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Hesburgh recalls, contrasts activism during Vietnam era, today

Alumni, University President Emeritus emphasize different natures of demonstrations from 1970s to present

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Editor's Note: This is the second article in a three-part series examining activism at Notre Dame: its current role on campus, how that role has changed and what those changes mean for the future.

As is the case with universities nationwide, activism at Notre Dame has redefined itself as an effort to steer the boat in a certain direction, rather than rocking it.

Many college students of the late 1960s and early 1970s turned to sit-ins, lie-ins and stone-throwings to get their point across, including those at

Notre Dame - until then-University President Father Theodore Hesburgh told them, "Enough."

He established guidelines for protestors, allowing their voices to be heard while prohibiting any infringement upon other students' rights. Violent protests stopped and other universities attempted similar efforts.

While the heated, excited activism of the 1970s has subsided nationwide, there still remains a stereotype that Notre Dame lacks passionate protesting.

Is the climate today an extension of Hesburgh's influence, where the University's readiness to discuss problems makes activism unnecessary - and therefore somewhat invisible -

at Notre Dame? Does today's lack of loud protest stem from apathy? Or is activism simply not what it used to be?

"Tough Times"

When the possibility of a war in Vietnam came to light, college students from Berkeley to Columbia staged violent protests, taking their anger against the U.S. government out on ROTC buildings, CIA recruiters and their university presidents - who, they claimed, were hiding behind closed doors and not listening to them.

At Columbia, students took over President Grayson Kirk's office, where they rummaged through his files, drank, smoked

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Observer file photo

Notre Dame students gather outside the Library for a "Resistance Mass" against the Vietnam War on October 15, 1969.

STUDENT SENATE

Shappell gives last speech, launches initiative

Outgoing representatives pass resolution recognizing Zahm Hall as 'Zahm House', approve Union endowment

By KAITLYNN RIELY
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The Student Senate meeting ran nearly two hours Wednesday as senators packed the agenda to pass new items of business before their terms end Sunday and newly elected senators take their places.

The Senate approved three new amendments and passed one resolution regarding the official name of Zahm Hall, as well as a letter to Provost Tom Burish from the Multicultural Affairs committee (MAC).

Zahm senator Luke Derheimer reintroduced the well-known, but never-passed resolution arguing the Notre Dame student body should formally recognize Zahm Hall as Zahm House. Although several senators argued against passing the resolution, the majority of senators supported it. The resolution passed 20-6.

The letter to Burish - which encourages the

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CHRIS MASSAD/The Observer

Zahm senator Luke Derheimer, second from left, reacts as senators pass a resolution recognizing Zahm Hall as 'Zahm House.'

By KAITLYNN RIELY
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In her third and final State of the Student Union address Wednesday, student body president Lizzi Shappell announced the creation of a Student Union Endowment - a new account that she says will leave "a lasting impression on student life at Notre Dame."

"This initiative, more than any other, leaves a legacy," she said. "By supporting this endowment, you impact future student bodies."

The endowment fund will be created with money from the Student Union's Carry-forward account and royalties accrued from The Shirt project, Shappell said.

Fiscal policy changes to Financial Management Board (FMB) bylaws will budget for 50 percent of revenues above \$250,000 from The Shirt Project and funds exceeding \$100,000 in the Carry-forward

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Messinger urges action in Darfur



CHRIS MASSAD/The Observer

American Jewish World Service President Ruth Messinger speaks about the Darfur crisis at the Eck Center Wednesday.

Lecture calls students to strive for peace

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

With compelling descriptions of the town massacres in Darfur and a call to social and moral consciousness, American Jewish World Service (AJWS) President Ruth Messinger urged her audience Wednesday at the Eck Center Auditorium to help stop the ongoing killings in the African region.

"There's a genocide in Darfur," she firmly told students in her lecture, "Bearing Witness: Crisis in Darfur."

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BCAC show to highlight fashion, hip-hop culture

By GENE NOONE
News Writer

The students in the Black Cultural Arts Council (BCAC) have spent a week polishing the runway and perfecting their struts for Saturday's annual spring fashion show at the Century Center in South Bend.

Titled "I Love Hip Hop," this year's production marks the BCAC's 30th anniversary - but while the history of the club will be a focal point, the history of hip-hop will take center stage.

"The show takes a look at the evolution of hip-hop and its impact on fashion not only as a style of music but also as a culture," said junior Brittney Flint, one of the

show's coordinators.

Flint said students will model clothing from DEB, Cache, the Gap, Charlotte Russe, New York Style and 101 Collections to the beats of hip-hop hits.

"It is a huge production that everyone has put a lot of hard work into," she said.

Twenty-nine Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students will model the designs, Flint said, while nearly 40 students will be involved in the production's overall organization.

The team of coordinators collaborated to bring different fashions to the show - but they also brought a new perspective to the BCAC's production.

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INSIDE COLUMN

A series of unfortunate events

I went to sleep late and when I woke up this morning I got tangled up in my bed sheets and the loft's ladder and I fell off the bed and landed on my right ankle and I made a noise loud enough to wake up my roommate and I could tell it was going to be a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day.

Marcela Berrios
Associate News Editor

My roommate Alexa called NDSP and soon three firemen came to our room but I couldn't get up from the floor to change my clothes or brush my teeth because my ankle hurt too much so they saw me in my ugliest pajamas and carried me down the lobby and to Health Services with bad breath. I think I'll move to Australia.

The nurse looked at my X-rays and said I had a nasty sprain and a hairline fracture and she gave me crutches and then I asked as a joke if it was a bad idea to go dancing at Fever and drink until spraining my left ankle. She didn't even answer. I could tell it was going to be a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day.

By the time I returned to McGlenn it was noon and I hadn't showered and smelled like Ben Gay so I hopped in to take a bath and forgot I had scheduled a phone interview about my summer internship at that time. Next week I'm moving to Australia.

On my long walk from McGlenn to DeBartolo it was raining, I remembered my freshman year living in Walsh and its central location and I wondered if air conditioning was worth the switch to McGlenn because the distance factor was adding to my excruciating pain. It was a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day.

I finally arrived at DeBartolo only to realize the class I had rushed to catch had been let out early and I went to the bathroom to see why my arms and upper body hurt so much.

I lifted my shirt and the area under my arm was red and my friend Goose told me I shouldn't place the weight of my body on the arm support bar but rather on the hand bar. I think tomorrow I'll be bruised as if someone had dropkicked me.

I thought I would check Televisionwithoutpity.com to read about Monday's episode of "24," which I missed and didn't tape, but at least I could always read the summary online. For the first time since I can recall, however, Televisionwithoutpity.com was down and I couldn't get my daily fix of Hollywood with a twist of sarcasm. I was having a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day.

Dinner was out of the question because I had to work at The Observer all night so I got Grab-n-Go. I don't need to tell you why this only contributed to my bad day.

My friend Liz told me "Model Behavior," a Disney Channel original movie starring Justin Timberlake in his *NSYNC days was on, but I knew no one at The Observer would want to watch it so I repressed my guilty pleasure and realized there's no freedom of expression at Notre Dame if I can't tell everyone I still pray for an *NSYNC reunion without fearing rolling eyes.

Maybe I could move to Australia and away from the anti boy-band Scrooges.

My mother, however, called while I was at work and said I just said that because I had a bad day and that some days are like that — even in Australia.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BASEBALL TEAM?



Andrew McKinley
sophomore
Keenan

"The Braves. They are ready for another 14-year reign."



Eleanor Bradley
junior
Breen-Phillips

"The Yankees because when they lose my friends are miserable."



George Kiamos
freshman
Keough

"Evil Empire. The greatest organization in sports history."



Sean Smith
sophomore
Kennan

"Philadelphia Phillies. Cole Hamels equals ace."



Sarah Valdes
junior
Breen-Phillips

"Houston Astros because I'm from Houston baby."



DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Sophomores Brian McArdle, far left, and Nathan Loyd pilot the "Land Yacht" Wednesday outside Keough Hall.

IN BRIEF

Ceyl Prinster, a 1976 Notre Dame graduate and executive director of the Colorado Enterprise Fund, will deliver the lecture entitled "Building a Balanced Life: Strategies for Combining Career and Family" today at 5 p.m. in 119 O'Shaughnessy.

Howard Schultz, the founder and chairman of Starbucks, will deliver the 2007 Frank Cahill Award tonight at 7 p.m. in Jordan Auditorium in Mendoza. His lecture is entitled "Entrepreneurship and Ethics."

Married lecturers and scholars James Whitehead and Evelyn Eaton Whitehead will give the lecture "Spirituality and Sexuality: The Marriage of Eros and Grace" tonight at 7 p.m. in the Carroll Auditorium in Madeleva Hall at Saint Mary's.

Judge Victoria Marina de Aviles will deliver a lecture entitled "El Salvador Reform of the Judiciary" today at 8 p.m. in Hesburgh Center Auditorium. The lecture will be in Spanish, but an English translation will be available. The event is sponsored by Latin American/North American Church Concerns (LANACC) in the Kellogg Institute.

General Richard B. Myers, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff will deliver the lecture "Up Front on the Future of Global Security" at the Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business at 10:40 a.m. as part of the Ten Years Hence lecture series.

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

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

OFFBEAT

Man: Ex's sex change should end alimony

CLEARWATER, Fla. — Lawrence Roach agreed to pay alimony to the woman he divorced, not the man she became after a sex change, his lawyers argued Tuesday in an effort to end the payments. But the ex-wife's attorneys said the operation doesn't alter the agreement.

The lawyers and Circuit Judge Jack R. St. Arnold agreed the case delves into relatively uncharted legal territory. They found only a 2004 Ohio case that addressed whether or not a transsexual could still collect alimony after a sex change.

"There is not a lot out

there to help us," St. Arnold said.

Roach and his wife, Julia, divorced in 2004 after 18 years of marriage. The 48-year-old utility worker agreed to pay her \$1,250 a month in alimony. Since then, Julia Roach, 55, had a sex change and legally changed her name to Julio Roberto Silverwolf.

Man's ear bitten off in soccer brawl

ATHENS, Greece — Four men have been arrested on the island of Crete after part of a man's ear was bitten off during a brawl after Greece's 4-1 loss to Turkey in a European Championship

qualifier. The incident occurred Saturday near the town of Ierapetra during a fight between Bulgarian workers and local Greek men who had been watching the match on television, police said Tuesday.

Local businessman Dimitris Tsimbibakis was hospitalized after a man bit his ear. He told authorities he had intervened to try and break up the fight but was beaten by four Bulgarian men.

The fight apparently started after the Bulgarian men cheered Turkey's goals.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 55 LOW 43	HIGH 50 LOW 38	HIGH 62 LOW 50	HIGH 70 LOW 45	HIGH 55 LOW 38	HIGH 48 LOW 30

Conference honors Dunne's teaching

Theologian has been at University for 50 years

Special to The Observer

"Seeking the Heart's Desire," a conference honoring Rev. John Dunne, Rev. John A. O'Brien Professor of Catholic Theology, for his half-century-long presence on the faculty at Notre Dame, will be held Friday to Sunday at McKenna Hall.

Judge John T. Noonan of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court, a former member of the Notre Dame Law School faculty and a close friend of Father Dunne, will give the conference keynote address at 7 p.m. Friday.

On Saturday at 9 a.m. there will be a panel discussion on "John Dunne and Contemporary Spiritual Theology." Panelists will include theologians Jon Nilson of Loyola University, Chicago, Elizabeth Carr of Smith College and William D. Collinge of Mount Saint Mary's College.

Following the discussion, three former students of Father Dunne will speak on "John Dunne as Teacher." The three are Rev. Timothy Scully, C.S.C., professor of political science and director of Notre Dame's Institute for Educational Initiatives,

Mary Anne Wolfe, professor of child development at Tufts University and Colleen Moore, coordinator of formation activities in Notre Dame's Echo: Faith Formation Leadership Program.

At 3:30 p.m., Father Dunne, a pianist, will give a musical performance of his own work, accompanied by Quinn Pilari, executive assistant at South Bend's Center for the Homeless.

The conference will conclude on Sunday at 10 a.m. in the chapel of Welsh Family Hall with a Mass at which Father Dunne will preside.

A 1951 Notre Dame alumnus, Father Dunne began to teach at Notre Dame when he returned from studies at the Gregorian University in Rome in the fall of 1957. One of the University's most popular, even beloved teachers, he has written numerous influential works on theology and the spiritual life, including "The City of the Gods," "A Search for God in Time and Memory," and "Way of All the Earth." He has taught arguably more Notre Dame students than any other person.

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cigars and defecated on his rug. After a confrontation with protestors, Swarthmore College President Courtney Smith had a heart attack in his office and died.

"Whereas here, I was up there in my office [in Main Building] every night after supper," Hesburgh said Tuesday. "The lights were all on, the door was open. Anybody who wanted to could knock on the door and come in, and I had groups of students all night long coming in and out.

"We had some good discussions, and we even saved a lot of problems because of that."

Still, there was a thriving anti-war movement at Notre Dame, said Michael Shaughnessy, a theology teacher at St. Ignatius College Preparatory High School in San Francisco who graduated from Notre Dame in 1971. Sit-ins, lie-ins and student strikes were common occurrences, he said, especially during the 1969-70 school year.

As Hesburgh wrote in his autobiography "God, Country, Notre Dame," students were threatening to torch the ROTC building (the former security building behind Lyons Hall). A mob also interrupted a Board of Trustees meeting, demanding to speak to a trustee - and when the long-time black civil rights activist Bayard Rustin, then a trustee, went out to greet them, they insulted him.

"I was in favor of the right to protest, but not when the protest interfered with the right of students being able to attend their classes or administrators being unable to get into their offices,"

Hesburgh wrote in his book.

The 15-Minute Rule

So Hesburgh wrote a letter which he sent out to students while they were home for Easter Break, knowing their parents would read it, too. The letter outlined what was eventually dubbed the "15-Minute Rule": Students could protest, but when they were asked to stop, they had 15 minutes to cease and desist before they were suspended for the semester. Were the students to continue for an additional five minutes, they would be expelled.

The letter, Hesburgh recalls, was reprinted in full in the New York Times, the Washington Post and the Christian Science-Monitor, and was met with positive feedback from the Notre Dame community.

"Still, I knew it would be tested and of course, it was," Hesburgh said. On a day when recruiters from the CIA and Dow Chemical were scheduled to visit the Placement Office (now the Career Center), about 12 students laid in front of the door to that office.

The dean soon arrived and gave them 15 minutes to move - they didn't. He suspended them, and they rose before the remaining five minutes and thus were not permanently expelled. Then, they headed straight for Hesburgh's office and asked him to rethink the suspension.

"I said, 'Hey guys, you're toothless tigers. You want to protest, you take the consequences. Now I told you that if you didn't obey the dean of men when he told you, you'd be suspended,'" Hesburgh said. "You've had your fun, but now you have to get out of here."

And students accepted their share of responsibility.

"It sort of balanced both sides," said Andy Dotterweich, also a 1971 graduate, of the 15-Minute Rule. "It let people express themselves, but it stopped the disruption of the campus."

"New" activism

So, Notre Dame saw its fair share of protests as Vietnam was getting underway, but as Dotterweich can attest, normal life went on at the time. He continued to attend all his classes throughout the protest.

"The anti-war movement always knew that it was a minority at Notre Dame," Shaughnessy said. "Notre Dame is a school of privilege."

Just like back then, loud protests today are rare occurrences, but when it comes to charity, "There is probably a similar amount, maybe even more now, of kids involved in service work," said Shaughnessy, who teaches a moral theology/social justice course at St. Ignatius. "I'm not sure there's as much advocacy work, working to change social structures."

But Dotterweich disagreed, citing the Notre Dame Right to Life group as an example of "new" activism.

"A group goes to Washington and stands up for life is practicing activism, and a very positive [type of activism]," he said. "I've seen in pictures the large white crosses they put out on the campus at times. They're trying to help people understand the horror of abortion. It's a different type of activism, but it's a much more productive one than what went on back in the late '60s and '70s."

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At the bottom, there are two images of Notre Dame football players in action. The text "BLUE GOLD" is prominently displayed in the center.

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Senate

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provost's office to strengthen its efforts to recruit minority faculty members — also received strong support from the senators, passing with 25 votes in favor and one abstention.

Destinee DeLemos, the chair of MAC, said her committee has been working on this letter throughout the semester. The letter refers to University President Father John Jenkins' 2005 faculty address, in which he said he would make recruiting faculty from underrepresented groups a priority in his administration.

The letter to Burish urges his office to "be more proactive in this initiative and be responsible for ensuring that departments are expending the proper efforts and resources to both obtain and retain minority faculty members."

DeLemos' committee will also attach to the letter a summary of their findings on minority faculty recruitment.

Breen-Phillips senator and vice president-elect Maris Braun commended DeLemos and her committee for their work this semester.

"I think Senate should congratulate Destinee [DeLemos] and her committee," Braun said. "I think that Dr. Burish deserves to devote his attention to this, so good job."

Student body president Lizzi Shappell introduced a resolution that clarifies language regarding the Student Union's carry-forward account and announces a Student Union endowment.

The amendment states that the carry-forward account should never exceed \$100,000 and that all excess funds above this amount will be placed in the Student Union endowment.

Stanford senator Oscar Garcia asked Shappell about the possibility that a person running a joke campaign, if elected, could be fiscally irresponsible and spend all the extra money in the account.

Shappell said the system of checks and balances already in place should prevent that situation from occurring.

"They would have to spend about triple to quadruple of their budget to get rid of this," she said.

The Senate passed the resolution 26-0. The Senate also approved the Student Union endowment as the topic that Shappell will present at the Spring Board of Trustees meeting.

Senate Oversight committee chair Chris Hollon presented and passed two amendments to clear up confusion about wording in the Student Union Constitution regarding election results.

Many senators expressed a desire for a change to the Student Union Constitution after an inconclusive run-off election in mid-February led to a closed Senate to decide the next student body president and vice president. The two amendments introduced greatly reduce the chance the deciding vote will be given to the Senate.

Braun said she supported the intent of the resolutions.

"I think clearly there were a ton of issues this year that really stressed Senate out," she said. "This was the best solution that Chris and the Oversight committee found. No one wants to see what happened this year happen again. It wasn't fun for anyone, and it didn't reflect well on the Constitution."

Both amendments were passed by the Senate.

The first amendment, to section VI of the Constitution, states that in a run-off election, for the student body president, vice president, class officers, off-campus president or off-cam-

pus senator, there will be an option on the voter's ballot to abstain, "but a vote to abstain will not count as a valid vote."

