College apologizes for comedy show

By ANNELEISE WOOLFORD Senior Staff Writer

In a campus-wide letter sent Monday, Saint Mary's vice president for student affairs Linda Timm apologized for the content of a comedy act that recently appeared on campus.

Several students, faculty and staff left the March 29 performance of "Alfred and Seymour" — an act booked last fall by the Student Activities Office to provide an educational perspective on racism and stereotypes — feeling offended rather than educated, Timm responded to seven letters of concern citing the act’s reinforcement of degrading racial stereotypes.

"The educational message that we believed 'Alfred and Seymour' would deliver clearly did not come across as expected," stated Timm in her letter.

Melanie McDonald, director of public relations at Saint Mary's, said that the group...

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ROTc to hold ceremonial Pass in Review today

By MATT BRAMANTI Senior Staff Writer

The annual ROTC Pass in Review will be held today in Lotus Sports Center, despite a lawsuit calling for a South Quad location for the ceremony.

The event, at which Notre Dame's Army, Navy and Air Force cadets and midshipmen will present themselves to University President Father Edward Malloy, is a traditional year-end exercise for cadets and midshipmen.

"I've never had an issue with [the location]," Senior Staff Writer Kevin Conley said the ceremony.

Angela improvements underway

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER Senior Staff Writer

The Indiana Department of Transportation is in the process of making lane changes and signal improvements at the intersection of Angela Ave. and IN 933, also known as U.S. 31, and predicts that construction at the high-traffic area will be completed within the next two weeks.

"The light right turn lane, just in a different form," Mantel said. "Instead of having free flow, now (drivers) have to come to the corner and stop and look. We want them to pay more attention to where they’re turning and look for oncoming traffic.

While the right turn lane is presently closed, it will reopen when construction is completed.

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Yo creo en los EE.UU.

"I believe in America," the Italian-born undertaker says. "America has made my fortune." That’s the first line from "The Godfather," and it’s a poigniant expression of a faith that it sadly lacking today. Why do hun­dreds of thousands of Mexican immigrants risk prison, even death, to sneak across our southern border every year? They’re not on their way to Canada. They have seen, like generations of immigrants before them—from all corners of the earth—that this is a place where anyone can succeed.

Immigrants exemplify the American Dream: starting from scratch in a new place, making a better life for their families. We shouldn’t restrict immigration. One of the most common is this: they’ll take our jobs.

I don’t like that kind of thinking. The implication is that native-born Americans are entitled, that the rest of the world should hunker over the scraps from Uncle Sam’s table. But what anti-immigration people tend to forget is that nearly all of us are descended from immigrants.

Americans are mutts. We come from all over the world. We don’t have a rigid class system, where birth or breeding is a guarantee of failure or success. If we work, we get to reap the fruits of that labor. If we don’t, we fail behind. Ricardo and Juana should get the same shot at the American Dream that Dick and Jane did.

I’m not some starry-eyed idealist, though. I realize that we need to protect our borders, especially in this age of international terrorism. And we should keep an eye on people who come into this country. Some people come here and get in trouble with the law. Some of them exploit government handouts. Some refuse to submit to periodic checks. We should have no tolerance for people who won’t play by the rules, because they only make it harder for those who do.

Yes, an influx of cheap labor tends to lower wages overall. But free enterprise—the cornerstone of the American economy—has led to a mind-boggling prosperity all along the economic spectrum.

A good deal of this prosperity is because people are willing to come here and take a chance at success. We’ve seen it up close. As a Texan, I’ve seen the great contributions Hispanic immigrants have made. As the great-grandson of Italian immigrants, I hope to make those contributions myself.

Immigrants and this country will move upwards together, if we give them a chance to believe in America.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Matt Bramanti at braman ti.l@nd.edu.

CORRECTIONS
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William Branham, 28, who is starting a business and plans to leave the service, will be transferred to Germany next month.

A number of students have reported seeing a strange figure in the woods near campus. The figure is described as tall and cloaked in black. The identity and purpose of the figure remains unknown.

PROPERTY AUDIT
Our campus property audit is under way. If you have any concerns or suggestions for improving security, please contact the security department at (631) 454-1234.

ATTENDANCE
The attendance at the recent student government meeting was low. It is important for students to attend these meetings in order to stay informed about campus issues. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14th from 5-7 PM in the Great Hall.

In brief
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Surgeon highlights increased problem of obesity

By ANDREW THAGARD
Senior Staff Writer

In a nation where 55 percent of adults are overweight and 1.5 million people are morbidly obese, Dr. Gerardo Gomez, a surgeon and medical director of the Indiana University Bariatric Surgery Program, lectured Tuesday on obesity and bariatric surgery. The presentation was the fourth in the 10th annual “Mini-Medical School Lecture Series,” which is sponsored by the Medical Education Foundation and presented by the South Bend Center for Medical Education.

Obesity is a serious problem in the United States, Gomez said. It recently surpassed smoking as the number one cause of preventable deaths in the United States. Each year 100,000 people die from obesity-related causes.

Excess weight also puts a significant financial burden on the nation, according to Gomez. It costs the United States $51.6 billion directly and $47.6 billion indirectly annually. “It’s a medical disease and there are medical conditions directly related to obesity,” he said.

Gomez attributed the high rate of obesity to the large quantities of readily available food at low costs, particularly fast food and soft drinks, made more abundant in part due to labor saving technology. “Everybody’s eating more and more,” he said. “We eat a lot more than we really need.”

Indeed, an average American will consume 30 pounds of cheese, 15 pounds of ice cream, 152 pounds of added sugar, 111 pounds of red meat and 28 gallons of beer each year. And while proper exercise can shed excess calories, the fatty diets that Americans consume are so calorie-rich that it makes it increasingly difficult to do so, Gomez said. One hour on a treadmill might burn 100 calories, for example, but a Whopper from Burger King is packed with 800.

Physicians and insurance companies measure obesity using the Body Mass Index (BMI), which is calculated by dividing weight (in kilograms) by height squared (in meters). Ideal people have a BMI in the range of 20-24.9. People are considered overweight if their BMI lies between 25-30 and obese if it’s between 35-40. People who are morbidly obese or super obese have BMIs in the ranges of 40-49 and above 50, respectively.

“What causes obesity? Too much ‘in,’ not enough ‘out,’” Gomez said. “It’s pretty simple.” Obesity may be simple to understand, Gomez said, but not easy to treat.

While the old fashioned method of maintaining a calorie deficiency by consuming moderate amounts of healthy foods and exercising is the preferred means of losing weight, bariatric surgery is often an alternative pursued by the morbidly obese if it fails. It’s also the only means that ensures consistent and permanent weight loss for morbidly obese patients, according to the National Institute for Health.

“At the present time it [bariatric surgery] is the only long-term effective means for patients with morbid obesity,” Gomez said. There are two main forms of bariatric surgery, he said. The first, called gastric restriction, minimizes the size of the stomach so the patient will be forced to consume less. The second, called malabsorption shortens the length of active small intestine to minimize the amount of nutrients that the body absorbs through digestion. Gastric bypass surgery is the most common form of bariatric surgery done today, he said. A new “lap band” or adjustable gastric band wrapped around the stomach is a procedure that is also gaining popularity. The “lap band” can be inflated or deflated by a physician by adjusting a control pad located beneath the skin using a syringe. Even gastric bypass surgery has become less invasive when several small incisions are made to allow the passage of long instruments and cameras instead of a big incision.

