Cuts worry departments

By JULIA MILLER-LEMON
News Writer

The recent downturn in the economy, the University to cut sections of its operating budget for the 2003-04 academic year, "is really concerning," said Paul Weithman, chair of the philosophy department.

The Academic Council recently approved a reorganization of the Economics Department that will split the current department into two separate ones, Economics and Policy Studies. The new Economics and Policy Studies department will be directed by Richard Jensen, head of the economics department. The new chair, Richard Jensen, will head the new Department of Economics and Policy Studies. The restructuring will result in a decrease in the endowment. The recent downturn in the economy has affected individual contributions from alumni and other outside sources, said Storin.

"The economic trend has affected individual contributions from alumni and other outside sources," Storin said. A donation to the University's operating costs comes directly from the funds generated by the endowment. When next year's budget takes effect on July 1, it will be a time of academic and student life pursuits will be decreasing by 5 percent and all other departments will see a 7 percent decrease.

"Immediate departments are going to have to make their own decisions about how they are going to implement these changes," Storin said. "I don't expect drastic overhauls." Yet, with any decrease in funding, there are some questions as to how departments are going to deal with the changes in their budgets.

"What we will have next year in the support budget will be in real dollars than what the department had in the early-1980's, a time when it wasn't nearly as recognized or accomplished." Paul Weithman, philosophy department chair

By BY MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

In response to concerns over each group's authority, student senators discussed Executive Cabinet officials' suggestion that the Cabinet should serve as a check on the Senate's power.

Some members had perceived animosity between the two organizations, stemming from different views over the new dance policy. In February, senators directed outgoing student body president Libby Bishop to recommend reinstating dances in her report to the Board of Trustees. Bishop's report did not make that recommendation, leading senators to characterize the report as watered-down.

Seth O'Donnell, incoming president of the Club Coordination Council, had questioned the effectiveness of the Senate during what he characterized as a "brain-storming session" at the March 25 Executive Cabinet meeting. "I'm not sure the Senate accurately represents a majority of students' views." O'Donnell said at the time.

However, O'Donnell clarified his remarks, which he said were spoken while "looking for some possible ways that Exec Cab could... hold a more productive role."
A lesson from the Dartmaster

With all the stress and hair-pulling that accompanies this wonderful darting time of the year, there still exists a beacon of hope for all of us. "The Dartmaster," as she has affectionately come to be known by her inner circle, epitomizes days before her dart time to contemplation of the reality that is the major requirement, convenient scheduling and interesting classes, in order to be most effective during the 15-minute window. However, it is not these qualities that make this individual worthy of such an honorable title — if they were, we'd already be Dartmasters.

The true glory of the Dartmaster lies in her ability to persevere in the face of darting adversity. She is consistently faced with a last chance dart time. It is at this point, when all seems lost, that the Dartmaster shows her true colors. Despite darting adversity, the Dartmaster refuses to let herself become a victim.

She is persistent, enduring and effective. With dart time draining, she is transformed into an entity known as "The Dartmaster" and becomes emboldened in constructing an entirely new schedule with the lightning speed and effectiveness of a well-shot arrow. This is her true medium — the moment must be embraced.

Once her dart time has come and gone, friends stand by with mouth agape and silent applause. Once again, the Dartmaster has proved herself. Not one class before 9:30 a.m. and not one day to be suffered without a lunch break.

The dragon lies at her feet. It is thus that the Dartmaster becomes a heroine to aspire to, and an individual to be admired.

The next time you find yourself dreading the arising 15-minute window, take a deep breath and relax. Know that out there exists a vision of darting perfection — a light at the end of the tunnel.

Embrace the moment that is truly yours; do not fear it. After all, these are the times in which heroes are made. Be one of them. If the Dartmaster can do it, so can you; thus, it is for the Notre Dame student yet.

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Glee Club may face disciplinary action

By TERESA FRALISH
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Members of the Notre Dame Glee Club may face disciplinary action after a Glee Club member allegedly molested other Glee Club members and high school students at Suffolk High School in Suffield, Conn., where the Club performed during their spring break tour.

According to Tom Jones, principal of Suffolk High School, a member of the Glee Club molested other students in a rehearsal room before the Glee Club's performance.

"It was before they went on in one of the rehearsal rooms," said Jones. "It was an incident of poor judgment."

Members of the Glee Club did not return phone calls seeking comment.

After receiving complaints from students, Jones said he consulted with local Notre Dame alumni to decide on a course of action and then wrote a letter to David Moss, associate vice president for student affairs at the University.

"I also had two telephone conversations with Dr. Moss in which he apologized for the incident and assured me that he would take appropriate action," said Jones.

Lori Maurer, assistant director of Residence Life, said that her office was looking into the incident but could not comment on any specific action that might be taken. Maurer noted, however, that Residence Life can only reprimand individual students and cannot take action against an entire group. However, Maurer said that Students Affairs or the director of an individual organization could reprimand an entire group.

Moss said that Student Affairs is not currently involved with the incident and that Residence Life would handle the investigation.

Suffield is the hometown of Notre Dame Glee Club member Garrett Woodhoven, said Glee Club director Dan Stowe.

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STUDENT SENATE

Group outlines new approach

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
New Writer

In their first meeting of the 2003-04 term Wednesday, the new senators discussed their plans for the coming year and the issues that they wish to consider.

Pat Hallahan, student body president, said that he believed should mark a successful Senate and stressed the importance of the senators' involvement with the University administration, saying that it was the only way they could bring change to campus politics.

"We can make a difference both here and outside Notre Dame, don't be afraid to do it."

Pat Hallahan student body president

In addition to the 26 new senators, two seniors will be serving in their positions for a second term. Kaitlyn Redfield, Pangborn senator, and Brin Anderson, Howard senator, said that they wanted to stay involved with the Senate for another year in order to see that a focus remains on important campus issues.

"I thought that there were a lot of issues that were left open last year and I really wanted to be part of making sure those things got accomplished. I want to make sure that the in-hall dance policy is favorably represented," Anderson said.

Redfield also expressed the need for the Senate to consider more important student issues.

"I think that there are a lot of issues that still need to be addressed on this campus," Redfield said. "I think that the new Senate has a lot of resources to effect change."

In other Senate news:

• The Senate unanimously approved four new members of the Office of the President. Emily Chin, who served as Student Union Secretary last year, will serve as Chief of Staff. Kate Schlosser, will serve as Academic Delegate. Maria Rivas, currently working in the Office of Business Operations at Notre Dame, will become Controller and Tiara Nelson, Walsh Hall's 2002-03 representative to the Freshman Council, will serve as Secretary.

• Senators also unanimously approved a new member to the Judicial Council. James Terilli will serve in the position of Student Union Parliamentarian for the 2003-04 term.

• In the first three resolutions passed in the new term, Senators bestowed the title of "Emeritus" on outgoing Student Body President Libby Bishop, Student Body Vice President Trip Foley and Chief of Staff Henry Scott.

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“These are used as signposts to mark the path and allow the chair to infer where it is relative to the center of the path,” said Skaar.

Then the chair must be manually walked through trajectories of all the possible destinations in the user’s home. The computer component of the chair can recall these trajectories when the user requests a travel location. When users want to engage a certain path, they listen to a voice switch or by speaking aloud, depending on the level of ability.

Sheehan and Del Castillo are actively involved in the project. Sheehan primarily runs laboratory tests on the chair here on campus while Del Castillo did much of the coding for the software that runs it. Del Castillo chose to focus his thesis on his work with the chair project.

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Currently the chair can only be used on pre-programmed paths and cannot be used outside.

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His successor, incoming student body vice president Jeremy Lao, said that cooperation between the two bodies is important for a well-functioning Student Union.

“I don’t want to see Exec Cab try to take more power away from the Senate,” Lao said. “Leaders of both bodies should keep in mind the betterment of student life in general.”

At least one senator voiced strong distrust of the cabinet, however. Outgoing St. Edward’s senator Sarah Bates expressed hope that the two bodies could cooperate.

“We’re all members of student government, we should all work together toward a common goal,” Bates said.

She also cautioned Cabinet members who might seek to limit the Senate’s power.

“A check is totally unnecessary,” Bates said. “Executive Cabinet should let us do the job we were elected to do.”

Breen-Phillips senator John Cornwell agreed that the Cabinet should not become involved with Senate’s authority.

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RecSports has openings for this summer and the 2003-2004 academic year in the following positions: Student Supervisors, Front Desk Supervisors, Fitness Room Supervisors, Issue Room Supervisors, Life Guards

By MEGHAN CASSIDY
News Writer

Women must work together to help promote peace and conflict resolution in the world’s war-torn areas, said Visaka Dharmadasa, a woman from Sri Lanka who has dedicated herself to educating others about personal ethics and the realities of war.

Dharmadasa’s talk Wednesday was the first in the College’s Women as Peacemakers Series.

Dharmadasa explained how her role as a peacemaker was impacted by her role as a mother. Her two eldest sons are soldiers in Sri Lanka, which has been involved in a civil war for the past 20 years.

“The war was at my doorstep,” she said. “People asked how I can be so passionate about my work. It is my life.”

In an attempt to raise awareness of the reality of civil war and the importance of peace, Dharmadasa has become involved in many organizations that promote conflict resolution.

Dharmadasa is the founder of Parents of Servicemen Missing-in-Action, chair of the Association of War-Affected Women, secretary of the Kandy Association for War-Affected Families and a participant in the Women Waging Peace program at Harvard University.

Dharmadasa said her work was based on building honesty and trust within any relationships and fostering respect for all individuals involved. She is particularly concerned with helping the mothers of soldiers.

“Nobody took me seriously initially but I knew they would respect me as a mother and this gave me courage to cross barriers,” Dharmadasa said.

