Saint Mary's officials approve reading day

Student government succeeds after ten years of proposals

By SARAH NESTOR
Saint Mary’s Edition

Saint Mary’s student government, after trying for 10 years to implement study days into the academic calendar culminated Tuesday afternoon when the Academic Affairs Committee voted to approve the reading day proposal.

“I’m glad that it got passed for the people who will be here next year, but I wish it would have been passed for this semester so seniors could benefit,” said Evelyn Gonzales, senior.

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Student contracts meningitis

By HELENA PATNE
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A local hospital is treating an off-campus Notre Dame student for meningitis, according to University Health Services.

The student became ill Sunday night with a fever and a headache after she returned from a weekend trip. Her housemates took her to the hospital, where she was diagnosed with meningitis, an inflammation of the brain or spinal cord membranes that is contracted through oral and nasal secretions.

Since the student has not been on campus since Wednesday, Health Services workers are confident that few students are at risk of having meningitis, said assistant director Pat Brubaker.

They estimate a total of six people, including her five housemates, have had contact with her since her contraction of a bacterial form of the disease.

“We assume because the symptoms began three days after she went out of town, she might have caught it from somewhere else,” Brubaker said.

Brubaker said it was likely that the student had contracted one of the most common types of bacterial meningitis, Neisseria meningitis, which has no vaccine.

Doctors have treated the student with antibiotics, according to Brubaker.

Health Services alerted the Notre Dame campus in an e-mail Monday. Brubaker said about 50 students have called the office with concerns about whether they could get the disease if they knew one of the six people who had immediate contact with the student.

“This is not one of those germs that can be passed from a secondary contact,” Brubaker said, adding that those who had contact with her received a different type of antibiotic than the student.

Brubaker encouraged all students to get immunized against the strains of meningitis that do have vaccines, pointing out that incidents of meningitis are highest among babies and college freshmen.

“It’s best to catch it early,” she said.

The last reported local college case of meningitis occurred two years ago when Jenny Nemeth, a Holy Cross student, died of bacterial meningitis.

Brubaker said the current case has caused less panic on campus because fewer students were exposed to the student than two years ago and the current student was quickly treated.

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New prosecutor to assume rape trial

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
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FONDUE FUN

A Notre Dame student helps herself Tuesday evening to fondue at South Dining Hall in celebration of Mardi Gras.

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The 'hood

It was always a beautiful day in his neighborhood, but in most places, people barely nod at the family next door. The recent death of Fred Rogers signaled a close in the chapter of the American community, but by practicing the same morals, "Mr. Rogers" held, we can turn the page and write a new story that revives his neighborhood.

In the world of Mr. Rogers, everyone was special. From Mr. McFeely, the mailman, to the puppets of the Neighborhood of Make-Believe. Fred Rogers, who was 74, was a mild-mannered Presbyterian minister from Pittsburgh, who taught his young viewers to respect individuals and how to deal with life's tragedies.

His neighborhood was a small utopia, but today, people rarely have time to sit back and appreciate their communities. When the last time most Americans have even smiled at the person who delivers their mail or invited him or her in for hot chocolate in the winter or lemonade in the summer?

Unfortunately, it's hard to trust the mailman when sometimes you can't even trust the person sending the package.

From 1963 until 2000, "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood" welcomed children to a place where people learned to appreciate the other and conflict was settled through dialogue.

I'll be honest. "Sometimes Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood" wasn't exciting enough for me. People rarely had anything contrary to say and if there was conflict, it was always resolved in the designated time span. Also, I found it hard to believe that Mr. Rogers was never too busy for the random locals who would visit him. At least Sesame Street had a Grouch.

Even so, I compare Mr. Rogers' neighborhood with American communities today and ask if more parts of American society will be able to develop into such a place. Will the family of three living out of a car be able to park next door? And how will the old neighbors who would visit him be able to get past kids playing in the street or the dog running on the lawn?

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The Graduate Student Union moved forward with plans to host an end-of-the-year gala by deciding on which charity its event would support Tuesday.

The campus gala event was held at the Student Union building with music provided by the student band and food provided by local restaurants.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SM C

- VIPSMEC Tax Assistance Program, 3 p.m., Haggar College Center, room 303.
- Irish Dance Lessons, 5:30 p.m., Madeleva Hall, room 231N/AW.
- Adult Children of Alcoholics Meeting, Madeleva Hall, room 317N.

WHAT'S COURSeS

North Dining Hall

Today Lunch: Tortellini with basil cheese sauce, cioppino sauce, baked potato casserole, BBQ chicken.

Today Dinner: Tortellini with basil cheese sauce, cioppino sauce, baked potato casserole, BBQ chicken.

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

NDSP finds cell phone in Lyons Hall

A cellular phone was found Monday in the C1 parking lot and returned to the owner.

Police return license, money to owner:

A license and money were found Monday in the C1 parking lot and returned to the owner.

Student illegally parks in faculty lot:

A student's vehicle was towed Monday for parking in the B1 faculty/staff south lot.

Student falls and goes to hospital:

A student was treated Monday for a fall at a Food Services Support Facility.

NDSP investigates hacker accusations:

A visitor reported Monday that a hacker invaded his computer. NDSP is investigating the case.

Worker suffers from injuries:

NDSP took a student Monday to the University Health Center for treatment of injuries sustained during a fall at a Food Services Support Facility.

-Helen Payne
Speaker recalls drunk driving experience

By MATT BRAMANTI

The tragic aftermath of drunk driving was the topic of Tuesday's presentation entitled "DUI: A Powerful Lesson."

Mark Sterner recalled his spring break trip in 1994, when he was behind the wheel in a drunk-driving accident that left three of his friends dead and one injured.

Sterner, then a 21-year-old senior at Johnson and Wales University in Rhode Island, was seriously injured in the crash. His blood alcohol level was at .17, more than twice the legal limit of .08.

Sterner showed a home video of the friends made the night of the accident. The five, all members of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, had spent their spring break week on Sanibel Island, Fla.

For the first five days of the trip, the students took turns acting as designated driver. But on the last night, they decided that Sterner would be America's Law and Order when he returned.

"DUI: A Powerful Lesson," Sterner said.

Sterner urged students not to take stock of many different areas of student life, "You've heard the saying 'time heals all wounds.' If you've ever made a mistake, there's nothing you can do about it."

"We were just guys dancing with a football and no moves," Sterner said.

The tape goes on to show the group driving erratically, reaching speeds of 100 miles per hour. Sterner left the room during the video, and reappeared in an orange prison-issue jumpsuit with the "County Jail" printed on the back.