For the most part, the surgery is safe and effective, Gomez said as he showed those present videos of several of the procedures. Ninety percent of patients who undergo the procedure will lose at least 50 percent of their excess body weight and most obesity related problems either improve or become completely resolved. Generally, the effects of the surgery also change the patients’ outlook on life, Gomez said, as they become more interested in living a healthy lifestyle when they see the rapid weight loss.

Complications, however, do exist, including intestinal leakage in the short term and anemia and deficiencies in B12 and calcium in the long term. Long-term deficiencies are treated with vitamin supplements, Gomez said. The procedure is a difficult one that is challenging for surgeons to master. On average, a facility must perform approximately 300 procedures before it sees a dramatic drop in the rate of complications, he said.

Gomez emphasized that bariatric surgery is not for everyone. Potential patients are carefully screened to ensure that they have not made a serious effort to diet in the past and that they are psychologically stable.

The process, Gomez said, is a team effort that involves the surgeon, patient, nurses, dietitians and other patients through a support group.

“We have to be careful,” he said. “The surgeon alone is not it. We need to have a commitment from diagnostics patients.”

Gomez is an associate professor for the Indiana University School of Medicine.

The series will continue next week with a lecture by Dr. Keith Lilleholt titled “Surgery: Past, Present and Future.”
AAA plans Asian Awareness Week activities

By DUSTIN VON HANDORF
News Writer

Notre Dame's Asian American Association will celebrate its heritage and culture this week with movies and a banquet as part of Asian Awareness Week. "This week was chosen because it was right after Easter and there is time for students to step back before finals," said Sarah Liu, president of the AAA.

Held through Friday at 8 p.m. in the Coleman Morse Center, various student organizations will present Asian film of their choice. The Saturday night movie will begin at 7 p.m. "Wind Rider," "My Sassy Girl," "Ju-On," "The Debut" and "In the Mood for Love" are films slated for presentation.

"The event promotes awareness, appreciation and understanding of Asian cultures and encourages mutual respect for all racial and ethnic groups," said Sarah Liu, president.

John Young, next year's president-elect, followed with a report on the Health Care Committee's activities. The report included the following: the lack of attendance at Health Care Orientation, the possibility of adding benefits in the future, the Committee's support of Megaplan and adjusted premium for students. Young said the largest obstacle facing the committee is student ignorance regarding their options and their healthcare plans.

Crystal Blount, from the Quality of Life committee, discussed Fall Orientation and its success along with suggestions for change. She then proposed the possibility of later limiting GSU's involvement in Spring Orientation. She added that a new e-survey would be sent out at the end of this week due to a low response to the original survey.

Electronic Resource Administrator Yanto Go highlighted some of the new and existing features that will be available due to the introduction of the new server.

Guanguan Zhang, from the Information Technology Committee, discussed the implementation of RESSET in the Village, printing quota updates, improvement of cluster services, CTC meetings and GSU cluster upgrades. He then concluded with a schedule for their committee and an outline of the upgrade budget.

Alison Dekoshak, chair of the Publicity and Procedures Committee, whose job is to "announce events and oversee the organization's professional image," gave a timeline of past events. She highlighted the tasks her committee performed during both the summer and winter seasons.

Sharon O'Neill was the last committee chair to present, representing the GSU Social Committee. She spoke of its summer, fall and spring activities which, included tickets to the 23rd annual "Taste of Chicago," "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "Romeo and Juliet," the 10th annual Blues and Rib Festival, ice skating, a Thanksgiving brunch, a Mardi Gras party and a Wine Tasting seminar.

The meeting concluded with a brief of old business and new business.

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U.S. troops prepare for battle

By Shari Sebbens in Baghdad (AP) - Two U.S.-armored trucks were hit by rockets and a vehicle was blown up by a roadside bomb in a pre-dawn attack in western Baghdad on Thursday. The attacks were the latest in a series of incidents that have turned into a worrying trend of violence against Coalition forces in the past 10 days, a coalition spokesman said Thursday.

The most recent reported abductions were of four Italian security guards working for a U.S.-based company and a French TV journalist since the bloody fighting broke out in the city.

Radio waves to the Middle East

By Susan Delacourt in Baghdad (AP) - Radio waves to the Middle East have become less clear lately. Arabic-language satellite stations are facing challenges as U.S. forces in Iraq 10.92, 1994, soaring water-filled ditch and into a house, according to the Associated Press.

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**Fatima**

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also be a wonderful place for retirement.

Although the Province will continue to be involved in the retreat ministry, it has no plans to open a new center, he said.

Mary Olen, who staffs Campus Ministry's Retreat and Vocations Office, said that Fatima's closing will not have a significant impact on Campus Ministry's activities.

Last year, the organization hosted 46 retreats. Some of these, including the two-night Notre Dame Encounter retreat, were held at Fatima. To compensate for the change next year, Campus Ministry plans to expand its use of the on-campus Sacred Heart Parish Center, along with off-campus retreat houses. Sacred Heart Parish Center features a newly renovated kitchen and community room that makes it an attractive place to hold retreats, Olen said.

"It's a beautiful facility," she said. "We're very fortunate to have it."

The advance notice that her office received helped to minimize potential problems in organizing retreats for next year, Olen said.

"We've had a while to look into it," she said. "A lot of retreats are one night [and] we'd be able to accommodate more than one [at Sacred Heart Parish Center] by sharing a weekend."

Fatima employs eight lay people and two religious. Kavanaugh said that he plans to continue working for the Center during the renovation and transition period. The remaining lay employees will have the opportunity to pursue openings at Notre Dame or through the Congregation of Holy Cross. Personnel who handled food services and maintenance were contracted out through the University and will not be affected by the Center's closing, Kavanaugh said.

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**Angela**

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The other part of the project entails installing new signaling hardware and updated intersection control equipment. It's something that you can't see, but it should improve the flow through [the intersection] no matter which direction you are going," Mantei said.

Work on the intersection began earlier this month.

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**ROTC**

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Astronaut from Lotus ever since, prompting some students to suggest that administrators are trying to avoid a public confrontation between ROTC cadets and protesters. In years past, the class in Review has been the target of protests by members of PAX Chrusi and the Catholic Peace Fellowship.

Shelia Payne, a 2003 Notre Dame graduate who works with the Catholic Peace Fellowship, said she doesn't expect an organized protest this year, but her organization is still devoted to removing ROTC courses from Catholic studies.

"We're still ardently hoping that even if the University will stop hosting the ROTC program," she said.

In an effort to reinstate the event to South Quad, members of the Student Senate circulat-ed a petition among student residence halls last fall. The petitions drew over 1,000 signatures, according to former student body president Jeremy Lao.

Lao said student government leaders asked administrators to hold the event outdoors, but were rejected. "We got a letter from Student Affairs saying no," Lao said.

He did not elaborate on administrators' reason for the decision.

Student body vice president Karla Bell said she and president Adam Iavore are considering student government's support of an outdoors location for the Pax in Review.

"It's something that's really important to us," Bell said. "We fully support it."

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**Mailbox**

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imprisoned for up to three years.

Until the mailbox is returned or a new one is installed, a process that Russwurm said would take three weeks after it was ordered, students must pick up their mail at the Edison Road post office.

Prentice said that having to go to the post office to pick up mail is a "big pain," as has been the loss of at least two days of mail that was in the mailbox when it was stolen. "I don't know who would have taken it," she said. "I'm not sure it would be that benef­icial to have a bunch of college students' mail."

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**Astronaut alumnus to lecture Thursday**

Special to The Observer

Astronaut and University of Notre Dame graduate James Wetherbee will deliver a lec­ture Thursday at 4:45 p.m. in the auditorium of the University's Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

Wetherbee, who is currently technical assistant to the director, Safety and Mission Assurance Directorate, Johnson Space Center, will discuss high reliability organizations (HROs). He will also examine leadership's role and responsibility in creating and maintaining the conditions necessary to sustain a culture of high reli­ability.