Dharmadasa helped to publish a book that emphasizes the importance of respect for identification tags soldiers wear.

Additionally, Dharmadasa is involved with peace dialogues, support groups and marches that focus on women. She wants them to come together not only share stories and find comfort together but also to make a difference in the peace process.

“Developing an active participation of war-affected women is important because we need a space to be together and support each other.”

I want the idea of a check is ridiculous,” Cornwell said.

Both Bates and Cornwell agreed that senators and Cabinet members should work together for the benefit of the student body.

“Both bodies could work together to further student interests,” said Cornwell.

Dharmadasa’s talk was sponsored by the Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership and the Department of Justice Education. The series will continue next year and focus on women like Dharmadasa who work to promote peace and intercultural dialogue in their daily work.

Dharmadasa will be at Saint Mary’s throughout this week, lecturing in classes and further sharing her experiences with students.

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**IRAQ**

American forces drive within sight of Baghdad

Associated Press

SOUTH OF BAGHDAD U.S. forces fought to within sight of the Baghdad skyline 20 miles away Wednesday, seizing key bridges and shattering two divisions of the vaunted Republican Guard as they thrust north from two directions - the Army from the southwest, Marines from the southeast.

Along the way, some Iraqi soldiers shed their uniforms for plain clothes, and smiling civilians professed the troops Iraqi-brand cigarettes.

"It feels better going north," said Marine Cpl. John Edwards of Clover, N.M. "The sooner we do it, the sooner we go home."

Thousands of Marines who had protected the U.S. Army's eastern flank along the Euphrates River turned sharply east, joining other Marine forces moving quickly along the Tigris River southeast of Baghdad. At the same time, Army troops southwest of Baghdad moved to within 20 miles of the city, said a senior military official in Washington.

"We're not going to be able to see the skyline...That's how close we've gotten," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

But confidence over the steady northward advance was tempered by fear of the unknown. What does Saddam Hussein's regime have in store for coalition forces as they approach the capital?

Lead U.S. infantry units donned their chemical suits after capturing a bridge 40 miles southwest of Baghdad. Some Marines began adding their protective hoods to the suits they already wear, and Marine helicopter pilots were advised the next time to be ready to don chemical suits at a moment's notice - now that the so-called red zone, the range of guns and missiles defending Baghdad, had been breached.

U.S. officials warned that a cornered Saddam might resort to unleashing his worst weapons. "There may be a trigger line where the regime deems it sufficient threat to use weapons of mass destruction," said U.S. Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks.

An officer with U.S. Central Command explained that the "red zone" begins on an imaginary line running east from Karbala, about 50 miles south of Baghdad on the Euphrates River, to Kut on the Tigris River southeast of Baghdad.

The United States believes Iraq has mortar shells, artillery and short-range missiles capable of carrying chemical weapons, including the FROG-7 - used to attack six chemical units near the Iraqi-Iran war - which has a 40-mile range.

Iraq denies it still has weapons of mass destruction, and U.S. troops have yet to locate such weapons, although they've found hundreds of chemical protective suits.

One thing was certain to be waiting for coalition forces in Baghdad: whatever remains of the Republican Guard, Saddam's best-trained and best-equipped forces. U.S. officials said Wednesday that two of the six primary units had been largely eliminated as an effective fighting force.

**Divided Supreme Court debates affirmative action case**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON Supreme Court justices vigorously debated the role of race in higher education Tuesday in a pair of cases that could rewrite rules for affirmative action on college and beyond.

The justices aggressively questioned lawyers, focusing on likely consequences of discrimination and educational opportunity. It was the first time in 25 years that the court had taken up the polarization question of racial preferences in admissions. People eager to get courtroom seats lined up hours before the cases were heard and a crowd estimated at police between 5,000 and 7,000 people gathered outside and on the nearby Mall.

Three white applicants rejected by the University of Michigan and its law school argue that the court's decisions in the cases should follow an apparent record. Most of the filings backed the idea that affirmative action has a place in American life, from the football field to the boardroom.

In another measure of the issue's resonance, the court agreed to release an audio tape of the arguments the same day. The court had done that only one other time, after the last presidential election.

The race issue is awkward for the Bush administration, whose most conservative supporters hope the cases will spell the end of all preferences or set-asides for minority populations. Bush has not gone that far, pointing instead to what he calls racially neutral ways to achieve campus diversity.

The Michigan undergraduate school uses a point system to screen the thousands of applicants it receives each year. A minority member can get a 20 point bonus out of the system's possible 150, while various measures of academic performance, extracurricular activity and other attributes are generally worth less.

**World News Briefs**

American POW leaves Iraq after rescue: Pil. Lynch left Iraq on a stretcher Wednesday after U.S. commandos, acting on a CIA tip, rescued the prisoner of war. But the operation also brought bad news - the troops found 11 corpses, some believed to be Americans. Lynch, a 19-year-old Army supply clerk, arrived at a U.S. air base in southwestern Germany, where a C-17 transport plane was waiting Wednesday morning.

WHO to probe mystery illness in China: Under escalating global pressure, China agreed Wednesday to let international health investigators visit the place where the mystery illness apparently began - the southern province of Guangdong. Officials also updated the nation's death toll by a dozen to 46 as they revealed the illness had spread to other regions.

**National News Briefs**

Race riot murder defendant enters plea: A white man charged in the 1969 murder of a young black woman during the city's convulsive race riots pleaded no contest Wednesday to attempted murder and conspiracy. Ezra T. Slick, 51, entered the plea over his role in the slaying of Lillie Belle Allen, of Aiken, S.C., at the hands of a white mob grided for war with blacks. His case was the only one pending in Allen's slaying.

Mystery illness raises concerns in U.S.: A scare over a mystery illness on an airliner in California turned out to be a false alarm, but the cautious reaction by officials suggested that serious concerns about the disease have made their way to America's shores. An American Airlines flight from Tokyo that landed in San Jose, Calif., was briefly halted after the captain reported five people on board appeared to have symptoms of severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS. None of the five turned out to have the disease.
IRAQ

Missile hits Navy fighter jet

Associated Press

Iraq shot down a U.S. Navy F/A-18C Hornet with a surface-to-air missile Wednesday, military officials said.

There was no immediate word on the fate of the pilot. Statements released from U.S. Central Command said the twin-engine jet, flying from the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk, was shot down at about 3:45 p.m. EST.

The plane went down near Karbala, a city about 50 miles south of Baghdad where fighting raged between U.S. Army forces and the Iraqi Republican Guard. Iraqi forces shot down an Army Black Hawk helicopter in the same area Wednesday.

Lt. Debra Wainscott, a spokesman for the Kitty Hawk, said the Hornet had been downed by a surface-to-air missile in northern Iraq Wednesday. Other planes flying over Iraq at the same altitude, reporting seeing surface-to-air missiles and anti-aircraft artillery fire, were in the same area in which the plane disappeared.

Central Command said the downing is being investigated. Officials would not comment on search and rescue operations, but both Central Command statements said the military is committed to accounting for all personnel.

It was the first American fighter jet shot down during the war on Iraq. The Iraqis have downed several piloted surveillance planes.

Navy and Marine pilots fly the F/A-18 Hornet from aircraft carriers. The supersonic jets are armed with a 20mm cannon and can carry a wide range of bombs and missiles.

The easily maneuverable Hornet can operate as a fighter jet, shooting down enemy planes, or as an attack plane, bombing enemy targets.

TV Guide affected by time

Associated Press

At age 50, TV Guide is showing signs of maturity. Circulation is down amid competition from newspapers that offer their own listings and TV shows that provide a steady stream of celebrity news.

But TV Guide has also adapted to the changes in the media business in recent years, with online listings, an interactive program guide and a television channel that make the most of its instantly recognizable name and logo.

Founded by Philadelphia publisher Walter Annenberg, the television viewer’s bible debuted April 3, 1953 in 10 Midwest and East Coast cities with Lucille Ball’s young son Desi Arnaz Jr. on the cover. Now owned by Gemstar-TV Guide International Inc., it has 209 regional editions nationwide and just over 9 million subscribers, according to the latest figures from the Audit Bureau of Circulations.

The magazine is now just one part of TV Guide’s domain. The company estimates that it reaches about 30 million users each week, when all of its various formats are considered part of TV Guide’s domain. The magazine con­ tains guides for the latest news.

More than 1.2 million people a week use TV Guide on the Internet auction site eBay.

"You would come to know the cover of that thing because it would stay with you for a week," said John Loughlin, president of the TV Guide Publishing Group.

To that end, the company plans a redesign of the magazine to make the listings easier to read. It will also have shorter stories and expanded coverage of home-entertainment products, such as DVDs and high-definition TV sets.

"It will also direct readers to the Web site and on-screen guides for the latest news," Loughlin said.

"The magazine, because of its history and its size, is at the heart of the brand, and we’ve got to be sure that these different platforms, these different media reinforce the same set of messages," Loughlin said.

TV Guide has a place in the heart of baby boomers who grew up in the early days of TV, and the nostalgia we’ve helped make issues of TV Guide collectors’ items. Vintage editions can command up to $100 on the Internet auction site eBay.

"For most of my life, I was a television producer. But I just couldn’t do what I was doing anymore," said the film’s director, Robert Thompson, director of Syracuse University’s Center for the Study of Popular Television.

"The first time I went to Calcutta I stepped off the plane with this big bag of stuff and it was like I had stepped onto another planet. I had more in my bag than those people had at all, I felt like such an idiot," said Straub.

Straub said he could not even pick up his camera on the first day and ended up giving most of his things away.

