Report delivered on Kashmiri trip

Professors talk about positive experiences with lectures, people

By ANDREW THAGARD
Associate News Editor

A trip to Kashmir by two Notre Dame professors and members of the Kroc Institute to study and promote the peace-making process was a positive experience, said Dan Philpott, director of undergraduate studies at the Kroc and assistant professor of political science.

Philpott traveled to Kashmir on behalf of the International Center for Religion and Diplomacy, a Washington, D.C.-based non-governmental organization. His colleague, Cynthia Mahmood, director of graduate studies at the Kroc and an associate professor of anthrop-ology, visited the region as an observer to further her research on peace and conflict resolution.

"It exceeded our expectations," Philpott said. "It was very positive."

The trip was part of three-day seminar led by senior ICRC vice president Brian Cox in Islamabad on the Pakistan side of Kashmir, along with meetings with political leaders, militants and religious leaders in Delhi.

Several hundred people attended the seminar, which included a series of 10 lectures and culminated in a reconciliation service, Philpott said.

"We had about 12 or 13 people come forward to speak words of healing," he said. "One man was a descendent of the Hindu who are see KASHMIR/page 4

War hits home for ND community

IRAQ: ONE YEAR LATER

Editor's note: This is the third in a five-part series examining issues in the Iraq War.

By MATT BRAMANTI
Senior Staff Writer

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Doctor lectures on eye disease

Non-Profit Career Fair to be held tonight

By ANDREW THAGARD
Associate News Editor

The South Bend Center for Medical Education kicked off its 10th annual "Mini Medical School Lecture Series" Tuesday with a presentation by Dr. Philip Gabriele titled "Macula Degeneration and Glaucoma."

"Macula Degeneration results from a lack of blood flow to the macula or central region of the retina, and is the leading cause of central vision loss in the United States and overall vision loss of the national population over age 85. Glaucoma is the..." see LECTURE/page 8

By K. AARON VAN OOSTERHOUT
News Writer

The Career Center, in collaboration with four other campus organizations, will host the first annual Non-Profit Career Fair tonight from 5 to 8 p.m. in Stepan Center. The fair, presented in a more formal, one-on-one setting than other past career fairs, is designed to highlight internship and job opportunities for both undergraduate and graduate students.

Anita Rees, associate director of the Career Center, invited representatives from many local, national and international non-profit organizations to attend. There will be approximately 27 organizations that will participate and lobby both potential interns and full-time employees, she said. In addition, 10 other organizations will post drop boxes to collect resumes from interested students.

Among the participants, many rank within the Nonprofit... see FAIR/page 4
INSIDE COLUMN
Un-jinxing Spring

The vase of wilting yellow daffodils I received last week is still sitting on my desk. The flowers are way past their prime and should have been thrown out over the weekend, yet I continue to water them daily, hoping for a miraculous revival. I have asked myself at least five times a day why I have yet to throw away the drooping petals, but I can only justify it to myself in one way: I refuse to give up on spring weather.

With the memories of my Daytona Beach spring break growing more distant each day, I am becoming desperate for any sign of spring. In Daytona, it was 80 degrees the day before we left to come home. As my roommates and I relaxed on the pool deck with our CD players, suntan lotion and endless amounts of reading material, I complained about how warm it was. I think the words “too hot,” even came out of my mouth. Now I’m convinced — I jinxed spring.

Yesterday, the sun came out in the afternoon, and the temperature almost reached 60 degrees. Sixty degrees, and I was ready to pack away my winter coat until next year. But this is South Bend. I wouldn’t want to be too presumptuous.

Now that midterm exams are over and finals loom in the not-at-all-near future, the semester seems to be coming to a full, a full and perfect, if I can use that phrase, 60-degree day. We are at the point between spring break and Easter break where nothing much happens. The end of the semester is too far ahead to see the light (spring) at the end of the tunnel, and I think it has spring at the end of the tunnel with it.

The same few cameo appearances have not had a lasting impact on the weather. Evidence of this could be seen over the weekend with the snow flurries and insane amount of wind that gusted through campus.

Mother Nature may have a great sense of timing, but this is South Bend. I would not want to be too presumptuous.

Questions of the Day: What has been the best class you’ve taken at ND/SMC and why?

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“Wealthy with Billy Mattison. He was so good, I took him twice!” — Timothy McTheo 100 with Billy Mattison. Great class — the name says it all.” — Kevin Wissner “Intro to Communications with Susan Baxter. We did a group hug after our final.” — Robert Haggard “Organic Chemistry with Paul Helquist. You learn how to make crack!” — Beth Bower “Intro to Psych with Caroline Call. Heard funny stories about her childhood.” — Mark Smith “Swimming by the cute old coach, who taught us the strokes out of the water.” — Jennifer Lee

IN BRIEF

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Offbeat

Police: Dentist traded drugs for favors MONTICELLO, Ky. — A dentist has been charged with illegally dispensing prescription drugs, which police say he traded for sex, marijuana and labor.

Dr. Raleigh Andrews was indicted Monday on 10 counts of unlawful dispensing of a controlled substance and four counts of wanton endangerment.

Police said Andrews also hired an assistant with a ninth-grade education to perform “dental procedures on many of the patients,” a statement from Monticello police said.

Officials searched Andrews’ Monticello office on July 3 and found “several items of evidence,” the statement said. His office has been closed since July.

The grand jury also charged Andrews on Monday with two counts of violating administrative regulations to establish security requirements for prescriptions, a misdemeanor.

Punched attorney is allowed to withdraw PHILADELPHIA — An attorney punched in the face by his client was permitted to withdraw from the case Tuesday, while a second lawyer who refused to take it over was held in contempt and temporarily locked up.

Public defender Andrea Kowos, who witnessed the sucker punch of her colleague in court Monday, said she could not in good conscience represent Malik El-Shabazz, 20, on trial for raping and murdering a 6-year-old girl.

Information from the Associated Press.

Correction

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A disability panel discussion will be held tonight from 8 to 9 p.m. in Reckers. The discussion will address the question of what it is like to be a disabled person on Saint Mary’s or Notre Dame’s campus. The event is a component of Notre Dame Disability Awareness Week, and is sponsored by Best Buddies, Junior Class Council, Howard Hall and the Office for Students with Disabilities.

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

By TRICIA DE GROOT
News Writer

Notre Dame continued its annual tradition of remembering Archbishop Oscar Romero by inviting Otto Maduro, professor of World Christianity at Drew University to lecture Tuesday in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

The lecture, entitled "Remembering Romero after September 11," was composed of five key points: "Which September 11th," "24 Years ago today," "Romero, a Christian martyr," "Romero, a victim of armed violence" and "So what?"

In accordance with his five-point agenda, Maduro began with a personal reflection of the events of Sept. 11, 2001. He recalled his own emotions and thoughts, comparing these evoked feelings to the world's response to the coup d'etat in Chile on Sept. 11, 1973. He spoke of his hope for a more peaceful response like that witnessed on a Web site depicting the response of victims' family and friends, and thus, was disappointed with U.S. response of imperial war.

His second point gave a brief history of Romero's appointment as an individual Christian martyr without recognizing his work and importance to those in El Salvador, Maduro said. His second concern is that people may not understand that Romero "was martyred because he is a saint and not a saint because he was martyred."

Maduro's lecture expressed hopes of people who understand that Romero once began as a timid priest maintaining good relationships with the well to do, yet simultaneously had compassion for peasants. However, there came a point in his ministry when he began realizing the impossibility of remaining neutral. He consequently withdrew from relationships with government officials and began being shunned by the wealthy - events that led to his assassination.

In Maduro's opinion, Romero's assassination and the death of thousands of El Salvadorians simply "confirm moral superiority of white, northern lands who nurture the illusion that things will be all right."

"Before Romero, there was hope and thought of a feasible solution to the ravages of unbridled capitalism. Now, this is gone."

Otto Maduro, a Drew University professor, spoke Tuesday about Archbishop Oscar Romero, who was killed while presiding at Mass on March 24, 1980 for speaking out against war.

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campus programming committee, a legislative body somewhat similar to the Student Union Board, he said. Multiple representatives, however, mentioned a waning interest from hall residents in running for these positions. Pasquellio West had unopposed tickets for president and vice president of the dorms. Sister Carrine Etheridge, rectoress of Farley, attributed part of the decline to the number of students who may be willing, but not eligible, to run. Similarly, in Siegfried, no student ran for the campus programming position. In order to stay with the "electede clause," Braun explained, the vice-president from Siegfried will attend the meetings for campus programmers. Overall, though, leaders appear optimistic about the changes to government. Etheridge reinforced the sentiment that the new requirements for hall elections will help establish more continuity for both the IPR and within each dorm itself.

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Times' largest 100 non-profit organizations in the nation, including the second-ranked American Red Cross and the seventh-ranked Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Others include the AFL-CIO Organizing Institute, Church World Service, Tax Assistance Program and Indiana Legal Services. Rees said.

Tonight's fair will offer a wide variety of jobs, ranging from athletic director at the Boys and Girls Clubs to a public policy internship at the Children's Museum of Indianapolis.