A veteran of six space flights, Wetherbee has logged over 1,592 hours in space and is the first American to command five space mis­sions. Prior to his most recent assignment, he served as director of the Flight Crew Operations Directorate and as deputy director of the Johnson Space Center.

Wetherbee graduated from Notre Dame in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering.

The Keough Institute for Irish Studies is pleased to announce that Angela Bourke will be the Naughton Fellow for 2004-2005. A Senior Lecturer in Modern Irish in University College Dublin, Bourke has published widely on oral culture and literature, including two books Caoineadh na d'Tri Mura (1983), a study of the Crucifixion in oral religious poetry and The Burning of Bridget Cleary: A True Story (1999), a critically acclaimed cultural history of how a young Tipperary woman came to be burned to death by her relatives in 1895. Her next book Maeve Brennan: Homesick at The New Yorker will be published in London by Jonathan Cape in June 2004 and by Counterpoint, New York in October. A highly regarded teacher, she has previously been a visiting prof­essor at Harvard University and the University of Minnesota; she was appointed a member of Royal Irish Academy in spring 2004.

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Women in Irish Oral Tradion

Oral storytelling, traditional singing and other verbal arts can offer ways of thinking and knowing that are independent of the linear modes of writing and print.

Moreover, like other kinds of art, oral tradition offers individuals and communities ways of constructing and maintaining identity, often against considerable external pressure. This course will explore oral verbal art in Irish and English, through tran­scribed texts, sound recordings and film, paying particular attention to depictions of and performances by women, and offering gendered readings of the material studied. We will examine and discuss a number of genres of oral art, including the International Folklore. Legends of the Supernatural, and Laments. Poetry and will also pay attention to the use of this material by twentieth-century writers. Translations of Irish-language texts will be available, so no prior knowledge of Irish is required.
**Intel Q1 earnings soar to $1.73B**

Chipmaker records 89 percent EPS increase, affirms Q2 revenue predictions

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Strong demand from businesses for computers and other high-tech gear helped Intel Corp. report first-quarter profits by 89 cents a share on reported improved sales from all areas of the world.

Intel also said it expects the current quarter’s revenue range to be between $7.6 billion and $8.2 billion. Though Intel’s $325 million in the fourth quarter, analysts consensus had expected $8.49 billion. It’s above historical declines in the second quarter, the worst periods of the year.

"Intel’s first quarter results validate continued growth in both revenue and earnings compared to a year ago," Intel’s executive chairman and chief executive officer Andy Bryant said. "We're making progress on our corporate goals and improving our business practices and accuracy and consistency in financial disclosure."

The company said the net income of $219 million, or 17 cents per share, compared with $191 million, or 15 cents per share, in the same period a year ago.

First-quarter sales rose to $8.09 billion, compared with $7.65 billion in the first quarter of 2003.

"The margin of 27 cents per share was a 1.7 percent-per-share charge from Intel's investment to Intergraph Corp., to settle a long-running dispute. The agreement was announced March 25, 2004. Analysts expected Intel to earn a profit of 27 cents per share, compared with $0.815 million, or 14 cents per share, in the same period a year ago.

One-third of the total.

"We believe that's resolved itself," Bryant said. "We don't see any of the excess mobile inventory.

As a result, we see the next generation notebook processor remains on schedule for volume delivery in May," he said. "That wouldn't occur if there was still excess inventory of older parts in the channel.

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The company posted sales of between $7.9 billion and $8.5 billion. In an interview, chief financial officer Andy Bryant said revenues grew $2.8 billion over the world.

"Everybody contributed to that current quarter's growth," Bryant said.

In January, Intel said declined over the microprocessors was at the lower end of seasonal expectations. Analysts believed that was due in a temporary and unexpected buildup of notebook computer inventories. In its next earnings report, Intel’s headquarters building in Santa Clara, Calif. is shown in this 2000 file photo. The chipmaker posted first-quarter earnings of $1.73 billion.

Intel's share price soared Thursday, climbing $1.67, or 17 percent, to $12.12. Intel's stock was still up 1.19 at $13.33.

Though the company's growth rate was still in the groove, momentum, Intel's CEO Robert N. Swanson said it appears demand has picked up for notebooks and burned off any excess parts.

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which has performed at over 100 colleges and universities, had positive intentions.
"Alfred and Seymour's intended message is that people need to take it upon themselves to learn about other cultures in order to eliminate pervasive stereotypes in society," McDonald said.
The act received endorsement from the National Association of Campus Activities, an organization with which the College works to secure campus entertainment. Both Timm and McDonald specified that NACA maintains articulated statements of non-discrimination, diversity advancement and affirmative action.
According to Annamare Marquez, a representative of Student Diversity Board, opposition to the act was also voiced to Board members.
"Some concerns heard were that the comedy act was very similar to a minstrel show, (that) this was not the first show that discussed race in an offensive manner and (that) it seems that Saint Mary's is not providing an conducive environment for all students to live," she said.
In response, SDB and the Board of Governance held emergency executive meetings to assess appropriate action. A forum on racial stereotypes was deemed the most proactive solution.
About 50 participants attended the forum last Tuesday to openly discuss questions regarding stereotyping and its affect on personal lifestyle and the campus as a whole.
"I think a very important realization at the forum was that Saint Mary's needs to take appropriate measures, no matter how extensive, when concerns are brought to the table regarding diversity," Marquez said.
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"The film is tentatively scheduled for April 20. The Saint Mary's community is committed to exploring, encouraging and embracing diversity," Timm said. "Through the dedicated work of the Diversity Task Force, numerous departments on campus and many individuals, we are making progress with regard to awareness and understanding."
McDonald agreed, but also recognized the inevitability that controversial topics will continue to crop up in all college settings - including Saint Mary's.
"Controversy derived from differing points of view is a fact of life that is not, and should not be, foreign to higher education," she said. "College campuses are arenas for growth. That growth is borne of ideas, both benign and offensive.
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Ford recalls SUVs with engine faults
Associated Press
DETROIT — Ford Motor Co. is recalling more than 363,000 Escape compact sport utility vehicles from model years 2001-2003 because the engine may stall at certain speeds.
Ford said some Escapes with a 3-liter, V-6 engine may experience an intermittent stall when decelerating at speeds below 40 mph.
Of the total recall of 363,440, about 322,000 of the vehicles are in the United States. The remainder are elsewhere in North America and overseas.
In most cases, the automaker said, the driver is able to restart immediately after the stall.
Ford said its automotive safety office has identified eight minor accidents that may have occurred because of the engine condition, three of which involved minor injuries.

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Mob allegations threaten casino project

Associated Press

CHICAGO — It sounds like a can’t-miss deal — a new casino within sight of one of the world’s busiest airports.

But gambling regulators’ decision to allow the casino in a suburban town whose mayor may — or may not — have ties to organized crime has set off an investigation and a storm of criticism, with critics on both sides setting a record for use of the term "mobbed-up" in a public debate.

At issue is a plan to build a casino in Rosemont, next to O’Hare Airport and its millions of travelers per year.

Developers and politicians are positively drooling over the prospect of billions in profits and tax revenue.

But now, the only people who seem happy about the mess are gambling opponents.

"I call it the briar patch," said Rev. Tom Grey, an anti-gambling activist. "Everyone who touches this gets stuck."