One section of the film showed images of Payatas, the mountainous garbage dump on the outskirts of Manila in the Philippines. The trash heap is home for 75,000 people, the film explained. These people support themselves by scavenging through the waste of their fellow Filipinos in search of anything that could be sold to junk shops.

After heavy rains in 2000, the heap collapsed and garbage landslides crushed hundreds of people to death.

The film also explained that children make up a significant part of the world’s poor. The documentary included many photos of toddlers with bloated stomachs and noted the high child mortality rate in these places.

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The film also showed images of people afflicted by leprosy and the effects of the disease in Jamaica and Brazil.

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And it is a complicated disease; the film says, that are the most important components of combating desperate hunger and poverty. Straub chooses to look at it from a spiritual point of view.

"Our faith requires that we care for the poor," he said. "There has to be a fundamental awareness about the conditions of other people."

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Film focuses on global poverty

By MEGAN O’NEIL

News Wire

In an effort to increase aware­ ness about global poverty, writer and producer Gerard Thomas Straub presented a film documentary that gave viewers an in-depth look at poor communities.

The presentation, entitled "When Do I See Hunger" was the highlight of several events planned at Saint Mary’s for Hunger and Poverty Awareness Week.

A former Hollywood producer of shows such as General Hospital, Straub became inter­ested in documenting world poverty after meeting and talking to a group of Franciscan monks while on a trip in Europe.

"For most of my life, I was a television producer. But I just couldn’t do what I was doing anymore," said Straub.

Narrated by Martin Sheen, the film shows a collection of black and white photos taken by Straub. His travels took him to slums and shanty towns in such places as India, the Philippines, Jamaica, Kenya, Brazil, Mexico and the United States.

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**In Brief**

Raytheon may up missile production

Defense contractor Raytheon Corp. said it is in talks with the Navy to accelerate production of the next generation of Tomahawk cruise missiles after two weeks of war in Iraq have depleted stocks of the existing model. In response to queries from the Navy, Lexington-based Raytheon has said it could accelerate production of the new Tactical Tomahawks, to be manufactured in Tuson, Ariz., from 38 to 50 per month if funding becomes available, Raytheon spokesman Jennifer Allen said Wednesday.

The Navy has said it plans to spend as much as $600 million to build 192 of the new missiles.

**Tyco sues former CFO for $400M**

Tyco International Ltd. has filed a $400 million lawsuit against former chief financial officer Mark Swartz, claiming he looted the conglomerate for his personal gain.

Swartz already faces criminal charges of theft and fraud filed by government prosecutors, who say he and former CFO L. Dennis Kozlowski stole $600 million from Tyco. Both men have pleaded innocent.

The suit accuses Swartz of using Tyco funds to buy a $16.5 million Manhattan apartment, tickets to Miami Heat basketball and Florida Panthers hockey games, cable television service, country club memberships and concert tickets for Billy Joel and Elton John.

It also accuses Swartz of accepting more than $134 million in pay from 1997 to 2002 for "services that were never rendered" and awarding himself tens of millions of dollars in unauthorized bonuses.

**SARS hurts Asian economies**

**Mystery illness strains economic activity across Asia**

Associated Press

HONG KONG

A mysterious life-threatening illness is straining economic activity across Asia, forcing manufacturers to temporarily shut down factories, banks to cancel face-to-face meetings and visitors to stay away.

Near-term productivity will undoubtedly suffer, delivering the hardest blow to the struggling travel industry. Economists say the outbreak of SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome, will hurt much of the retail and service sectors as consumers avoid restaurants and other forms of entertainment.

The greatest financial impact, so far, has been felt in Hong Kong and Singapore, where the incidence rate is the highest. But financial analysts are also keeping an eye out for signs of the disease's spread in mainland China, South Korea and Vietnam.

"The outbreak of SARS is significant enough to affect growth across the region," said Merrill Lynch economist T.J. Bond. Bond and other financial analysts on Wednesday lowered their 2003 economic growth forecasts for East Asia, which excludes Japan, by 0.6 percent. Those predictions assume the spread of SARS can be brought under control by early summer, a hopeful scenario.

"This new virus environment of fear and ignorance surrounding the illness," Motorola and Hewlett Packard briefly closed factories in Singapore and Hong Kong, respectively, to disinfect them and other forms of enterprise. An apartment complex where the government imposed a 10-day quarantine Monday for workers who may have contract­ed SARS or whose families of employees have been temporarily shut down, Toronto, grapples with a growing number of cases of the illness.

Hospitals there are packed treating those who may have contract­ed SARS or whose families have been halted. Air Canada flushed out bankruptcy earlier in the week and mentioned the SARS epidemic as a drain on its business.

With the exception of airlines such as Northwest and United, U.S.-based corporations with operations in Asia are at relatively little financial risk, for the time being. But even the slightest negative news becomes magnified when the world global economy is already deal­ing with the effects of war, terrorism fears and high oil prices.

**Court: HMOs can be more open**

The Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that states can pass laws forcing HMOs to open their networks to more health care providers, giving patients greater choices of doctors and hospitals but potentially boosting costs.

The unanimous ruling was a setback for the managed care industry, which argued that closed networks lower health care costs, and government decision to agree to accept lower fees in return for a guaranteed network of doctors.

The decision also gives states more freedom to regulate insurance compa­nies, another in a line of decisions from the court expanding states' rights. About half the states have passed "any willing provider" laws in the past decade in response to complaints that HMOs and insurance companies sometime­wise block patients from seeing the doctors of their choice.

The laws require managed care net­works or insurance companies to accept out-of-network health care providers — physicians, pharmacists, nurse practitioners or specialists. In return, the providers must agree to the insurer's reimbursement rates and contract terms.

The court ruled on a challenge to Kentucky's laws, considered the broadest in the country. The Bush administration had sided with Kentucky.

"It's a message to states that you can have consumer protection laws," Kentucky Insurance Commissioner Janie Miller said.

Donald Young, president of the Health Insurance Association of America, said the laws "are one more instance of government unnecessarily interfering in private relationships between doctors and health plans. Industry lawyers had told the court that the laws increase administrative costs, make it harder for HMOs to monitor quality and jeopardize deals that health plans have made with providers.

Karen Ignagni, president of the American Association of Health Plans, which represents more than a thou­sand health maintenance organiza­tions and other plans, said the Kentucky laws drove up patients' health care expenses. In court filings, Justice were told that in states with willing provider laws, studies found 15 percent increases.
Crude prices to dip further

Associated Press

NEW YORK
May crude futures tumbled for a second day Wednesday, amid unexpectedly large builds in oil imports and inventories and rapid progress in the American trek toward Baghdad.

Those factors, along with increased oil output in March from members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and Russia, created a "bearish tri­fecta," said Tim Evans, an ana­lyst at IFR Petroleum.

In heavy fighting, U.S. troops neared the outskirts of Baghdad and now are threat­ening the core of the Iraqi regime there, Pentagon offi­cials said.

The Pentagon also warned that, as coalition troops get closer to wag­ing a major offensive in Baghdad, the likeli­hood grows that Iraq's govern­ment may unleash weapons of mass destruction.

Oil-supply worries were eased Wednesday morning when the Department of Energy reported U.S. crude inventories increased by 6.8 million barrels to 280.7 million barrels for the week ended March 28.

The latest figure was well above the critical 270-million­barrel mark, as imports soared by 706,000 barrels a day to 10.361 million barrels a day, the highest weekly import vol­ume on record from the agency.

The American Petroleum Institute, which also released stocks data Wednesday, report­ed an even larger build of 9.011 million barrels in crude stocks.

The API put imports at 9.612 million barrels a day.

Analysts surveyed earlier in the week by Dow Jones Newswires projected a build of 2.55 million barrels in crude stocks.

On the Nymex, light, sweet crude for May delivery closed $1.22 lower, or 4 percent, at $26.56 — the lowest settlement price since March 25, when crude closed at $37.97 a bar­rel.

At London's International Petroleum Exchange, Brent blend futures for May delivery fell $1.15 to $25.21 a barrel.

Members of OPEC continued pumping extra oil in March, making good on their pledge to make up for any shortfall in the market as a result of the con­­flict in Iraq, a survey by Dow Jones Newswires found Wednesday.

In a separate report, Prime­ Tass news said Russian crude oil output rose by 10.9 percent to 8.11 million barrels a day in March from 7.32 million bar­rels a day a year earlier.

The new agency cited a source close to Russia's energy min­istry.

Even if Nymex crude man­ages to gain a bit in overnight trading, traders are likely to seize opportunities to sell, said Tom Bentz, an analyst at BNP Paribas in New York.

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New York

The U.N. Security Council has agreed to discuss North Korea's nuclear crisis next Wednesday, a day before its withdrawal from a key non-proliferation treaty becomes final, diplomats said Wednesday.

The United States has been pressing the 15-nation council to adopt a statement condemning North Korea for failing to meet its international obligations to prevent the spread of nuclear arms. But China, which has close ties to North Korea, has refused to discuss the issue.

North Korea announced Jan. 12 it intended to withdraw from the non-proliferation Treaty, and the Vienna-based U.N. nuclear watchdog agency referred the matter to the council.

Mexico's U.N. Ambassador Adolfo Aguilar Zinser, the current council president, said the council would meet April 9 and noted that North Korea's withdrawal from the treaty will be final on April 10.

For weeks, the United States has been trying to get the four veto-wielding council members - China, Britain, France and Russia - to discuss a statement of condemnation from the council. But China has refused to attend the meetings.

China's U.N. Ambassador Wang Yingfan said Wednesday that Beijing agreed to consultations administered to all 15 council members on North Korea on April 9.

The council continues to meet April 9 and 10.

