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Students take leave to go abroad

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

With more than two dozen study abroad programs in countries throughout the world, Notre Dame offers an off-campus learning experience for nearly every major and academic pursuit.

But for junior Brian Ching, his course of study led him away from University-sponsored sites to a unique program for seminarians in Belgium. Ching took a leave of absence from the College of Arts and Letters during the spring semester to study at Katholike Universiteit Leuven — the Catholic University of Leuven.

Joan Clark, departmental administrator for the Office of International Studies, said from fall 2004 through summer 2005, a total of 1,284 students studied abroad. The majority — 1,063 students — studied through Notre Dame or Saint Mary's programs, but 221 students used outside programs.

But the process isn't always easy. Notre Dame encourages its students to study through University-run programs rather than those of other schools, said Dennis Jacobs, Vice President and Associate Provost.

Leave of absence for study purposes, he said, should be a very rare occurrence.

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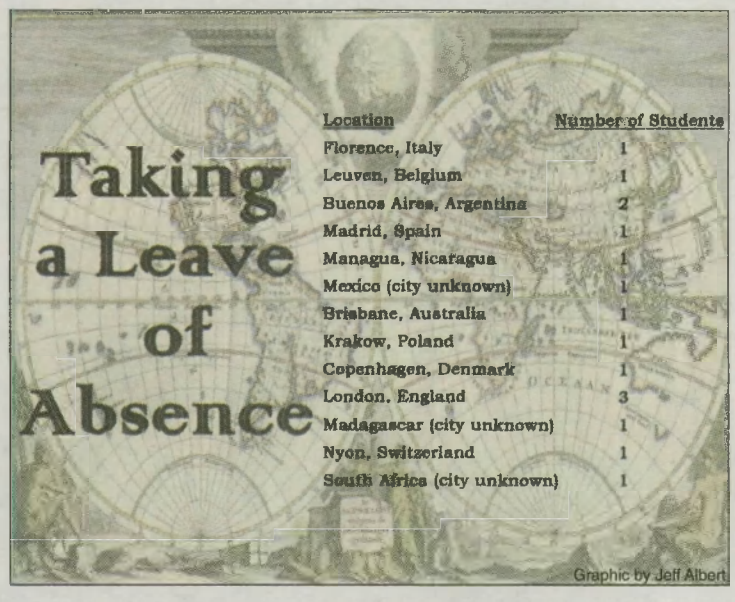

SMC printing clusters to charge fees

KRISTY KING/The Observer

Natalie Beck prints out documents in Trumper computer lab at Saint Mary's. The College will begin assessing fees for printing next year.

Print quotas will put limits on paper use

By EMILY LAVELLE
News Writer

Saint Mary's students used to free printing in campus computer clusters will be confronted with a "pay-to-print" system to be implemented by Information Technology this fall.

The transition from a free printing system to a payment program has been underway for a long time, chief information officer Keith Fowlkes said. Fowlkes assisted in making the decision to adopt such a program.

"It's not abnormal that we are moving to 'pay to print' software," he said. "Saint Mary's is actually one of the last schools to make the switch. Many schools, including Notre Dame, have had similar programs for years."

Once the system is implemented in fall of 2006, Hausman said, students will be given a print quota. Once they exceed this allotment of pages they will be charged money to print, she said.

While the College has taken student perspectives into consideration, the decision to implement the "pay to print" system is final, said Kathy Hausman of Information Technology. Students may see test models appear as early as this spring.

"We hope [students] have a chance to see the software and become familiar with it before the print quota and charges for exceeding the quota are in

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Honorary degrees announced

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Editor

Joining the more than 2,000 undergraduate and advanced degree candidates receiving diplomas at Notre Dame's 161st Commencement exercises May 21 will be 12 prominent visitors — including Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Harper Lee, the University announced in a statement Tuesday.

Lee

Along with keynote speaker Irish President Mary McAleese, the recipients — three women and 10 men, including McAleese — will be awarded honorary degrees from the University acknowledging their work in a wide spectrum of professional fields.

Honorary degrees are conferred in recognition of the accomplishments of various individuals. Students, faculty and staff members are all allowed to nominate a person for an honorary degree. University officers, including University President Father John Jenkins, narrow down the pool. Honorees do not necessarily need a connection to the University.

Landrum Bolling, a leader in higher education whose many former roles include president and chairman of the board of Lilly Endowment Inc., chairman and chief executive officer of the

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Service-seekers turn to Holy Cross Associates

HCA sends grads to non-profit agencies

By ADRIENNE RUFFNER
News Writer

For 2005 Notre Dame graduates Matt Kuczora and Petula Fernandes, entering the real world meant confronting and working to solve real problems.

Both alums are working for Holy Cross Associates (HCA), a post-graduate service program that gives graduates the opportunity to both serve the community and to grow in faith.

"HCA allows you the freedom and space to decide how you will live your life as individual and as a community during your year of service," Fernandes said.

Each year, about two-thirds of the 30 to 35 associates come from Notre Dame, with the remaining third drawn from colleges around the country.

HCA sends its associates to six sites across the United States, including one in South Bend and one international site in Chile. At each site, four to seven associates live together in communities and work for non-profit agencies.

"I believe [HCA] is important to the Holy Cross Congregation because it gets young people involved in work that previously priests would only do," said Mark Druyos, assistant director of Holy Cross Associates. "The purpose is to get lay people involved in Holy Cross ministries."

The Congregation of the Holy

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Investigator embraces new role

Villere proposes 'Common Sense' safety precautions

By KATIE KOHLER
News Writer

As the academic year comes to a close for students, the end marks a new beginning for Kim Villere, Saint Mary's new security investigator and program coordinator.

Villere, who took over on March 23, said she plans to continue some of the programs implemented by predecessor Patty Rolens as well as initiate some of her own.

Rolens left her job at Saint Mary's to fulfill her previous position in the Mishawaka Police Department as a dispatcher, she said Tuesday.

Villere has a strong background in security and law enforcement. As a South Bend police officer in the early 1990s, she worked her way from road patrol officer to under-

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KRISTY KING/The Observer

New Saint Mary's security investigator Kim Villere, right, talks to dispatcher Nimbilasha Cushing.

Inside Column

Maturity, personalized

Sam Pandolfo

advertising executive

I'm 22 years old, and even though I don't act like it 90 percent of the time I've always managed to see things for what they are. I tend to be laid back, level headed, and unaffected by stress.

This is not magic, its maturity. (If you know me, you're laughing, but please read on)

Now what does maturity have to do with anything? It's college right? Yeah, college, the place where we can pretty much do whatever we want (before 2 a.m.) while developing into responsible, young adults who will get jobs, raise families and contribute at least $50 a year to stay eligible for football tickets.

I digress. My point is we're all supposed to be mindful of our surroundings as we tumble around in the lottery barrel of life waiting for our time to be plucked out of our drunken stupor and placed into the real world.

Today, I'm asking you all to think about where you are as we approach that moment.

I've read countless Viewpoints and entertained hundreds of conversations full of complaints about other people's actions and thoughts. I've even written some and done some complaining myself.

What bothers me the most is the continual disregard for originality and creativity. By today's standards of political correctness, we can't even go into a bathroom without offending someone.

Think about it for a second. No one can really do anything without offending someone. Politics, university life, sports, love, eating, dating, sleeping, having sex, driving a car, making a joke or drawing a comic — it doesn't matter what you do in life, someone, somewhere is going to be offended by it to the point that they demand that you stop.

Here's the crazy part. All of these things that we do, that may offend someone, are what makes life real. These are the things that we're passionate about doing, and at the end of the day you have to be confident enough to tune out objection and do what you love doing. You have to be yourself.

Don't confuse my stance with hedonism, there are always lines that shouldn't be crossed and things that will always be wrong. My point is, let things greater than people and societies determine what you will or won't do. Everyone has a different reason for getting up every morning — be it faith, love, humor, work — and no one can tell you that it's a bad reason.

There may be a trick to this kind of maturity after all. It's some weird combination of confidence and fear reinforced by people and things that you value. So do whatever you want, but when you have to grow up remember that it's quite possible the person next to you got up today for an entirely different reason and it isn't your role to judge.

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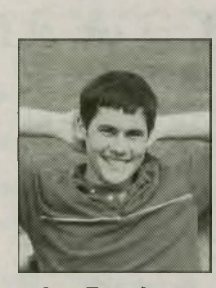
The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Corrections

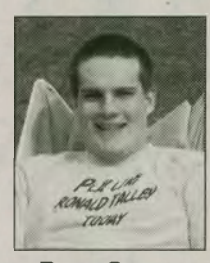
Due to a reporting error in Tuesday's issue of The Observer Saint Mary's Vice President of Enrollment Management Dan Meyer was incorrectly identified as Dan Brown. The Observer regrets the error.

Question of the Day: *What would you like to see in the proposed college town?*



Jay Branham
freshman
Alumni

"I want an Alumni 2."



Ryan Crane
freshman
Alumni

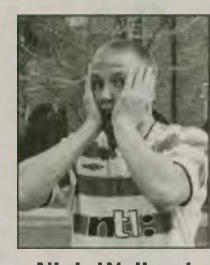
"I'll take a Notre Dame-themed amusement park."

Andy Ostrowski
sophomore
Dillon

"Two Denny's."

Andy Hellmuth
sophomore
Dillon

"As long as there's a Discovery Zone I'll be happy."



Nick Weiland
sophomore
Dillon

"As long as I don't run into Andy Hellmuth."

Laura Rings
sophomore
Welsh Family

"I just want Chipotle."

KIRSTEN HOELMER/The Observer

The cancer awareness and survivor tree, dedicated by black Notre Dame alumni, was decorated with ribbons Tuesday. Each colored ribbon represents a different type of cancer. Ribbons are available at the Eck Center.

Offbeat

Burglar steals cameras, forgets tape

ELKO, Nev. — A man accused of burglarizing a laundromat in Elko figured he made a clean escape over the weekend when he took off with the store's six video surveillance cameras.

But it turns out he left some rather compelling evidence behind — the video machine and videotape that recorded his face each time he stood in front of the cameras at the Southside Laundry.

Elko police said they came away with several close-ups of the suspect, Robert Lynn White, 52, Elko.

And even if the portraits were a little fuzzy, police said they would have been able to easily identify him because he was wearing cowboy chaps and a trench coat, the usual attire he wears around town.

Teen goes on 911-dialing spree

BUFFALO, N.Y. — A teenage girl acknowledged making about 1,000 fake 911 calls from her cell phone, laughing, taunting and saying, "You can't catch me," police said Monday.

Police said some of the calls made this month lasted several minutes, and one lasted an hour.

The girl was charged over the weekend with two counts of misdemeanor falsely reporting an incident for allegedly making six fake 911 calls from a local church phone Saturday.

"She didn't give us a reason for doing this," Chief of Detectives Dennis Richards said. "She was very disrespectful, and she said that she was going to keep calling 911."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

In Brief

Today from **11-11:30 p.m.** the **Asian American Association** will host a Night Grotto visit **today**. Meet in front of **Bond Hall.**

Notre Dame baseball will take on **Manchester** at **5:05 p.m. today** at **Frank Eck Stadium**.

Notre Dame political science professor **John Griffin** will give a lecture titled **"Race and Political Influence in America" today** at **4 p.m.** in the **Law School Courtroom.**

AcoustiCafe will take place at **10 p.m. Thursday** in the **LaFortune basement**.

A **Tenebrae Service** will take place **Thursday** at **11 p.m.** in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

"Ben Hur", the 1959 film starring Charlton Heston, will be shown at **7 p.m. Thursday** in the **Browning Cinema** in the **Debartolo Performing Arts Center.**

Notre Dame softball will play a doubleheader against **DePaul Thursday** starting at **4 p.m.** at **Ivy Field.**

Notre Dame men's tennis will face **Louisville Thursday** at **3:30 p.m.** at the **Courtnet Tennis Center.**

Notre Dame baseball will take on St. John's at **12:05 p.m. Saturday** at **Frank Eck Stadium**.

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

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Ball players share memories of league

NICOLE ZOOK/The Observer

Former members of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League speak in the Saint Mary's Student Center on April 2.

Women's teams drew large crowds during World War II years

By NICOLE ZOOK
Senior Staff Writer

They may have looked unassuming with their glasses and walkers, but the three older women in the Saint Mary's Vander Vennet Theater were once known as superstars in the world of professional sports.

Janet "Pee Wee" Sears, Betsy "Sockum" Jochum and Fran "Big Red" Janssen are former members of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League (AAGPBL), but they didn't have to come from cities near and far to talk about their experiences playing ball during World War II — the three women, who spoke to an small gathering of baseball aficionados in the College's Student Center on April 2, are all local to the South Bend area.

The women spoke about what it was like to play baseball, how the sport has changed, being a woman in the man's world of athletics in the 1940s and 50s when it was unheard of for women to play any sport professionally and, of course, the movie "A League of Their Own."

"I just liked to play ball. I lived on a farm, and my brother and I would play," Janssen said. "I didn't even play organized ball until I got to Fort Wayne and joined a softball team."

The women in the league were often traded "to keep the league even," Janssen said, and they lived with families in their team's towns.

Jochum said the players practiced every single day at 5 a.m., and practices and games were radically different than how the game is played today.

"We didn't have the warm-up like they do now, we ran laps," she said. "There were no team warm-ups. Pitchers were sort of on their own."

There was also no bullpen, Sears said, and coaches would let any player from the bench or outfield with a good arm try pitching during games.

The AAGPBL players wore skirts as part of their ladylike uniforms and faced a fair amount of discrimination from men who thought women shouldn't be playing baseball.

"I liked [the uniforms] — except for sliding," Jochum said. "It was especially bad in South Bend because there were cinders at home plate."

"It was interesting to go to each town and read the articles in the newspapers," Janssen said. "Usually, men's sportswriters would write about these ladies coming to town to play baseball ... usually they had some smart headlines, but a lot of fans came to see the games."

Women's baseball — and the AAGPBL — has been experiencing a resurgence in popularity since "A League of Their Own" was released in 1992. The three women credited its director Penny Marshall, an avid AAGPBL memorabilia collector, for breathing new life into the sport.

"I just liked to play ball. I lived on a farm, and my brother and I would play."

Fran "Big Red" Janssen former professional woman baseball player

"We were unknown until the movie started," Jochum said. "Otherwise, we never talked about the league."

Despite small inaccuracies the movie depicted, like players living in fan's homes and chaperones never entering the dressing rooms, Sears said it was an accurate portrayal of the AAGPBL experience.

"The movie was quite good, I thought," she said. "I thought it captured the basic essence of the whole league."

One audience member asked Sears if the players actually sang the AAGPBL song at the league's 1988 induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame "like at the end of the movie."

"Oh yeah, that's our song!" Sears said. "I tell you what, when you see your name up on that list at Cooperstown ... I got tears."

The women said the players still remain in contact, and 438 attended the league's 50th reunion a few years back to reminisce about their days in the AAGPBL and how much playing baseball has affected their lives.

"It was the experience of a lifetime, really, especially for 1943," Sears said.

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Professors awared fellowship

Cobb, Douthwaite among 187 recipients of prestigious Guggenheim

Special to The Observer

Two University of Notre Dame faculty members are among the 187 artists, scholars, and scientists receiving prestigious Guggenheim fellowships this year, according to an announcement last week from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation.

Paul M. Cobb, associate professor history and fellow of the Medieval Institute, and Julia V. Douthwaite, professor of French and assistant provost for international studies, were elected Guggenheim fellows from a field of some 3,000 applicants.

Cobb, a specialist in Islamic social and cultural history, is the author of a recently published biography of a 12th century Syrian hero entitled "Usama ibn Munqidh: Warrior Poet of the Age of Crusade." Douthwaite, a specialist in 18th and early 19th century French literature, is at work on a literary history of the French Revolution. She is the author of two books and the co-editor of three volumes of essays in her field.

Guggenheim fellowships have been given annually since 1925 to writers, playwrights, painters, sculptors, photographers, film makers, choreographers, physical and biological scientists, social scientists and scholars in the humanities "on the basis of distinguished achievement in the past and exceptional promise for future accomplishment." Past fellows include photographer Ansel Adams, composer Aaron Copland, poet Langston Hughes, scientist Linus Pauling and novelist Eudora Welty.

Study looks at female role models

Special to The Observer

A study by two University of Notre Dame political scientists shows that the more women politicians are made visible in national news coverage, the more likely young women are to become politically active.

David Campbell and Christina Wolbrecht, authors of "See Jane Run: Women Politicians as Role Models for Adolescents," found that female adolescents' interest in politics is heightened by female candidates — in particular, those campaigning for high-profile offices.

"A highly visible woman in the future — perhaps even as the top of a major party presidential ticket — has the potential to generate significant interest in political activity," the authors report.

Campbell and Wolbrecht found that girls' increased interest in politics can be initiated by women running for office and, then, further heightened by discussions with a parent or another adult family member.

"Visible female candidates trigger conversations about politics between parents and their adolescent daughters, familiarizing girls with the political world and leading them to envision themselves as participants in politics," according to the authors.

The study was published in the March edition of "The Journal of Politics."

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 2002, Campbell is an assistant professor of political science and faculty fellow in the Institute for Educational Initiatives. In 2002, he received a national award for the best dissertation in American government from the American Political Science Association for his dissertation titled "How Communities and Schools Shape Civic Engagement." His areas of specialty include American politics, political participation, religion and politics, and educational policy.

The Packey J. Dee Associate Professor of Political Science, Wolbrecht has been a member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1997. She is the author of the award-winning book "The Politics of Women's Rights: Parties, Positions, and Change." Her areas of specialty include American politics, political parties, interest groups, mass behavior, and gender politics.

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All students are welcome to attend.

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dedicate themselves to service. Each associate serves a one-year term, receives health insurance and is eligible for an Americorps grant of more than $4,000.

Kuczora works in Coachella, Calif. for the Coachella Valley Housing Coalition, a non-profit housing developer that has built more than 2,700 homes for low-income families.

"With gorgeous scenery, year-round warm weather and tremendous wealth, the Coachella Valley is also home to some of the poorest communities in the country, all within about 30 miles of each other," Kuczora said.

"I wanted an experience that would incorporate different aspects of my life into the daily service work that I would be doing."