Following the video, which ends about 15 minutes before the accident, Sterner discussed the accident. Later that night, as the group was traveling home from a bar, their rented Lincoln went off the road and struck a tree at about 60 miles per hour. Four of the vehicle's occupants — including Sterner — were ejected. One passenger was crushed to death in the mangled car, and two were instantly killed when they struck a tree.

Sterner recalled waking up in the hospital, nearly two weeks after the accident.

"I didn't know where I was or how I got there," he said.

He soon received the news of his friends' deaths. While still recovering in the hospital, he was charged with three counts of manslaughter, carrying a possible maximum sentence of 45 years in prison.

"It was the only time in my life I've seen my father cry," Sterner said.

He was found guilty and sentenced to two years in prison and twelve years probation. He recalled his daily prayers for safety during his incarceration.

"Prison is over, probation will be over, but...my nightmares will never go away," Sterner said.

Sterner urged students not to make his mistake.

"You've heard the saying 'time heals all wounds.' If you've ever made a mistake, there's nothing you can do about it," Sterner said.

"When you go away on spring break, come back."

PILLARS and the Office of Drug and Alcohol Education sponsored this presentation.

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Study reveals fresh views on academic success and social life

By WILL PUCKETT

Freshmen at Notre Dame are more interested in politics and other academic pursuits, while being less interested in partying, drinking and smoking, as compared to national averages, according to a recently released nationwide survey.

The survey, headed by the American Council on Education and the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA, attempts to take stock of student life, academically, socially, economically and morally.

While various elements of the University may look at the results and evaluate them as they see fit, there is evidently no further use of the survey's report at Notre Dame.

"While the First Year program and other various groups do keep an eye on the trends and where students stand on an issue, there's really nothing more to it than that," said Donna Brown, associate director of news and information.

Brown also advised that the figures were consistent with the university's current political mood of the nation.

Brown said that most of the survey's topics are time-proven issues, often overlooked on college campuses across the nation, with 1 percent of freshmen reporting frequent smoking, compared with 7 percent nationally.

Drinking statistics were more in line with national norms, while still being below average. Nationwide, 53 percent of freshmen consumed wine or liquor and 46 percent drank beer. At Notre Dame, those numbers are 46 percent and 41 percent, respectively.

One possible reason for the slight dip in numbers is the 42 percent of freshman students who indicated they partied not at all or less than one hour a week, compared with 36 percent nationally.

Brown said that most of the survey's findings could be ascribed to shifting interests in the attention of the population as a whole.

"Society changes, time over time, and people's day to day are more attuned to politics," he said, adding that the survey results may well change public opinion, such as the possible war on terrorism, global economic problems, and hotly contested national elections.

Brown also advised that students should take the results within its context.

"The survey is scientific and very well done, but it's still only a survey," he said.

The ACE survey is designed to profile the political and social views — and the economic and religious backgrounds — of America's college freshmen. This year's survey is based on the responses of 282,549 first-year, full-time freshmen at 437 four-year colleges and universities, including more than 1,700 members of Notre Dame's 2002-2003 freshman class.

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Graduate Student Union

Members approve gala charity event

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

The Graduate Student Union moved forward with plans to host an end-of-the-year gala by approving the charity the event would support during their meeting Tuesday.

Representatives considered six possible charities researched by Eugene Walls, human diversity committee chairperson, including La Casa de Amistad, Reins of Life, Refugee and Immigration Services of South Bend, theYWCA Women's Shelter, Sex Offense Services and the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

After minimal debate, representatives selected Refugee and Immigration Services of South Bend, the YWCA Women's Shelter came in a close second.

The event is scheduled to take place April 25 at the downtown South Bend Marriott's grand ballroom. GSU anticipates that 400 people will attend and it will raise $2,000 for the charity from ticket sales and a raffle with prizes donated from area merchants. GSU has also signed a contract with the Cardinal Bus Company to provide transportation to and from the event.

"TGSU representatives will certainly be seeing more on this as the day goes on," said Tim Dale, president of GSU. "I'm really hoping to generate interest. I'm encouraging you to talk this up within your departments.

Invitations for the event will be mailed out to all graduate students at the end of the month, Dale said.

In other GSU news:

• Representatives debated and unanimously passed a resolution decreasing the maximum amount of reimbursement for travel expenses.

• GSU Co-Vice President Misty Schiebel are advised the council on Grad-Tax Lobbying Day, a nationwide event held in Washington, D.C. last month to encourage Congress to reinstate tax exemption status for graduate student stipends.

Currently, graduate students are focusing their attention on several "target" Congressmen who they believe may support such a bill. These include Charles Grassley, R-IA, Dianne Feinstein, D-CA, and Rick Santorum, R-PA, in the Senate and Bill Thomas, R-GA, Mark Foley, R-FL, Ben Cardin, D-MD, Sandy Levin, D-MI, Phil English, R-PA, and Rob Portman, R-OH, in the House of Representatives.

If anyone has any contact or lives in the state where these major senators and representatives live, please write a letter," Schiebel said.

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Filmaker visits Saint Mary's

By SARAH NESTOR
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Freelance filmmaker Hope Hall visited Saint Mary's Tuesday, showing three of her short documentary films and discussing her craft and life.

Hall's presentation, "The Craft of Creative Nonfiction Filmmaking," featured her films. "This is for Betsy Hall," "10 Seconds in Our Life" and the "Art of the Motorcycle.

Although Hall focuses on creating documentaries she said that a line could not be drawn between what is considered fiction and what is nonfiction.

According to Hall, all films are subjective.

"You can't ever really get anything (that) real when the camera is there," Hall said.

Hall began her professional film career at VH1, working on the one-hour "Behind the Music" segments but found that she did not enjoy this.

"It was disastrous for me to work in a place where no one cared about what they were making and were just following a formula," Hall said.

Hall's most recognized work is the short film "This Is for Betsy Hall," which received Honorable Mentions at the Sundance Film Festival.

The film is about Hall's biological mother's struggle with anorexia and bulimia. The film gives only a glimpse of the painful impact that her mother's disease had on her family and daughter, which she abandoned and how this has affected the daughter and family she left behind years before.

Hall is based in New York City and has worked with the Guggenheim Museum and MTV on recent projects.

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Bush administration softens on resolution stance

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
With other nations' opposition hardening, the Bush administration left open the possibility Tuesday that it would not seek a United Nations vote on its war-making resolution if the measure was clearly headed for defeat.

U.S. troop strength in the Persian Gulf neared 300,000, and President Bush and his advisers were haranguing allies in a last- minute shakedown in the U.N. to make plans for a public relations buildup to potential war with Iraq.