In the unlikely event that the two tickets received the same amount of votes in the run-off election, the second amendment changes the current process where senators cast a vote in line with their dorm constituencies to a process where, Hollon said, the winner will be the ticket that wins the most Senate constituencies. In the case of a tie within a residence hall, that senator will then cast the deciding vote.

Although most senators were preparing to leave office last night, one senator was inducted into office after a resolution was passed to remove Dillon senator Matthew Lodwich from office.

Lodwich was removed from office for his outstanding absences since being appointed Dillon's senator earlier this semester after former senator Tyler Langdon informed the Senate last fall that he would be studying abroad this semester.

Director of Communications Alex French, a former O'Neill resident, was sworn in as acting Dillon senator.

In other Senate news:

♦ Chief executive assistant and president-elect Liz Brown announced the winners of two awards — the Irish Clover award for service to the students of Notre Dame by a student, staff or faculty member and the Frank O'Malley award for service to students by a faculty member. Shappell and Director of Student Activities Brian Coughlin received the Irish Clover award and history professor Father Bill Miscamble received the O'Malley award.

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account to be added to the Student Union Endowment.

"With the combination of these two funds, we have nearly \$700,000 to invest in an endowment for the benefit of the entire student body, both current and future," Shappell said.

The FMB and the Council of Representatives will manage the endowment. In the first year, Shappell predicted that the FMB will be able to allocate approximately 25,000-30,000 additional dollars amongst all the Student Union organizations.

Shappell called this a "fiscally responsible decision" and one that has been a long time coming.

"Since my time at Notre Dame began nearly four years ago, student government has talked about starting a programming endowment," she said. "The Board of Trustees report in the spring of 2004 was on this topic, outlining why additional funding is needed to improve student life. Unfortunately, this endowment was never realized — until now."

But Shappell clarified this is not just a programming endowment, since its returns will be placed into the overall Student Union spring budget for alloca-

tion.

Shappell said she was proud of this new initiative as well as other accomplishments of her administration, including the first-ever Community Summit, an Eating Disorders Conference, the College Readership Program and the formation of a University committee on cultural competency.

Of the 35 items on her platform, Shappell said she achieved 32. She thanked the representatives present for helping her to accomplish nearly all her plans.

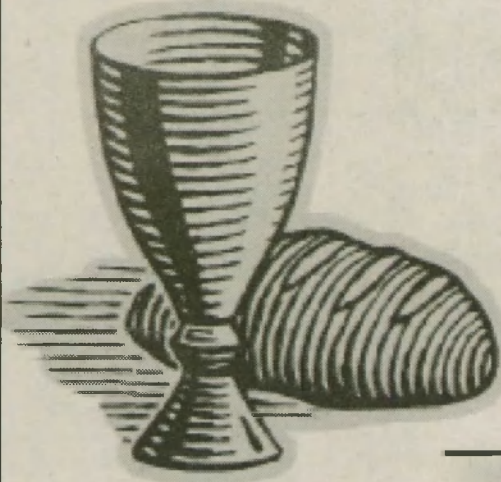
"Everyone involved in this administration worked tirelessly to ensure the success of these initiatives," she said.

Shappell told the senators that she enjoyed working with them and thanked them for contributing to her administration's success.

"I am confident that I, along with the rest of the senior class, am leaving the University in the able hands of the remaining student body," Shappell said.

Shappell and vice president Bill Andrichik will end their term on Sunday, at which point current Chief Executive Assistant Liz Brown and current Breen-Phillips senator Maris Braun will become president and vice president, respectfully.

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BREAKING BREAD

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Nun key to late pope's beatification

PARIS — Sister Marie-Simon-Pierre is the French nun whose testimony of a mystery cure from Parkinson's disease will likely be accepted as the miracle the Vatican needs to beatify Pope John Paul II, an official at the Paris maternity hospital where she works said Wednesday.

The identity of the nun has been one of the Catholic Church's most closely guarded secrets. The nun says that she was cured of Parkinson's after she and her community of nuns prayed to John Paul.

In Rome, Monsignor Slawomir Oder, the Polish cleric spearheading the John Paul's beatification cause, said the bishop in the woman's diocese would announce details about her case during his Palm Sunday Mass this weekend.

U.S., Russia discuss missile defense

WASHINGTON — Russian President Vladimir Putin registered his concerns Wednesday with President Bush about a planned U.S. missile defense system in Central Europe in a conversation that highlighted strains between the two nations.

After the phone call, a White House spokesman said Bush emphasized to the Russian president that missile defenses in Europe were intended to protect against an evolving threat from the Middle East.

It is "a threat that we share in common with Europe and Russia," said Gordon Johndroe, the National Security Council spokesman.

According to the Kremlin, Bush expressed a willingness to discuss the project with Russia in detail in the interest of mutual security.

A longtime analyst of U.S.-Russia relations said the relationship between the two countries "is in serious trouble."

NATIONAL NEWS

Gonzales: Prosecutors not loyal

WASHINGTON — Eight federal prosecutors were fired last year because they did not sufficiently support President Bush's priorities, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales' former chief of staff says in remarks prepared for delivery to Congress on Thursday.

Separately, the Justice Department admitted Wednesday it gave senators inaccurate information about the firings and presidential political adviser Karl Rove's role in trying to secure a U.S. attorney's post for one of his former aides, Tim Griffin.

Leader calls for opening of Nazi files

WASHINGTON — A Jewish leader who survived the Holocaust as a boy by hiding in basements and attics urged countries to speed the opening of vast files on Nazi concentration camps and their victims.

Leo Rechter, president of the U.S.-based National Association of Jewish Child Holocaust Survivors, told Congress on Wednesday that Nazi war records stored in Bad Arolsen, Germany, should be opened urgently for a dying generation of survivors.

Witnesses testifying Wednesday expressed frustration the commission has waited so long to release the files.

LOCAL NEWS

Children struck by sleeping driver

INDIANAPOLIS — A motorist who police say fell asleep at the wheel struck two Somali siblings who had been in the U.S. a week, killing one of them.

Shukri Mohamed Ibrahim, 9, was pronounced dead at the scene Tuesday. Her brother, Hassan Mohamed Ibrahim, 14, was in critical condition Wednesday at Methodist Hospital.

The boy was riding a bicycle and his sister was on foot behind him along a city street, police said.

Indianapolis Metropolitan Police said Margaret Graves, 42, apparently fell asleep before her car crossed two lanes of traffic, striking the children.

IRAN

British captives shown on Arab TV

Blair won't negotiate with Iran except to discuss the return of sailors, marines

Associated Press

TEHRAN — Iran aired a video Wednesday of 15 captured British sailors and marines, showing the only woman captive saying her group had "trespassed" in Iranian waters. Britain angrily denounced the video as a "completely unacceptable" display of prisoners.

The Iranian foreign minister said officials would look into releasing the female sailor soon, but backed off reports she would be freed Wednesday or Thursday.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair's government announced it was freezing all dealings with Iran except to negotiate the release of its personnel, adding to a public exchange of sharp comments that pushed up tensions in a standoff helping fuel a spike in world oil prices.

Britain's military released a GPS readout it said proved the Royal Navy personnel were seized 1.7 nautical miles inside Iraqi waters Friday. But Iranian state television quoted an unidentified Iranian official as saying the first phase of an investigation had determined the two British boat crews were "definitely" in Iran's territorial waters.

A few hours later, a brief video of the captured Britons was shown on Iran's Arabic language satellite television station, Al-Alam.

One segment showed sailors and marines sitting in an Iranian boat in open waters immediately after their capture.

The video also displayed what appeared to be a handwritten letter from Faye Turney, 26, to her family.

"I have written a letter to the Iranian people to apologize for us entering their waters," it said. The letter also asks Turney's parents in Britain to look after her 3-year-old daughter, Molly, and her husband, Adam.

The video showed Turney in checkered head scarf and her uniform eating with other sailors and marines. Later, wearing a white tunic



Faye Turney, the only female captive, is shown eating a meal with two unidentified male captives on Al-Alam, the Arabic language state-run television station Wednesday.

and black head scarf, she sat in a room before floral curtains and smoked a cigarette.

Turney was the only detainee to be shown speaking, giving her name and saying she had been in the navy for nine years.

"Obviously we trespassed into their waters," Turney said at one point, her voice audible under a simultaneous Arabic translation. "They were very friendly and very hospitable, very thoughtful, nice people. They explained to us why we've been arrested. There was no harm, no aggression."

Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki backed off predictions that Turney could be freed Wednesday or Thursday, saying Iran will look into releasing her "as soon as possible."

Asked when Iran would

release Turney, Mottaki told the Associated Press, "We will look into this as soon as possible."

He said earlier reports that he had said she could be freed Wednesday or Thursday were incorrect. "I was probably misquoted," he said.

Earlier in the day, Mottaki told AP on the sidelines of an Arab summit in the Saudi capital, "Today or tomorrow, the lady will be released." The Turkish television station, CNN-Turk, had also reported him saying Wednesday she would be freed "today or tomorrow."

But the talk of releasing Turney did little to calm British anger.

Before the broadcast, a spokesman for Blair said any showing of British personnel on TV would be a breach of the Geneva Conventions.

After the footage was aired, Foreign Secretary Margaret Beckett said she was "very concerned about these pictures and any indication of pressure on, or coercion of, our personnel. ... I am particularly disappointed that a private letter has been used in a way which can only add to the distress of the families."

The third Geneva Convention bans subjecting prisoners of war to intimidation, insults or "public curiosity." Because there is no armed conflict between Iran and Britain, the captives would not technically be classified as prisoners of war.

Blair told the House of Commons that "there was no justification whatever ... for their detention, it was completely unacceptable, wrong and illegal."

Bush, Congress at odds on Iraq

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush and the Democratic-controlled Congress lurched toward a veto showdown over Iraq on Wednesday, the commander in chief demanding a replenishment of war funding with no strings and Speaker Nancy Pelosi counseling him, "Calm down with the threats."

Bush said imposition of a "specific and random date of withdrawal would be disastrous" for U.S. troops in Iraq and he predicted that lawmakers would take the blame if the money ran short.

"The clock is ticking for our troops

in the field," he said. "If Congress fails to pass a bill to fund our troops on the front lines, the American people will know who to hold responsible."

Bush spoke as the Senate moved toward passage of legislation that would require the beginning of a troop withdrawal within 120 days, and would set a goal of March 31, 2008, for its completion.

The House approved a more sweeping measure last week, including a mandatory withdrawal deadline for nearly all combat troops of Sept. 1, 2008.

Both bills would provide more than \$90 billion to sustain military efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

After passage, the next step would be a House-Senate compromise measure almost certain to include conditions that Bush has said he finds objectionable, and the president's remarks seemed designed to lay the political groundwork for a veto showdown with the new Democratic majority later this spring.

Confidently predicting his veto would be sustained in Congress, he said, "Funding for our forces in Iraq will begin to run out in mid-April. Members of Congress need to stop making political statements, and start providing vital funds for our troops. They need to get that bill to my desk so I can sign it into law."

Darfur

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Messinger, a former Democratic nominee for mayor of New York City, encouraged action from all individuals in what she called, "the moral legacy we will leave to our children and grandchildren."

She said the Janjaweed militia, a group funded and armed by the Sudanese government, has waged genocide against the inhabitants of the Darfur region in the eastern part of Sudan since February 2003 - although there are very few distinct ethnic or religious differences between the two sides of the conflict, Messinger said. Both the Darfurian residents and the Janjaweed militants, she said, are Muslim.

"You can go online and read the complete history of the genocide, but you simply can't get it to make sense," Messinger said.

The region's Muslim identity, however, cannot be automatically treated as an explanation for the genocide, she said, cautioning students against faulting a religious identity for an act of human evil.

"Don't make the mistake of assigning [the blame] to any one group of people," she said. "Whatever it is that caused this is the same as it was in Germany and Cambodia."

Messinger framed her speech as a "plea to a powerful university" to help stop the genocide in Darfur and prevent further massacres in the world. She urged Notre Dame and Indiana to divest from companies that buy or sell Sudanese oil, as 38 other colleges and universities across the nation have done already. She also said individuals should push private

investing firms, such as Fidelity and Berkshire Hathaway, to follow that lead.

Messinger said each of the 2.5 million Darfur refugees has his or her own story - but all of these stories "are chillingly the same."

When the Janjaweed attack a village, they start by bombing the town using Sudanese government planes painted white to look like humanitarian aid planes, she said. The Janjaweed militia then enters the village on horseback and trucks, brandishing knives, slaughtering the men, raping the women, killing the children and killing the livestock, whose carcasses they use to contaminate the well water, Messinger said.

"Rape is being used as a weapon of war in Darfur," she said. "It is incomprehensible, but it is happening."

Messinger described the refugee camps in Darfur and Chad as "appearing to stretch forever across the desert."

In these camps, the women attempt to support themselves by gathering firewood, but they often must venture more than two kilometers outside the camps - at risk of attacked by the Janjaweed - to find any tree branches.

One woman, nonetheless, told Messinger she wouldn't consider sending her husband or her son because she feared they would get killed if they were captured.

"I only get raped," she said.

In light of the tragedies that are repeated every day in Darfur, the question of what needs to be done to stop the cycle naturally presents itself, she said.

While Messinger said she acknowledges no single individual can save the world, every bit of effort counts. She cited an old Hebrew teaching that says "It's

not our responsibility to complete the world, but we're not allowed to refuse to participate."

Individuals can participate by contacting local officials, especially at the state level, she said. After the Indiana House of Representatives unanimously passed Bill 1484 that mandated divestment from companies that give money to Sudan, the bill died Wednesday. The chairman of the committee that reviews House bills before they are presented to the state senate rejected the resolution - a disappointing event for Messinger.

Messinger urged individuals to become informed in these issues, call the White House comment line, write to local newspapers, raise awareness in the community and tell family and friends about the crisis. She told students to consider participating in the ongoing Africa Awareness Week on campus, as there will be a march Thursday outside Main Building to protest the genocide.

Messinger said people always question what they would have done had they been presented with the opportunity to save Jews during the Holocaust. But she said she does not believe this question is relevant, saying individuals should "question not what would you have done, but what are you doing."

She termed her organization's work in Darfur a "Holocaust memorial program," inviting students to help stop the bloodshed before the tragedy reaches levels of atrocity akin to the Holocaust.

"There's a lot of work to be done, and I hope that more of you will join us," she said.

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Saturday's fashion show will differ from its predecessors in its fundraising effort, assistant show coordinator senior Jason Laws said. For the first time, he said, the production is supporting a charity.

All ticket proceeds and additional donations collected at the door will benefit Touching Tiny Lives (TTL), an organization that works with children in Lesotho who suffer from HIV/AIDS, Laws said.

Through clinical care and the promotion of global responsibility, TTL strives to heal and offer hope to the children and communities of Lesotho, the organization's Web site said.

"We chose this organization after realizing that amongst many of the international non-profit organizations that work to fight against the struggle with HIV/AIDS, with TTL we would know exactly how funding would help those in need," Laws said. "We know the funding will go directly to Lesotho, South Africa."

Another new addition to the show is the creation of a \$1 "Be VIP for 1 Night" raffle, he said. On Friday, four students will be drawn as winners of a VIP package that includes a \$25 debit gift card, red carpet treatment before the show, a special photo-op and

VIP seating for the winner and two guests, Laws said. Proceeds from the raffle will also go to TTL.

Organizers said they did not expect student attendance and participation to be a problem.

"Because it is the 30th year anniversary of the fashion show, it makes this year even more exciting," Flint said. "We are expecting a great turnout."

For 30 years, the BCAC fashion show has been a highlight of Notre Dame's annual Spring Visitation Weekend. From today until Sunday, prospective African-, Asian-, Latino- and Native-American students will be visiting campus to get a taste of undergraduate life at the University.

Each year, Spring Visitation participants take part in a variety of activities that help them understand college life at Notre Dame - and the fashion show continues to be one of the most entertaining events of the weekend, Flint said.

Students from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are welcomed at the show and the red carpet events leading up to it starting at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, she said.

Free shuttle transportation to the Century Center will be provided at the Library Circle every 15 minutes starting at 6:15 p.m. Saturday.

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NASDAQ	2,417.10	-20.33
NYSE	9,218.53	-70.26
S&P 500	1,417.23	-11.38
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	17,040.25	-214.48
FTSE 100(London)	6,267.20	-25.40

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CMGI INC (CMGI)	-5.79	-0.14	2.28
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IN BRIEF

U.S., Iranian tensions affect oil prices

NEW YORK — Oil prices rose to a six-month high above \$64 a barrel Wednesday amid rising tensions between Iran and the West and as inventories declined in the U.S.

Though denied by the U.S. military, it was rumored that Iran fired a missile at an American ship in the Persian Gulf.

Iran, one of the largest oil producers, is located along the Strait of Hormuz, through which much of the world's oil is transported. Traders worry that oil supplies could be disrupted if unrest escalates there.

Falling U.S. inventories of crude oil, gasoline and distillates added to supply concerns, keeping prices high.

Rumors about a military confrontation spurred panic buying in after-hours trading Tuesday, sending oil prices above \$68 in a matter of minutes. Rising tensions between Iran and the West have created a potentially dangerous situation in the Gulf and markets are jumpy.

Bernanke scolds investors as stocks fall

NEW YORK — Stocks fell Wednesday after Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke chided investors who may have looked past long-standing concerns about inflation. The Dow Jones industrials fell nearly 100 points, the third straight session of declines.

A rise in oil prices to a six-month high and a weaker-than-expected rise in orders for large manufactured goods compounded investors' concerns Wednesday.

In Capitol Hill testimony, Bernanke said while core inflation slowed modestly in the second half of 2006, recent readings remain "uncomfortably high." He also said troubles among some mortgage lenders that cater to those with poor credit don't appear to have spread to the broader economy, though he added the situation requires further observation.

Stocks rallied last week after investors interpreted language from the Fed as opening the way to the possibility of a reduction in interest rates. But concerns about stubborn inflation could reverse investors' hopes for a reduction in rates, even as the economy continues to cool.

Free trade talks face opposition

U.S., South Korea discuss specifics while anti-FTA protestors rally outside

Associated Press

SEOUL — South Korean and U.S. negotiators were bogged down in tough free trade talks, an official said Wednesday, as opponents of the proposed deal again took to the streets to denounce it.

"Not a single issue is easy," Min Dong-seok, deputy minister for trade at South Korea's Agriculture and Forestry Ministry, told reporters. "Both sides have outstanding differences and are engaged in a tug of war."

