday and Pittsburgh Sunday. Virginia Tech is currently third place in the conference, behind Notre Dame and Villanova.

"I really believe that Virginia Tech is actually the second-best team in the Big East," Gumpf said. "They've had some tough losses, but they really have great pitching and we know they're going to be tough."

With a 12-0 record, the Irish are all but guaranteed of a berth in the Big East tournament. However, Gumpf doesn't want her players to get complacent.

"We have to prepare ourselves for the postseason," Gumpf said.

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was no point we thought we had it in the bag. It was really a team effort, since we were all in different draws, so we each needed to pull through and be successful. We had the support of our coaches, our teammates, and all our great fans, like Rudy Nkinzingabo, all year long, and we wanted to come through."

Knish got plenty of help from her teammates in clinching the victory. Kristen Palombo won the No. 2 singles title for the second consecutive year. For the third year in a row, Kaitlin Cutler won the No. 3 singles title and Kris Spriggle won the No. 4 singles title. Kate Bowler finished third in her first appearance in MIAA tournament play, and in the No.

6 singles spot, Miranda Mikulyuk placed fourth, improving her showing in the tournament from a year ago.

Knish made first team All-MIAA for the third straight year. Cutler and Palombo were both selected as members of the second team All-MIAA.

The big boost came from the No. 3 doubles team of Palombo and freshman Grace Gordon, who advanced all the way to the championship before taking second place.


Despite winning both their conference title and tournament, the Belles were passed over for an NCAA Tournament selection. Instead, the NCAA committee chose Albion, who placed higher in the Midwest Invitational earlier in the year.

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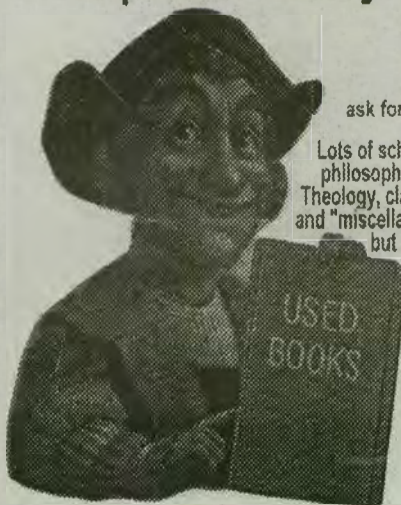
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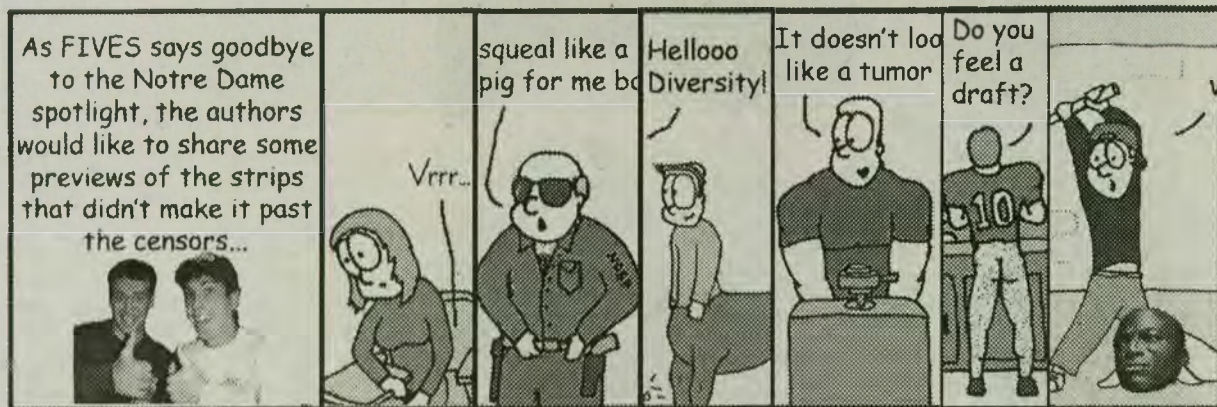
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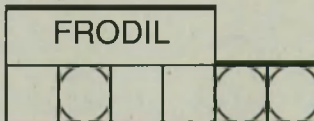
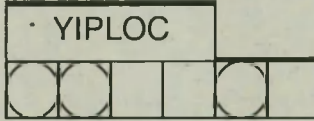
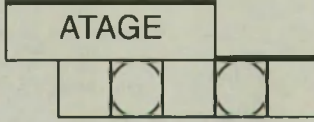
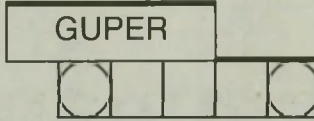