Unlike January's career fair, the organizations will not be hosting specialized information sessions before or after the event. "These representatives are overloaded, they wear multiple hats within their organizations, and therefore do not have ample time to give the sessions," said Rees. "They do not have the staff to take up the slack that other for-profit companies have." Also, attendees should be prepared to meet and socialize more with representatives tonight than in January, said Rees. In the non-profit sector, employers, working with typically more limited budgets, will make an extra effort to meet and get to know potential employees "because they cannot afford to make a mistake in hiring someone," she said. "It's very expensive to come and meet employers at this fair, one-on-one, to make the connection," said Rees.

This fair is the brainchild of Rees, who through her position as the assistant director of Notre Dame's non-profit career center, is trying to liaison better between non-profits and our students," she said.

She added that 10.9 million people in the United States alone work for the non-profit sector, or one of every 12 citizens, making it a very viable option for future employment. Also, many otherwise-interested non-profit organizations are unable to attend the January fair due to time and staff constraints. Rees has tried to amend the problem by hosting tonight's fair much later in the spring.

"We felt there was a great interest in this kind of a fair from the students that we work with," Rees said.

They have always been here; we've just never had a career fair to serve those people," said Kimberly Brennan, administrator at Mendoza College of Business. The other four organizations that join the Career Center in sponsorship include the MBA program at Mendoza College of Business, Law School Career Services, the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and the Center for Social Concerns.

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seen by the Muslims as having conquered Kashmir. He expressed... delays inflicted by that community.

Philpott said that he was surprised by the participants who attended the seminar, including a significant number of young people.

"It is interesting who the participants were," he said. "We had many young people who were student leaders and connected to politicians of Azad (the Pakistani side of Kashmir)"

The seminar ended with a discussion circle in which members could voice their opinions regarding the day's events.

"We had a very good [an appreciation] of the message of reconciliation. Some said... that this is what we need in Kashmir," Philpott said.

Philpott and members of ICRD also met with some of their key contacts in Delhi, including Firdus Syed, a former militant leader turned peace activist, and Kemal

College of Arts and Letters

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Each year, the Sheedy Award, named for a former dean of the College of Arts and Letters, honors one member of the Arts and Letters faculty for outstanding teaching.

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Israel threatens Hamas militants

Before withdrawing from Gaza Strip, Israelis make strikes on Hamas group

Associated Press

Gaza City, Gaza Strip — Israeli threats to kill the entire leadership of the Islamic militant group Hamas after assassinating its founder and hinted Tuesday that Yasir Arafat could wind up on the hit list in the future.

The accelerated strikes at Hamas are part of an attempt to push a decisive victory ahead of an Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip. Israel does not want to be seen as being driven out of the Strip by militants, who already are claiming victory.

The tough talk came on the same day Hamas hardliner Abdel Aziz Rantisi was elected as the leader of the Islamic militant group in Gaza. The 54-year-old pediatrician replaces Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, who was killed in an Israeli airstrike early Monday.

Early Wednesday, about 25 Israeli tanks entered the Khan Younis refugee camp in southern Gaza, setting off exchanges of gunfire between soldiers and Palestinians, residents said. No casualties were reported. Residents said attack helicopters firing machine guns accompanied the tanks, as bulldozers demolished two buildings.

Israel military officials said the operation was aimed at clearing an area used by Palestinian guns.

Heurs earlier, Israeli gunboats opened fire off the coast of Gaza, targeting fishing boats and piers, witnesses said. No one was hurt.

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Also late Tuesday, an armed Palestinian was killed as he approached a temporary truce with Israel and rules out all acceleration attacks on Israeli and rules out all compromise, told tens of thousands of cheering Hamas supporters at a soccer stadium that he was chosen in secret elections. One by one, senior Hamas officials got up and swore loyalty to him.

In his acceptance speech, Rantisi made his priorities clear. "My people, we must stand with the umbrella of resistance," he said, and exhorted the Hamas militant wing to "teach this Zionist occupation a lesson." Rantisi has rejected even a temporary truce with Israel and any compromise with Arafat's Palestinian Authority. His aggressive style is particularly popular with younger Hamas activists.

With his new post, Rantisi will likely become an even more tempting target for Israel's military, which wounded him in a missile attack on his car last year.

On Monday, Israeli Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz and various security agency chiefs decided to go after all the Hamas leaders, a security official said Tuesday, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The Israeli chief, Lt. Gen. Moshe Yaalon, hinted that Arafat might eventually be targeted as well. The killing of Yassin should be seen as a signal "to all those who choose to harm us that this will be their end," Yaalon said.

"It is our view that decapitation of the terrorist infrastructure is one means among the strategies in the war against terror," the general said. "The strike on Yassin is a significant blow to the Hamas terror organization."

Racial disparity still exists in U.S.

NEW YORK — Black Americans are less likely than white Americans to "think twice," don't earn as much as whites, don't live as long, and don't do as well in school, according to a report by the Urban League.

The report released on Wednesday, is a collection of survey data and essays by experts in race, sociology, health, poverty, and civil rights.

The report of astonishing differences it found were in the areas of home ownership and economic parity, with black earning power about 73 percent that of whites.

"The wealth gap is significant," Urban League President Marc Morial said in an interview.

"There are a number of things we have to get much more focused on as a community: health, home ownership, estate planning, community economic development," said Morial, a former New Orleans mayor who was named president of the 93-year-old civil rights group last May.

The Urban League report found that blacks are denied mortgages and home improvement loans at twice the rate of whites.

About 68 percent of Americans own their homes, the report found that owner- ship among blacks and Hispanics is about 45 percent. Nearly 54 percent of Asian-Americans own their homes, compared with 75 percent of whites.

The report also found that, 50 years after the Supreme Court, in Brown v. Board of Education, "decreed segregated public schools unconstitutional, the performance of black students continues to trail that of their white counterparts.

The 2000 census found that 91.8 percent of white students graduated from high school, compared with 83.7 percent of black students.

"The all-encompassing process of implementing Brown has turned out to be nearly as slow as the process of tearing down the Jim Crow system that allowed the educational segregation challenged in Brown," Harvard Law School professor Charles Ogletree Jr. said in one of the report's essays.

LOCAL NEWS

Defibrillators placed in schools

INDIANAPOLIS — Supporters of a campaign to equip all Indiana high schools with portable defibrillators said Tuesday that about 40 percent of the schools have them or would.

The heart-jolting devices, which are smaller than a laptop computer, could save lives if a student - a sports participant, a零售商 who suffers cardiac arrest at a sporting event, said Blake Rees, commissioner of the Indiana High School Athletic Association.

Fatal heart attacks are rare in schools, Rees said.

The judge rejected arguments from the National Abortion Federation that the testimony of what's happening in the Middle East.

Nichols' home just days after the explosion.

The 48-year-old defendant then took notes in a legal pad, reviewed what he said were relevant news articles, read the opening statement and took it all in.
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Baghdad, as well as the northern city of Mosul and Basra in the south.

Baxter said the trips' purpose was to understand the potential effects of the increasingly likely war. "It was really to come to know some Iraqis personally, and to come to a better grasp of their situation," Baxter said. "We wanted to see what their plight was probably going to be during and after the war."

He said that the collapse of the Saddam Hussein-led government has led to positive and negative consequences for the average Iraqi civilian.

"People no longer live in the fear of him," Baxter said. "But on the other hand it's a much less secure place."

Baxter said he was concerned that sectarian disputes could lead to Muslim backlash against Iraq's small Christian population. "Just from being there, you could tell the country was going to split along certain factions," he said. "It's Christians were concerned that by quickly taking away the Baathist regime, they would suffer."

"Saddam Hussein put a quasi-religious foundation on the society and that tended to benefit the Christians," Baxter said.

Baxter worries that the U.S.-led occupation could lead to a sort of religious imperialism, prompting violence from Iraqis. "Now you have American bible-thumpers there who are telling Muslims they have to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior," Baxter said. "There will be more [backlash] in the coming years."

He criticized the Bush administration's attempts to justify the war in religious terms. "A lot of the Muslims here interpreted this invasion as a sort of Christian crusade," Baxter said. "You have people like George Bush saying 'God bless America' and leading the invasion ... you have neoconservatives thinking this was a just war."

He said the future of U.S. foreign policy should be rooted in peace, not war. "What we need are Christians who embody the peace of Christ, who live in such a way that the peace is not a sentiment or a thought, but an essential part of their lives," Baxter said. "Part of my reason for going over there was to be part of that witness, even for a short period of time."

The Soldier

Capt. Angela Hennessey has also seen Iraq firsthand, but in a very different capacity. She commanded the headquarters company of the 5th Engineer Battalion, part of the 4th Infantry Division, in Iraq. The unit, based in Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., was stationed in Taji, some 30 miles north of Baghdad.

Hennessey said the lack of modern conveniences made her life difficult. "Even things like basic hygiene became luxuries in the parched desert. I didn't get a shower for 54 days, and then it was a wooden slab with garbage still all over the top," she laughed. "Before that, it was baby wipes and a bottle of water, huddled underneath a poncho."

"Think about going back in time, but trying to accomplish the same missions you were trained to do," she said.

Those missions consisted of logistical support, providing supplies and utilities to her unit. At the outset of the war, Hennessey was tasked with setting up reliable supplies of food and water, without the benefits of electricity or refrigeration. Hennessey said the heat provided unique challenges.

"Refrigerators just don't work when it's 120 degrees out," she said. "And if you leave a bottle of water on the dashboard for 30 minutes, it would be hotter than a cup of coffee."