One option under serious consideration was a Bush giving Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein a final ultimatum, perhaps with a short-term deadline, in an address next week, two senior White House officials said.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, stressed that a variety of options are on the table and all depend on the outcome of a U.S.-led Security Council debate on the U.S.-backed war resolution. In a new blow, Russia's top diplomat said Moscow may use its veto against the measure.

Even without a veto from Russia, China or France, the United States still doesn't have the nine votes needed to win approval of the resolution, according to senior officials on both sides of the debate.

Many undecided council members are looking for reassurances from Secretary of State Colin Powell, in an interview with RTL television station, that Saddam Hussein's government is complying with the United Nations Security Council resolution and that the United States is not planning a broad invasion or a new war.

Powell said Tuesday he is prepared to hold talks with other nations before the vote is resolved one way or another, but Bush will intensify the pressure unless Saddam begins to cooperate at least minimally soon to avert a war.

Meanwhile, Bush telephoned the leaders of Turkey and Egypt to discuss his plans. And officials said Powell had had two telephone conversations and a one-on-one meeting in recent days with Mexican Foreign Minister Luis Ernesto Derbez in his search for Mexican support.

The talks were with the oldest and newest members of the quartet of nations that form the U.S. leading group - the United States, Britain, France and Germany.

Philippines

Backpack bomb kills 21, injures 145 in Philippine airport

Associated Press

MANILA
A bomb planted inside a backpack ripped through an airport terminal in the southern Philippines on Tuesday, killing 21 and injuring 145 as Asia's worst terrorist attack in three years.

The blast comes at a time of heightened concern in the Philippines, where Muslim insurgents have battled the government for decades with attacks, bombings and kidnappings.

The Army's oldest armored division was among the wounded. Two of the 147 who were injured - many of them in serious condition - died overnight to bring the death toll to 21. There were no reports of recent deaths but the earlier fatalities included a boy, a girl, 10 men and seven women.

President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, who invited U.S. and British forces to cooperate in an investigation, said the bombing at Davao airport on Mindanao island was "a brazen act of terrorism which shall not go unpunished." President Bush condemned the attack as a "wanton terrorist act" and sent condolences to the people of the Philippines.

Powell waves outside the State Department in Washington Tuesday, Powell said that the U.S. will probably push a vote on the war resolution at an opportune time if Saddam Hussein does not comply with U.N. regulations.

"The particular package that we've been talking to them about was predicated on assistance and cooperation in any plan for the use of force against Iraq," Fleischer said.

Until Tuesday, the spokesman had suggested part of the package would be available to Turkey regardless of whether 62,000 American troops are allowed in the country. White House officials said they were turning up pressure on Turkey in hopes that the parliament would grant the U.S. request on a second vote.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Bush Medicare plan gets cool reception: Republican lawmakers showed the same disdain for President Bush's latest Medicare prescription drug plan Tuesday as they did his first one a month ago, promising that after two failed attempts by the White House they will write their own plan with bigger benefits for older Americans. The administration spent the day explaining facets of the proposal, which offers a general outline but leaves specifics to Congress.

Relatives sue over nightclub tragedy: Relatives of two people killed in the Rhode Island nightclub fire sued the band Great White and the club's owners Tuesday in what is believed to be the first lawsuit filed over the deadly blaze. The wrongful death suit was filed by the families of Tina Ayer, 33, of Warwick and Donald Rodrigues, 46, of Fall River, Mass.

Molten aluminum found on shuttle tiles: Molten aluminum was found on Columbia's thermal tiles and inside the leading edge of the left wing, bolstering the theory that the shuttle was destroyed by hot gases that penetrated a damaged spot on the wing, the accident investigation board said Tuesday. Roger Tetrault, a board member, said he suspects the melting occurred because of the penetrating gases and also because of the intense heat of falling through the atmosphere.

Panel calls on Pa. governor for moratorium: Executions should be stopped in Pennsylvania until the state can study how they affect death penalty sentences, a committee appointed by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court said in a report released Tuesday. The 550-page report by the Committee on Racial and Gender Bias in the Justice System calls on Gov. Ed Rendell and the court to order the moratorium. Blacks make up 62 percent of Pennsylvania's 242 death row inmates but only 10 percent of the state's general population.
Saint Mary’s vigil encourages healing after rape

By ANNE LISE WOOLFORD

In honor of Women’s Month, several Saint Mary’s student groups sponsored “Take Back the Night,” an annual event to raise awareness of sexual violence.

“It’s basically reclaiming ground we should be allowed to do what we want without repercussions or fearing sexual assault,” said junior Jackie Zins, primary organizer of the event. “It helps raise awareness on our campus and shows that we won’t tolerate it.”

Take Back the Night marches and similar events have occurred since the 1970’s, said Catherine Pittman, faculty advisor to Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination.

“They are an active way to protest the fact that women don’t feel safe and a way of expressing their resentment of having to give up their freedom,” she said. “Women want the night back, and they join together with men to try to reclaim it during these marches.”

Tuesday’s march began at 6:45 p.m. outside of LeMans Hall. A group of approximately 20 women visited areas on campus to pray and share readings. During the walk, participants chanted, sang and lit candles to display their encouragement.

A rally and bonfire were held at 7:45 p.m. at the Saint Mary’s soccer field. Patrick Drury, advocate and coordinator from Sex Offense Services of Madison Center and Hospital, spoke at that time.

Drury talked about the problem of sexual assault and the effect it has on everyone. “It happens to us, to loved ones and to people we care about,” he said. “It’s not just a women’s issue, it’s a human’s issue. If men aren’t involved as part of the solution, then the problem will never truly be solved.”

Although Drury had participated in other Take Back the Night events, this was his first at Saint Mary’s.

“I think it’s a wonderful program. It’s a great way to give survivors a chance to be supported,” he said.

Following the speech, anyone who had been targeted with sexual violence was invited to share her experience. Trained S.O.S. volunteers were available for additional support.

Based on the success of the past two years, Pittman is optimistic that the event will continue to be a tool helping women safely fight against sexual violence.

“Women who have been assaulted often show up at these marches without telling anyone what has happened to them,” she said. “I have had students tell me that it is a very healing experience.”

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Lecture focuses on Catholic scandals

By NATALIE BAILEY

Margaret O’Brien Steinfels, former editor of Commonweal and current member of the Catholic Common Ground Initiative, focused on the recent problems the Catholic Church has had with sexual abuse in her opening lecture for the Center for Spirituality’s Lenton Lecture Series on “The Suffering from Self-Inflicted Wounds: Church Concerns.”

“Over the past year we have become aware of the suffering that the Church inflicts upon its members,” O’Brien Steinfels said. “Including the children who were abused, the parents of the victims and the priests who suffer from guilt and remorse.”