The feint was lashed off March 15 when the Illinois Gaming Board chose Mississippi-based Isle of Capri Casinos to build in Rosemont, arguing its bid of $518 million and the site’s potential to tap into the convention and travel market, and the Chicago population were best for the state.

But the board acted over the recommendation of its own staff, which was worried about accusations that Rosemont Mayor John Stephens, a long-time political powerbroker, had mob ties. The staff also had concerns about Isle of Capri’s finances.

Company executives have insisted their finances are healthy and the mayor has denied he is a crook, but Illinois’ attorney general suggested Rosemont may be unsuitable for a casino and has threatened to kill the deal.

Also, Gov. Rod Blagojevich has appointed a former deputy U.S. attorney general to investigate the deal.

"To simply trust the Gaming Board, I think, is asking the taxpayers and all of us, too much," said Blagojevich, who appointed only one of the five board members.

In explaining the board’s vote, chairman Elzie Higginbottom said the decision was about tax revenue. He said that it is regulators’ job to keep organized crime out.

"If we move forward with this facility, it will not be mobbed-up," he said. "And if you put a facility anywhere and it is not appropriately and properly regulated, the mob will move in. They are mobile, ladies and gentlemen. They do not just sit in one spot."

Despite the back-and-forth between the governor and the Gaming Board, the board on Tuesday hired the same investigator Blagojevich picked to review the board’s decision on Rosemont. Higginbottom and Blagojevich both insisted there was no conflict of interest, saying the only way Eric Holder Jr. could review confidential Gaming Board documents was for him to be hired directly by the board as a special investigator rather than by another agency under the governor’s control.

Madigan spokeswoman Melissa Merz said the attorney general was confident Holder would do his job "thoroughly and professionally." He will be paid up to $300,000 from the Gaming Board’s budget.

The project would be Illinois’ 10th casino. Regulators estimated it could bring in as much as $2.6 billion in revenue in its first five years, producing $1.1 billion in taxes for the state.

Ike of Capri president Tim Hinkley said Rosemont is still the best location in the United States for a casino. He defended his company, which operates casinos in five states, and said it should not be tainted by questions about Rosemont’s mayor.

"You don’t get 17 licenses just by being good guys. You prove yourself every single time," Hinkley said.

In 2001, the Gaming Board rejected a previous attempt to open a casino in Rosemont. The board said the Emerald Casino project was turned down, in part, because some shareholders had ties to organized crime.

E. Lane McAvoy, 58, of White Plains, N.Y., was charged Tuesday with being an unlicensed bookmaker according to a criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Chicago.

McAvoy was accused of being the bookmaker for Al-Hussayen, who is accused of indirectly operating a Web site to help Islamic terrorist groups recruit followers.

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McAvoy is accused of being involved with William James "Bill" Landau, a former Illinois Gaming Board inspector who was arrested in January, and with former Gaming Board inspector Michael Wynn, who allegedly received "expert advice from terrorist groups." McAvoy is also accused of being involved in the business associations.

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The case has been seen as a test of whether the Patriot Act that prohibits providing expert advice or assistance to terrorist groups ...
Pakistani says it shares no bomb with India

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan said it was sharing with other countries information divulged by disgraced top scientist Abdul Qadeer Khan, during a trip to North Korea. The report said he had visited a secret underground nuclear facility in the late 1990s.

The Pakistani government received information linked to the Times report from Pakistan and Afghan officials, said the report.

"But we are trying to further confirm it, because they had weapons already," he said.

Information Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed said Wednesday that Pakistan had shared information arising from Khan's investigations of Khan to other countries, but he did not specify which.

"We have investigated scientists. We are in touch with the whole world for this reference in Islamabad," Rashid said.

Pakistan has previously said it had offered information on the investigations of Khan, as well as the United Nations, to South Korea, which had agreed to the watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency.

The Times said that Pakistan has begun to provide information about Khan to the UNPAC, stating that Pakistan had shared information with the UNPAC earlier.

"There is a sense that Pakistan has begun to provide information to the UNPAC about Khan," the Times reported.

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IRAN

Associated Press

TEHRAN — Iran and the United States reached a "humanitarian" agreement Wednesday to release a third American journalist held in Iran, a government official said. The release comes after negotiators failed to agree on terms for freeing a second American journalist who was detained for six months.

SOUTH AFRICA

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG — South Africans of all races voted Wednesday for a new government for the third time in a decade with the party credited with ending apartheid poised for another sweeping victory.

African National Congress President Thabo Mbeki has called on all races to vote for a "national unity government" that would provide a 20-year transition to democracy.

While there is little doubt about the outcome, political leaders worry that the thrill of democracy is waning ten years after the first all-race vote ended close to half a century of oppressive white minority rule.

In 1994, an unprecedented 19.5 million of the estimated 21.7 million eligible voters cast ballots, waiting in long, snaking lines up to 15.9 million in 1999. Turnout is expected to be lower this year. Some analysts say turnout could be still lower this year.

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FRANCE

Suspect commits suicide before extradition to U.S.

Man wanted for Philadelphia murder hangs himself with sheets in prison cell

Associated Press

PARIS — A New Jersey man who fled to France after allegedly killing his lover in the United States committed suicide by hanging himself with a bedsheet from a drainage pipe in his French jail cell, his lawyer said Tuesday.

Paul Eduardovich Goldman, 39, a naturalized U.S. citizen, killed himself Sunday afternoon in a prison in the suburbs of Grenoble, in the French Alps, even though he was under suicide watch, said attorney Arnaud Levy-Soussan.

"He hanged himself with a sheet in his cell," the lawyer said. "He already tried to commit suicide at the start of his incarceration in January. So he was classed among detainees under special surveillance."

"I don’t understand because he was not meant to be left alone and to be under constant surveillance. But that wasn’t the case. I think French authorities made a big mistake. That is clear," said Levy-Soussan.

Goldman was caught Jan. 20 in Grenoble, southern France, where his extradition hearing was taking place. He was expected to be extradited to Pennsylvania to face first-degree murder charges in the fatal stabbing of Raina Zonis, 42, a Philadelphia mortgage processor found dead in her office on Dec. 29.

He also faced U.S. federal charges of unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.

A postcard found at Goldman’s Mount Laurel, New Jersey, town house ultimately led investigators to a residence in Grenoble, where he was caught.

His lawyer said Goldman learned just last week of the deaths of his parents.

Edward Goldman, 66, and his wife, Linaea Lermoshova, 63, committed suicide in January by slitting their wrists. The couple left a note saying they were disgraced by their son’s conduct and didn’t want to live.

"When he was told, I contacted the prison director to say, ‘Be careful. Mr. Goldman must be watched because he’s not doing well and, on top of that, this type of news is not likely to make him feel better,’” his attorney said in a telephone interview.

"We will treat you brutally. We will kill you. We will bring war to your homes, and you will not be able to sleep at night.”

UNIDENTIFIED AL-QAIDA BOMBING SUSPECT

SPAIN

Threats from al-Qaida continue

Tape surfaces pledging further destruction

Associated Press

MADRID — Suspected terrorists, linked to the March 11 commuter train bombings and who blew themselves up in a police raid earlier this month, have ties to another Moroccan militant group that has been blamed for last year’s suicide bombings in Casablanca, Morocco, that left 45 people dead.

National Court officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said that two men — Abdelghafour Abderrazzak and Mohamed El Barrouchi — were arrested Monday in the southern port of Algeciras.

The Interior Ministry said a third unidentified Moroccan was also arrested in Malaga.

Sixteen people, 14 of them Moroccan, have been charged for their alleged roles in the March 11 attacks in which 10 bombs ripped through four trains in Madrid during the morning rush hour commute, killing 191 people and injuring some 1,800.