In addition to logistical work, her company also "adopted" four Anael schools, helping organize contractors to repair dilapidated facilities. The unit also delivered medical supplies and basic medical provisions to local civilians.

Hennessey said being a woman in a male-dominated society attracted helpful attention to her efforts.

"The Arab men were just astounded," she said. "They were so intrigued with women in the U.S. Army." Out of the 163 soldiers in her unit, 23 were women, including mechanics, cooks, clerks and communications specialists. Under U.S. military policy, women are barred from serving in nearly all combat roles.

"When I went out to the schools, everyone came out to see me. The school of the town even came out to shake my hand."

She said she hopes her work in improving Iraq schools has a lasting impact on the children of that country.

"If the kids grow up remembering the influence of women, when a U.S. soldier gave them something, maybe they'll grow up to like Americans," she said.

She recalled an instance when an Iraq woman came to the soldiers, complaining of stomach troubles, and was handed a bottle of Pepto-Bismol.

"They thought it just was the best stuff in the world, because they didn't even have that," Hennessey said.

But not all the response was positive, however. Hennessey said the grandson of the sheik who had helped her efforts in the local schools was shot in an effort to intimidate the leader.

"But the thing she missed most was her family. I missed talking to my husband and communicating with my family back home," she said. "Being in that circumstance can be very lonely." Her husband, Capt. Bart Hennessey, is also an instructor in the Fighting Irish Battalion.

Hennessey had been married a few years, but her unit was deployed to Iraq.

In the weeks leading up to the war, she didn't know if she would even be able to make the wedding. "I held it, held it, held it," she said. "I was so astounded," she said. "By every day, I was coming to work ready to go."

"I had my family notified, my will written and my bags packed -- all the things you do before you go to war."

Despite the sacrifices, Hennessey said she's proud to have served.

"Being back, I feel like time stopped for a year and now we're picking up," she said. "But that's part of being in the army."

The Politician

Chris Chocola, the current head of the political group Young Americans for Freedom, and his wife Luis Rodriguez Zapatero were elected prime minister. Zapatero has been hanged an imperialist with regard to the Spanish troops from Iraq. "If terrorists think they can influence an election, that's a cause for great concern," Chocola said. "It's yet to be seen how the new Spanish government reacts to the war."

Chocola said he is confident that the U.S. will help transform the face of Iraq.

"I'm very hopeful and optimistic about our success there," he said. "The troops are doing a tremendous job." "We can't build a model for stability and democracy in the Middle East, where there isn't a lot of that."

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product of increased eye pressure
due to stress on the optic nerve. It is
the leading cause of blindness in African Americans and the
number one source of preventa-
ble blindness in this country.
"The eye is a glorified camera," Gabriele said, saying the eye con-
tains a lens in the front, a retina
analogous to film in the back and a
cable called the optic nerve that
transmits these "photos" to the
brain.
The retina is made up of rods that are sensitive to black and
white and cones which sense
color. The cones are concentrated
at the retina's center where
Macula Degeneration occurs.
Vision is a complex and ener-
gy-requiring process, Gabriele
emphasized. A full 20 percent of
the brain is devoted to vision and
the optic nerve is composed of
nearly one million neurons, he
said.
"The process of seeing uses
massive amounts of energy," Gabriele said.
The eye receives the energy
and oxygen it needs through
surrounding blood vessels. If the
blood flow is impeded, the rods
and cones die off.
"Your retina is demanding all
this oxygen flow to see," Gabriele said. "The blood flow isn't keep-
ing up with it. First the cells get
sick and then they die."
People with increased risk of
developing Macula Degeneration
include those who have a preva-
ence of the condition in their
family history and people who
smoke because it drives down
oxygen concentration and raises
carbon monoxide levels. People
with lighter colored skin are also
more susceptible to Macula
Degeneration though the exact
reasons why are unclear. The
condition's symptoms include
blurred central vision, trouble
reading and straight lines
appearing wavy.
"The early stage of the disease
is the leading cause of blindness
in today's world," Gabriele said.
"Bilateral blindness due to Glaucoma is extremely
curbed with treatment
rare in the United States if a per-
don't get treated," Gabriele
said.
"Macula Degeneration isn't just
loss of vision," he said. "It's also
loss of freedom."
Such consequences, however,
are not inevitable and may be
cured with treatment adminis-
tered by an ophthalmologist.
"It was used to be thought that as
people got old, failing vision was
part of it," Gabriele said. "Nothing
could be farther from the truth."
The treatment options for
Glaucoma are even more effec-
tive, he said.
"Loss of vision due to Glaucoma is a much bigger shane
than people think it is," Gabriele said.
"The eye has an innate pressure
in it in order to maintain its
shape. An excess of pres-
sure damages nerves, which
leads to a gradual dimnishment
in a person's peripheral vision.
Gabriele likened this decrease to
the reformating of panoramic
movies into the square shape to
accommodate televisions in which
some of the image is cut off.
"This is why Glaucoma is
referred to as the silent stealer
of vision," Gabriele said. "The pic-
ture just gets smaller."
"The more common form of the
disease, called "open" Glaucoma
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by Dr. Marguerite Shepard titled
"Blacks and Benefits of Hormone
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Settlement marred by dispute over legal fees

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The plaintiffs in a $300 million settlement over one-time payments to black community leaders in Anniston will receive an average of $7,725 apiece, while Alabama residents will get an average of $29,752, according to court documents.

The settlement was announced Tuesday he

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WASHINGTON — Speaking in highly personal terms, an emotional Congress on Thursday, March 24, 2005, passed legislation that would allow people who were "who are we harming" when homosexuals want to express the same emotionan excitement as other Americans.

For years, the debate over same-sex marriage has been a contentious one in Congress as witnesses amounted to a dress rehearsals - it was likely to unfold when the matter comes before the full Senate.


Gay marriage bill criticized

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Emissaries may go to Middle East

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Tuesday he hopes emissaries will go to the Middle East next week to revive detailed Israeli-Palestinian peace talks. He also expressed concern about the flare-up in the region.

"As far as the Middle East, it's a troubled region, and the attacks were troubling," Bush said. "We take them very seriously.

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"As far as Palestine, we're doing our best to work with the Palestinians to find a solution," Bush said. "We're doing our best to work with the Palestinians to find a solution."
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House, seeking to cool criticism from a former top anti-terror adviser, said Tuesday that Richard Clarke's resignation letter praised President Bush's "courage, determination, calm and leadership" on Sept. 11, 2001.

"It has been an enormous privilege to serve you these last 24 months," said the Jan. 20, 2003, letter from Clarke to Bush. "I will always remember the courage, determination, calm, and leadership you demonstrated on September 11th.

The letter was stamped "the president has seen" the next day.

Clarke, who left the Bush administration in March 2003 after 30 years in government service and 11 years at the White House, has written a book in which he criticizes the president and his administration for ignoring repeated warnings about al-Qaeda before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and acting ineffectively afterward, primarily because of a preoccupation with Iraq.

On Monday, the day Clarke's "Against All Enemies: Inside America's War on Terror" hit stores and the day after he promoted it in an interview with CNN's "60 Minutes," the White House went to great lengths to downplay Clarke's accusations. Administration officials, including Vice President Dick Cheney and national security adviser Condoleezza Rice, appeared on television and radio to argue that Clarke was incorrect, politically motivated, disgraced by bureaucratic changes that reduced his influence, merely trying to sell books — or all four at once.

That White House campaign continued Tuesday with the release of Clarke's letter announcing his intention to step down.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan suggested Clarke's praise belies his later criticism of Bush's handling of the crisis.

"At this time, when he was leaving, there was no mention of the grave concerns he claims to have had about the direction of the war on terrorism, or what we were doing to confront the threat posed by Iraq, by the former regime," McClellan said.

But the letter contains no praise of Bush's anti-terror actions before or after the attacks — only on the day of. Clarke does commend Bush for "intuitive judgment," and his "determination, calm and leadership you will always remember of the crisis.

Clarke's job as the White House's counterterrorism chief was split in two early in the Bush White House, with Clarke put in charge of cybersecurity and others brought in for the anti-terror role.

"You had prescience in creating the position of Special Adviser to the President for Cyberspace Security and I urge you to maintain that role in the White House," Clarke wrote.

Even though the White House argued that Clarke's memoir was released to do the maximum political damage to Bush in a presidential election year, Clarke has said a required national security review of the book delayed the book's publication.

McClellan said the review, a routine procedure that makes sure publications by administration officials do not compromise classified information or national security, was begun Nov. 4 and completed in early January.

Also on Tuesday, first lady Laura Bush defended her husband's response to terrorism.

"When my husband was inaugurated and he swore to protect and defend the Constitution and the people of the United States, he took that very, very seriously," she said after an event on the campus bookstore. "And for someone to imply that he doesn't do just wrong regarding for his action." The night before the fire, Autry had attended the same off-campus fraternity party as Goodrum and Soules, police said. The two men were arrested within a week of Autry's death.

"I feel like both of them did this to Katie," White said. "She had very bad injuries. I do think, you know, that one's just as guilty as the other.

"Police said Soules gave statements to police implicating himself and Goodrum. In one interview, police said, Soules said Autry was sprayed with hairspray and that Goodrum allegedly set her on fire.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Chris Cohron said he would have preferred a jury decide Soules' fate, but "this was the best we could do to ensure Mr. Goodrum's conviction.