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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

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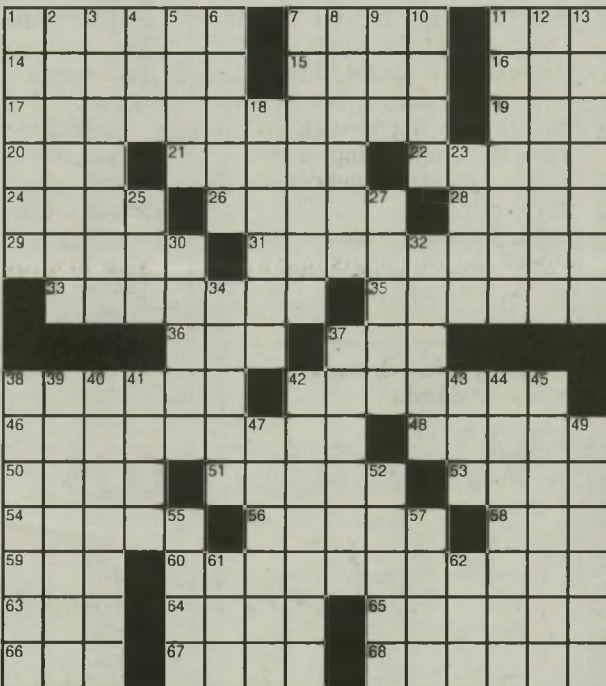
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Answer: What the feuding workers did in the sugar fields— "RAZED" CANE

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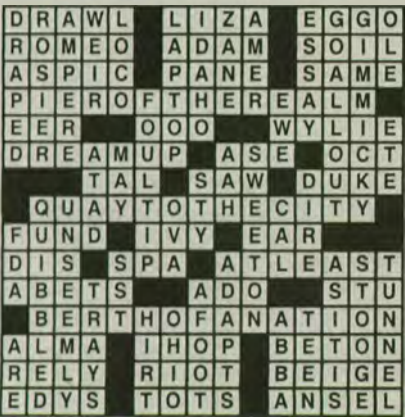
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- ACROSS
1 Leaves may be put in it
7 Prohibits
11 Sass
14 Like most plumbing nowadays
15 Mount SW of Messina
16 Suffix with Canton
17 Candice Bergen role
19 Our sun
20 Before
21 Kitchen wrap
22 Fisticuffs
24 Boxing locale
26 Bye-byes
28 Cheer (for)
29 Ginger cookies
31 Morning TV co-host
33 Felt smug
35 Supermarket divisions
36 ___ Zeppelin
37 First mate
38 Flourish
42 Deceive
46 "Paper Moon" actor
48 Laundromat appliance
50 Not fer
51 Rowdy ___ Clint Eastwood's role in "Rawhide"
53 Ocean predator
54 Ripple lovers
56 Bedding item
58 Brooch
59 Moon-landing vehicle, for short
60 Stephen Sondheim title character
63 Former Spanish queen
64 It may be grand
65 More loved
66 Hideout
67 Soaks (up)
68 One who might issue a challenge



Puzzle by A. J. Santora

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- DOWN
1 Track officials
2 Accustoming (to)
3 Kind of gland
4 Champagne-opening sound
5 Wonderment cries
6 Have a ___ (attempt)
7 Dressed down
8 Lacking a musical key
9 Hurricane dir.
10 Without
11 Clorox company household cleaner
12 Chemical relative
13 Jai alai balls
18 Put one's foot down?
23 Mufts one
25 Address abbr.
27 Poles and Czechs
30 Discharge from the military
32 Triangular road sign

- 34 Wee
37 Ford of the Ford Models agency
38 Fished with a net
39 Cleanliness
40 Dustin Hoffman film
41 ___ time flat
42 Marshall ___ (Eminem's real name)
43 Mancinelli's "___ e Leandro"
44 Many a taxi's destination
45 Judge
47 Not be so hard
49 Stopped flowing, as a stream
52 Burpee's pack- etful
55 Concordes
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61 Go a-courting
62 Light brown

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You need to spend time sorting through your work. Someone left a real mess for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You need to challenge yourself. Look into intellectual and physical games that will test your abilities.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't press your luck with your loved ones. It is best not to nag or criticize.

