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ND drinking matches other colleges

University officials say level of use, abuse consistent over years; students defend, deny consumption

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Associate News Editor

Editor's note: This is the first story in a three-part series examining the use and abuse of alcohol at Notre Dame, the University's attempts to solve alcohol-related problems and the future of the campus' drinking culture.

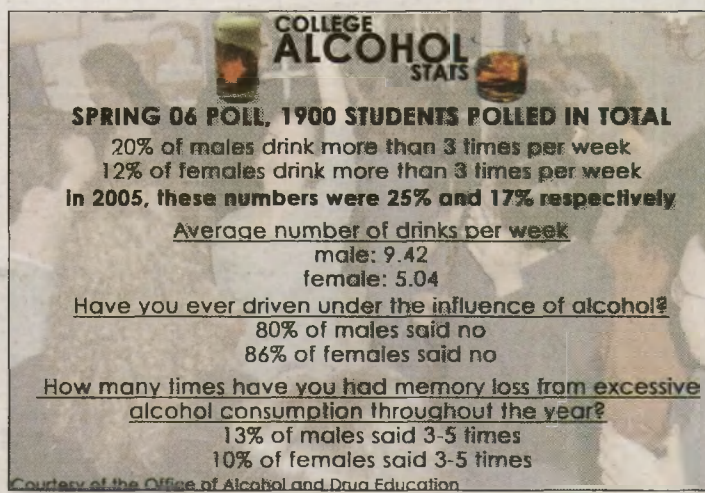
While Notre Dame differs from thousands of colleges in academics and athletics, in terms of alcohol use and abuse, its students' beer con-

sumption matches the national trends — and that's been a consistent pattern, University officials said.

The Office of Alcohol and Drug Education (OADE) has been telling Notre Dame students about the dangers of alcohol abuse for more than 10 years, but the results of its surveys every year match the results of previous years, and the trends observed at other universities.

"Our statistics and the national statistics are the same," said Annie Eaton, an OADE assessment counselor. "All the other colleges in the country come up with the same

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JEFF ALBERT/Observer graphic

Police bust underage drinkers

Over 40 citations given at different locations

By KEN FOWLER
News Writer

Police cited more than 40 people for a range of drinking violations early Sunday morning at 1016 South Bend Avenue. Earlier Saturday afternoon, approximately 15 minors were also cited for underage drinking in the parking lots used for the Blue-Gold Game.

Sgt. Tim Cleveland of the Indiana Excise Police said police gave citations to 38 minors and five adults at the off-campus location.

He did not specify how many Notre Dame or Saint Mary's students were involved.

Cleveland said at least one of the five adults were custodially arrested for public intoxication, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. Because he did not have all the reports from Sunday, he could not confirm that only one person was arrested at the site.

Cleveland said police issued citations on a total of 51 charges. The five adults faced charges that included furnishing alcohol to a minor, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, inducing minors to possess alcohol and maintaining a common nuisance.

The citations at the Blue-Gold Game and at the South

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Anti-abortion ruling sparks debate



Pro-choice activists march near the Supreme Court last Wednesday after last week's ruling upholding the ban on partial-birth abortion.

By MEGHAN WONS
News Writer

The Supreme Court's ruling last Wednesday upholding a nationwide ban on a particular form of late-term abortions has created a firestorm of reactions from both anti-abortion and abortion rights activists and has generated diverging responses from faculty members at Notre Dame.

The Court's 5-4 decision ruled that the Partial Abortion Ban Act — passed by Congress and made law in 2003 — does not violate a woman's right to an abortion in light of previous abortion rights cases, including the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling and the 1992 Planned Parenthood v. Casey decision.

The most recent ruling upheld a ban on a method of abortion used most commonly after the 12th week of a pregnancy, in

which an intact fetus is partially removed from the uterus before a doctor cuts or crushes its skull to complete the abortion.

"To talk about this [ruling] as a big pro-life victory is ridiculous," Notre Dame Law School professor emeritus Charles Rice said. "Innocent human beings should not be executed. All that this ruling does is ban a certain method of execution."

Rice, who is also a columnist for The Observer, said that "in any sane society," the Constitutional question should not be whether an innocent person can be executed by a particular method, but how to define personhood.

But Donald Kommers, a constitutional law professor in the Law School, was more positive about the decision.

"The ruling simply sustained a

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MFA students showcase theses

Ten graduate presenters read poetry, fiction writing pieces

By MEGHAN WONS
News Writer

After two years studying and honing their craft, 10 Notre Dame MFA students in fiction and poetry writing presented their theses Tuesday night to a captive audience in the Gold Room of North Dining Hall.

Mini-biographies of the graduates were included in the thesis reading's program, titled "Masters of the Universe and Fine Arts."

The program's cover featured the faces of the MFA students on the bodies of superhero figures — a clue to those unfamiliar with Notre Dame's program that the thesis reading would not be like those of other departments.

Fiction writers included Jackson

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ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

MFA student Kathryn Pilles-Genaw reads a poetry selection Tuesday in the Gold Room of North Dining Hall.

Former NDSP officer killed in shootout

By KEN FOWLER and
MARCELA BERRIOS
News Writers

Cpl. Nick Polizzotto, a South Bend policeman who formerly worked for Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP), was shot and killed by a gunman early Tuesday morning.

Polizzotto was killed during a shootout in which an armed suspect died and another officer — Patrolman Michael Norby — was wounded, South Bend police said.

The officers were investigating a report of gunshots near the Wooden Indian Motel on Lincoln Way East at 1:37 a.m., Police Chief Tom Fautz told the Associated Press. A gunman shot at the officers, who returned fire,

Fautz said.

NDSP Director Phil Johnson said Polizzotto, 34, joined NDSP in the late 1990s, though he couldn't provide specific dates. Polizzotto had worked for South Bend police for nine years.

"On behalf of everybody at NDSP, I offer my condolences to the family, friends and co-workers of fallen Corporal Polizzotto," Johnson said. "His is a tragic loss for our police force and for anyone who had the pleasure of knowing him, and our hearts will always remember him."

According to The Officer Down Memorial Page, a Web site devoted to keeping records of slain law enforcement officers, 52 officers nationwide were killed as a result of gunfire in the last year. Polizzotto became the 23rd offi-

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INSIDE COLUMN

We're not all champs

There is a very special sign mounted in the most hallowed, publicized hallway on Notre Dame's campus. It's not the Main Building or the Basilica, nor is it written by accomplished authors, past theologians, or even an ABC morning show host.

Dan Murphy

Associate Sports Editor

I'm talking, of course, about the football locker room and the famous "Play Like A Champion Today" banner. It has been slapped more times, and by more famous hands, than a baseball player's backside. But unfortunately, the sacred plaque is slowly losing its luster, not due to the slaps, but thanks to endless imitation and parody. A long line of not-so-clever knockoffs has left the saying all but meaningless. It seems the entire Notre Dame community feels it is necessary to live every moment of our waking lives as "champions." This first came to my attention last week when my roommate returned home from the library in his typical whirlwind of frustration and swearing that would make Bob Knight look like Bob Saget in his days of Full House. He had had enough. The poor soul had just been asked to "Log off like a champion" in one of Hesburgh's computer clusters. And he could not — for the life of him — figure out how to log off well enough to be considered the very best. As a Notre Dame student I have been asked to eat, drink, sleep, study, experiment, pray, save, and even clean like a champion. The other day, former Irish All-American Mike Golic even asked me to "Live like a Champion Today" via a billboard. Now, Mr. Golic, will buying into your newest promotional project really put me in the elite company of Rockne, Parseghian and Holtz? I doubt it. Somewhere along the way, the once-inspirational adage lost its way, and I say enough is enough. So if for nothing else than my roommate's sanity I'm begging you Notre Dame, just accept it — we're not all champions. And despite what Vince Vaughn and the Wedding Crashers rulebook might say, there is absolutely nothing wrong with that. I encourage all of you to eat like a heathen, drink like an Irishman, sleep like a grizzly bear, study like an engineer, experiment like a hormonal 13-year-old and pray like a monk today. I don't really care how you log off in that computer library, but just make sure you do — wouldn't want anyone messing with that Facebook profile.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Dan Murphy at dmurphy6@nd.edu

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, the article in the April 24 edition of The Observer titled "Team posts 41 top marks" said Jake Walker, not Jake Watson, placed first in the 5,000 meters at the Central Collegiate Championship. Also due to a reporting error, the article in the April 24 edition of The Observer titled "Flogging Molly to perform" identified Rich Jacobs as the general manager of Legends. Aaron Perri is the general manager of Legends. The Observer regrets these errors.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK 'ANTOSTAL' MEANS?



Eileen Walsh
freshman
Walsh

"I think it means 'toast to spring.'"



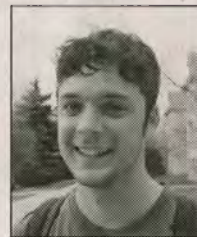
Diva Hira
sophomore
Lyons

"Anti-drinking."



Clarissa Negrete
sophomore
Welsh Family

"I think it means tossing a woman named Ann."



Tim Loh
senior
Keough

"I think it means 'get drinking.'"



Blair Majcina
sophomore
Sorin

"When Notre Dame used to be fun."



Nathan Loyd
sophomore
Keough

"I think it means a large wooden ship."



Sophomore Liz Crosby, left, fouls her opponent during a Bookstore matchup Monday on the Lyons courts. Her team, "The Pentateuch," lost the game.

OFFBEAT

Drunk man parks horse in German Bank

BERLIN — An early-morning German bank customer had a bit of a shock when he found a horse already in line at the automatic teller machine in front of him. It seems the horse's owner, identified only as Wolfgang H., had a bit too much to drink the night before and decided to sleep it off inside the bank's heated foyer, police said Tuesday.

The 40-year-old machinist told Bild newspaper he had had "a few beers" with a friend in Wiesenburg, southwest of Berlin, and decided to hit the hay in the bank on his way home.

"It was late, it was already dark and cold," he was quoted as saying.

Confronted with the lack of a hitching-post, he brought the 6-year-old horse, named Sammy, in along with him.

When a customer came across the horse and sleeping rider in the bank at 4:15 a.m. Monday, he called police, who then came and woke the owner up and sent him on his way.

DNA left on cinnamon bun nabs car thief

EASTPOINTE, Mich. — Norman O. Wheeler probably wishes he had finished that cinnamon bun. DNA evidence from the partly eaten

pastry led to Wheeler's arrest in a 2004 car theft.

The 40-year-old Detroit resident already was serving time for another auto theft when authorities made the DNA match. Wheeler pleaded guilty earlier this month, and he now faces sentencing May 22.

Eastpointe Officer Ed Lulko was investigating the car-theft report when a witness described seeing a man arrive in one car and then break out the windows of the other car and steal it, according to police in the Detroit suburb.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Notre Dame baseball will play Valparaiso tonight at 6:05 at Frank Eck Stadium. For tickets, call 631-7356.

Notre Dame women's softball will play UIC tonight at 6:30 at Ivy Field. Admission is free.

The Ballroom Dance Club will host the Spring Ball tonight from 8 to 10:30 in the LaFortune Ballroom. Dancers of all skill levels are invited. The cost is \$4 per night or \$35 for the semester. The club is open to all Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students with a campus ID, as well as faculty and staff.

Badin Hall will host its annual Badin Breakdown Thursday from 4 p.m. to 7 on South Quad.

SUB will hold a free salsa dancing event Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Fieldhouse Mall.

Notre Dame men's soccer will play the Mexican U-20 National team Friday at 7 p.m. at Alumni Field. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for youth 18 and under. For ticket information, call 631-7356.

The Notre Dame Jazz Band will perform Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. For tickets, call 631-2800.

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

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LOCAL WEATHER						
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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Leaders allocate 2007-08 funds

*Judicial Council, College Readership Program to receive money*By SONIA RAO
News Writer

Student Union treasurer Kadeja Gaines presented the 2007-08 budget allocation to members of the Council of Representatives (COR) during Tuesday's meeting in LaFortune.

Gaines and other members of the Financial Management Board (FMB) met with student club members familiar with their clubs' expense needs in order to determine how best to divide \$479,383.56 between the groups. The total came from student activities fees, proceeds from sales of The Shirt and the recently created endowment. Those three revenue streams added up to \$840,925, but fixed expenses for budget items — including technology fees of \$361,541.44 — left a little over \$479,000 for allocation.

Among the student government groups receiving a piece of the allocation funds were the Treasurer's Office; Judicial Council; Club Coordination Council; the Classes of 2008, 2009 and 2010; Senior Week 2008; Hall Presidents Council; Off-Campus Council; Student Union Board; Council of Representatives and the College Readership

Program.

Gaines noted that the amount of money available for allocation is a conservative estimate.

"We don't want to over-allocate or run too close so that we have money to allocate again in the fall," Gaines said.

As a result, money available to FMB is based on a projected number of 7,355 students attending the university next year.

"This is important because things like student activities fees are 95 dollars per student, and this is part of the money that goes into the total FMB can allocate," Gaines said.

The amount student government committees received from the allocation varied greatly. Larger groups in charge of high-cost events received more money from FMB's allocation; the Student Union Board, for example, received \$239,827.92 — a little more than half of the total amount of money available to stu-

dent government groups. Off-Campus Council — a smaller organization — received \$1,000.

In other COR news:

♦ Student body president Liz Brown announced plans for a revamped student government Web site, which she hoped to have running by August.

"We don't want to over-allocate... so that we have money to allocate again in the fall."

Kadeja Gaines
Student Union
treasurer

"It would have been the fall of 2005 the last time there was an updated Web site," Brown said. "It had a list of headlines with major events going on, some of the minutes from various meetings, and a list of calendar events that were going on. It was a pretty simple page."

Several members of COR offered suggestions for the content of the Web site, including a frequently asked questions section about student government, links to other organizations, information about how students can get involved and pictures from recent activities taking place around campus.

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Executives approve two more co-sponsorships

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) members approved two co-sponsorships at their final meeting of the semester Tuesday night. One will help fund an etiquette dinner for the student body, and the other will go to support The Show 2007.

The first co-sponsorship will help fund a dinner hosted by the College's Young Executive's Club (YEC) that will educate those who attend on dining etiquette and encourage communication between students and College administration.

The dinner will be a five-course meal with College President Carol Ann Mooney, if her schedule permits, YEC CEO Erica Rath said.

"I think events and building relationships [are] a huge part of what the Saint Mary's community is," Rath said.

The Board motioned to give the club \$1,200 after stipulating that the proposed attire of the event be changed from cocktail dresses to business casual.

The second co-sponsorship will help fund The Show 2007 — a tri-campus event that looks to bring thousands of students together to experience a "wonderful music event," according to the co-sponsorship application.

Notre Dame junior Steve

Tortorello presented the \$10,000 co-sponsorship proposal to the board. The estimated total cost of The Show for 2007 is \$145,000.

"Last year The Show was the biggest it has ever been," Tortorello said. "It was huge. The Show went really well, quality-wise and attendance-wise."

Following Tortorello's proposal, board members discussed BOG's past financial involvement with The Show.

The board placed stipulations on BOG funding of the event. The conditions included having The Show advertise for Saint Mary's orientation weekend event "Jamaica Shaka," having a Saint Mary's student on the planning committee and selling tickets in the Saint Mary's student center.

Student body executive treasurer Courtney Kennedy was not sure how much money is left in the co-sponsorship account, but the board voted to award The Show the remainder of the budget — up to \$8,000 with the stipulations.

In other BOG news:

♦ SMC Tostal will take place Thursday with events going on throughout the day. The day will culminate in a fireworks display over the Angela Athletic Center at dusk and a screening of the movie "Dreamgirls" on Library Green.

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The Observer is now accepting applications for Controller, Web Designer and Systems Manager for 2007-08.