O’Brien Steinfels reported having experienced a keen sense of loss and stinging sense of betrayal in the audiences she has spoken with about this topic.

“Faith is distinctly Catholic,” she said. “And our confidence in this has been deeply shaken.”

O’Brien Steinfels wanted to bring an awareness and understanding to the current situation of the Church.

“It is hard to grasp how naïve we have been about our Church leaders.”

Margaret O’Brien Steinfels
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“Make an effort to inform the Vatican of the seriousness of this problem,” she said. “This was the first of three lectures the Sisters of the Holy Cross will sponsor this Lent. The next Lenten Lecture will be March 18 at 12:15 p.m. Pauline Viviano, theology professor at Loyola University Chicago, will speak on the topic “From Punishment to Redemption: Suffering in the Bible.”

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Martha Stewart Living suffers

In Brief

SEC asked to probe bankers trust

Two House lawmakers have asked the Securities and Exchange Commission to investigate tax schemes designed by Bankers Trust, one of several outside advisers to Enron Corp., that helped the failed energy merchant inflate its reported income by millions. Bankers Trust was among the investment banks, accounting firms and law firms that advised the now-bankrupt energy-trading company on the complex transactions that stretched the legal boundaries of the tax code.

Auto stocks slide in demand slump

Shares of the world’s largest automakers and their suppliers slumped Tuesday after U.S. vehicle sales for February came in below expectations a day earlier and a top industry analyst said vehicle demand may slump in the United States for several years. Deutsche Bank Securities analyst Rod Lache on Tuesday said in a research report. "Recent cuts in sales forecasts for GM, Ford and Chrysler, as well as suppliers Delphi Corp. and Visteon Corp., from “hold” to “sell.” "Recent developments have led us to become increasingly pessimistic on the downside risk to profitability for U.S. automakers over the next few years," Lache said in a research report.

United Oks more employee stock sales

United Airlines said Tuesday it would allow the sale of a third of its remaining employee-held shares, retaining a key tax benefit but setting the stage for the demise of its controversial employee stock ownership plan. Citing IRS assurances that the sale would not jeopardize a huge tax write-off it needs to help in its recovery, the bankrupt carrier said State Street Bank & Trust could sell an additional 3.9 million shares of stock in United parent UAL Corp. But United indicated the stock sales are likely to lower the employee ownership below 20 percent, triggering "sunset" provisions that would eliminate key elements of the 9-year-old employee stock ownership plan.

Housing market may slow down

The insider trading investigation surrounding Martha Stewart is taking a toll on her namesake company, contributing to the media and retailing company’s first-quarter loss and projections of larger losses ahead.

Among the fallout at Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, an expected 25 percent decline in advertising pages for the company’s flagship Martha Stewart Living magazine during the first three months of this year. "Certain advertisers are opting to wait until they see the resolution of the investigations involving Martha before committing to run pages," said president and chief operating officer Sharon Patrick said Tuesday during a conference call to discuss the company’s fourth-quarter earnings and outlook for the first quarter.

For three months ending Dec. 31, the company lost $2.0 million, or 3 cents per share, in contrast to a profit of $5.7 million, or 13 cents per share, in 2001. The results marked the fifth straight quarter the company reported a net loss for any quarter since it went public in 1999. Excluding a $7.7 million restructuring charge related to its Internet/direct commerce division, the company earned 6 cents per share in the fourth quarter — putting it ahead of the 3 cents per share that analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call had forecast on a comparable basis.

But the company warned of more difficulties ahead, saying it expects a first-quarter loss of 6 cents to 8 cents per share. Analysts were looking for a profit of 3 cents a share in the first quarter. Along with the ad

WASHINGTON

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Tuesday that the high-flying housing market is likely to lose a bit of altitude this year. That could slow consumer spending, among other things, one of the economy’s few bright spots, he cautioned.

A sharp mortgage refinancing boom and rising home values have been key pillars supporting consumer spending, the main force keeping the economy going. Greenspan said an expected cooling on the refinancing and home appreciation fronts could turn homeowners into more cautious consumers.

"The frenetic pace of home equity extraction last year is likely to appreciably simmer down in 2003, possibly notably lessening support to household purchases of goods and services," Greenspan said in a speech delivered via a satellite video link to the Independent Community Bankers of America meeting in Orlando, Fla.

A copy of his speech was distributed in Washington.

Private economists largely agreed with Greenspan’s assessment, saying that the super-brisk pace of refinancings and home-price appreciation seen in recent years probably will slow, which could restrain buying behavior.

"Low mortgage rates still represent a stimulus to the housing mar- ket and there is still a population of people out there who are tempted to buy or refinance the home they own because of low mortgage rates," said Bill Cheney, chief econ- omist at, John Hancock.

"But in terms of growth rates — in home refinancing, home sales and home values — you can’t look for a whole lot of increase," he added.
An international coalition led by the United States will soon use military force to disarm and oust Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq. This war is necessary, just and unjust on strategic, legal and moral grounds.

War is horrific and unpredictable. Military force should be used only after reasonable alternatives have been exhausted. Yet war is sometimes the least bad option. History offers tragic examples of what happens when good people avoid necessary wars. European appeasement of Hitler in 1938 might be ancient history to some, but the last decade witnessed the reckless response of the international community in both the Balkans (where Serb aggression left 200,000 Bosnians dead) and Rwanda (where 800,000 civilians were slaughtered). The strategic need to disarm Iraq of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) is twofold. First, a nuclear-armed Saddam Hussein would pose huge risks to regional and global stability. Specifically, Saddam believes WMD would give him a freer hand to conquer his neighbors (as tried with Iran and Kuwait) and control the region's vast oil reserves. He might be deterred from using WMD directly against the U.S., but Saddam's record of reckless miscalculation is not encouraging. The second strategic danger is that al Qaeda and other terrorists will acquire WMD in cooperation with Iraq and then use these weapons in a catastrophic, deterioration logic. Simply does not apply to suicidal terrorists bent on murdering millions.

Critics dismiss the possibility of an al Qaeda-Iraqi link on the grounds that Islamic extremists would not ally with a secular despot like Saddam. However, Osama bin Laden called for cooperation with Iraq to oust its "lawless" regime. In 1996, America and Colin Powell presented concrete evidence of a substantial al Qaeda cell in Baghdad. Given Saddam's history of supporting terrorists, a growing al Qaeda-Iraqi link is likely and troubling. For the people of evidence does justify war on strategic grounds. The rest of us must identify a tipping point when the risks of inaction outweigh the risks of preventive war. After Sept. 11, inaction based on underestimating the terrorist threat appears far riskier and deadlier. The legal basis for disarming Iraq is clear and compelling. Saddam has failed to show that he has eliminated existing WMD programs and stockpiles. No serious observer believes Saddam is committed to disarmament. International law requires that he be disarmed by force.