Matt Kuczora
2005 graduate

Kuczora said he works on "the structural side of service." He writes grants and researches housing trends and legislation. An accountancy major at Notre Dame, he said he was especially prepared for this position because he learned business skills that have proved crucial to his new job.

"Business majors can do a year of service too," Kuczora said. "Actually, having a business degree of any type is very valuable in the non-profit world and much sought after."

"The structural side of service is not the traditional idea of a year of service but it can be just as rewarding."

Matt Kuczora
2005 graduate

Fernandes is involved with Catholic Charities in Phoenix, where she works for a refugee resettlement program.

"I do not have any specific day-to-day duties, but I get lots of direct client contact and I have learned quite a bit about adjusting to life in the [United States] as a refugee and a lot about basic human need," she said.

HCA's mission stands upon four pillars — service, spirituality, community and simple lifestyle. Associates embrace these pillars in their work, social lives and living arrangements.

"I wanted an experience that would incorporate different aspects of my life into the daily service work that I would be doing," Kuczora said. "I found the simple living in a spiritual community to be a unique aspect that wasn't part of many other service programs."

Kuczora said he chose HCA over other post-graduation service organizations because he was attracted to HCA's dedication to faith. Fernandes said HCA provides a good foundation for a life committed to social justice.

HCA has received 21 applications for the 2006-07 year, Druyos said. But interested students still have until mid-May to apply, he said, although the priority due date is April 15.

In addition to filing an application, applicants must supply two essays and three references along with an interview.

"Usually students are accepted into the program," Druyos said. "We have lots of positions available, and if you're a good candidate, we're going to find a place for you."

Both Fernandes and Kuczora testified to the value of HCA, both for the associates and the people they serve.

"The structural side of service is not the traditional idea of a year of service but it can be just as rewarding," Kuczora said. "Last week, for example, we completed a ten million dollar grant application to fund a new 200-unit affordable housing development ...

"Ten million dollars to help a thousand people — that certainly gives you a sense of accomplishment."

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Absences

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"These kinds of leaves of absence should be extraordinary and the cases should be compelling or strong," Jacobs said. "The reasons for study abroad are not just 'I want to be in a country that's interesting, warm or fun,' but involves a set of courses that they couldn't find in South Bend or in any of the other programs."

To study abroad in an outside program during the academic year, a student takes a leave of absence from his college. The dean of the college must approve the leave of absence, and then the request is sent to the registrar's office. During the 2005-06 academic year, a total of 74 students took an approved leave of absence for medical, personal or study reasons.

"The program has enabled me to get an abroad experience while retaining seminary life, the Liturgy of the Hours, daily Eucharist, spiritual direction, etc."

Brian Ching
Notre Dame junior

Of these 74, 16 received study leaves of absence, said Jennie Bracket, Grading and Academic Records Specialist for the Office of the Registrar.

Ching, a political science major enrolled in the Old College Undergraduate Seminary Program, became interested in Leuven after the director of the Old College program described it as "a place to send a seminarian to study abroad without taking him out of a seminary."

"The program has enabled me to get an abroad experience while retaining seminary life, the Liturgy of the Hours, daily Eucharist, spiritual direction, etc.," Ching said in an e-mail.

In the College of Science, Associate Dean Sister Cathleen Cannon oversees applications for study leaves of absence. Cannon regulates the number of leaves by verifying the absence is for academic reasons and not just so the student can go abroad.

"I ask the student to write a statement of how this is going to advance their academic program," Cannon said. "Decisions are made based on academic priorities."

To ensure the prospective curriculum is equivalent to courses given at Notre Dame, Cannon researches the student's desired school and program and evaluates whether Notre Dame will accept transfer grades from the school. In some cases, Cannon knows from past experiences that certain schools and programs are unreliable at sending transcripts back.

"I want them to be sure that they are getting good information and that they know before they go whether classes will count or how they will count," Cannon said.

Samuel Gaglio, assistant dean of the Mendoza College of Business, said the most frequent reason he has had students apply for study leaves of absence in the past is because they were not accepted into any of the Notre Dame programs.

"When a student asks me about it, there has to be a significant academic component...that could be an exception," Gaglio said.

In the architecture and engineering colleges, the instance of study leaves of absence is much less frequent. John Uhran, senior associate dean in the College of Engineering, said during the past three years only one student has taken a study leave of absence.

"It is not an issue in the College of Engineering," Uhran said.

In the rare case that a student does study abroad, Uhran researches the prospective school's reputation, the courses offered and the course syllabi to ensure "quality control."

Uhran said it is the College's goal to graduate its students in four years, pointing out that many of the approximately 40 percent of each class of engineering students who go abroad do so in the summer.

The School of Architecture is unique in that a study abroad program is built into the curriculum — third year students spend two semesters studying in Rome. Assistant Dean Father Richard Bullene said he has never been approached by an architecture student asking for a study leave of absence.

"Theoretically, we would entertain the thought of if someone has a grand idea," Bullene said. "I suppose I could imagine it, but it has never happened."

Assistant Dean Jennifer Nemecek in the College of Arts and Letters said leaves of absence are a great option for students who fail to find a program that suits their needs in the regular study abroad offerings.

"It's a wonderful program to complement a student's academic portfolio," Nemecek said. This year, Arts and Letters students took leaves of absence to countries including Argentina, Madagascar and Switzerland.

For Ching, a leave of absence has given him a chance to study abroad while continuing his academic course and seminary training.

"There is a much broader and greater variety of views and it gives me a chance to meet other seminarians who are studying for a diocese and enables me to grow in my understanding of the Priesthood, both in the diocesan and consecrated religious context," Ching said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Suicide bomber kills 41 in public park

KARACHI, Pakistan — A suicide attacker detonated a bomb during an outdoor Sunni Muslim prayer service Tuesday, killing at least 41 people and wounding dozens. In the mayhem that followed, angry mobs torched cars and hurled rocks at police, who fired warning shots in the air.

The attacker blew himself up near leaders of the Sunni Tehrik religious group, which helped organize the prayer service at a downtown Karachi park, police chief Niaz Siddiqui said.

The religious leaders were sitting near a stage erected in front of the thousands of Sunni Muslims marking the birth of Islam's Prophet Muhammad. Several leaders were killed.

"The bomber used about 5 kilograms [11 pounds] of explosives obtained locally, and we have collected his body parts," Siddiqui told The Associated Press.

Prodi narrowly wins Italian election

ROME — Center-left economist Romano Prodi emerged the winner of Italy's election by a razor-thin margin Tuesday, promising to form a strong government able to run a deeply divided country mired in economic stagnation. But Premier Silvio Berlusconi claimed voting irregularities and demanded a recount.

The dispute could usher in a period of uncertainty over the results, a process which could take weeks. The outcome of the election must be approved by Italy's highest court, and it is up the president to give the head of the winning coalition a mandate to form a government

Even if the result is confirmed, prospects of a stable government under Prodi look cloudy at best. Many fear a return to the political chaos that has characterized Italian history since the end of World War II. There have been 60 governments in about as many years.

NATIONAL NEWS

Rumsfeld defends Iraq war policies

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and his top military leader on Tuesday issued their strongest rebuttal to date of recent comments by retired generals criticizing Iraq war planning and calling on Rumsfeld to resign.

In particular, Rumsfeld said he didn't recall retired Lt. Gen. Gregory Newbold raising any objections to the war planning when he was working in the Pentagon for the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"He never raised an issue publicly or privately when he was here that I know of," said Rumsfeld. "An awful lot of people around here were not shy about giving their views. ... But in terms of why he would come up with this now, I just can't speak to that."

Disaster reform to be ready June 1

WASHINGTON — Systems to track supplies, aid victims and deliver quick information to all levels of government during a disaster will be ready by the June 1 start of the hurricane season, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said Tuesday.

The changes are among 11 top emergency response priorities identified by the White House after last year's plodding federal response to Hurricane Katrina.

Chertoff said all 11 reforms will be in place by the hurricane season's start. But he noted that much of the success or failure in responding to disasters will depend on how well state and local officials work with Washington and have their own emergency plans in place.

LOCAL NEWS

IU student dies after fraternity event

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Authorities are seeking answers in the death of an Indiana University student who died after a weekend fraternity event in Kentucky.

Junior Christine Wampler, 21, died at the University of Louisville Hospital Sunday morning, after her date found her unresponsive in a hotel bathroom, said Robert Fraction, a deputy coroner from the Louisville, Ky., coroner's office.

An autopsy did not uncover the cause of her death, and results of toxicology tests will take six to eight weeks, Fraction said.

IRAN

Leader reveals nuclear abilities

White House presses for U.N. to impose restrictions on uranium enrichment

Associated Press

TEHRAN — Iran's hardline president said Tuesday that the country "has joined the club of nuclear countries" by successfully enriching uranium for the first time — a key process in what Iran maintains is a peaceful energy program.

The announcement from President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was certain to heighten international tensions surrounding Iran's nuclear program. The U.N. Security Council has demanded that Iran stop all enrichment by April 28 because of suspicions the program is designed to make nuclear weapons.

Ahmadinejad warned the West that trying to force it to abandon uranium enrichment would "cause an everlasting hatred in the hearts of Iranians."

The head of the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency, Mohamed ElBaradei, was heading to Iran on Wednesday for talks aimed at resolving the standoff. The timing of the announcement suggested Iran wanted to present him with a fait accompli and argue that it cannot be expected to entirely give up a program showing progress.

Former president Hashemi Rafsanjani, a powerful member of Iran's ruling clerical regime, said the breakthrough means ElBaradei "faces new circumstances."

The White House, which is pressing for U.N. sanctions against Iran, said the enrichment claims "show that Iran is moving in the wrong direction."

"Defiant statements and actions only further isolate the regime from the rest of the world," said White House spokesman Scott McClellan.

Britain's Foreign Office issued a statement reiterating the U.N. call for a halt to enrichment work and warned that "if Iran does not comply, the Security Council will revisit the issue."

AP

Iran president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad speaks in Mashad, Iran Tuesday during a nationally televised speech where he announced the country had enriched uranium.

The Iranian enrichment announcement "is not particularly helpful," it said.

Uranium enrichment can produce either fuel for a nuclear energy reactor — as Iran says it seeks — or the material needed for an atomic warhead.

Tuesday's announcement does not mean Iran is immediately capable of doing either. So far it has succeeded only in getting a series of 164 centrifuges to work in the enrichment process. Thousands of centrifuges are needed for a workable program.

But successfully carrying out the highly complicated and delicate process even on a small scale would be a breakthrough, and Iran's nuclear chief said the program would be expanded to 3,000 centrifuges by the end of the year.

Ahmadinejad announced it at a nationally televised ceremony clearly aimed at drumming up popular Iranian support for the nuclear program. He addressed an audience that included top military commanders and clerics in an ornate hall in one of Iran's holiest cities, Mashhad. Before he spoke, screens on the stage showed footage of nuclear facilities and scientists at work.

"At this historic moment, with the blessings of God Almighty and the efforts made by our scientists, I declare here that the laboratory-scale nuclear fuel cycle has been completed and young scientists produced enriched uranium needed to the degree for nuclear power plants Sunday," Ahmadinejad said.

"I formally declare that Iran has joined the club of nuclear countries," he said. The crowd broke into cheers of "Allahu akbar," or "God is great."

As part of the ceremony, costumed dancers performed on the stage, holding aloft vials of raw uranium and also chanting "Allahu akbar."

Moussaoui jury shown 9/11 photos

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Jurors weighing the fate of Sept. 11 conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui were shown gruesome photographs Tuesday of bodies burned inside the Pentagon and heard from two determined military officers who crawled almost blindly through falling debris, choking smoke and searing heat to safety.

Despite Judge Leonie Brinkema's warning on Monday that too much highly emotional evidence could imperil a death sentence on appeal, prosecutors showed the most gut-wrenching evidence yet in a trial studded with horrific images. The images came from the mammoth military headquarters just a few miles from the courtroom.

In the third day of testimony from relatives of 9/11 victims, the jurors showed little emotion. One man discreetly wiped his face with a tissue; on earlier days as many as six of the 17 jurors and alternates did so.

After a three-minute bench conference to argue with the defense over what could be shown, prosecutors displayed photos of a charred body on a blue stretcher, another charred body sitting upright inside a wrecked Pentagon office, several charred bodies piled together inside another destroyed office and a small torso covered with ash on a blue stretcher. The mostly intact bodies had barely discernible facial features.

Each picture was displayed for a few seconds. Within minutes, the jury left for lunch.

Moments later with judge and jury gone, Moussaoui defiantly shouted to spectators as he was led out: "Burn all Pentagon next time."

Jurors also heard from two officers who may have been saved by their military training, Lt. Col. John Thurman, who was a major working on Army promotion policies on the Pentagon's second floor on 9/11, and Lt. Nancy McKeown, who was working on the first floor as chief weather forecaster for the Navy's top brass.

Security

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cover narcotics officer.

She also has previous ties to Saint Mary's. Dave Chapman, head of Saint Mary's Security, was her road patrol supervisor while on the SBPD.

Villere also worked as a drill instructor at a boot camp for juvenile felons in Tallahassee, Fla. as well as an officer in southern Florida and New Orleans.

Villere and her husband arrived back in South Bend two weeks before Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans.

"It's great to be back in my home town [of South Bend] with my family and friends," Villere said.

Villere described her position as new Security Investigator and Program Coordinator as tri-fold. The first aspect, she said, involves typical security officer duties — locking and unlocking buildings, patrolling the campus, enforcing traffic and parking regulations and responding to emergency and non-emergency calls.

The second facet is to investigate incidents that cannot be quickly resolved, she said. These events include assault, theft, vandalism and sexual assault.

"My responsibility in that regard is to assist the victim with receiving medical attention, assist her in contacting someone if she requests, and securing any evidence," she said.

She will also be responsible for ensuring that the student body is made aware of hazardous events on campus so they can be conscious of their surroundings, she said.

Villere's final role is that of is program coordinator.

"It is my responsibility to organize and present programs to Saint Mary's [students] to make them more aware of their personal safety," she said.

Villere said she is looking forward to growing into the position.

"While accepting this position at the end of a school year has its disadvantages, I am looking forward to using the summer months to plan many new programs and continue some previous programs," she said.

While Villere will continue to educate students on date rape, drugs, Internet safety and alcohol abuse, the program coordinator position has allowed her to put her own ideas into action. Villere titled her new ideas as "Common Sense" programs.

"If eliminated, these [common sense] problems could reduce crimes," Villere said.

Students sometimes engage in unsafe behavior, she said, such as running alone while listening to loud music or leaving bags unattended around campus.

"I would like to create other new programs such as training the students to remember valuable physical features about an attacker in the unfortunate event she is ever in that situation," Villere said.

Even with her campus security responsibilities, Villere also wants to work with Health and Wellness services at Saint Mary's as best she can.

"I look forward to working with Health and Wellness in whatever capacity they would like so we can combat issues such as eating disorders."

"My responsibility in that regard is to assist the victim with receiving medical attention, assist her in contacting someone if she requests, and securing any evidence."

Kim Villere
Saint Mary's security investigator

Villere's other aspirations include motivating students to get more involved in the community.

Villere said she wants her work to affect more than just the security branch of the Saint Mary's community and hopes this summer will help her orient herself to the campus setting.

"I look forward to growing and advancing my position here and being part of the Saint Mary's community for many years."

Rolens said she will remain on call at both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

"I hope I left a good impression and was able to mend bridges between security and the students," she said. "I miss Saint Mary's, but I think Kim [Villere] will do a good job."

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Printing

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place," she said.

The IT department has not yet determined the exact quota or cost of printing but they are looking at different systems as models, Fowlkes said,.

"Right now [we] are looking at Notre Dame's system, which allows students to print 1,000 pages per year. Any sheet over that would cost about ten cents," he said.

But whether or not Saint Mary's uses the same printing service as Notre Dame has yet to be determined. Fowlkes said it is one of many operating units the school is considering and a decision has not been reached.

Freshman Jessica Porter said she is not opposed to the adoption of a model like Notre Dame's.

"I'm glad they are setting a quota instead of just including an additional fee into tuition, because some of us won't use all of our allotted 1,000 pages," she said. "This is a fair way to do it."

Like Porter, sophomore Kelly Maus said she thinks that setting a quota is a feasible way to manage student printing.

"I'm not opposed to the print quota, as long as it is easy for me to keep track of how much I've used and how much I have left," Maus said.

Hausman said tracking the quota will be easy for students. When a student logs into a cluster computer, a small window will appear to notify the student how much of her print quota is remaining. When a documented is printed, a window will reveal each paper's name, amount of pages and specific printer.

The student will then be prompted to enter her Saint Mary's username and password to confirm the print job.

"This extra layer of security will prevent students from using up someone else's print quota if they forget to log out of a cluster computer," Hausman said. The number of pages printed will then be subtracted from the student's remaining print quota.

Students who exceed their print quota will be able to purchase print cards that will give them a pin number to enter into a Web page and increase their quota.

This method allows students to increase their quota as needed, Hausman said, without having to wait for others to manually increase their quota.

Fowlkes said members of Saint Mary's were reluctant to adopt the program, but were forced to as a result of students' wasteful printing habits.

According to Hausman, IT has noticed an increase in waste over the past two years. And Fowlkes said many students have disregarded the College's spoken printing quota.

"We begged and pleaded with students to be mindful of their printing habits," he said. "We even restricted printing multiple copies of a document and we posted signs with instructions on how to print on both sides to encourage students to be less wasteful."

However, these educational initiatives have had minimal effect, Hausman said, and Saint Mary's still pays for excessive paper waste.

Fowlkes said he wants students to see the positive aspects of implanting such a system, as the money that would be spent on wasted printing supplies will go toward exciting new technology for the College.

"We are really sad that we had to do this, but at the same time, there are many positives about what we are doing," he said. "We've spent a lot of money on high-speed cable and on digital cable — things that students really appreciate and can take advantage of.

"This saved money will help bring in more of those technologies."

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Degrees

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National Council on Foundations and president and rector of the Notre Dame-founded Ecumenical Institute in Israel, will receive a doctor of laws.

Kevin Cahill, an expert on tropical medicine who has worked internationally in disaster and crises areas and treated Pope John Paul II after the assassination attempt in 1981, will receive a doctor of science.