The Controller position, which provides great accounting experience, is open to rising juniors. It is a two-year position; the 2007-08 Controller will become the 2008-09 Business Manager.

The Web Designer position is open to any student with advanced scripting skills. Systems Manager applicants should be highly adept at computer troubleshooting.

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Arrests

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Bend Avenue property were just two incidents in a 24-hour span in which excise police cited approximately 70 people

Alcohol

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results we get."

Those statistics include a 20 percent of students that in an annual campus-wide survey say they absolutely refuse to drink, another 20 percent that may be labeled as alcohol-dependent and a 60 percent that falls in between the two extremes — numbers that Eaton said stay pretty much the same, year after year.

"Anybody in the middle 60 percent may abuse alcohol on occasion," she said, "especially at Notre Dame. The binge drinking here seems to be very event-oriented. Just look at this weekend — with PigTostal and the tailgating — and you can confirm this."

Rather than developing ongoing alcohol dependencies, she said, Notre Dame students engage in excessive consumption on isolated dates — including hall dances, spring break and birthdays.

But because these students are not heavyweight drinkers, she said, their one-time heavy ingestion of alcohol may result in hospitalizations, stomach pumps and, in the worst of cases, death by severe alcohol poisoning.

"We've been very fortunate because we haven't had more deaths occur, but we've had some recent hospitalizations that came very close," she said.

Eaton said in the last 30 days she had seen four different students who were hospitalized — and that figure did not include the hospitalization cases her fellow OADE counselors may have seen.

"On most occasions, the majority of our students drink at a moderate rate, and not to intoxication," said Father Jim Lewis, rector of Carroll Hall. "I don't believe that alcoholism — the actual dependency one has on alcohol — is any more of a problem here than national norms would indicate."

Like Eaton, Lewis — an OADE assessment counselor — said a bigger concern at Notre Dame is the students' sporadic "high risk consumption of alcohol."

"Such a characterization would include practices of drinking games, competitive drinking, drinking to the point of intoxication, drinking too fast and not knowing the alcohol content of a given drink," he said.

A resident assistant at a male hall who asked to remain anonymous agreed with Lewis, saying unconstrained and unaware consumption — though it may be infrequent for the student — is usually the fast track to a disciplinary hearing or the hospital.

"Some of my freshmen ran into a girl coming back from a soccer game and she was really drunk, so they were going to just walk her home," the resident assistant said. "Well, by the time they got to the LaFortune she was so drunk they couldn't even move her anymore so they went into a building and got a rolling desk chair. They put her on it, and rolled her to the lobby of the dorm to come get me."

The resident assistant did not want to give his name in order to protect the confidentiality of the victim, but he said he "had to call NDSP immediately because we tried to talk to her and all she could do was vomit on herself, without even speaking."

"College is about drinking"

While students do not look for-

in South Bend and at Notre Dame.

"With the weather getting nice and [being] close to the end of school, we start seeing more and more of these types of things," Cleveland said.

Excise police also issued approximately 15 citations for

ward to any run-ins with the Office of Residence Life and Housing or the county hospital, their fear of these consequences does not detract from their desire to drink on Friday nights.

"Students drink because it's fun," said Katie Lancos, a 2006 graduate. "I can't give you a better answer than 'It's just fun, and it's something you end up having in common with a lot of people you ordinarily wouldn't associate with,'" she said.

Lancos and her friends created the "I am the 21.7% of ND Students That Drink More Than 1x Per Week" group on Facebook.com, which had 542 members as of Tuesday.

The OADE's 2006 survey, however, indicated that approximately 20 percent of the 1,900 Notre Dame students it polled drank more than three times a week — which many students would not condemn, including Lancos.

"People become a lot friendlier, and at Notre Dame, with such a competitive academic environment, or even with stressful classes, whether you're competing or not with people, it might not be as easy to make good friends with people," she said. "When you're out at a party or a bar, people are all on the same level. No one is smarter than another, it doesn't matter who got an A or not, who shows up — everyone is in a different environment, which can be a very relaxing feeling."

Eaton said many students she sees consider the weekend outings and the weekend intoxication a break from the weekday workload.

"Students, because of the stress level and the workload, really get more into immediate gratification," she said. "They're all looking for that 'buzz' point."

Not all students, however, think alcohol is vital to facilitate conversations at parties, including sophomore Megan Rybarczyk.

"I agree that there is nothing inherently wrong with alcohol, and I will admit, I have seen reserved individuals open up in a social situation involving alcohol, but I would argue that it is no longer deemed 'socializing' when the individuals involved are intoxicated and are not in control of all of their faculties," she said. "It is the abuse of alcohol that is wrong and dangerous, not alcohol itself."

In a March 23 letter to The Observer, Rybarczyk said, "Eight is the number of students (to the best of my knowledge) who paid their respects to the Emergency Room in a local hospital last semester in one night due to intoxication."

As a volunteer at the emergency room, Rybarczyk said she was disappointed to see the University's reputation falling among hospital staff members and the South Bend community as a result of the students' "death-defying" blood-alcohol contents when they were rolled in on gurneys.

Her stance against alcohol abuse sparked a chain of responses from different students with different opinions, including sophomore Patrick McMaster.

"Zero is the number of times I regret vomiting during spring break," he said in a March 28 Letter to the Editor. "As you may or may not know, the term 'townie' is not unique to Notre Dame. It has

underage drinking at two separate residences south of campus — one on St. Peter Street and one on Washington Street — in South Bend Saturday night.

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been used by millions of collegians for decades as a way to describe the disgruntled local citizens. They are only disgruntled because they see the fun we are having and are jealous that they cannot partake."

The notion that college fun is tied to alcohol use is one that has been popularized by the media and one that is not consistent with Notre Dame's mission, Associate Vice President for Residence Life Bill Kirk said.

"That concept that 'college is all about getting drunk and rolling out of bed to go to class the next day' is really sad and it's something that to a great degree has been promoted by the popular culture," Kirk said. "If you think of some of the movies out there, like 'Animal House,' that's the message they're sending out — but that's not in tune with what Notre Dame stands for."

Somewhere in between Rybarczyk and Kirk's support of temperance, and Lancos and McMaster's uninhibited endorsement of alcohol use to enhance social life, an approximate 60 percent of Notre Dame students will continue to follow a pattern alcohol counselors say wavers between moderation and abuse.

The second story in this series will examine the effects of policy changes on the drinking habits of Notre Dame students in recent years.

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Abortion

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particular Constitutional statute. I do think the decision is proper; I think the Supreme Court had a duty to sustain the congressional majority," Kommers said. "This statute would probably be sustained in any other advanced democracy in the world ... Canada, Germany, England, Italy, France, and even the Scandinavian countries would find the ruling quite proper."

Kommers said the details of the procedure's method — known as medically intact dilation and extraction, but as "partial-birth abortion" by its opponents — led to the Court's ruling.

"The fetus is disassembled after it emerges from the woman's womb," Kommers said. "At that point, I'm not sure you can distinguish this procedure from infanticide."

Women can still use a different method, during which the fetus is dismembered in the uterus, for abortions after the first trimester.

Many people in the U.S. feel that rulings on abortion are based on theological or moral arguments, Kommers said. He said in most western European countries, arguments against abortion are seen to be more biologically and physiologically based — they speak of "germinating life in the womb," instead of using the term "fetus."

Like Rice, however, Kommers said he believed defining personhood is a main issue at stake in the abortion debate.

"Roe v. Wade said the fetus is not a person within the context of the Constitution, but the Court did admit in the third trimester, the state has an interest in protecting life," Kommers said.

Kommers said he does not foresee the Court overturning Roe v. Wade in the near future, but he does see states continuing to impose certain regulations,

including "limitations that are quite proper and that most advanced European democracies impose, like waiting periods, doctors informing the woman of all the risks associated with abortion and childbirth and counseling for a woman before she makes a decision to terminate a pregnancy."

"There are a number of social and economic policies that would encourage a pro-life culture in the United States, but no agenda of this sort has ever been presented," Kommers said.

On campus every October, a sea of white crosses are hammered into South Quad by Notre Dame's Right to Life club as a demonstration to bring attention the fates of the aborted fetuses.

The club draws attention to many life issues — though it focuses on abortion, euthanasia, and capital punishment — in a variety of ways, said senior Tim Wymore, who has served as the club's political commissioner during past school year.

He said one of the ways the club is most publicly and politically involved in promoting a life-affirming culture is through its participation in the "March for Life," held every January in Washington, D.C.

"I think it has the potential to save several thousand lives per year," Wymore said. This figure, he said, is approximately equivalent to the number of partial birth abortions performed annually in the U.S.

While Wymore said he was hopeful about the ruling's implications, he questioned whether some of those abortions that would have been performed by intact dilation and extraction would be carried out by other means.

"I think it sets a good precedent for possibly abolishing more late term abortions in the future," he said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. may allow Iran to keep uranium

ANKARA, Turkey — The United States and other world powers may be ready to allow Iran to keep some of its uranium enrichment program intact instead of demanding its complete dismantling, foreign government officials said Tuesday.

Officials said some willingness to compromise might advance talks Wednesday in the Turkish capital between top Iranian envoy Ali Larijani and Javier Solana, the European Union's foreign policy chief.

Recognizing that Iran would never accept a complete freeze, the powers are considering "a new definition of enrichment," one diplomat said. Under the proposal, Iran would could keep some of its program intact without actually producing enriched uranium.

State Department spokesman Sean McCormack denied that the United States was "considering any proposals that would allow the Iranians to retain any enrichment-related activities."

Rebels attack Chinese-run oil field

ADDIS ABABA — Ethiopian rebels who have fought alongside Islamic militants in neighboring Somalia stormed a Chinese-run oil field at dawn Tuesday, killing 74 people and destroying the exploration facility in a restive border region.

It was the first such attack on a foreign company in this Horn of Africa nation, in contrast to Nigeria on the western side of the continent, where rebel groups frequently attack international oil concerns.

Chinese officials said nine Chinese oil workers and 65 Ethiopians died and seven Chinese were taken away by the rebels. It wasn't known if the rebels suffered any casualties.

NATIONAL NEWS

Cheney: Reid making war political

WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney accused Democratic leader Harry Reid on Tuesday of personally pursuing a defeatist strategy in Iraq to win votes at home — a charge Reid dismissed as President Bush's "attack dog" lashing out.

The particularly harsh exchange came just hours after Bush said he would veto the latest war spending bill taking shape in Congress, which includes a timetable for withdrawing from Iraq.

"Some Democratic leaders seem to believe that blind opposition to the new strategy in Iraq is good politics," Cheney told reporters at the Capitol after attending the weekly Republican policy lunch. "Senator Reid himself has said that the war in Iraq will bring his party more seats in the next election."

Plea deal reached in lobbyist scandal

WASHINGTON — A former congressional aide pleaded guilty Tuesday to accepting tens of thousands of dollars in gifts from lobbyist Jack Abramoff in an influence-peddling scandal that has touched the White House, Interior Department and congressional Republicans.

Mark Zachares was the 11th person to be convicted in the Justice Department probe.

Zachares admitted engaging in official acts on Abramoff's behalf while working for Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, who chaired the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

LOCAL NEWS

Prisoners riot, injure two officials

NEW CASTLE — Inmates staged a two-hour riot at a medium-security men's prison Tuesday, injuring two staff members and setting fires in a courtyard.

Indiana Department of Correction spokeswoman Java Ahmed said more than one cell house was involved in the disturbance at the New Castle Correctional Facility, about 43 miles east of Indianapolis.

Corrections officials sent emergency squads and county and state police to the prison. New Castle Mayor Tom Nipp said the entire city police force was also activated.

IRAQ

Al-Qaida's 'new methods' kill 9

Terrorist group claims responsibility for deaths of paratroopers from 82nd Airborne

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — An al-Qaida-linked group claimed Tuesday that it used "new methods" in staging a double suicide bombing with dump trucks that blasted a paratrooper outpost in volatile Diyala province, killing nine Americans from the 82nd Airborne Division and wounding 20.

The attack underscored the ability of guerrillas of the Sunni Arab-dominated insurgency to wage war in Iraq four years after the U.S.-led invasion, and it came in a region that has seen violence escalate since U.S. and Iraqi troops launched the security crack-down in Baghdad.

The first truck hit outlying concrete barriers surrounding the outpost at Sadah and exploded after soldiers opened fire. A second truck rammed into the wrecked vehicles, dragging it and other rubble before it exploded 30 yards from the building housing the post's troops, said Lt. Col. Michael Donnelly, U.S. military spokesman in north Iraq.

According to a senior Pentagon official, at least some of the casualties may have been caused by two walls of the former two-story schoolhouse collapsing from Monday's blast. The official said 15 of the wounded soldiers had returned to duty.

All the casualties were in the 5th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, which has been conducting operations in largely impoverished villages in the area as part of a security push to tame insurgent activity in Diyala.

The deaths made April the deadliest month of the year for the U.S. military. It was also the single deadliest attack on U.S. ground forces since Dec. 1, 2005, when 10 Marines were killed by a bomb inside an abandoned flour mill near Fallujah.

"We are recovering, sup-



Major Jim Brisson, an 82nd Airborne Deputy Division chaplain, speaks to the media Tuesday. Nine paratroopers from his division died in a suicide attack Monday.

porting the families during this time of loss, praying for them and continuing our mission," Donnelly told The Associated Press in telephone interview. "The enemy brings nothing to benefit the people — nothing."

The attack at Sadah inflicted the biggest loss on the 82nd Airborne since June 1969, when 12 paratroopers were ambushed and killed in Vietnam, a spokesman, Maj. Tom Earnhardt, said at the division's base at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Donnelly said the patrol base was set up less than a month ago after an operation that sought to drive militants from the area. Sadah, a rural Sunni town of about

7,000 people near the capital of Diyala province, Baqouba, has been an al-Qaida stronghold.

The Islamic State of Iraq, an umbrella group of Sunni militants that includes al-Qaida in Iraq, said it was behind the suicide attack. Its account on the Internet was similar to that of the U.S. military, but claimed it used new techniques.

"Almighty God has guided the soldiers of the Islamic State of Iraq to new methods of explosions," the statement said without elaborating, while claiming 30 Americans died.

Lt. Col. Christopher Garver, a U.S. military spokesman in Baghdad, said the style of the attack fit the

pattern of al-Qaida but he said an investigation was under way into who was to blame and exactly what happened.

When asked about the "new methods" claimed by the group, he said the military was on heightened alert for dump trucks as they had been used in several recent high-profile attacks.

"The use of dump trucks seems to be a recurring theme recently in the last few weeks," he said.

He said the military had foiled several attempts to use the large vehicles, mentioning the discovery earlier this month of a dump truck filled with barrels of gasoline that overturned north of Baghdad.

Tillman's brother alleges coverup

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An Army Ranger who was with Pat Tillman when the former football star was cut down by friendly fire in Afghanistan said Tuesday a commanding officer had ordered him to keep quiet about what happened.

The military at first portrayed Tillman's death as the result of heroic combat with the enemy. Army Spc. Bryan O'Neal told a congressional hearing that when he got the chance to talk to Tillman's brother, who had been in a nearby convoy on the fateful day, "I was ordered not to tell him what happened."

"You were ordered not to tell him?" repeated Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

"Roger that, Sir," replied O'Neal, dressed in his Army uniform.

The revelation came as committee members questioned whether, and when, top Defense officials and the White House knew that Tillman's death in eastern Afghanistan three years ago was actually a result of gunfire from fellow U.S. soldiers.

Tillman's death received worldwide attention because he had walked away from a huge contract with the NFL's Arizona Cardinals to enlist in the Army after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

His family was initially misled by the Pentagon and did not learn the truth for more than a month. Tillman was awarded a Silver Star based on fabricated accounts — who fabricated them still isn't clear after several investiga-

tions.