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BASEBALL

Niesel commands Irish to victory

Relief pitcher strikes out twelve batters as Irish win in fifteen

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Senior Staff Writer

Tuesday night's matchup between No. 8 Notre Dame (33-8) and Ball State (20-17) was brought to you by Chris Niesel and the letter "K."

The Irish right-hander pitched eight and one-third scoreless innings in relief and recorded a career-high 12 strikeouts as the Irish topped the Cardinals 7-6 in 15 innings.

"Niesel pitched the way that we've grown to love Chris Niesel," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said. "He went out there and competed for all he's worth. He was such a bulldog. He hadn't pitched to his capabilities all year, but this was the best he has pitched all year."

Niesel came into the game in the sixth inning with the Irish trailing 6-3, but he retired 10 straight batters to keep the Irish within striking distance as Notre Dame mounted a comeback.

"[Niesel] competed so hard.

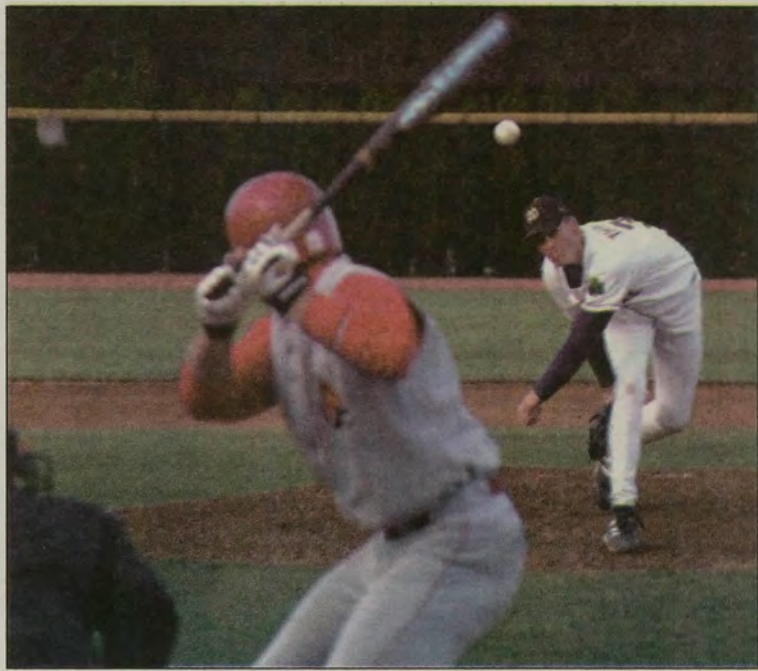
He just wanted it bad, you could see it in his eyes," Mainieri said. "He wouldn't let me take him out of the game. He just wanted to win and compete, and that's what champions do. They have guys that want the ball in their hands at crunch time."

Niesel finally yielded the mound to closer Ryan Doherty with one out in the 14th inning, but not after retiring 25 of 29 batters in pitching nearly a whole game in relief.

"Pretty much all of my pitches I hit my spots with," Niesel said. "I used my curve ball to get some strikes early in the count and get ahead of batters. I did a great job of getting ahead of guys, which helped me use my fastball with two strikes to strike guys out."

Doherty actually got the win for the Irish, pitching one and two-thirds innings of perfect baseball and striking out four Cardinal batters for his fifth win on the season. Doherty earned some redemption for blowing a save against Pittsburgh Sunday as the Irish blew a three-run lead in the ninth.

"Ryan Doherty — after the tough outing the other day at Pittsburgh — showed a lot of fortitude by coming back the



Tom Thornton, above, started the game against Ball State. Chris Niesel's stellar relief helped in the 15-inning victory.

CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

way he did [Tuesday]," Mainieri said. "...The thing is you want to get them right back on the horse as quickly as possible. He showed what a competitor he is. He did the job for us, and he got some big outs."

After falling behind 6-3, Notre

Dame used single runs in the seventh and eighth innings to narrow the lead to a run.

Shortstop Greg Lopez led off the ninth inning with a walk for the Irish, but third baseman

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SMC TENNIS

Belles win league by one point

By RYAN DUFFY
Sports Writer

After a season filled with plenty of close matches and inspiring play, Saint Mary's closed out its year on top Saturday winning the 2004 MIAA Tournament. The conference win reaffirmed the Belles dominance within the MIAA after a 2004 Team Title victory earlier in the year.