Asia

The Bush administration wants to see the United States send food, fuel and medicine to Iraq, but not weapons - through its territory to U.S. soldiers fighting in Iraq, another sign of limited cooperation from NATO's only Muslim member.

Secretary of State Colin Powell and Turkish leaders also agreed on an "early warning" system to avert friction between Turkey and Iraqi Kurds - an accord designed to block Turkey from sending its forces into northern Iraq. Washington fears that could lead to Turkish clashes with Iraqi Kurds and undermine the U.S.-led war effort in Iraq.

Powell's visit came amid tensions between Washington and Turkey, where polls show more than 40 percent of the people are against the Iraq war.

Some 500 protesters gathered on Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's office while Powell was inside, chanting "Yankee, go home!"

Turkey's parliament last month rejected a motion that would have allowed in 62,000 U.S. ground troops to open a "bridgehead" into northern Iraq, a move that analysts said likely would have led to a shorter, quicker war.

The rebuff helped strain Turkish-U.S. ties. U.S. officials were angry the northern front was lost, and Turkish officials said Washington wanted democracy in Iraq but could not accept a "no" vote from one of the only democratic parliaments in the region.

However, Powell and his Turkish counterpart, Abdullah Gul, emphasized U.S.-Turkish cooperation.

restricted aid after house passes social security bill

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washington

The House passed legislation Wednesday to end a Social Security practice that allowed some government workers to receive increased retirement benefits. Texas Democrats claimed the bill was a hardship for their state's teacher.

The bill, approved 396-28, also would deny Social Security benefits to fugitive felons and to people who violated probation or parole. Voting against the measure were 25 Democrats and three Republicans.

Last month, Democrats, after intense lobbying by teachers unions, joined their Texas colleagues in opposition to the bill, and it faced a special procedure requiring two-thirds approval. But many lawmakers changed their votes once they realized their colleagues had gained an additional benefit.

Spouses of retired, disabled or deceased workers usually receive Social Security benefits. A 1977 law reduces those benefits for employees of some state and local governments who do not pay into the Social Security system and do not collect Social Security, and are covered by their own retirement system.

But a provision allows those workers to avoid the reduction if their state or local retirement system is "of substantially equal value." The bill also tightens controls on those benefits.

Congressional investigators found that 4,795 teachers in Texas and 24 in Georgia had taken advantage as of July 2002, transferring briefly to state or local systems to earn extra $4,800 a year. Some school districts also have charged workers fees ranging from $100 to $500 to make the switch. One district collected an additional $283,000 in revenue from the fees.

The provision is costing the federal government about $450 million. Social Security officials say the practice could grow as more people become aware of it.

"No single group of workers should have an unfair advantage over workers in other school districts, in other pension systems, or across the nation," said Rep. Clay Shaw, R-Fla., the bill's sponsor.

The bill would require state and local government workers to pay into Social Security for a minimum of five years to be exempt from the offsets.

"This is no way to treat hard-working people who have dedicated their entire lives to serving their communities and this nation," said Rep. Martin Frost, D-Texas. "It hurts real people - especially women and lower-income individuals."

Most Democrats voted to support a measure that would repeal the offset altogether, but those attempts failed.

Rep. Nick Smith, R-Texas, warned of a "mass exodus of good teachers from our schools and classrooms."

The bill also tightens controls on people who serve as legal financial representatives for about 7.6 million Social Security recipients who are minors or have physical or mental impairments.

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The 2003 summer session will begin on Monday, June 16 (enrollment), and end on Friday, August 1 (final exams). Courses are organized in science and languages - beginning end and before or after these dates. The Summer Session Bulletin contains complete schedule information. The Bulletin is available at the Summer Session Office (510 Man Bidg.) beginning on Thursday, February 27. Summer Session courses, as it appears in the Bulletin, is also available at the Summer Session Web site (www.nd.edu/sumsess).

Note: Some students may register for summer courses during the spring semester of 2003 who are eligible to return in the fall - must use Web Registration. (1) to register for summer courses and (2) to add or drop courses according to the summer schedule changes. In the registration system, select " summer session." The Web Registration PIN (personal identification number) is available for registration. Please have the Personal Identification Number (PIN) for summer courses available for all continuing students. Instructions for course registration (select are available at http://register.nd.edu). Course numbers and times are published in the Bulletin at the Summer Session Web site.

Web Registration will be available for summer registration from Wednesday, March 19, through the course add and drop dates published in the Summer Session Bulletin. The Registrar's office may require summer schedule changes whenever they choose during this period; no appointment times are necessary.

Air-conditioned and non-air-conditioned housing and (optional) summer meal plans will be available. Forms for these services may be obtained at the Summer Session Office at any time during the spring semester.

Tuition for the summer session of 2003 will be $484 per credit hour for undergraduate students and $270 per credit hour for graduate students, plus a $45 general fee.

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The Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs

Contact S. M. Gude, CSC, for information and resources.

Office of Campus Ministry

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Contact Fr. J. Steele, CSC, at Steele.31@nd.edu.

University Counseling Center

Mental and spiritual counseling.

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Michael Moore's gutterball

It is over a decade since Michael Moore rose to prominence with "Roger & Me." The film documents Moore's attempt to get an interview with General Motors, who is responsible for the closure of a manufacturing plant in Flint, Michigan.

"Roger & Me" shows the devastating effect the closure had on the Flint community, providing a vivid and salutary reminder of the human cost of an economic system which treats labor as a commodity.

Moore's film became the highest grossing non-musical documentary of all time and received mostly adulatory reviews. However, a small number of critics, including the revered Pauline Kael, accused Moore of rearranging the chronology of the events he portrayed to better serve his political message. Moore alternated between saying that this was a lie and saying that, yes, he had altered the chronology, but he was within his rights to do so. This was one too many answers.

A premonition of problems which would come to dominate his later work.

Moore followed up with the satirical Fox series "TV Nation," a show built around political pranks. The show was uneven and unpolished, but at its best it combined politics with a mischievous sense of fun. This was the last time Moore was actually funny. In his latest book, "Stupid White Men," Moore's leaden wit is anticlimactic and to humor what socialist realism was to literature.

Mary McCarthy famously said of Lillian Hellman, "Every word she writes is a lie, including 'and' and 'the.'" Moore has not yet attained Hellman's rarefied level of dishonesty, but there are enough false and misleading claims in "Stupid White Men" to make everything in the book suspect. The purpose of the bad jokes is to license these false facts. Interviewing Moore on CNN, Lou Dobbs asked him why he did not respond to charges of altering inaccuracies in his book. Moore replied, "Why should I? How can there be inaccuracy in truth?"

Moore's documentary "Bowling for Columbine," which won this year's Academy Award for Best Documentary, is about the massacre at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., and by extension America's gun culture. The film mocks the stupid white men who placed the blame for Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold's killings on Marilyn Manson. Manson is interviewed sympathetically by Moore, who chats amiably with him about the corruption of politicians and the media.

The problem is that Moore's own explanations are no better. At several points in the film Moore points out that the Columbine killers had their day in court, which occurred on the same day (April 20, 1999) that the United States dropped more bombs on Kosovo than at any other time during the war and suggests that it may be the example of American violence overseas that is responsible for domestic violence such as school shootings. The implied parallel between the NATO campaign in Kosovo and the Columbine massacre is pure moral idiocy. I doubt Moore really believes it himself; it seems like a device to allow him to preach about American foreign policy in a film claiming to be about guns in American culture.

Once again Moore has too many explanations. At some points he suggests that the media is the real culprit for instilling a climate of fear amongst white people. Then he goes further and tells the whole history of the United States as the history of scared white people, which is not quite true. We are all Americans, blacks and each other. His history is so cartoonishly distorted that it is wholly appropriate that it is told with a cartoon.

In the cartoon Moore suggests that the National Rifle Association is connected to the Ku Klux Klan. His narrator says, "In 1871, the same year the Klan became an illegal terrorist organization, another group was founded, the National Rifle Association."

Lest we miss the point, a Klansman and an NRA member are shown setting fire to a cross together. In fact the NRA was founded by two Union officers, and Ulysses S. Grant, who signed into law the act making the Klan illegal and enforced it vigorously, would later become the NRA's eighth president. Moore's innuendo is not merely polemic, it is propaganda of the worst sort.

While it is worrying that so many people did not seem to notice Moore's errors and deceits, it is more disturbing that many who did notice were willing to excuse them because they sympathize with Moore's politics. Aside from its sheer hypocrisy, the problem with such a position is that it assumes that the Left has nothing at stake in the stability of this country's public debate, only its outcome. Propaganda corrupts, always. Serious progressives should reject Moore's tactics, and they should reject Moore.

Let us hope that in exchange for conservative do somethings so about Ann Coulter.

Peter Wicks

Englishman Abroad

NDToday/Observer Poll Question

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Marilaya Soenneker
Here we go again...

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The travel bug

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Warning: ‘Agent Cody Banks’ causes brain damage

By BJ STREW
Scene Movie Critic

Admittedly, even despite the inspired casting decision to place A-list heartthrob Frankie Muniz in the lead role, “Agent Cody Banks” falls in almost every respect. Almost, because there are two things it succeeds at: 1) inflicting permanent dain bramage on anyone who so much as passes by a TV when its trailers are playing; and 2) eternally condemning every soul involved in the production of this tirelessly trite cow flop of a kid’s movie.