Anthony Earley Jr., chairman of the board, chief executive officer, chief operating officer and president of DTE Energy Company, will receive a doctor of engineering.

Norman Francis, president of the nation's only black Catholic college, Xavier University in New Orleans, who has worked to rebuild the institution since the destruction of Hurricane Katrina, will receive a doctor of humanities.

Lee, author of widely-read and influential novel "To Kill a Mockingbird," which won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1961, will receive a doctor of humane letters.

Gil Loescher, political science professor emeritus at Notre Dame and sole survivor of the August 2003 bombing of the United Nations headquarters in Baghdad, which left him badly-injured, will receive a doctor of laws.

Francis Oakley, the president emeritus of Williams College and prominent medieval scholar, will also receive a doctor of laws.

Karen Rauenhorst, a Minneapolis-area community leader and philanthropist who serves on the boards of several Catholic charities and heads the Mark and Karen Rauenhorst Family Foundation with husband Mark, will also receive a doctor of laws.

John Sandner, the retired chair of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and the chair of the new futures group of E*trade Securities, will also receive a doctor of laws.

Archbishop Michael Sheehan of the Diocese of Santa Fe, New Mex., recognized for his strong leadership in dealing with a sexual abuse scandal existing in the archdiocese prior to his arrival, will also receive a doctor of laws.

Matthew Storin, a respected journalist who served as editor of the Boston Globe for nine years and is the former associate vice president for News and Information at Notre Dame, will also receive a doctor of laws.

Nationally-recognized trial lawyer Thomas Sullivan, who has worked to improve the criminal justice system, most recently in regards to death penalty reform, will also receive a doctor of laws.

In addition to the honorary degrees, jazz musician Dave Brubeck will be awarded the Laetare Medal, Notre Dame's highest honor.

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Stocks		
Dow Jones	11,089.63	-51.70

Up:	Same:	Down:	Composite Volume:
879	145	2,365	2,259,100,000.00

AMEX	1,936.18	-14.81
NASDAQ	2,310.35	-22.92
NYSE	8,214.46	-68.62
S&P 500	1,286.57	-10.03
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	17,418.13	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	6,016.50	-50.50

COMPANY	%CHANGE	$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 100 TR (QQQQ)	-0.80	-0.34	41.92
INTEL CP (INTC)	-1.03	-0.20	19.16
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	-1.96	-0.10	5.01
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-0.59	-0.16	27.13
JDS UNIPHASE CP (JDSU)	-4.52	-0.17	3.59
Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.62	-0.31	49.32
13-WEEK BILL	+0.11	+0.05	45.72
30-YEAR BOND	-0.66	+0.33	50.03
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.55	+0.27	48.62
Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE ($/bbl.)		+0.24	68.98
GOLD ($/Troy oz.)		-2.40	599.40
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)		+1.63	80.23
Exchange Rates			
YEN			118.1000
EURO			0.8221
POUND			0.5710
CANADIAN $			1.1433

IN BRIEF

Boston Sci.-Guidant obtains clearance

NATICK, Mass. — Boston Scientific Corp. said Tuesday it has won antitrust clearance from the European Commission for its $27 billion acquisition of medical devices rival Guidant Corp., but is still awaiting final approval from the Federal Trade Commission.

Boston Scientific said it continues to expect the acquisition to close around the middle of this month.

Tuesday's European clearance came six days after Boston Scientific won approval from the FTC's staff by entering into consent agreements to resolve antitrust issues. The company didn't provide details on the agreements, but said they don't require major changes to the transaction.

FTC spokesman Mitch Katz declined to comment Tuesday on when the commission would complete its review.

To satisfy concerns that the combined company could command too great a share of the market for heart stents, Boston Scientific agreed before the regulatory reviews to sell a piece of Guidant's business, including its drug-coated stents, to a third company. Abbott Laboratories Inc., based near Chicago, will pay $4.1 billion in cash, provide a $900 million loan to Boston Scientific and acquire $1.4 billion in Boston Scientific stock.

Pfizer attempts to spark Viagra sales

NEW YORK — In a sign of how Pfizer Inc. hopes to boost the market for erectile dysfunction drugs, the maker of impotency pill Viagra plans to launch a second non-branded, educational ad campaign about the condition on Wednesday to complement one running since late last year.

The double-dose of education comes as Pfizer tries to lift Viagra's sagging sales, which have dropped in each of the last two years.

The new campaign is designed to help men overcome embarrassment about discussing erectile dysfunction with their doctor while the ads which began last November were created to deliver more basic information about the condition, said Tim Pigot, director of the company's U.S. Viagra team.

In the latest ads, a doctor stands in an empty sports stadium to emphasize the vast number of men who suffer from the condition — half of the men over age 40. The campaign's tagline is "Just Ask Today."

Skilling testifies in Enron trial

Former CEO proclaims 'absolute' innocence on stand during questioning

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Former Enron Corp. Chief Executive Jeffrey Skilling told jurors in his fraud and conspiracy trial Monday that he abruptly resigned from the energy trading company a few months before it collapsed because he was worn out and troubled by its falling share price — not because he knew disaster loomed.

"I am absolutely innocent," Skilling said right after he swore to tell the truth while testifying in his own defense Monday.

Then he let jurors know what's at stake for him:

"I guess in some ways my life is on the line, so I'm a little nervous."

As he testified, he became more relaxed and conversational, with no hint of the swaggering bravado for which he was known when he ran what was once the nation's seventh-largest company. Known for his plainspoken manner as he led Enron's transformation from a staid pipeline company into an energy giant, Skilling addressed jurors directly, his eyebrows raised slightly, looking earnest and alert.

At times he appeared self-deprecating, even telling jurors that he was admitted to Harvard Business School "by some huge mistake." Later, he sounded like a business professor, giving jurors a mini-seminar on Enron's businesses and gas and electricity markets.

He repeated what he said twice before congressional panels in 2002, that Enron was "in very good condition in the middle of August [2001] when I left."

His lawyer, Daniel Petrocelli, asked if he had had any clue that Enron would flame out in scandal less than four months later.

"Not in my wildest dreams, no. It's almost inconceivable now what happened," the ex-CEO said.

"Would you have left if you thought the company was going to experience the events that later transpired?" Petrocelli asked.

"No," Skilling replied matter-of-factly.

The 52-year-old ex-CEO's testimony kicked off the 11th week of the federal trial. His co-defendant, Enron founder Kenneth Lay, aims to testify later this month.

Both are accused of repeatedly lying to investors and employees about Enron's financial health when they allegedly knew fraudulent accounting propped up a facade of success. Enron careened into bankruptcy proceedings in December 2001, six weeks after announcing unprecedented losses and a massive equity writedown that generated intense scrutiny from once-adoring Wall Street and regulators.

The two men say there was no fraud at Enron other than that committed by former Chief Financial Officer Andrew Fastow and a few others, who skimmed millions from secret schemes, and that bad publicity coupled with lost market confidence sank the company.

"I know of no reason Enron would have to resort to fraud," Skilling said.

AP

Former Enron CEO Jeffrey Skilling, right, and his attorney Daniel Petrocelli walk into the Houston federal courthouse Tuesday during the 11th week of his conspiracy trial.

China agrees to copyright legalities

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration, seeking to shrink a soaring trade deficit with China, won agreements Tuesday that the Chinese government will lift a ban on American beef, crack down on copyright piracy and move toward opening up its government bidding process to American firms.

The exact timetable for lifting the beef ban was left open, however, pending further negotiations over details governing the standards that will be applied to beef shipped to China. Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns predicted such shipments would resume sometime this year.

China halted U.S. beef shipments after mad cow disease was discovered in the United States in December 2003.

The announcement on beef and the pledge for a greater crackdown on piracy of American computer software and other copyrighted products came after a day of high-level economic talks the Bush administration hopes will reduce growing anger in Congress over a trade deficit with China that hit a record $202 billion last year.

The discussions were being held in advance of a Washington visit next week by Chinese President Hu Jintao.

"One meeting is not going to solve all of our outstanding trade issues with China," U.S. Trade Representative Rob Portman said at a joint news conference with the Chinese. "But in our discussions today, which were very frank and positive, we were able to solve some problems."

Chinese Vice Premier Wu Yi, who led the Chinese delegation, said her country has been "earnestly implementing" the directions of China's top leaders to boost imports from the United States.

She said the annual meeting Tuesday of the Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade, designed to smooth economic relations between the two countries, had "demonstrated the good will of both sides to properly resolve problems through equal consultation."

Wu noted that she is traveling with a delegation of more than 200 Chinese business executives with the expectation that they will sign 107 contracts to buy $16.2 billion in U.S. products.

Included in that is a deal to purchase 80 commercial jetliners from Boeing Co., at a list price of $4.6 billion. This agreement, signed Tuesday, completes a commitment China made last November, during a visit by President Bush, to buy a total of 150 Boeing jetliners.

In the area of piracy, the Chinese agreed to require that computers use legal software and to step up enforcement of intellectual property rights. They also pledged to close Chinese optical disk plants that are producing pirated CDs and DVDs.

In her comments, Wu said regulations would be issued stipulating that all computers sold in China must have legal operating systems.

FRANCE

Chirac backs down on youth labor law

Students participate in thinned-out protests

Associated Press

PARIS — Nationwide protests of the French government's labor reforms sputtered Tuesday after President Jacques Chirac caved in to pressure and jettisoned his premier's youth employment law.

Chirac's retreat on Monday and school vacations that began this week, appeared to deplete the turnout of student-led marches aiming to ride the momentum from massive recent protests to force the government to withdraw other reforms.

Some 2,300 students marched in northeast Paris, according to police — far fewer than the 84,000 people that turned out in the capital in protests that drew 1 million demonstrators nationwide against the measure a week ago.

There were minor scuffles in Paris where police turned back about 60 marching youths trying to turn off the main route. But with ranks so thin, the demonstration lasted only two hours and ended peacefully.

Hundreds of protesters also turned out in Bordeaux in the southwest, Rennes in western France and Grenoble in the southeast — places where thousands had marched a week earlier.

In southwestern Toulouse, several dozen students blocked two bus depots for nearly five hours Tuesday morning, paralyzing 500 city buses. A march later of 2,500 students was peaceful.

Some acknowledged the protest movement would now fade.

"I came out today to give a happy ending to our movement," said Jacques Lescautey, a 22-year-old history student at the Sorbonne University in Paris, which has been shut since mid-March because of the protests. "We won, but I wanted us to go out with a bang."

The rejected measure was part of a broad equal-opportunity law aimed at youths from the suburbs, where nearly one youth in two is jobless in some areas. The law would have allowed employers to fire workers under age 26 at any time during a two-year trial period with no reason.

Chirac said the measure, meant to reduce a 22 percent youth unemployment rate, would be replaced by one directed specifically at disadvantaged youths — many from poor, mainly immigrant suburbs.

He retreated after weighing the result of talks between students and unions, the possible political fallout for the right and the danger of increasingly daring student protests on railroad tracks and highways.

In parliament, Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin, the main proponent of the job law, said he backed down after two months of holding firm amid street protests because "we had to get out of the crisis."

Villepin said the safety of young protesters and year-end school exams were at risk. "In the face of blockades, we had to find a solution," he said.

Villepin said the measure would be replaced.

Students welcomed Chirac's decision, but now want the government to throw out the entire law — not just the article that would have created the youth job contract.

"We will stay in the streets until the government agrees to scrap the entire law," said Irene Moriniere, 14, at the Paris march.

Villepin, Chirac's top protege, had argued that the measure would prime the economy for the challenges of globalization, but critics said it was badly designed and would erode treasured labor protections.

"The only question that counts at this hour is: What do we do to fight against unemployment of youths in this country?"

Dominique de Villepin
Prime Minister
France

Villepin and other governing conservative lawmakers sought to piece their frayed camp back together, and renewed calls for reforms of the rigid labor market. Parliament's lower house was expected to discuss an alternative jobs plan later Tuesday.

"The only question that counts at this hour is: What do we do to fight against unemployment of youths in this country?" Villepin said in question time in the National Assembly.

He also took aim at the opposition Socialists, saying they had offered no alternatives.

The crisis exposed a government split between Villepin and ambitious Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy, who is openly seeking the presidency.

Sarkozy, closing ranks, said

SPAIN

Judge charges Madrid bombers

Detailed indictment describes birth of terrorist cell and violent plans

Associated Press

MADRID — A Spanish judge issued the first indictments in the 2004 Madrid train bombings, charging 29 people Tuesday with murder, terrorism or other crimes after a probe that uncovered a hornet's nest of Islamic militancy but no apparent link to al-Qaida.

In a minutely detailed indictment spanning 1,471 pages, Juan del Olmo, the investigative magistrate spearheading the probe, described the birth and workings of a cell of long-time residents, most of them from Morocco and Syria.

Inspired by extremist Islamic doctrine, they are said to have risen up against their adopted homeland to kill 191 people and wound more than 1,700 in the coordinated attacks.

Three of the 29 people indicted were charged with 191 counts of murder and 1,755 counts of attempted murder, and three others with conspiracy to commit those crimes.

The first three include Jamal Zougam, a Moroccan merchant who allegedly supplied cell phones used as detonators in the 10 backpack bombs that ripped through four crowded commuter trains on the morning of March 11, 2004. When he was arrested two days after the attacks, Zougam said he was in bed asleep when the bombs went off and had nothing to do with the plot.

The other two are Emilio Suarez Trashorras, a Spaniard accused of supplying the dynamite used in the attacks, and Abdelmajid Bouchar, a Moroccan.

Rabei Osman, an Egyptian who has claimed the attacks were his idea, is among the three men accused of conspiracy to commit murder. He is on trial in Italy on separate terrorism-related charges.

Five of the six lead suspects also were charged with belonging to a terrorist organization, while 12 other men are accused of collaboration.

The indictment said four witnesses have identified Zougam as having been aboard trains that were bombed. One of the witnesses has identified him as "the person who places a dark blue sports bag under his seat," the indictment said.

Angeles Dominguez, a survivor of the attacks who now leads a victims' association, said Del Olmo had concluded his inquiry hastily.

"The massacre was huge. I think more time is needed for investigation," she told AP Television News.

Dominguez said she doubted the main suspects indicted Tuesday were the ones really behind the attacks.

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Angeles Dominquez
Madrid bombing survivor

"The project had to be the work of some other, highly qualified people," she said.

The indictment says the cell spent about $120,000 to stage the attacks — everything from buying explosives to renting safe-houses — and caused material damage and civil liability of more than $26 million.

It said the central figure in the financing, planning and execution of the attacks was a Moroccan named Jamal Ahmidan. He and six other alleged ringleaders — including its ideological mastermind, Tunisian Serhan Ben Abdelmajid Fakhet — blew themselves up three weeks after the massacre as police moved in on their apartment hideout in the Madrid suburb of Leganes. One policeman died in that explosion.

Bouchar, who detected the police presence that day when he went down to empty the garbage, screamed out to warn his colleagues and took off running, eluding police who chased him. He was arrested last year in Serbia.

While he was a fugitive, police who had chased Bouchar identified him as having been at the Leganes apartment.

The cell financed itself within Spain. Officials turned up no evidence it received any outside money transfers to stage the attack, Del Olmo wrote.

The bombings were Spain's worst terrorist attack and are seen as having brought down a conservative Spanish government that backed the U.S.-led war in Iraq.

Shortly after the attacks, Islamic militants claimed responsibility on behalf of al-Qaida and said they acted to avenge the presence of Spanish troops dispatched to Iraq in 2003 by then prime minister Jose Maria Aznar.

However, a senior Spanish intelligence official and a Western one closely involved in counterterrorism measures told The Associated Press last month there was no evidence the cell had any contact with or received any logistical or financial help from Osama bin Laden's terrorist network.

Aznar's government blamed Basque separatists for the attacks even after evidence of an Islamic link emerged. Voters punished his party at the polls in elections three days after the bombings. The victorious Socialists quickly fulfilled a campaign promise and brought the troops home from Iraq.

Del Olmo's indictment said computer equipment found at sites including the Leganes apartment show the cell had access to restricted e-mail traffic from Global Islamic Media, an al-Qaida mouthpiece which in 2003 urged Islamic militants to attack Spanish soldiers in Iraq ahead of the Spanish election in March 2004.

Del Olmo did not say whether he believed the cell was influenced by this appeal, and in the end, the group's target was inside Spain.

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Police capture major mafia boss Bernando Provenzano

The arrest of Italy's number one fugitive comes after 40 years of spurning authorities and hiding in secret locals

Associated Press

PALERMO, Sicily — Italy's No. 1 fugitive and reputed Mafia "boss of bosses" practically thumbed his nose at authorities for more than 40 years.

He counted on Sicilians' centuries-old mistrust of the state to help him on the run, sleeping in islanders' homes, having his children born at local hospitals, even sending the public health care system a bill for prostate treatment abroad under a false name.

But police finally caught up with Bernardo "The Tractor" Provenzano on Tuesday in a farmhouse outside his power base, Corleone — the town that inspired the family name in "The Godfather."

In the end, Provenzano was done in not by an informer or a rival gangster, but by a delivery of clean laundry. Police tracked the package to his hideout and closed in when they saw his hand peek out of the door to take it.

Provenzano had escaped capture so often since going into hiding in 1963 that he earned a place in the Italian imagination as "The Phantom of Corleone." He got his nickname "The Tractor" for the determination he displayed in a mob career that began as a hitman.

He is believed to have taken over leadership of the Sicilian Mafia following the 1993 arrest of former boss Salvatore "Toto" Riina. During his years on the run, Provenzano was convicted in absentia and given life sentences for more than a dozen murders of mobsters and investigators.

"Bastard! Murderer!" a crowd shouted at the 73-year-old Provenzano as black-hooded policemen took him out of a sedan and rushed him into the courtyard of a police building in Palermo after driving him from the countryside.

Wearing tinted glasses and a wind-breaker, the gray-haired Provenzano held up his handcuffed hands as he was hustled away but made no audible comment.

Investigators described an extensive operation to track down the mobster. They said cameras that can see up to a mile were trained on suspected accomplices as well as the Corleone home where Provenzano's wife and children live.

A few days ago, police noticed a package leave the wife's house, then get delivered by car to a series of other homes. On Tuesday morning, the package left Corleone and was driven to the farmhouse where Provenzano was found staying with a shepherd who doubled as a housekeeper.