The six suspects who have not yet been charged were expected to appear before an investigating magistrate later this week.

Spanish authorities say they are still seeking another six suspects.

But officials say the core members of the cell that carried out the bombings are either in jail or were among the seven suspected terrorists who blew themselves up April 3.

Also Tuesday, U.S. intelligence agents spent a second day questioning al-Qaida suspects arrested earlier this year in Spain, the interior ministry said.
**CHINA**

**Cheney sweeps through Asia on diplomatic tour**

Associated Press

BEIJING — Vice President Dick Cheney praised China on Tuesday for recent cooperation on issues such as counterterrorism and North Korea’s nuclear ambitions, but tensions remained over Taiwan, Hong Kong and nuclear proliferation.

"We believe we can do good work together," Cheney said at a dinner hosted by Chinese Vice President Zeng Qinghong at the Great Hall of the People.

Cheney, on the second leg of a weeklong Asia trip, also was meeting with Jiang Zemin, former president and still the Communist Party chairman, and Jiang’s successor as president, Hu Jintao.

Administration officials said Cheney was prepared to prod Hu and other Chinese officials to intensify efforts to resume six-country talks over North Korea’s nuclear program. He also was likely to convey the increasing U.S. concerns about Chinese efforts to restrict democracy steps in Hong Kong, officials said.

Iraq was high on the agenda, too, although tensions were eased somewhat with the release on Monday of seven Chinese who had been held hostage by Iraqi militants.

Before arriving here from Tokyo, Bush promised Japanese leaders unspecified U.S. help in trying to return to safety three Japanese citizens still being held in Iraq.

He praised Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi for not bowing to demands from Iraqi militants that he withdraw Japanese forces from Iraq.

"It's important that our governments not be intimidated by threat of violence, that we not allow terrorists to change or influence the policies of our governments," Cheney told a foreign-policy forum in Tokyo. At the dinner held in Cheney's honor, Zeng noted that the vice president had last visited China in 1995, when he was the oil business, Halliburton Co.

"Many changes have taken place in this country since then," Zeng told Cheney. "We place great importance to your visit."

Cheney also was to visit Shanghai before concluding his Asia tour later in the week in South Korea.

Relations between the United States and China continue to improve as the two nations work together to reduce the North Korean nuclear impasse.

Still, differences remain over Taiwan, Hong Kong, exchange rate policy and human rights.

If any of those issues are not raised by China, they will be raised by Cheney, U.S. officials said.

The Bush administration has been increasingly critical of China for trying to restrict moves toward democracy by Hong Kong, a former British colony now considered a special administrative region of China.

Taiwan and the rising tide of democratic sentiment there also remains contentious within U.S.-Chinese relations.

China's official Xinhua News Agency reported Tuesday that Cheney had reassured Zeng that U.S. policy on Taiwan remains unchanged despite plans to sell the island advanced-预警 radar.

The Chinese news agency said Cheney told Zeng that the United States does not support the island's moving toward independence and opposes any unilateral action by either Beijing or Taipei to change the status quo across the Taiwan Strait — a restatement of basic U.S. policy on China and Taiwan.

The Bush administration has praised China for taking the lead in overseeing six-nation talks on North Korea's nuclear program, but officials have recently expressed hope that China would do more to prod the stalled talks.

Cheney may present China's leading energy consultant, Abdul Qadeer Khan, that it would do more to prod the stalled talks.

Cheney may present China's leading energy consultant, Abdul Qadeer Khan, that he was taken to a secret underground nuclear plant in North Korea and shown three nuclear devices, The New York Times reported in its Tuesday editions.

If Khan, known as the father of the Pakistani nuclear bomb, is accurate in his account, it would be the first time a foreigner has reported inspecting actual North Korean nuclear weapons.

All three nations on Cheney's itinerary have had civilians taken as hostages in Iraq, but those from South Korea and China have been released. The fate of three Japanese civilians remained uncertain as Cheney arrived here from Japan.

**PRESS RELEASE**

**NOTRE DAME NAVY ROTC**

Thursday - April 8, 2004

On April 14, 2004, the Army, Navy, and Air Force ROTC units at the University of Notre Dame will be conducting their annual Presidential Pass-In-Review in the Loftus Sports Complex. It will be held at 4:30 pm with University President Father Edward Malloy presiding. Select cadets and midshipmen who have excelled during the school year will be recognized.

The tradition of the Pass-In-Review dates back several hundred years and began as a way for a military commander to inspect his troops. Honored guests were also invited to speak and review the troops. Notre Dame ROTC units have conducted the Pass-In-Review since military instruction began at the university and is performed as a demonstration of thanks to the university for its support. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Come and show your support for the cadets and midshipmen, including the graduating seniors who will soon be on active duty. Please direct inquiries to the Naval ROTC Unit at (574) 631-7274.

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Fall 2004 Course on the Irish Gothic

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Joseph McMinn


A popular teacher, McMinn will offer a course in Fall 2004 on Gothic fiction in Britain and Ireland from the mid-eighteenth to late nineteenth century. The emphasis will be on the distinctive features and forms of the Gothic novel — "the tale of terror" — its early association with female authors and readers, and its later role in the emergence of Romanticism. Authors and texts to be studied include Austen's Northanger Abbey (1818), Shelley's Frankenstein (1818), Maturin's Melmoth the Wanderer (1820), Le Fanu's The House by the Churchyard (1863), and Stoker's Dracula (1897). While the course is essentially about a very distinctive and popular form of the novel, it will also have an interdisciplinary dimension, touching upon related and later versions of Gothic in art, architecture and cinema.

**KEOUGH INSTITUTE FOR IRISH STUDIES**
Fed up with both the Republicans and Democrats? Peel as if the 2004 election is another case of choosing between the lesser of two evils? Well, help is on the way. Joe Licandro, an officially declar­ing my candidacy for the 2004 presidential elec­tion as the first-ever nominee for the Common Sense Party, a.k.a. Get Your Head Out Of Your Butt Party.

Because of space restrictions, there is not enough room for me to provide detailed specifics, so, for brevity's sake, I will instead elaborate on a few key political issues certain to weigh in my campaign.

Between the lesser of two evils? Well, let's take the fight to terrorists first.

The Middle East has been a source of constant trouble for the United States since it signed the Camp David Accords in 1980. On principle alone, we should not have any involvement in the Middle East, yet we remain there. But we cannot cut and run, nor can we remain firm, working as quickly as possible to trans­fer power over to the Iraqis. If not, the U.S. economy will be manipulated to levels to disadvantage the American consumer. The Middle East has been the source of constant trouble for the United States. No matter what we do to try and improve our image there, it will remain this way as long as dictatorial regimes remain in power, television stations like Al Jazeera and Al Arabiya rule the airwaves and radical Islamic clerics maintain a death grip on the populations of these countries. By buying oil from places like Saudi Arabia and the rest rely on single-export economies. As for Iraq, it's easy to play Monday Morning Quarterback, criticizing the current administration for misjudging the war and under­estimating the time and toll of mon­i­mental waste of time like the 9-11 Commission hearings. What's done is done.