The Emmy-winning “Malcolm in the Middle” star essentially plays the same exact role in his show as he does here. (Muniz will hereinafter be referred to as “Malcolm” for the remainder of this review.) This has “Disney Channel Movie” written all over it. And scrawled on top of that: “Swallow This, Ian Fleming.” Because enough lead role. “Malcolm’s” agency mentor, Angie Harmon,Keith David, Cynthia Stevenson, Hilary Duff, Frankie Muniz, Jeffrey Jurgensen, Ashley Miller, Harald Harmon, of course, is playing; and

“Agent Cody Banks”

Directors: Harald Zwart
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Starring: Frankie Muniz, Hilary Duff, Angie Harmon, Keith David, Cynthia Stevenson

As a whole, if it’s possible to think of the movie as a “whole” — never mind, you can’t. It’s nonsense layered on top of nonsense. And the movie matches its unwarranted, relentless length with cartoonish, clichéd, wearisome material; its vileness borders on the surreal. But valiantly, it tries to make up for its sheer lack of cohesion, humor, originality, its second-rate acting, direction, cinematography, editing and its bizarre special effects with one thing: Malcolm’s agency mentor, Angie Harmon, prancing around in a half-unzipped cat suit. Oh, and Michael Douglas-Zeta-Jones — in a pointless cameo — playing the crucial role of “man with the wicked-heinous haircut.”

And just when itswoodwinked audiences are thinking, “Hold the phone — how come there isn’t any racism in this movie?” “Agent Cody Banks” delivers. Bleeding-edge comedy, yes; bigoted caricatures do indeed entail knee-slapping hilarity. Without a doubt, the fourteen or so screenwriters were putting themselves on the back for that doozie. A final warning: turn away when the tender Malcolm-Hillary Duff liaisons commence; ball gags and Disney just cannot be recon-

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The Danish or Dutch director Harald Zwart, of “Gull og grønne skoger” fame, in the archfiend authorities and history books will hold accountable for profaning the cherished kid’s-movie genre. With “Agent Cody Banks” once thought his magnum opus, he is set to dumbfound critics again in 2004 with a sequel, promising an affecting facsimile of its predecessor all its hackneyed splendor, likely by a militia of starving would-be screenwriters.

If Observer graphic artists allowed it, this movie would get a negative number of shamrocks. And if the Geneva Conventions allowed it, this movie would supply a more effective, though less humane, alternative to the “stress and duress” techniques the real CIA’s using down at Guantanamo.

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Cody Banks (Frankie Muniz) is an ordinary teen by day, secret agent for the CIA by night.

Ronica Miles (Angle Harmon) keeps an eye on secret teen agent Cody Banks as his agency mentor.

Banks is sent to befriend Natalie Connors (Hilary Duff) in order to gain access to her father’s scientific creations, despite his lack of skills around girls.
NOTES FROM THE UNDERGROUND

Academy hits and misses

I ought to start this column with an apology, so here it is — I apologize to the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. I didn’t think you’d give "Spirited Away" an Oscar, and you did. I’m impressed. While the victory for "Spirited Away" was one of the night’s more surprising moments, one of the most predictable was what got me thinking. As "Chicago" was anticipated for Best Picture, several of the people I was watching it with — myself included — expressed something along the lines of "Oh good, they got it right," or "I was afraid "The Pianist" would win.

This interested me for two reasons — first, because we were acting like "Chicago" was somehow definitively the best movie of the year, and second, because we were implying that the Academy is no good at picking the best picture of the year, and that getting it "right" was the exception. Reviewing films, and even the mere basic task of deciding what a "good" movie is a highly subjective process. There’s obviously such a thing as good acting, but that’s insufficient for a good movie, and I’ve seen intelligent people with opposite opinions as to whether a given actor was good in a given film. Other "objective" criteria for deciding what makes a movie "good," like the script or the direction, fall victim to similar criticisms. Take at the box office is no evaluator of quality, nor is critical reception — it’s too dependent on that. Still, how will it be viewed in several years. I don’t just mean how popular it’ll be in several years, but some combination of how popular it will be and how it will be viewed critically — otherwise I’d be back into admitting "Star Wars" as one of the best films ever. When my friends and I agreed that "Chicago" deserved Best Picture, we really meant that we saw ourselves — as adults who consider themselves to be reasonably intelligent film buffs — rooting for "Chicago" in ten or twenty years, while we couldn’t be paid to sit through "The Hours" or "The Pianist" again. And when we look back to years past and say, "That movie didn’t deserve to win Best Picture," we mean that said film is seen, in retrospect, as inferior to one of its rivals.

This standard has interesting applications. If we go back ten years, we see that the 1993 Oscars also got it "right," giving the Best Picture to "Unforgiven," which is probably the most-watched of the nominees from that year. Twenty years ago, "Gandhi" won, and, while another 1983 nominee, "E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial" will probably be watched forever, few would argue with the significance of the Richard Attenborough masterpiece. Does this mean the initial assumption made by my friends was wrong? Could it be that, against all probability, Academy voters are pretty good at guessing what will become a classic?

Well, not really. They’re better than some critics would have you think, but 1983 and 1993 are not exactly representative. Let’s say we take a look at 20 years or so of Best Pictures, and to make it fair, we exclude the last five years, because those movies are too recent to have felt the verdict of posterity. So, from 1978 to 1998, can we say that the Academy is accurate in predicting what movies will be remembered as good, important, or significant? The verdict has to be yes. Deserving movies that were snubbed by the Academy for Best Picture in that period include "Apocalypse Now," "Raging Bull," "Goodfellas," "Pulp Fiction," and "Fargo." They lost to "Kramer vs. Kramer," "Ordinary People," "Thieves With Wolves," "Forrest Gump," and "The English Patient," respectively — while they’re all good movies, these races should have been no contest. The movies I just mentioned are not only popular, but critically acclaimed — meaning that I have not had to rely on "Star Wars" (lost to "Annie Hall") or "Raiders of the Lost Ark" (lost to "Chariots of Fire"), which don’t really fit that criterion, despite their immense popularity.

Occasionally, there are years when it’s tough to pick a deserving winner by looking at the nominees — years when the Academy just completely blew it in the nomination process. In 1990, the nominees consisted of mainly preachy or sappy movies like "Dead Poets Society" and "Driving Miss Daisy," while Woody Allen’s brilliant "Crimes and Misdemeanours" wasn’t even nominated. But these years are the exception, not the rule, and the Academy usually nominates the right movies.

But if the best criterion for what a "good" movie is whether we’ll still be watching it down the road, isn’t it a little unfair to criticize the Academy or other award shows? Asking them to be 100 percent accurate seems like asking for the impossible, and criticism in the here-and-now is usually done by small groups of self-righteous, self-appointed film buffs, like, well, myself. And these film buffs seldom really agree among themselves, meaning that the Academy faces the nearly impossible task of trying to please all of the people all of the time. So, despite our frequent whining that the Academy "always" gets big awards wrong, it does a pretty good job — better than any other award show, except of course the Razzies. Ironically, the worst Oscar mistake of the last 25 years — making "Titanic" the most honored film of all time — was paralleled by the usually reliable Razzies, when "Titanic" failed to garner a single one of the shameful awards, not even a "Worst Actor in a Supporting Role" for Billy Zane. But that’s a column for another day.

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"Forrest Gump" ran away with a Best Picture Academy Award in 1995, as well as Best Actor (Tom Hanks) and a slew of other awards and nominations.
A-Rod hits his 300th homer but Rangers fall to Angels

Chicago White Sox RHP Billy Koch entered the game in the eighth inning Wednesday in Kansas City. The Royals won, 5-4.

Indian's four, Orioles 2

Cleveland won its first game under new manager Eric Wedge as Bills Burks drove in two runs.

Dodgers 5, Diamondbacks 0

Kevin Brown, in a performance that bodes well for the Los Angeles Dodgers, shut down the Arizona Diamondbacks on three hits in six-plus innings of a 5-0 victory Wednesday night.

Red Sox 7, Devil Rays 5

Jason Varitek hit a three-run homer and Derek Lowe (1-0), who no-hit the Devil Rays last April, shrugged off a shaky start and allowed five runs and six hits in six innings. Tampa Bay wasted a 3-0 lead.

Two batters later, Orlando Cabrera hit a two-run shot in the sixth, Thome had three hits and Mike Lieberthal added an RBI.

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In a game in which home runs had been an afterthought, a total of 14 shots were hit.

The Mets, who tied a season high with 14 hits, had a pair in the first inning, two in the second and the rest in the sixth and ninth to come back from a 7-0 deficit and win 8-7.

Toronto won for the first time in six games at Turner Field. Atlanta is 0-2 for the first time in six years.

Thome became the sixth player to hit a home run in his first four major league starts.

Atlanta got only one runner on base against ace Tim Hudson, who pitched the complete game and hardly looked overmatched in his first four major league starts.

Diamondbacks 3, Expos 2

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Expos 3, Braves 0

Each Day's relievers combined on a three-hitter, and Jose Vidro hit a two-run homer to lead Montreal.

The vagabond Expos, who won't play in Montreal until April 22, have outscored the Braves 13-2 in the first two games at Turner Field. Atlanta is 0-2 for the first time in six years.

Vidro hit a two-run shot in the first inning, sending rookie Braves starter Horacio Ramirez (0-1) to a hard-luck loss in his major league debut.

Day (1-0), making just his third big league start, allowed three hits in seven innings. Atlanta got only one runner past second base.

Rocky Biddle worked the ninth for his second career save.

Phillies 8, Marlins 2

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Lemieux leaves Pittsburgh with game-winning assist

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

Mario Lemieux may have said goodbye the same way he said hello.

Lemieux set up Eric Meloche's game-winning goal with 10.1 seconds left in possibly his final NHL game, and the Pittsburgh Penguins rallied for two goals in the closing minutes to beat the Carolina Hurricanes 3-2 on Wednesday night.

Lemieux, who has said for weeks he may not play again next season, especially with the Penguins looking into a multi-year rebuilding mode. He said Wednesday he won't play in Pittsburgh's season finale in Washington on Saturday night.