"This morning he reached out with a hand to grab the package and that's when we decided to move in," said Nicola Cavaliere, a top police official in Rome.

Italy's national anti-Mafia prosecutor, Piero Grasso, told reporters in Rome that Provenzano was "impassive" and "didn't say a word" when arrested, but later acknowledged his identity.

The last photos that investigators had of the mobster showed him as a young man, but police gave the fugitive a "new face" last year — issuing a composite picture drawn with help from a Mafia turncoat in 2001 that depicted him with white hair and hollow cheeks.

That effort also was helped by descriptions from personnel at a clinic in Marseilles, France, where investigators say Provenzano sought treatment for a prostate tumor two years ago.

Turncoats had told investigators that Provenzano slept in different farmhouses every few nights across Sicily, an island where organized crime has held sway for decades.

He allegedly gave orders with written notes — not trusting cell phone conversations for fear of being monitored by police. Grasso said investigators were studying notes found at the farmhouse, along with a typewriter Provenzano apparently used for writing them.

After taking over the top leadership, Provenzano helped the Mafia spread its tentacles into the lucrative world of public works contracts in Sicily, turning the mob into more of a white-collar industry of illegal activity — with less dependance on traditional operations like drug trafficking and extortion, investigators have said.

During the years when Riina was the Mafia chieftain, murders bloodied Sicily. Mob rivals, police, prosecutors and their bodyguards, and sometimes bystanders, were cut down by bombings and drive-by shootings.

Then the bomb assassinations in Sicily of Italy's two top anti-Mafia fighters, magistrates Giovanni Falcone and Paolo Borsellino, two months apart in 1992 galvanized many Sicilians against the mob, helping chip away at the centuries-old "omerta" — the island's code of silence and mistrust of authorities.

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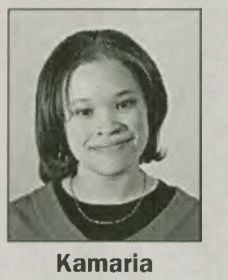

Kamaria Porter
Black, Red and Catholic

When I investigated the following topic, I felt an 800-word piece would not do it justice. In this week's piece, I will be drawing from research on eating and other related health and psychological disorders in women and men. In two weeks, through interviews and comments from you, I want to try to give a picture of how these issues manifest themselves here, what treatment is available and where we all can do better to address people struggling with eating disorders and body image issues.

Around last Easter season, the media was aflame with coverage of Terri Schiavo. The conversation surrounded whether her feeding tube should be removed in her comatose state. The situation was immediately swept in the dialogue of the "sanctity of life," which it should have been — however not solely about euthanasia. The media and political focus on the decision of Schiavo's passing, after being on life assistance since 1990, left out the reason she was in the coma. Schiavo had bulimia nervosa and collapsed and passed out during a purging of a meal.

Eating disorders and negative body image issues should be thought of as a life issue. We are taught we are all made in the image of God, yet people who suffer from eating disorders see themselves as distorted, unworthy and imperfect people. In the mirror they see negative — too fat or too thin. Their actions — eating, exercise, etc. — are taken in response to fear of being overweight, not muscular, not attractive and not the ideal weight. The images of others, media, toys, fashion and conceptions of the perfect body become internalized to drive destructive decisions.

The National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders estimate the number afflicted at seven million women and one million men. People of all different backgrounds are affected. Anorexia nervosa involves, according to ANAD, a refusal by the patient to maintain a body weight proportional to height and age. Usually 15 percent below what physicians would consider appropriate, people suffering from anorexia nervosa employ different tactics to slim down out of "an intense fear of gaining weight or becoming fat." The tactics, which ANAD list from forced starvation to becoming vegetarian, do not seem as crucial as the psychological motivation behind it — a desire to look different, fear of getting fat and distorted view of one's weight. The death rate for anorexia is the highest out of all psychiatric illnesses.

Bulimia nervosa involves a cycle of uncontrolled binge eating, depressed feelings motivated by over-fixation on weight and purging food through a variety of methods. Bulimics may be under- or overweight, yet to them their bodies are not good enough. Both diseases result in serious health and psychological problems that can seep through all areas of one's life.

Binge eating disorder (BED) involves eating more than would or should in a short period of time. The patient feels out of control when they eat. Usually done in secret, BED sufferers may not delight in the taste of the food. The eating pattern and emotional stress in binging mirrors bulimia, yet BED sufferers do not purge.

An often forgotten disorder, mainly experienced by males, is muscular dysmorphia. Instead of shedding pounds, males with this illness over-exercise, lift weights, control diet and may use steroids to build muscle. Like in anorexia, muscular dysmorphia involves a distorted body image and desire to look a certain way. Men with this illness are obsessed with their body image, however they may not want themselves to be seen in public and hide their bodies in bulky clothes. Going to drastic measures of steroids, their goal is to build unrealistic muscles. Men also can suffer from the other conditions discussed. Men often go unnoticed or underrepresented in eating disorder conversations because these illnesses have been culturally tied to women. We assume men are not concerned with body image, or as a society things like building muscles are interpreted as a good thing. We hold up bulky action stars and consider strength as a neutral good. Yet, people with muscular dysmorphia often see themselves in a mirror as scrawny and weak — not masculine and unattractive.

The causes of these diseases are many — from upbringing to media. Particularly the media — from billboards, magazines, toys, movies and television — shapes how we see the ideal weight for men and women. Slim female celebrities are held as standards of beauty, while chiseled underwear models define how men should look. All these images come down to us and become internalized in the way we see each other and ourselves.

Concerning eating disorders and body image issues, the notion of our bodies as manifestations of the divine is absent in this mirror. We forget ourselves beyond shape, size and weight. Yet, the solution is beyond affirming human dignity. People suffer from these diseases need significant time and support to recover. Studies show even awareness may be unadvisable. Learning the tactics to changing body weight can fuel these disorders. So, I am hoping to hear from you on how we can better attack these issues here at Notre Dame. Your feedback will be the content for my next and final column.

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Harold Whitman
historian

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Joke' reveals ignorance

A stereotype is a common thought circulated to a large amount of people that is often untrue. Many stereotypes have spread through the intelligent minds of the students in the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities that are idiotic and completely false. The women of Saint Mary's are intelligent, confident and funny, with as good of a sense of humor as the men and women of Notre Dame. They can take a joke.

Yet, a joke is defined as something that is funny and makes others laugh. Sometimes, stereotypes can often be misunderstood as jokes and make the teller of the joke seem ignorant and foolish. Therefore, the Board of Governance at Saint Mary's is sending out this plea to all those who disperse rumors and stereotypes of both institutions to only tell funny jokes and refrain from making yourself look idiotic by spreading false statements as hilarity. You undermine your intelligence by telling lies and scattering gossip to others who recognize your statements as untrue. Therefore, we are merely saving you from the sheer humiliation of being caught within a web of lies.

We would like the two institutions to base their relationship on a healthy foundation, which will promote a greater relationship in the future. This is why we would like to describe how amazing the women of Saint Mary's are, and how phenomenal the Notre Dame community is.

The women of Saint Mary's pride themselves on their empowering attitudes, which are reflected in their volunteer work in the community and through their leadership capabilities that are shown in both campuses. They work hard to display their academic abilities in the classroom that have been recognized nationally through awards that sometimes go unseen because of the small campus atmosphere. When they graduate from Saint Mary's, they enter the world as fabulous women who use their Saint Mary's education to soar in a male-dominated world.

Notre Dame is recognized as one of the top universities in the nation and boasts an academic field which is rivaled by few institutions. The Catholic mission that the University prides itself with accepts controversial topics head on without flinching. The pride that oozes from the University's campus spreads throughout the world where people recognize a student of Notre Dame with utter respect for their intelligence and wonderful attitudes.

Why would a student of either of these institutions demean himself or herself by spreading statements that are untrue? The people that attend these schools are much too brilliant to want to appear ignorant in the eyes of others, whether on these campuses or throughout the world. Hopefully the students of both campuses will understand that a joke is meant for people to laugh at and a person who spreads a stereotype or gossip is also to be laughed at.

Saint Mary's College
Board of Governance
April 11

Comic too tame

Having noticed the barrage of Viewpoint letters addressing the offensive nature of a recent "Jockular" comic strip, I feel the need to voice my opinion. Many readers have become genuinely upset with the cartoon because it portrayed Saint Mary's students as the parasites to Notre Dame's host cell. Although these people may be justified in their discontent, they are all missing the bigger issue which should be obvious when they read The Observer's comics section. Plain and simple, Adam Fairholm's "CroissantWorld" is not offensive enough. Let's analyze the strip that appeared in the March 30 edition of the paper to see where he's going wrong.

The first frame shows two characters alone in complete silence. This is a typical Fairholm mistake — no dialogue. He could have easily had one of them make a racist remark. There was enough space above their heads, and all he needed to do was draw in a bubble and put in some words. Opportunity: missed.

In the next frame, the guy on the left wonders aloud about the activities that occur within the mysterious Knights of Columbus building on campus. Instead, he could have said that Holy Cross students are stalked ciliated protozoa. Opportunity: missed again.

The third frame has a man in a top hat from inside the building giving a response to the previously-made query. He says, "It involves fun, spinach dip and bows and arrows." Fairholm probably should have had the man say, "It involves leprechauns, who accurately represent the drunken Irish ancestry of the student body." Opportunity: thrice missed.

In the final frame, one character points out that the man with the top hat was wearing suspenders without a shirt, to which the other character responds, "Yeah." This reply does not cut it. Instead, they should have recognized him as a homosexual and then immediately started praying the gay away like good Catholics. Opportunity: I've lost count.

Now that I've brought this to everyone's attention, I hope we can forget about the recent "Jockular" controversy and start focusing on more important issues, like the problems with "BagelTown," or whatever it's called.

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Dangerous love games

Don't hate the player, hate the game.

In 2005, U.S. computer and video game software sales grew to seven billion dollars, doubling the industry sales since 1996, according to the Entertainment Software Association.

It's been a long, strange trip for society as more people — a figure that has reached 50 percent — view reality through a 20-inch monitor than ever before.

Andrew Hanelly
Daily Collegian
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We're used to tales of violence, war and "Grand Theft Auto" written into the scripts online gamers rehearse with, but this summer online game manufacturers are taking one step closer to simulated sin — They're turning the keyboard into a sex toy.

And millions of people will be playing with it. The ironically named "Safe Escape Studios" will release the headliner in the concert of online sexploitation, dubbed "Naughty America: The Game," which will be asking potential players, "Why don't we do it in the Information Superhighway?"

"Naughty America" touts itself as the "evolution of online dating," where players can log in to a simulated computer world as a voluptuous cartoon character with the mission of flirting and finding friends with benefits. The players have the eventual goal of spending the virtual night together at their own online apartment, or in a "public sex zone" built into the cyber scene.

If this is the evolution of online dating, then it's time to turn off the computers. At least with online dating there is the notion that eventually the two parties will meet in "real life." But online games offer a sex life acted out vicariously through animated cartoon characters, so you never have to do it the real way.

For years, video games have allowed us to take on the role of Major League Baseball players, celebrities like 50 Cent and James Bond and superhuman characters with the world in the palms of their hands. Now we're putting flirtation at the fingertips of gamers, where sexual exploration is the new Super Mario world but with a different kind of scoring.

This combines Internet dating with the motel off the interstate — a seedy little place where sneaky little people can tiptoe out of public view and plant the virtual seed.

Sex is now sold to us in our movies, music, sports and even our fast food. The litmus test of our society turns red because we've packaged promiscuity into everything we do, including recreation.

But the "gamification" of romance sends the wrong message to kids raised by video games. Facilitating our basic instinct with computers is another shower of depravity on our already sex-drenched society. Sonic the Hedgehog wouldn't have endorsed this.

Sex as a game? Sex as the exchange of coded bits of information transmitted through broadband connections? Sure does sound sexy.

But maybe we should be thanking technology for its take on "safe sex." If people are going to fantasy worlds to act out their primal urges then maybe they won't be practicing promiscuity in the proverbial real world. And those still in the real world may have a hard time practicing anything with cybersexaholics because their hands are more accustomed to typing than to ... fill in your own blank.

So maybe the computer prevents the negative ramifications of real sex better than the condom. But we've now made it so that people don't even need to leave their desk chairs anymore to pick up people.

Getting lucky now depends on the stability of your Internet connection. Video games by nature offer an escape from reality, a chance to be someone or something else and do things only imaginable before. But these role-playing games toy with our notion of interpersonal relationships. Games are for playing, and love is for making in real life.

We're supposed to type love letters to loved ones, not type sexual innuendos in glorified visual chat rooms. Or maybe this is the modern version of "Love Story," where the virtue of love is shared virtually.

If so, count me out. I have a real game to play. Pong anyone?

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reasoning opinions

In response to Professor Miscamble's lengthy and vicious open letter to University President Father John Jenkins in yesterday's paper, I would just like to make one point, shortly and sweetly:

Setting the merits of "The Vagina Monologues" aside, I take issue with your attempt at lambasting Jenkins for changing his mind on this topic. You tear into him for, as you say, "backing down" and assert that it is, "hard to understand it in any other terms." This comes as a surprise to me. On a daily basis, you teach hundreds of students in an attempt to help them round out their general knowledge and various topics. I'm guessing that on numerous occasions, you have influenced a student to change their opinion on one of these topics.

As a student, I can say from personal experience that I have done this countless times over the past 17 years of my life. (Kindergarten was particularly grueling.) I have never once thought that the reason that I did this was because I lacked a strong will, or that I was seeking to gain popularity with those attempting to educate me.

It is a bit troublesome that a professor such as yourself would be unable, as you say, to see why someone would change his or her mind based on the influx of new information. Personally, this is a trait I like to see and respect in my leaders, and I quite favor it over the apparent tyrant you would prefer. Perhaps you could take a page from some of your colleagues' books and stop vilifying Jenkins for changing his mind. He may have had a legitimate reason for doing so.

Marisa Sandahl
senior
LeMans Hall
April 11

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Revisiting Hollywood's Best (or Wors

STORIES BY ANA

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Pop singer Brittney Spears, left, made her foray into the wide world of film with the 2002 release of "Crossroads." Starring opposite Anson Mount, right, Spears was met with critical disdain.

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Kate Beckinsale, left, plays a werewolf-hunting vampire who has fallen in love with Scott Speedman in "Underworld." Surprisingly enough, the action film has developed a cult following among female viewers.

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Reese Witherspoon, center, plays Elle, a talented but oblivious blonde bombshell in "Legally Blonde." In the tradition of the movie "Clueless," Witherspoon takes her antics to law school.

The copy of "Crossroads: the Collector's Edition" you keep carefully tucked in the back of your movie bin; the "Best of Vanessa Carlton" concert DVD that the varsity basketball player stealthily hides in the "Rush Hour 2" case; the "Mystery Science Theater: 3000" collection that leaves its Polo-clad owner's bottom drawer once every full moon — these are the films that shame us, the ones we just can't let die, our best (or worst) guilty pleasures.

Argued by its devotees to be the greatest dancing film in all of cinema, "Dirty Dancing" is a coming-of-age tale with one of the decade's best soundtracks.

No jock will admit it, but undoubtedly among his film library is an old school Disney classic. Even the prissiest of girly girls has a well-worn and beloved copy of "Pitch Black" hidden beneath her mattress. In the end, it's the old adage that holds true — one man's trash is another man's guilty pleasure.

Dirty Dancing (1987)

Argued by its devotees to be the greatest dancing film in all of cinema, "Dirty Dancing" is a coming-of-age tale with one of the decade's best soundtracks. Frances (Baby) Houseman (Jennifer Grey) is a Jewish teenager whose family vacations annually at a ho-hum Catskills resort. This particular summer, however, at the cusp of the 1960s, will change Baby's life forever, after she meets Johnny Castle (a pre-"Roadhouse" Patrick Swayze), the handsome dance instructor with a shady past.

Cinema dogma insists these two be together, and the audience has no objection, especially with multiple dance sequences and the cheesiest (thereby the best) dialogue in the business. Through their synchronized mambo skill and chemistry, they find "the time of their lives."

"Dirty Dancing" has it all — a great male lead for the women, irresistible dancing and drama, and Disney's Lumiere himself, Jerry Orbach, as Baby's father. In the end, however, one undeniable truth remains — nobody puts Baby in a corner.

Legally Blonde (2001)

Like, ever wanted to go to Harvard Law? In this popular legal farce, Californian Elle Woods (Reese Witherspoon), a bright but amusingly ditzy college senior, is brutally dumped in public by her beloved Warner Huntington III (Matthew Davis), in favor of a more "serious" kind of girl. Elle, determined to win him back, follows him to Cambridge and becomes a successful lawyer in her own right.

What makes "Legally Blonde" the guilty pleasure that it has become for so many is the film's semblance of just enough realism to feel plausible in the kind of world where the material of choice for a toilet seat cover is faux fur. Elle wins a major murder case using her intuition and a unique brand of smarts, uncovering the true murderer with the chemical equation for a successful perm. If Elle Woods can succeed at Harvard, and land cute lawyer Luke Wilson in the process, then so can the scrubby-sweatpants-clad Notre Dame or Saint Mary's girl watching her on screen.

Crossroads (2002)

Its undeniable position at number 98 on IMDB.com's "Bottom 100 Films" list cements the reputation of "Crossroads" as an ultimate guilty pleasure flick. Britney Spears' sole venture into cinema (to date...), "Crossroads" is a road trip flick with a three-day-old bubble gum pop kind of flavor. Lucy Wagner (Spears) and her two best friends (Taryn Manni
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3 Ninjas (1992)

Some of the most unbelievable, yet entertaining movies made are the type where young children outwit and defeat menacing enemies. The original "3 Ninjas" film fits this description perfectly and stands as a quintessential guilty pleasure movie.

The premise is simple. Three brothers learn martial arts from their elderly grandfather to prepare them for the real world. Through some tenuous plot maneuvers, the boys are kidnapped by their grandfather's enemy and must use their martial arts techniques to defeat the enemy.

There are many reasons why this movie deserves little credit. It is short — less than an hour and a half — and the hardly believable plot still has trouble carrying through the run time. The B-list actors do a poor job and even fail to sell some of the martial arts on camera. Finally, the idea of young children fighting grown men with guns and swords is absurd.