Asked about a motive in the killing, Cohron said the case seemed to be a "random act of violence. They met Ms. Autry at a party at Western and things went bad from there.

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"I don't know anybody who would like to be happy about this," said Sherry Flanion, a graduate student working on the campus bookstore.

**Plea bargain reached in dormitory attack**

Associated Press

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — One of two men charged in a dormitory attack that killed a Western Kentucky University freshman pleaded guilty to murder, rape and arson Tuesday, and agreed to testify against his co-defendant.

"I don't know how you would feel if he admitted what he's done," said Autry's aunt, Virginia Autry at a party at Western and things went bad from there.

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SPAIN

Cease-fire may be called by ETA

Associated Press

MADRID — The Basque separatist group ETA may call a unilateral cease-fire in its campaign of violence, a founder and other Basque sources said, in an effort to win political concessions from the newly elected Socialists due to take power next month.

Julen Madariaga, a founding member of ETA, said he thought a truce could be called soon.

"I have the impression that in a very short time — in coming days, or coming weeks — that ETA will declare a cease-fire," he said in a telephone interview Monday night from his home in southern France.

Within the month, Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero and his Socialists are to take over from Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar, who cracked down on ETA.

"ETA always has known how to take advantage of these occasions. ... It's very weak and needs a strategic truce," said Kepa Aulestia, a Basque writer who focuses on ETA issues in Vanguardia newspapers.

ETA issued a statement Sunday proposing dialogue with the Socialists, but Zapatero responded the following day with these point-blank words: "The only communiqué I await from ETA, as do the vast majority of Spaniards, is one in which it abandons violence."

Aznar's Popular Party government had succeeded in weakening ETA, but has not been able to end the separatist group's violence, which has killed more than 800 people since the late 1960s.

Spanish and French police arrested more than 150 suspected ETA members last year, including senior commando leaders, and the disappearance of killings blamed on ETA dropped to three, compared with 23 in 2000 after the last cease-fire ended.

The government had claimed ETA used that previous truce to regroup, and 2000 was its deadliest year in almost a decade.

Politicians and analysts in northern Spain said they expected a new ETA cease-fire.

"I believe there will be a truce soon," said Gorka Eslava of the Elkart movement, which advocates dialogue with ETA.

ETA, whose name is the Basque-language acronym for Basque Homeland and Freedom, demands independence for the three Basque country provinces and part of neighboring Navarra in northern Spain, and three other areas in southwest France on the other side of the Pyrenees mountain border.

A minority of Basque nationalists support that demand — if not ETA's bombing campaign. Others want more autonomy, but not necessarily outright independence. About half of the region's 2 million people want to remain part of Spain.

The three-province Basque country is one of 17 autonomous regions created by the 1978 constitution that followed the death of longtime dictator Gen. Francisco Franco.

The region already collects and spends its own taxes and manages many of its public services. If it gets more rights, or independence, there are likely to be more demands from other regions, notably Catalonia in the northeast, which have their own languages, cultures and autonomy aspirations.

"The Basques have an outrageously good deal right now," Charles Powell, historian at Univ. Pablo University-CEU, said in a recent interview. Any additional concession "would set a trend in motion that would be very difficult to stop. For me, this is the area of greatest uncertainty right now."

Police recently foiled two bombing attempts blamed on ETA, including one on trains headed to downtown Madrid on Christmas Eve. A half-ton bomb was found in late February in a truck apparently headed for Madrid.

The Aznar government originally blamed ETA for the March 11 railway bombings in Madrid, which killed 190 people and wounded more than 1,800. But investigators are now focusing on an Islamic group with alleged ties to al-Qaida.

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RUSSIA

Naval chief questions fleet's safety

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia's naval chief alarmed his country on Tuesday by saying that one of the country's most advanced warships, the nuclear-powered cruiser Peter the Great, was so decrepit it could "explode any moment."

Adm. Vladimir Kuroyedov hastily took back his comments claiming Russian reporters had misunderstood him, but the salvo of contradictory statements was disturbing in a country with one of the world's largest nuclear fleets.

Some reports attributed the flap to infighting among the navy leadership and said it signaled a dangerous weakening of trust in the naval command.

Kuroyedov gave his comments to Interfax and ITAR-Tass news agencies in a smoking room on his way to a meeting of top military officials.

First, he said the massive cruiser, the flagship of the Northern Fleet, had been badly maintained and could "explode any moment."

"Everything is all right on the ship where admirals walk, but in the areas where they don't, everything is in such condition that it may blow up at any moment," Kuroyedov was quoted as saying. "I mean, in particular, the maintenance of the nuclear reactor."

At the same time, he said he had ordered the captain to fix the ship within two weeks — a deadline that seemed to contradict the urgency of his warning.

Three hours later, he took it all back.

"There is no threat whatsoever to the ship's nuclear safety," he said in a statement. "The ship's nuclear safety is fully guaranteed in line with all existing norms.

"Some flaws in maintaining the cruiser's living quarters would be fixed within three weeks, he said, after which the ship would become fully combat-ready."

Commissioned in 1998, Peter the Great is one of the Russian navy's biggest and most modern ships. Experts said while there could be some problems with maintaining the expensive cruiser, its nuclear reactors were surely safe.

"Nuclear reactors have inbuilt safety systems," Retired Vice Adm. Yevgeny Chernov, a Northern Fleet veteran, said in a telephone interview. "It's ridiculous to even talk about an explosion."

Retired Capt. Igor Kurdin, the head of St. Petersburg's Submarines Club, said that Kuroyedov's statement was an "exaggeration ... people of such rank should be very careful."

Kuroyedov's suggestion the ship was unfit for service could have stemmed from his personal feud with the uncle of the ship's captain, or from his role in the sinking of a decommissioned nuclear submarine last year, the business newspaper Kommersant said.

Nine of 10 crewmen aboard the K-159 submarine, in which 118 sailors died, many expected Putin to fire Kuroyedov after that.

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Vladimir Kuroyedov
Russian naval chief

MEXICO

Officials in smuggling ring busted

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Mexican police have arrested 42 immigration agents and other government employees accused of running a network that smuggled illegal immigrants into the United States, authorities said Tuesday.

The suspects arrested in raids last week in 12 of Mexico's 31 states, allegedly smuggled Cubans, Uruguayans, Brazilians, Asians and migrants from other southern border states of Mexico and Guatemala.

Attorney General Rafael Macedo de la Concha said his office was asking U.S. law enforcement agencies for help in determining whether any Americans were involved in the ring.

Macedo de la Concha said it was the largest smuggling ring involving officials discovered to date, and that suspects face organized crime and migrant trafficking charges.

"Unfortunately, these criminal organizations operate with protection from public servants," Macedo de la Concha said, noting the officials "offered information about police raids, illegally freed captured migrants, and allowed them to pass with falsified documents."

Those arrested included agents and ex-agents of Mexico's National Immigration Institute, the INI, the very agency Mexico relies on to detect illegal migrants and prevent the country from becoming staging base for migrants from other countries.

Even more chilling was the fact that seven of the 26 INI agents arrested were assigned to Mexico's Grupo Beta, a special force dedicated to protect immigrants.

The suspects also included six former INI agents, seven local police and three former officers. Two non-officials who were identified as smugglers were also arrested, bringing the total number of detentions to 44.

"Immigrant trafficking is a shameful, intolerable crime," Macedo de la Concha said. "But even more serious is the participation of public servants, because beside damaging people, that also hurts our institutions and principles.

Deputy Attorney General Jose Luis Santiago Vasconcelos said the traffickers charged between $2,000 and $6,000 to get immigrants into the United States. The highest price was charged for smuggling Asians.

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The only way my memory can determine the days is by the severity of the wind and how hard I have to try in order to stay upright on my way to class. Even the comfort of concentrating on the same gray sidewalk each day in hopes of gaining relief from the wind has lost its appeal. It seems like months ago I was on the sunny beaches of Mexico where my only concern was the type of drink I was going to order and the sunburn on my shoulders. Now my only concern is the next day that it is true. The computer screen in front of me. The screen is my name and the date. My income level. Since my freshman year in the fall of 1997, Notre Dame has prided itself in its ability to offer a financial aid package that the papers were designed. The papers and assignments help prepare us for the real world because the real world isn't bright blue skies and cloudless days. It isn't the most interesting project that you've worked on every time out. It's the monotonous days of gray that South Bend gets you so accustomed to an endless series of assignments that come with the job. There will be great times just like there are great times at school, but the majority of the real world is the sweat that you pour into the glass of your vacuum cleaner. As I type the thesis statement onto the screen in front of me, I finally have a reason to write the words. And with the words comes the meaning, and without the meaning comes the end of all the gray days in South Bend.