"If this was my last game, I wanted to finish here, in front of the fans here who have supported me," Lemieux said. "This season hasn't been much fun...for the franchise or myself. It's been difficult." Lemieux owns the Penguins and, even though another retirement would hurt them at the turnstiles, he said he won't decide until this summer if he will return for a fourth season since coming out of retirement in December 2000.

Asked if he went into the game thinking it may be the last of a Hall of Fame career that began in 1984, Lemieux said, "Oh, yeah, I've been thinking about it for a while. That's why he said, "The timing was perfect," in reference to Meloche's goal, which may have come on Lemieux's final NHL shift. He scored in Boston on his very first shot in 1984, and he had an assist on the first shift of his comeback game against Toronto in 2000, when he ended a 44-month retirement.

However, he may have ended his career with the longest streak without a goal in his career: nine games — or since a March 8 goal against Ottawa. His previous longest streak was eight in 1996-97, his final season before his retirement.

Lemieux had plenty of scoring chances Wednesday, including one on a short breakaway when he couldn't dislodge himself enough from defender Brent Hedican to get an uncontested shot against Arturs Irbe.

But it is impossible to score if Lemieux may have scored the game's first goal as he nearly hit his stick on Meloche's shot seven minutes in, but Meloche was credited with the first of his two goals.

In a matchup of the NHL's two worst teams, the Hurricanes — 0-7-2 in their last nine games — squandered themselves of finishing with the NHL's worst record. They have 61 points with two games remaining, while the Penguins have 65 with one to play, and Pittsburgh owns the tiebreaker.

"It's not like we were in 17th place and then wound up here in 30th," Carolina coach Paul Maurice said. "We've been battling at the bottom for a long time.

The Penguins, 2-16-2 in their last 20 games, won for the first time in 11 home games to avoid tying a franchise record for longest home winless streak set in 1986-87.

Meloche briefly left the ice in the second after Brad DeFauw's stick caught him in the top left side of the crease. But Lemieux was back on the ice for the power play resulting from the high-sticking penalty.

The near-sellout crowd of 15,718 clearly wanted to see Lemieux get a goal in the third period. He nearly touched the puck and chanting, "Let's Go, Penguins" and "One More Year."

But it was defensemen Richard Lindner who tied it with 3:01 remaining, sweeping in a rebound of Martin Straka's backhander. Zigomanis scored before the next game's first goal as he nearly touched the puck and chanting, "Let's Go, Penguins" and "One More Year."

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MacDonald hadn't scored a goal since April 12, 2002, and it was only his second goal in 56 games against the Hurricanes.

Lemieux's second goal came with Ryan Bayda off for a four-minute high-sticking penalty that came shortly after Lindner's tying goal.

"I put the puck right on my stick," Meloche said.

Coyotes 3, Canucks 2

Teppo Numminen scored with 2:01 remaining as the Phoenix Coyotes rallied from a two-goal deficit in the third period and tied the Vancouver Canucks 3-3 on Wednesday night.

Numminen tied it after he gained control of the puck at the top left side of the crease and slipped a soft wrist shot past Dan Cloutier.

Markus Naslund scored his league-leading 48th goal, and Trevor Linden and Sami Salo also scored for the Canucks, who moved three points in front of Colorado for the Northwest Division lead.

The Canucks, 3-0-1 in four games against the Coyotes, are 4-2-1 in their last six games and also raised their franchise-best road record to 25-19-7-1.

Danny Markv was scored his first goal since Dec. 11 and Paul Mara had a goal for the Coyotes, who are 0-5-1-1 in their last seven.

Mara pulled Phoenix within 3-2 with 11:28 to go when he one-timed a rebound off the left post into the low slot past Cloutier.

Naslund's goal, Vancouver's third straight after trailing 1-0 early, came seconds after the Coyotes had killed a two-minute, two-man advantage.

Jan Hrdina, playing his second game for Phoenix, fired wide on a short-handed breakaway. The puck bounced to Todd Bertuzzi, who skated the length of the ice as the dual penalties expired and fed a cross-ice pass to Naslund for the goal.

Naslund leads the NHL with 104 points, while Bertuzzi's 51st assist raised his points total to 97, fourth-best in the league.

Markov gave Phoenix a 1-0 lead at 10:45 of the first period, bouncing a hard, knuckling shot from the right point off the crossbar.

Linden tied it at the 15-minute mark of the period when he beat Brian Boucher from the right faceoff circle for his 19th goal.

Salo fired a sharp wrister from the right faceoff circle over Boucher's right shoulder at 3:51 of the second to put the Canucks ahead 2-1.
As peanut flies at official, Hornets clinch playoff berth

NEW ORLEANS

The Hornets did something in their first year in New Orleans that the Jazz didn’t do for the city in five years: make the playoffs.

The Hornets, who moved to New Orleans from Charlotte after last season, locked up their fourth straight playoff berth Wednesday night with an assist from the Sacramento Kings.

Jamal Mashburn scored 24 points, Baron Davis and George Lynch each added 19 as the Hornets beat the New Jersey Nets 106-97. The victory, along with Sacramento’s 105-87 win against the Washington Wizards, advanced the Hornets to the playoffs.

"This was a key win tonight," Hornets coach Paul Silas said. "Not just because we clinched a playoff berth, but because we might meet this team in the playoffs."

The Jazz, which played in New Orleans from 1974-79, never made the playoffs while in the city.

The victory might have been costly, however. Davis, who returned to the lineup March 11 after missing 20 games following surgery on his left knee, twisted the knee and left the game late in the third quarter. Silas said after the game it was too early to know how bad Davis’ injury was.

Mashburn, who had just two points in the first quarter, and Lynch, who had only seven points in the first half, picked up the slack.

"We’ve still got a long way to go as far as seeding is concerned," Mashburn said.


"It takes some pressure off us," Lynch said. "But we can’t look at it like we’ve got to try to improve each game now."

Richard Jefferson led the Nets with 24 points, Kerry Kittles added 19, Jason Kidd had 17 points and 13 assists, Rodney Rogers 16 points and Jason Collins 10.

New Orleans, which led by as much as 22, saw the Nets cut the lead to nine on a jumper by Kittles with 2:45 remaining. Jefferson’s layup with 1:57 left pulled New Jersey within 98-91.

The Nets did not score again until Collins hit a free throw with 38 seconds left.

"We were just trying to fight to get back in it," Jefferson said. "We were without Kutyon Martin, who is our best rebounder. The guys were a little fatigued.

In the third quarter, temps flared. An elderly couple was tossed out of the game after the woman threw a peanut at an official who called a foul on Lynch. A few minutes later, a shoving match under the Nets’ basket between Magloire and Brian Scalabrine drew both teams and both coaches onto the floor before officials restored order.

Kings 105, Wizards 99

For three quarters, the Sacramento Kings looked playoff-ready. That’s all they needed to beat the Washington Wizards, who took another step toward the NBA lottery.

Chris Webber torchied his old team again for 28 points, nine rebounds and six assists as the Kings took control in the second quarter and held on for a 105-99 victory Wednesday night.

Sacramento, four games into a six-game road trip, nearly blew a 19-point-fourth-quarter lead. The victory reduced its magic number to one to win the Pacific Division.

"We get a bit tired," coach Rick Adelman said. "Four games in five nights. It’s another good lesson. They got really aggressive and physical, and we have to respond to that."

Jerry Stackhouse scored 27 points for Washington. Michael Jordan, playing almost nonstop in his bid to get to the playoffs one last time, scored 17 points and played 33 of the game’s first 34 minutes and 42 minutes in all. The Wizards, back from going 2-4 on a two-week West Coast road trip, sank to a season-low six games under .500.

Washington fell two games behind Milwaukee, which beat Houston 106-99, in the race for the eighth Eastern Conference playoff spot. The Wizards play at Atlanta on Thursday.

"We’ve got to go to Atlanta and win," coach Doug Collins said. "Nothing else matters."

The Kings, playing their third game in four days, were up by 22 in the third quarter before letting up in the fourth. The Wizards cut the lead to five on Jordan’s tough baseline jumper with 2:20 to play, and they twice pulled within four.

But Webber quieted the crowd with a 20-foot jumper, and the Wizards didn’t have enough time left to catch up — especially after Kwame Brown missed three of four free throws in the final 70 seconds. The Kings went 4-for-4 from the free-throw line in the final minute.

"They’re tough to beat," Stackhouse said. "But we did have a valiant effort."

Spurs 105, Grizzlies 87

Stress. Reserve Malik Rose added 18 points for San Antonio. Lorenzen Wright led Memphis with 24 points, but the rest of the frontline had little punch. Leading scorer Pau Gasol scored five points and had five rebounds before fouling out, and Mike Miller, still suffering from back spasms, had seven. The Grizzlies were outscored 50-38 in the paint and out rebounded 49-35.

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BRAVES GM John Schuerholz, left, Threshers GM Don Waddell, center, and Pete Babcock, right, at a press conference in Atlanta. Babcock was fired by the Hawks Wednesday after 13 years as the team's general manager.

Pete Babcock removed as Hawks' GM

Associated Press

ATLANTA Pete Babcock knew his days were numbered as the Atlanta Hawks staggered toward their fourth straight losing season.

Babcock was fired by the Hawks on Wednesday, ending the fourth-longest tenure of any general manager in the NBA.

"It's not like this is a shock," Babcock said.

There's no gray area in this business. It's all about wins and losses."

Babcock had been with the Hawks since February 1990. The only GMs who have longer tenures with the same team are Chicago's Jerry Krause, Indiana's Donnie Walsh and Elgin Baylor of the Los Angeles Clippers.

"I really feel fortunate to be here that long," Babcock said. "Usually, you get about four or five years in this job."