The Belles captured their fourth straight MIAA Tournament Title by a single point, beating out runner-up Albion College 79.5 to 78.5.

"It was incredible," said Jeannie Knish, who finished third in singles. "We won the conference and the tourney. It was so exciting to win the whole thing."

The close call with Albion also made the championship more thrilling.

"It was incredible to win by one point," Knish said. "There

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish exercise Demons and split with DePaul

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Perhaps Notre Dame should stop scheduling teams from Chicago.

For the second time this season, the Irish were knocked off at Ivy Field by a team from the Chicago area, as DePaul took



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Steffany Stenglein won her seventh straight start.

care of Notre Dame 3-1 in game one of a doubleheader Tuesday night. Notre Dame was able to come back in the second game, 2-1, to salvage a split with the Blue Demons.

The Irish lost a game at home earlier this season against Illinois*Chicago, 4-3 in 10 innings March 15. Last season, the Irish were swept at Ivy Field by Northwestern.

Despite her team's loss to DePaul Tuesday, Irish coach Deanna Gumpf was not all that upset with Notre Dame's performance.

"We had such good opportunities in both games but we weren't quite able to make it happen," she said. "I think the girls know what we need to do, it's just a matter of doing it everytime."

"We went against two very good pitchers today but I thought we still did a good job of hitting."

Notre Dame (40-14) gave up a

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ROWING

Women crowned champions

By CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG
Sports Writer

The women's rowing team has enjoyed a stellar week, collecting awards both on and off the water.

The Irish swept their varsity races on Sunday to win their first Big East Women's Rowing Challenge title on Worcester's Lake Quinsigamond. Head coach Martin Stone was also named Big East Coach of the Year.

On Monday, several rowers were honored for their work in the classroom, including Megan Sanders who received the Top Gun Award at the 12th Annual Academic Excellence Awards Dinner.

The Irish, who lost to Syracuse in the last three BIG EAST competitions, triumphed in four out of five races for a team total of 116 points, outscoring Miami, Syracuse, Rutgers, Georgetown, Boston College, Connecticut, Villanova and West Virginia. With four individual race wins, Notre

Dame tied Syracuse's 2002

crew for the most number of victories at one challenge.

Maureen Gibbons, cox, Natalie Ladin, Alice Bartek, Meghan Boyle, Rachel Polinski, Melissa Felker, Katie Chenowith, Danielle Protasewich and Jacqueline Hazen led the varsity eight-crew to a time of 6:54.89.

The Irish also dominated in the second varsity eight race as Kacy McCaffrey, cox, Kati Sedun, Kathleen Welsh, Jessica Guzik, Jenna Redgate, Elizabeth Specht, Megan Sanders, Danielle Stealy

and Andrea Doud had a first-place finish in 7:09.17, winning the Grand Final more than four seconds ahead of the Hoya boat.

"We craved gold at the Big East as a team today because for the seniors it was four hard

years in the making," McCaffrey said. "What made this day special was that it was a complete team effort with four golds and a team championship to show in the end."

Notre Dame's Kathryn Long, cox, Katie O'Hara, Kristen Mizzi, Pamela Jefson and Ashley St. Pierre

garnered another Irish win when their varsity four-boat won the Grand Final race. With a 7:36.66 finish, the Irish easily won, nine seconds ahead of their closest competitors, the Hurricanes.

"There are no individual victories in rowing. It really has to be a group effort," Long said. "It felt amazing to win the Varsity Four, but I was just as thrilled watching the other boats sprint for the finish line to take first place."

Finally, the Irish had equally an impressive showing in the

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

ND TRACK
Big East Outdoor Championships

Weekend
Rutgers hosts the championships this year.

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Saint Mary's vs. Calvin

The three-seed Belles play in the Knights in the first round of MIAA postseason play.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE
Big East Championships

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The Irish meet the winner of Virginia Tech and Syracuse.

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Maddox furious at Steelers

The Pittsburgh quarterback met with coach Bill Cowher to discuss the draft of Ben Roethlisberger.

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Lobos may use live mascot

The University of New Mexico is considering the use of a live silver wolf for its mascot.

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NCAA BASKETBALL
Deng declares he will test draft

The Duke freshman will test the NBA draft but will leave open the option to return to college.

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