"We don't know what the secretary of defense knew, we don't know what the White House knew," Waxman said. "What we do know is these were not a series of accidents, these stories. They were calculatedly put out for a public relations purpose. ... Even now there seems to be a cover-up."

Kevin Tillman was in a convoy behind his older brother, a former NFL star, on April 22, 2004, when Pat Tillman was mistakenly shot by other Army Rangers who had just emerged from a canyon where they'd been fired upon. Kevin Tillman didn't see what happened. O'Neal said he was ordered not to tell him by then-Lt. Col. Jeff Bailey, the battalion commander who oversaw Tillman's platoon.

MFA

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Bliss, Tim Chilcote, Beth Couture, Pablo Ros and Sheheryar Badar Sheikh.

The poets included Lynne Chien, Colby Davis, Kevin Hattrup, Kathryn Hunter and Kathryn Pilles-Genaw.

Faculty member and poet Cornelius Eady introduced the student readers.

"It's a bitter-sweet moment for all of us who teach these students," he said. "Tonight we get to celebrate with them, but we also have to let go of them."

Students demonstrated creative and masterful use of language as they read from their poetry, painting scenes of everything from cats making biscuits to the body as a map.

Chien captured the bizarre world of dreams while reading part of a sequence of dream poems.

Davis evoked nostalgia in describing a childhood scene in her poem, "Christmas Eve Mass at St. Francis."

Hunter shared a couple of poems on when she and her mother drove to Notre Dame from her home state of Alaska — "a long trip," she said, "well worth a poem."

Hattrup's tight, vivid lines painted unique scenes; one poem was dedicated to "the time in college when half of my face was paralyzed," he said before reading a poem about his experience with Bell's Palsy.

Colorful prose such as Bliss's chapter, "Paris is Burning," and Couture's selection from her book, "An Encyclopedia of Living Ghosts," showcased tremendous style and unique narrative voices.

Ros, who said he is "one of the few Mexicans in the world to claim 'double Domership,'" drew from his knowledge of Mexico in his selection about a Mexican woman who sells chewing gum on the street.

Hunter will also be able to claim "double Domership" this May, as she received her BA in English and Spanish from Notre Dame in 2004.

This year's MFA graduating class comes from a wide variety of backgrounds and have plans just as diverse for next year.

Bliss, who was recently

awarded the Sparks Prize in Fiction, has taught English in West Africa for the Peace Corps, survival English to Cuban refugees, and adult literacy to Mexican-American immigrants before arriving at Notre Dame to pursue his MFA.

According to the MFA program's Web site, the Sparks Prize is awarded to one Notre Dame MFA graduate every year to afford that graduate a year's time to write.

Couture plans to begin work on her PhD at the University of South Mississippi's Center for Writers next year, where she will also teach on an Excellence Fellowship.

Chien, who received the Mitchell Award at the end of the thesis reading, said she is moving home to Sacramento, looking for an adjunct teaching position, and "of course, writing poetry."

The Mitchell Prize is "given to the student who gives that extra measure during the year," Eady said.

After reading her poems, Chien said, "It feels really good. It's great to get to see the culmination of everyone's work; we don't really get to see what people have been working on cross-genre."

"The reading is a formal way to recognize the students and [their] hard work."

Frances Sherwood
visiting professor

in," said professor Frances Sherwood, who served as thesis advisor for two of the graduating students.

Eady thanked and congratulated the students, but expressed mixed emotions.

"We're very, very happy that they've made it through, but we're also sad they're leaving," he said, later telling the students, "This really is a wonderful moment in your careers."

Notre Dame's Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing is "a two-year degree program centered around workshops in poetry and fiction and offering literature courses, translation, a literary publishing course, and twelve credits of thesis preparation with an individual faculty advisor," according to the program's Web site.

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Cornelius Eady
associate professor

"It's great to see the culmination of everyone's work."

Lynne Chien
master's student

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cer killed by gunfire in 2007, the site said.

Polizzotto was killed a year and a day after the death of South Bend Cpl. Lee Severns, who was shot while off duty on April 21, 2006.

Before Severns' death, only one South Bend officer had been killed by gunfire since 1973. Cpl. Paul Deguch was killed by a suspect he was questioning on August 24, 1997.

Polizzotto's death sparked responses from local leaders.

"I am deeply grateful for the life and service of Corp. Nick Polizzotto. He was an outstanding officer and his life was far too short," South Bend Mayor Stephen J. Luecke said in a statement. "I am also deeply grateful that Patrolman Michael Norby will recover from his wounds. Our thoughts and prayers are with these officers, their families and friends."

Luecke requested that all area establishments lower their flags to half-staff in honor of Polizzotto.

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AMEX	2,201.43	-8.46
NASDAQ	2,524.54	+0.87
NYSE	9,648.50	-12.06
S&P 500	1,480.41	-0.52
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	17,317.72	-134.05
FTSE 100(London)	6,429.50	-50.20

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S&P DEP RECEIPTS (SPY)	+0.04	+0.06	148.12
SIRIUS SATELLITE (SIRI)	-1.07	-0.03	2.77
INTEL CP (INTC)	+0.14	+0.03	21.94

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.60	-0.028	4.622
13-WEEK BILL	-0.10	-0.005	4.835
30-YEAR BOND	-0.50	-0.024	4.804
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.70	-0.032	4.512

Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-1.31		64.58
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	-6.50		687.70
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EURO			0.7335
POUND			0.4994
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IN BRIEF

Dow sets new high, nearing 13,000

NEW YORK — Wall Street was mixed Tuesday, recovering from an early loss as investors shrugged off disappointing housing and consumer confidence data to focus on stronger-than-expected quarterly earnings. The Dow Jones industrials set a new trading high, and resumed their trek toward 13,000.

The market picked up momentum in mid-afternoon. Investors seemed to lose some of the earlier caution they adopted after the National Association of Realtors reported sales of existing homes in March had their biggest one-month decline since January 1989. Also, the Conference Board reported consumer confidence fell more than expected in April due to higher gas prices and broader economic concerns.

Robust first-quarter earnings reports have been driving the market higher over the past week, allowing the Dow to approach 13,000, and there were more upbeat results cheering the market on Tuesday: from U.S. military contractor Lockheed Martin Corp., Dow industrials AT&T Inc. and Dupont Co., and chip maker Texas Instruments Inc.

SEC: Apple officers backdated options

SAN JOSE — The Securities and Exchange Commission filed civil charges Tuesday against two former Apple Inc. officers over their alleged roles in backdating stock options. One of them immediately settled the case and cast some blame on Apple CEO Steve Jobs.

Former Chief Financial Officer Fred Anderson, 62, has agreed to pay about \$3.5 million in fines and penalties to settle, the SEC said.

The case against former general counsel Nancy Heinen, 50, will proceed. Her attorneys have vowed to fight the charges.

The commission accused Heinen of participating in fraudulent backdating and altering company records to conceal the fraud. The charges were in connection with two large options grants that caused the company to underreport its expenses by nearly \$40 million, the SEC said.

The grants in question were a February 2001 grant of 4.8 million options to Apple's executive team and a December 2001 grant of 7.5 million options to Jobs.

Toyota world's new top auto seller

Japanese car giant passes General Motors in global sales in first quarter for first time

Associated Press

TOKYO — Toyota Motor Corp. became the world's top auto seller in the first three months of the year, passing rival General Motors Corp. for the first time, the Japanese automaker said Tuesday.

Toyota sold 2.348 million vehicles worldwide in the January-March quarter, company official Satoshi Yamaguchi said, surpassing the 2.26 million vehicles that GM said it sold during the same period.

The results mark the first time Toyota has beat GM in global sales on a quarterly basis, he said.

While the figures represent only quarterly sales results, they foreshadow a tough challenge for GM as it fights to hold onto its title as world's top automaker — a claim usually staked on annual production figures.

In 2006, Toyota's global production surged 10 percent to 9.018 million vehicles, while GM and its group automakers produced 9.18 million vehicles worldwide — a gap of about 162,000. In the first quarter, Toyota made 2.367 million vehicles worldwide, while GM had expected to produce 2.335 million.

It's no time to start popping the champagne, however, because overtaking GM is not Toyota's first priority, said Paul Nolasco, a spokesman for the Japanese company.

"Our goal has never been to sell the most cars in the world," Nolasco said. "We simply want to be the best in quality. After that, sales will take care of themselves."

Indeed, it is Toyota's sterling reputation for quality and fuel efficiency that has lifted its global sales, including the popu-



AP

Katsuaki Watanabe, president of Toyota Motor Corp., sits in a Camry in Lafayette, Ind., April 20. Toyota passed General Motors as the world's No. 1 auto seller.

lar Camry, Corolla and Prius gas-and-electric hybrid.

GM, meanwhile, cut production last year as high fuel prices drove people away from its trucks and sport utility vehicles. To shore up earnings, it has cut jobs and closed plants.

Toyota has been gaining steadily on GM in recent years, and analysts have been saying it is only a matter of time before it eclipses its Detroit-based rival, which has seen its market share shrink in the United States even as

it leads sales in China.

In the vital American market, Toyota's sales rose 12.9 percent last year, catapulting it past DaimlerChrysler AG as the No. 3 seller of autos in the U.S. Toyota's share of the U.S. market climbed to 16 percent in March, behind GM's 22 percent and Ford Motor Co.'s 17 percent.

A copy of Toyota's "global master plan" leaked to the news media late last year calls for grabbing 15 percent of the world car market by 2010 in the company's quest to unseat

GM.

GM hasn't released a forecast for this year, but Toyota is shooting for global output of 9.42 million vehicles and sales of 9.34 million units.

While Toyota appears on course to supplant General Motors this year, GM's moves to boost overseas production could keep it in the running. The company's sales in China jumped 32 percent last year to 876,747 units, and it is also building a new factory in India, another market with tremendous potential.

Bank of America set to buy LaSalle

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE — A year after making a successful \$34.2 billion move into credit cards, Bank of America Corp. found yet another multibillion opportunity to grab more customers.

The Charlotte-based bank said Monday it will purchase LaSalle Bank Corp. from ABN Amro North America Holding Co. for \$21 billion in cash.

The deal, initially announced by ABN Amro Monday when the Dutch bank agreed to sell itself to Barclays for nearly \$91.2 billion, fills a big hole in the bank's nationwide branch network by making it Chicago's largest bank.

Bank of America also will acquire LaSalle's six offices in Indiana.

The deal also raises questions about Bank of America, who is up against a federal cap that bars it from making

acquisitions that would give it more than 10 percent of all U.S. deposits. The bank, which is the nation's second-largest after Citigroup, recently controlled just over 9 percent.

"I think there is a huge opportunity here, but the near-term costs are what people initially see," said Jefferson Harralson, an equity analyst with Keefe, Bruyette & Woods Inc. in Atlanta. "Long term, it's a great strategic move for them."

The net cost to Bank of America will be \$16 billion after a return of \$5 billion in excess capital.

Bank of America said it expects the deal to immediately enhance its earnings per share and about \$800 million in after-tax cost savings. Restructuring costs also are expected to be around \$800 million, the bank said.

Investors and Wall Street offered mixed reactions, sending shares of

Bank of America down 63 cents or more than 1 percent to \$50.41 in afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

Analysts at Friedman, Billings, Ramsey & Co. said "we like this deal, particularly as this strengthens BofA in the third-largest deposit market in the U.S.," referring to Chicago. They maintained their "outperform" rating on the stock.

For the past several months, Bank of America Chairman and Chief Executive Ken Lewis has expressed his bank's interest in the Chicago market, particularly the strength of LaSalle, in speeches and conference presentations.

While not desiring to be the leader in every market in the U.S., "Chicago is attractive to us," Lewis said during a call with analysts. "The opportunity arose and we acted."

MEXICO

Abortions legalized during first trimester

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Mexico City lawmakers voted to legalize abortion Tuesday, a decision likely to influence policies and health practices across Mexico and other parts of heavily Roman Catholic Latin America.

The proposal, approved 46-19, with one abstention, will take effect with the expected signing by the city's leftist mayor. Abortion opponents have already vowed to appeal the law to the Supreme Court, a move likely to extend the bitter and emotional debate in this predominantly Catholic nation.

"Decriminalizing abortion is a historic triumph, a triumph of the left," said city legislator Jorge Diaz Cuervo, a leftist social democrat who voted for the bill. "Today, there is a new atmosphere in this city. It is the atmosphere of freedom."

Nationally, Mexico allows abortion only in cases of rape, severe birth defects or if the woman's life is at risk. Doctors sometimes refuse to perform the procedure even under those circumstances.

The new law will require city hospitals to provide the procedure in the first trimester and opens the way for private abortion clinics. Girls under 18 would have to get their parents' consent.

The procedure will be almost free for poor or insured city residents, but is unlikely to attract patients from the United States, where later-term abortion is legal in many states. Under the Mexico City law, women having an abortion after 12 weeks face punishment of three to six months in jail. Those performing abortions after that period would face one to three years in jail.

Mexico City is dominated by the leftist Democratic Revolution Party, at odds with President Felipe Calderon's conservative National Action Party, which opposed the abortion measure.

"We go to great lengths to protect (sea) turtle eggs," said city lawmaker Paula Soto, a member of Calderon's party. "Lucky turtles! It appears they have more people willing to defend them than some unborn children."

The law alarmed Calderon's party and prompted authorities to send ranks of riot police to separate chanting throngs of opposing demonstrators outside the city legislature.

A crowd of abortion-rights supporters chanting "Yes, we did it!" gathered at a monument to 19th-century anti-clerical reformer Benito Juarez in downtown Mexico City after the vote.

"I feel happy, because this is a step forward, not backward, for a woman's right and freedom to choose ... about her body and her life," said demonstrator Gabriela Cruz, 36.

The Roman Catholic church has protested the measure and Mexico City Cardinal Norberto Rivera led a march through the capital last month in opposition. The Archdiocese said Tuesday that it would "evaluate the moral consequences of the reforms" and said Rivera would have no public comment on the vote until Sunday.

The only countries in Latin America and the Caribbean with legalized abortion for all women are Cuba and Guyana. Most others allow it only in cases of rape or when the woman's life is at risk. Nicaragua, El Salvador and Chile ban it completely.

"It appears [sea turtles] have more people willing to defend them than some unborn children."

Paula Soto
National Action Party
lawmaker

Riot erupts in Indiana prison facility

Two officers, seven inmates injured by transferred Arizona prisoners

Associated Press

NEW CASTLE, Ind. — About 500 inmates staged a two-hour riot at a medium-security men's prison Tuesday, injuring two staff members and setting fires in a courtyard before officials used tear gas to restore order.

Authorities were investigating whether the riot at the New Castle Correctional Facility started because prisoners newly arrived from Arizona were upset about their treatment.

Two staff members and seven inmates suffered minor injuries. The riot involved inmates from both states, and none escaped, officials said.

Indiana Department of Correction spokeswoman Java Ahmed said more than one cell house was involved in the disturbance at the prison, about 43 miles east of Indianapolis.

Prison guard Larry Savage said he, two guards and three maintenance workers barricaded themselves in a room as dozens of inmates tried to break in before a prison response team arrived about 15 minutes later.

"They were wrapped up in masks, with sticks, knives, shanks," Savage said of the inmates. "They were just flexing their muscles and they wanted to show that they could take the prison over at any time, and that's what they did."

Correction Commissioner J. David Donahue said the riot began after a group of

inmates from Arizona took off their shirts in the prison's recreation area to show staff they wouldn't comply with orders. They had been told to keep the shirts on.

Donahue said he has delayed the transfer of another 600 inmates from Arizona until authorities can reassess the condition of the prison.

"This system is different than what they are accustomed to," Donahue said.

Some of the newly arrived inmates had complained about a lack of recreation and other programs, said Trina Randall, a spokeswoman for GEO Group Inc., the Boca Raton, Fla.-based company that manages the prison.