Babcock ousted four coaches (Mike Fratello, Bob Weiss, Lonny Willms and Lon Kruger) but couldn't survive an ill-fated attempt to build a younger, faster team after the Hawks were swept by the New York Knicks in the 1999 playoffs.

Since then, Atlanta hasn't won more than 33 games in a season. The Hawks are 29-45 this season, virtually eliminated from the Eastern Conference playoff race with eight games remaining.

"It's been four years now that we've been out of the playoffs and it's just not acceptable for us," team president Stan Kasten said. "It's time now to turn the reins over to someone else to begin a new plan, to try something else."

The Hawks made the playoffs in eight of Babcock's first nine full seasons, reaching 50 victories three times and winning the Central Division championship in 1994.

But Babcock's teams never got past the second round of the playoffs, and he was criticized for failing to improve the team through the draft. The first-round flops included Doug Edwards, Ed Gray and Priest Lauderdale.

Babcock said his biggest mistake was the 1999 trade that sent Steve Smith to Portland for Isaiah Rider and Jim Jackson. Rider didn't even make it through one season with the Hawks, who released him for reportedly showing up late for games and practices.

In Brief

Trial begins for Kirby Puckett

A jury began deliberations Wednesday in the trial of Kirby Puckett, accused of dragging a woman into a restaurant bathroom and assaulting her.

Jurors deliberated for about 5 1/2 hours without reaching a verdict. Hennepin County District Judge Stephen Swanson scheduled them to reconvene Thursday morning.

Puckett's attorney told the jury Wednesday that the state failed to prove the charges against the Hall of Famer and former Minnesota Twins slugger.

"What happened was real simple — she wanted to go into the restroom. He took her into the restroom. It might not have been the wisest choice, but it was real simple," attorney Todd Jones said.

But prosecutor Alan Harris told jurors that the woman's story is supported by testimony from others and physical evidence, which should lead them to conclude that Puckett is guilty.

Puckett, 43, is charged with felony false imprisonment and criminal sexual conduct and assault, both misdemeanors.

Phillies' manager Bowa suspended one game

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Bob Watson, baseball's vice president of discipline, announced the penalty before the Phillies played Florida on Wednesday night. Bowa is to miss Thursday's series finale.

Angry that Toronto's Roy Halladay hit Jim Thome in the third inning of the game in Clearwater, Fla., on March 26, Bowa yelled at the pitcher as an inning later and was ejected.

Both benches emptied, but no punches were thrown. Bowa had to be restrained by several people.

Pacers center misses game with ankle injury

Indiana Pacers center Jermaine O'Neal missed Wednesday night's game against the Cleveland Cavaliers with a sprained right ankle.

O'Neal, the Pacers' leading scorer, rebounder and shot blocker, has been playing on a sore ankle since spraining it early last month on a West Coast trip.

"It's kind of been dragging on for a while," coach Isiah Thomas said. "If he could play, he would play. It's not him saying that he needs a break."
This Sunday at the 11:45am Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, we will celebrate the Rite of Reception into Full Communion. At this liturgy, Candidates for Full Communion will complete their initiation into the Catholic Church by receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Please keep them in your prayers and help us to welcome them into our Catholic community.

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Hornets fail to sting Belles

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's softball team did not blow out Kalamazoo in either game went extra innings in a pair of pitching duels. Nevertheless, the Hornets got it done on the road to open their MIAA schedule, winning two close games in nine innings by scores of 5-1 and 2-1, respectively. Saint Mary's (12-6, 2-0 MIAA) did not make the statement head coach Anna Welsh had anticipated, but the Belles still got out of Wednesday with two wins that easily could have been two losses.

"It was good to get our first games in conference under our belt, to see what the conference will be like," Welsh said. "And we haven't played for a week and a half. So it was good to come off with two victories."

Welsh definitely was not disappointed with the pitching. In the first game, junior Libby Wilhemy started and threw six scoreless innings for the Belles. After Saint Mary's scored a run in the sixth, Welsh inserted freshman Kate Sajewich to close it out, but the Hornets scored a run in the seventh — and what would have been the final — inning to send it to the eighth.

Welsh said the Belles held it together in extra innings due to clutch defense.

"We did not play as well as we would have liked to," she said. "We got some clutch defense in the eighth. We came back again, if you score more runs, then you don't need clutch defense in the seventh inning."

Saint Mary's also got key hits when they needed them, even if they came late. Freshmen Bridget Grall and Jackie Zurcher each recorded two hits. Senior catcher Susan Kutz knocked two doubles. Four runs in the top of the ninth sealed the fate for the Belles. Sajewich received a win in relief.

In the second game, the Belles struggled at the plate. Still, that was more than Kalamazoo could do. Grall pitched a no-hitter through six innings, before giving up one run in the seventh, which ended a tremendous performance by the freshman.

"They're hitters simply came around," Welsh said. "Bridget pitched a great game."

The score remained at 1-1 until the Belles bunted in the bottom of the ninth inning, because doubleheader rules state that the home team bats in the top of the innings in the second game. Junior Marnie Walsh singled to lead off the bottom of the ninth. After stealing second base, Walsh reached third base on a fielder's choice. That brought up freshman Meghan Marenkowski. The third baseman grounded hard to third, but Walsh scored her second run of the game on a fielder's choice, ending the game in favor of the Belles. Marenkowski had both RBIs.

"Libby Wilhemy pitched the rest of the way after Grall went out and got the win."

"The way these games happened, we learned so much today," Welsh said. "We made a few mistakes. You learn a lot from losses, but you learn from wins as well. In conference play you step it up to a different level. I'm not sure how well we did that today, but we're definitely happy with two wins."

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NCAA BASKETBALL

UCLA hires Pitt's Howland

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Ben Howland, a Southern California native who led Pittsburgh to the round of 16 in the NCAA tournament for the second straight year, was hired as UCLA's coach late Wednesday night.

Howland will be formally introduced on campus Thursday, athletic director Dan Guerrero said. "Ben Howland is an outstanding basketball coach, one of the best in the entire country, and he is the man we want to run our program," Guerrero said in a statement. "He has built winning programs throughout his career and we expect that he will return UCLA basketball to the nation's elite."

Howland, 45, becomes the eighth coach at UCLA since John Wooden retired in 1975 after leading the Bruins to 10 national championships in a 12-year span.

Howland replaces Steve Lavin, who was fired March 17 after the Bruins went 10-19 for their first losing season in 55 years.

Howland led Pitt from Big East doormat to national championship contender after his hiring in 1999. He has a 168-99 record in nine years as a head coach — five at Northern Arizona and the last four at Pitt.

The Panthers went 28-5 this season, and they finished No. 4 in the final Associated Press poll that came out before the NCAA tournament.

Howland said the UCLA job is the only one that could have convinced him to leave his current one.

"Having grown up in Southern California as a Bruin fan, watching the televised replays of the games was special for me," Howland said in a statement. "To now be the head coach of this program is something I dreamed about but never thought possible. I have an appreciation for what these four letters mean in the world of college basketball."

The day Lavin was fired, Howland said he had no plans to leave Pitt, but everything changed once the Panthers were eliminated by Marquette 77-74 in the third round of the NCAA tournament. "I want to make it clear how hard it was for me to leave the University of Pittsburgh," Howland said. "I can't imagine myself leaving Pittsburgh for anywhere except UCLA."

Howland met with Guerrero and associate athletic director Betsey Stephenson on Sunday in Santa Barbara. Howland's parents live there, 100 miles from Los Angeles.

Howland was an assistant at UC Santa Barbara for 11 seasons before taking the Northern Arizona job in 1994. Howland just completed the first year of a seven-year, $5.9 million contract at Pittsburgh that included incentives and a buyout of about $750,000.

Lavin, who had five years remaining on his contract, will receive a buyout of one year at his full salary of $575,000, and four years at the base salary of $153,000. Lavin's firing had been anticipated for months by everyone, including the 38-year-old coach.

He went 142-78 in seven years and took the Bruins to the round of 16 of the NCAA tournament five times in six years, a feat matched only by Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski.

Lavin's teams won at least 20 games every season except this one.
**BASEBALL**

Irish getting offensive as Big East looms

The Irish offense has scored a lot of runs lately. How many different ways can it be said?

After a slow start, Notre Dame's offense is back. And not only are they back, they're dominating.

It's not that hard to notice, either. With its home-opening seven-game set completed, one look at the statistics can tell you that.

In the seven games, the Irish batted .371, hit 26 extra-base hits, scored 75 runs, stole 11 bases and totaled 89 hits overall.

On the flipside of this, the Notre Dame pitching staff finished with a 7-0 record and a 2.80 earned run average, holding its opponents to a .223 batting average, striking out 70 while walking only 24.

They are a more complete team than the one that took the field against Dayton on Feb. 21, and the results prove it: After starting the season 3-4, the Irish batted .271 heading into this weekend, striking out 89 hits overall.

This resurgence is personified in Freshman Steve Andres who launched a three-run home run in the bottom of the second inning of Notre Dame's 13-4 victory over Valparaiso Wednesday. The much-improved Irish offense will be tested this weekend at Boston College and St. John's.

According to Mainieri's theory, Macri's double knocked in Javi Sollmann to put the Irish ahead 2-0. A sacrifice fly by Cody Rizzo drove in two runs and gave the Irish a 7-1 lead.

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out, launched a three-run home run — Notre Dame's first in 13 games — in the bottom of the second to put the Irish ahead for good.

"I felt pretty confident we weren't going to go the whole year at home and not hit a home run," Mainieri said. "I knew sooner or later we'd hit one."

Run-scoring singles by Greg Lopez and Matt Edwards increased that lead to 5-1 to close out the scoring in the second.