On this note, the United States will not completely stop giving monetary assistance to Egypt — the second largest benefactor of American aid. Egypt receives roughly a bil­lion in aid per year from the United States only because it has not undertaken any military action against the Israel. But for the following reason above any other, we should not provide aid to a country led by "Dictator-Elect" Hosni Mubarak, who refuses to stop the Palestinian suicide bombers. Along these same lines, the United States will not publicly or legally challenge Israel for carrying out acts of terror, in which the news that gas-powered cars become extinct, or that gas-powered cars become extinct, like dinosaurs. In the meantime, we can stop buying gas-guzzling SUVs and start buying more hybrids. Secondly, until we move away from gas-powered cars, we should start buying oil from other places in the world, like South America and Africa, where deposits of the "black gold" are just now being discovered. Will my plan hurt the U.S. economy in the short run? Possibly, but it will survive. Consider this, though. Not buying oil from the Middle East will hurt them a lot more than it will hurt us. Here's why: Saudi Arabia and the rest rely on single-export economies. As for Iraq, it's easy to play Monday Morning Quarterback, criticizing the current administra­tion for misjudging the war and under­estimating the time and toll of mon­i­mental waste of time like the 9-11 Commission hearings. What's done is done.

The Middle East is only one area of the foreign policy, but it's the most prescient. Unfortunately, I don't have the space to touch on other regions of the world. But in case you have ques­tions, remember — it's all about prac­ticing a little common sense.

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Baseball is a microcosm of American life

As the 2004 Major League Baseball season rolls into full swing, skeptics everywhere are watching in horror as a batch of bigger, stronger and weirder players continue to overpower a playing field once dominated by hard-working, generously-proportioned individuals. They look like the legends of the past—the Arry Russ, the Hummingbird, the Wee Willie, the Kid, the Little Loopy and the Little Joe—are being tarnished by the escapades of "Big Mac," "The Big Unit," "The Big Hurt" and "Barry Bonds."

These distressful cynics simply refuse to accept that the physical impossibilities involved in a person who performs otherwise-standard human activities, like wearing pants, hitting a 63-foot home run. Consequently, they have launched a no-holds-barred McCarthyist witch hunt against everyone from a San Francisco slugger to a New York City owner, alleging every form of cheating imaginable, from steroid use to over-paying to compromising with Al-Qaeda. Now, thanks to their meddling, success in America's greatest pastime has become taboo, and instead of doing whatever it takes to impress the thousands of devoted fans who still loyal the game, players are avoiding each game, playing defense until unreasonably upright around the borderline between being "talented" and being "too good."

It truly is a depressing situation. Not because several record-breaking athletes may or may not choose to boost their performances by injecting the latest marvels of modern science into their bloodstream. Not because certain teams have the broad fan support and lucrative television contracts that allow them to add nearly any player in baseball to their roster. On the contrary, my shaking finger of discontent points solely at the skeptical whiners, insiders and victims of the high school bully who accuse these modern-day suitors of swatting of cheating.

This is, after all, America — the land of the free and the home of the brave, where life, liberty and the pursuit of winning while doing little work or doing as little work as possible has stood the test of time for centuries. Think Nagasaki, Hiroshima, the space race and the so-called "Cold War" or "Cold Exhibition — Freedom." In each of these situations, the United States either chose to go the way of Barry Bonds and simply buy the latest technology to overpower the opposition or the way of George Steinbrenner and simply spend any amount of money to guarantee victory. Similarly, domestic American life is based entirely on a corrupt system of laziness, cheating and spending the most money in order to guarantee success. Sure, Bonds may be able to implement certain wonders of modern medicine that were unavailable to the sluggers of the early parts of the century, but that is no reason why his hitting records should be eternally blemished with an asterisk indicating this.

After all, personal computers didn't exist 100 years ago, but journalists today can still earn the Pulitzer Prize without an asterisk indicating that they used Spell Check in Microsoft Word. Nuclear weapons didn't exist during World War I, but America's victory in World War II isn't marked with an asterisk signifying the use of atom bombs as opposed to the fighting like "real men." SAT tutors and preparation courses that allow many individuals to "buy" higher scores didn't exist 30 years ago, but a 1600 today is certainly not attached with an asterisk to distinguish it from a 1600 back then.

Similarly, life is not full of situations where, contrary to popular belief, size really does matter. Joey Falco is a freshman political science and Spanish major. His column appears every other Wednesday. He can be contacted at falco@nd.edu

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nuclear power is not the answer

Recent media attention has been focused almost exclusively on the Bush administration's stance regarding the military actions in Iraq, but as educated taxpayers, it is up to us to be well-informed about all of the issues relevant to the upcoming election. As Bush seeks to garner the U.S. nuclear industry over $3 billion in energy subsidies, we must question if nuclear power is really the best means of securing a safe, reliable and affordable energy source.

Unfortunately, nuclear power is none of the above things. First, the safety of nuclear power is questionable. The waste products created by nuclear fission are radioactive and extremely hazardous to the environment. In fact, no acceptable disposal method currently exists that can ensure that nuclear power is the best means of securing a safe, reliable and affordable energy source.

Additionally, as the accidents at Chernobyl is catastrophic that will ultimately result in approximately 450,000 premature deaths and cost over $500 billion and Three Mile Island demonstrate, nuclear power is not reliable. This is even more disturbing when we consider that the government has limited the liability of nuclear industries to approximately one percent of such a catastrophic disaster. Who would be left to foot the bill?

Finally, it is not even certain that nuclear power is economically viable. When all of the taxpayer subsidies are taken into account, nuclear is actually the most expensive type of power available on the market. Furthermore, the largest expenses stemming from nuclear power will come in the future: it is estimated that the decommissioning of a plant actually costs more than the initial capital investment necessary to construct it.

Despite all of this, the Bush administration continues to rely on energy policy based on radioactive nuclear power. It is time for us to demand more responsible dollars. It is time for us to look beyond dangerous nuclear power to a cleaner and safer tomorrow.

Michael Subialka

Keeping ceremony indoors will insult military officers

Pass in Review is not only a ceremony that allows our ROTC cadets to honor our University's president, Father Edward Malloy, but also a commemoration of the sacrifice and commitment that our soldiers have to defend and fighting for our country. For the past few years, the Pass in Review has been held at an indoor location, Loftus. However, four years ago, it was held outside on South Quad, and many ROTC students speak nostalgically of the ceremony that students speak nostalgically of the ceremony that took place in the open air.

In fact, Pass in Review was moved to the South Quad in 1997, to give the ceremony an outdoor feel. Many students continue to view the Pass in Review as an outdoor ceremony and put their lives at high risk, I feel that an outdoor ceremony would be more fitting for the occasion. For the past few years, the Pass in Review has been held at an indoor location. Meanwhile, the Pass in Review is still attended by cadets, who come to see their hard work pay off.

Michael Subialka

Jeremy Lao

Letters to the Editor
Movie Review

‘Whole Ten Yards’ fails to measure up

By JACQUELINE PIMENTEL-GANNON
Scene Movie Critic

The much-anticipated sequel to “The Whole Nine Yards” opened this past Friday, and as often unfortunately happens with sequels, the anticipation was better than the actual film. Bruce Willis and Matthew Perry are back again to star in their older roles, but even they cannot save “The Whole Ten Yards” from being a big disappointment.

Willis plays hitman Jimmy “The Tulip” Tudeski. Jimmy and his wife, Jill (Amanda Peet), are living in peace in Mexico after Nicholas “Oz” Osersansky (Matthew Perry) faked dental records to make it look like Jimmy was dead in “Nine Yards.” Oz is now married to Jimmy’s ex-wife, Cynthia (Natasha Henstridge).

Lazlo Gogolak (Kevin Pollak) — the Hungarian mobster that Jimmy helped put away in the first movie — is now out of prison and looking to get revenge on Jimmy who killed Lazlo’s son Yanni. To find Jimmy, Lazlo kidnap’s Cynthia. Oz is forced to go to Jimmy for help, and Jimmy and Oz set out to get Cynthia back.