Corrections officials sent emergency squads and county and state police to the prison. New Castle Mayor Tom Nipp said the entire city police force was also activated.

Helicopter pictures showed officers in riot gear standing outside the prison fence and at least two fires burning in the courtyard.

Authorities secured the prison perimeter and confirmed that no inmates escaped, although some were still out of their cells, Indiana State Police Sgt. Rod Russell said. All staff members were accounted for.

Authorities did not release the conditions of the two injured staff members, though Donahue said neither suffered serious injuries.

The injured staff members

suffered cuts and scrapes, while the inmates' injuries involved tear gas exposure and minor cuts. All seven inmates were treated at the prison, said Trina Randall, spokeswoman for GEO Group Inc., a Florida company that contracted last year with the state to manage the prison.

The prison, built in 2002, can house about 2,200 inmates. It currently has about 1,000 prisoners from Indiana and 630 from Arizona.

In March, Arizona and Indiana reached an agreement on housing up to 1,260 Arizona inmates.

Arizona Department of Corrections spokeswoman Katie Decker said at least some of the transferred inmates had complained about being moved, a step her agency said was necessary because of the state's shortage of prison space.

"They're obviously resentful because they had to leave the state," she said, adding that it was too early to say whether the transfers played any role in the riot.

Decker said the inmates sent to New Castle were "carefully picked" before being transferred and could have "no predisposition to violence." The inmates arrived about six weeks ago, officials said.

The prison housed an average daily population of 450 in 2005, according to the DOC web site. It also has a psychiatric facility that treats inmates who are bused in from other prisons.

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Air Force general is critical of new policy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Air Force's top general expressed frustration on Tuesday with the reassignment of troops under his command to ground jobs for which they were not trained, ranging from guarding prisoners to driving trucks and typing.

Gen. Michael Moseley, the Air Force chief of staff, said that over 20,000 airmen have been assigned worldwide into roles outside their specialties.

With President Bush and Congress in a standoff over Iraq spending, the Pentagon is shifting money among services and accounts, including drawing down funds earmarked for other later purposes.

"Somebody's going to have to pay us back," Moseley said. "I don't have to want to have concerns about getting that money back."

In a breakfast session with a group of reporters, Moseley said he was trying to be realistic. "We live in a joint world. We live in a military that's at war. And we live in a situation where, if we can contribute, then sign me up for it."

Still, the Air Force general added, "I'm less supportive of things outside our competency."

He said people were being assigned to jobs they weren't trained for. He cited Air Force airmen being used to guard prisoners and to serve as drivers and cited one instance in

which an Air Force surgeon was assigned typing chores after three days at her new post.

"We got her back," Moseley said.

Others are being assigned to help the Army provide security in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Moseley said he didn't mind the use of airmen as drivers as much as some of the other new duties usually performed by the Army, such as guarding prisoners.

"Not only do we not have a prison, but very rarely do we have anybody in prison," he joked.

"So, to take our people and train them to be a detainee-guarding entity requires 'x' amount of time away from their normal job," said Moseley.

"Those are the things that are very frustrating," he said.

He said the swap-outs come at a time when the Air Force's budget is burdened, when there is little money for new aircraft and when maintaining an aging fleet of older planes, some of them going back to the 1950s and 1960s, is getting increasingly expensive.

"Operational and maintenance costs have gone up 180 percent over the past 10 years, operating these old aircraft," he said.

As part of Bush's troop buildup in order to try to secure Baghdad and nearby hot spots, there are currently about 146,000 U.S. troops in Iraq.

Astronomers find Earth-like planet

Discovery called 'significant step' toward identifying other life forms

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For the first time astronomers have discovered a planet outside our solar system that is potentially habitable, with Earth-like temperatures, a find researchers described Tuesday as a big step in the search for "life in the universe."

The planet is just the right size, might have water in liquid form, and in galactic terms is relatively nearby at 120 trillion miles away. But the star it closely orbits, known as a "red dwarf," is much smaller, dimmer and cooler than our sun.

There's still a lot that is unknown about the new planet, which could be deemed inhospitable to life once more is known about it. And it's worth noting that scientists' requirements for habitability count Mars in that category: a size relatively similar to Earth's with temperatures that would permit liquid water. However, this is the first outside our solar system that meets those standards.

"It's a significant step on the way to finding possible life in the universe," said University of Geneva astronomer Michel Mayor, one of 11 European scientists on the team that found the planet. "It's a nice discovery. We still have a lot of questions."

The results of the discovery have not been published but have been submitted to the journal *Astronomy and Astrophysics*.

Alan Boss, who works at the

Carnegie Institution of Washington where a U.S. team of astronomers competed in the hunt for an Earth-like planet, called it "a major milestone in this business."

The planet was discovered by the European Southern Observatory's telescope in La Silla, Chile, which has a special instrument that splits light to find wobbles in different wave lengths. Those wobbles can reveal the existence of other worlds.

What they revealed is a planet circling the red dwarf star, Gliese 581. Red dwarfs are low-energy, tiny stars that give off dim red light and last longer than stars like our sun. Until a few years ago, astronomers didn't consider these stars as possible hosts of planets that might sustain life.

The discovery of the new planet, named 581 c, is sure to fuel studies of planets circling similar dim stars. About 80 percent of the stars near Earth are red dwarfs.

The new planet is about five times heavier than Earth. Its discoverers aren't certain if it is rocky like Earth or if it's a frozen ice ball with liquid water on the surface. If it is rocky like Earth, which is what the prevailing theory proposes, it has a diameter about 1 1/2 times bigger than our

planet. If it is an iceball, as Mayor suggests, it would be even bigger.

Based on theory, 581 c should have an atmosphere, but what's in that atmosphere is still a mystery and if it's too thick that could make the planet's surface temperature too hot, Mayor said.

However, the research team believes the average temperature to be somewhere between 32 and 104 degrees and that set off celebrations among astronomers.

Until now, all 220 planets astronomers have found outside our solar system have had the "Goldilocks problem." They've been too hot, too cold or just plain too big and gaseous, like uninhabitable

Jupiter.

The new planet seems just right — or at least that's what scientists think.

"This could be very important," said NASA astrobiology expert Chris McKay, who was not part of the discovery team. "It doesn't mean there is life, but it means it's an Earth-like planet in terms of potential habitability."

Eventually astronomers will rack up discoveries of dozens, maybe even hundreds of planets considered habitable, the astronomers said. But this one — simply called "c" by its discoverers — will go down in cosmic history as No. 1.

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Minority blues

We live in a world where people hold diverse interests and values. Bill wants to save the rainforest, Jane wants to cure cancer, Tom wants to end world hunger and Mary wants to buy a large flat-screen television for her living room. What's the best way to accommodate all of these diverse values? And how do we decide which goods, if any, are superior?

In the United States, we have to come to the conclusion that the majority has the right to rule. The "common good" is no different from the "majority good" — it is decided by what the majority of the population, and by extension the elected officials, believe is good. If most Americans want a man on the moon, they'll elect officials who promise to put a man on the moon. On the other hand, if the majority of Americans want to cure cancer, they'll elect politicians who promise more funding for cancer research. At first glance, this "majority rules" mindset of ours doesn't seem too bad. But a problem arises when you find yourself outside the majority. Once you're in the minority, you realize that you have no freedom. Our country wasn't founded on the principle of majority rule. It was founded on the principle of individual rights. Everyone, even if they are in the minority, has a right not to be ruled by the majority.

Imagine that you are Mary, and you want to buy a flat-screen TV. Since it is tax season, you recently looked over your W-2 and you realized that the government has taken several thousand dollars of your money. What is the government doing with your money? Fighting a war, subsidizing industries,

administering welfare programs, etc. And the reason your tax dollars are supporting these causes is because that's what the majority values. But all you really want is a flat-screen television. Now imagine that you're Bill and you want to save the rainforest. You also realize that the state has stolen several thousand dollars of your last year's salary. And what is the government doing with your tax dollars? The government's fighting cancer. But you don't want to fight cancer; you want to save the rainforest. You'd rather donate those several thousand dollars to the Nature Conservancy. One may argue that Bill's donation to the Nature Conservancy is a more worthy than Mary's television, but can the freedom to make individual value-based decisions be denied to either of them?

We are all left in this conundrum. The majority makes value decisions for us, and we are forced to support the policies of our government. We pay the bills in Iraq, we pay to end world-hunger, and we pay for scientific research. We are compelled to support all this regardless of our own personal values. No matter how pacifist you are, it's hard to deny the fact that a large portion of your paycheck is going to support the war. Similarly, if you're a die-hard pro-lifer, part of your tax money is still being used to support Planned Parenthood. Our system is inherently immoral, because it forces us to support causes we may not agree with.

Another problem with the "majority rules" mindset is that it leads to complacency and inaction. We begin to think that government funding of our own interests is a right. We whine and complain when government actions don't align with our interests, yet we do

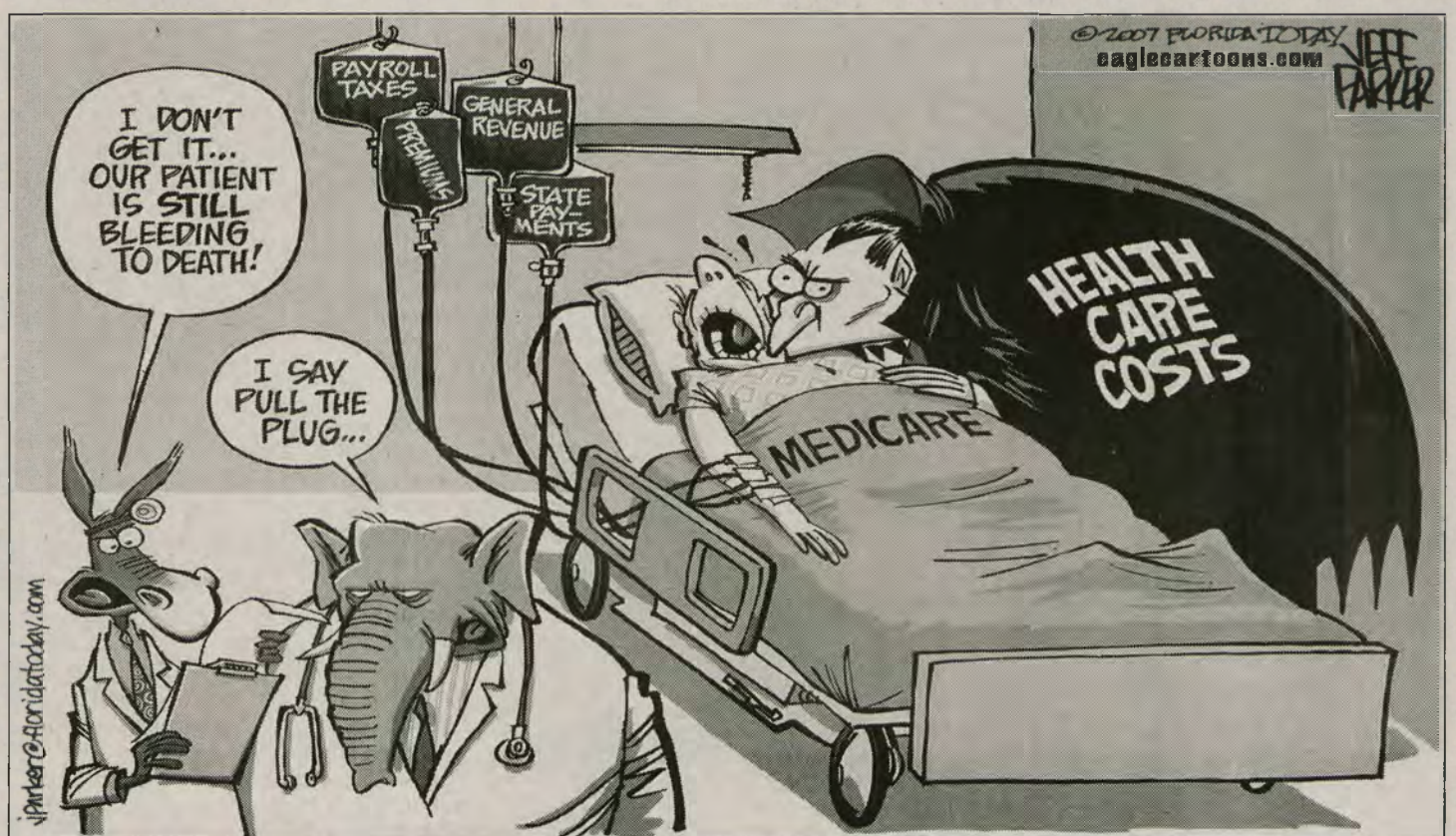
little ourselves to further these interests. Instead of donating our own money to save the rainforests or fight cancer, we ask everyone else to foot the bill. Instead of working towards a solution, we spend our time and money lobbying legislators to pass laws and funding packages which benefit our interests.

How do we solve this dilemma? How do we take the power away from the majority and give it back to the individual? Every year we send trillions of dollars to Washington and ask politicians to spend our money, as though we are not wise enough to spend it ourselves. Were we all courageous individuals with a strong conscience, we might practice civil disobedience and simply refuse to pay our taxes. Unfortunately, the elimination of the current tax system is unlikely, and most of us don't have the courage to defy it. Although we are stuck in an inherently unjust system, we don't have to give in to conventional apathy. Inaction only gives more power to the majority. If you want to cure cancer, end poverty, or save the rainforest, then go out and do it yourself! Get a PhD in biology; join a Catholic Worker House; donate to the Nature Conservancy. Don't wait on the government to do it for you.

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"There are no great limits to growth because there are no limits of human intelligence, imagination and wonder."

Ronald Reagan
former U.S. president

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Natural law proves fallible

Charles Rice tells us that natural law, as interpreted by the Pope, must guide our thought and action ("Natural law still applies," April 24). I agree, as long as we remember that until 1888, that would mean condoning slavery. In the fourth century, St. Augustine thought slavery could be beneficial to both slaves and masters; in 650 Pope Martin I forbade people to help slaves escape; in 1179 the Third Lateran Council decreed the enslavement of anyone helping the Saracens; in 1226 Pope Gregory IX incorporated slavery into the Corpus Iuris Canonici (Canon Law), where it remained until 1913; in the 13th century, St. Thomas Aquinas considered slavery to be in accordance with natural law and a consequence of original sin; in 1454 Pope Nicholas V's bull Romanus Pontifex allowed the King of Portugal to enslave Saracens and pagans at war with Christians; in 1493, Pope Alexander VI gave the same right to the King of Spain in fighting native Americans; in 1548 Paul III allowed

both clergy and laity to own slaves; in 1866 Pope Pius IX specifically declared that "slavery in itself, considered as such in its essential nature, is not at all contrary to the natural and divine law, and there can be several just titles of slavery, and these are referred to by approved theologians and commentators of the sacred canons. ... It is not contrary to the natural and divine law for a slave to be sold, bought, exchanged or given."

So much for natural law, as interpreted by the Pope or by anyone else, as an infallible, self-evident, unproblematic, unquestionable guide to moral action. In interpreting natural law, we must not forget that the term, like the word "God" itself, often serves merely as an amplifier for our own historically and culturally conditioned prejudices, fears, and judgements.