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In 1973, down the hall from my student union office, a gay club was denied club status. According to its constitution, the club was denied because it was "not contagious," with one student representative saying that "no one here by our lake in Indiana.” The club’s denial is based on "the administration’s view that any gay presence on Notre Dame’s campus would bring to being gay in the past two decades: AIDS appeared and Rock Hudson came out. Gay pride days and parades proliferated the big cities. Poor Matthew Shepard became a martyr. Ellen DeGeneres turned on her own TV show. Jerry Falwell tried to ban the Teletubby Tinky Winky. Philadelphia and San Francisco to Boston is a gay free-for-all. The Hours raked in the gold at Academy Awards. "Blissful ignorance" of some makes others sick.
Cooking up a tasty SYR pre-party

Springtime is finally on its way to South Bend, and that means hall dances are back in season. So between mustering up the courage to ask out your crush (or just being set up with the random guy who lives down the hall from your roommate’s boyfriend) and finding the perfect dress, or toga, or whatever, make some time to plan a get together before the dance. Most people throw pre parties anyway, but if you’re going to spend the better part of your day making yourself look great, you might as well have better accessories than a beer can and a handful of the popcorn that your RA makes sure you provide. Even Arbor Mist can look classy if you put it in wine glasses. Try some of these recipes for your next SYR and you’ll be the hit of the dance in no time.

Puff Pastry Cheese Straws

1 17-1/4 oz. pkg. prepared frozen puff pastry, thawed in refrigerator
1 lightly beaten egg white
Paprika
Cayenne pepper (optional)
1 cup finely shredded sharp cheese such as aged cheddar, Asiago, or Parmesan (about 4 oz.)

Preheat oven to 375 degree F. Open one sheet of puff pastry on a cutting board. Brush the surface lightly with some of the beaten egg white. Sprinkle lightly with paprika and a touch of cayenne pepper, if desired. Sprinkle surface with 1/2 cup of cheese to evenly cover entire surface. Roll a floured rolling pin over cheese to gently press the cheese into the puff pastry. Cut the puff pastry into long 1/2-inch-wide strips; gently twist each strip several times. Lay strips one inch apart on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Repeat with remaining sheet of puff pastry, egg white, paprika, pepper, and cheese. Bake in the 375 degree F. oven for 12 to 14 minutes or until the straws are golden in color. Cool on wire rack. Best served the same day but can be stored overnight in an airtight container. Makes 36 appetizer servings.

Chocolate Truffles

3 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
1 tablespoon vanilla extract

In large saucepan, melt chocolate chips with sweetened condensed milk. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla. Transfer the mixture into a medium bowl. Cover and chill 2 to 3 hours or until firm. Shape mixture covering and/or decorate them. Refrigerate in a tightly covered dish. Makes 50 truffles.

Coconut Macaroons

14 ounces sweetened shredded coconut
14 ounces sweetened condensed milk
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
2 extra-large egg whites, at room temperature
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F. Combine the coconut, condensed milk and vanilla in a large bowl. Whip the egg whites and salt on high speed in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the whisk attachment until they make medium-firm peaks. Carefully fold the egg whites into the coconut mixture. Drop the batter onto sheet pans lined with parchment paper using either a 1 3/4-inch diameter ice cream scoop, or two teaspoons. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, until golden brown. Cool and serve. Makes 20 to 22 cookies.

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Events coming up this week:

Notre Dame Theatre:
- PEMCo. Musical Revue, March 25-27, 8:30 p.m., LaFortune Ballroom
- ND Opera presents Menotti’s “The Consul,” March 26-27, 7:30 p.m., Washington Hall
- Salome, March 26-27, 7:30 p.m., March 28, 10 p.m., Lab Theatre in Washington Hall

Legends:
- The Very Best of Acoustic Café, March 25, 10 p.m.
- Clayton Miller Blues Band, March 26, 10 p.m.
- The Low Life, March 27, 10 p.m.

ND Cinema:
- 21 Grams, March 25, 7:30 p.m., Hesburgh Library Auditorium
- Pièces d’identités, March 24, 6:30 p.m., Hesburgh Library Auditorium

St. Mary’s College:
- Human Rights International Film Festival, March 24-27, 7 p.m., Carroll Auditorium

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By PATRICK VASSEL
Scene Writer

It's been awhile since a band of family members has broken through to major notoriety. Long gone are the days of Sly & the Family Stone, The Osmonds, and The Jacksons. That doesn't stop talented families from jamming in basements and crossing the country on tours that are often difficult to distinguish from family vacations. Perhaps the hottest and most-talented family in the country right now is coming to Legends this weekend, the Millers of the Clayton Miller Blues Band.

"It was sort of an accident," Tammy Miller, the wife, mother and publicity agent for the band, says of how the family started playing music. "We loved going camping and it really just started out with jamming around the campfire." Tammy's husband, Larry, plays bass for the band, while their sons comprise the rest of the group. Clayton is the oldest, age 21 and plays lead guitar and sings lead vocals. Cole is 18 and takes backup vocals while playing the drums. L.D. rounds out the group on the harmonica -- at 11 years old.

"Clayton was the one that really wanted the band, thus the name," Tammy explains. "Larry and Cole just helped him out and backed him up in the garage, it went from there."

During years of experience and the influence of blues and rock 'n roll classics, Larry has helped guide the boys as a father and as a band member. While playing together almost eight years and performing for just under six, the group started out with old favorites from Buddy Guy, Eric Clapton, Stevie Ray Vaughan and B.B. King. Since that time, Clayton and Cole have added a significant amount of time developing new material. With several songs under their belt and performing as a band, the band is hoping to have a CD in wide release by the summer.

Though the youngest member of the group, L.D is the best-known Miller. Gaining some significant national exposure last year on NBC, I.D. performed and competed on the show "The Search for the Most Talented Kid." Not only did he gain some exposure, he gained some fans and made it well into the contest before being bumped off.

"He can pretty much play anything, he scares us sometimes," Tammy says only half-jokingly. "His specialty is harmonica, but almost any instrument he picks up he finds a way to get good at. We've been working with his vocals, too, and they're really getting there."

To those just listening and not looking, the intense wafting of L.D.'s harmonica could easily come from an elderly blues master, and many people are shocked when they see him step up to the microphone. At the band's various gigs across the country, the youngster never fails to impress the crowds, but he is far from being the only reason the band stands out.

Starting out playing Silverchair and Nirvana riffs before jamming with his brother and his dad, Clayton quickly caught on to the blues influences of his father and it didn't take long for the chemistry of the family to bring the group together musically. Clayton's powerhouse voice complements the emotional blues melodies of L.D.'s harmonica perfectly and easily soars above the crunchy, but clear guitar sounds.

Currently working with a promotion company in Atlantic City, the band has been taking breaks solely for tour dates, as they are this Saturday on campus. "You can kind of imagine what it would be like to be touring all over the country with your family," Tammy says of their gigs. "But we get along pretty well, to be honest, we try and give each other space. It's not quite the same as our camping trips because we're rarely able to get back home, but we have a good time together and it's great to be able to do this as a family."

Perhaps the most exciting thing to happen to the Clayton Miller Band was the on-set of the Steve Harvey Show earlier this year. Taping the closing show for this season, L.D. was just finishing up a powerful harmonica and vocal performance. The band was excited enough to see the crowd give him a standing ovation, but that wasn't even the most outstanding moment.

Seconds later, Stevie Wonder walked on stage not only to meet the band, but to jam away with L.D. Though obviously shocked to see one of the most influential voices in blues and rock history in front of him, the young harmonica player quickly gathered himself to play on national television with one of his heroes.

Wonder invited the family back to his trailer after the taping to play some more and to invite L.D. to play again during his Christmas Special later this year. The Steve Harvey Show will be aired on April 29th on the WB network.

There have been a lot of great memories for the Miller family already, but they're hoping for even more up ahead. The Notre Dame campus will get to experience what many critics are calling the best kept secrets in blues and rock music this Saturday night at Legends. Though headlined by Clayton, the whole family is sure to blow away blues fans, curious students and just about anyone else that may be fortunate enough to see them perform.

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The oldest son in the band, 21-year-old Clayton, plays lead guitar and sings lead vocals. He was the first to push for the band's formation.
Hornets snap Pistons win streak in thriller

Magloire hits an 11-foot leaning jump shot to sink Pistons, 82-81 Tuesday night

NEW ORLEANS — Losing the lead on a late 3-pointer was a familiar feeling for the New Orleans Hornets. But this time they responded with a clutch shot of their own.

Jamaal Magloire’s last-second long jumper lifted the Hornets over Detroit on Tuesday night, snapping the Pistons eight-game winning streak.

Chauncey Billups’ 3-pointer with 17 seconds left had put Detroit ahead, a shot was reminiscent of Vince Carter’s 3 that lifted Toronto over New Orleans two days earlier.

New Orleans responded by going inside to Magloire, whose first shot was blocked out of bounds by bounds with Wallace left, 6 seconds left.

On the inbounds play, David Wesley was off the right perimeter jumper and Wallace blocked that shot.

Magloire grabbed the ball out of the air, took one dribble and put a jumper from 11 feet out which lifted the Hornets guard Darrell Armstrong, who was just coming in, to the last one that it fell into an orange with 6.3 seconds left.

By then, the game was over.

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It was a much different scene than when the teams played last Thursday, the Spurs embarrassing the Wolves 106-86 in Sacramento. Garnett said that loss gave the Wolves plenty of motivation.

"Flip (Saunders) talked about the game we played in San Antonio, which was very tough," Garnett said. "A lot of energy filled the gym and we carried that over into tonight."

Jazz 85, Wizards 77

In an otherwise forgettable game, Andrei Kirilenko’s scintillating performance helped propel the Wizards.

Kirilenko was all over the stat sheet and engineered a key fourth-quarter sequence that led the Utah Jazz past the Washington Wizards Tuesday night.