While most sectors have been settled, negotiators acknowledge that automobiles, South Korea's rice market and the status of South Korean goods manufactured in North Korea are among a handful of contentious issues blocking a deal.

Time is a critical factor as the two sides are trying to conclude an agreement by the end of this month to have it considered under special U.S. presidential authority.

That so-called "fast track" power allows President Bush to send trade agreements to lawmakers for a straight yes-or-no vote without amendments, seen as making it easier for passage by a Congress sometimes skeptical of trade deals.

An agreement to slash tariffs and other barriers would be the biggest for Washington since the landmark North American Free Trade Agreement with Canada and Mexico in 1993.

South Korea has refused to discuss including its rice market in the deal, claiming the staple food is a "sensitive sector" that should be excluded. Washington, at odds with North Korea over its nuclear program, says any deal should include only goods made in South Korea.

Government officials on both sides say an agree-



South Koreans participate in a candle rally in protest of negotiations inside Seoul City Hall between the U.S. and South Korea Wednesday.

ment would boost economic ties between two countries that already do more than \$75 billion in trade a year.

South Korean opponents, however, fear an influx of cheaper U.S. goods will harm livelihoods and cost jobs.

Protests by farmers, workers, students and anti-globalization activists in South Korea have dogged the negotiations since they began almost 10 months ago, though numbers have dwindled. The biggest, in July, numbered about 25,000 people.

On Sunday, 7,000 demonstrators took to the streets of the capital, culminating in a peaceful

rally in front of the U.S. Embassy.

"Korea's negotiators are unjustly forcing the conclusion of the talks only for the sake of concluding them," said opponent Park Seok-woon, reflecting the anger of opponents who feel South Korea is rushing the deal for the United States.

Park is executive director of the Korean Alliance Against the Korea-U.S. FTA, which comprises about 300 different groups. The organization held a candlelight protest Wednesday evening.

Police estimated about 1,300 people gathered near Seoul City Hall, chanting slogans and listening to speeches and

songs critical of the deal.

"We don't want to eat mad cow disease U.S. beef in our cafeteria food," sang a group of elementary school students.

Washington is pressing for the removal of restrictions on American beef imports, absent from South Korean markets for more than three years after mad cow disease was discovered in the United States.

The beef issue is technically not part of the free trade talks. U.S. lawmakers, however, have said it will be difficult for a deal to win congressional approval unless the dispute is resolved.

U.S. officials say their beef is safe.

New rules make HSAs appealing

Associated Press

NEW YORK — New rules governing Health Savings Accounts are making them more attractive to consumers, who can use HSAs to help reduce health insurance costs now — and, potentially, in retirement.

Health Savings Accounts are like Individual Retirement Accounts for health care. They were created by Congress in 2003 so that workers could cover some of their medical costs with pretax money if they have high-deductible health insurance plans.

The idea is that workers and their employers can fund the tax-free accounts, with withdrawals used for

copays at doctors' offices, prescription and nonprescription medicines, and hospital services not covered by insurance.

Because unused balances in the HSAs can be rolled over from year to year, some financial advisers are suggesting that the accounts can be a way for families to accumulate money to be used to cover health care costs in retirement, including Medicare deductibles and long-term care insurance.

JoAnn Mills Laing, author of "The Consumer's Guide to HSAs," said that there were 3.6 million HSA accounts at the end of 2006 with \$5.1 billion in deposits, up from 1.1 million

accounts with \$1.2 billion in deposits at the end of 2005.

She predicts further growth, in part because more companies are offering high-deductible insurance plans to their workers. That's because these plans are less costly for employers and employees than traditional health policies but still give workers coverage for medical catastrophes.

"Employees who hadn't been able to get insurance coverage are enthusiastic if they can high-deductible policies because it gives them peace of mind," said Laing, who is chief executive of Information Strategies Inc., a human resources consulting firm in Ridgefield, N.J.

Democrats predict surplus

House plans to create windfall in five years if tax cuts allowed to expire

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Democrats pressed ahead Wednesday with a budget plan predicting a sizable surplus in five years, but only if President Bush's tax cuts expire in 2010 as scheduled.

The majority Democrats' \$2.9 trillion budget outline for next year would produce a \$153 billion surplus in 2012 while raising spending for veterans, education, defense and national security.

Democrats say the plan would finally mean a surplus after years of red ink under Bush and a GOP-controlled Congress.

Republicans said allowing tax cuts passed in 2001 and 2003 to expire in 2010 would amount to the "largest tax increase in American history."

The future of the Bush tax cuts will likely be decided after the 2008 presidential election. While in the majority, congressional Republicans never held votes to make all of them permanent, despite Bush's annual calls to do so.

Under Congress' budget process, the annual budget resolution is a nonbinding outline that guides future legislation. It allows the two parties to show voters their competing fiscal visions, often without having to take the politically difficult votes to implement them.

The Democratic budget blueprint calls for a nearly \$25 billion increase next year for domestic programs popular with lawmakers in both parties, approving Bush's record budget increase for the Pentagon's non-war budget and \$145 billion for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan next year.

Those spending boosts would cause the deficit to rise from \$209 billion this year to \$241 billion in 2009 before increased revenues from the expiration of the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts rapidly generate a surplus.

Republicans credit those tax cuts — on income, investments, estates, married couples and families with children, among other things — with reviving the economy from a recession early in Bush's first term.

Extending those tax cuts would cost about \$250 billion in 2012 alone. Democrats acknowledge many of the provisions — especially those aimed at middle-income taxpayers — will be renewed.

"That decision will be taken when we reach it. When we have to cross that bridge, we'll cross that bridge," said House Budget Committee Chairman John Spratt Jr., D-S.C. "We hope we'll have a surplus by that point in time."

For now, the budget plan would require lawmakers

seeking to cut taxes or boost benefit programs — such as Medicare, children's health care or farm subsidies — to "pay for" the changes with tax increases or offsetting spending cuts.

That rule would greatly complicate efforts later this year to boost funding for a popular health insurance program for poor children.

Democrats opted to put off politically painful decisions on shoring up the finances of Medicare and Social Security.

Republicans countered with an alternative plan cutting \$279 billion from federal benefit programs such as Medicare and Medicaid over the next five years — far greater cuts than proposed by Bush in February.

The plan, authored by Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, top Republican on the budget panel, would fully extend the 2001 and 2003 rounds of tax cuts, at a cost of about \$450 billion. But Ryan's plan is certain to lose by a big margin Thursday.

The Democratic measure is largely a response to complaints that Bush has short-changed programs funded each year by appropriations bills — including education, health research and grants to local governments — while offering big increases to the Pentagon and providing tax cuts tilted toward affluent, GOP-leaning constituencies.

Marine Corps prohibits new 'extra-large tattoos'

Associated Press

OCEANSIDE, Calif. — Five tattooed skulls stretch from Marine Cpl. Jeremy Slaton's right elbow to his wrist, spelling out the word "Death." He planned to add a tattoo spelling "Life" on his left arm, but that's on hold because of a Marine policy taking effect Sunday.

The Marines are banning any new, extra-large tattoos below the elbow or the knee, saying such body art is harmful to the Corps' spit-and-polish image.

Slaton and other grunts are not pleased.

"I guess I'll get the other half later," grumbled the 24-year-old leatherneck from Eden Prairie, Minn. "It's kind of messed up."

For many Marines, getting a tattoo is a rite of passage. They commonly get their forearms inscribed to remember fallen comrades, combat tours or loved ones, and often ask for exotic designs that incorporate the Marine motto, *Semper Paratus*, or "Always faithful."

Dozens of Marines from Camp Pendleton, the West Coast's biggest Marine base, made last-minute trips to tattoo parlors in nearby Oceanside before the ban kicked in.

"This is something I love to do," said Cpl. David Nadrchal, 20, of Pomona, who made an appointment to get an Iraqi flag and his deployment dates etched onto his lower leg. "The fact I can't put something on my body that I want — it's a big thing to

tell me I can't do that."

Nadrchal said he is unsure whether he will re-enlist: "There's all these little things. They are slowly chipping away at us."

Marine Corps Commandant Gen. James T. Conway announced the policy change last week.

"Some Marines have taken the liberty of tattooing themselves to a point that is contrary to our professional demeanor and the high standards America has come to expect from us," he said. "I believe tattoos of an excessive nature do not represent our traditional values."

The ban is aimed primarily at "sleeve" tattoos, the large and often elaborate designs on the biceps and forearms of many Marines. Similar designs on the lower legs will be forbidden as well. So will very large tattoos on the upper arm, if they are visible when a Marine wears his work-out T-shirt. Small, individual tattoos will still be allowed on the arms and legs. The Marines already ban them on the hands.

Marines already tattooed are exempt from the ban but cannot add to their designs anyone caught with fresh ink in the wrong places could be barred from re-enlistment or face disciplinary action. Getting a prohibited tattoo could constitute a violation of a lawful order, punishable by up to two years in prison and a dishonorable discharge, Marine spokesman 1st Lt. Brian Donnelly said.

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Ohio University revokes degree after plagiarism case

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio University revoked the master's degree of a mechanical engineering student accused of using others' work in a thesis, the most severe action yet in a review of dozens of research papers, the school said Wednesday.

The university would not identify the student or give details about the questioned portions of the thesis, citing academic privacy laws.

The student appealed after being notified of the university's

plan in February, but Provost Kathy Krendl denied the appeal.

The university said it was finishing up a sweeping review of dissertations and theses it started last year after a graduate student reported to administrators that he found plagiarized passages while doing research using archived theses in a university library.

The school, which barred two professors who oversaw many of the theses from advising graduate students, checked 180 mechanical engineering papers for cheating. Some of the

papers were selected randomly from 1,500 submitted since 1980 to the school's Russ College of Engineering and Technology. The university, in Athens in southeast Ohio, used computer programs to compare them with papers that had similar titles or departments, checking for duplications in the texts.

Colleen Girton, a spokeswoman for the engineering college, said the school undertook rigorous steps to root out plagiarism, and a Rutgers University professor specializing in academic dishonesty agreed.

"I don't know of any other school that has gone to such great lengths to identify cheating," said Donald McCabe, who helped Ohio University officials design their review process.

Twelve graduates were required to rewrite all or parts of their theses that contained minor infractions, such as improper citations of others' work, university spokeswoman Sally Linder said. A decision to strip someone's degree means the student went beyond improper citation by being intentionally deceptive and knowingly using plagiarized

information in a thesis, she said.

Officials said 38 cases are pending. Since very few of the theses pulled from the random sample were flagged for possible cheating, the university will not expand its review unless further allegations arise, Russ College Dean Dennis Irwin said.

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WWII airmen honored

Tuskegee pilots first all-black military unit

Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Recognition has been a long time coming for Milton Crenshaw and other members of the Tuskegee Airmen, the first all-black unit in the Army Air Corps.

But now, in the span of one week, Crenshaw has been honored by the state of Arkansas, and he and other survivors of the unit will receive the Congressional Gold Medal for their work as fighter pilots during World War II.

Without men like Crenshaw, the unit would not have been as successful, Gov. Mike Beebe said Tuesday as he presented Crenshaw a plaque for his dedication, service and commitment.

"I don't think there's any question that nobody had a greater track record as a unit in World War II than the Tuskegee Airmen," Beebe said. "Over 100 kills and ... not a single loss in combat as a result of enemy fire. That didn't just happen, somebody trained those guys to be that good."

Two historians have said research shows the Airmen did lose some planes to enemy fire during World War II, and one former bomber co-pilot said last year that his plane was shot down while being escorted by the unit. Few would question, though, that the Tuskegee Airmen made a powerful contribution.

Crenshaw, 89, was named Primary Flight Instructor in 1942 at Tuskegee Army Air Field in Tuskegee, Ala.

"I sent all the other guys over there," Crenshaw said. "My job was to shove them out and make sure they had a good understanding ... of how to go out, fight and come back to home base."

On Thursday, he and about 200 other survivors of the Tuskegee Airmen will receive the Congressional Gold Medal in the Rotunda of the Capitol, a venue their race once would have prevented them from entering. The medal is the highest civilian award bestowed by Congress, and also may be awarded to military personnel.

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I wish I weren't a liar

Paul Coffey was one of the greatest defensemen ever to play in the National Hockey League. During his career, he scored 396 goals and played in 14 NHL All-Star Games.

So sometimes when I want to impress people, I say that this sovereign on skates is my uncle. We do share a last name, after all.

I tell them that Uncle Paul was born in Ontario, Canada, and that he's 45 years old. I even mention that Uncle Paul ranks second all-time among NHL defensemen in career goals, assists and points.

The statistics are true. But is it true that he's my dad's brother? Absolutely not.

I could admit to being a liar, but in the spirit of a certain upcoming holiday, a.k.a. April Fool's Day, let's just say that I attempt to fool people — the problem being that few people are, in fact, fooled by my fib.

Why? Because my potential fool-ees always want to know more. The typical fib-breaking question — "What's your Uncle Paul like at Thanksgiving dinner?"

But of course, Paul has never spent the fourth Thursday of November feast-

ing on my Grandma Tootsie's prized bird.

I could've answered my potential fool-ees by citing Paul's Canadian heritage and then insisting that he doesn't observe American Thanksgiving. But that would've been just as disappointing as the answer I usually give — I attribute Paul's Thanksgiving absence to a family feud.

This obviously prompts more questioning, as the potential fool-ees try to glean insight into Paul's character. The questions — "Why would your father fight with a three-time winner of the James Norris Memorial Trophy?" "Doesn't your turkey-basting grandmother miss him?" "And if Paul were at Thanksgiving, would he watch the Detroit Lions game on TV?"

But of course, I can shed no light on his NFL loyalties. While I may have memorized some of the celebrated number seven's statistics, I don't know whether he'd fold or crumple his napkin. I don't know whether he'd want the dark meat of the turkey or the white meat. I don't even know whether he'd use his fork or his fingers to eat that turkey.

But I do know this — life is in the details.

Anyone who can spell "Wikipedia" can see that Paul Coffey was inducted into the NHL Hall of Fame in 2004. But what about the first thing he said after he heard he'd be commemorated forever in

Toronto? Who was the first person he told? And how did he choose the outfit he wore to the ceremony? That's what makes Paul interesting; that's what his life's about.

I don't know those details. So clearly, I don't know Paul either.

Likewise, your 3.96 GPA and Flex 14 Meal Plan can only say so much about you. And what people want to know about you is not that you've been on the Dean's List every semester. Anyone who can hack into IrishLink can see that. But instead — why do you always study in that particular study carrel? Why can't you survive without reading the New York Times before breakfast every morning? What's the one thing that you're most thankful for? That's what makes you interesting; that's what your life's about.

In the end, it wouldn't make me much more interesting if Paul Coffey did, in fact, mail me a check for my birthday each year. Perhaps what makes me interesting is that I feel so compelled to lie about it.

Life is in the details.

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Liz Coffey

The Coffey Grind

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

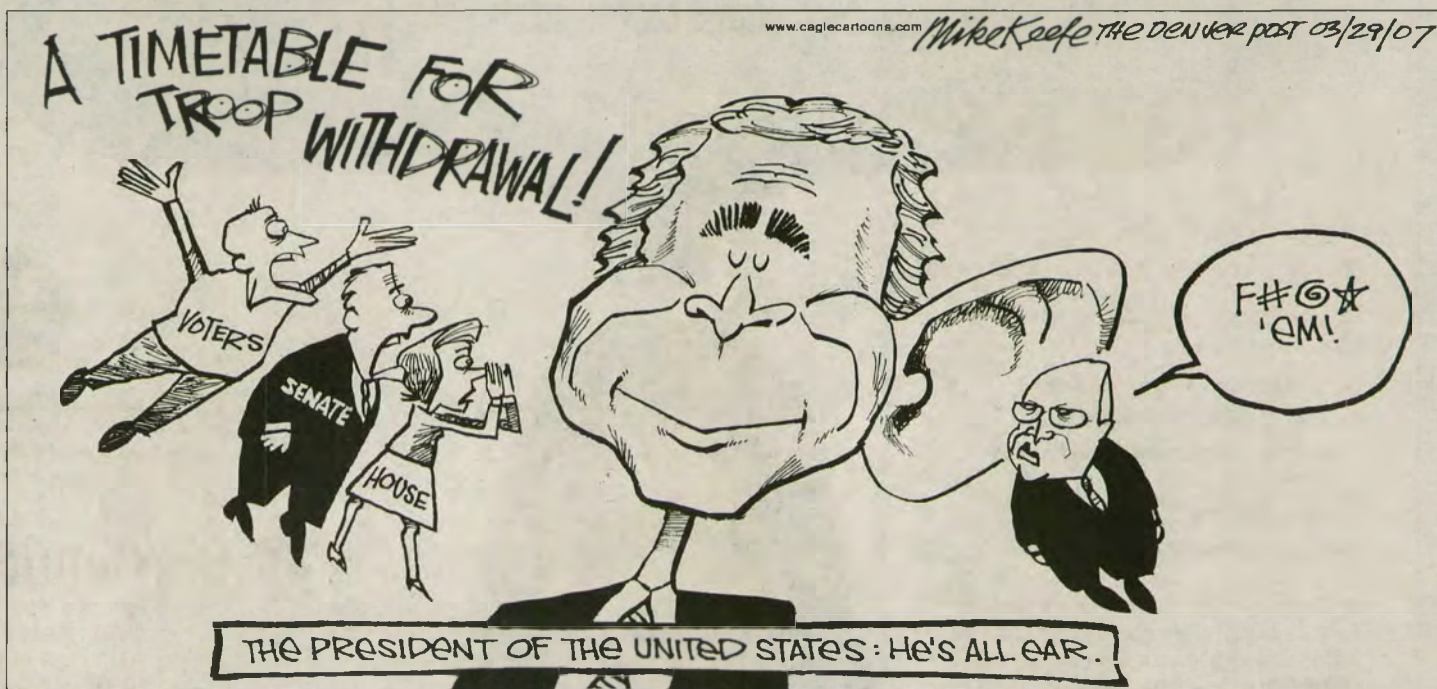
Clarifying leprechaun origins

In his March 26 Letter to the Editor ("Logo conflict embarrassing"), freshman Charles Cossell wrote that Notre Dame's leprechaun logo was actually designed by Cathedral High School. That is incorrect. According to University records, the leprechaun character was designed by the late Ted Drake of Elkhart, Ind., and used for the first time in 1964. Mr. Drake also created the logo of the Chicago Bulls, designed several

Notre Dame football program covers and did all the print artwork for the children's program "Kukla, Fran and Ollie."