Noted for many of its one-liners and character names, ["Top Gun"] ... lacks a serious plot and features less-than-stellar acting from Cruise, Val Kilmer, and Meg Ryan.

Yet it is this reason that "3 Ninjas" is enjoyable enough to be considered a guilty pleasure. It follows in the tradition of movies such as "Home Alone," where humor and entertainment come from a young child outsmarting and taking advantage of dimwitted bad guys. A belief in the underdog makes for good cinema.

Labyrinth (1986)

This fantasy film about a young girl who ventures into a mythical labyrinth to save her brother from goblins is often dismissed as a crazy 80s children's movie that is scarier than it is funny. While this description may be true, "Labyrinth" is a film that is easy to love in private but disown in public.

A young Jennifer Connelly ventures into a bizarre labyrinth inhabited by creatures dreamed up by Muppet creator Jim Henson. Henson's creative genius is on full display here in a world more grown up than that of the Muppets. The puppets in this film seem like real actors thanks to the life given to them by Henson and his team.

Another endearing quality of the movie is the presence of David Bowie the actor — as the evil Goblin King — and Bowie the singer — as musical director for the film. Bowie often randomly bursts into song throughout "Labyrinth," belting out cheesy 80s tunes that add a touch of nostalgia to the movie.

"Labyrinth" is not really meant for kids. The mature writing and plot appeal to the inner child in anyone who watches the film. Its unique style and charm give the film a memorable place in the minds of moviegoers as a guilty pleasure.

["Rocky IV"] pits the lovable American fighter ... against the indomitable Russian Ivan Drago. In a movie series that should have ended after the second movie, film quality is most certainly lacking here.

Rocky IV (1985)

The fourth installment in the "Rocky" franchise pits the lovable American fighter Rocky (Sylvester Stallone) against the indomitable Russian Ivan Drago. In a movie series that should have ended after the second movie, film quality is most certainly lacking here. Audiences know what they are in for as soon as the opening credits inform them that the film is both written and directed by Sylvester Stallone.

The not-so-subtle allusions to the struggle between capitalism and communism in the film provide much of the entertainment, especially when Russian crowd members begin to cheer for Rocky in the final fight, as if to symbolize the inevitable conversion from communism to capitalism in Russia.

The plot and fights of the film are hardly believable and it is this impossibility that makes the movie so appealing. The "David vs.Goliath" message is a strong one that resonates with all viewers. An appearance from James Brown and the music of 80s bands like Survivor help make the movie inspirational and energetic.

Thanks to all these qualities, "Rocky IV" is a movie worth watching all the way through whenever it is on television. While it did not win any major awards or receive acclaim for being a good film, it stands out as part of one of the most beloved American action series of all time.

Top Gun (1986)

The high-testosterone, dangerous world of Navy fighter pilots comes to life in the 1980s thriller "Top Gun." A 24-year-old Tom Cruise launched his career in this somewhat political, high-action movie.

Noted for many of its one-liners and character names, the film in reality lacks a serious plot and features less-than-stellar acting from Cruise, Val Kilmer, and Meg Ryan. A slew of continuity errors and goofs indicate the hasty production values of making the big-budget movie.

In spite of these issues, "Top Gun" is still a guilty pleasure due to the entertainment value that comes with watching it. The intense action of the aerial dog fights is exciting and set a standard for future movies involving fighter jets.

Director Tony Scott ("Days of Thunder", "Man on Fire,") brother of more respected Ridley, keeps the movie together and adds quality cinematography and editing. "Top Gun" seems to be one of the first modern-era movies in that it tries to combine action, romance, comedy, and even tragedy into a two-hour summer blockbuster. This enjoyable combination has since come to be the standard in blockbuster-oriented Hollywood, but the blend is perhaps most original and memorable in "Top Gun."

Batman Forever (1995)

The third installment in the adaptation of the Batman comic stands right in the middle of the decline of the franchise. Val Kilmer donned the Bat suit after Joel "Phone Booth" Schumacher took over the reins from previous director Tim Burton. Chris O'Donnell joined the cast as Robin and eventual Oscar winner Nicole Kidman plays the female lead.

In spite of the A-list talent in the leading roles, this movie suffers from poor writing and worse acting from the protagonists. The supposed "Batman for a new generation" loses its way thanks to a mediocre story, which involves Bruce Wayne undergoing therapy to deal with his inner demons. Cheesy action scenes provide the icing on the cake in helping make this a meager excuse to rake in money.

What saves the film is the maniacal acting of the two villains, Two-Face and the Riddler. Tommy Lee Jones is a strong villain, but Jim Carrey steals the show as the Riddler. Carrey's comical one-liners and exaggerated actions generate laughs and keep the story from becoming monotonous. Watching the bad acting of the heroes against the strong performances from the villains helps this movie achieve the status of a guilty pleasure and maintain a presence in the world of comic book movies.

All of the above movies are well loved by fans across the world — despite their lack of critical acclaim. They are guilty pleasures, films that will be special no matter the quality of acting, writing or the film as a whole.

Whether films like these are blemishes on the name of Hollywood or signs of the power of film to gain sentimentality, they will continue to be cherished by movie fans for a long time.

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DVD REVIEWS

'Ice Age: The Meltdown' a subpar letdown

By ERIN McGINN
Scene Critic

Watching movie sequels is like playing the lottery. Chances are slim that you will actually win big, and, more often than not, it is just a waste of time and money. "Ice Age: The Meltdown" is like winning $25 on a scratch-off card — it's more than expected, but less than hoped for.

The original Oscar-nominated "Ice Age" (2002) was a breakaway hit and definitely served as proper competition for Pixar and Dreamworks films. "Ice Age: The Meltdown" is not going to be nearly as successful as its predecessor, but still has its entertaining moments. The basic premise (highly-endangered pre-historic animals try to escape certain disaster) is heavily borrowed — "Land Before Time" anyone? — but since the only dinosaurs in "The Meltdown" are predators, it manages to avoid too much comparison to other franchises.

Ice Age: The Meltdown

Director: Carlos Saldanha
Writers: Peter Gaulke and Jim Hecht
Starring: Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, Queen Latifah and Dennis Leary

"Ice Age: The Meltdown" takes place a few years after the original (the millennia needed for global change are ignored here) and maintains the same cast: Manny the mammoth (Ray Romano), Sid the Sloth (John Leguizamo), and Diego the sabre-toothed tiger (Denis Leary). When the nearby glacier begins melting — thanks to Scrat, the crazy squirrel — the animals are forced to flee, encountering peril and adventure. Along the way they meet the female mammoth Ellie (Queen Latifah), who believes that she is a possum, and her two possum "brothers" Crash (Seann William Scott) and Eddie (Josh Peck). Overall, the vocal performances are good. While Queen Latifah, Romano and Leguizamo all seem to be enjoying themselves, Leary appears to be less involved in the movie — but Diego was given less of the zinging one-liners, so it's not entirely his fault.

Unlike the environmentally-aware "FernGully: The Last Rainforest" (1992), "Meltdown" never really addresses global warming or other relevant issues. Aside from not being scientifically accurate — as demonstrated by the speeding up of the meltdown — there are the obvious biblical references, like the animals looking to get on a giant wooden boat to escape the flood. There's also a scene with Scrat entering a pearly-gated heaven of golden acorns. But since the movie is not entirely biblically oriented, these references are confusing and do not benefit the film.

"The Meltdown" is not all bad or questionable, however — it does have many enjoyable moments. In one scene, the vultures, excited about the impending doom (and thus lots of food for them), perform the song "Food, Glorious Food" from the musical "Oliver!" in a truly entertaining number.

There's also Scrat. The highlight of the first film, he continues to be the most exciting element of the sequel. He not only "causes" the meltdown but he also "fixes" it at the end. He was employed a great deal more in this film than he was in the first one. If a third film is made, Scrat can be expected to dominate the movie, as he is by far the most memorable and truly enjoyable character. He is also proof that filmmakers do not need raunchy playground humor in order to win laughs — something the writers should take note of, since that lower form of humor was all-too-present in "The Meltdown."

Unless you really enjoyed the original "Ice Age" or are a fan of any animated movie regardless of quality, then you should not see this movie. But if you are forced to take a younger sibling over Easter break, don't worry — because Scrat is your $25 win in the lottery.

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Diego (Dennis Leary), a fierce sabre-toothed tiger, is not playing around with Crash (Seann William Scott), a pesky possum, in "Ice Age 2: The Meltdown."

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New DVD documents 'Telfair' for the dramatic

By TAE ANDREWS
Assistant Scene Editor

"Right here, this is MSG. We call it The Garden."

"Through the Fire" begins with Sebastian "Bassy" Telfair dribbling a basketball on his way to play at "The Garden," a streetball court nicknamed after Madison Square Garden where aspiring hoops hopefuls play out their dreams of NBA glory. At its heart, that's what "Through the Fire" is— a tale of dreams.

Shot as a documentary, "Through the Fire" follows basketball phenomenon Sebastian Telfair during his senior year of high school. The camera descends on Coney Island in chronicling a gritty rags-to-riches tale of the American dream viewed through the microcosm of an urban cityscape.

Through the Fire

Director: Jonathan Hock
Starring: Asher Beard, Nyan Boateng, Jay-Z Renan Ebeid, Dwight Howard and Spike Lee

Through Telfair's thick Coney Island accent, the viewer can hear the street, the hardship of growing up poor in a bad neighborhood. However, as he struts down the street, dribbling the ball and playing with little kids, Telfair retains a sort of playful innocence that belies the rough circumstances of his upbringing.

Another interesting glimpse into Telfair's life is the footage of Team Telfair, or the family members who surround the rising star. Telfair is the cousin of Stephon Marbury, another New York City streetballer who made it to the NBA and is currently a point guard for the New York Knicks. Obviously, Marbury is the one who "made it" and represents where Bassy is trying to go.

On the other hand, there is Jamel Thomas, Telfair's older brother who wasn't drafted despite leading the Big East in scoring during his time playing for Providence University. Now playing professionally in Greece, Thomas represents a different prospect — the fear of not making it, the brother whose dream died.

Somewhere in between is Daniel Turner, another of Sebastian's brothers who works tirelessly with Bassy as personal coach and trainer. Rounding out the family is Sebastian's mother, with whom he has a very close relationship, and his little brother Ethan, who idolizes his brother and dreams of playing in the NBA himself.

Every member of the family is involved in Telfair's career in their own capacity. Apparently producing a straight-to-the-pros high school phenom is like trying to tackle Reggie Bush — it takes a village.

And there's also a tremendous amount of pressure on Bassy's sub-six foot frame to come through — the entire future of his family rests on his slight shoulders. But what capable shoulders they are.

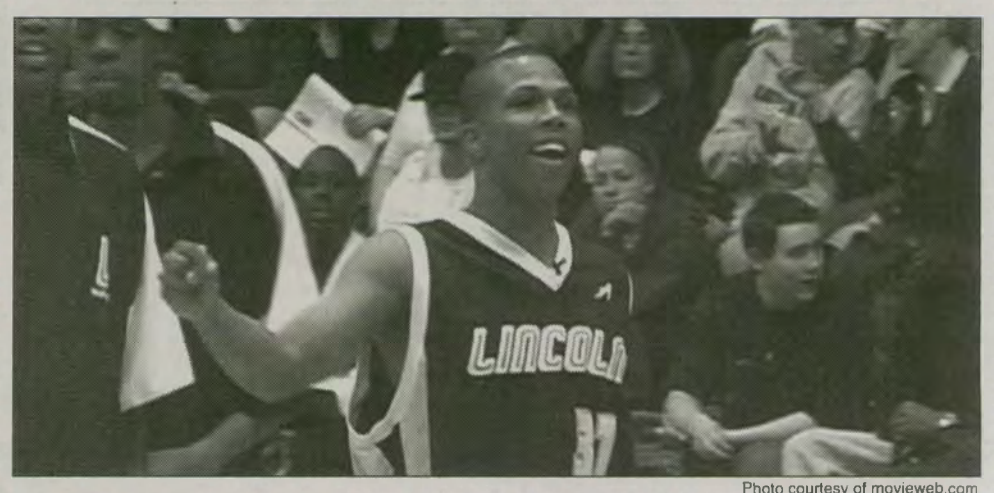
Telfair is reminiscent of another famous Sebastian — namely, Johannes Sebastian Bach, only Bassy is a virtuoso with a basketball instead of a conductor's wand. A child prodigy (Telfair first showed his unusual talent when he was six years old), he has a certain creative basketball genius that combines quickness with an active imagination. Telfair is frequently shown slicing his way through traffic for all manner of improbable layups and flashy no-look passes.

Throughout the film, Bassy mentions his dreams of buying his mom a mansion and leaving the projects. In one of his happiest moments, he turns to the camera and, in conspiratorial nature, lets the audience in on the secret that he has bought his big brother Jamel a brand-new BMW.

During one game, Telfair defeats fellow NBA prospect Dwight Howard's high school team with a last-second buzzer-beater, proving Bassy's "Telfair" for the dramatic. However, as his Abraham Lincoln High School team battles the other New York City teams on the way to the championship, Telfair suffers a scary experience with a turned ankle that demonstrates just how fragile his dream of NBA status is.

As his legend grows, Telfair signs a multi-million dollar shoe deal, lands a photo shoot for the cover of Sports Illustrated and plays in the McDonald's High School All-American Game. He enjoys all the perks of sports celebrity in America, hobnobbing with politicians, sneaker executives and, perhaps more importantly, Jay-Z.

Playing against rival school Cardozo in the championship game, Bassy goes from dreaming on The Garden streetball court to playing in the actual Madison Square Garden. When he gets drafted into the NBA, one thing is for sure about this perpetually happy, slightly goofy teenager with the million-dollar smile — Sebastian Telfair is living the dream.



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"Through the Fire" chronicles the meteoric rise of Portland Trail Blazers guard Sebastian Telfair from his humble Coney Island roots to a life in the NBA.

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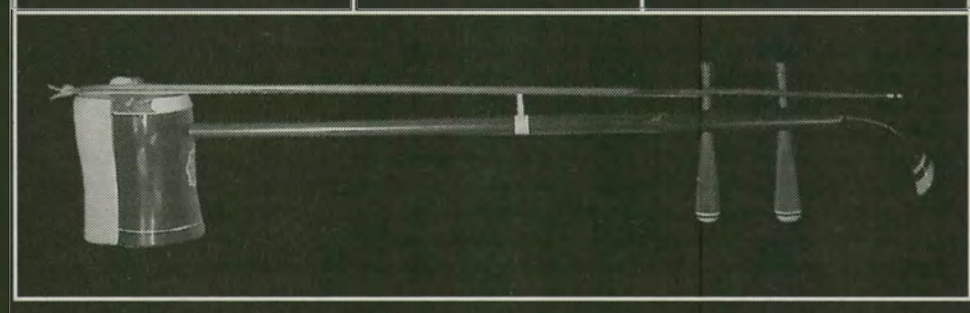

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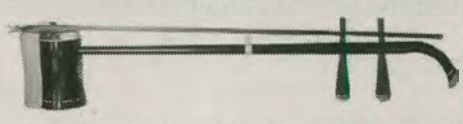

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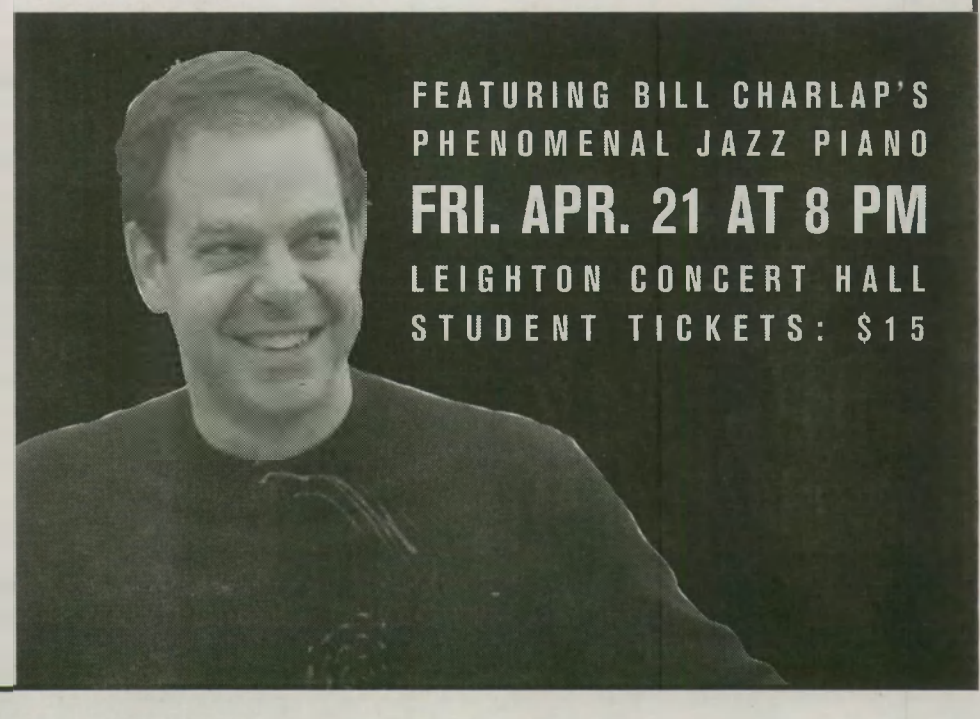

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Shaq, Heat burn Raptors with 106-97 victory

O'Neal records second career triple-double with 15 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists; Walker tallies 32 points

Associated Press

MIAMI — Shaquille O'Neal called it "simple basketball," and he certainly made it look that way.

O'Neal had his second career triple-double — a 15-point, 11-rebound, 10-assist effort in 28 minutes — and Antoine Walker busted out of his slump with a season-high 32 points as the Miami Heat overcame Dwyane Wade's absence to beat Toronto Tuesday night and send the Raptors to their ninth straight loss.

"I've been a very unselfish player," O'Neal said. "I knew they were going to double, so I just wanted to keep my guys involved. I learned a long time ago that if I can keep my other guys involved, it'll be an easier game for me. I just kept making the good pass and my teammates were making me look good."

Wade, fifth in the NBA with 27.5 points per game, stayed home to continue fighting a flu-like virus that has hampered him for several days.