The Irish notched two more runs on the board in the fourth, when Steve Sollmann knocked in Craig Cooper, who reached third after a leadoff triple. After Sollmann was caught stealing second, Edwards fired a shot to left, which cleared the fences and gave the Irish a 7-1 lead.

Notre Dame put up another five runs in the fifth inning. Matt Marti's double knocked in Javi Sanchez, knocking Valparaiso's starting pitcher out of the game.

The onslaught continued, however, as Andres knocked in another run with a single and Sollmann drove in two runs with a towering triple to right-center. A groundout by Lopez knocked Sollmann in to put the Irish ahead 12-1.

A sacrifice fly by Cody Rizzo drove in Notre Dame's 13th run, and the relief pitchers held the Crusaders to three runs (two in the seventh off Wilkins and one in the ninth off Cagnina) to close out a perfect home stand.

Now the Irish travel to the east coast for a four-game weekend series against Boston College and St. John's, marking a key Big East road trip against some tough competition.

"This coming weekend, the level of competition is upgraded," Mainieri said. "Not only are the teams good, but we're playing them on the road. With Big East conference games, our history of our program is that our Irish teams have always accepted those kinds of challenges on the road and come through in the clutch. So that's the challenge we have ahead of us."

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Belles’ winning streak snapped in 5-4 loss to Hornets

By LISA REIJULA
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's tennis team's impressive winning streak came to an end Wednesday against Kalamazoo College in a hard-fought 5-4 loss. Before Wednesday's defeat, the Belles had won nine straight matches. The lone blemish on their record was a 6-3 loss in the spring season opener to St. Cloud State on March 10. "When you're winning a lot, sometimes you forget what it feels like to lose," said junior co-captain Kaitlin Cutler. "I think this will be motivation for us." At No. 1 singles, Saint Mary's Jeannie Knish faced a tough opponent in Kalamazoo's Meaghan Clark, the 21st-ranked player in the nation in Division III women's tennis. Clark won the match by a 6-3, 6-1 score. The Hornets also won at the No.2 flight, as Kara Hoorn beat Belles freshman Kristin Palombo 6-2, 6-3. Cutler notched the first win for Saint Mary's with a 6-2, 6-3 defeat of Caitlin Kelly at No. 3 singles. The Belles won two more singles matches for the afternoon. Kris Spriggle downed Kalamazoo's Elizabeth Davis 6-2, 6-1 at the No.4 match up. With the victory, Spriggle brought her singles record to a perfect 10-0. At the No. 5 spot, senior Elisa Ryan also won for the Belles, beating Jessann Margoni 6-1, 6-3. The No.5 singles match was a tight, evenly-matched contest. Kalamazoo's Kristin Hirth edged out Saint Mary's Angela Sander, winning 7-5, 7-5. In doubles play, the Hornets took two out of three matches from the Belles. At the No. 1 slot, Kalamazoo's team of Kelly and Clark defeated Knish and Palombo 6-1, 3-6, 6-2. The Belles won at No. 2 doubles, as the Cutler/Ryan duo dispatched Hoorn and Davis 6-1, 6-3. However, the Hornets prevailed in the No. 3 doubles match. Margoni and Sarahine Smith won over Saint Mary's Spriggle and freshman Lindsay Cook in a close 7-6 (4), 7-5 match. "All the matches were really close," said Cutler. "The girls who lost feel like it could have been either way. We play them again in conference and we believe we can beat them." With the loss, the Belles now hold a record of 9-2 on the season. They fell to .500 in the MIAA conference with a 1-1 record. The match against Kalamazoo was the first loss for the Belles in the conference in two years. "It's only our second conference match," said Cutler. "We'll get back on track after the loss. It could be a good thing for us." The Saint Mary's team will look to rebound against Adrian College on the road in another MIAA conference match Saturday.

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and Eva Cho 6-4. Then Sarah Jane Connelly and freshman Kristin Staatsy, playing for only the third time together, won their straight doubles match as they topped Eklow and Krose 8-4. The Irish wrap up what has been a busy two-week period of play today when they head to Indiana University to contend with the unranked Hoosiers. After today's contest, the Irish will have some time to prepare for their last regular-season competition — a road bout with No. 19 Miami. "Everyone's a little bit tired, but we only have one more match before time off," Cunha said. "I think everyone is really looking forward to this road trip on a good note." Contact Joe Lindsay at jlindsle@nd.edu

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ND SOFTBALL

Loyola comes to Ivy as Irish look for home victories

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

After dropping a doubleheader to Northwestern in the home opener March 26, Notre Dame looks to win its first home game this year in hosting Loyola Chicago in a doubleheader this afternoon.

“We just had our games against Purdue (Tuesday). Those were great,” second baseman Alexis Madrid said.

“It has been tough with the weather [and then to play] Purdue, those two games were a good push for us.”

The Irish (12-11) got back on the plus side of every game, the Irish offense for seven runs in each game. That offensive production, along with just being able to play, gives the team confidence heading into today’s games against the Ramblers.

“It helped us a lot, especially a lot with the Big East games cancelled,” Madrid said. “Purdue is a great team, and for us to go in there and have all three aspects of the game work well together was great.”

With inclement weather canceling or postponing nine games thus far this season, including the opening of the Big East, it looks to win its first home game against Purdue (Tuesday). Those games against the Ramblers.

While the Irish swept the Boilermakers in a doubleheader Tuesday, the Ramblers were run-ruled 8-0 in a six-inning game March 22. Just like they have done in every game, the Irish are concentrating on playing a complete game against the Ramblers.

“Loyola is a great team and we need to take the same approach we have in other games, Madrid said. “Our approach has been putting hits together — which we have been doing in the last couple games — our pitchers knowing the batters, and then the defense, which has been solid.”

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Irish leftfielder Liz Hartmann throws the ball during Notre Dame’s Mar. 26 loss to Northwestern at Ivy Field.

International Festival Schedule of Events

Thursday, April 3
11:00-4:00pm, Sorin Room 1st Floor, LaFortune Student Center Cultural Displays and Demonstrations

3:30-5:00pm, University Village Community Center. Children’s Day: Children’s crafts, songs games and refreshments from around the world

5:00-8:00pm, Hesburgh Center for International Studies Auditorium. African Dance Troupe and Cultural Displays. The African Student Association presents an evening of entertainment and insights

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by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

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Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Look into an investment that is affordable and start saving. Do what you can to ensure that you will stay healthy. Proper diet and exercise should be outlined.

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Loyola Fieldhouse
**WOMENS TENNIS**

**Winning streak continues in Urbana**

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

The Irish womens tennis team scored a sizeable upset and continued their Big Ten domination as they overran 24th-ranked Illinois 6-1 Wednesday in Urbana.

Notre Dame, 12-7, has now defeated three top-35 teams in the past eight days.

"It was a great match," senior Katie Cunha said.

Part of what made the match great was Notre Dame's ability to play well even in the midst of a challenging two-week period laden with matches. The Irish have had seven matches in the past thirteen days, but during that same period the team has had some of its greatest successes.

The Irish defeated an Illini squad that also has a similar load of matches. The Irish were ranked 48th in the nation last week. They have now moved up to 27th in the nation.

Notre Dame's ability to come from behind to win a match. The Irish began Wednesday's match with what has become a critical element to the team's success this season — winning the doubles points.

Notre Dame has now claimed this initial point in each of its past six matches.

After the Irish doubles squads put the team ahead 1-0, junior Cayan Leslie and freshman Lauren Connelly each won their singles matches to put the Irish within a point of victory. Meanwhile Tiffany Eklov, ranked 106th, gave the Illini their only point of the day and kept her team in contention for the win as she topped Cunha.

With three remaining matches on the court, the Illini still had an opportunity for a rally. All three of those matches went into three sets, and, in the end, Notre Dame claimed each of them, though they only needed one for the upset victory.

Sophomore Sarah Jane Connelly clinched the Irish win when she defeated Brianna Knoll 1-6, 7-6 (8-6), 6-3.

Of late, Sarah Jane Connelly has had much experience with coming from behind to win a match. She has lost the first set in six of her last ten matches, but came back to secure a win in each of the matches in which she was behind.

In doubles play, the Irish claimed wins at the No. 2 and No. 3 positions. The successful pair of junior Alicia Sales and Lauren Connelly won for the ninth time in the past ten contests, defeating Eldina Falic and the doubles point. Notre Dame has now claimed this initial point in each of its past six matches.

**BASEBALL**

**Homestand ends perfectly with 13-4 blowout**

By BRYAN KRONK
Senior Staff Writer

Different opponent, same result.

Once again, the Irish baseball team knocked its opponent around offensively and held them at bay defensively, and Notre Dame rolled to its ninth straight victory — its seventh straight home triumph — with a 13-4 win over Valparaiso Wednesday at Eck Stadium.

"I'm about as happy with the team as I possibly could be at this time," Notre Dame head coach Paul Mainieri said. "I feel like we got better over the homestand. There's not a phase of the game seemed to mirror Tuesday's match against Detroit, as Valparaiso opened with a run in the top of the first from an RBI double off Irish starter Martin Vergara. However, the Irish scored the next 13 runs over the following five innings, while Vergara and a host of relievers — Tyler Jones, Cody Wilkins, Matt Laird and J.P. Gagne — held the Crusaders to only three more runs, giving Vergara his first win of the season.

"I thought Martin did a good job," Mainieri said. "He walked the first guy and gave up that double, but I thought after that he pitched well. He threw strikes, and our defense worked for him. I thought he did a very solid job for us tonight."

For the second straight night, the weather also worked in favor of both offenses, and the Irish took advantage early, when freshman designated hitter Steve Andres, with the wind blowing...