In April 1991, at the end of the Gulf War, the U.N. Security Council passed Resolution 687, which demanded that Iraq eliminate its WMD programs. In Nov. 2002, after 11 years of Iraqi obstruction and deception and 15 additional resolutions demanding Iraqi compliance, the Security Council unanimously passed Resolution 1441. It offered Iraq a "final opportunity" to voluntarily disarm but stated that any false or incomplete claims by Iraq, its weapons declarations and failures to cooperate at "any time ... to cooperate fully," would constitute a "material breach" of the resolution and be met with "serious consequences" (diplomatic speak for war). Chief U.N. inspector Hans Blix has since reported that Iraq submitted an incomplete weapons declaration, failed to cooperate on multiple issues, and has made the fundamental decision to disarm. Blix's most recent judgment: "The results in terms of disarmament have been very limited so far." Disarmament through inspections has failed. The plea to "just give inspectors a chance" reveals collective amnesia or delusion about the last decade. The French desire for more inspections is particularly galling given that France spent the 1990s undermining the inspection regime and signing oil contracts with Saddam's regime. Similarly, the call to beef-up the inspection teams microscopizes the U.N.'s mission and mistakenly shifts the burden of proof from Saddam to the international community. Inspectors are in Iraq to verify and confirm Iraq's voluntary disarmament, not to play hide-and-seek. The international community has tried everything within reason to enforce the law — diplomacy, sanctions, embargoes, positive inducements and even limited air strikes. When war comes, it will have been long overdue. A war against the Iraqi regime will be morally just. Ultimately one's own moral compass determines whether liberating the Iraqi people from the world's most brutally repressive dictator is a cause worth fighting for. The well-intentioned claim that the Iraqis people prefer the status quo to foreign intervention flies in the face of both logic and evidence. Would mothers and fathers forced to watch their daughters raped by Saddam's henchmen oppose regime change? How much credence should we give to interviews with civilians who, under the gaze of Iraqi agents, pledge to defend Saddam? The voices of Iraqi dissenters who risked their lives to escape Saddam's bloody grip — and who are busy beseiging the U.S. and anyone else who will listen to help liberate their country — are a better barometer of the wishes of the Iraqi people.

After a century of incremental but insidious violations of human rights, the just war tradition has established humanitarian intervention as a morally legitimate reason to wage war. According to just war scholar Michael Walzer, a dictatorial regime deserves toppling when it "turns savagely upon its own people" and undertakes "acts which shock moral conscience." Saddam Hussein is responsible for over a million Iraqi deaths through torture, execution and war. In a country of just 22 million people, the level of brutality is almost unprecedented in modern history. It is particularly surprising and tragic that many anti-war demonstrators dismiss the moral obligation for regime change in Iraq: If a just war aims to block evil, restore peace and defend human rights, then Iraq is the model. No matter how bad things go in the war (and there are good reasons to be optimistic), it is hard to imagine that post-Saddam Iraq will not be a much freer, safer and better place to live. War in Iraq is necessary, legal and morally justified. The war should be as multilateral as possible, fought with every effort to minimize civilian and military casualties and followed by a robust commitment to build democracy and improve the lives of the Iraqi people. But the time for war has come.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"Monologues' objectify

It's time to stand up for women; it's time to affirm the beauty and dignity of women everywhere. But in order to respect women as they demand and deserve, we cannot reduce them to a few numbing statistics. Women are not just Monologues, they are beautiful and unique. They are more than the portrayal of degradation in the false guise of "end-ing violence.

The phrase "end" in the phrase "end violence" may be valid and meaningful; raising awareness of violence against women is an important cause. However, the word "Monologues" is false and misleading. It degrades the dignity of women. The word "Monologues" is not the right way to recognize the importance of women. It is time to raise awareness of proper treatment for women and put an end to the objectification of women.

Furthermore, the expression "end violence" is not enough. We need to raise awareness of all forms of violence and promote respect for women worldwide. It's time to end violence against women and girls everywhere, so that all women can live in safety and dignity.

Jim Lee

Remember death penalty's injustice during Lenten season

As Catholics begin their Lenten journey, as we prepare for Easter, the message of the Gospel reminds us that love is to be the cornerstone of our lives. The Lenten season is a time for self-examination and repentance, a time to seek forgiveness for our sins and to prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter. It is also a time to reflect on the death penalty and the injustice it represents.

The death penalty is a form of capital punishment, wherein a person is executed by the state as punishment for a crime. The use of the death penalty is deeply rooted in various cultures and religious traditions, but its morality and effectiveness continue to be debated by many individuals and organizations.

The Catholic Church has traditionally opposed the death penalty, viewing it as a form of punishment that is inconsistent with the Church's teaching on the inherent dignity of every human being. The Church teaches that life is sacred and that no one should be deprived of it without just cause.

In recent years, the Catholic Church has continued to speak out against the death penalty, calling for its abolition and for the protection of human rights in general.

The death penalty is not only a moral issue, but also a social issue. It affects the lives of many people, including the victims of violence, their families, and the communities in which they live. It is a form of punishment that is disproportionately used against marginalized communities and those who are already vulnerable.

The Catholic Church teaches that we are called to be agents of justice and to work for the common good. This includes advocating for the abolition of the death penalty and for policies that promote the protection of human life and dignity.

As we enter the Lenten season, let us prayerfully reflect on the death penalty and its impact on our society and on the lives of those affected by it. Let us seek forgiveness for our sins and ask for the grace to work for the abolition of the death penalty and for the promotion of just and compassionate policies that promote the protection of human life and dignity.
The Onion interviews the most infamously persistent entertainers from the past. By SARAH VABULAS Assistant Scene Editor

The Onion, a satirical weekly publication printed and posted online 47 times a year on Thursdays, comes through once again, proving that humor, even that of the most abrupt and crude variety, rules all. The Onion A.V. Club, the longstanding name for The Onion’s entertainment section has released its first hard copy collection of the interviews featured weekly in The Onion, both on and offline. "The Tenacity of the Cockroach — Conversations with Entertainment’s Most Enduring Outsiders" assembles 68 of its best interviews with prominent former celebrities, who in some cases desperately try to sneak their way back into the limelight of stardom.

The A.V. Club’s interviews are most commonly featured on The Onion Web site, or found on the back pages of The Onion hard copy newspaper. Over 1.5 million people read both editions of The Onion on a weekly basis. This division of The Onion features Question & Answer interviews with entertainers, essays and reviews of movies, music and books, as well as the Savage Love column and the comic strips "Red Meat" and "Pathetic Geek Stories."