He missed a perfect night for the Heat, who not only won but saw their magic number for clinching the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs drop to two after New Jersey lost later Tuesday in Chicago.

"Obviously, I'm very happy," Heat coach Pat Riley said.

The Raptors double-teamed O'Neal nearly every time he touched the ball, so the Heat center relied on brain over brawn and simply found the open teammates.

He set Walker up for two layups and a dunk, found Udonis Haslem for two layups, set up Shandon Anderson twice for scores, Gary Payton once for a jumper and connected with Derek Anderson twice for first-half 3-pointers that stopped a Raptors' rally.

"He has a willingness to do that," said Derek Anderson, who had 17 points for Miami. "That's what people don't understand. A lot of guys in this league don't share the ball, regardless of what happens. And when he's willing to do that, he gives us confidence to make plays and make shots. That's what you need to win games."

While the Raptors remained horrid, Mike James stayed torrid for the Raptors. He scored 32 points, his fourth straight game cracking the 30-point mark, and Morris Peterson added 23 for Toronto — which stayed close by hitting 13 3-pointers.

James ran over to congratulate O'Neal when the game ended, and the Raptors kept lobbing praise Shaq's way afterward.

"You double him, and he shows what he can do passing-wise," Peterson said. "That's why he's a Hall of Famer. He's a guy who gets the job done. He picked us apart."

O'Neal's only other triple-double was Nov. 20, 1993 — when he scored 24 points, grabbed 28 rebounds and blocked 15 shots for the Orlando Magic in a win over the New Jersey Nets. And his big night took some luster off Walker's best performance in a Heat uniform.

Walker was shooting only 30 percent and averaging eight points per game in April _ as the Heat got off to a 2-4 start — but connected on 13 of 26 shots, plus added eight rebounds and five assists.

"If Antoine can play like that, we can win the whole thing," O'Neal said.

Toronto was within three points late in the third quarter before the Heat pulled away, with Walker's 3-pointer with 5:16 remaining — followed by a kiss of his hands, which he raised skyward — giving Miami a 101-86 lead. The Raptors didn't get closer than 10 again until the final seconds, with the outcome decided.

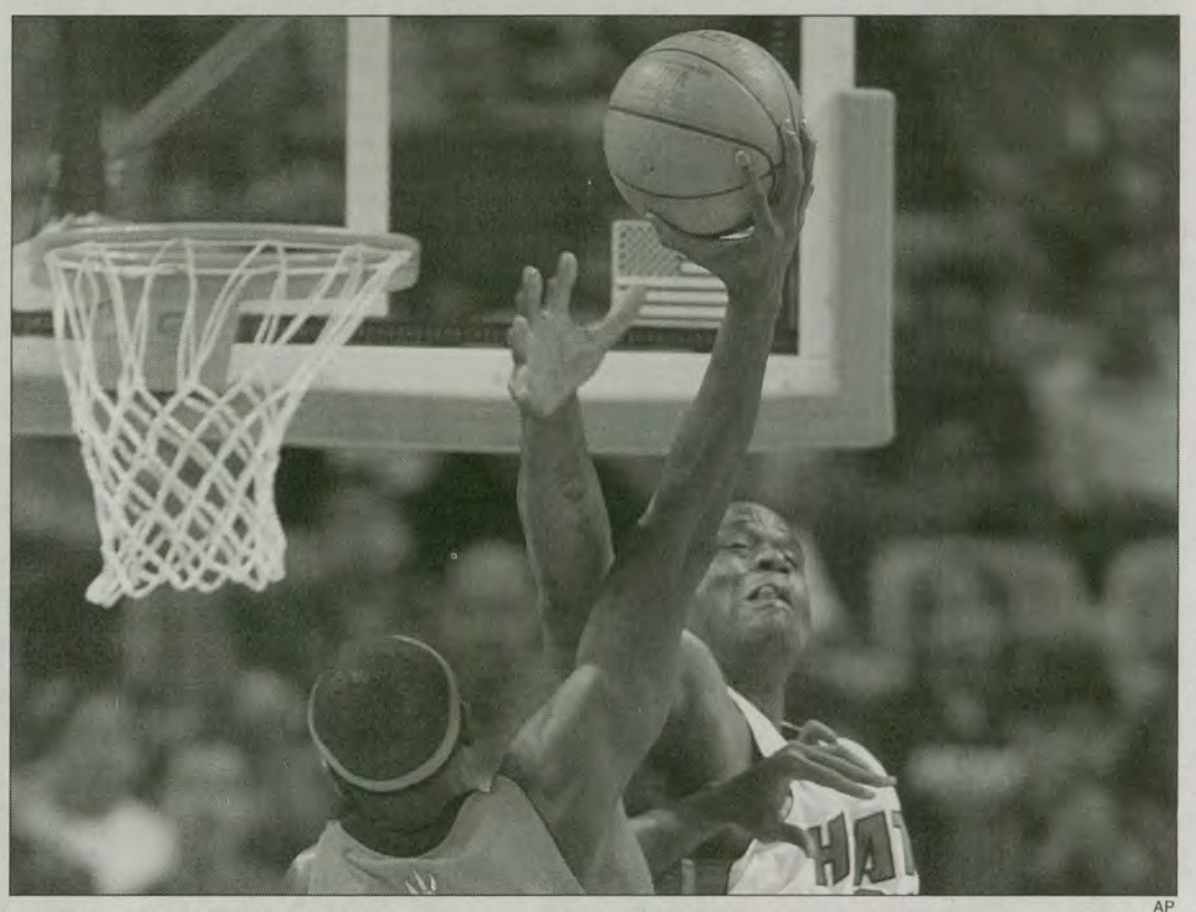
"I knew with Dwyane out, I was going to have to be more aggressive," Walker said. "The last couple games, I hadn't been looking for my shot. I'd been kind of passive. So I wanted to come out and be a little more aggressive and take some of the pressure off Shaq, and he did a terrific job finding guys."

Haslem had 15 points and nine rebounds and Payton added 15 points for the Heat.

Walker needed only 60 seconds for a personal 9-0 run — two three-point plays, then a 3-pointer — late in the first quarter, a burst that gave Miami a 26-14 lead. He finished with 11 points in the period and 19 in the half, helping the Heat claim a 61-51 lead at intermission.

James hit a 3-pointer late in the third quarter to get Toronto within 80-77, but the Raptors got no closer. Their season is ending almost the way it began; Toronto opened the year with a 1-15 record in November, and is still winless in April.

"It's definitely not fun being one of the first teams to be home," James said.



AP

Heat center Shaquille O'Neal fouls Raptors center Pape Sow as he dunks in the first quarter of Miami's 106-97 victory Tuesday. Antoine Walker scored a season-high 32 points in the game.

Grizzlies 92, Timberwolves 76

With Kevin Garnett and Ricky Davis out of action, what was left of the Minnesota Timberwolves wasn't enough to even put a scare into the playoff-bound Memphis Grizzlies.

Pau Gasol had 19 points and 10 rebounds, Chucky Atkins added 17 points, and the Grizzlies beat the injury-depleted Timberwolves on Tuesday night.

"It's very difficult," Timberwolves coach Dwane Casey said of taking his young players against the Grizzlies. "You know [we're] coming in here against a veteran team like Memphis who is playoff ready; they are playoff tough.

"To come in here for our young guys and compete the way they did, it's a tough task. But this gives our young guys a taste of what playoff basketball and playoff-ready teams [are] about."

Memphis won for the fourth time in five games and moved a half-game ahead of the idle Los Angeles Clippers for the fifth playoff spot in the Western Conference.

Bobby Jackson finished with 16 points for the Grizzlies, Jake Tsakalidis contributed 12, and Mike Miller scored 10. Gasol added six assists.

Besides missing All-Star Garnett and Davis, the team's second-leading scorer, Minnesota was also without guards Anthony Carter and Troy Hudson. That's an average of 54 points and almost 20 rebounds a game that didn't make the trip to Memphis.

"I really admire what Casey is doing," Memphis coach Mike Fratello said. "When you take guys out of your lineup like Ricky Davis and KG, it makes it very difficult to play at this level."

The absences gave Minnesota adequate reasons to continue giving younger players extra minutes.

Justin Reed led the Timberwolves with 14 points on 7-of-11 from the field. Rashad McCants scored 11 points and Marcus Banks added 10.

The Timberwolves have lost four of five overall and 14 straight on the road. Minnesota has not won away from home since Feb. 6.

Memphis had a double-digit lead in the first quarter, and Minnesota never threatened the rest of the way.

Memphis built its 18-point first-half lead as Atkins hit his first four shots, all from outside the arc. The Grizzlies connected on seven of their first 11 from long range.

"A team like that, you want to jump on them early so they don't get any confidence," Atkins said. "If you let them linger around and linger around, they get confident, then they are tough to beat. We wanted to come out and put the heat on them right away and let them know we weren't going to play around.

"A team like that, if you jump on them like we did, they tend to give up because they are just trying to get the season over right now."

Memphis carried a 44-29 lead into halftime as Atkins scored 14 and Gasol added 12 points.

Banks had all 10 of his points for the Timberwolves in the first half.

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MLB

Mets spoil Nationals home opener with 7-1 win

Rookie Bannister records first major league victory with three hits and one earned run in seven innings of work

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — No brawls, beanballs or even brushbacks Tuesday between the Nationals and Mets.

No sellout and no bouncing stands, either, at Washington's home opener, which was much more low key in just about every way than last season, when big league baseball returned after a 34-year absence to plenty of fanfare.

The announced crowd of 40,530 — more than 5,000 shy of capacity — didn't have much reason to root, root, root for the home team. Rookie Brian Bannister shut down Washington's struggling offense again for his first major league victory, and Carlos Beltran homered off the facing of the upper deck, leading the Mets past the Nationals.

"This is a team that is built to win," said Bannister, whose father, Floyd, pitched in the majors. "I knew my role was to come in here and to lay low, to just eat up innings, to pitch any game they needed me to pitch, and to just give this team a chance to win every time. It wasn't to come in here and take over the show."

But he did precisely that Tuesday, giving up three hits without a walk over seven innings. The lone run he allowed was on Alfonso Soriano's homer in the seventh; last week in New York, the right-hander held the Nationals hitless for 5 1-3 innings in his big league debut.

During that series at Shea Stadium, seven batters were hit — six by Mets pitchers — and a near-fight ensued. Nationals right-hander Felix Rodriguez and manager Frank Robinson were suspended by Major League Baseball; before Tuesday's game, Robinson said, both managers were told umpires would watch all season for any sign of trouble when the NL East rivals meet.

"It was basically a warning: They have control of the game. It's up to them. It's what they feel about a certain pitch, and they don't have to wait to put in a warning," Robinson said. "Word is, there's bad blood between the two ballclubs, and every time we play they're going to put out a warning to the umpires."

Players played down the possible tension before the game, though Bannister (1-0) acknowledged afterward it was on his mind.

"At the beginning of the game, I was a little timid throwing inside," he said. "Especially with Soriano, we did pitch away. As I got more comfortable, we started going back in."

No batter had to dive out of the way of an up-and-in heater. The only person who appeared to get nicked by a ball was plate umpire Brian O'Nora, when a foul tip bounced up and hit him below his mask.

Padres 9, Marlins 3

Khalil Greene says he tends to be a streaky home run hitter, and the Florida Marlins can vouch for that.

Greene drove in four runs with two homers to help the San Diego Padres shake a slump, and they spoiled Florida's home opener by winning Tuesday.

The Padres, who scored a major league-low 19 runs in the first week of the season, snapped a four-game losing streak.

Greene hit a two-out solo homer in the second and a three-run shot in the sixth, giving him four homers this season and a share of the NL lead with four others, including St. Louis slugger Albert Pujols.

"I don't expect to be at the top at the end of the year," Greene said. "When I hit home runs, they tend to come in bunches. I've gone a long time without hitting any homers."

Greene, who grew up in Key West, Fla., has four of the Padres' six home runs after hitting 15 each of the past two seasons.

"He's got some pop," Padres manager Bruce Bochy said. "Khalil is going to be an offensive shortstop. He's going to supply some power."

Woody Williams (1-0) won in his first start as a replacement for Shawn Estes, sidelined by a strained elbow. Williams allowed three runs in five-plus innings.

"I knew they had to dig deep in the well to throw me out there," Williams joked.

Reds 9, Cubs 2

Here's what Bronson Arroyo has shown the Cincinnati Reds since joining them less than a month ago: He can beat the Chicago Cubs and he can hit home runs off Glendon Rusch.

Arroyo, with no homers in his first six major league seasons, hit his second off Rusch in six days Tuesday, one of six long balls by the Reds as they routed the Cubs on a windy day at Wrigley Field.

"I got lucky again. Just keep hacking," Arroyo said after throwing seven shutout innings and hitting a ball over the left-field bleachers that landed on Waveland Ave.

"I really just couldn't believe where the pitch was because it was almost identical to last time. ... I was a little surprised," he added. "I knew the wind was going out, I got it good like I did last time. I figured that it wasn't going to land anywhere in the park."

Adam Dunn hit a pair of solo shots and Ken Griffey Jr. and Arroyo had one each off Rusch in the first four innings. Edwin Encarnacion hit his first career grand slam and Austin Kearns followed with another homer, both off Will Ohman in the sixth.

"He's got more homers than Wily Mo already," Dunn said of Arroyo, who was traded from the Red Sox on March 20 for Wily Mo Pena.

"He's got a good swing. That's impressive. He's shown me two tools so far."

Arroyo, who hit his first homer since high school off Rusch on April 5 at Great American Ball Park, connected for the Reds' third of the game leading off the third. Arroyo's homer last week was his first hit since 2001.

"I don't have anything for you," Rusch said, unable to explain how he could give up two homers to the same previously light-hitting pitcher in less than a week.

AP

Mets center fielder Carlos Beltran celebrates after his ninth-inning, two-run home run against the Nationals Tuesday.

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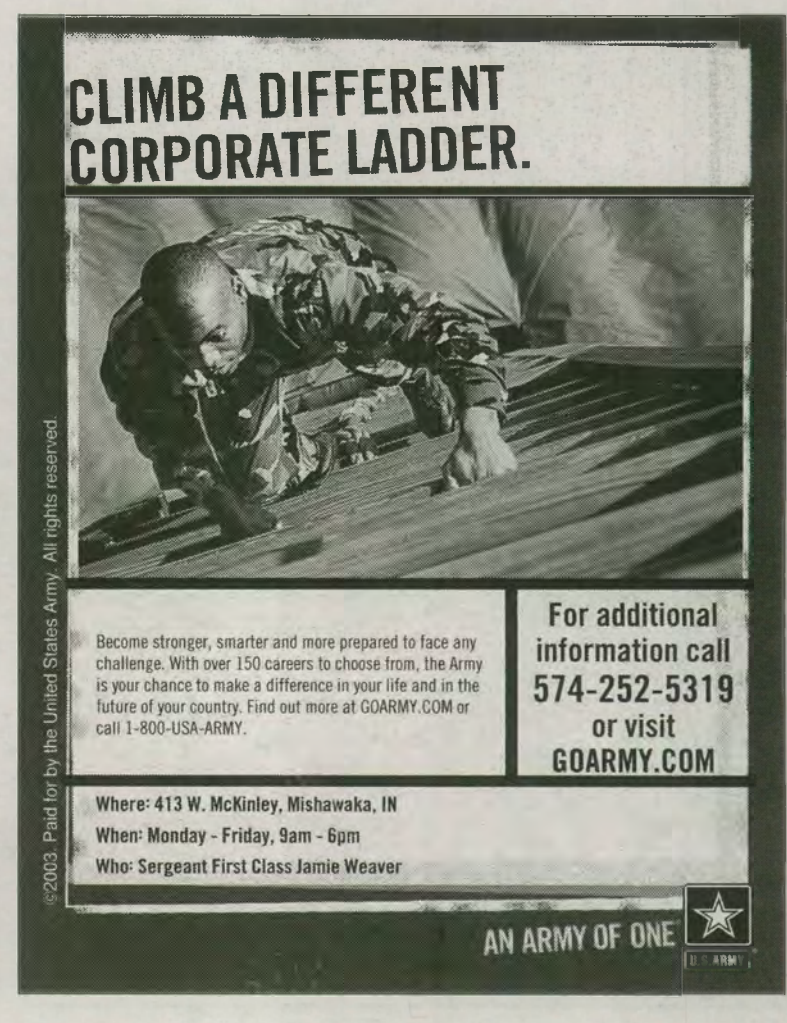

NHL

Flyers fight for home ice, beat Penguins 4-3

Carter's power-play tally late in the third breaks 3-3 deadlock

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Though they play better on the road, the Philadelphia Flyers are desperately trying to earn home-ice advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

With four games remaining, it's simple for Philadelphia: Win out and secure the No. 3 seed in the Eastern Conference.

Jeff Carter's power-play goal with 6:32 left in the third period lifted the Flyers to a 4-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Tuesday night.

The Flyers wasted a 3-0 lead, but earned the victory to move within three points of the Atlantic Division-leading New York Rangers. The Rangers have just three games left, including one meeting between the teams. Philadelphia is fifth in the East, two points ahead of New Jersey with two road games left against the Devils.

"I've seen our fans just will us in playoff games," coach Ken Hitchcock said. "I think home-ice is something you need. It's very important. It's real difficult when you constantly have to win road games in the playoffs."

The Flyers are 21-13-6 at the Wachovia Center, with only Saturday's game against the Rangers left at home. They are 22-11-5 on the road.

Simon Gagne scored his 45th goal and Joni Pitkanen and Brian Savage also scored for the Flyers, who were without star center Peter Forsberg for the third straight game because of a groin injury.

"It's a big win for us because we have a chance to win the division," Pitkanen said. "We've had a tough time at home. Maybe we feel a little more pressure. If you're going to win in the playoffs, you have to win both [home and away]."

Michel Ouellet, Ryan Whitney and Sidney Crosby scored for Pittsburgh, which already secured the worst record in the conference.

After giving up three straight goals, the Flyers went ahead when their dismal special teams came through.

Freddy Meyer took a slap shot from the point that deflected off Niko Dimitrakos. Carter, standing at the side of the net, tucked the puck in for his 22nd goal to give the Flyers a one-goal lead.