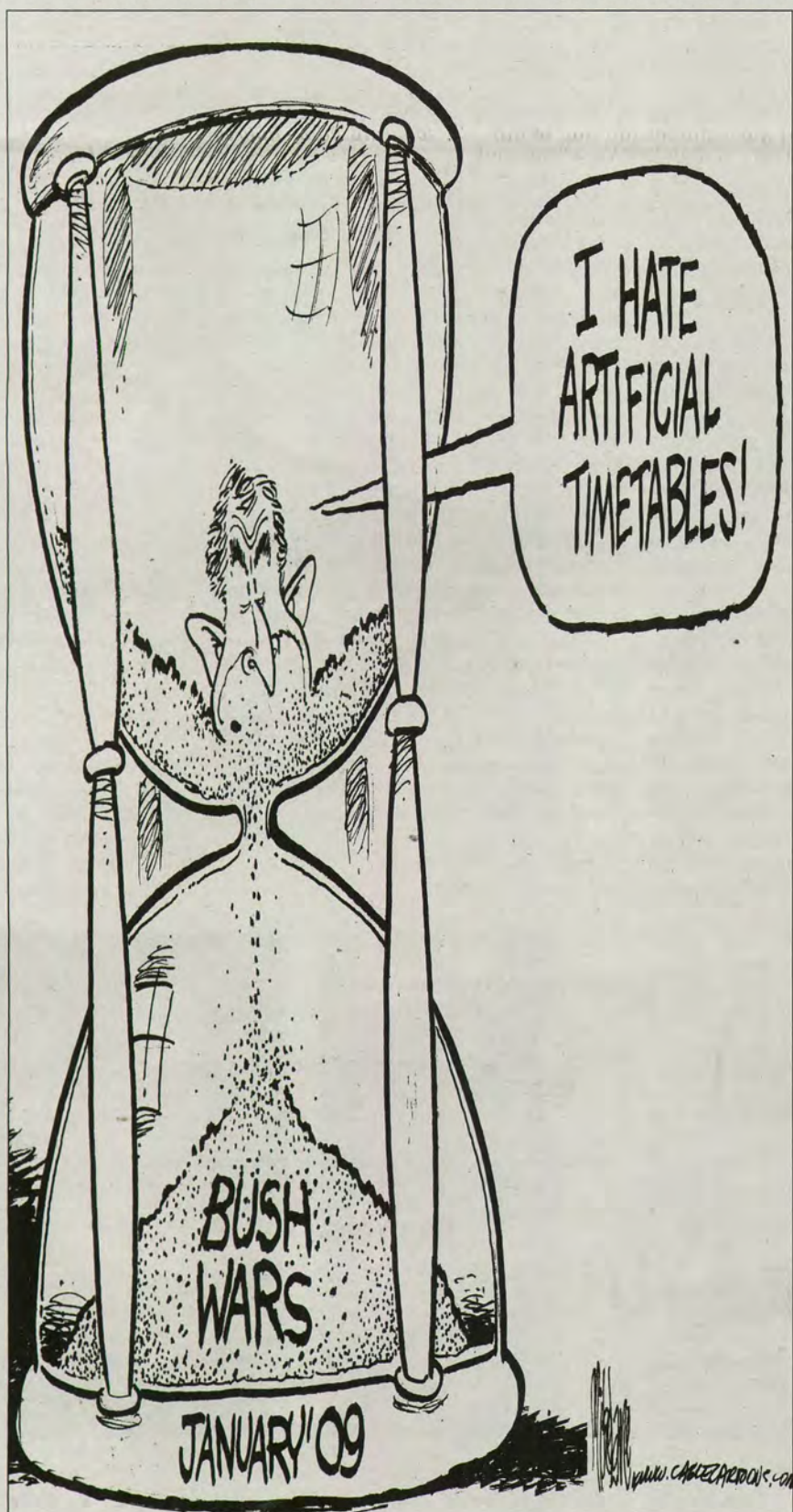
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Supply and demand causes the problems

Our generation has been around for the Oklahoma City bombing, the Columbine massacre, September 11, a tsunami claiming 225,000 lives, Hurricane Katrina. Each have forced us to stop and contemplate our own mortality

and the condition of the human heart.

Add to this list events at Virginia Tech last Monday, where more than 30 of our collegiate brothers and sisters were senselessly gunned down on a campus much like our own.

Every generation has their tragedies, and I would not attempt to claim that ours has experienced more pain than another. Ours, however, is perhaps newly cursed to become intimately familiar with the details of a crisis. Twenty-four-hour news networks, Internet news sites, cell phone videos, YouTube, and other technological advances have assured that disastrous events will be replayed until they have all but lost their impact.

This overexposure to tragedies can eventually cause us to become less shocked and outraged by such horrible occurrences. Eventually we may begin to accept these incidences as the inevitable byproduct of living in an open society. Apathy can result, and the results of apathy towards evil are too difficult to bear.

The news has a responsibility to inform the public to the best of its ability, and has certainly taken advantage of the resources at their disposal. Those resources have increased exponentially, and so has the news' ability to provide viewers with in-depth coverage of live events. Last Monday began with not knowing how many shooters there were, and before long I was able to read a creative writing assignment written by the gunman himself.

It could be argued, and indeed has been, that media outlets have overstepped the bounds of informing the public when tragedies occur — that for want of profits they exploit a nation's unseemly appetite for violence and aid in our desensitization.

Yes, the media has the responsibility to report the news, and is doing so more

exhaustively than ever before. However, is there such a thing as too much information? Are our media outlets in danger of further desensitizing a nation whose blood lust is already insatiable?

The perpetrator of the Virginia Tech shootings certainly expected such exposure, as he sent a video manifesto to NBC which was aired numerous times by numerous networks. What could be gained by repeatedly showing photos of the killer pointing pistols at the camera just two days after pointing those same pistols at students?

While VT was awarding the victims with posthumous degrees, the media was awarding a killer with the posthumous notoriety that he sought. The result? More hits on the Web site, more viewers tuning in — and quite possibly copycats willing to attempt similar evil acts for a perverse legacy of infamy. This goes far beyond questions of the media misbalancing respect and reporting. Overexposure can lead to indifference, and the indifference of the just can far outweigh the damage of the evil.

The media is not to blame — they're providing a service to customers, giving the public what it wants. What we want. When will we examine our entertainment, our society, and ourselves in order to correct a culture that seems to demand such coverage from our media?

And at what point does the media's pandering to our nation's obsession with violence cross from being informative to disrespectful, to being destructive to the moral fiber of an increasingly immoral society?

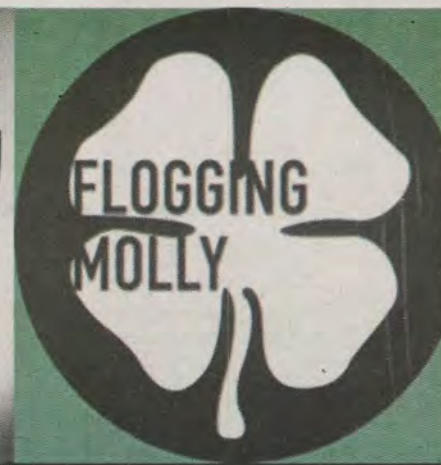
It is a simple case of supply and demand, and until we cease demanding overexposure to tragedies, the supplies will remain abundant — and so will the costs.

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FLOGGING MOLLY



STORY BY TAE ANDREWS

Every day is St. Patrick's Day if you pop some Flogging Molly into your headphones. With a sound alternating from frenetic, pumping anthems to slow brogue ballads, Flogging Molly creates its distinct Irish music by making an unlikely couple out of the folksy feel of the old country and modern up-tempo bumping drums and strumming guitars. In other words, it's ethnic punk rock — simultaneously a celebration of traditional Irish heritage and distinctly American let-it-rip rock 'n' roll. This back-then in the here-and-now amalgamation feels very genuine — it's first-generation Irish authenticity paired with a third-generation rock sensibility.

On the Web site floggingmolly.com, Dave King wrote about his inspiration in creating such a unique musical project.

"My family would go to the pub and gather up people to come back to the house to play tin whistle, mandolin, fiddle and spoons, with my mom on piano and my uncle on accordion," he said. "But I wanted to run away from that. As you get older, you want to pick up electric guitars and play loud. You rebel against those traditional elements."

To this end, Flogging Molly is a creative lot, mixing and matching from a variety of instruments in order to build their eclectic musical medleys. At one time or another, Flogging Molly has grabbed all manner of instruments of mayhem from its musical bag of tricks, which includes — among other things — flutes, fiddles, accordions, harmonicas, banjos, tin whistles, mandolins, bodhrans, uilleann pipes and, yes, even spoons.

That number of instruments requires a lot of nimble fingers and strong lungs. For that, the band has six additional members in addition to creator Dave King. With King on lead vocals, acoustic guitar, banjo and spoons, Bridget Regan bows away on the fiddle (in addition to blowing away on the tin whistle and the uilleann pipes), while Dennis Casey rocks out on the electric guitar and Matt Hensley plays the accordion. Nathen Haxwell is the band's bass player, and

Robert Schmidt is a jack of all trades, plying his skills with the mandolin, banjo, bouzouki and mandola. Behind it all, drummer George Schwindt bangs out the beat. Also, Regan, Casey, Maxwell and Schmidt chime in on backup vocals.

With so many bells and whistles to their music, combining everything in its proper time and place is a complicated effort — but one with a huge payoff.

"We've developed a really unique sound," King said of his band. "The first time we all got together to play, there was an energy in the room that I'd never experienced in any other band I'd ever been in and it wasn't due to any single ingredient, instrument or individual. We started playing in a bar and just played and played and played. We're a live band. We'll always have that."

"If it didn't have mandolin, accordion, fiddle and whistle, it would be punk-rock, and if it didn't have guitar, bass and drums, it would be traditional Irish music. Flogging Molly has both."

If Flogging Molly's boisterous ballads sound as if a ruddy-faced, freshly imported Irishman somehow got his hands on a couple of guitar amplifiers and found a garage in which to let all hell break loose, that's not too far from the truth. Born and raised in Dublin, Dave King came to Los Angeles from London in 1989 before creating Flogging Molly.

Singing songs about youthful rebellion, drinking and being merry, Flogging Molly's toe-tapping music may even inspire you to cut a jig or two. Riddled with fiddle strings and the spirit of Ireland, the drinking band with a rock problem remains as Irish as corned beef and cabbage. Just like St. Paddy's day itself, everyone's a little bit Irish when Flogging Molly comes to campus.

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FLOGGING MOLLY

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Assistant Scene Editor

The best way to experience Flogging Molly would be to see them live. Their musical bodyflow with conscious lyrics mixed with punk sound make Flogging Molly one of the most creative and unique bands to hit the stages in the United States.

Alive Behind the Green Door (1997)

This live album marked the debut of Flogging Molly's first release. It was recorded at the bar where Flogging Molly first formed, L.A.'s Molly Malone's. It features many of the songs that would become Molly staples. "Every Dog Has His Day" would feature prominently on Molly's next album. "Swagger," would feature prominently on Molly's next album.

Why buy this album? It's on its later studio of the songs on "Alive Behind the Green Door" are on later studio albums, notably, the epic "Delirious." Flogging Molly has had a live show or on tour, never been recorded, one really knows why it remains a Flogging Molly classic. It can't be missed.

Swagger (2000)

The first studio album released took the punk scene by storm. It was released in 2000 and was a success. Bands such as Pennywise, specializing in straight punk, and Flogging Molly's Irish sound, like something that could



World famous Irish punk rock band Flogging Molly is performing at 10 p.m. Thursday at campus club Legends of Notre Dame.



Flogging Molly lead vocalist and electric guitarist Dennis Casey



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and everyone loved it. It toured with the likes of punk legends Anti-Flag and was able to build up a sizable fan-base. The band began touring with the punk festival Warped Tour and was able to make itself better known because of it.

Swagger is regarded by some to be its best, though not its most accessible album.

Tracks such as "Salty Dog" and "The Likes of You Again" keep the tempo at a break-neck pace while others, such as the moving final track, "Far Away Boys" remind you of the influence that traditional Irish music has had on the band.

Drunken Lullabies (2002)

"Drunken Lullabies" marked the breakout into the mainstream for Flogging Molly. This does not mean, however, that the band began making mainstream music. Its creative blend of punk, rock and Irish music stayed just as creative and catchy. Mainstream means kids outside of the punk scene began to take notice — and loved what they heard. Perhaps a more personal album for primary songwriter and frontman Dave King, "Lullabies" has more to say about the Catholic Church and the history of the Irish people in general.

Tracks such as "Rebels of the Sacred Heart" not only keep the toes tapping but also put your fist in the air as King tears through the fast-paced chords and smart lyrics. With a refrain like, "Cuz we find ourselves in the same old mess / singing drunken lullabies," the album's eponymous feel-good jaunt sings about friends, alcohol and getting into trouble — and the relationship between the three.

This song also clocks in at 5:11, the longest track on the album, as the rest of the

band flexes its musical muscles and explores the musical realm Flogging Molly has created.

Bridget Regan stars on the violin and tin whistle, George Schwindt on the drums, Dennis Casey on guitar, Nathan Maxwell on bass, Matt Hensley on accordion (since replaced by P.J. Smith) and Bob Schmidt on mandolin and banjo. Larger than most bands, Flogging Molly does not see this as a burden, but as a boon — every instrument and musician is allowed to explore its full range.

Within A Mile of Home (2004)

The third album in four years saw Flogging Molly branching out from its traditional musical mode. The "I just want to get up and dance" music is still there in tracks like "Seven Deadly Sins" and "Tobacco Island."

Songs like "Factory Girls" (about King's mother) and "Light of a Fading Star," however, put the brakes on the band in terms of tempo but not in terms of creativity. This album is a more introspective one, and it's clear King put his heart and soul into the lyrics and the whole band into the music.

The band also pays heed to the musical greats that have come before by dedicating the album to the late and great Johnny Cash and Joe Strummer, frontman of the seminal punk band the Clash. Flogging Molly looks not only to its Irish cultural roots but also its seemingly disparate musical roots — something mentioned frequently in its live shows.

Flogging Molly is reportedly working on what would be its fourth studio album, and the future looks nothing but bright. Having entertained audiences for more than 10 years, Flogging Molly doesn't just know how to write good music. It performs to perfection.

The band's live shows are raucous and loud — exactly the way it wants them to be. Not just a concert, a Flogging Molly show will change your perceptions of what concerts should be.

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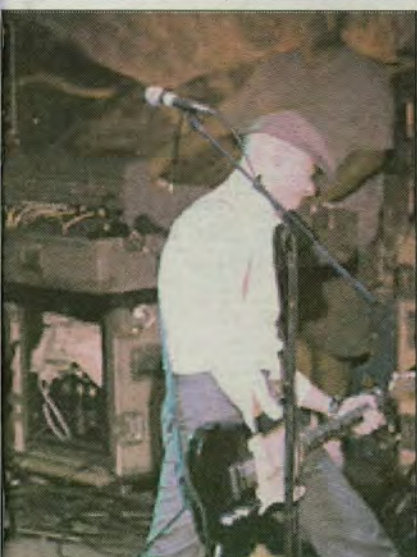


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and founder Dave King, left, and y rock out to their unique sound.



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Legends will be opening up its patio area Thursday in order to make room for the estimated 1,200 people expected to attend.

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DVD REVIEW

Flogging Molly's 'Whiskey' goes down smooth

By SEAN SWEANY
Assistant Scene Editor

World renowned Irish punk band Flogging Molly didn't always command the attention and top billing they do now. In fact, their humble beginnings in a Los Angeles bar led music industry executives to believe that their style of music would never work.

Critics be damned, Flogging Molly — led by vocalist David King — ignored naysayers and quickly became one of the most recognizable Irish bands in the world. "Whiskey on a Sunday" is the band's newest DVD release, chronicling their emotional, often difficult journey from their bar-band beginnings to unparalleled fame.



"Whiskey on a Sunday" follows the band through two years of touring and studio recording, giving viewers insight into the formation of the band and thoughts from the band members on Flogging Molly's sensational success.

The documentary starts with and focuses on King and his role in forming the band. Born in Dublin in 1961, King lived in a poor neighborhood with his widowed mother. Musically inclined from an early age, King often used his lyrics to talk about his troubled childhood.