Andrei made some great plays defensively that saved us in the fourth quarter," Utah coach Jerry Sloan said after Kirilenko had 19 points, eight rebounds, seven assists, seven blocked shots and four steals.

"Right now we need this win. We played pretty good defense and helped each other and that’s why we won the game,” Kirilenko said after the Jazz moved a half-game ahead of Denver for eighth place in the Western Conference.

Kirilenko didn’t get much help when it mattered. So he took charge late in the fourth quarter as the Jazz led the Wizards 107-83.

The Jazz had scored just two points in a five-minute span and the crowd closed to 74-71 on Etan Thomas’ follow shot. Kirilenko then made a 3-pointer, and blocked Larry Hughes.

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NHL
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Associated Press

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Yankees extend Rivera’s contract

Pitcher agrees to $21 million, 2-year contract

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Mariano Rivera wanted to stay with the New York Yankees. That’s why it took little time to negotiate a $21 million, two-year contract extension through 2006.

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner looked on as the deal was announced Tuesday and gave the pitcher a hug. "I think I was born to be a Yankee," Rivera said. "I want to thank Mr. George [Steinbrenner] to get the opportunity to stay with the Yankees forever, have a chance to get into the Hall of Fame with the pin-stripes. That's big for me." Rivera, MVP of the 1999 World Series and last year’s AL saves leader, has been negotiating a two-year extension this spring with general partner Brian Cashman. "Without question we're talking about the best reliever, in my opinion, in the history of baseball," Cashman said. "This guy has become branded with the Yankee logo. People are going to remember this man for so long for what he's done." Rivera has been outstanding this spring, not allowing a run and striking out nine over eight innings. "I feel really strong," he said. "I think I'm ready." Rivera put in a plug for Torre, who has been negotiating a two-year extension this spring with general partner Steve Swindal. As they left the news conference, Steinbrenner told Rivera: "Now we have to get Joe, and we'll have everybody." Torre and Swindal likely will talk again this week. "You want to have it done today or tomorrow, no question," Torre said. "But it doesn't mean if it's not done then, it's going to change anything."
NHL

Brodeur gets 400th win in Devils 4-3 victory

Associated Press

SUNRISE, Fla. — Martin Brodeur stood in the crease, his arms raised above his head in triumph. It wasn’t another Stanley Cup victory, but winning 400 games so soon is almost as special.

Brodeur became the youngest goaltender to win 400 when Scott Niedermayer scored with 1:05 left in overtime Tuesday night, lifting the New Jersey Devils to a 4-3 victory over the Florida Panthers.

"I take a lot of pride in winning hockey games," Brodeur said. "Stats are good, but wins really show the success you have. When I look at my years, I always look at wins."

The 31-year-old Brodeur made 21 saves to reach the milestone after failing in two previous attempts. He accomplished the feat in fewer games than any other goalie and is 400-215-105 in 12 seasons.

Patrick Roy is the all-time leader with 551 wins.

"The scary thing about Martin is that there is a lot more left," Devils coach Pat Burns said. "He loves the game and he works hard at it and he’s only 31 years old. The big thing is there is a lot more to come for Marty Brodeur."

Brodeur also became the first to win 400 playing every game for the same team.

"We've got a backbone like that," Kozlov said. "He's another great goalie. He's going to be in the footsteps of Marty. This organization is going to be around a long time when you've got a backbone like that."

The Panthers took a 3-2 lead at 4:43 of the third period when Odelein scored on a power play with a slap shot from the point that went off the stick of Devils forward Jamie Langenbrunner and beat Brodeur through a screen.

The loss combined with the Islanders victory over Washington officially eliminated Florida from playoff contention.

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from the other guys, but it's tough for an organization to have success for so long," Brodeur said. "It definitely makes it special. It says a lot about the success of the organization."

Turner Stevenson, Brian Gionta and former Panther Viktor Kozlov also scored for the Devils, who clinched their eighth consecutive playoff appearance with the victory.

Stevenson tied it at 3-all with 8:38 left when he poked home a loose puck lying behind Luongo in the crease.

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Kozlov, the Panthers second-leading scorer all time, was playing in his first game against his former team since being traded March 1. He tied the game 2-all with the only goal of the second period when he beat Luongo with a wrist shot from the right circle.

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Sapp became the face of a franchise. Johnson, with his star appeal of Sapp. Johnson, coach Jon Gruden is putting his distinctive stamp on the team.

"It's going to be different. But hopefully, the guys that are taking those positions will step up," linebacker Shelley Quarles said. "I'm confident the coaches did the right thing as far as knowing who they want to bring in and replace those guys."

Despite salary-cap constraints, the Bucs have signed linebacker Derrick Brooks, the perennial playoff contenders.

"I'm confident the coaches did the right thing as far as knowing who they want to bring in and replace those guys." Quarles said. "One day, sooner or later, I'm not going to be here. Brooks won't be here... It just happened to hit us with two of our major guys in one year."

Since dominating Oakland in the Super Bowl in January 2003, eight starters — Sapp, Lynch, Johnson, linebacker Alshemond Singleton, safety Dexter Jackson, tight end Ken Dilger, center Jeff Christi and punter Tom Tupa — have either left via free agency or were released or traded.

Sapp preferred to stay, but was never given a proposal for a new contract after earning $6.6 million in 2003. Lynch was willing to renegotiate a deal that would have paid him $4.1 million in 2004 and $5 million in 2005, but general manager Bruce Allen stonewalled him.

"It's tough time, but that's the sport we live in," Allen says. "We feel very confident about some of the young players on this team, and they need an opportunity. They need to be given an opportunity to become their own stars, and if you don't do that, you're going to stunt the growth of your team."

Anyone who has followed Gruden and Allen from their days with the Raiders might find that statement amusing. The coach and general manager thrived in Oakland by attracting players in the advanced stages of their career. They've continued the trend this offseason, signing veteran offensive linemen Derrick Deese, Todd Steussie and Matt O'Dwyer and also bringing in 32-year-old running back Charlie Garner.

Johnson, deactivated for the last six games of the 2003 schedule because of a squabble with Gruden, was traded to the Dallas Cowboys last week for Joey Galloway, who's 32 but still one of the fastest receivers in the game.
Former tourney underdogs hope to avoid upsets

Teams that benefitted from upsets earlier in tournament ‘can’t be complacent,’ strive to avert upsets themselves

Associated Press


Lucky Kansas might just make it all the way to the Final Four without playing a team seeded higher than ninth — unless, of course, the Jayhawks become an upset victim themselves.

Go ahead and ask fourth-seeded Kansas or any other team that plays a lower-regarded squad if it feels like a favorite heading into the round of 16 at the NCAA tournament.

"I say 'boo' to anyone who says that," Kansas guard J.R. Giddens said Tuesday.

The Jayhawks — who already beat a No. 13 and a No. 12 — are trying to make it to a third straight Final Four. If Kansas beats No. 9 UAB in the St. Louis Regional on Friday, it will face No. 3 Georgia Tech or No. 10 Nevada.

"We're going to come out like we're the underdogs," Georgia Tech center Luke Schenscher said. "We can't be complacent in any way if we're going to compete with teams like Nevada."

Someone had to knock off the higher seeds across the tournament, and now that someone — be it UAB or Alabama or Nevada — is planning to do the same thing to another favored team.

"The 16 teams left are the top 16 teams in the country," Kansas guard Keith Langford said. "The people who won are the people who are supposed to be here. I can hardly see how somebody would see this as an easy road for us, considering we've endured a season where we've had eight losses already."

This time of year, though, one loss is all it takes. So far, NCAA upsets have wiped out seven teams seeded 1-4.

"We know what a kid who's 22 or 23 can do against a kid who's 19, or on a one-game shot what a hungry group of well-coached guys" can do, said Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski, whose top-seeded team cruised to two victories in the Atlanta Regional.

"In this time of the year, a lot of teams that you face — unless they came from a really tough conference, are not beaten down physically," Krzyzewski said. "They have a good ego, and they're in pretty good physical shape."

In the St. Louis Regional, No. 1 Kentucky and No. 2 Gonzaga already are gone. In the Phoenix Regional, No. 1 Stanford, No. 3 North Carolina State and No. 4 Maryland no longer stand in Connecticut's way.

In the Atlanta Regional, Duke faces No. 5 Illinois, and No. 3 Texas takes on No. 7 Xavier. The only section of the bracket that played to form was the East Rutherford Regional, where No. 1 Saint Joseph's, No. 2 Oklahoma State, No. 3 Pittsburgh and No. 4 Wake Forest all reached the final 16.

"That's what makes this tournament great. You can have a region where I through 4's alive, and you can have a region like the one we're in, where the 1 and 2 are out of it," said Kansas first-year coach, Bill Self. "That's the NCAA tournament."

Texas coach Rick Barnes noted another challenge for favorites at tournament time: keeping a neutral-court crowd, which usually loves an underdog, from becoming a factor.

"The key is to get lost in the game," Barnes said. "You expect, most of the time in this tournament, most crowds are going to cheer for the darker jerseys. That's kind of the way it's always worked."

One person who's all-too-aware that forecasts can be wrong is Georgia Tech coach Paul Hewitt, whose team was picked to finish seventh in the ACC this season.