Dennis K. Brown
Assistant Vice President
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March 28

EDITORIAL CARTOON



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Success is how high you bounce when you hit bottom."

General George Patton
former U.S. Army general

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Protests aimed at solidarity

I want to offer a reflection on the purpose of the protests held by members of the Catholic Peace Fellowship and Catholic Workers questioning the presence of ROTC at Notre Dame. In "Solicitudio Rei Socialis," Pope John Paul II told Catholics that the only way to dismantle structures of sin is to approach them in a diametrically opposed attitude, i.e. solidarity (SRS, no. 38). In this spirit of Christian solidarity, the protest held in front of the Main Building called the administration to examine its contribution in training soldiers to fight in a war that two popes and the vast majority of bishops worldwide have called illegal, immoral and unjust.

This is not to say that the soldiers that ROTC trains are immoral or unjust people. It is my firm conviction, however, that this has to do with the ethical formation that Notre Dame tries to provide and not with a ROTC program that systematically trains many of our noblest young men and women to dehumanize the other and surrender their consciences. In effect, ROTC soldiers are put in a position in which, as Christians, they must dismiss the prevailing norm of our military, that soldiers ought not be conscientious peo-

ple. In this way, the protests were a call to solidarity not only with Iraqis, but with soldiers who struggle to live their faith in conscience.

This protest must also not be viewed in isolation. One problem with protests in general and the anti-war movement in particular is that they are done in confrontation with those in power. However, to encourage conversion of hearts and the fostering of solidarity for peace, dialogue and common discernment are also necessary. The Notre Dame Peace Fellowship, of which I am a member, has been and will continue to be dedicated to dialogue and friendship with the soldiers on our campus. In this way, it can be hoped that conscience can be restored to our consideration of war and peace, and that Americans reject a dehumanized vision of the enemy and build peace with love in our hearts.

Bradley Jenkins
off campus
senior
March 28

Students not apathetic

Believe it or not activism, can be practiced by both liberals and conservatives. The March 28 cover story ("Campus struggles with activism, apathy") only tells a partial story from a biased point of view. From the ridiculous claim that the Iraq war may "potentially" last as long as our 20-year involvement in Vietnam to the one-sided coverage of social activism, Eileen Duffy and Meghan Wons fail to tell a truthful and fair story. Conservatives proudly and strongly have taken action in defense of our positions. Scores of students traveled to our nation's capital to mark the anniversary of the infamous Roe v. Wade decision. Many more were active on Rep. Chocola's re-election campaign. Is that not activism? While it may be true that Notre Dame does not have the level of activism of UC-Berkeley, the levels are far healthier than the authors portray.

Patrick George
Siegfried Hall
sophomore
March 28

Calls to examine the repercussions of our actions

We owe it to the University

It is sadly ironic that Patrick McMaster's insights ("Nothing wrong with our 'Reputation.'" March 28) appeared on the same day as a piece examining student apathy. I hope McMaster's jocular tone shows he meant to exaggerate. However, if his letter is even partly based on genuine viewpoints — his own, or of anyone in our community — we have other serious problems on our campus. To be clear, this isn't a tirade against college drinking.

We're all supposed to be adults here: we can make our own decisions. But if our entire social lives revolve around the Bud Lights in our hands, I think we're negatively impacting Notre Dame beyond Friday night. We're disrespecting our futures and those who work to offer us futures. McMaster discusses students' lack of real responsibility, and he's right. I'm not supporting a family or running a country; I can afford to have fun. Time with friends is an essential part of our college experience. However, I hope we're not paying more than \$40,000 a year just to get wasted every weekend and attend a few classes in between.

Think of everything else we have to engage us. Academic inquiry and research beyond our normal classes. Creative and performing arts. Service and social action groups working on issues in our local and global communities. These, and much more, teach us to stretch our minds beyond textbook information and to develop an informed worldview — essential qualities for our leadership. Having a couple drinks on occasion probably doesn't prevent us from engaging in what our university has to offer. But we could question whether excessive drinking now keeps us from opportunities we can't buy at a bar. That would be disrespecting our future. Tied in with personal lack of respect is lack of respect for our educators. I'll use the term educator broadly: from professors and administrators to all the service people who run our school.

Don't we understand that everyone here is working for our benefit? I've talked to numerous custodians who enjoy their jobs here because they love to see students inspired. Again, we don't need to forsake all "normal" college social life to respect our educators. However, maybe we should think carefully about how we show gratefulness to people who give us so much. Don't we owe it to ourselves, and our community, to take advantage of the whole Notre Dame experience? To not waste it away?

Brennan Bollman
Lewis Hall
sophomore
March 28

Creation doesn't entitle excess

Fifty. Seven. Zero. Fifty is the number of dollars I would pay Patrick McMaster to read Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics. Seven is the number of times I swore while reading his Letter to the Editor. Zero is the number of true statements he made in it.

Is all we have to worry about as Notre Dame students when to eat? If so, then my pessimism about intellectual life on this campus has been confirmed. If anyone really thinks that he is attending this University, at the cost of 40 some-odd thousand dollars a year, simply to get wasted and "have fun," then the so-called "townies" do have a right to be upset. Are we not students at the nation's foremost Catholic university to develop our minds and to learn how to lead a life of virtue?

McMaster's letter shows that the former has been forgotten and the latter has been mocked. If God did not want us to partake in the miraculous golden goodness that is beer, why would he create it in the first place? What about food? If he didn't want us to eat it, then why would good-tasting food exist? The answer is that God most certainly wants us to partake in the things of creation, alcohol and good food included. However, the ability to partake is not license to abuse. To justify drunkenness to the point of vomiting

with a miracle of our Lord is analogous to justifying severe obesity with God's creation of food to begin with. Just as a puritanical, or as McMaster calls it, a "prohibition-reminiscent," attitude errs on a deficiency in partaking in pleasure, so too does his attitude err on the side of excess. Both puritanism and drunkenness with regard to drinking are vices, and virtue is found in temperance — knowing what, where, when and (perhaps most importantly) how much to drink.

I now realize I erred in my earlier statement; one thing McMaster said is almost correct, and sadly so. His letter itself proves it: "trying to convince college students not to drink makes less sense than the Church of Scientology." But this effort is only absurd because of the outrageously widespread lack of rationality among students. I would not be surprised if the majority of students, who, according to McMaster, lack any rational capacity when it comes to pleasure, are incapable of being convinced of any truth at all.

John Buttaci
Morrissey Manor
sophomore
March 28

Purpose of 'Touchdown Moses'

No. 1 Moses

I am sure you have received many letters in regards to the March 27 Letter to the Editor titled "First Down Moses" underlies negative attitudes toward other religions. "First down" Moses? Are you kidding? This was a man who parted the Red Sea, spoke with burning shrubbery and induced swarms of locusts to descend upon the Egyptians. Does the scowling statue with finger upraised really appear be celebrating a first down? Are we returning to the dark days of the Bob Davie Era where a first down was cause for biblical figures to stand on the heads of the vanquished in celebration? While we're making ludicrous comparisons between figures such as Moses and the Sept. 11 tragedy, why not knock the individual on the library down a few pegs. How about "Complete Catch" Jesus instead? Don't sell the proud tradition of the University short — it's "Number One Moses."

Matthew McCoyd
Chicago, Ill.
Class of 2000
March 28

Moses was an honorable man

While reading the March 27 edition of The Observer, I saw the Letter to the Editor by Xavier Lebec regarding First Down Moses. What Lebec fails to realize in his argument is that a greater picture exists.

First, let us for a moment discuss gods (not just the Jewish/Christian God) at the time the Old Testament was written. Gods were viewed at that time as wrathful deities, capable of two emotions: neutrality and anger. People from every nation would smite others in the name of their god. The more violence displayed, the more powerful the god was viewed to be. In order to contend with the other gods, the Jewish/Christian God had to follow a similar model. It would be far too idealistic to assume that the Israelites would have followed a pacifistic, "weak-looking" God, when they were surrounded by hundreds of other powerful gods. However, one major difference exists between the Jewish/Christian God and the other gods: the element of love. The Jewish/Christian God is the only God from that time period to exhibit love and compassion for his people. This is not to say that God did not punish his people; the verses Lebec cites from Exodus describe an instance in which God had to correct his people. The difference is in God's reaction after the punishment, which is one of love.

In addition, it would be incredibly foolish to assume that any god would condone the worship of other gods. I challenge Lebec to find any god that condones the worship of gods from other religions. I very seriously doubt that Buddha would condone the worship of Jesus, or that Allah would allow his people to worship Buddha. We shouldn't hold the Jewish/Christian God to any other standard.

Lastly, to hold the University responsible for building "a statue commemorating atrocities similar to those of Sept. 11" is not only irrelevant, but completely inappropriate. This is a Christian institution, and it simply built a statue to a man vital to the history of the Christian faith. Moses was simply following God's command, as he was told to do. To blame Moses and label him a "terrorist" is offensive to the Christian faith. Moses is of incredible importance to the development of the Jewish and ultimately Christian faith, and he should be rewarded and honored as such.

Nick Bloom
Zahm Hall
freshman
March 27

MOVIE REVIEWS

'Shooter' hits mark for some, fires blanks for others

By ERIN MCGINN
Assistant Scene Editor

Arguably the best action films are a solid combination of tension, explosions and comedy. If it has a serviceable plot, that's even better — but it's not entirely necessary. "Shooter," directed by Antoine Fuqua ("Training Day"), definitely meets these criteria.

The film opens with a prologue that introduces Bob Lee Swagger (Mark Wahlberg), a Marine sniper, and his partner who are on a mission in Ethiopia. The mission goes wrong, his partner is killed and Swagger is left without support and forced to find his own way out.

Flash forward 36 months and Swagger has exiled himself to an isolated cabin in the Wyoming mountains with only his dog for company. He is visited by retired Colonel Isaac Johnson (Danny Glover) who comes with a patriotic proposition. According to their sources, someone is going to attempt to assassinate the President during one of his upcoming public appearances. The Colonel asks Swagger to check out the three sites where the President will appear and determine how an assassination could be pulled off.

Swagger's reconnaissance is used against him and he is set up as the one behind the attempt. During his escape, he disarms new FBI agent Nick Memphis (Michael Pena, "Crash"), and Memphis

secretly looks into the case when he realizes that there are facts that don't match up. He evades the government officials, which sets up the cat-and-mouse chase that dominates the movie.

On the whole, "Shooter" works well as a shoot-em-up action flick that is steeped in political intrigue, in the vein of the "Bourne" movies. Like the "Bourne" franchise, "Shooter" is also taken from a book — it's based on Stephen Hunter's novel "Point of Impact." Depending on the success of the movie, there are two more Swagger books that could be made into movies, giving Wahlberg his first franchise.

Shooter



Director: Antoine Fuqua
Writer: Jonathan Lemkin
Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Michael Pena, Ned Beatty and Danny Glover

Screenwriter Jonathan Lemkin ("Lethal Weapon 4") does a fairly good job taking the politically-heavy novel and turning it into a high-octane action flick. The weakest part of the film is the political intrigue that remains in the film, as it is extremely undeveloped and only used when it is needed to continue the action. The last quarter of the movie takes a downward spiral in terms of plot, becoming highly unrealistic and at times confusing until the very end of the film.

Aside from the frequent explosions, the film's real enjoyment comes from its performances. Mark Wahlberg does an outstanding job as the renegade action hero and has further solidified himself as one of the big players in Hollywood today. Also turning in a great performance is Michael Pena as the FBI agent still wet behind the ears. The scene-stealer of the film however goes to the brief appear-



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Bob Lee Swagger (Mark Wahlberg), kneeling, teaches FBI agent Nick Memphis (Michael Pena) how to shoot before fighting against the men who framed him.

ance by Levon Helm ("The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada"), who delivers an unforgettable turn as the expert of all things gun-related. Ned Beatty ("Rudy") and Elias Koteas ("Zodiac") do well in the bad-guy roles as a corrupt senator and nearly-psychotic agent.

Turning in a surprisingly awful performance is Danny Glover. Not only is he completely unconvincing (and seemingly bored) throughout the film, but for some unbeknownst reason he speaks with an atrocious and laughable lisp. It's similar to when someone shoves a lot of cotton

in their mouths to try to imitate Brando in "The Godfather," and instead comes off looking like a slobbering idiot. Considering the experience that he had in the "Lethal Weapon" franchise, it is highly disappointing to see him doing such a poor job.

While it is far from being a perfectly contrived action flick, "Shooter" accomplishes what it's there to do and is an enjoyable popcorn movie.

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MARK WAHLBERG
FUN FACTS

Former singer for Marky Mark and the Funky Bunch

Brother Donnie was in The New Kids on the Block

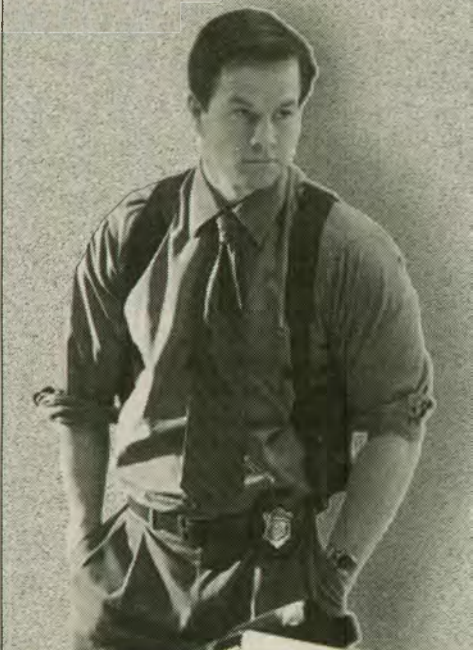
Former underwear model for Calvin Klein

Has a third nipple on the left side of his chest

Has a tattoo of Bob Marley on his shoulder

Nominated for an Academy Award for "The Departed"

Was a scheduled passenger on United 93, but changed travel plans at the last minute



By BRIAN DOXTADER
Senior Staff Writer

Howard Hawks once quipped that a great film is "three good scenes" and "no bad scenes." Antoine Fuqua's "Shooter" manages to fulfill the former, but it's the second part of Hawks' definition that sinks the film. As per its title, "Shooter" doesn't have a lot on its mind, past blood-letting destruction, but its pretense toward social awareness renders the picture ineffective, even as a mechanical blockbuster.

"Shooter" follows Bob Lee Swagger (Mark Wahlberg), a retired military sniper who is pressed back into service by Colonel Johnson (Danny Glover). Johnson informs Swagger that there is going to be an attempt on the President's life and asks him to help figure out where and when the killer may strike. Swagger reluctantly agrees, but soon discovers that the whole thing is a set-up and he is chased by the FBI. Along the way, he enlists the help of a rookie agent named Nick Memphis (Michael Pena) and his partner's old girlfriend, Sarah (Kate Mara). It isn't long before he discovers a full-blown conspiracy involving Montana Sen. Charles Meachum (Ned Beatty).

It's not that "Shooter" is a badly made film, though its penchant for awkward cuts renders parts of it initially (and momentarily) incomprehensible. There are several well-choreographed scenes, particularly an opening sequence (which ultimately winds up being the film's best segment) and a carnage-ridden battle outside of a house.

The problem, however, is that "Shooter" is not nearly as complicated as it sounds. In fact, it purports to be a "thinking-man's thriller" and, through awkward dialogue

Shooter



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Mark Wahlberg stars as Bob Lee Swagger, an ex-Marine sniper who is framed for an assassination attempt against the President and seeks to clear his name in "Shooter."

and monologue scenes, tries to question what patriotism truly is. Unfortunately, most of the scenes are contrived, and one particular mountaintop confrontation is so awkward and badly-written that the initial reaction is to cringe. As "Shooter" progresses, it becomes increasingly obvious that the violence of the film is not the means to an end, it is the end — Swagger's solution seems fueled by the system's failures, but that's precisely when "Shooter" loses the thread and becomes unrealistic and unlikeable.

The film's pretenses toward social awareness make it even more mindless — its naivety is cloying, its observations shallow and contrived, its convictions laughable. There are no more redeeming qualities here than there were in "Rambo," and at least that film had the courage to revel in its buffoonery. "Shooter" is ultimately so simple-minded in its vigilantism that it

becomes almost offensive — the longer the film drags on and the more people that Swagger kills, the harder it becomes to support him as a character. Yet the film treats Swagger like the ultimate hero — the audience is clearly supposed to root for this guy, but his methods and ruthless and his moral character questionable.

Nothing really sets "Shooter" apart, and the problems of plotting and dialogue are enough to make it a forgettable film. Wahlberg is game throughout, but not even his charisma can save "Shooter" from being another picture that fails to live up to Fuqua's potential. Nobody will likely go into "Shooter" expecting a masterpiece, but they might be expecting a fun and exciting, if pointless, action thriller — but even that audience will leave disappointed, because "Shooter" is a film that wants to be more, when it should've known enough to be less.

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DVD REVIEW

'Blood Diamond' sparkles on special-edition DVD

By SEAN SWEANY
Assistant Scene Editor

Very seldom do movies come along that combine an all-star cast, heavy action and a compelling moral message into a successful and cohesive package. "Blood Diamond" is one of those movies.

This Ed Zwick ("The Last Samurai") film examines what happens when diamond smuggler Danny Archer (Leonardo DiCaprio) and a fisherman named Solomon (Djimon Hounsou, "The Island") cross paths in war-torn Sierra Leone while rescuing both a rare and immensely valuable pink diamond and the fisherman's kidnapped son from savage militia forces.

What ensues is a tense and jealous conflict between Archer's desire for the diamond and Solomon's quest to reunite with his son. Each man is forced to help the other in order to achieve his goals, until each realizes he is working harder to help the other man than himself.

A war journalist (Jennifer Connelly) who accompanies the two men serves as the lens through which the events of the

movie occur, offering insights and challenges to their dilemma, but never judging anyone's actions, no matter how selfish they may be.

The actors in "Blood Diamond" are superb, especially DiCaprio and Hounsou, whose performances earned them Academy Award nominations for Best Actor and Best Supporting Actor, respectively. DiCaprio shows a dark and tormented side — while pulling off a South African accent — that continually forces the audience to question his motives and morals.

This movie is Hounsou's jump from obscure supporting actor to lead actor, for his role is just as central to "Blood Diamond" as DiCaprio's. He handles the spotlight with ease and demonstrates that he has the ability to act right alongside the major players in Hollywood.