Making the search more interesting are the fights between Jill and Jimmy, Jill and Oz set out to get Cynthia back.

“The Whole Ten Yards”

Director: Howard Deutch
Writer: Mitchell Kapner and George Gallo
Starring: Bruce Willis, Matthew Perry, Amanda Peet and Kevin Pollak

The warmth of all of the major characters charm in new comedy

By KATIE WAGNER
Scene Movie Critic

“Jersey Girl” is an extremely realistic PG-13 rated drama/romantic comedy that is very creatively written, but still contains a predictable romance. This Kevin Smith movie has so many emotionally moving scenes that it requires a box of tissues. If you are in the mood for a feel-good film with excellent acting, you must see “Jersey Girl.” Not only will you cry with the characters, but you’ll even get the pleasure of laughing with them.

The actors and story combine to make for one of the most engaging films of the year.

Big-shot publicist Ollie Trinkle (Ben Affleck) suffers from depression after his wife Gertrude (Jennifer Lopez) dies giving birth to their daughter Gertie (Raquel Castro). Trinkle’s attempts to hide his emotions from his employees ultimately lead him to publicly insult several people in his industry and bash Willis. These actions force Trinkle to leave New York City’s business world and return to his father (George Carlin) and his home in New Jersey. Suddenly, Trinkle struggles with dealing with his wife’s death, learning how to be a parent, accepting his new less glamorous career and adjusting to living with his father (George Carlin) all at once.

Trinkle’s father and a new girlfriend (Liv Tyler) help Trinkle get through some of these changes in his life. However, the film focuses mainly on the development of Trinkle’s relationship with his daughter.

This film’s advertisements are its greatest weakness, in that they are very misleading. While previews present Maya (Liv Tyler) as the embodiment of the film’s title, Gerrie is actually the “Jersey Girl.” Although Maya also lives in New Jersey, Gerrie’s relationship with Trinkle is much more central to the film’s plot. Gerrie also expresses more love for New Jersey than any other character in this film.

The previews also fail to address Gertrude’s death and provide no hints of the serious issues dealt with by the characters in this film that make it so rich. The extent of character development that occurs in less than two hours is quite impressive. Maya is the least developed, but this seems to be done on purpose.

Trinkle’s distress is very convincing. Affleck’s ability to convey a constant switching from seeming content to being on the verge of a mental breakdown allow viewers to understand the complexity of Trinkle’s emotions.

In “Jersey Girl,” “The Tulip” Tudeski (Bruce Willis), in “The Whole Ten Yards.”

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**Dvd Review**

‘House of Sand and Fog’ is darkly compelling

By MARY SQUILLACE
Some DVD Grin.

Rarely is tragedy manifested as beautifully as it appears in first-time director Vadim Perelman’s “House of Sand and Fog.”

Based on Andre Dubus III’s best-selling novel comes a poignant tale of hope gone awry. After the county wrongly evicts Kathy Lazarro (Jennifer Connelly), a former alcoholic, from her beachfront bungalow, she vows to reclaim it by any means necessary. However, her task becomes exceedingly difficult as Massaud Amir Behrani (Ben Kingsley), a former Iranian colonel, and his family begin to make themselves at home. Deepening the story’s complexities, Kathy embarks on an affair with a volatile and married deputy (Ron Eldard). As the drama escalates, the characters’ lives become dangerously and irreversibly entangled.

Overall, Perelman makes a commendable first impression as a director. While the viewer will undoubtedly detect disaster in the first minutes of the film, Perelman gracefully presents the unfortunate sequence of events in a manner that neither polarizes the audience’s empathy nor sensationalizes the characters’ plights. In this way, he remains true to Dubus’ novel.

Lest you believe this portrayal makes it impossible to discern between good and evil, a quality that makes the film truly agonizing and the characters fully human. Each character is flawed but Perelman has designed each shot in a way that allows an array of three-dimensional personalities to emerge.

In spite of Perelman’s successful first hand at directing, the film’s cast steals the show, so to speak. As expected, Connelly turns out another compelling performance. She convincingly portrays a woman who has reached the innermost depths of despair, not unlike her role in “Requiem for a Dream.” Although, even Connelly’s signature flair for drama pales in comparison to the effects of Ben Kingsley and Shohreh Aghdashlo, who plays Nudi, Behrani’s wife. Both actors slide into their respective roles seamlessly, conveying a range of emotions with skill and subtlety. Appropriately, Kingsley and Aghdashlo each garnered an Oscar nomination this winter.

The only actor that really falls short is Ron Eldard, who plays Deputy Sheriff Lester Burdston. At times, his portrayal lacks depth and is not fully believable.

Roger Deakins (“A Beautiful Mind”) plays an equally indispensable, but far more understated role as the Director of Photography. In addition to capturing the full aesthetics of the northern California coast and forest, he sets the entire tone of the film with the lighting.

Many shots feature mere silhouettes of the characters, appropriately representing the tragedy that continuously overshadows all of them. In this way, Deakins turns the most mundane shots into moving representations of the protagonists. A single shot of Kathy sitting alone at a table becomes heart-wrenching; a scene between Behrani and his son, a telling tableau.

The DVD includes a number of special features that are entirely worth watching. A “behind-the-scenes look” as well as the filmmakers’ commentary offer plenty of “fun facts” and insights that draw attention to the remarkable effort and talent that exist behind the camera. Other extras include a particularly striking photo gallery with narration, and Shohreh Aghdashlo’s moving audition.

Although “House of Sand and Fog” is a profoundly sobering experience, it is a valuable one. The high cinematic quality resulting from this orchestration of talents merits this film’s placement into any cinephile’s personal collection. At the very least it’s worth the $4.79 rental fee at Blockbuster.

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**Dvd Review**

Reinvented villain invokes terror in remake

By MARK REMENDERFER
Some DVD Grin.

According to your average horror movie, the teen has a lifespan of about 20 minutes, which can either be shortened or lengthened depending on the actions that they take. The horror movie genre has rules that must be followed, and only rarely are they broken. When they are, it is usually a noteworthy event that heralds a new trend-setting film.

The story of “The Texas Chainsaw Massacre,” based loosely on the true story of Ed Gein, is not one of those films. When the original was considered highly innovative and terrifying, the remake reflects the almost 30 years that passed between the two. What was innovative 30 years ago is now formulaic.

Almost all of the usual movie rules are followed in the letter. Promiscuous behavior will get one killed, as will any drug use or enforcement. The killer has to appear unstoppable, but still manages to be defeated in the climactic showdown. The rules are practically common knowledge, and movies that follow them become a practice in tedium.

However, what is surprising is how the film manages to entertain the viewer, albeit in a sick and depraved way. The scares are hardly original, with the staple horror movie genre staples, in other words.

The new Leatherface has a quality that makes him stand out from the old one: malevolence. While the old was certainly crazy, he didn’t have the evil persona the new one does. The new, improved Leatherface is huge, and can seemingly run faster than your average pig. In fact, running back. He chases the hapless teens with a vengeance, unreeling in his task. Part of the twisted joy of the movie just comes from watching Leatherface in action.

Thankfully, the video quality on this DVD is up to today’s standards, and looks great. The sound is also nice, although there isn’t much variety to the sounds in the movie. Mostly, there’s just a lot of screaming, chainsaws and heavy breathing. Horror genre staples, in other words.

There are two different versions of the DVD out though, just a fact that needs to be taken into account. The special edition costs $10 more and is not carried by most video rentals. Facts that prevented this reviewer from viewing that version. The special edition comes with deleted scenes, commentaries and everything you would expect from a special edition.