"It was just kind of bouncing around out there," Carter said.

Robert Esche preserved it with several outstanding saves in a frantic final minute. Esche made 23 saves in his fourth start in five games for the Flyers, though Hitchcock hasn't announced whether Esche or Antero Niittymaki will be the playoff starter.

"Goaltending is the least of our problems," Hitchcock said. "Right now, we have to have a killer instinct."

Just 1:23 after falling behind 3-0, Ouellet's power-play goal cut it to 3-1 in the second period.

The Penguins closed to 3-2 when Whitney scored just 92 seconds into the third period. Whitney took a behind-the-net pass from Crosby and lifted it just under the crossbar.

Five seconds after failing to score on a power play, the Penguins tied it at 3 on Crosby's 37th goal 8:16 into the third.

"We've been there a lot this year. We've fallen behind and climbed our way back, but it seems like one mistake we make and sometimes it costs us," Crosby said.

The Flyers scored their first two goals during 4-on-4 situations after penalties wiped out two of their four power-play opportunities in the second period.

Petr Nedved, back after missing four games with a groin injury, skated down the right side, turned and fed a pass to Gagne, who scored on a wrister before crashing into the right post and knocking the net off its moorings.

Savage's ninth goal midway through the second put the Flyers ahead 2-0. Pitkanen sent a perfect centering pass from near the left boards to a streaking Savage, who redirected the puck past goalie Sebastien Caron.

Pitkanen ripped a slap shot from the slot just inside the left post for his 13th goal, giving the Flyers a 3-0 lead.

Flyers enforcer Donald Brashear and Pittsburgh's Eric Cairns squared off in the third period immediately after both players left the penalty box, with Brashear landing a few solid shots early in the fight. Brashear got a rousing ovation as he returned to the penalty box and exchanged high-fives with some fans.

SOCCER

U.S., Jamaica battle to 1-1 tie

American Tony Meola earns his 100th cap in exhibition match up

Associated Press

CARY, N.C. — Tony Meola got his 100th cap. Now he and the rest of the U.S. hopefuls can only wait for coach Bruce Arena to choose the World Cup roster.

"For me, it was just a great night, and I did it with a great group of guys that really appreciated the first 99 as much as they appreciated tonight," the 37-year-old goalkeeper said. "They let me know about it all week."

Ben Olsen scored the tying goal in the 25th minute off a record-setting assist from Landon Donovan. Meola became the ninth U.S. player to reach 100 international appearances and the United States salvaged a 1-1 tie against Jamaica on Tuesday night.

It was the final exhibition game before Arena settles on the 23 players he will take to Germany this summer. A day earlier, he told the team not to worry about making the final cut. He wanted them simply to have fun.

"It's getting down to the nitty gritty," defender Chris Albright said. "I mean, obviously you enjoy playing the game, but everybody's thinking about making the team. I just tried to give it everything I had."

Before the kickoff, Meola was honored as the ninth U.S. player to reach 100 caps — soccer's term for international appearances. He was the starting goalkeeper at the 1990 and 1994 World Cups, and the No. 3 goalkeeper four years ago.

Meola hadn't played for the national team since May 16, 2002, and his addition to the roster was seen largely as a symbolic gesture by Arena. Barely four minutes into the game, it appeared Meola might be in for a long night when Jamaica took a 1-0 lead.

"We started slow. Give them credit, they came at us," Meola said. "After about 15 or 20 minutes, I thought we picked up the pace and played fairly well. All in all, I thought it was a good performance."

Donovan got his 23rd career assist, moving him ahead of Los Angeles Galaxy teammate Cobi Jones for the most in national team history as the Americans avoided losing for the first time in 17 games against Jamaica (9-0-8).

"Oh, that's right, I forgot about that," Donovan said when told of his record. "It was Cobi before, right? I got it in less caps, and I'll tell him this week. That's cool, man."

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AROUND THE NATION

NBA Standings

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	pct.	GB
New Jersey	47-29	.618	-
Philadelphia	36-41	.468	11.5
Boston	32-45	.416	15.5
Toronto	26-51	.338	21.5
New York	22-55	.286	25.5

Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Detroit	62-15	.805	-
Cleveland	47-30	.610	15
Indiana	37-40	.481	25
Milwaukee	37-40	.481	25
Chicago	35-41	.461	26.5

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Miami	50-27	.649	-
Washington	39-38	.506	11
Orlando	33-44	.429	17
Atlanta	24-53	.312	26
Charlotte	22-55	.286	28

Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Denver	44-34	.564	-
Utah	38-39	.494	5.5
Seattle	33-43	.434	10
Minnesota	31-45	.416	11.5
Portland	21-56	.273	22.5

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Phoenix	50-26	.658	-
LA Clippers	44-33	.571	6.5
Sacramento	41-37	.526	10
LA Lakers	41-37	.526	10
Golden State	30-46	.395	20

Western Conference, Southwest Division

team	record	pct.	GB
San Antonio	59-18	.766	-
Dallas	59-19	.756	0.5
Memphis	44-33	.571	15
New Orleans	37-40	.481	22
Houston	33-45	.423	26.5

NCAA Women's Softball Top 25

No.	team	record	points
1	Arizona	29-3	495
2	Texas	35-3	470
3	UCLA	28-2	447
4	Alabama	29-4	427
5	Stanford	26-4	418
6	Tennessee	27-4	399
7	Oregon State	25-2	385
8	Cal	29-3	374
9	Arizona State	34-3	356
10	Georgia	28-8	299
11	LA-Lafayette	23-6	288
12	LSU	31-5	267
13	Michigan	17-9	266
14	Washington	25-8	262
15	Northwestern	18-8	212
16	Texas A&M	23-9	210
17	Auburn	22-8	172
18	Oklahoma	23-10-1	156
19	Nebraska	20-6	144
20	Baylor	19-13	123
21	Louisville	19-4	82
22	Mississippi State	27-8	64
23	DePaul	11-7	49
24	Fresno State	20-13	43
25	Southern Illinois	19-4	33

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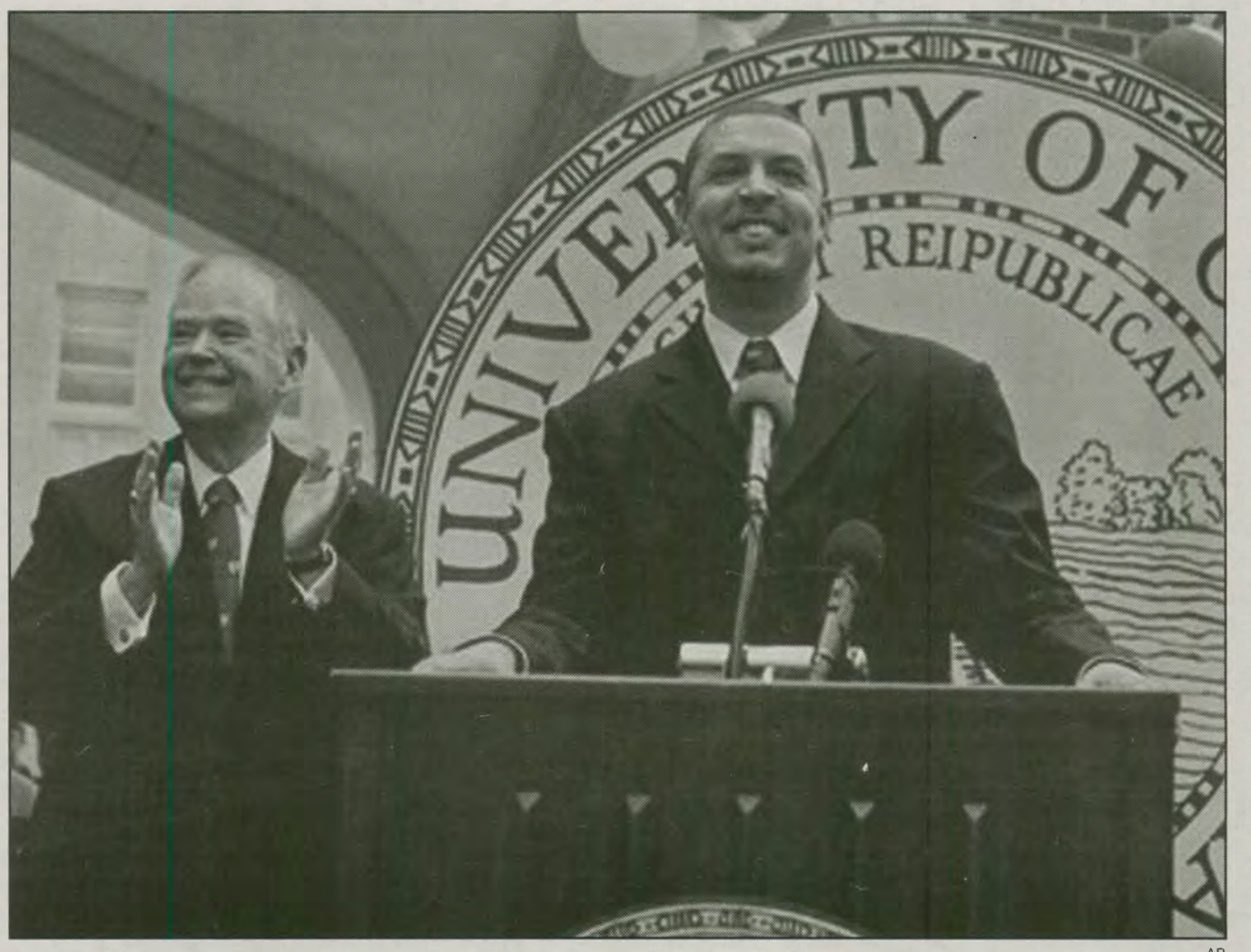

AP

Jeff Capel, right, was introduced as the Oklahoma head basketball coach Tuesday after former coach Kelvin Sampson left the program March 29. Capel coached at Virginia Commonwealth the last four seasons.

Capel named Oklahoma head coach

Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Jeff Capel was hired as Oklahoma's basketball coach Tuesday, resigning at Virginia Commonwealth to replace Kelvin Sampson and take over a program under NCAA investigation.

VCU confirmed Capel's move in a statement from president Eugene Trani and athletic director Richard Sander. The Sooners scheduled an afternoon news conference on campus to introduce Capel.

"We are both sad and happy with Jeff's announcement that he is going to Oklahoma," Sander said. "He did a great job here, and we know he will do a great job there."

The 31-year-old Capel is a former Duke player who was 79-41 in four seasons as coach at VCU.

He signed a two-year contract extension last month to keep him at the Richmond school through 2012.

Instead, he will replace Sampson, hired as Indiana's coach March 29. The Sooners are awaiting a decision from the NCAA in a case involving more than 550 improper recruiting phone calls by Sampson and his staff. The accusations against Oklahoma include "lack of institutional control," one of the NCAA's most serious findings.

Oklahoma has argued for a lesser "failure in monitoring" finding and instituted self-imposed sanctions including probation and recruiting cutbacks. A hearing is scheduled April 21 in Utah.

Capel, whose father is an assistant coach for the Charlotte Bobcats, led VCU to the Colonial Athletic Association title and an NCAA tournament berth in 2004 and then to the NIT in 2005, the school's first consecutive postseason berths since 1985.

His Rams finished this season 19-10 and did not make the postseason after losing to Hofstra in the conference tournament quarterfinals.

The signature of his VCU teams was defense. This season, the Rams allowed 62.4 points a game. On offense, they averaged only 12.5 turnovers and made nearly eight 3-pointers a game.

Sampson inherits an Oklahoma team that loses three of its top four scorers in seniors Taj Gray, Terrell Everett and Kevin Bookout.

IN BRIEF

District Attorney vows to pursue Duke rape case

DURHAM, N.C. — Standing before a mostly black audience, the district attorney in charge of the Duke University rape investigation said Tuesday he does not need DNA to bring charges and vowed, "This case is not going away."

District Attorney Mike Nifong spoke one day after defense attorneys said DNA testing failed to connect any of Duke's lacrosse players to the alleged attack on a black stripper who said she was raped by members of the nearly all-white 47-man team.

Nifong stopped short of confirming the defense assessment of the DNA results, but said the case would not be hampered by a lack of DNA evidence.

"It doesn't mean nothing happened," Nifong said at North Carolina Central University, where the 27-year-old alleged victim is a student. "It just means nothing was left behind."

University of Alabama booster killed in home

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — An Alabama booster convicted of bribing a high school coach to get a top recruit for the Crimson Tide was killed in his home, police said Tuesday.

Police and his defense attorney confirmed the death of Logan Young, 65, not saying how he was killed.

Investigators found "a lot of blood," police Sgt. Vince Higgins said. "The nature of the attack was brutal."

Higgins said there were signs of a struggle in the house, a two-story home in one of Memphis' most exclusive country club neighborhoods.

Investigators don't know a motive or if the attack was related to Young's federal conviction, Higgins said. Police haven't determined how his home was entered or how many attackers there might have been.

While police waited for fingerprints to identify the body, Nashville defense attorney Jim Neal confirmed the victim was Young.

Adidas inks 11-year deal with the NBA

FRANKFURT, Germany — Adidas signed an 11-year deal with the NBA on Tuesday, making the German athletic shoe company the official uniform and apparel provider for the league.

The company said the deal includes providing uniforms and other products for the WNBA and the NBA's development league starting with the 2006-07 season.

Adidas, a marketing partner with the NBA since 2002, said the deal came as a result of last year's acquisition of Reebok International Ltd. The value of the deal wasn't immediately disclosed by Adidas or the NBA, but shares of Adidas were up more than 2.9 percent to over $208 in Frankfurt trading after it was announced.

Reebok will continue to be a global marketing partner of the NBA and will keep its ability to create NBA branded footwear.

ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

An Irish player accelerates toward third base during Notre Dame's 6-0 win over Ball State Tuesday at Ivy Field.

Cardinals

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go, " Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said.

Notre Dame pitchers recorded their 12th shutout on the season, with all three Irish hurlers seeing action Tuesday.

Irish senior Heather Booth started the game and was virtually untouched in her four innings of hitless work. Her only blemish was a walk in the fourth — which was quickly followed by her fifth and final strikeout.

Notre Dame junior Kenya Fuemmeler replaced Booth and continued right where the senior left off. Fuemmeler kept the Cardinals off the scoreboard and allowed only one hit in two innings.

Gumpf said she made the change so Fuemmeler could get back on her feet after suffering from the flu earlier in the week. Freshman Brittany Bargar replaced Fuemmeler in the seventh to close out the game.

"Kenya, Bargar and I just seemed to be in a good rhythm as a staff keeping Ball State's hitters off balance," said Booth.

The only Irish runs after three in the first inning came in the sixth. Notre Dame sophomore Brittany Glynn crushed a two-run homer down the left field line in her fourth at bat of the season. It was the first hit of her collegiate career.

Glynn came into the game in the fourth inning, replacing Irish junior Stephanie Brown — who came out of the game due to a shoulder injury she sustained in the dugout from a foul ball off the bat of Irish junior Carissa Jaquish.

In her next at-bat Jaquish hit another fluke foul ball, this time hitting herself in the lip. The blow required stitches and she was forced to join Brown in the dugout.

"We had a lot of crazy things happen out there today," said Gumpf.

Gumpf said both players will be back in the line-up shortly.

Notre Dame will host DePual Thursday in a doubleheader.

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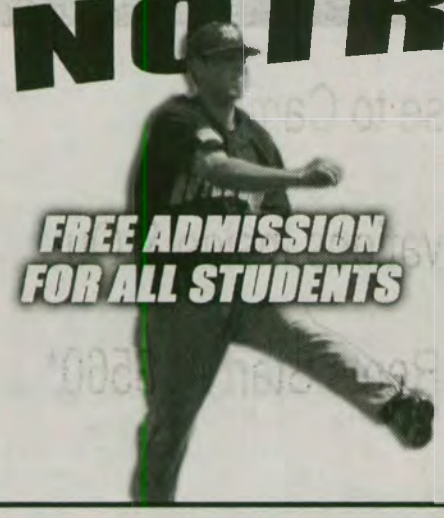

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tion. Members said they noticed two members of other teams from their bracket at the game.

"We know that [rival teams] have been scouting us," Girts said.

Four Girls Who Have Never Touched a Basketball and One Guy Who Probably Shouldn't def. Team 50, forfeit

Four Girls Who Have Never Touched a Basketball and One Guy Who Probably Shouldn't and Team 50 battled Tuesday in a hotly-contested game, with Team 50 seemingly coming away with a 21-17 win.

But Four Girls was awarded the victory by forfeit after Bookstore officials discovered that a Team 50 member has competed for multiple teams in the tournament, 40 minutes into the game

Even though the final score had Team 50 on top, the team was punished with a loss and an early Bookstore exit.

Four Girls had no pity on them.

"That was absolutely foolish," Four Girls guard Matt Bara said of the illegal roster move.

Four Girls guard "Birthday Boy" Jimmy Wilson added that he was not impressed with Team 50's style of play.

"They played like a bunch of nancies," he said.

Spectators were confused that Four Girls was an all-male squad.

The 1997 All-European Team 21, The Tournament Is Named After Us, So We Have To Have A Team 15

The 1997 All-European Team beat The Tournament is Named After Us, So We Have to Have A Team 21-15 in an hour-long game played in dreary conditions.

Both teams watched numerous shots sail off-target in the breeze. Unable to hit jump shots with any regularity, the squads adjusted their game plans and utilized their post players — which gave a significant advantage to the taller Europeans.

The Bookstore team also suffered an injury to one of their players midway through the second half.

"They played a lot more physical than we did, they controlled the boards," the Bookstore team said in a joint statement after the game. "They played at a tempo that they were comfortable with."

The European team said they planned to stay true to their roots and party like they do at home.

"This was a good win," they said. "We're going to go out for some gyros, maybe some crepes, to celebrate in real European style."

Justice League of Notre Dame 24, We Were Picked Last in Grade School 22

In a marathon contest that lasted over an hour and half and ended in overtime, the Justice League of Notre Dame defeated We Were Picked Last in Grade School 24-22.

Picked Last jumped out to an early 6-1 lead, using good defense and a strong performance by the team's designated sharpshooter — "The Reverend" Kevin Stanley. Justice League closed the gap, but Picked Last 11-8 at halftime.