After moving to Los Angeles in 1989, King befriended fiddle player Bridget Regan and the two entertained notions of forming a punk band with Irish roots. They quickly found five other band members and in 1997 began playing out of a local bar named Molly Malone's. Their unique blend of punk, folk and Irish music was an instant hit and made Molly Malone's one of the most popular bars in southern California.

The DVD goes on to show how the band faced initial difficulties in touring throughout California because of reluctance from record companies. Various band members express how their belief in the music of Flogging Molly drove them to pursue their goals no matter how many people stood against them.

The watershed moment for the band was when their first studio album, "Swagger," sold more than 50,000 copies — five times the expected total — to put Flogging Molly on the map. King describes the moment as one of realizing he was no longer just someone who loved music, but was now a "rock star" — something which he had never envisioned.

As "Whiskey on a Sunday" continues, the various interviews show how humble Flogging Molly is in spite of their immense popularity. Each band member displays



Photo courtesy of floggingmolly.com

"Whiskey on a Sunday" follows the seven members of Flogging Molly from their bar-scene beginnings in L.A. to the top of the Irish punk-rock music world.

their passion for music and comes across as honest in the documentary, not necessarily a given in such a DVD.

This honest, raw feel is what makes "Whiskey on a Sunday" such a successful and refreshing DVD. There is no feeling that it is glossy press material meant to make money. It makes the viewer feel like he is another band member — swearing, drinking and touring with Flogging Molly.

While the film is brief, it features numerous live video recordings of many of Flogging Molly's best songs, including "Drunken Lullabies," "Swagger" and "Black Friday Rule." The inclusion of these driving, catchy songs lends the whole DVD a lively tone and the video shows how much fun a

Flogging Molly concert can be.

The final scene of the documentary shows Flogging Molly playing a concert in the Wilton Theater in Los Angeles. This homecoming — in a locale slightly bigger than their original home at Molly Malone's — allows the band to reminisce on their first 10 years as a band and how Flogging Molly will be viewed in the future.

King, in a way only an Irishman can, perhaps sums it up best: "As humble of a band as we are, in the sense of our heritage and where we've come from ... I would not be sitting here if I didn't think we were the greatest rock and roll band in the world."

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Studying abroad lacks fine American culture

After spending an entire semester abroad in Spain, I've discovered that I don't miss as much about the States as I thought I would. I could do without the 27th season of "Real World" and the special six-hour episode of "Deal or No Deal."

Of course, I miss the staples of my life — chips and salsa, "Entertainment Weekly" and my darling DVR. But I've also learned now that I took too many things for granted during my 20 years residing in the United States of America. I eagerly await the following upon my return.



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Mullet hunting as a legitimately competitive sport

It's just too easy in Spain. By my own expert calculations, 7.4 out of every 10 Spanish men prefer business in the front and a fiesta in the back. I have seen more variations of the mullet than I ever thought possible, my favorite being the mullet-dreadlock power combo. But in the States, finding a mullet is like finding a diamond in the rough. It becomes a competitive sport when out with friends, and the mullet man is the perfect victim for the "your boyfriend" game.

Spain has taken something precious away from me, and it's up to the Land of the Free to give it back.

American movies and television not dubbed in Spanish

Okay, "Walker, Texas Ranger" dubbed in Spanish is one thing, but when I sit down for a pleasant evening of "Bad Boys II" with my host family, I don't want to hear a high-pitched Spanish voice coming out of Will Smith. Ever hear of subtitles, Spain? Will Smith with any other voice does not sound as sweet, and I want my Fresh Prince to sound like he always does. Don't make me listen to "Miami" to get my fix!

"My Super Sweet 16"

Guilty pleasure alert! I admit that I didn't realize how much I missed this delicious package of American materialism and excess until I turned on the TV in Florence and caught an episode. Yes, I was in Italy. No, I don't regret spending an hour in my hostel watching a suspiciously busty blonde pick out some pink concoction in Paris that she could have bought in the dress-up section at Toys 'R' Us. And despite the fact that the network built on music has now turned to churning out trashily scripted "reality" shows, I still have to say, I want my MTV!

Notre Dame squirrels

I do in fact possess a fear/hatred for the Notre Dame squirrels, but that hatred in no way surpasses my hostile feelings toward cats. I'm allergic, and if I can't hold one without sneezing then it's not worthy of my love and affection. However, gangs of cats roam free in the peaceful streets of Toledo and follow me wherever I go. It's like "Oliver & Company" without the fun song



Photo courtesy of movieweb.com

Only when the sonorous voices of Martin Lawrence, left, and Will Smith in "Bad Boys II" are dubbed over in foreign countries does one appreciate cinema in the U.S.

and dance numbers. Trust me, if there were musical acts, I would totally join in. But, I'd much rather almost trip over an overweight squirrel that has lost its fear of humans than be chased by mangy cats whose only goal is to make me suffer. Apologies to cat lovers out there, but not really.

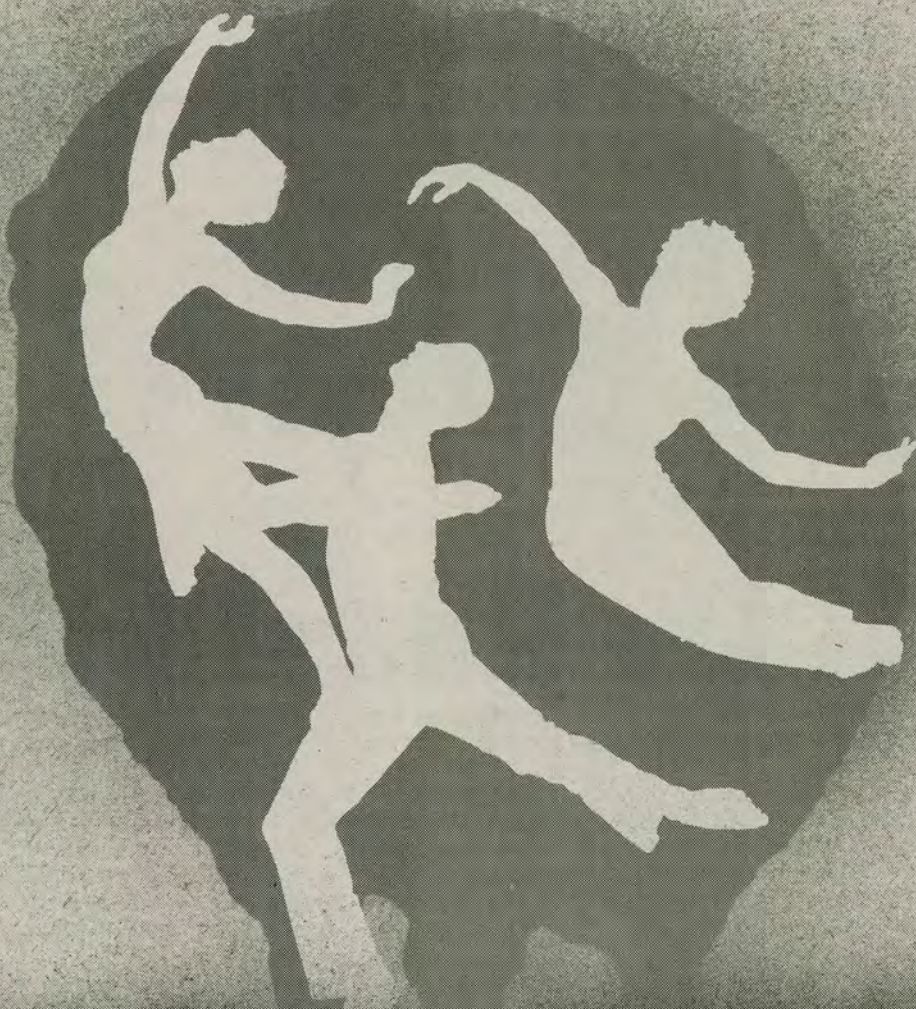
And now that I'm returning to the United States in just a short while, I can return to these gems and some of my favorite summertime activities that can only happen in America — sitting through five hours of

daytime television only to realize what I've done once it's too late, getting angry at the local grocery store because the new issue of "US Weekly" isn't stocked when it should be and absent-mindedly drinking six Diet Pepsis in one day and later wondering why my heart feels funny.

God Bless the U.S.A.

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NBA

Parker's play helps Raptors even series at one

Bosh adds 25 and 13 in Toronto's first playoff win since 2002; Gordon and Deng combine for 53 points as Bulls win

Associated Press

TORONTO — The Toronto Raptors celebrated with Sam Mitchell, then went out and played like him.

After starting the night with an award ceremony for their coach of the year, the Raptors beat the New Jersey Nets 89-83 Tuesday to even their first-round series at a game apiece.

"He wasn't the prettiest player but he got the job done and that's kind of how the playoffs are," forward Chris Bosh said. "You just have to get the job done, no matter what happens."

Anthony Parker scored 26 points and Bosh added 25 points and 13 rebounds in Toronto's first playoff victory since a 94-84 home win over Detroit on April 27, 2002. It came hours after Mitchell was honored as the NBA's coach of the year for leading the Raptors to a 20-win improvement and their first Atlantic Division title.

"We definitely turned a corner as a team tonight because we gutted it out, especially when things weren't going well," Parker said.

"This was a game we had to have. We couldn't go to Jersey down 0-2. Now we've got to go

to Jersey and get one."

New Jersey's Bostjan Nachbar missed a 3-pointer from the corner that would have tied the game with 8 seconds to play. Game 3 is Friday night in New Jersey.

"We felt very confident coming down the stretch that we could win this game, but unfortunately we didn't," New Jersey guard Jason Kidd said. "We're not disappointed. We came up here to win Game 2 and we gave our best effort."

Mitchell said he was touched when his players joined him at center court for the pregame award ceremony with commissioner David Stern.

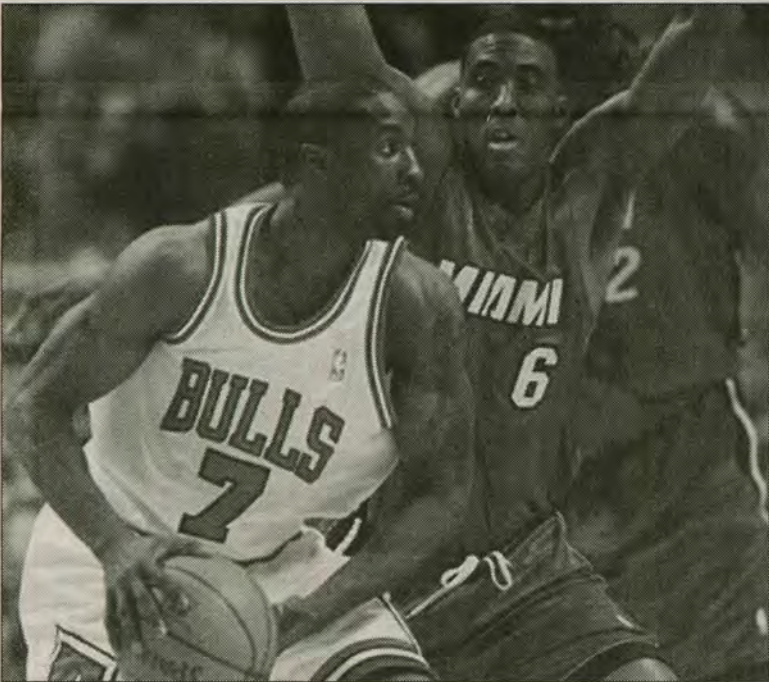
"None of this could have happened without those 15 guys in the locker room," Mitchell said. "The best part other than winning the basketball game was the presentation when those guys came out, because we really care about each other. I work them hard but they also know how much I care about them."

Bosh said the gesture was a sign of team unity.

"He dedicated that award to everyone," Bosh said. "He knows and we know that it takes a team. If you do team things well, individual recogni-



Toronto forward Chris Bosh knocks the ball away from New Jersey forward Richard Jefferson during the Raptors' 89-83 win Tuesday. Bosh had 25 points and 13 rebounds in the game.



Chicago guard Ben Gordon handles the ball while guarded by Miami guard Eddie Jones during the Bulls' 107-89 win Tuesday.

tion comes along with it."

T.J. Ford scored 13 points for the Raptors, including four key free throws in the final minute. Parker also made three free throws in the final 8 seconds.

Chicago 107, Miami 89

This time, Shaquille O'Neal had nothing but praise for the opponent and the officiating.

The only finger he pointed was at himself.

He realizes he needs to do more if the Miami Heat are going to climb out of another 2-0 playoff deficit. Dwyane Wade needs to step up, too.

Ben Gordon scored 27 points and Luol Deng added 26 to lead the Chicago Bulls to a victory Tuesday night and a 2-0 lead over the defending champions in this first-round series.

"I have been around a long time and I've been in all these situations before," O'Neal said. "Basically, the Bulls did what they're supposed to do and protect their home court. We have to play smarter basketball. We got to come with a lot more energy and play with a lot more effort and a lot more passion."

Gordon scored 11 in the third quarter, hitting three 3-pointers, and the Bulls built a 17-point lead. Deng scored 14 in the fourth as Chicago sent Miami halfway to elimination.

O'Neal accused the Bulls of flopping and lashed out at referee Eddie F. Rush after Game 1, but said it was a "perfect game today" for the officials. It was anything but that for the Heat and their superstars.

O'Neal and Wade had subpar performances again after struggling through foul trouble in the opener, finishing with 17 and 21 points, respectively. O'Neal was just 6-for-14 from the floor with eight rebounds. Wade, who led a late charge in Game 1, never really got going, hitting 9-of-19. And both had seven turnovers.

"We really can't make any excuses tonight," O'Neal said. "It was a well played game. They just outplayed us. I had way too many turnovers. They shot the ball extremely well."

Trailing 85-71 through three quarters, the Heat were within seven after Wade's layup early in the fourth, but they had no answer for Deng. Quiet in the first half after scoring 33 in the opener, Deng scored the Bulls' first eight points in the fourth before Thabo Sefolosha hit a jumper that made it 95-82 midway through the quarter.

The best-of-seven series shifts to Miami for two games, with Game 3 Friday night.

"We've been here before, you know what I'm saying?" Miami's Alonzo Mourning said. "I have the utmost confidence in my teammates and this team that we can pick ourselves back up and get back on track."

Home teams that have taken the first two games in a best-of-seven series have gone on to advance 95 percent of the time, but the Heat and Bulls have bucked that trend in recent seasons.

Miami dropped the first two games at Dallas in last year's finals, then won four straight to capture the championship. Two years ago, the Bulls opened with two wins at home over Washington but lost the next four in their first playoff appearance since the Michael Jordan-Scottie Pippen era.

"We've got to be mature enough to understand that Miami has been in this situation," said Deng, who was 2-of-7 with six points in the first half. "We can't relax. We have to keep playing aggressive."

The Bulls fell into this matchup when they lost the season finale to New Jersey and dropped from the second seed to fifth. But what looked like trouble for them has, so far, looked rather easy.

As they did in Game 1, the Bulls beat the Heat with quick passes that led to open looks. They were 43-for-78 overall and 11-of-17 on 3-pointers after shooting an uncharacteristic 3-for-17 from long range in the opener.

"We don't have a choice with our ball movement game," coach Scott Skiles said.