The editor, Stephen Thompson, compiled the most popular and pungent interviews conducted for The Onion through the years, to form this highbly entertaining, witty super-book of notori­ous propor­tions. The title of the book originates from a quote found in the interview with Henry Rollins, a former actor, musician, and writer, who said, "I had 18 minutes instead of 3 because of tenacity, the will of the cockroach."

This book features, instead of the usual young, shining faces of the entertainment industry, the over 30, somewhat faded celebrities who were once in the public eye and prominent in Hollywood, now found forgotten by mainstream media and the general public. These entertain­ers and storytellers, thanks to The Onion A.V. Club, have once again found themselves offering colorful conversation and insight to the masses by reliving their glory days of fame and fortune.

These interviews reveal struggles from childhood years as well as highlight the pinnacle of each celebrity’s career, while maintaining the puns and other hilar­ity expected from a publication associated with The Onion.

"It’s never over. You never really feel like you’ve made it."
Conan O’Brian
Talk Show Host

"Yes, we sold 15 million records and made a movie, but I was talking into a lot of things, like writing a slow song and wearing baggy pants."
Vanilla Ice
Singer

"I’m telling these guys, ‘Why you gotta grab your crotch?’ Then you see Michael Jackson grabbing his crotch 50 times. What’s with him?"
Lawrence Tureaud
Mr. T

The interviews date back up to 10 years ago, featuring everything from an interview with Lawrence Tureaud, more famously known as Mr. T, first printed in October 1993, to more recent interviews with people like Kiss rock star Gene Simmons in March 2002.

The book also features John Waters; Tom Waits, Pam Grier, Chuck Jones, David Lee Roth, Joan Jett, George Carlin, Conan O’Brien, Alice Cooper, Vanilla Ice, “Weird Al” Yankovic and many more celebri­ties, who seemed more than ready and excited to jump back into the spotlight, if even for a moment. The collection also boasts conversations, grouped by tone to segue from anger and resignation to joy and contentment.

Also featured are five stops on the career path of Bob Odenkirk and David Cross, the masterminds of the HBO sketch-comedy series Mr. Show. The interviews appear in chronological order to provide something of a counter-narrative for their evolving battles that shed light on dealings surrounding the struggles between entertainers for creative ideas in the television industry. "Weird Al" periodically jumps in to give his insight on his friends and heroes.

The interviews uncover many of the answers to the questionable rumors that have been floating around since the height of each icon’s career, while presenting how each perceived the era and the events surrounding his or her fame.

The compilation provides fans a wonderful insight into the deeper thoughts and feelings of some once shy and taciturn celebrities, who during their reign would dismiss all rumors or alleged perceptions of the world around them. Or in the case of the more outspoken personality, the interviews provide a deep­er look into the unanswered questions of the former notoriety in each of their lives.

"The Tenacity of the Cockroach — Conversations with Entertainment’s Most Enduring Outsiders" by The Onion A.V. Club (Three Rivers Press, December 2002) can be pur­chased at any local bookstore or online at www.theonionavclub.com.

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Audioslave rocks the Riviera

By MATT ZATORSKI
Scene Writer

A 65-year-old woman walked on stage in front of roughly 1,500 screaming rock fans. "Are you ready for the best (expletive) band in the universe?" she said. The crowd responded with a resounding roar.

If seeing Tom Morello's mother come out before their performance wasn't enough, Audioslave made sure everyone in attendance got their money's worth with a setlist that included much of their debut album of the same name in addition to several new songs. Their performance at Chicago's Riviera Theatre Thursday was a bit of a departure for the members of Audioslave, who in previous musical lives played in front of tens of thousands of people. Fortunately, they still played as fried and as alive, with only the scenery changing.

Audioslave is the lovechild of two of the most important bands of the '90s. Chris Cornell, guitarist of Soundgarden in late 2001. After many jam sessions and even more rumors that their self-titled debut albums would never be released, Audioslave hit the shelves Nov. 19, 2002. Since its release, it has already sold well over 750,000 copies. Their two radio singles, "Cochise" and "Like a Stone," have had heavy radio airplay.

With every show on the tour sold out, Audioslave has been destroying venues around the country. Opening with "Gasoline," the band ripped through the first three songs of the set, stopping for air only when some over-excit ed fans recovered from their fall into the gap between the barrier and the stage. The band played extremely well together, firing on all cylinders at a frenzied pace that the crowd could barely keep up with.

One of the highlights of the evening was Tom Morello's guitar solo on "Like a Stone." Morello showed why he has even garnered comparisons to Jimmy Hendrix, the ax-master himself. Morello, put quite simply, can summon any sound he wants from his guitar, making up technically for any shortcomings melodically. Cornell couldn't help smiling and bowing when Morello finished his wailing solo.

The band saved its other hit-single, "Cochise," for the closing of the encore, sending everyone off with a thrashing, four-minute-long shakedown. Cornell proved his worth as a frontman, visiting every stop on the vocal highway as he shredded his tired vocal chords. Commerford's ragging baseline matched Morello's lead measure for measure as Audioslave emptied the tank in a simply great rock performance.

A surprise song was a cover of Funkadelic's "Super Stupid." Their group has integrated their song into their set, and will likely give a repeat performance at future shows. This cover was much better than any Soundgarden or Rage cover the band could have performed. Furthermore, it was evidence that the band is moving forward, not backward.

Audioslave's best songs of the night, though, have not reached any ears on the radio. "Set It Off" and "Exploder" set the tone for the night as alternately heavy then melodic efforts. These two songs illustrate the breadth that Chris Cornell has brought to these groups of musicians, complementing his heavy styles with his harmonious temperament. Commerford alone has improved greatly, learning to align his baseline to a melody line, something he didn't have to do when backing up Zach de la Rocha.

With an upcoming slot on this summer's Lollapalooza, Audioslave will be able to bring their sound to those tens of thousands again. The band will be as big a hit in front of 80,000 fans as they were in front of a mere 1,500 at the Riviera in Chicago. All the members of Audioslave seem to be extremely happy with their current musical situation, making innovative rock for their fans and touring with each other. For anyone who owns Rage Against the Machine or Superunknown, seeing Audioslave live is something to look into. And if you missed them this time around, don't worry. You'll get a chance to see them again this summer.

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Lead singer Chris Cornell, guitarist Tom Morello, bassist Tim Commerford and drummer Brad Wilks play to a full house. The band has sold out every venue on their tour.

Audioslave combines members of Soundgarden and Rage Against the Machine, two of the '90s top hard rock bands.