"So his players don't think they have an advantage just because some high-seeded teams are gone."

"The fact that we were so overlooked provided a great lesson to our players," Hewitt said. "We were left for dead. Now we're in the 'Sweet 16.' We know there are some real quality teams out there that aren't being recognized."
Activists fear testimony of Bryant’s accuser

Rape-shield law overruled, accuser will speak today

Associated Press

DENVER — The woman accusing Kobe Bryant of rape will be forced to testify Wednesday about her sex life — a move some experts fear could discourage other women from reporting sexual assaults.

The 19-year-old woman will testify behind closed doors, but media members will be at the courthouse to report that she had to answer questions from defense attorneys about intimate details of her life.

"I'm frightened about this decision, only for the fact that families will not support victims and survivors to go report because they can now say, 'look what happened to so-and-so,'" said Jeri Elster of Los Angeles, who was raped in 1992 and has lobbied for changes in the law.

It feels like a huge setback for survivors and victims to come.

The defense says the information should be admitted because it could show that the woman's injuries were caused by another sexual partner and that she had a "scheme" to sleep with Bryant, possibly to gain the attention of an ex-boyfriend.

The prosecution fought to limit defense questioning, but was rebuffed by the Colorado Supreme Court. The hearing will be the first time the woman has faced Bryant since their encounter last summer.

The Los Angeles Lakers guard has said he had consensual sex with the woman at the Vail-area resort where she worked. If convicted, he could get four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation. No trial date has been set.

Some experts said there is good reason for the alleged victim to testify.

"Who knows the facts better as far as her history than her?" asked Karen Steinhauser, a former prosecutor and visiting professor at the University of Denver School of Law. "I'm not sure I would want the judge to decide based on what other people say happened."

Steinhauser said publicity could actually increase assault reports by prompting discussions about acquaintance rape that could remove the stigma.

"I hope people see this as a system that, yes, is difficult on victims, but if it happened the way she says it happened, it's wrong, it's a crime and people need to be held accountable for that," Steinhauser said.

Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant enters the Eagle County, Colorado, Justice Center accompanied by his attorney Pamela Mackey. Bryant's accuser will testify about her sex life.
**NBA**

O’Neal sidelined with knee injury

Bone bruise in knee restricts the forward from Dallas game

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — As the playoffs near, injuries are starting to mount for the Indiana Pacers, most notably to star forward Jermaine O’Neal.

O’Neal has a bone bruise to his left knee and will not play in Wednesday’s game against Dallas. Reserve forward Jonathan Bender is also out with a sprained left thumb. That means coach Rick Carlisle has some lineup-juggling to do.

“We don’t have a choice, we’re going to have to have guys step up and be ready and go out there and play our game,” Carlisle said. “We’re in a tough spot right now.”

The good news is that all three injuries appear to be minor.
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NCAA BASKETBALL

In Brief

**Houston hires Penders as new basketball coach**

Houston — Tom Penders was hired Tuesday to coach at Houston, the once-powerful program that hasn't won an NCAA tournament game in 20 years.

Penders and the university agreed to a five-year contract, but terms weren't finalized, officials said. Penders, a coach at Texas for 10 years, replaces Ray McCallum, who was reassigned March 8 after going 44-72 in four seasons.

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Jameer Nelson dribbles past a defender in a 76-53 Saint Joseph's victory over Temple on Feb. 24. Nelson and Connecticut center Emeka Okafor were unanimous All-American choices.

**Nelson, Okafor unanimous All-American choices**

Associated Press

There's no debate when it comes to Emeka Okafor and Jameer Nelson. They're unanimous All-Americans.

The stars at Connecticut and Saint Joseph's led The Associated Press men's college basketball All-America team Tuesday, the first time since 1985 more than one player was chosen by every voter.

"It's hard to express just what it means to be recognized as one of the best players in the country," Okafor said. "Individual recognition like this is really a reflection of the great teammates and coaches that I am fortunate to work with every day."

Okafor, a 6-foot-10 junior center, and Nelson, a 5-11 senior guard, earned a perfect 360 points by being picked on all 72 first-team ballots by the same media panel that votes on the weekly poll. Each member selected three All-America teams, with players receiving points on a 5-3-1 basis. Lawrence Roberts of Mississippi State was third with 308 points, while Josh Childress of Stanford had 235, and Ryan Gomes and Providence completed the first team with 208 points.

In 1985, four players were unanimous first team All-Americans. They were Jack Sikma of Washington, David Robinson of Navy, Larry Johnson of North Carolina and Earvin "Magic" Johnson of Michigan State.

"This is obviously a testament to both players to be unanimous selections," Saint Joseph's coach Phil Martelli said. "That is a lot of respect to be shown, and in neither case was it about hype. These two deserved it."

Nelson, the Atlantic 10 player of the year, led the Hawks to a 27-0 record and No. 1 ranking before they lost to Xavier in the quarterfinals of the conference tournament. It was the longest such run since UNLV entered the 1991 NCAA tournament undeated.

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Irish host Hofstra

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

Coach Kevin Corrigan and the Irish schedule tough non-conference opponents to obtain quality wins for the team's postseason resume.

This season, the early swarm of ranked opponents has dug the No. 15 Notre Dame lacrosse team into a 1-3 whole as it hosts No. 13 Hofstra (2-3) in the Loftus Sports Center at 7 p.m. tonight.

After defeating Penn State 17-7 in its season opener at home, Notre Dame has lost three straight games to No. 3 Syracuse, No. 9 North Carolina and No. 16 Loyola, respectively.

Hofstra has had a similar difficult early season schedule, facing No. 1 Johns Hopkins, No. 6 Princeton and Loyola. The Pride defeated Loyola, 9-4, the same team that beat Notre Dame 13-7 in its previous outing.

To get back on their feet in time for league play, the Irish must avoid falling behind early if they did 7-1 in the early season. Going against the Greyhounds will be a tall task as the Buckeyes shared the Great Western Lacrosse League title with the Irish last season.

To beat teams like Hofstra and Ohio State, Notre Dame must stick with its strengths while addressing its weaknesses. The Irish are the No. 1 team in the country in extra-man opportunities, converting 11-of-18 opportunities for a 55.6 success percentage. A win against Hofstra would boost the postseason resume and show the NCAA committee that Notre Dame cannot only score against the best teams but that they can beat the best teams, as well.

Presession honorable mention All-America Pat Walsh looks to continue his solid play to help ensure a victory. Walsh is living up to the presession expectations as he leads the Great Western Lacrosse League with a 4.50 point per game average. He is also tied for sixth nationally, with nine goals and nine assists in the team's first four games.

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Irish first baseman Matt Edwards holds on a Chippewa runner in Notre Dame's 4-1 loss Tuesday.

The Irish had a chance to strike back in the bottom of the inning. With two outs and runners on first and second, third baseman Matt Macri hit a hot shot through the right side, but Chippewas shortstop Ryan Peel made a diving play to keep the ball in the infield and prevent a run from scoring.

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Central Michigan took advantage of a rare Irish defensive miscue in the top of the first when shortstop Greg Lopez mishandled Matt Edwards' throw at second base on an attempted double play turn. With two on and nobody out, designated hitter Bryan Mitzel scored a two-run triple to the gap in right center to put his team up 2-0.

The Irish would later force right fielder J.T. Jones to ground into a double play, but Mitzel scored on the play to give the Chippewas the early 3-0 lead.

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The Irish made one last run in the comeback with two outs in the bottom of the ninth as Lopez and Cooper strung together consecutive singles. But with Sollmann representing the tying run at the plate, senior hit a hard comebacker to the pitcher for the final out of the game.

Stellar relief pitching by freshman right-handers Derik Obey and Jeff Samardzija was a bright spot for the Irish.

The Irish will not have any time to dwell on the loss, however, as they will send right hander Jess Stewart to the mound today at 5 p.m. to host Detroit (1-9), who dropped a 12-9 game to Eastern Michigan Tuesday.
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Stephanie Smith said, "We caused them a lot of prob-
lems."
But a Batteast three-pointer with 3:59 left in the half gave
Notre Dame a 22-21 lead for the first time in the game.
With that 3-pointer, the Irish ended the half by scoring 10
of the last 15 points to lead 29-26.
After halftime, Batteast took over by scoring 10 of the
first 13 points and grabbing four rebounds before Tia Stovall made
the Blue Raiders' first field goal of the half. By that time, Notre
Dame had extended its three- point halftime lead to 18.
"We really just struggled on both ends of the floor," Smith
said. "We struggled so much offensively that it just took us
out of our rhythm on the defensive end."
"We were as poor tonight, especially closing out the
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Breona Gray drives to the basket during Tuesday's game
against the Blue Raiders.
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Batteast was responsible for the Blue Raiders' first field goal of the half. By that time, Notre Dame had extended its three-point halftime lead to 18.

The Irish played more aggressively in the second half and toughened their zone defense.

The result was a flustered Middle Tennessee State team that made just six field goals in the final 20 minutes.

"We really just struggled on both ends of the floor," Smith said. "We struggled so much offensively that it just took us out of our rhythm on the defensive end.

"We were as poor tonight, especially closing out the first half and in the second half with our help-side defense, as I have ever seen us do this season." McGraw said.

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"It was shocking," Batteast said of her shooting. "It feels really, really, really good. It was just that kind of night."