The tale "Blood Diamond" tells is very human, but the scope is as epic of any of Zwick's prior films, including his most recent, "The Last Samurai." The main action scene in the film is the recreation of the siege of Freetown, a 1999 rebel attack on Sierra Leone's capital city. The violent and brutal scene lasts several minutes and is heavy on gunshots, explosions and adrenaline, setting the tone for the rest of the film.

The third critical component of "Blood Diamond" is the gripping message it tells about "conflict diamonds" — diamonds acquired in war-torn countries like Sierra



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Danny Archer (Leonardo DiCaprio), left, and Solomon Vandy (Djimon Hounsou) try to escape from the Sierra Leone civil war in the acclaimed film "Blood Diamond."

Leone of the 1990s and sold on the world market. The images and plot (which is inspired by a true story) give audiences cause to stop and wonder where our jewelry really comes from.

The two-disc special edition DVD has special features that give viewers further cause to wonder about this important topic. "Blood on the Stone" is an informative hour-long documentary that details the journey of a diamond from the earth to the store, shedding light on this sometimes difficult and tension-filled process.

Other features include an inside look at the effort put into the siege of Freetown sequence and an insightful commentary from Zwick. The presentation of the film is excellent, especially highlighting the sound editing and mix-

ing, which also earned "Blood Diamond" an Oscar nomination.

While "Blood Diamond" did not win any Oscars among its five nominations, this does not detract from the fact that it was one of the best films of 2006. Strong acting combines with an exciting and thought-provoking story that keeps the audience engaged from beginning to end. While the two-disc DVD does not overflow with features, there is a perfect mix of extras that detail both the film and its message. Just like the title suggests, "Blood Diamond" is ultimately all about a mix — between brutality and beauty — where we all must find a happy medium.

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Blood Diamond

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MOVIE REVIEW

'The Host' fails to deliver thrills with killer tadpole

By SEAN SWEANY
Assistant Scene Editor

With the abundance of "slasher" films taking over the horror genre at the box office, Hollywood seems to have shied away from making the "monster" film in attempts to scare audiences. Gone are films like "Godzilla" and "Mimic," replaced instead by "Turistas" and "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre."

For whatever reason, Hollywood producers have deemed giant monsters no longer scary enough to warrant lavish budgets and productions. Fans of the fading genre received cause to hope when it was announced that the South Korean monster film "Gwoemul" would be released in the U.S. under the title "The Host."

As a highly anticipated foreign film, expectations were high that "The Host" would become the next "Jaws" upon its stateside release. Unfortunately, somewhere between a tadpole being mutated into a giant tadpole and people trying to kill it with Molotov cocktails, the film falls far short of these expectations.

The movie begins when a U.S. military facility dumps toxic chemicals into Seoul's Han River, eventually causing an innocent tadpole to morph into a giant, man-eating tadpole. When it

comes of age, the ungainly looking monster decides to wreak havoc on the residents of Seoul, eating some and taking others back to its sewer lair.

One victim whom the monster keeps alive is Hyun-seo, the granddaughter of Park Hee-bong, who operates a snack bar on the banks of the river. Although the U.S. military declares quarantine throughout the entire city, Park and his three dysfunctional children decide to ignore this to try to hunt and kill the giant tadpole, thus rescuing Hyun-seo.

The problem with "The Host" is that it tries to combine several movies into one. There

is a storyline about the deadbeat single father trying to raise a daughter. There is a storyline about a family trying to cope with its emotional difficulties. There is an undercurrent of satire about U.S. involvement in an affair that should rightfully be handled by South Korea. And hanging over all of this is a storyline about a giant mutant tadpole.

No matter that any of these stories could have potential if developed properly — they are so lazily developed by director Joon-Ho Bong that no one ends up caring at the end of the film which characters will live or die. More often than not, humor arises — unintentionally — out of situations in the film, even in what should be a sad



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Park Gang-Du (Song Kang-Ho), center, and Park Hyun-seo (Ah-sung Ko) flee from the giant tadpole that is attacking the city of Seoul in Joon-Ho Bong's "The Host."

scene when the family is mourning the death of one of their own.

The most depressing aspect of "The Host" is that the monster is not scary. The CGI is poor and the monster mostly lumbers around like a St. Bernard, making it funnier than anything else. We assume that the monster is a "host," but this is not made clear, nor is there anything at the end of the movie to frighten viewers that the mutant has spawned offspring that will continue to terrorize society.

The two-hour running time seems to drag on interminably, and at the film's conclusion, one wonders whether the

plot could have been carried out in half the time so as to endure only half the pain.

There is a chance that "The Host" is intentionally trying to be a B-list movie, but it fails at that goal. It also fails to do what a good monster movie should do — make the viewer fear the monster.

Viewers can rest assured that if they choose to endure "The Host," they will be no more afraid of tadpoles coming out of the theater as they did going in to it.

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The Host



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NBA

Marbury's clutch three clinches win for Knicks

Pierce leads Celtics to double-OT win over Magic, Wallace and Bobcats defeat Hawks in franchise-record 27th win

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The way things have been going for the New York Knicks, it wouldn't have been a surprise if Stephon Marbury's 3-pointer spun out.

But down it went, and the Knicks' lagging spirits — as well as their playoff hopes — went up.

Eddy Curry scored 13 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter, Marbury rattled in a clinching 3-pointer with 8.5 seconds left, and New York beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 97-93 on Wednesday night to snap a four-game losing streak.

The injury-depleted Knicks lost yet another starter, but won for the second time in eight games and are 1 1/2 games behind Orlando for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

"I have said before, we are not going to cave," Knicks coach Isiah Thomas said. "We are going to keep fighting and keep competing. It may not be pretty. As long as we have five, we are going to go out, compete and play as hard as we possibly can."

Marbury and Channing Frye each finished with 16 points for the Knicks, who have been playing without Jamal Crawford, David Lee and

Quentin Richardson during what was their longest skid of the season.

"I think we've got a talented team. I think we're talented enough to adapt to any kind of situation," Curry said. "We've been hit with a lot this season and have been fortunate to play through it. You've just got to go out there and play hard."

LeBron James scored 24 points for the Cavaliers, who had a chance to tie the game at 94, but Zydrunas Ilgauskas made only one of two free throws with 34 seconds left. The Knicks ran the shot clock down before Marbury launched a 3 from the right side that seemed ready to bounce out before falling in.

"I saw that thing roll around like five times," Frye said. "I was just like, maybe if I put my arms up it will go in. But you know what, as soon as he shot it I knew it was going in. It was just one of those games where the stars were aligned in our way."

Sasha Pavlovic added 20 points for the Cavaliers, who fell three games behind Detroit for best record in the East. The Cavs, who clinched a playoff berth Tuesday, fell to 1-1 on a five-game road trip while they vacate their arena for the women's Final Four.

"It's about us getting stops, but more importantly wanting to assert the effort to get stops," Cavs coach Mike Brown said.

James said the problems were on both ends of the floor, not just on defense.

"I never disagree with my coach," he said. "He puts us in a position to win basketball games. I think at times it was, at times it wasn't."

"We had some opportunities to win, we had some opportunities to lose the game. We lost the game on the defensive end."

The short-handed Knicks, playing without three key players, got a big game from Curry, who was a surprisingly strong 11-for-14 from the free throw line. He twice had baskets early in the fourth quarter after Cleveland had cut New York's lead to one point.

New York led for the final 8-plus minutes, but never by more than five points. Marbury hit another key 3-pointer with 1:41 left after James turned it over with the Cavs having closed to 91-89.

"It's something that's needed," Marbury said. "It was a team effort tonight. The way Eddy played, he played great, he shot free throws extremely well tonight, and he hasn't been shooting them well. So everybody contributed."



Boston guard Paul Pierce defends Orlando forward Trevor Ariza during the Celtics' 105-96 overtime win Wednesday.

outscored Orlando 15-6 in the second overtime to finish their home stand 2-2.

Pierce also had seven rebounds and five assists while playing 53 minutes, the most since Feb. 9, when he returned from a 24-game absence with a stress reaction in his left foot and infected left elbow.

Celtics coach Doc Rivers almost took Pierce out in the third quarter, when he banged his left elbow in a scrum. Thankfully for the Celtics, Pierce lobbied to remain in.

After sending the game into overtime with an 18-foot jumper at the end of regulation and into double overtime with a long 3-pointer at the end of the first extra session, Pierce gave Boston the lead for good when his free throw made it 93-92 with 2:57 left.

Jefferson then scored eight straight points to secure the win for Boston.

His jumper made it 95-92, he then followed a long Hedo Turkoglu jumper with six straight points to stretch Boston's lead to 101-94.

"Our captain hit some big-time shots, and we just fed off that," Jefferson said. "We're getting more and more excited for next year because if we would have had our full team all year, there's no doubt in my mind we would have made the

playoffs."

Mavericks 105, Bucks 103

The Dallas Mavericks were back home without a break after their first 6-0 road trip and Dirk Nowitzki was out after hurting his ankle in the first half.

The Milwaukee Bucks, in the running for a lottery draft pick instead a playoff spot, wanted the upset.

None of that kept the Mavericks from winning their 60th game, to match their franchise record Wednesday night.

"To talk about 60 is pretty impressive, especially the way we started," coach Avery Johnson said. "These types of games, we could easily lose, but they refuse to lose."

It is the third time the Mavericks have won 60 games, all in the last five seasons. The top team in the Western Conference has 11 games left in this regular season, the one that started with four straight losses.

"We just wanted to keep it going," Devin Harris said. "We had a great road trip, but there were a lot of hurdles tonight we had to overcome."

With their star out after hurting his left ankle in the first half, Jason Terry had 27 points with a couple of key late baskets and the go-ahead free throw for the Mavericks.



Washington forward Etan Thomas, left, blocks Philadelphia's Andre Miller during the Wizards' 111-108 win Wednesday.

Celtics 105, Magic 96

If this was the end of Paul Pierce's season, the Boston Celtics captain couldn't have done much more to help his team.

Pierce scored 32 points — including 15 after the third quarter — to lead the Boston Celtics to a double-overtime win over the Orlando Magic on Wednesday night.

After the game — and following a lengthy ice treatment — Pierce talked about shutting it down for the rest of the season.

"My body, I've got to start listening to it," he said. "Sometimes it hurts for me to straighten out my arm. I've got to think about my future and I've got to listen to the doctors and see what they think. I've been a little rebellious, I know I have. But I think that's just me being stubborn, being a competitor. You've got to be smart also."

Al Jefferson added 23 points and 13 rebounds, Delonte West scored 17, and Kendrick Perkins had 11 points and 12 rebounds for the Celtics, who

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Big East Conference Baseball Standings

team	conf. record	overall record	win pct.
1 West Virginia	3-0	15-5	.750
2 Rutgers	3-0	11-10	.524
3 Louisville	2-1	16-8	.667
4 Connecticut	4-2	9-10	.474
5 USF	3-3	20-8	.714
6 Pittsburgh	1-2	9-11	.450
7 Cincinnati	1-2	12-11	.522
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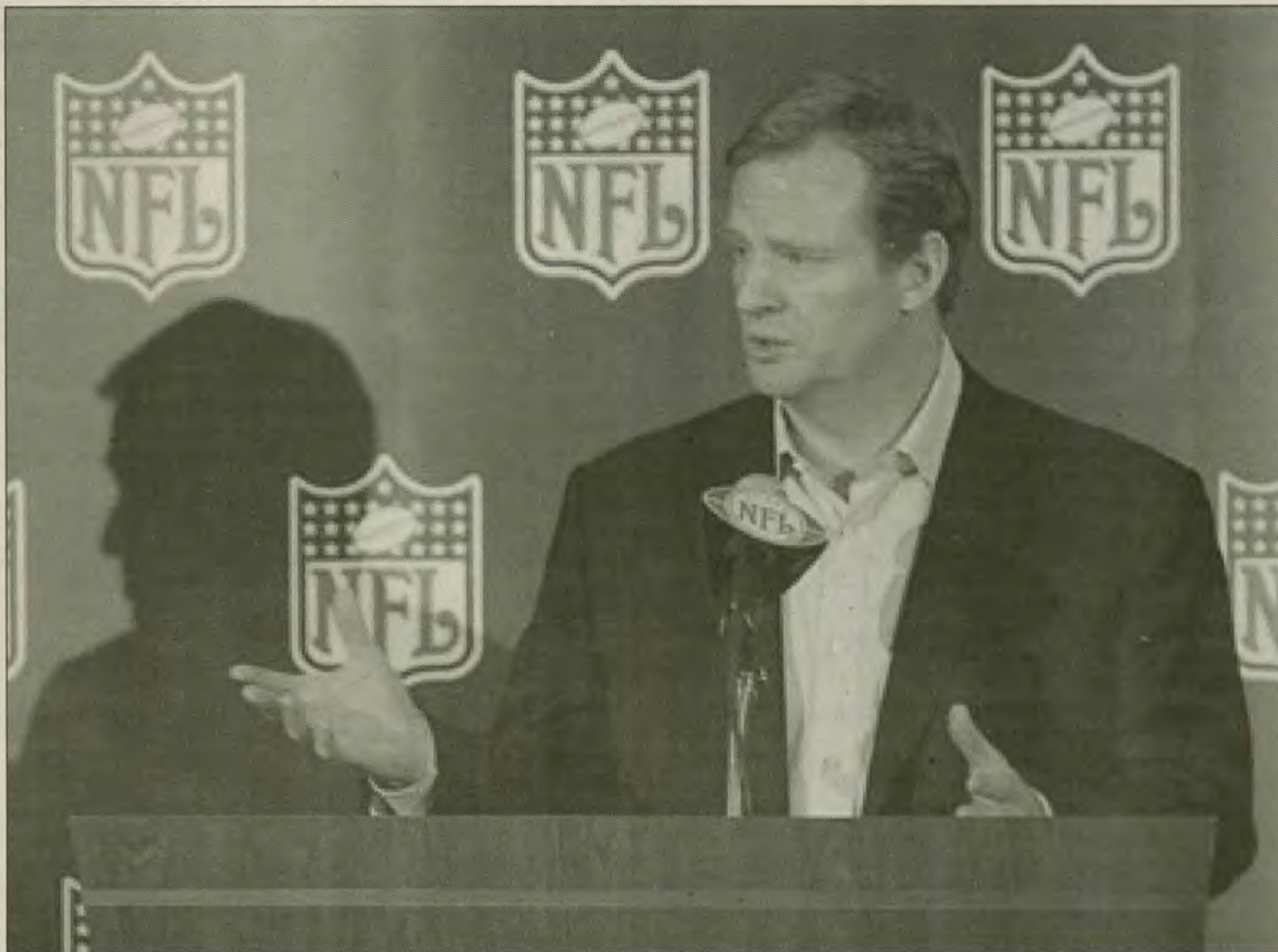
MIAA Conference Softball Standings

team	conf. record	overall record
1 Adrian	2-0	10-2
2 Alma	2-0	15-7
3 Hope	2-0	9-5
4 Calvin	0-0	4-8
5 Saint Mary's	0-0	10-1
6 Tri-State	0-0	10-4
7 Albion	0-2	7-11
8 Kalamazoo	0-2	3-8
9 Olivet	0-2	10-6

NCAA Women's Lacrosse IWLCA Top 20

team	points	prev.
1 Northwestern	298	1
2 Duke	283	3
3 Georgetown	242	4
4 North Carolina	241	5
5 NOTRE DAME	224	7
6 Princeton	214	14
8 Dartmouth	214	8
8 Maryland	210	6
9 Virginia	194	2
10 Johns Hopkins	159	12
11 Cornell	143	10
12 James Madison	122	13
13 Richmond	111	11
14 Penn State	101	19
15 Syracuse	87	18
16 Hofstra	74	17
17 BU	73	19
18 Stanford	51	16
19 Vanderbilt	39	NR
20 Penn	27	20

NFL



NFL commissioner Roger Goodell speaks to the media Wednesday about possible punishments for Tennessee cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones and Cincinnati receiver Chris Henry, who have faced significant legal problems.

Goodell considers punishing players

Associated Press

PHOENIX — NFL commissioner Roger Goodell hopes to hand down disciplinary measures within 10 days of meeting with Tennessee cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones and Cincinnati receiver Chris Henry.

Goodell's new, stronger player-conduct policy has not been fully formulated, but he'll still meet next Tuesday with the two players, who have had numerous run-ins with the law.

"These are part of the hearings I've had with a player or coach facing discipline decisions," Goodell said Wednesday as the

league meetings concluded. "It's to get their perspective, look them in the eye and get them thinking. They are clearly (designed) to give me better info and more facts. I do it frequently."

It could happen even more often, given the number of off-field incidents that have recently plagued the league.

Jones has talked to police in 10 separate incidents since being drafted in April 2005 and has been arrested five times. On Monday, Las Vegas police recommended prosecutors file a felony charge of coercion and misdemeanor charges of battery and

threat against Jones, stemming from a Feb. 19 strip club fight and shooting.

Henry is among nine Bengals players arrested in less than a year. He had four arrests in 14 months, including marijuana possession, a weapon charge and a drunken-driving count that resulted in a guilty plea to reckless operation of a vehicle.

"I won't lump all of these incidents into a bowl and deal with it," Goodell said. "I'm not trying to send a signal here and make examples of people. We'll do what we need to protect the integrity of the NFL. That's our objective."

Jones' attorney, Manny

Arora of Atlanta, said they hope the commissioner will wait until the Las Vegas case is resolved before taking action.

If not, Jones is prepared to fight it legally, Arora said, especially if Jones were to receive a one-year suspension.

"It's going to end up being a big fight. There'll be injunctions," Arora said. "The NFL will fight this and that. We're going to draw it out through the court, and the attention's going to go through the roof."

The new player-conduct policy is expected to be in place before the April 28-29 draft.

IN BRIEF

Bears fan prohibited from changing name to Manning

DECATUR — Chicago Bears fan Scott Wiese is no Peyton Manning after all.

Macon County Judge Katherine McCarthy ruled this week that Wiese can't legally call himself Peyton Manning because it would be too confusing and might infringe on the privacy of the Indianapolis Colts quarterback.

And that's fine by Wiese. The 26-year-old resident of Forsyth, just north of Decatur, only was trying to change his name to make good on a bet he lost when the Colts beat the Bears in the Super Bowl.

"I had told the judge that I was not doing this because I wanted to change my name, but I was doing it because I was honoring a bet," Wiese told the Decatur Herald & Review after Monday's ruling. "I think she understood that."

49ers running back Gore gets new contract after big season

SAN FRANCISCO — Running back Frank Gore has agreed to a four-year contract extension with the San Francisco 49ers, a reward for his team-record 1,695 yards rushing last season.