Photo courtesy of The Onion

Audioslave's best songs of the night included "Like a Stone," "Cochise," and "Super Stupid."
ATHENS, Ga. — Georgia put aside all the distractions for one night at least. Jeep Harrick scored 21 points and 14-for-15 from the field as the Bulldogs beat No. 3 Florida 74-66.

Oklahoma, 3-0 in SEC games against ranked opponents, couldn't get the ball off before the final buzzer, losing to No. 15 Kentucky 81-72.

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The Associated Press

Georgia upsets No. 3 Florida

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Wells says he won’t waive no-trade clause

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. —

David Wells won’t waive the no-trade clause in his contract if the New York Yankees attempt to deal him after embarrassing revelations in his new book.

"I can say yes, but I’m not a fool. I’m not waiving it," he said at the Yankees' spring training camp before the team left to play Boston at Fort Myers. "I don’t want to go anywhere else, obviously.

Wells has a complete no-trade clause in the two-year, $7 million contract he agreed to with the Yankees before the 2002 season. The New York Post has reported that Wells, after details of his book became known, had told the team he would waive the no-trade clause if the team wanted to get rid of him.

The 39-year-old left-hander could be punished by the team for writing an autobiography that general manager Brian Cashman said "tarnishes the Yankees’ image." Wells apologized to Cashman on Saturday and addressed his teammates Sunday about the book. "Perfect I'm Not!" Bomber on Beer, Brawls, Backaches & Baseball.

Wells wouldn't say if he could say if the no-trade clause came up in recent conversations with manager Joe Torre or Cashman.

"What we talked about was our business," Wells said. Cashman would not say if Wells approached the team about waiving the clause. The general manager did say the Yankees haven’t asked Wells to do it.

Wells said he hasn’t spoken with Yankees owner George Steinbrenner about the book. Steinbrenner said he has no intentions of addressing the matter with the pitcher.

"I didn’t think it was going to get to this stage," Wells said. "I’m not going to deny anything I wrote in there. I’m accountable for everything that I’ve written."

Cashman started reading the galleys of Wells' book and hopes to finish shortly. "Instead of being swift, I’d rather be right," Cashman said. "Until I get through it and then have a chance to have discussions with others [in the organization] I'm not going to comment. I'm not ruling out anything, I'm not saying anything will happen."

Wells wishes he would have kept the issue of steroids out of his book, scheduled for publication March 14. In galleys of the book distributed by publisher William Morrow, Wells said 25 to 40 percent of major leaguers used steroids.

"All I can do is apologize for the pain it caused to the organization, my teammates and whoever," Wells said. "It was probably the biggest mistake I ever did by putting something in there. I wish I didn't but I can't do anything about it. It was a bad choice putting it in the book. I can't change anything. It's already done."

In the actual book, the figure is 10 to 25 percent. "We did that way back," said Wells of the change. "Months and months back. It wasn't anything recent."

Also in the galleys, Wells claims he was "half drunk" when he pitched a perfect game in 1998 and took digs at teammates Roger Clemens and Mike Mussina. Wells earlier backed off the half drunk statement, saying he was hung over.

He doesn't feel the matter has become a distraction for his teammates.

"I don't think these guys are being distracted," Wells said. "They're focusing on one thing: that's spring training and the season. They could care less. They're trying to work on stuff and get into season form and go out and try to win a pennant. That's what I'm trying to do."
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**what's happening**

**today 3.05**

**Ash Wednesday**

11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Make this Lent more meaningful! Pick up Lenten prayer booklets, rosaries, and other resources at the CoMo throughout the season.

**Friday 3.07**

Mass for Peace and Justice

5:15 p.m.

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

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**considerations....**

**Lent**

**Pray for peace:**

**Inner and Global**

by Fr. Richard Warner, C.S.C.

Director of Campus Ministry & Counselor to the President

On Sunday, Pope John Paul II reminded pilgrims gathered in St. Peter’s Square that Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent when “we undertake a penitential path towards Easter with a stronger commitment to prayer and fasting for peace, which has been put in doubt by growing threats of war.” He urged fervent prayer to Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, “…because peace is a gift of God we must invoke with humble and insistently trusting.”

Ash Wednesday, that is, today, is the beginning of the Lenten Season, when we imitate the forty days Jesus spent in the desert before beginning His public ministry, fasting and in prayer.

We begin Lent surrounding by ever-growing signs that our country and the world are at the brink of war we have been preparing for over so many months now. Every sign of progress towards a possible peaceful solution is dismissed by our government as game-playing by Iraq.

We understand Lent as a time of conversion, when we heed in a sustained way, our longing for God and for a deeper relationship with God through prayer and service of brothers and sisters who are weak or poor or marginalized.

Our country, and the leaders of other countries, have not only the right but the obligation to protect their citizens through judicious use of the courageous service of the armed forces, and defensive use of justice to promote and defend the democratic values we enjoy and treasure. But as Pope John Paul II stated in his encyclical letter *The Gospel of Life*, the defense and promotion of all life issues are based and developed on the defense of the right to life itself, upon which the inalienable rights of individuals are derived.

We understand Lent as a time of conversion, when we heed in a sustained way, our longing for God and for a deeper relationship with God through prayer and service of brothers and sisters who are weak or poor or marginalized.

Ash Wednesday comes to us this year in an especially timely way.

May our increased prayer, our fasting and our generous service and gifts to the poor bring us a deep sense of inner peace, so that we might radiate in big and small ways, the light of Christ’s peace which will be the result of our forty days. As His time in the desert prepared Jesus for his ministry, may our Lenten observance enable us to serve as He did, to be as compassionate and accepting of others as He was, and above all, to understand our lives as intimately connected to the life of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Special Note: In the event of war, there will be a candlelight prayer service in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 9pm in the even of the day war is declared.
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NFL

Receivers Jerry Rice, above, and Tim Brown signed contract extensions with the Oakland Raiders Tuesday. The pair helped Oakland clinch the AFC Championship and a trip to the Superbowl last season.

Brown and Rice both sign extensions

Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif.

Jerry Rice has signed a 6-year, $30 million contract extension to remain with the Oakland Raiders, a salary-cap-friendly deal that theoretically could keep the star receiver playing until he's 46.

Tim Brown, the longest-tenured Raider with all 15 of his seasons in Oakland, also signed an extension — which means the NFL's oldest receiving tandem will stay together for now.

"Them coupled with Jerry Porter were as productive as any receiver trio in recent history," Raiders senior assistant Bruce Allen said. Steiner, who has

Brown, 36, "signed a very similar deal" to Rice's, according to Steiner. Rice's agent, Marvin Demoff, did not immediately return calls for comment.

Brown reached his first Super Bowl last season, after finishing with 81 catches for 500 yards and two touchdowns to help the Raiders win their third consecutive AFC West crown.