"Our 2-3 zone was giving them fits for a while," Picked Last guard Eric Gast said at the half.

Justice League went on a 3-0 run after the half and evened the score at 11-11.

The score stayed close throughout a physical second half, which saw plenty of rebounds and steals by both teams. But tough post defense on both sides prevented both teams from capitalizing on their scoring opportunities.

After running the score to 23-22, Justice League was in control of the game despite missing a potential game-winning layup that prolonged the action for a few more possessions. But their height advantage eventually proved too much for Picked Last to overcome.

"It was a tough second half," Gast said after the game. "They made some defensive switches that we had trouble adjusting to, and fatigue set in on both sides at the end. It was one of the best games I've ever seen."

Justice League's players agreed.

"Both teams played their hearts out the whole game. The lead switched so many times, it was never a sure thing," Justice League forward Dan Leszkowicz said. "We thought we were going to be out here all week."

KIRSTEN HOELMER/The Observer

Team Zissou forward Stephen Walchuk looks to pass against Matt Biscaia, Man In Tights and His Merry Band of Bricklayers at the Bookstore Courts Tuesday. The Bricklayers won 21-9.

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es. The Golden Grizzlies committed eight errors, including two in the first inning alone.

Notre Dame third baseman Jeremy Barnes began the scoring for the Irish by knocking in first baseman Craig Cooper, who led off the game with a double. Oakland shortstop Ryan Heath misplayed Barnes' hard-hit ground ball, and Golden Grizzlies left fielder Tim Doig committed an error backing up Heath to allow Barnes to advance to third base on the play.

"They struggled defensively," Bransfield said. "It was really windy and our field was a little dry, so it was playing rough."

Notre Dame second baseman Ross Brezovsky followed Barnes with an RBI groundout to second base to give the Irish a 2-0 lead. Bransfield then hit the first of his homers on a 1-0 count against Oakland starter Kevin Hale. Notre Dame catcher Sean Gaston sent Hale's next pitch over the fence in right center to give the Irish a quick 4-0 lead.

"You kind of take away some of the hope some of the teams come in here having [with big innings]."

Matt Bransfield
Irish outfielder

"You kind of take away some of the hope some of the teams come in to our ballpark having [with big innings]," Bransfield said. "It gives our pitcher some comfort in going out there and pitching with the lead."

Bransfield's second homer capped Notre Dame's nine-run fourth inning. With two men aboard and five runs already scored in the frame, Bransfield connected on the first pitch from Golden Grizzlies reliever Brian Bernatowicz to give Notre Dame a 12-0 advantage.

After Sean Gaston grounded out, Irish center fielder Alex Nettey hit a homer off Bernatowicz down the left field line to extend the lead to 13-0.

Bransfield said Nettey and Gaston hit their homers harder than he hit his two.

"They were the only legitimate home runs," he said. "They just crushed them."

Irish backup third baseman Eddy Mendiola delivered a two-run single in the fifth to put Notre Dame ahead 15-0.

Korpi struck out eight and walked only one in his five innings of work.

"Korpi pitched with a lot of confidence. He's just starting to pull it all together."

Matt Bransfield
Irish outfielder

"Korpi pitched with a lot of confidence," Bransfield said. "He's just starting to put it all together."

Irish southpaw Sam Elam relieved Korpi after five innings and struck out five batters in three innings while allowing three hits one run. Korpi improved to 3-1 on the season with the victory. Notre Dame right-hander Joey Williamson pitched a perfect ninth to close out the game for the Irish.

The Golden Grizzlies avoided the shutout with a lone run in the eighth inning.

Notre Dame faces Division-III Manchester today at 5:05 at Frank Eck Stadium. Irish freshman right-hander David Phelps will likely start for the Irish.

Phelps is 1-0 with an 8.78 ERA in seven appearances (two starts).

He has struck out 12 and walked seven in 13 1-3 innings.

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Sweep

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Kristen Amram said. "Our team couldn't give up, we never give up."

Saint Mary's carried the momentum of their first win into the second game of the doubleheader.

Sullivan said Calvin seemed to be fading after losing the first game and Amram said the Belles stayed focused. Amram pitched and only allowed one hit in the second game.

"We tried to keep our mental game up," Amram said. "We tried to stay loud and keep fighting."

Saint Mary's senior Audrey Gajor singled in the top of the third giving the Belles a 2-0 lead and then got another RBI single in the top of the fifth to secure the 3-0 win.

The doubleheader against Calvin was the end to a four-day run of eight games for Saint Mary's. The Belles went 7-1 — exceeding Sullivan's hope of a .500 run.

KRISTY KING/The Observer

Saint Mary's looks on during the Belles 9-1 win over Alma April 8 at Saint Mary's Field.

"We are going to go easy and go over the little things [in the next few days]," Sullivan said. "Take that time to relax and get mentally ready."

Saint Mary's record now stands at 21-7 overall and 7-1 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA).

The 21 wins are the highest the Belles have seen since joining the MIAA in 1998.

Saint Mary's will play Tri-State at home April 17.

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Hornets

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"It's definitely a big match for us," Belles co-captain Kristen Palombo said. "Getting a win over Kalamazoo would give our team so much confidence for the rest of our conference matches."

Kalamazoo is coming off a loss in its last MIAA game. The Hornets fell victim to first place Albion 7-2 last Tuesday. The Britons are currently first in the conference with a 4-0 record.

"They're a very aggressive and intimidating team."

Kristen Palombo
Belles senior

Palumbo said the Belles (9-6 overall) expect a challenge from Kalamazoo.

"We're definitely expecting Wednesday to be a tough match," Palombo said. "They're a very aggressive and intimidating team, but we can't let that bother us if we hope to get a victory."

Belles co-captain Kelly McDavitt compared Kalamazoo to Hope, the only team to beat Saint Mary's so far in MIAA play

"Kalamazoo is as good if not better than Hope, but we didn't play as well as we could have against Hope," McDavitt said. "Tomorrow is going to be one of the biggest matches of the season."

The Belles have rattled off two conference victories after a 6-3 loss to Hope. They beat both Alma and Tri-State 8-1.

Palombo said the Belles have used the week off to rest after their victory over Tri-State.

"We took the whole weekend off which was really nice," Palombo said. "We really needed those couple of days off to let our bodies recover a little bit."

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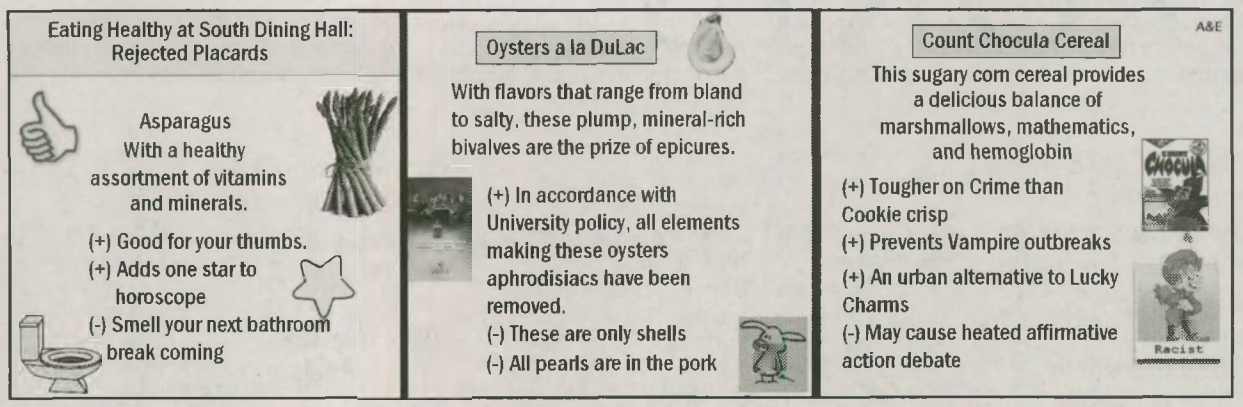

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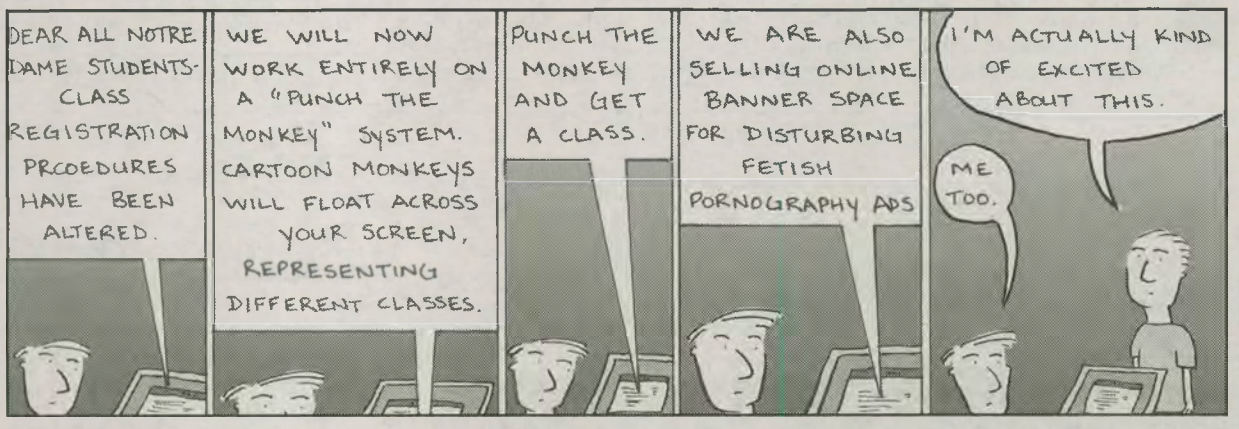

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ACROSS

1 Mighty bit
5 Blackguards
9 Caribbean island
14 Collar neighbor
15 From the top
16 Humdrum
17 Lower 10
18 Oven window material
19 Like a tumbler
20 Get away from the director of "Ishtar"?
22 Midsized soda bottle
23 Letter from Greece
24 "No kidding!"
25 Top greengrocer?
31 Fowl place
32 Repellent
33 Jurist's reading
36 Unwanted buildup
37 Sister of Urania
39 Ritzy
40 Something to slag
41 Somewhat
42 Be bombastic
43 Emulate Jack Sprat?
46 Option at the launderer's
49 ___ exchange
50 "M" star, 1931
51 Saloon held in trust?
57 Siamese or Persian
58 ___ George
59 Part of a diamond
60 Track
61 Declare
62 Common supplement
63 Brings to a close
64 Franco of film
65 Gusto

DOWN

1 Requirement in a game of dealer's choice
2 Sun Belt art colony
3 Fuel grp.
4 Big butte
5 Totaled
6 20 Questions category
7 Numerical prefix
8 Dominion
9 Mother-of-pearl source
10 Infuriated, and showing it
11 Go from two to one
12 Barn bundles
13 At the ready
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25 For this reason
26 Go bad
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28 Set a price of
29 Skirt
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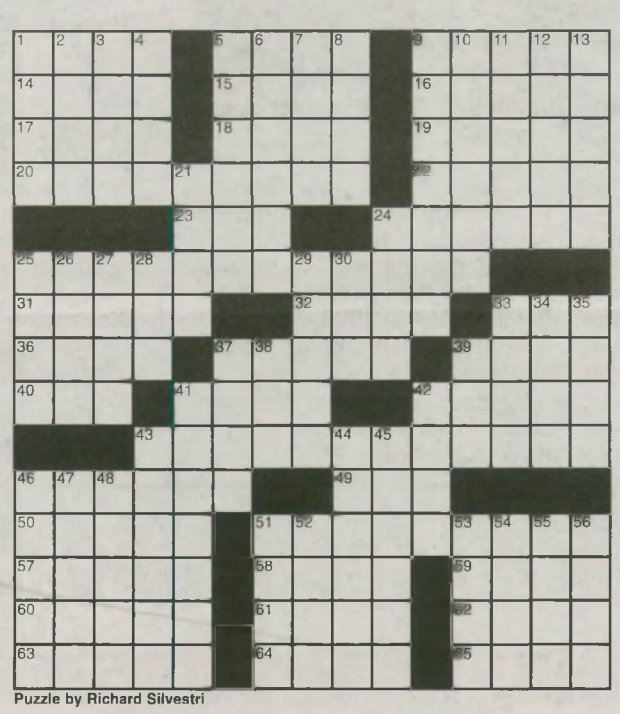

Puzzle by Richard Silvestri

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35 Put an edge on
37 Make some plates
38 Root word?
39 Grand ___, Nova Scotia
41 Assaults on Everest, e.g.
42 "Horrors!"
43 Traveling
44 Chair material
45 Corrida figure
46 Virgule
47 Opera set in 1800 Rome
48 Shakespearean sprite
51 Flair
52 Set aside
53 Phenom
54 Ear bender
55 "Murder, She Wrote" sheriff ___ Tupper
56 Monthly money

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will have to deal with institutions today. Visit a friend who can shed some light on your future situation. 3 stars

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may be questioned about something you have been doing. Someone you thought you could count on will let you down. 2 stars

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Someone may try to trick you. Don't overreact to family matters but do get to the bottom of things. You can make changes that will affect your professional future. Talk to people who can help. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Everything will be up in the air and difficult to decipher. Don't let what others do infuriate you. Sudden changes regarding a partnership can be expected. Don't be afraid to make changes. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): An opportunity is looking you in the face. Don't be afraid to find out more about future prospects. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Do your own follow up and you will sail through today with ease. So many things are going your way so take the initiative and go after your dreams. You can get others to listen to you today so speak up. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stay put and don't start anything you can't finish. Exaggeration will not impress the people you are dealing with. 4 stars

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): This is not the time to jump to conclusions or overreact. If you take a wait-and-see approach you will be in a much better position when the dust settles. Refuse to get upset about emotional matters. 3 stars

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SMC SOFTBALL

Saint Mary's sweeps home doubleheader with Calvin

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Calvin held a 5-0 lead in the top of the second inning Tuesday, but it was all downhill from there as Saint Mary's came from behind to win 8-7. The Belles went on to complete the home sweep with a 3-0 victory in the following game.

"We trust our offense," Saint Mary's head coach Erin Sullivan said. "We didn't panic and just took it one hit at a time."

Trailing by five runs, Saint Mary's (21-7, 7-1 in the MIAA) cut the lead to three when third baseman Laura Heline hit a two-run homer in the second inning.

Calvin (4-3, 7-13 in the MIAA) responded and built upon its lead with two runs in the top of the third on RBI singles by left fielder Erin Conrad and shortstop Jeane Cole.

The Belles bounced right back, scoring three runs in the bottom half of the inning. Shortstop Sara Miesle singled in a run, and then scored on a two-run error along with catcher Ashley Fusaro.

Saint Mary's tied the game in bottom of the sixth. Belles sophomore McKenna Corrigan hit an RBI single and Katie Rashid scored a run on an error.

Miesle gave the Belles the lead in the bottom of the seventh, singling to drive in the winning run.

Saint Mary's right-hander Bridget Grall started on the mound but struggled as she battled a cold. Freshman Calli Davison took over on the mound in the top of the fourth

"We wanted to back her up and help her out," Belles left fielder

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ND SOFTBALL

Ball game over

Squad shuts out Ball State at home to earn fourth straight win

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame shortstop Katie Laing's two-run triple in the bottom of the first inning Tuesday drove in one more run than the team needed.

The Irish defeated Ball State (9-17, 1-3 in the MAC) 6-0 at Ivy Field moving their record to 24-12 (7-1 in the Big East). The entire team looked sharp out of the gates even though it was playing a non-conference opponent.

"I think after the [4-2 loss to Akron April 5] they realized when they aren't focused or intense stuff like that will happen, so we were ready to

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ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer
Irish senior Heather Booth delivers a pitch during Notre Dame's 6-0 win over Ball State Tuesday at Ivy Field. The Irish have won four straight contests since April 8.

SMC TENNIS

Belles prep for MIAA showdown

Saint Mary's to face third-place Hornets at home Wednesday

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will attempt to return to its strong early spring form when it hosts Kalamazoo at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in a crucial Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association match — its first in over a week.

Saint Mary's and Kalamazoo currently are tied for third place in the conference, entering the match with identical 4-1 conference records.

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXV

Close games highlight second round action

Mendoza Line cruises to third round; Justice leagues wins in OT

By FRAN TOLAN and TIM KAISER
Sports Writer

Mendoza Line picked up a 21-8 victory over Team 308 Tuesday night at the McGlinn courts. After the game, the self-proclaimed "George Mason of the Bookstore tournament" boasted it will continue to advance regardless of its opponents.

"We don't even need to know their names," Mendoza player Mike Girts said of future challengers. "Right now, we're just five guys with a dream."

The relatively easy second round game also allowed the team to truly enjoy its accomplishment.

"We're definitely very happy to advance to the round of 256," said Mendoza's Rob Michalak, unanimously chosen as the game's MVP by his teammates.

But the team also realized that with its feat comes recogni-

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BASEBALL

Irish blast Oakland, 15-1

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame designated hitter Matt Bransfield hit two home runs and Irish left-hander Wade Korpi threw five shutout innings as Notre Dame beat Oakland 15-1 Tuesday at Frank Eck Stadium.

"The wind was gusting out to left, so I was just trying to put a few into the wind and they ended up leaving the ball yard," Bransfield said of his homers.

The other story of the game was Oakland's defensive laps-

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ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer
Irish sophomore Wade Korpi delivers a pitch in Notre Dame's 15-1 win over Oakland Tuesday at Frank Eck Stadium.

SPORTS AT A GLANCE

NCAA BASKETBALL

Oklahoma hired Jeff Capel to replace departed coach Kelvin Sampson Tuesday.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Controversial Alabama football booster Logan Young was killed in his Memphis home Tuesday.

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NHL

Philadelphia 4
Pittsburgh 3

Flyers forward Jeff Carter scored the game winning goal with 6:32 left in the third period.

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MLB

N.Y. Mets 7
Washington 1

Mets center fielder Carlos Beltran hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning.

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MLB

San Diego 9
Florida 3

Padres shortstop Khalil Greene hit two home runs and had four RBIs.

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NBA

Miami 106
Toronto 97

Heat center Shaquille O'Neal earned his second career triple-double Tuesday.

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