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1	Georgia	97
2	Virginia	90.84
3	Ohio State	89.67
4	Baylor	85
5	NOTRE DAME	78.65
6	North Carolina	74.84
7	Mississippi	72.78
8	UCLA	69.26
9	Illinois	66.41
10	Southern California	65.16
11	Texas at Austin	62.11
12	Oklahoma State	61.57
13	Wake Forest	60.83
14	Louisiana State	58.38
15	Duke	58.23
16	Tulsa	54.91
17	Alabama	54.74
18	Florida State	53.85
19	Florida	52.5
20	Michigan	52.22
21	Pepperdine	51.07
22	Clemson	46.54
23	Boise State	44.22
24	Tennessee, Knoxville	40.93
25	Virginia Commonwealth	39.19

NCAA Women's Tennis ITA Poll

	team	average
1	Stanford	94.18
2	Georgia Tech	88.99
3	Georgia	87.4
4	Florida	84.35
5	Northwestern	80.83
6	NOTRE DAME	79.7
7	Clemson	79.18
8	Southern California	77.53
9	Miami	74.51
10	California	73.9
11	UCLA	70.77
12	North Carolina	70.38
13	William and Mary	60
14	Vanderbilt	59.82
15	Baylor	57.48
16	Fresno State	57.07
17	Wake Forest	48.27
18	Florida State	48.06
19	Arizona State	45.86
20	Texas	44.92
21	Pepperdine	44.59
22	Duke	41.91
23	Texas A&M	37.89
24	Indiana- Bloomington	37.17
25	Michigan	34.38

MIAA Softball Conference Records

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

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NBA



Toronto coach Sam Mitchell smiles as he accepts his NBA coach of the year award Tuesday. Mitchell, a former player for the Indiana Pacers, led the Raptors to a 47-34 record and a playoff berth this season.

Former player wins coach of the year

Associated Press

TORONTO — Former Indiana Pacers player Sam Mitchell was honored as the NBA coach of the year Tuesday after leading the Toronto Raptors to a franchise-record-tying 47 victories and their first Atlantic Division title.

"It's a great honor," Mitchell said. "It floors you. You're thankful. Words just can't express it."

Mitchell won the Red Auerbach Trophy in a decisive vote over Utah's Jerry Sloan. He picked up 49 first-place votes for a total of 394 points in balloting by 128 basketball writers and

broadcasters. Sloan had 301 points followed by Dallas' Avery Johnson with 268.

"We recognized him for it this morning," forward Chris Bosh said. "But the thing I love about him is he said it was a team effort."

Mitchell, the sixth coach in Toronto's team's history, guided the Raptors to an NBA-best 20-game improvement (27-55) over the 2005-06 season. The Raptors trail New Jersey 1-0 in a first-round playoff series, with Game 2 Tuesday night in Toronto.

Mitchell played for the Pacers during 1992-95. The 6-foot-7 forward averaged 6.2 points and 2.9 rebounds

for Indiana in three seasons.

Guard Anthony Parker praised Mitchell for building unity on a team that added nine new faces before the season.

"From the summer, after I signed, his focus was trying to get us all in and get the chemistry going early," Parker said. "Throughout the course of the season we seemed to come together pretty nicely. Sam obviously was a huge part of that."

During a 13-year playing career that ended in 2002, Mitchell was held in high regard around the league as a student of the game. Following two seasons as an assistant, he was hired as

the Raptors' coach on June 29, 2004.

"He's done a great job with the ball club," forward Morris Peterson said Monday. "He's really grown a lot over his first couple of years coaching. If anybody in the NBA deserves it, it's him. He's proved a lot of people wrong."

Guard T.J. Ford said Mitchell puts his faith in the players.

"He's going to give us the structure offensively and defensively, but it's up to us to go out there execute," he said. "He puts it in our hands and lets us control it. He's been great in that aspect."

IN BRIEF

4-year-old OK after taking big hit from receiver

FORT COLLINS — A 4-year-old boy who was inadvertently blitzed by a college football player during a game has 30 stitches in his head, but he's recovering well, his father said Tuesday.

It was the spring youth football festival at Colorado State on Saturday, and Caden Thomas was wandering along the sidelines with his father during the team's intrasquad game. They were near the end zone when wide receiver George Hill, trying to catch a touchdown pass, didn't see the boy in time and crashed into him.

"Well, there's the sickening thud," Caden's father, Michael Thomas, said Tuesday. "I was just tremendously worried about the rest of his life. You make automatic assumptions there will be some damage when you see something that horrific."

The team's trainer and doctor rushed in to help Caden as his father held him and Hill waited nearby,

worried about the little boy. Caden was bleeding from a deep cut on his head, but he was conscious, and his neurological exams were normal.

Rutgers women's hoops team honored with leadership award

ORLANDO — Rutgers coach C. Vivian Stringer and the women's basketball team are the inaugural winners of the Eddie Robinson Leadership Award.

The Board of the National Consortium for Academics and Sports (NCAS) announced the winners on Tuesday.

"Eddie Robinson was a pioneer and his legacy is one that will be remembered for generations to come," Stringer said. "I believe the 10 young women that represent the Scarlet Knights epitomize the leadership and courage coach Robinson taught his players."

The NCAS inducted Robinson in the first class of inductees into its Hall of Fame in 1999. Robinson, who died earlier this month, coached Grambling for 57 years before retiring in 1997 with a Division I-record 408 wins.

Vick misses flight, testimony with Congress

ATLANTA — Michael Vick gets an incomplete from Congress.

The Falcons quarterback was scheduled to lobby on Capitol Hill, hoping to persuade lawmakers to increase funding for after-school programs. But Vick missed a connecting flight in Atlanta and failed to show for his Tuesday morning appearance.

Vick's publicist, Susan Bass, said it wasn't his fault. The quarterback was in Tampa, Fla., on Monday to play in teammate Warrick Dunn's charity golf tournament, then caught a flight to Atlanta that was supposed to arrive in time for him to make another flight to Reagan National Airport in northern Virginia.

But the AirTran flight was late leaving Tampa, Vick missed his connection and wound up stuck in Atlanta, Bass said.

"He was really mad," Bass said.

SMC GOLF

Belles finish in sixth place in MIAA tourney

O'Brien finishes fourth, shoots team-best 80

By KATE ARNOLD
Sports Writer

Although the season may be over, the work has only just begun for the Belles.

Saint Mary's carded a team score of 382 in the third and final round of the MIAA NCAA qualifying tournament to finish sixth in the conference with a total of 1142, 81 strokes behind champion Olivet.

In the first two rounds, held at the Medalist Golf Club in Marshall, Mich., from April 20-21, the Belles scored a 374 and 386, respectively.

Tuesday's final round was held at Tri-State University's Zollner golf course. Saint Mary's finished behind Olivet, Tri-State, Hope, Albion and Kalamazoo.

The Comets won the tournament with a total score of 1061. They will advance to the NCAA Championships held May 8-11 at El Campeon Golf Course at Mission Inn Resort & Club in Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla.

But for Saint Mary's, there was reason for hope.

"The team came with a good attitude, ready to play," Belles coach Mark Hamilton said. "The outlook for next year is

very good."

Shooting a team-best 80 and making 10 pars, captain Katie O'Brien placed fourth overall for individual shooters. The race for first was close, as she finished only five strokes worse

than Albion's Elizabeth Kreger, the medalist for Tuesday's round.

"She has no major weaknesses," Hamilton said of O'Brien.

Sophomore Meridith Fantom followed O'Brien, firing a 93, and placing 19th for individual shooters. Perri Hamma shot a 103, placing 30th.

Meaghan Fontein returned to MIAA play after a semester abroad in Rome by scoring a 106, placing 32nd.

In the final few weeks of the school year, the team will continue practicing and training for next fall, although the schedule will work around the players' finals.

Although competitive play is over, the team remains enthusiastic. Fantom said the Belles hope to compete for a national title in coming years.

"We are all very excited to be one of the top competitors in the fall next year," Fantom said.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Team takes two from Albion



KATE FENLON/The Observer

Saint Mary's first basemen Katie Rashid extends to receive a throw during the Belles' doubleheader sweep of Albion Tuesday.

By REBECCA SLINGER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's is finally .500 in conference.

The Belles beat Albion College 5-3 and 14-1 Tuesday at home to improve their MIAA record to 5-5 and 20-6 overall.

Albion started the game with one run in the first inning and two runs and three hits in the second. Sophomore pitcher Calli Davison pitched a full seven innings, giving up eight hits but just three runs. Sophomore Jenna Hogg and reliever Traci McGwire gave up a total of 11 hits and five runs.

Sophomore first baseman Katie Rashid brought the momentum back on the Belles side as she dove into the splits to tag Briton infielder Morgan Barnes for the third out in the second inning.

With the score 3-0 the team kept chanting "7-0" — a reference to its April 21 comeback

against Olivet, when the Belles scored 13 straight runs to beat the Comets 13-7.

The chanting worked, because the Belles came storming back in the sixth. Freshman outfielder Ashley Peterson hit one out of the ballpark, as did sophomore catcher Ashley Fusaro.

Fusaro's homer also ran in senior Sarah Miesle. With junior McKenna Corrigan and Laura Helene on base, Rashid singled to left centerfield and ran in the two runners. Davison did not give up another hit in the seventh to end the game at 5-3.

The Belles began the second game strong as freshman second baseman Maureen Healy scored on Ashley Peterson's single in the first. MIAA Pitcher of the Week sophomore Kristin Amram held the Britons to four hits. The Britons had their only run in the fourth when Marissa Dickey singled to run in Allison Smart.

The sixth turned into a

marathon inning. The Britons were unable to get a second out, and the Belles' runs multiplied.

"We just had a huge sixth inning and it sucked the life right out of Albion," Belles head coach Erin Sullivan said.

The Belles had nine hits and 12 runs in the sixth. The first three runs scored in the inning were off of Healy's triple which ran in sophomore Cathy Kurczak, Rashid and Corrigan. Fusaro ran in Calli Davison after she was walked by Briton pitcher Christa Scott, who relieved Andrea English.

After Davison scored, Corrigan singled, and Miesle and freshman Ashley Peterson scored. Senior pinch hitter Julie Rowan ran in senior Laura Helene to make the score 11-1.

The Belles continued pounding away at the Britons' poor defense, scoring three more times in the inning before Rowan was out at home and Miesle popped up to second base.

"Kristin Amram had 14 strikes in six innings, so she did a great job and our defense was solid. We were just hitting the ball hard," Sullivan said.

The Britons could not get another hit in the sixth, and the slaughter rule ended the game 14-1.

The Belles tarped the field Tuesday night to make sure it is ready for their game Thursday against MIAA opponent Hope College (21-8, 9-1 MIAA) at 3:30 p.m. at Gainey Field. That game will be a makeup for an April 4 matchup cancelled due to inclement weather.

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Wildcats

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Fuemmeler said. "To be successful you can't leave the ball over the plate, and that just contributed to a long day."

At one point, the senior was forced to work through eight consecutive full counts.

The Wildcats tacked on five more runs against the senior in the top of the fifth before the game was called due to the mercy rule.

"We didn't give enough to win a ball game against anybody tonight," Gumpf said. "We just have to move on. The only way to regroup is to move on."

The Irish will look to bounce

back as they take on the University of Illinois-Chicago Flames tonight at 6:30. The game will be the final contest of the year at Ivy Field and senior day for the four graduating seniors.

"It's a huge game. We don't leave a losing record on Ivy Field,"

Fuemmeler said.

The right-handed pitcher will have even more motivation for tomorrow's game if she faces off against her younger sister Chelsea, a freshman pitcher for the Flames. The younger

Fuemmeler is the third starter for UIC and currently has a 3-12 record in 25 appearances.

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Deanna Gumpf
Irish coach



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Notre Dame shortstop Katie Laing belts a single during Notre Dame's 3-0 victory over Ball State April 18 at Ivy Field. The Irish lost to Northwestern 12-0 Tuesday.

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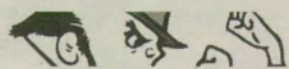
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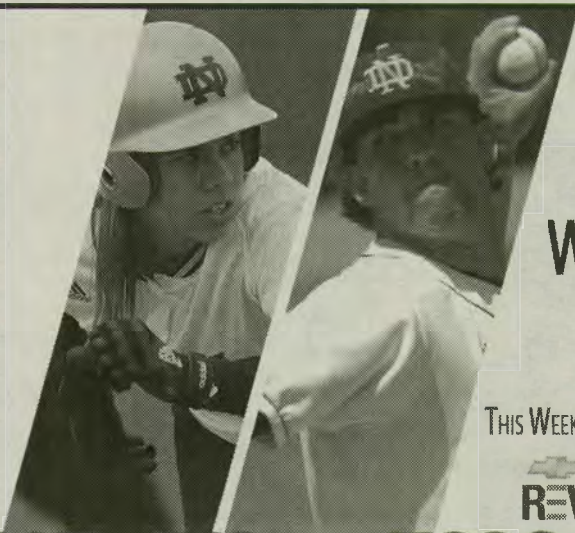


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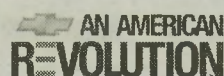


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place Cardinals. The Irish overcame Marquette and Saint John's in the second round, but Louisville's 16-stroke lead left it comfortably ahead of the Irish.

Tuesday's round may have been the last of the season for the Irish, who hope to receive an at-large bid to the NCAA Regionals.

"We're on the bubble right now, but I'd say we're on the outside of the bubble," Isban said.

The fields for three, 27-team regional groupings will be announced May 7, and Isban placed his team's odds of being selected at "about 10 percent."

But if the season is indeed over for the Irish, they went out with a strong finish.

Three Irish players finished in the top 10 on the individual leaderboard after solid final rounds in Louisville. Isban and fellow senior co-captain Adam Gifford ended up tied for fifth with identical scores of three-under-par 213, earning them each All-Big East honors.

Isban joins former Irish player Mark Baldwin as the only three-time All-Big East selections in program history.

"I'll be sad if [my career is] over," Isban said. "But I'm still hoping to see us called for the Regionals."

Sophomore Josh Sandman fired a 68 in the final round to capture 10th place and a spot on the all-conference team alongside Isban and Gifford. Sandman finished with an overall score of one-under-par 215 for the event.

Junior Greg Rodgers, meanwhile, shot a 69 on the final day of play to tie his career low for a round and moving him into a tie for 11th place for the tournament. Freshman Doug Fortner rounded out the field for the Irish with an eight-over-par 224, the second-best three-day mark of his rookie season.

Daryl Fathauer of Louisville won the individual title on his home course, carding a seven-under-par 209 as he led his team to a team score of 20-under-par 844.

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Irish senior

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70, tying them for the lowest round score of the tournament.

The Irish held a six-stroke advantage over Louisville after the first round, but the Cardinals cut the lead in half on the second day. With the win, Louisville recorded its second consecutive Big East title.

By the time the Irish reached Tuesday's back nine, Louisville had neutralized the small lead, and the final nine holes turned into a rollercoaster back and forth between both teams.

The action heated up on the last two holes. Sophomore Lisa Maunu came through with a timely eagle on the last hole, giving the Irish a much-needed boost.

After both teams' scores were added up, they found themselves in a deadlock.

Notre Dame's overall score of 891 (292-302-297) was a season-best mark for a 54-hole tournament.

Both teams headed to the par-four ninth hole for a playoff to decide the champion. Notre Dame shot a one-over-par on the hole, while Louisville scored even par, taking the title.

Freshman Annie Brophy led the way for the Irish over the conference championship with her season-best score of even-par 216 (72-73-71), good enough for third place behind LaCrosse and White. The freshman's final round of one-under-par 71 marked her lowest round of the season.

Irish senior co-captain Noriko Nakazaki followed her team-



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Notre Dame sophomore Lisa Maunu takes a shot in the Irish Invitational Sept. 23.

mate with a tournament performance of three-over-par 219 (73-74-72), ranking her fifth overall in the field of Big East golfers.

Freshman Julie Kim also made significant contributions with her eighth-place score of 12-over-par 228 (72-78-78). Maunu came in a tie for 10th, shooting a 14-over-par 230 (77-77-78). It marked the first time all season that the Irish had four of their five golfers in the top 10.

Rounding out the list for the Irish was freshman Kristin Wetzel, who came in 15th overall in the field of 33 golfers with a score of 19-over-par 235 (75-

82-78).

All five Irish golfers received All-Big East honors for their performances in the three-day tournament. Nakazaki has received the all-conference honors each of her four years with the Irish.