Gore, who led the NFC in rushing in his second pro campaign, was due to earn \$435,000 in the upcoming season. With the extension, the Pro Bowl running back will be under contract to the 49ers through 2011 with a deal containing more than \$14 million in guaranteed money.

Niners coach Mike Nolan confirmed the deal Wednesday morning at the NFL meetings in Phoenix.

"He agreed yesterday," Nolan said. "He had a good day."

"It's a little early; Frank just finished his second year. But we identified somebody we want in Frank. He's a young player and we wanted to extend it and it's still very early in his career."

Roddick forced to retire from match due to injury

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — Andy Roddick retired with a strained left hamstring in the first set Wednesday, allowing Andy Murray to advance to the semifinals of the Ericsson Open.

Roddick said the injury occurred in the fifth game lunging at a shot. He called it quits trailing 5-3.

"I just kind of jarred something at first," he said. "More and more it started becoming like a sharp pain, and then I started feeling it even when I was just kind of cruising around the court, not even in points. It was steadily getting worse, which isn't a good sign."

An MRI exam was scheduled. The injury leaves in doubt Roddick's availability for the U.S. Davis Cup team's match against Spain on April 6-8.

Roddick said he thought of Davis Cup the moment he hurt himself.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Florida starters make repeat chance possible

Noah and Gators look for first back-to-back titles in 15 years

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — When Corey Brewer, Al Horford and Joakim Noah announced they were coming back to Florida after last season, they were heralded as unselfish.

If they decided to stay another year, they might be considered foolish.

That's why the Final Four probably will be the final run for coach Billy Donovan's dream team. Brewer, Horford and Noah are expected to turn pro after the season, breaking up the best team in school history and arguably one of the best in the college basketball in recent years.

"We're just trying to finish out strong and then we'll let the fans know and everybody else know what the deal is," Brewer said. "If we go out, we hope we go out with a national title."

The Gators (33-5) are trying to become the first team in 15 years to win consecutive national championships. They play UCLA (30-5) in the semifinals Saturday night in Atlanta, a rematch of last year's title game.

Brewer, Horford and Noah combined for 41 points, 23 rebounds, 10 assists, nine blocks and four steals in the 73-57 victory over the Bruins in Indianapolis last April.

Many thought the three sophomores would turn pro a few days later, and probably end up as NBA lottery picks. But they surprised everyone by announcing in a choreographed skit at the team's championship celebration that they would be back to try to make history.

It may have been an easy decision for Noah and Horford because of their family situations; both grew up with money because their fathers were professional athletes.

It was much more difficult for Brewer, whose dad farmed 100 acres of tobacco and soybeans in Portland, Tenn., and also moonlighted as a garbage collector in order to provide for the family needed.

All the hard work might have taken a toll, too. Brewer's father, Ellis "Pee Wee" Brewer, had open-heart surgery and three angioplasties in recent years. He also had a leg amputated in October because of complications from diabetes.

"It was a tough decision," Brewer said about returning. "We could take care of our families, but we decided why not come back for another year and enjoy each other because we might not ever play together again."

They've been even better this time around.

Brewer improved his outside shooting. Horford developed post moves, started using his left hand and added a mid-range jump shot that he makes with regularity. Noah also got better with the ball and in the paint.

Although all three honed their skills for the next level — prompting speculation that they won't risk injury again by returning next year — they came back this season for other

reasons.

They wanted to play together, enjoy another year living together — Brewer, Horford, Noah and Taurean Green have been roommates for three years — and make another postseason run.

"We want to create a legacy," Noah said. "We want to make history. But we realize that we haven't won two championships yet. That's the goal. That's the ultimate goal. And it's close. It's really close. We realize to get there our total focus has to be on UCLA and nothing else."

Regardless of how the season ends, the Gators already have established quite a legacy.

They have won three consecutive Southeastern Conference tournament titles, an outright SEC regular-season title, a national title, two school-record 17-game winning streaks and a school records for victories.

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Final Four teams emerge

Volunteers, Scarlet Knights, Tar Heels and Tigers to play for title

Associated Press

Half of the women's Final Four turned out as expected, with top seeds Tennessee and North Carolina facing off in a national semifinal.

From the other side of the bracket emerged two unlikely championship contenders.

LSU, burdened by controversy, and Rutgers, loaded with freshmen, each upset a No. 1 seed to make it to Cleveland and create an unlikely matchup in the other semifinal on Sunday.

"It's so hard to get to the Final Four now — the regionals are a lot like the Final Four used to be because there are so many great teams," North Carolina coach Sylvia Hatchell said Wednesday. "So many of the great teams

have been eliminated. It's just so much more difficult to get there."

Perhaps nobody had a tougher job than LSU acting coach Bob Starkey, who took over after Pokey Chatman's sudden resignation March 7 amid allegations of improper conduct with a former player.

Starkey won four straight games, including an upset of top-seeded Connecticut, to deliver the Lady Tigers' fourth straight Final Four appearance.

"This has been a focused team from the very beginning of the season," Starkey said. "It made my job a little bit easier. I didn't have to create something that wasn't there. I just maybe had to draw them back and remind them of what we established."

But reaching the sport's biggest stage is nothing new for the other three coaches.

Tennessee is making its 17th Final Four trip under Hall of Fame coach Pat Summitt, while

Hatchell has the Tar Heels here for the second straight year and third time overall.

Rutgers coach C. Vivian Stringer, the only coach to take three schools to the Final Four, is here for the fourth time — a quarter-century after bringing Cheyney to the 1982 national semifinals.

This time, she coaxed a Rutgers team that started the season 2-4 with five freshmen and no seniors to the Big East championship.

Then, the fourth-seeded Scarlet Knights (26-8) beat Michigan State on the Spartans' home floor, stunned No. 1 overall seed Duke in its Tobacco Road backyard and routed third-seeded Arizona State to claim the Greensboro Regional championship.

"All (the) credit is to the players who persevered and believed when I think probably no one else believed," Stringer said.



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MLB

Prior left off Cubs' opening-day roster

Optioned to Triple-A Iowa after last game

Associated Press

MESA, Ariz. — Mark Prior was sent to the minors Wednesday where the Chicago Cubs hope he can regain the form that made him an 18-game winner and All-Star selection four years ago.

Prior, whose career has been slowed by an assortment of injuries, was optioned to Triple-A Iowa right after his final spring training start.

"It wasn't easy. But at the same time, this is good for his career," new Cubs manager Lou Piniella said.

Prior had left the Cubs' clubhouse and wasn't available for comment after pitching just three innings in Chicago's 4-4 tie with the Colorado Rockies.

"He handled it OK. He wasn't happy. He wasn't pleased. But you don't expect that," Piniella added.

Prior, the second player chosen in the 2001 draft after a stellar final college season at Southern California, broke in with the Cubs in 2002. He has a 42-29 record, including 18-6 in 2003 when helped pitch Chicago into the playoffs.

He was on the mound for Game 6 of the NL championship series against Florida with the Cubs leading the series 3-2 and the game 3-0 before the Marlins rallied with eighth runs in the eighth. Florida went on to win Game 7 and then captured the World Series.

Prior, 26, has started the last three seasons on the disabled list with an assortment of injuries to his Achilles, elbow and shoulder. He was limited to nine starts by shoulder problems a year ago when his record was just 1-6.

He had four appearances and three starts this spring, pitching just 10 1-3 innings.

The decision to go with Wade Miller as the fifth starter was announced Tuesday, so there was no place in the rotation for Prior, and his final spring outing really had no bearing on his chance to make the team.

"I didn't want him to go out here and really really push to

get a spot when in turn we had already made a decision on Miller," Piniella said.

"I told Mark that there is a marked difference between what we are seeing now from what we were seeing much earlier in the spring. He's come a good ways. He just needs to continue to work."

Prior gave up two hits and three runs against the Rockies, but they were all unearned because of sloppy play by the Cubs' outfield, which committed three errors.

"He's making progress," general manager Jim Hendry said. "Every time out, he's been better. He's not quite there yet and I don't think he would disagree with that."

Hendry said a member of the Cubs' staff would be present at every one of Prior's starts for Triple-A Iowa.

"And obviously when he gets back to being where you want him to be, he'll be able to help us," Hendry said. "We'll make a spot for him when he's ready. I promise you that."

But Hendry didn't put a timetable on Prior's return.

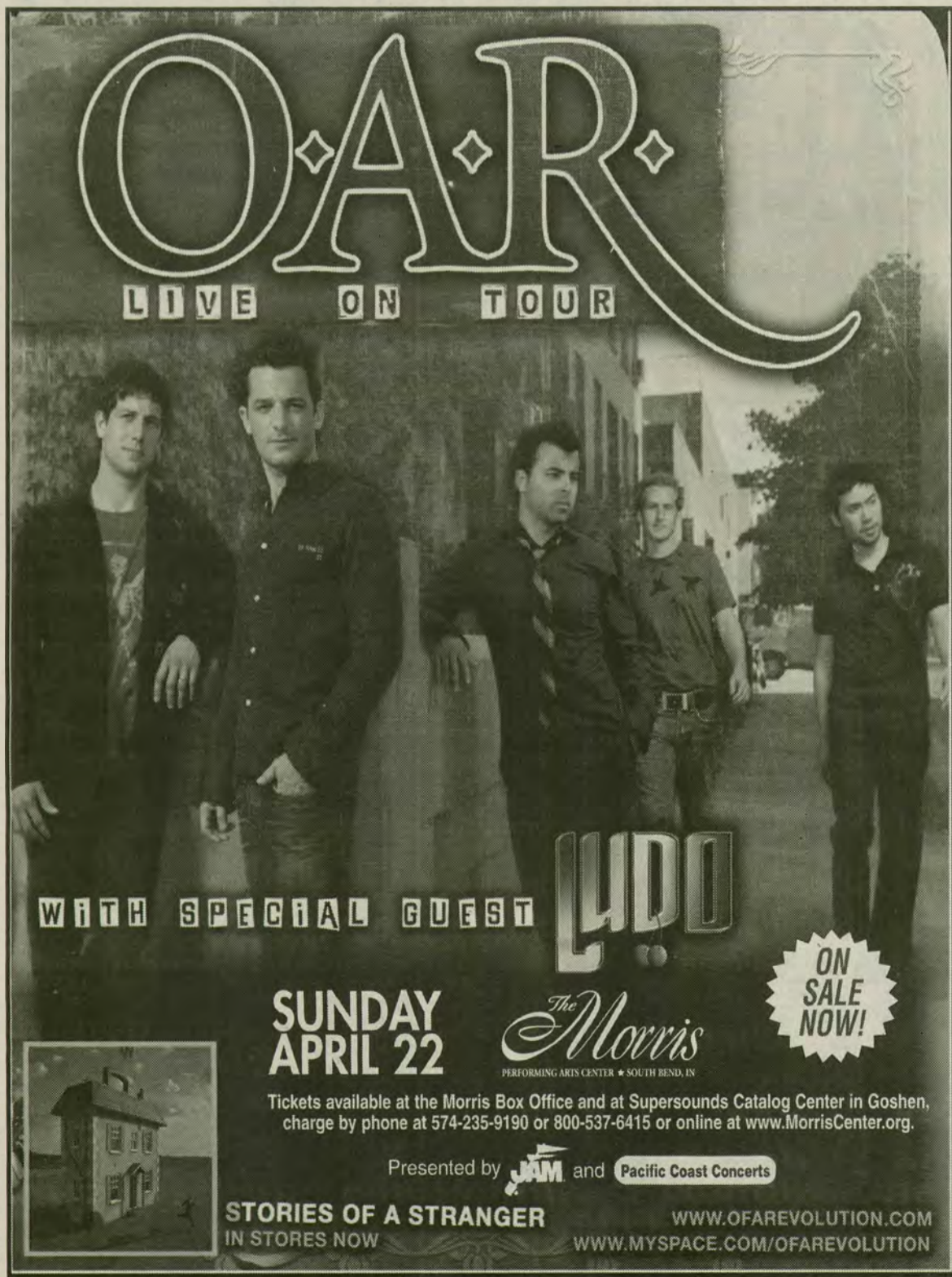
"As long as he is making progress, what is the right time frame? A couple of weeks, a month?" Hendry said. "To me, if he keeps getting better, it will show up when he's ready for us."

It was a long day for the Cubs' outfield. Alfonso Soriano missed a sinking liner for an error in the first, Cliff Floyd had two errors in left, and Soriano and right fielder Jacque Jones let Troy Tulowitzki's long fly fall between them in the second for a double that led to a run.

Soriano hit his fourth homer of the spring in the third, but then couldn't reach Matt Holliday's fly to center that went for an RBI double in the fifth.

Derrek Lee and Aramis Ramirez hit back-to-back homers off Tom Martin to tie the game in the sixth.

Rockies starter Aaron Cook, who entered the game 4-0, allowed three hits and two runs — one earned — in four innings.



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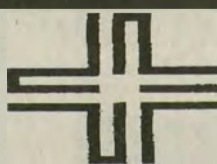
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Collison makes Bruins forget they lost Farmar

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — UCLA fans were in mourning last June when Jordan Farmar, the Bruins' outstanding point guard, passed up his final two years of eligibility to turn professional.

With the emergence of Darren Collison, memories of Farmar, who's mostly sitting and watching as a rookie with the Los Angeles Lakers, have faded.

"Jordan was very good. Darren has some natural athleticism, some natural quickness, that allows him to do some things for our team that we couldn't do last year," said UCLA coach Ben Howland. "Because of that, our team has really flourished."

Collison has been especially effective in UCLA's march to the Final Four, averaging 13.8 points and doing an exceptional job of hawking the opposition's backcourt players in four NCAA tournament games.

UCLA leads with its defense — one of the nation's best — and Collison is an extremely important ingredient in that regard.

"Darren's probably a better on-ball defender than Jordan," Howland said.

Collison played in all 39 games for the Bruins last year, averaging 5.5 points, 2.3 assists and 0.9 steals. The 6-foot-1 sophomore from Rancho Cucamonga averaged 12.8 points, 5.7 assists and 2.3 steals this season.

"Last year, I was providing energy off the bench, and I did absolutely what it took to help the team win, in whatever aspect," Collison said. "This year, I have a much bigger responsibility and a much bigger role."

"I've got to be more mature in how to approach situations. I am an extension of the coach. That's a big leadership role. I've got to make sure everybody's doing their job."

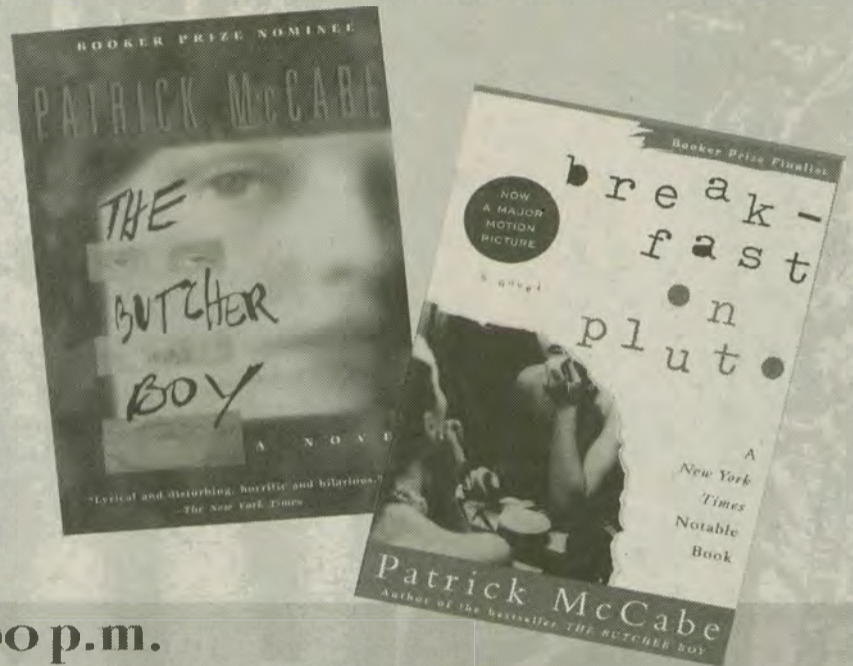
Collison and the Bruins reached the NCAA championship game last spring, losing 73-57 to Florida. The teams meet again Saturday in the national semifinals.

"They came in for a reason. We came there just to be there," Collison recalled of last year's title game.

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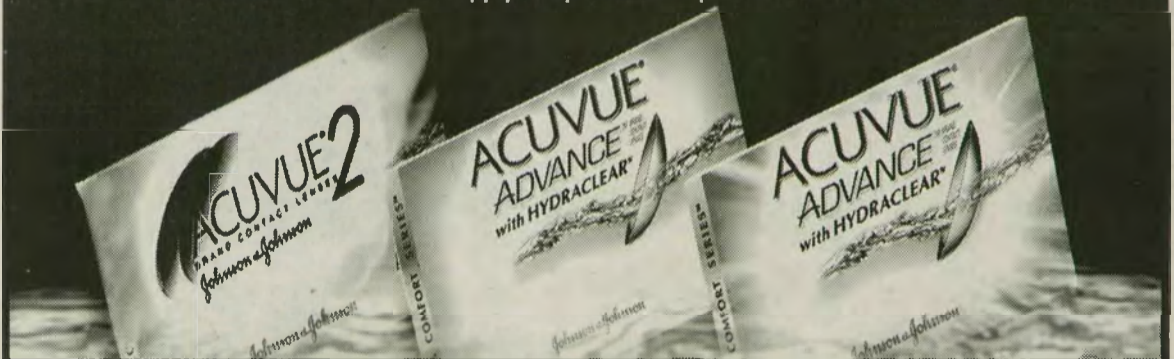
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NHL

Miller, Sabres outlast Devils' patient gameplan

Flyers put damper on Carolina's playoff prospects, Stumpel forces shootout — then wins it as Florida beats Atlanta

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Now this was more to Ryan Miller's liking.

Unhappy with the Sabres' last outing, the goaltender was impressed with the patience Buffalo displayed in a 4-3 win over the New Jersey Devils on Wednesday night.

Not only did the Sabres beat the opportunistic and defensive-minded Devils at their own game, the win inched Buffalo closer to clinching the Eastern Conference title.

Not a bad way for the Sabres to bounce back from a sloppy 4-1 loss at Toronto last weekend, a game in which the goalie questioned his team's effort.

"We got the rewards for playing the right way," said Miller, who stopped 28 shots. "The Devils play a very patient system that benefits them come playoff time. And we feel if we can play against that, we can play against a lot of teams in this league."