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The Jacqueline Batteast that has come to this year's NCAA tournament is not the one Irish fans saw last year. Last year, Batteast scored 13 points in three games in the tournament. She had that many points in the first half Tuesday night at the Joyce Center.

She was the star of the game, not Middle Tennessee State's Patrice Holmes. Holmes was held to 4-for-15 shooting, good for just nine points. The Sun Belt Tournament MVP could learn a few things about being a star watching Batteast.

And if you are Notre Dame, you have to be glad that Batteast dons the Irish jersey. She presents matchup problems for other teams, and she can flat-out play. It seems as if she has finally found her stride as one of the nation's best players in her third year in an Irish uniform.

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Irish point guard Megan Duffy makes a bounce pass Tuesday.

NOTRE DAME 59, MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE 46 at the
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Batteast 15-17 0-1 29, LaVeure 4-13 1-2 2, Severe 0-1 1-2 2, Duffy 2 4-6 0, Hernandez 1-2 0-0 2, Joyce 7 4-9 0-0 9, Batteast 3-9 1-4 0,的衣服，衣着，着装，装束，服饰

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE (24-8)
Horton 7-14 6-7 18, Joyce 1-5 4-6 10, Holmes 4-15 0-1 9, Jakobsen 0-0 0-0, Greno 3 3-4 2, Bailey 0-0 0-0.

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3-point goals: Notre Dame 4-9 (Joyce 2-2, Batteast 1-1, Duffy 0-2, LaVeure 0-1), Middle Tennessee State 1-2 (Holmes 1-1, Justus 1-1).

Free throws: Notre Dame 4-4, Middle Tennessee State 0-0. Assists: Notre Dame 19 (Severe 6), Middle Tennessee State 13 (Holmes 5, Total Bats. Notre Dame 16, Middle Tennessee State 13.

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Breona Gray drives to the basket during Tuesday's game against the Blue Raiders.
Rookies look to earn respect

The fencing team rests on the verge of another title

"Young, hot, brash. With an attitude that says, 'Who cares? It's only'...fencing?" Yes, I realize that actually quoting Zoolander in a newspaper column represents the low point in my writing career, but it fits, so work with me.

The confident group I refer to with the above quotation is none other than the Notre Dame fencing team. For those of you who only know them as the reason for Grace Hall's existence (I refer to the No. 1 atop it), it might also be relevant to know that the same fencing team is about to defend the right to keep it.

But you might want to take a long hard look up at the sky during your late-night quarter dog run. Despite the swagger and youthful enthusiasm that characterizes the seven newcomers, that will not be enough to defend a title won by a group of fencers who all had at least one year of collegiate fencing experience.

Indeed they are young, but indeed they are good. Much has been made this season about the team's youth and rightly so. With seven freshmen in a lineup of eighteen, the weight of defending a national title could have been enough to smother any newfound enthusiasm. But thanks in large part to the efforts of the coaching staff, the freshmen seemed to be oblivious. The freshmen saber quartet of Patrick Ghattas, Matthew Stearns, Angela Zoolander, and Ryan Orlando scorched their opponent, that will not be enough to defend a conference championship. For those of you who thought it might, the freshmen seemed to be oblivious. The freshmen saber quartet of Patrick Ghattas, Matthew Stearns, Angela Zoolander, and Ryan Orlando scorched their opponent, that will not be enough to defend a conference championship. For those of you who thought it might, the freshmen seemed to be oblivious. The freshmen saber quartet of Patrick Ghattas, Matthew Stearns, Angela Zoolander, and Ryan Orlando scorched their opponent, that will not be enough to defend a conference championship. For those of you who thought it might, the freshmen seemed to be oblivious. The freshmen saber quartet of Patrick Ghattas, Matthew Stearns, Angela Zoolander, and Ryan Orlando scorched their opponent, that will not be enough to defend a conference championship. For those of you who thought it might, the freshmen seemed to be oblivious. The freshmen saber quartet of Patrick Ghattas, Matthew Stearns, Angela Zoolander, and Ryan Orlando scorched their opponent, that will not be enough to defend a conference championship. For those of you who thought it might, the freshmen seemed to be oblivious. The freshmen saber quartet of Patrick Ghattas, Matthew Stearns, Angela Zoolander, and Ryan Orlando scorched their opponent, that will not be enough to defend a conference championship. For those of you who thought it might, the freshmen seemed to be oblivious. The freshmen saber quartet of Patrick Ghattas, Matthew Stearns, Angela Zoolander, and Ryan Orlando scorched their opponent, that will not be enough to defend a conference championship. For those of you who thought it might, the freshmen seemed to be oblivious. The freshmen saber quartet of Patrick Ghattas, Matthew Stearns, Angela Zoolander, and Ryan Orlando scorched their opponent, that will not be enough to defend a conference championship. For those of you who thought it might, the freshmen seemed to be oblivious. The freshmen saber quartet of Patrick Ghattas, Matthew Stearns, Angela Zoolander, and Ryan Orlando scorched their opponent, that will not be enough to defend a conference championship. For those of you who thought it might, the freshmen seemed to be oblivious. The freshmen saber quartet of Patrick Ghattas, Matthew Stearns, Angela Zoolander, and Ryan Orlando scorched their opponent, that will not be enough to defend a conference championship. For those of you who thought it might, the freshmen seemed to be oblivious. The freshmen saber quartet of Patrick Ghattas, Matthew Stearns, Angela Zoolander, and Ryan Orlando scorched their opponent, that will not be enough to defend a conference championship. For those of you who thought it might, the freshmen seemed to be oblivious. The freshmen saber quartet of Patrick Ghattas, Matthew Stearns, Angela Zoolander, and Ryan Orlando scorched their opponent, that will not be enough to defend a conference championship. For those of you who thought it might, the freshmen seemed to be oblivious. The freshmen saber quartet of Patrick Ghattas, Matthew Stearns, Angela Zoolander, and Ryan Orlando scorched their opponent, that will not be enough to defend a conference championship. For those of you who thought it might, the freshmen seemed to be oblivious. The freshmen saber quartet of Patrick Ghattas, Matthew Stearns, Angela Zoolander, and Ryan Orlando scorched their opponent, that will not be enough to defend a conference championship.
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15. Terrify
16. Start of a quote by Anton Chekov
19. Friend of Fide
22. "Go, "
23. Event on "The Observer"
27. Triumphed
31. Grove
34. Boot
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1. Open a bit
2. Strengthen, with "up"
3. Cameo stone
4. Flower wreath
5. Something that's illegal to drop
6. End of many a tune
9. Human
11. Horse's motion
12. "I'll re-raise..."
13. Grove
14. "Up"
16. A bit
17. Kind of whiskey
18. Observe's opposite
20. "...at the bat!"
21. Like a chimney sweep
22. Habeas corpus
23. Event on "The Sopranos"
24. Some sails
26. "I'm blowing"
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29. Medium for writing "Happy Anniversary"
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**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

**How sweet it is**

Batteast spearheads team's effort, Irish advance to Sweet 16

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

This one belonged to Jacqueline Batteast. By the time Middle Tennessee State scored its first field goal of the second half with 10:44 remaining, Batteast had taken over the second-round tournament game and guaranteed the Irish a trip to Hartford for the Sweet 16.

"(Batteast) showed why she is one of the top five players in the country," Irish coach McGraw said. "She is just an outstanding basketball player."

Batteast scored 27 points on 13-of-17 shooting and grabbed 12 rebounds in a 59-46 Irish win Tuesday night at the Joyce Center, almost single-handedly pushing No. 5 seed Notre Dame past No. 13 Middle Tennessee State and into the Sweet 16 for the sixth time in eight years.

"It's exciting, and I think it's great for the conference," McGraw said.

The Irish, who trailed most of the first half, took a 29-24 advantage into intermission and then opened the second half with a 16-1 run.

After scoring 13 points in the first half, Batteast then opened the second half with a 16-1 run. "It all started 3:19 into the game when Batteast made that run in the second half," McGraw said. "I thought she was outstanding." Middle Tennessee State played poised and patient in the first half, and the Blue Raiders led by as many as seven. They worked the ball inside and consistently had good looks at the basket.

On the defensive end, the Blue Raiders forced Notre Dame into 13 first half turnovers. "We were very aggressive, especially on the defensive end," Middle Tennessee State coach Bayliss said.

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"Their pitcher was outstanding, they made the plays and their hitters did what they had to do," he said.

Chippewa lefty T.J. Johnson kept the Irish hitters off balance all night with a steady diet of off-speed pitches. The senior worked all nine innings and allowed only one run, seven hits, one walk and striking out six to get the win.

"You have to tip your hat to (Johnson). We just didn't solve him tonight," Mainieri said. "You don't usually run into a pitcher that caliper in a week's game."

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**SPORTS**

**MEN'S SOFTBALL**

SMC vs. Purdue-North Central

7 p.m., Loftus

The Irish look to get a quality win Wednesday night.

**NHL**

Devils vs. Panthers

Martin Brodeur picks up his 400th win in the New Jersey victory.

**NBA**

Homets vs. Pistons

Magloire drains a jumper to send New Orleans past Detroit.

**SPORTS**

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Underdogs try to avoid upset

This year's lower seeds hope to continue to advance.

**NFL**

Tampa Bay looks to move forward

Without three star players, the Bucs are confident for next year.