Notre Dame will return to the course for the NCAA Regionals starting May 10, with the main goals of reaching the NCAA Finals.

Irish coach Susan Holt and the players were unavailable for comment Tuesday due to travel.

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- ... 6:15 p.m. Opening remarks from Fr. Jenkins
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SATURDAY, APRIL 28

- ... 9:00 a.m. Breakfast buffet in the Grand Hall of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies
- ... 9:45 a.m. Keynote speech from Fr. Anderson followed by panel discussion
- ... 11:00 a.m. Concurrent presentations of student papers (including roundtable discussions with faculty and students)
- ... Noon Lunch in the Grand Hall of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies
- ... 1:00 p.m. Continue with concurrent presentations of student papers

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- ... Ms. Mary Brosnahan, director of the Coalition for the Homeless in New York City and a 1983 graduate of Notre Dame
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numerous uncontested points within minutes. By halftime, Team 110 gave up just five points to Dropping Trout, leaving the score at a commanding 11-5.

Dropping Trout forward Dave Post spoke at halftime about his team's strategy.

"We need to score more points than the other team," he said.

But Dropping Trout's strategy proved faulty. Though it battled intensely, Team 110 continued to dominate offensively, with guard Pete Dolan sinking several outside shots. Dropping Trout grew physically more aggressive in the second half and earned more points, but also accumulated more fouls. Team 110 forward Mike Henry dominated defensively, allowing the team to finish 21-14.

"It was a dirty, dirty game with a lot of fouls," Team 110 fan Megan Krizmanich said.

Team 110 has great expectations for the next game.

"We're really happy with making it to the Sweet 16 as freshmen, and one sophomore. It's a real honor," Henry said. "One thing's for sure though — we'll definitely be the prettiest team in the Sweet 16."

Craig Fencing 22, We Play for Winabi 20

It was a neck-and-neck competition Tuesday night for top Bookstore teams Craig Fencing and We Play for Winabi, but as both teams lost energy, it was Craig Fencing's heart and hustle that allowed it to grasp the win 22-20.

Prior to the game, We Play for Winabi guard freshman Mike Streit spoke about his team's strategy.

"We drew up a really complex alley-oop play for [forward] Jimmy Wilson. We're planning on catching them off guard and running it on the first possession," he said.

Though the "complex alley-oop play," We Play for Winabi earned the first point off of a fast break. It continued to dominate throughout the first half and never lost the lead. Wilson's stellar defense combined with Joe Statz's dominance in the paint allowed the team to stay in the lead until halftime, when the score was 11-10.

Craig Fencing began to take control deep into the second half. With Mike Kaiser's defensive prowess and Tommy Forr's offensive intensity, the team entered — and left — the second half unstoppable. The game became a physical battle, and each team went into bonus free throw shooting rather quickly.

In the final minutes of the

game, the score 21-20, Forr effortlessly drove into the paint past two defenders to sink the final shot.

Craig Fencing forward Anthony Bartolacci spoke about his team's efforts and expectations for the next round of play.

"We're ecstatic for having made it to the Sweet 16," Bartolacci said. "We've been together since freshman year, and now we're hungry. We'll beat you in basketball, and we'll put up a damn good fence."

While Craig Fencing basked in its victory, We Play for Winabi players spoke about their plans for next year.

"You win some, you lose some," Streit said as he wiped tears from his Rec Specs.

Fan Brianna Muller was hopeful for We Play for Winabi's next season.

"With this year's experience and Mike Streit with his sports goggles, the team definitely will have Specs appeal and will be unstoppable," she said.

Break Yo Neck 21, Nunc Dimittis 17

Break Yo Neck held on to its lead tightly down the stretch to take a hard-fought win over Nunc Dimittis.

Nunc Dimittis, composed of five members of Moreau Seminary, struggled to score at the game's outset against Break Yo Neck's defense. Break Yo Neck worked hard to deny interior passes and force Nunc Dimittis to shoot long jumpers.

After Nunc Dimittis recovered from the poor start to tie the game at 3-3, Break Yo Neck went on an 8-3 run to take a 11-6 lead into the half.

Guard Zack Capozzi led Break Yo Neck with five points at the half, mostly on outside jump shots.

Break Yo Neck's up-tempo offense was key to its success in the first half, and Nunc Dimittis showed a resolve to slow the game down in the second half. With both teams playing in half-court offenses, Nunc Dimittis cut the lead to 13-12.

Break Yo Neck went on a 5-0 run at that point, taking advantage of Nunc Dimittis's foul trouble. Zach Mady led Break Yo Neck offensively on the run, controlling the paint and passing well out of double-teams.

"We weren't very nervous down the stretch," Mady said. "We had a comeback last game and we know what it takes to win."

Nunc Dimittis showed its resiliency yet again, grinding the lead away to 19-17, but a Mady free throw and a layup put away any chance of a comeback and clinched the win.

Mady said the early defense and focus were crucial.

"The intensity and our good hands were really important

for us to win," he said.

South Bend Orthopedics 21, I Can't Believe We're So Butter 16

South Bend Orthopedics used a big second half to beat I Can't Believe We're So Butter 21-16.

The first half was a back-and-forth contest, with neither team seizing a sizeable lead. Both teams had many fouls in the first half, and a Butter free throw gave the team a slim 11-10 lead at the break.

"It's only shots not falling," SBO guard Pat Lopez said at halftime.

Lopez, who led the team in scoring, would see his team's shots start falling in the second half.

Three quick baskets by SBO let the team retake a 13-11 lead, and I Can't Believe We're So Butter slowly fell further behind. SBO stretched the lead to 18-14, working hard on the offensive boards and sharing the ball well to generate points.

Behind more solid play from team members Matt Henry, Tim Capecchi, Joe O'Connell and Casey "Pistol" McGushin, SBO was able to hold off Butter for the 21-17 win.

"It was a very hard-fought game," said O'Connell, the team captain. "They were very physical and attacked our zone well."

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Cardinals

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"Coach wants us to be selective and not get ourselves out," Dury said. "But these guys are college pitchers — they're there for a reason, they're gonna throw strikes."

Starting pitcher Sam Elam turned in a strong 4.1 innings from the mound before Tony Langford took over in the middle of the fifth. Schrage said the coaching staff wanted to save Elam for this weekend's road series against Rutgers, and so Elam came out near the 70-pitch mark. Elam walked two runners in the fifth, allowing both to advance to second and third base, respectively.

Elam hit the next batter and then walked in a run, letting Zach Dygert score.

Langford, who missed all of 2006 with an elbow injury, took the mound with the bases loaded but was able to deliver two strikeouts to end the inning and protect the Irish lead.

The fifth inning brought success again for the Irish offense. Second baseman Jeremy Barnes drove in an RBI for the Irish, and catcher Ryan Smith grounded out to shortstop to send Dressman home.

That was the end of the offensive drive for Notre Dame. Ball State cycled through a total of seven pitchers in the

nine innings, which made it difficult for the Irish to get a handle on their bats.

"It's difficult to hit and get into a rhythm and all," Schrage said. "It's tough on your hitters when you're facing a new guy every time you go up there."

Dury took the mound for the Irish in the eighth with a career ERA of 1.92. Dury, Notre Dame's starting first baseman, hasn't seen action from the mound in more than two weeks. He allowed two runs off three hits before ending the inning.

Dury said he hoped to find more consistency in his pitching and become a stronger all around player for his teammates.

"I haven't been out there in two weeks or so and it was just frustrating," he said. "I made a couple of bad pitches, walked a guy, [it was] just not how I usually throw and it's frustrating. I'll get back to work with coach [Sherard] Klink[scales] and iron some things out, 'cause I want to be one of those guys to come in in that situation, so I just gotta keep proving myself when I get out there."

Even with a few mistakes, Dury continues to be a force for the Irish at first base and on the pitcher's mound.

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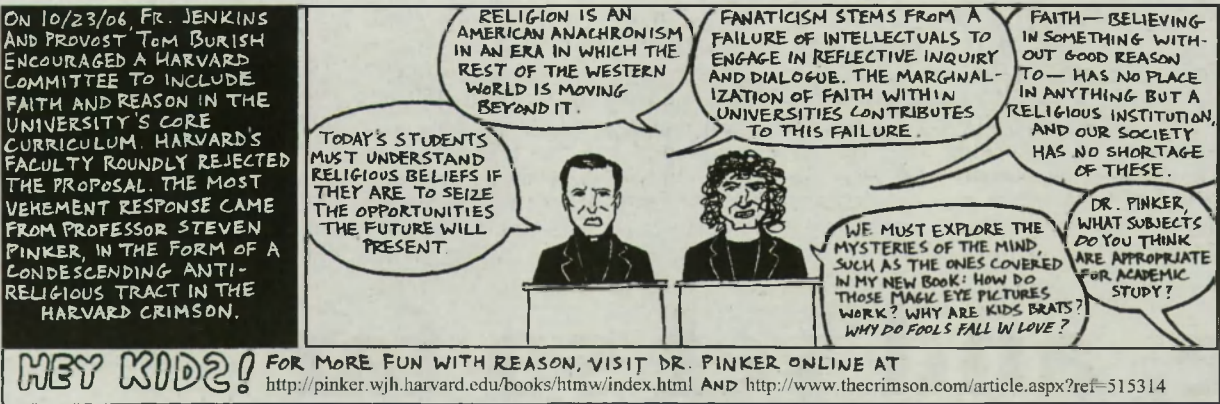
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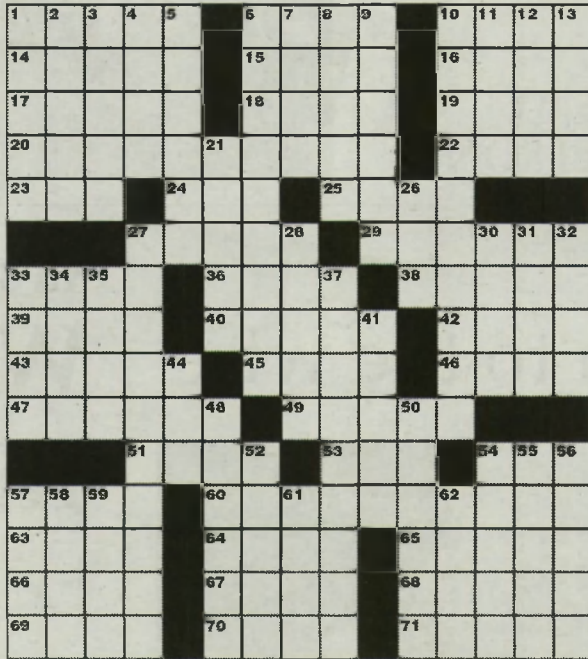
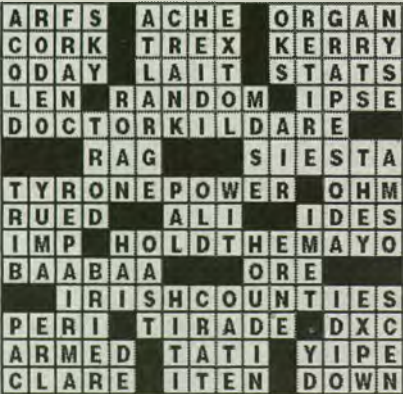
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BASEBALL

Happy at new position, Brezovsky leads team to win

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

The transition from infield to outfield hasn't fazed Ross Brezovsky.

The junior, who had played mainly at second base until this season, has made the transition to left field almost seamlessly, and it's been a boost in the Irish

lineup — as evidenced by Notre Dame's 7-3 win over Ball State Tuesday.

"I just wanted to be in the lineup everyday, so I don't really care where I play as long as I'm on the field," Brezovsky said. "It's been fun. It's been a challenge getting to know how to play everything, where to play and when to dive, when not to dive, but it's been fun and I'm

having fun out there."

Brezovsky opened up scoring for the Irish in the win Tuesday night. After Cardinals starting pitcher Jay Broughton retired from the mound in the middle of the third, leaving three on base, Brezovsky faced Adam Quinn.

Quinn, fresh from the bullpen, looked to finish off Brezovsky, but the Irish outfielder drove in a two-RBI single to put Notre

Dame on the board. Austin Pearce and shortstop Brett Lilley scored off Brezovsky's drive. Lilley, who reached base after being hit by a pitch, is now second in the nation in hits by pitchers.

At 6-foot-9, Quinn posed a threat to the Notre Dame offense, but the Irish bats continued to bring heat in the third. First baseman Mike Dury drove

in a three-run homer to extend Notre Dame's lead to 5-0.

"He threw one at my chest level and I just put a good swing on it and I got it pretty good," Dury said of the hit.

Even though both Brezovsky and Dury turned in solid hits at the plate, Dury said they were up against a formidable bullpen.

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ND GOLF — BIG EAST TOURNAMENTS

So close, and yet so far

Women squander lead, lose to 'Ville in playoff

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Notre Dame squandered a three-stroke lead and lost in a one-hole playoff to Louisville in Tuesday's final round of the Big East championships at the Oxmoor Country Club in the Cardinals' hometown.

Heading into the final round, Notre Dame had a comfortable lead for the top spot, but by the end of the day the Irish fell behind and found themselves finishing second in the conference.

The Cardinals received clutch performances from their stars, with sophomore Cindy LaCrosse and senior Adrienne White greatly aiding them on their way to the victory. Both golfers shot a day-best two-under-par,

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Above, Lisa Maunu lines up a putt. At right, Cole Isban finishes his shot.

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Men card low round but come in second

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame carded the low round of the Big East championships with a 10-under par 278 Tuesday in Louisville, but the host Cardinals' 16-stroke lead heading into the final round was too much for the Irish to overcome.

The Irish finished the three-round tournament in second place, 12 strokes behind Louisville.

"It just wasn't going to happen for us this time," senior co-captain Cole Isban said. "We just had too little, too late."

Notre Dame was never able to rebound after finishing the first day in fourth place, eight shots behind the first-

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXVI

Contests come down to the wire

By ELLYN MICHALAK and
MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writers

Bookstore Basketball returned to the courts Tuesday for Super-Regional Finals games. The action was typified by close games and rough play, with the winners earning a day off before Thursday's Round of 16.

Team 110 21, Dropping Trout 14

With intensity and effort, Team 110 prevailed over Dropping Trout 21-14 in Tuesday night's Bookstore game.

Team 110 wasted no time gaining a substantial lead over Dropping Trout. Forward Andrew Cavanaugh's fast break layups combined with guard Chad Breeden's offensive intensity in the paint allowed Team 110 to score

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Air Force One guard Richard Ybarra dribbles around a Team Jubilee player in AF1's win April 20 at the Bookstore Courts.

ND SOFTBALL

Wildcats shut out Irish at Ivy Field

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Northwestern pitcher Eileen Canney fanned seven Irish batters while picking up her 21st win of the year in a 12-0 shutout Tuesday at Ivy Field.

Canney used her fastball and riser effectively to hold Notre Dame to two hits in her four innings of work.

"I think we chased some bad pitches. I didn't think our timing was that bad — we just chased her rise ball too much," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said.

The No. 8/10 Wildcats posted three runs before Canney even took the field and added three more in their half of the second inning to put Notre Dame in a 6-0 hole out of the gates.

Second basemen Nicole Pauly picked up two of her four RBIs when she doubled with runners

on second and third. The freshman eventually stole home on a first-and-third play to cap off the opening frame.

In the following inning, first basemen Garland Cooper hit an opposite field home run with two outs and two runners on. The blast was her 19th of the year and the 51st of her four-year career.

Northwestern added one more in the third inning against starting pitcher Brittney Bargar before senior Kenya Fuemmeler took over in relief.

Fuemmeler found herself in trouble early when the first three Northwestern batters reached safely. However, she battled back by striking out the side in three long battles.

"They were very selective hitters, and that's just the mark of a good hitting ball club,"

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