Jochen Hecht scored twice, while the Sabres also got goals from rookie Daniel Paille and Ales Kotalik — both forwards playing their first games after missing extended stretches due to injuries.

With six games left, the Sabres (49-20-7) extended their lead atop the East standings to seven points over the Devils, as well as idle Pittsburgh and Ottawa. Buffalo also moved into a tie for first place in the NHL with Nashville.

Scott Gomez, Paul Martin and

Zach Parise scored for the Devils (45-24-8), who were coming off a 3-2 victory at the New York Islanders on Tuesday. Martin Brodeur stopped 19 shots and remains three wins short of matching Bernie Parent's single-season record for victories.

Brodeur has 44 wins, tied with Vancouver's Roberto Luongo, for the NHL lead.

"They hit their shots," said Brodeur, referring to the Sabres' final three goals coming on one-timers or off rebounds. "They sat back and were a pretty patient team. They didn't give us too much and they capitalized on their opportunities."

Just the way Sabres coach Lindy Ruff drew it up. It wasn't pretty, leading to a dull first two periods, but it was effective.

"I think this was a real good win for our team," Ruff said. "The fact that we had to tone down the style of our play, that we had to be a lot more patient. And I thought we cleaned up a lot of the careless errors and the careless turnovers."

The Sabres, who never trailed, took control when Paille and Hecht, with his second of the game, scored 4 minutes apart in the third period to put Buffalo ahead 3-1.

Paille, back after missing 15 games with a broken finger, scored after Brodeur made the initial save on Adam Mair's shot from the right circle. Paille then beat Martin to the rebound and slid it through the goalie's legs.

Hecht scored on a one-timer from the right circle, set up by

Daniel Briere's cross-ice feed during a 3-on-2 rush.

Martin cut the lead to 3-2 with 6:11 left, but Kotalik sealed the win 2 minutes later with a one-timer from the left circle. Kotalik returned after missing 16 games with a knee injury.

"Now they have to go a long way to catch us," Kotalik said of the Sabres' conference rivals. "It's always a little confidence-booster for upcoming games."

The Devils have the Atlantic Division race to focus on — they're tied with Pittsburgh and both teams have five games left.

The Penguins are on roll, 8-2-0 in their last 10, while the Devils are slumping, having lost five of their past eight.

"They're not losing any games. They're just getting points left and right," Brodeur said of the Penguins. "So that's what we're aiming, to win every game and getting on a roll before the playoffs start."

Flyers 5, Hurricanes 1

With two road losses in two nights, the Carolina Hurricanes are perilously on the brink of spending the postseason at home instead of defending the Stanley Cup.

Martin Biron stopped a penalty shot among his 23 saves and the Philadelphia Flyers stymied Carolina's playoff push with a win Wednesday night.

"We need to put a good streak together," Carolina coach Peter Laviolette said.

The Hurricanes could have moved into a playoff position in the Eastern Conference with a win. Instead, the defending champions are still on the outside of the cutoff line after their second loss in two nights.

They lost 6-1 at Toronto on Tuesday night and desperately need points out of all their final five games if they want to get back to the postseason.

"Obviously, these are tough losses," Laviolette said. "We're in a fight to get back into the playoffs, so we need wins and we need to come on the road and take away points. We took away nothing."

The NHL-worst Flyers were all but eliminated from the postseason picture in November and entered on a four-game losing streak. But sturdy goaltending from Biron, two goals from Jeff Carter, and one each from Derian Hatcher, Mike Knuble and Braydon Coburn were enough for only their ninth home win this season.

Ray Whitney scored his 30th goal for the Hurricanes, who have 84 points with five games left and trail Montreal and



Philadelphia winger Mike Knuble shoots on Carolina goalie John Grahame during the Flyer's 5-1 win Wednesday.

Tampa Bay by two points each for the final playoff spot. Montreal and Tampa Bay were both idle Wednesday night.

"It doesn't mean we're out of the playoffs by any means," forward Craig Adams said. "Our fate is going to be in our hands. To lose two in a row is certainly going to make it a lot tougher."

The Flyers went up 1-0 on Carter's 12th goal of the season late in the first.

Then the Flyers got feisty after Adams drilled defenseman Denis Gauthier into the boards behind the net. Flyers defenseman Randy Jones went after Adams and got into a fight in the circle and was hit with a double minor. When the Flyers killed the penalty, they got one of the loudest ovations of the year.

While Gauthier sprained his right wrist, the fight might have sparked them.

A hooking penalty against Carolina was still being announced when Hatcher slid the puck between John Grahame's pads for a power-play goal and a 2-0 lead midway through the second. Grahame made 20 saves.

Minutes later, Biron got to prove why the Flyers awarded him a \$7 million, two-year contract a day earlier that firmly established him as their No. 1 goalie.

Flyers defenseman Lasse Kukkonen closed his hand on the puck in the crease, setting up a penalty shot. Justin Williams streaked down the ice, but his shot was wide right and knocked off of Biron's leg pad and glove as the crowd roared in celebration.

"I'm not known to be a great penalty shot or shootout guy, but you get lucky once in a while," Biron said.

Whitney pulled the Hurricanes to 2-1 with his shot from the point with 3.7 seconds to go.

Any momentum the Hurricanes were hoping would carry over into the third was wiped out once Knuble and Coburn scored a little more than 90 seconds apart for a 4-1 lead.

Carter added an empty-net goal with 32.7 seconds left.

"We found a way to get that

momentum back, get after it and have a great third period," Flyers coach John Stevens said. "Certainly, it was a great sign for us."

Panthers 3, Thrashers 2

The Florida Panthers are finally getting the hang of shootouts. They hope it isn't too late.

Jozef Stumpel scored the tying goal in the third period and notched the clincher in the shootout, leading the Panthers to a victory over the Atlanta Thrashers on Wednesday night.

It was Florida's second victory in three shootouts after losing its first seven of the season.

"If we'd won maybe half of those, we'd be in a different position right now," Stumpel said. "But this was our problem and hopefully we're going to solve it and get better and better at it."

Bryan Allen also scored for the Panthers, who are hanging on to slim playoff hopes. Florida is in 12th place in the Eastern Conference and trails eighth-place Montreal by six points with five games left.

The victory was only Florida's fourth in 18 overtimes this season. The Panthers' 14 overtime losses are tied for the most in the league with the Los Angeles Kings.

Craig Anderson, in goal for Florida after Ed Belfour started a franchise-record 27 consecutive games, stopped 33 shots in regulation and overtime. He then stopped Vyacheslav Kozlov and Marian Hossa in the shootout.

Anderson was 4-0 in shootouts this season for Rochester of the AHL, including three straight between Jan. 12-16.

"It's a terrific feeling," Anderson said. "I give credit to the guys. If we don't score, we don't win. It's up to those guys to put it in, and they did a terrific job of it."

Vyacheslav Kozlov scored twice for Atlanta, which increased its Southeast Division lead to three points over idle Tampa Bay. Both teams have five games remaining.

Kozlov also had a goal disallowed in the second period when the score was 1-1 after it was ruled he had kicked the puck in.



New Jersey goalie Martin Brodeur, right, fails to block a Jochen Hecht shot during the Buffalo Sabres' 4-3 win over the Devils.

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NBA

Nets win, gain stronger hold on playoff spot

Spurs buckle down on defense and rally in fourth quarter to defeat Hornets 92-88, Barry hits four last-quarter threes

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Rookie Josh Boone again provided the New Jersey Nets a late-season lift in their push to nail down a playoff berth.

Boone scored a career-high 22 points Wednesday night to lead the Nets to a 118-94 victory over the Indiana Pacers.

Boone came off the bench to hit 11 of 13 from the field. He also pulled down 10 rebounds in his second strong game. Boone was perfect on all 10 shots from the field in the Nets' 113-107 overtime win in Charlotte on Saturday.

"It's great to be able to come out and contribute," Boone said. "I've been working really hard in practice and waiting for my shot. Recently, I've been getting it and I've been trying to make the best of my time."

Bostjan Nachbar added 20 points before fouling out with 3 minutes remaining. Richard Jefferson had 14 points, Vince Carter scored 13, and Mikki Moore and Jason Kidd each had 12 as the Nets had six players in double figures.

With the win, the Nets moved into seventh place in the Eastern Conference, a half-game ahead of Orlando and two games ahead of the Pacers and Knicks.

"Indiana played last night and was short-handed without their best player," Nets coach

Lawrence Frank said. "We took advantage of a team being short-handed and that is encouraging."

Jermaine O'Neal, the Pacers' leading scorer, sat out the game with left ankle and knee sprains. Indiana could not overcome his loss, although Troy Murphy, who started in O'Neal's spot, had 13 points and 14 rebounds.

O'Neal was averaging 20 points per game and had scored 39 and 32 points in his last two games.

Shawne Williams led Indiana with 19 points. Mike Dunleavy added 14, Danny Granger and Darrell Armstrong each had 11, and Jamaal Tinsley had 10.

The win was the second straight for New Jersey and its third in three games with the Pacers this year.

Indiana has lost 16 of its last 18 games and 10 straight on the road.

Carter hit a 3-pointer 2:29 into the game to give New Jersey a 9-6 lead. The Nets never trailed the rest of the way.

New Jersey expanded that lead to 32-21 after one as Carter set the pace with nine points.

The Nets lead by as many as 22 in the second quarter and took a 60-43 lead into the locker room at the half. Boone was 5-for-7 in the first half for 10 points to share the Nets' half-

time scoring lead with Jefferson.

"Our undoing was the first half, where we shot 24 percent and gave up 58 (percent)," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said. "You are not going to beat a quality team doing that, especially on the road. We have to be a lot better. We weren't. The result is obvious."

The Nets outscored the Pacers 31-23 in the third quarter as Kidd came alive with eight points after scoring only four in the first half.

Kidd sat out the fourth quarter and Carter played only 2 minutes as the Nets reserves held the Pacers at bay.

Spurs 92, Hornets 88

Tim Duncan knew the San Antonio Spurs had to do something in the last quarter.

Down nine points going into the period, Duncan had already done plenty, scoring 12 points in the third and hitting his first 3-pointer of the season.

So the Spurs turned up the defensive effort, holding the New Orleans Hornets to just 13 fourth-quarter points to win Wednesday.

"We gave up a lot in the previous quarters. It was a great way to turn it up," said Duncan, who led the Spurs with 31 points.

Brent Barry hit four 3-pointers in the fourth quarter to help the Spurs rally for their fifth straight victory. He finished



New Jersey forward Josh Boone dunks during the Nets' 118-94 win over the Pacers. Boone led all scorers with 22 points.

with 15 points. Michael Finley added 13 and Manu Ginobili scored 12 for San Antonio.

The Spurs swept their four-game series with the Hornets, who have lost two in a row and are 4-6 in their last 10. New Orleans lost at home Tuesday to the league-leading Dallas Mavericks, 105-89.

Chris Paul scored 20 points to

lead six Hornets in double figures. David West added 16, Jannero Pargo scored 13 and Rasual Butler had 12.

Barry keyed the fourth-quarter rally. His third 3-pointer of the fourth quarter tied the game at 77 with 6:39 left.

Finley's 3 gave San Antonio an 80-77 lead before Pargo tied it again.



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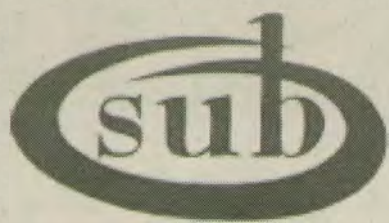
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Irish first baseman Chris Dury celebrates a home run against South Florida March 23. He leads the team with six homers.

Brown

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The Hobey Hat Trick includes Brown, junior forward Eric Ehn of Air Force and sophomore forward Ryan Duncan of North Dakota. The three finalists were picked by a 25-member selection committee from a pool of 10 finalists originally chosen by votes from every Division I head coach.

"This is the ultimate in recognition," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "I'm very happy for David, and I'm happy for our team too, because they're a part of David's success."

The Hobey Baker is awarded to the college hockey player who displays, "strength of character on and off the ice, outstanding skills in all phases of the game, sportsmanship and scholastic achievements," the Hobey Baker Web site said.

Brown, a native of Stoney Creek, Ont., was recently named CCHA player of the year and tournament most valuable player, after backstopping the Irish to their first league regular season and playoff championships.

"As a coach, you're really a teacher and when you see your students recognized for things you have worked with

them on, it's rewarding," Jackson said. "I spent a lot of personal time with David, and I certainly don't take any credit for his success, but I'm proud the time we spent together has helped him be recognized as one of the best players."

Brown's superb stats, along with his league hardware, helped to make a case for his Hobey candidacy. The senior led the nation in goals-against average (1.58) and wins (30) this season, while he finished second in save percentage (.931).

Jackson, who owns two national championships, has never had one of his players named to the final three Hobey spots in his eight years behind a college bench. The coach, in his second year at Notre Dame, said he first began to believe that Brown would make a run at the Hobey after the team turned the corner into the final third of the season.

"When we won [the CCHA championship] at the Joe, I thought that might have pushed him over the top as a finalist for sure — if not the winner," Jackson said.

After Notre Dame's 2-1 loss to Michigan State in the NCAA Tournament regionals Saturday, Brown's season was cut short one game before the Frozen Four — the weekend

in which the Hobey is awarded. Brown, however, is not the only one of the three finalists whose season is over.

Ehn fell 4-3 to Minnesota with the rest of his Air Force squad in the first round of the Tournament's Denver regional. Ehn finished the season second in the nation in points (64) and assists (40), while he scored 24 goals. He is the first player from one of the military academies to make the top 10.

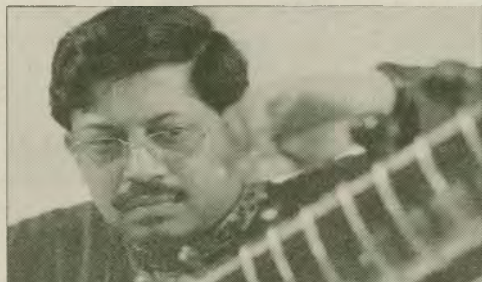
North Dakota's Duncan, however, will be playing in St. Louis the day before the presentation when the Fighting Sioux face Boston College in the national semifinal. The 5-foot-8, 155 pound forward had 31 goals and 26 assists to finish fourth in the nation in scoring with 57 points.

Only two goaltenders have won the Hobey in the award's 26-year history, the last of which was Ryan Miller of Michigan State in 2001 — now an NHL All-Star with the Buffalo Sabres.

"[The Hobey] should be about the player that has had the greatest impact in making his team successful," Jackson said of the Award. "And I don't think any one fits in that category as much as Dave does."

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MEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame blanks Spartans

Irish win marks sixth shutout this season

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

When Notre Dame wins this season, it wins big. The No. 5 Irish swept Michigan State 7-0 on the road Wednesday to bring them to 17-3 on the season — their sixth shutout so far.

Due to inclement weather in East Lansing, the match, originally scheduled to be outside, was moved indoors.

Notre Dame has struggled with the courts of the Michigan State Indoor Tennis Center in the past. The Irish inched past the Spartans in February 2005 with a 4-3 victory.

With the decisive 7-0 win, Notre Dame ended any troubles it had with East Lansing.

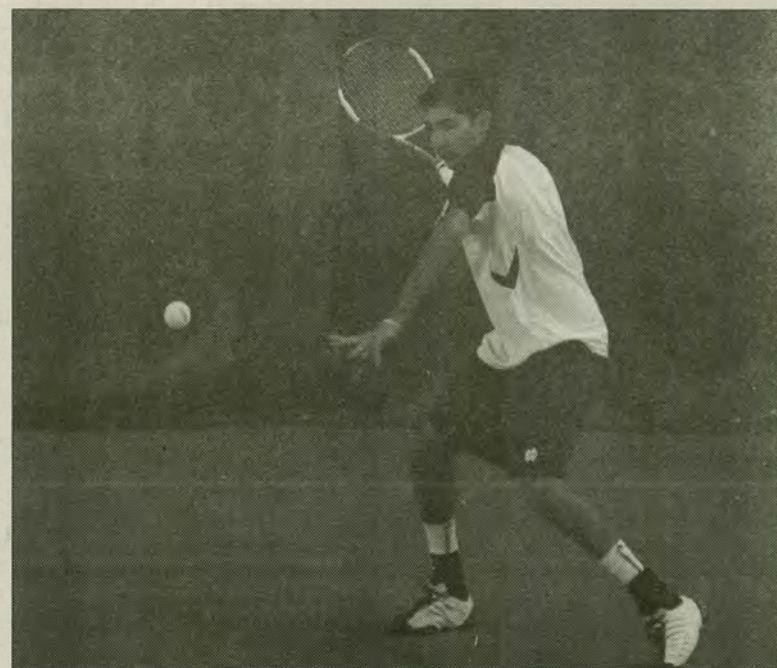
"This year, we laid those ghosts to rest," Notre Dame coach Bobby Bayliss said.

The Irish jumped out to an early lead taking the doubles point. The team has faltered in doubles play recently but regained its momentum in its past two matches.

Notre Dame relied heavily on singles play to secure wins in the final rounds of the Blue/Gray National Tennis Classic earlier this month. The Irish dropped the doubles point to Tulsa and Alabama in the semifinals and finals of the tournament before going on to win each match, and ultimately the championship 4-1.

Bayliss said while the team has been struggling in doubles play, it has also been competing against very strong opponents. Tulsa's No. 41 duo of Diego Camacho and Ross Cunningham defeated Notre Dame's Barry King and Brett Helgeson 8-3 in the semifinals of the Blue/Gray.

"We've been playing some pretty darn good doubles teams,"



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Irish junior Sheeva Parbhu returns a volley during Notre Dame's 7-0 win over Northwestern Feb. 25.

Bayliss said.

The Irish doubles teams had an easier time against Michigan State. Stephen Bass and Andrew Roth spent little time defeating Tyler Sauerbrey and Jason Norville 8-1 at the No. 3 spot. The No. 2 Irish doubles team of Brett Helgeson and Graham King clinched the doubles point with an 8-4 win over Michael Flowers and Alex Forger. Ryan Keckley and Sheeva Parbhu were unable to finish off the Irish burst and fell 8-6 to Adam Monich and Nick Rinks.

The team has been working on improving doubles play, Bayliss said, and it has paid off.

"We have focused on our positioning and our shot selection and it is paying some dividends," he said.