FSU quarterback charged with gambling

Former Florida State quarterback Adrian McPherson was charged with one misdemeanor count of gambling, including on games in which he played.

McPherson, who started four games for Florida State last season, placed bets over the Internet on college and pro games during the 2002 football season, the school said Tuesday.

He bet on every Seminole's game last season, always wagering that they would win, according to Florida State police chief Carey Drayton. Sources told investigators McPherson bet large amounts and owed a Tallahassee man, identified as Dereck Delach, a total of $8,000, police said.

Delach and Florida State football team equipment manager Jeffrey Inderhees were charged Tuesday with one felony count of bookmaking.

McPherson was kicked off Florida State's team in November, after police said he was connected to the theft of a blank check later cashed for $5,500.

Drayton said no other charges are expected. McPherson's lawyer, Grady Irvin Jr., did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Inderhees was in Tallahassee on Tuesday and was expected to surrender to Tallahassee police, Drayton said. Delach was in Pennsylvania, according to authorities.

The charges result from a three-month investigation by the university, Tallahassee police and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Louisville's Stone cleared to play

Louisville center Marvin Stone has been cleared to play by the NCAA, athletics director Tom Jurich said Tuesday night.

Louisville officials had been awaiting word for a week on whether the team's 6-foot-10 senior would lose his amateur status for accepting improper benefits from Mark Comara, his former AAU coach.

Jurich said Stone's relationship with Comara was established before Stone began earning recognition for his basketball ability.

"Based on what I've been told, he will be on the floor," said his attorney, Donald Jackson said. "It's as 100 percent as these things can be. We're thrilled."

Jackson said that the NCAA found that Stone's relationship with Comara was established before Stone began earning recognition for his basketball ability.

The NCAA allows established family friends to provide benefits for student-athletes as long as the relationship began before the athlete gained status for his skills and did not develop as a result of the athlete's increased notoriety.

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defense, we needed to limit them to only one [shot]." The other thing the Irish did was try to key in on the Orangewomen's key threat — Julie McBride and the 3-pointer. Although the Irish managed to control McBride, teammate Marcella Coleman had a solid game for the Orangewomen. However, Syracuse still managed a meager 33.3 percent from the arc, while the Irish hit more than 46 percent of theirs. "We were really focusing on McBride, and I think we did a great job on her," McGraw said. "We didn't do as well as we would have liked," Severe said. "But we knew who the shooters were and got out on them. Although the Irish headed into halftime with a 28-20 advantage, the score didn't tell the tale of the first half. There were five ties in the first half before the Irish went on an 11-1 run in the last seven minutes, limiting the Orangewomen to just one field goal in that time. The game, however, was closer than most of the Irish expected.

"I think that if we had lost, it would have been devastating." Muffet McGraw Irish coach

Notre Dame's Le' Tania Severe elevates for a jumper earlier in the season against Pittsburgh, who the Irish play Saturday in the Big East Tournament.

NCAA BASKETBALL

Georgia men under NCAA investigation

Athens, Ga. — NCAA and University of Georgia officials have questioned two basketball starters about allegations made by former player Tony Cole.

Rashad Wright and Chris Daniels were pulled out of practice and asked questions about a class they took with Cole in 2001. Georgia athletic director Vince Dooley said.

The class, "Coaching Principles and Strategies of Basketball," was taught by assistant coach Jim Harrick Jr., son of head coach Jim Harrick. Cole said he received a passing grade without ever attending the class.

"The investigative team is seeking the truth, which is what we want," said Dooley. "As always happens, one thing leads to another, which leads to another. The history is that it will go on for a while."

Wright and Daniels were expected to play in a home game against No. 3 Florida.

Announcing the Year 2003 Annual Awards of the Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship

Thanks to a generous gift from the Albert Ravarino family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the year 2003 annual competition for travel in support of summer research and foreign study in Italy. Grants will be made in amounts not to exceed $3,000, and will not normally cover all expenses. Notre Dame graduate and undergraduate students who are planning to pursue research or a formal program of study in Italian foreign study will be considered.

Recommended programs for foreign study include, but are not limited to: Loyola University in Rome, Boston University in Padua, UCLA in Pisa, Miami University in Urbino, Columbia University in Scudiniano. Interested students are encouraged to consult the materials on Italian foreign study in the Department of Romance Languages, 343 O'Shaughnessy Hall.

Students are invited to submit a letter which should include:

1) an explanation of how the proposed research or foreign study will enhance their degree program at Notre Dame
2) a personal statement indicating their background, interests, and long-term goals
3) a description of the research project or the program they intend to follow
4) a budget indicating the costs involved
5) the names of two references.

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The game, I said to the team that we have to expect that every game is going to be like this," McGraw said. "I think every game is going to be close because we're that kind of team. I think we have the expectation that we were going to win by a lot, but I think we have to understand that everyone is pretty good.

The second half was much of the same. After a 10-2 Syracuse run to start, the Irish took the lead several times as the Orangewomen fought back to knot the score up. When Syracuse took the lead with less than five minutes left, however, it lit a fire under Notre Dame and they responded. "We knew we could get the job done on defense, we got shots when we needed to and that put the pressure on that's what they had to score," Severe said. 

With a 10-6 Big East record, Notre Dame is tied with Virginia Tech for fifth place in the Big East. However, since the Hokies defeated the Irish during the regular season, Notre Dame will take a No. 6 seed into the Big East Tournament, where they will face Pittsburgh.

Contact Katie McCoy at mcv6595@nd.edu
The Irish responded with a 13-4 run keyed by 3-pointers from Carroll, Thomas and Chris Quin, who took advantage of 25 minutes off the bench by scoring eight points.

Finally feeling a sense of urgency, the Irish came out of the locker room playing aggressive defense and started the half on a 2-0 run. For most of the half, the Irish couldn't cut the deficit to less than four. They finally got within two at 84-82, but one of the many easy baskets Francis got in the second half with 3:04 remaining.

"We played great tonight. We did a good job dropping it off in to him getting dunks and some easy ones," Brey said. "But when we do that, it helps. He gets into a little bit of a rhythm. He is very important for us." The Irish closed the gap a minute later on Carroll's trey, but were never able to get over the hump and grab the lead.

With only one regular season game left, the Irish are looking to get some momentum with a win Saturday at Georgetown. "I don't think we are thinking about the seed or the West Division title," Thomas said. "We just want to get back to winning. We want to know what it feels like to win."
Thank you for your letter, Enid. Your query is very interesting and falls under the category of Jumbling, a bit like a Crossword. Even though this didn’t quite turn out as you hoped, I think we should take a closer look at the word and try and break it down.

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