After securing the doubles point, Notre Dame readily took to singles play. King was first off the courts for Notre Dame with a 6-0, 6-0 victory over Norville at the

No. 4 spot. Keckley was next in line with another straight-set victory, defeating Scott Rasmussen 6-3, 6-4. No. 54 Parbhu clinched the win for the Irish with a 6-1, 6-4 win over Forger.

No. 8 Bass was last off the courts for the Irish as he battled in his second set against No. 45 Rinks. Bass took the first set 6-3 from Rinks but the second set was neck and neck and was forced into a tiebreaker. Bass finally won the set 9-7 for the match victory.

"[Bass] is a terrific competitor," Bayliss said. "He hit big serves at key times in the match, and the win was a result of his ability to attack while still maintaining a solid back-court game."

Bass's win over Rinks swept the match for Notre Dame.

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Cougars

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in to pitch and walked two batters, but did not allow a run.

Storrs couldn't continue his success in the fifth, as Irish pinch hitter Eddie Mendiola drove in two with a single off Storrs to put Notre Dame up by 10.

Storrs' replacement, right-hander Edwin Loza, kept the Irish scoreless in the sixth, but allowed five hits and four runs in the seventh and had to be pulled.

All in all, the Cougars used five pitchers, who combined to allow 17 hits and walked 10 batters. Starter Robert Vargas went two innings, allowing five runs on four hits, while walking five and striking out just one.

Irish starter Eric Maust threw six shutout innings, scattering four hits and striking out five to improve his record to 2-0 on the season.

"He's really done the job for us," Schrage said of Maust. "He's really a strike thrower."

Chicago State threatened to score in the top of the sixth, but catcher Kyle Kupiac was thrown out trying to score from first on a

double by second baseman Kyle Grow.

Maust's replacement, right-hander Andrew Schied, allowed the Cougars to get on the board in the top of the seventh with two runs, and Chicago State scored two more in the ninth off walk-on John Seabaugh to provide the final margin.

Notes:

◆Nineteen players got at-bats for Notre Dame, with 15 of them reaching base and 12 getting hits. The Irish also used four pitchers, and graduate student Matt Weglarz was inserted as a defensive replacement in the ninth to become Notre Dame's 24th player to see action.

"There's a lot of guys that work hard that nobody ever sees," Schrage said. "It's good to get them out there a little."

◆Brezovsky, a junior, started in left field for the first time since his freshman year.

◆The Irish stranded double-digit runners for the third game in a row, leaving 13 men on base.

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Linemen

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John Latina said. "Whatever you gain experience-wise, you don't want to lose that. It's good to have an experienced player play at a position he feels very comfortable with."

Latina also said he has confidence in rising junior Paul Duncan's ability to fill in at left tackle for Ryan Harris, but also emphasized that personnel could change before the end of spring practice.

"Paul's an athletic guy and he's played both, and he's going into his third year in the program. So I expect him to do a good job at that. I feel like he's going to be OK," Latina said. "Paul's played both sides for two years, Sam's only been on the right. Nothing's etched in stone, but that's where we are right now." Rising sophomore Dan

Wenger — Young's high school teammate from St. Thomas Aquinas in Coral Springs, Fla. — is one of four candidates battling to play next at guard along with rising sophomore Dan Carufel, rising junior Mike Turkovich and rising sophomore Eric Olsen. In the 20 minutes of practice accessible to the media Wednesday, Turkovich ran through drills

Anything can happen and drop you down.

"I probably don't show [my vocal side] to [the media] very much, but behind closed doors it comes out sometimes."

John Carlson
Irish tight end

"I don't want to come out and say I'm going to win the job, but I feel confident with the way that I play."

Rising sophomores Will Yeatman and Konrad Reuland will bide their time in Carlson's shadow. Yeatman appeared in 12 games last season while Reuland

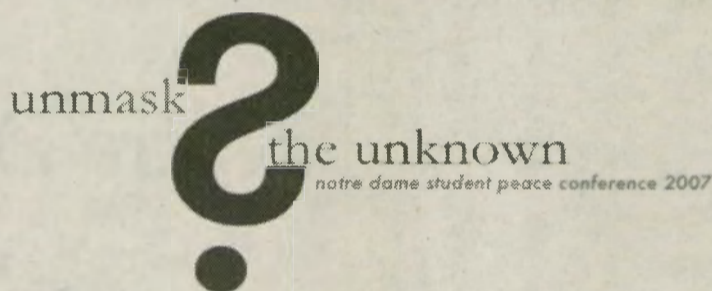
appeared in seven. Reuland said waiting behind Carlson will ultimately pay off in the end.

"Looking at what Coach Weis has done in the NFL — his tight ends have always caught a lot of passes," Reuland said. "Coming here, his first season was my senior year of high school. So, I wanted to see what they had to offer in terms how often they throw the ball to the tight end and how much they involve the tight end in the offense. I was really pleasantly surprised."

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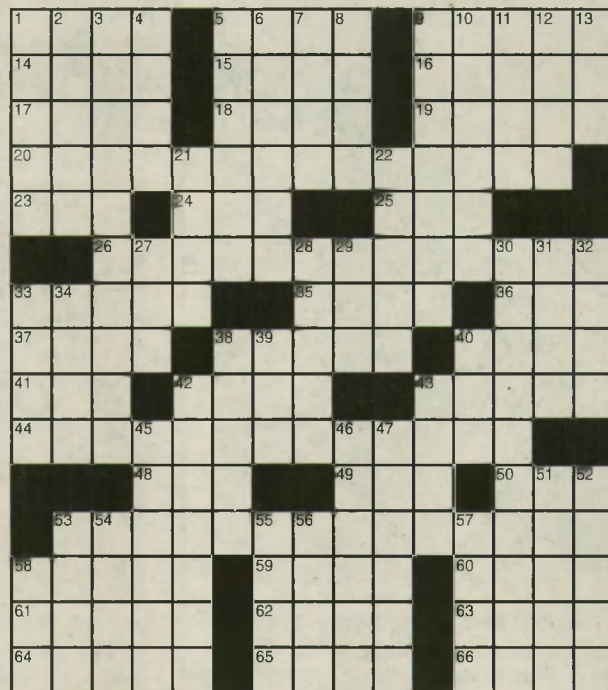
LIAM MORAN

College Senior Survey	
76. In the last four years, how often, on average, have you engaged in the following?	76. (Continued) In the last four years, how often, on average, have you engaged in the following?
Frequently	Occasionally
Not at all	Not at all
Drinking appleinis, Welch's grape soda or Big City Light	Licking your finger before turning a page or vomiting into a beer bottle
Taping forties to your hands or hooking up with snaggletooth	Reading a 5 paragraph essay by someone of another race or ethnicity
Enjoying cookies or ice cream or crack	Going ape-shit on a dining hall lady or wearing a cod piece
Waking up with your pants off in DeBartolo	Arguing about gays in the military with someone of another race or ethnicity or being on St. Mary's campus
Eating fro-yo or crying yourself to sleep	Pregaming mass or videotaping yourself going to the bathroom
Running from an NDSP chariot or paying with exact change	Building a gazebo or peeing on your roommate's sh**
Meeting a Jewish person or caring about what a gremlin says	Grinding
Waking up in Alumni or playing with a nerf weapon	
Wearing a seatbelt or doing something else stupid	
Using a computer to ask someone out or going commando in white athletic shorts	
Eating Hamburger Helper or attending a renaissance fair	

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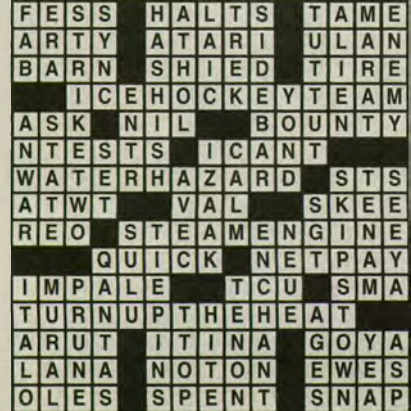
WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 Guffaw
 - 5 "Warmer" or "colder"
 - 9 Narc's find
 - 14 Dark side
 - 15 George Washingtons
 - 16 On the 31st of February
 - 17 Western flattop?
 - 18 Fictional home of Gerald O'Hara
 - 19 Shelved
 - 20 Tantrum expected from a money player?
 - 23 Ram's home: Abbr.
 - 24 _____ Speedwagon
 - 25 French possessive
 - 26 Preventive maintenance on a water barrier?
 - 33 Turkish title
 - 35 It may result in a landslide
 - 36 Org. with a snake in its logo
 - 37 Sailing
 - 38 Contemptible sorts
 - 40 Fast one
 - 41 Diamond _____
 - 42 Shoot out
 - 43 Dynamos
 - 44 Beachgoer wearing bug spray?
 - 48 Source of some plywood
 - 49 Mining target
 - 50 Warsaw Pact member: Abbr.
 - 53 Bit of mischief that won't be noticed for years?
 - 58 Gila monster's defense
 - 59 Store on Harvard Square since 1882
- DOWN**
- 1 Plants used for fiber and food
 - 2 Blatant
 - 3 What a man making a comeback may get back to
 - 4 Count _____, villain in Lemony Snicket books
 - 5 Traditional cold remedy
 - 6 Befuddled
 - 7 Coup victim of A.D. 68
 - 8 Ruler of the Cossacks
 - 9 Summer treat
 - 10 Crofter, in Britain
 - 11 Enterprise rival
 - 12 Sunnis, e.g.
 - 13 Land once ruled by the Hapsburgs: Abbr.
 - 21 Neighbor of Hi and Lois, in the funnies
 - 22 Act broadly
 - 27 "So that's it!"
 - 28 Patti LuPone Tony-winning role
 - 29 Hoodwink
 - 30 Ovals
 - 31 Sharif of "Doctor Zhivago"
 - 32 Clears out
 - 33 _____ Alto
 - 34 "You wish!"
 - 38 Clever
 - 39 Cleverness
 - 40 Holy Trinity part
 - 42 Knots
 - 43 Judge
 - 45 Significant
 - 46 Gone
 - 47 Bellyached
 - 51 String ensemble, maybe
 - 52 Vantage point of Zeus, in Homer
 - 53 Nightly TV presence beginning 5/25/92
 - 46 Gone
 - 47 Bellyached
 - 51 String ensemble, maybe
 - 52 Vantage point of Zeus, in Homer
 - 53 Nightly TV presence beginning 5/25/92
 - 54 "Get _____!"
 - 55 "Behold," to Cicero
 - 56 Castle
 - 57 "Qué _____?"
 - 58 Dye holder



Puzzle by Elizabeth Rehfeld

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



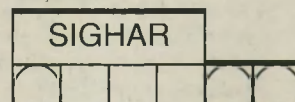
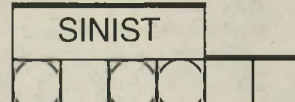
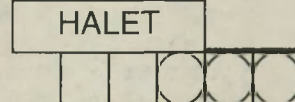
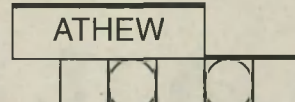
JUMBLE

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MIKE ARGIRION

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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



(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: SHYLY AGONY TAWDRY SUNDAE
Answer: Why the editor rejected the italic headline — IT WAS "SLANTED"

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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Julia Siles, 26; Vince Vaughn, 37; Reba McEntire, 52; Dianne Wiest, 59

Happy Birthday: You will have to dig deeper if you want to do things right the first time around this year. Not everyone will be upfront and willing to share information. Do your own research to stay ahead of the competition. Your strength will be your persuasiveness coupled with preparation. Your numbers are 10, 19, 23, 38, 40, 46

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will be entertaining and able to talk anyone into anything today. Your dynamic approach and worldly views will captivate and excite. Don't sell yourself short -- you are worth your weight in gold. 5 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Use your head and you will come up with the right decision. Don't let your emotions lead you in the wrong direction. An older friend or relative will cause you trouble. Be honest but don't reveal too much. 2 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Someone may twist things around to get your attention. Go to the source if you question what you are being told. A chance to make a positive change at home is apparent. Financial and legal matters can be cleared up. 4 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Put your ideas into play before someone else beats you to it and takes all the credit. Your experience will pay off. A job opportunity will lead to a brighter future. Consider starting a small business on the side. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may be torn between telling all or keeping things to yourself today. A money deal may fall through if you aren't honest. Focus on networking, feeling-out situations and getting to know the people you are doing business with. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Problems with older relatives, children and dealing with institutions will be worrisome. Partnerships must be looked at closely. If a relationship is no longer equal, you may want to change the ground rules or move on. Money is heading your way. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You should be considering a trip or some fun events that will bring you a little pleasure or ease your stress -- but don't overspend. A connection you have to someone older will be enlightening. There is much you can gain from someone else's wisdom. 4 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Get down to business, especially if it has to do with the creative or publishing and promoting what you do best. Network all you can and focus on closing deals. 2 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make some changes to your home or change your scenery by taking a trip. Refrain from being gullible. Someone is likely to feed you false information. Question anything you don't understand. 5 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Spend time with someone you truly care about. If you surprise someone with a gift or a proposal of sorts, you will get a wonderful response. Be imaginative and you will turn heads. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't let your emotions get the better of you. Be honest with yourself and others if you want things to turn in your favor. You have the discipline to quit old habits and the strength to move in a more progressive direction. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): If you've been working on something important, share what you are doing with someone who can contribute. Someone from your past may be able to provide you with exactly what you need now. If you haven't been friendly with this person, try to make amends. 3 stars

Birthday Baby: You are goal-oriented, always willing to take on a challenge. You have big ideas and lots of pizzazz to help you muster up favors and approval. You are sure-footed and steady.

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FOOTBALL

All guts, no glory

Weis' offensive line returns two starters

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

Media attention this spring may be focused on the skill positions, but Notre Dame's success hinges upon the play of the offensive line.

Next season, the Irish return two starters to the line — fifth-year senior center John Sullivan and sophomore right tackle Sam Young — along with tight end John Carlson.

Carlson, who was named offensive captain along with Travis Thomas, returns this spring after catching 47 passes for 634 yards last season and is adapting to his new leadership role.

"Believe it or not, I do have a vocal side," Carlson said. "I probably don't show it to [the media] very much, but behind closed doors it comes out sometimes."

Carlson said he plans to lead more by example than words — a leadership style that runs in his family.

"When I was a freshman in high school, my older brother Alex was a captain on my football team, basketball team and tennis team. Believe it or not, I played tennis," Carlson said. "We had a good relationship as brothers, but I always aspire to be like him as an athlete. He was one of those guys who led by example. He wasn't real vocal. When he needed to be he was, but I found just observing it was more effective at least with the guys we were around. That's what I aspire to be."

Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis assigned a leadership position to Sullivan as well. Monday, Weis announced Sullivan would represent the offensive line on the leadership committee. Sullivan will anchor an offensive front that returns just one other starter.

Young will remain at right tackle where he played last season, despite speculation that he would move to left tackle.

"Anytime you got a guy that started 13 games at a position, he has a comfort playing that position," Irish offensive line coach

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PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Irish center John Sullivan, 78, readies for the snap against Stanford during Notre Dame's 31-10 win over the Cardinal Oct. 7. Sullivan and tackle Sam Young are the only returning starters on the line.

HOCKEY

Brown picked for Hobey Hat Trick

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Irish goalie Dave Brown took another step toward college hockey's ultimate prize — the Hobey Baker Memorial Award — when the senior was selected to be one of three finalists to appear for the presentation April 6 in St. Louis, the Hobey Baker Foundation announced Wednesday night.

It is the first time in school history that an Irish player has reached the final three, continuing a season of firsts and never-have-before for Notre Dame.

"It was a great feeling to actually reach that goal of becoming one of the elite players in college," Brown said. "More than anything it really helps to push Irish hockey to the forefront."

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LAURIE HUNT/The Observer

Irish goalie Dave Brown was named as one of three finalists for the Hobey Baker Award Wednesday, along with Ryan Duncan of North Dakota and Eric Ehn of Air Force.

BASEBALL

Irish hitters crush lowly Chicago State

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

Notre Dame ended its three-game losing streak Wednesday with a resounding 14-4 win over struggling Chicago State on a rainy evening at Frank Eck Stadium.

"We talked to the team about not getting down and not getting frustrated," Irish coach Dave Schrage said. "They were loose today, they didn't stress out — they knocked some runs in. We really needed this from an emotional standpoint."

The Irish evened their record at 12-12 with the non-conference win, while the Cougars dropped their second-straight game to fall to 1-24 on the season.

Notre Dame got on the board early and often, getting two runs

in the bottom of the first on an RBI single from center fielder Danny Dressman. The Irish added to their lead in the second when shortstop Brett Lilley, second baseman Jeremy Barnes and right fielder Michael Wright all crossed the plate to put Notre Dame up 5-0.

The rout continued in the third, when left fielder Ross Brezovsky scored on a single by catcher Michael Smith. Smith reached home on a single by Lilley later in the inning, and Lilley scored on a single by third baseman A.J. Pollock. By the end of the inning, Notre Dame was up 8-0 and every Irish player had reached base.

The Cougars finally stopped the bleeding in the fourth. Side-arming right-hander Mike Storrs came

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ND SOFTBALL

Notre Dame postpones matchup with Rockets because of rain

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

The only thing that could keep Notre Dame from another home win Wednesday wasn't its scheduled opponent Toledo — it was the weather.

Inclement weather postponed the non-conference matchup between the Irish (14-12) and the Rockets (4-14) to today. The

game will still take place at 6 p.m. at Ivy Field.

Notre Dame enters the contest having won five in a row at home, a streak led by a red-hot pitching staff. Sophomore Brittney Bargar is 3-0 over the streak with an ERA of 0.35 and 20 strikeouts in 20 innings. For her three sparkling complete games, Bargar was named Big East player of the week.

Freshman Heather Johnson,

one of Notre Dame's offensive leaders during the streak, was also named to the Big East honor roll for the week. In the five Irish wins, Johnson batted .538 with five doubles and six RBI. The infielder posted two three-hit games — including three doubles against Seton Hall — to match a Notre Dame record.

The struggling Rockets head into South Bend on a three-game

skid. Pitching woes have been the main source of Toledo's struggles — the Rockets have given up an average 6.8 runs per game.

One of the few bright spots for Toledo this season has been first baseman Leslie Strong. The junior has batted .370 on the season, including four homers and 11 RBI. Aside from Strong, however, the Rockets have also struggled on the offensive end —

no other batter is hitting over .250.

The game against Toledo is an out-of-conference break for the Irish, who will return to Big East play this weekend with double-headers at home against Pittsburgh and Syracuse. The Rockets begin MAC conference play Saturday against Buffalo.

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