The standard copy comes with limited extras — basically a music video and some TV spots. It is fairly bare when compared to the special edition. If you’re curious about the special version compared to the standard one, add a half point to this DVD’s rating for the special edition’s added features.

Overall, this is an enjoyable film. The formulaic narrative, and the rather bare-bone extras drag the standard edition down a little.

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South Africa's Ernie Els chips out of a sand trap during prac-
tice for the 2004 Masters golf tournament.

Els comes to terms with loss in Masters

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — One bur-
den was lifted when Phil Mickelson won the Masters.
Another got even weightier when Ernie Els didn't.

Mickelson is no longer the best player to have never won a
major. He got rid of that
millions with one of the
biggest back nine wins at
Augusta National, and an 18-
foot putt will play in his
mind as long as he lives.

Els should have regrets.
He played the final 12 holes in
6 under par on the strength of
two eagles, two birdies and
four pars that showed the
greatest back nine at
Tiger Woods when his approach on
the green and into the fairway. Els
sat in the locker room
that evening, pounding
his fist on the table in frustra-
tion.

Two years later, he was
making a charge at Tiger
Woods when his approach on
No. 9 landed a few feet from
the hole, then spun off the
green and into the fairway.
Els self-destructed on the par-3
13th trying to catch up.

And now this.
Els closed with a 67 and was
on the putting green prepar-
ing for a playoff, unable to
watch.

Hearing was harder.
The first big roar told him
Mickelson hit an 8-iron close
to the flag. Then came silence
followed by a crossed-finger
anticipation, then a thun-
derous cheer that will ring in
his ears for the next 12 months.

"I'll get over this," Els said.
"I'll have another shot. I'm
feel like the Masters owns him
one. This was the fifth straight
year Els has finished no worse
than sixth on a course so per-
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He was runner-up in 2000
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"I'm going to look myself in
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Well, I got one of those things," Els said.
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Miller leads Athletics to 10-9 nail-biting win

AHLINGTON, Texas — Oakland's Miguel Cabrera had three hits, including a three-run homer, and Oakland's big bats overcame a poor start by Barry Zito in a 10-9 win over the Texas Rangers on Tuesday night.

While Zito (1-1) never trailed in his five innings, he squandered a 6-0 lead and the Athletics led by only a run before Miller's first homer made it 10-4 in the sixth.

Miller, hitting just .250 coming into the game, was 3-for-4 with a walk and a double. Eric Byrnes had three hits in his first start of the season and Jermaine Dye had a homer and an RBI double.

The A's hit 16 times, seven of them for extra bases, in their first road game. Every starter had a hit, and five players had more than one.

And all of that offense still almost wasn't enough for the A's and Zito, the 2002 AL Cy Young winner who is 12-19 in 19 career starts against Texas. The loss was in a 2-1 game last week.

But the Rangers, the top hitting team in the majors, got within 10-9 with a three-run seventh. Brad Fullmer led off with his first homer, Eric Young walked and scored on passed ball against Miller and Michael Young had an RBI single.

Texas had 16 hits off six Oakland pitchers. Arthur Rhodes pitched the ninth for his first save.

Zito threw 107 pitches over five innings, and allowed six runs on 11 hits. Two of the runs were unearned, after his throwing error in Texas' three-run first.

Still, he escaped with his 55th win since the start of the 2001 season. The only pitcher in the majors with more in that stretch is teammate Mark Mulder with 56.

Oklahoma fans were off to a fast start against Mickey Callaway (0-1), who allowed 11 of the 13 batters he faced reach base.

Six straight reached after a double play wiped out leadoff hitter Byrnes in a three-run first.

Callaway walked four batters around Dy's RBI double and a two-run single by Bobby Crosby, the new everyday shortstop who was hitting just .158.

Marlins 5, Expos 0

Miguel Cabrera swears he's not swinging for the fences.

With four homers in his last nine at-bats, and five overall this season, it's hard to believe him.

The 20-year-old slugger homered twice, and Brad Penny allowed only two hits in the Florida Marlins' 5-0 victory over the Montreal Expos on Tuesday night.

"I'm taking good swings at the ball, but it's a long season, come talk to me after 70 or 80 games," Cabrera said.

The second-year player does not want to get caught up in the talk of his hot streak, reminding everyone the Marlins have played only seven games winning six, for the best record in the league.

"I'm a rookie this year," he said.

Cabrera hit solo homers in the first and sixth innings, and had an RBI single in the third. He finished 3-for-5 with three RBIs and a walk.

"He's going to be a superstar," Penny said. "I'm going to be watching TV one day and say, 'I played with that guy'."

Manager Jack McKeon agreed with his pitcher and said Cabrera is mature beyond his years.

"He's one of those unique guys who come by once in a while," McKeon said.

Penny (1-1) retired the first 10 batters and did not allow a runner before walking Jose Vidro in the fourth. Cabrera followed with a bloop single to left, the A's first hit.

After Penny retired the next six batters, Peter Bergeron singled in left to the sixth. Jose Vidro struck out and Bergeron was caught stealing to end the inning.

Penny pitched eight innings, striking out 10 and walking one. Tommy Phelps pitched the ninth for his first save.

White Sox 12, Royals 5

Basically, Ozzie Guillen wants his players to be like him. Have fun every time you pull on the uniform and play every game like it might be your last.

The White Sox did just that Tuesday in Guillen's Chicago homecoming as manager when they beat the Kansas City Royals 12-5.

"I think with Ozzie from day one, it's been great. It's been a party," said Paul Konerko, who hit a go-ahead, three-run homer.

"It's been fun and we've also been getting after it, too. He played for so long and has everybody's respect," Cabrera said.

Guillen got a rousing ovation before the game, taking his cap off and waving to the crowd. The former shortstop spent 13 of his 16 major league seasons with the White Sox before he left after the 1997 season. His highlights played on the scoreboard before the game.

He was touched and surprised by the pre-game appearance of fellow Venezuelan Chico Carrasquel and ex-teammate Carlton Fisk and greatly saddened by a picture on the scoreboard of another former teammate, Ivan Calderon, who was shot and killed last December.

Then he was bolstered by his team's performance.

"Enjoy every day and moment because you never know when it will end," Guillen said. "In the past, I don't think this team had fun playing the game. I watched a couple games and it was all business."

"I want my team to play good, be aggressive and have fun. How many people want to play this game getting paid the way we get paid?" Konerko, who got off to a dismal start a year ago in a disappointing season, connected in the fifth off Darrell May (0-2) following walks to Frank Thomas and Carlos Lee to make it 7-4.

Blue Jays 7, Tigers 5

Josh Phelps broke a ninth-inning tie with an RBI single to give the Toronto Blue Jays a 7-5 comeback victory over the Detroit Tigers on Tuesday night.

Frank Catalanotto started the ninth with an infield single when pitcher Danny Patterson and third baseman Omar Infante collided going after a slow roller. After Patterson retired Vernon Wells, Steve Colyer relieved and walked Carlos Delgado. Phelps followed with a line single to left, scoring Catalanotto. Craig Monroe's throw home hit Catalanotto and went into the dugout, allowing a second run to score.

Terry Adams (1-0) picked up the win in relief for Toronto, while Justin Spier pitched the ninth for his first save. Patterson (0-1) took the loss.

Toronto trailed 5-4 after seven, but tied the game in the eighth with the help of some faulty defense by Detroit.

Delgado and Phelps started the inning with singles and Eric Hinske reached to load the bases when second baseman Fernando Vina boosted a groundball. It was Vina's second error in as many innings.

Orlando Hudson grounded into a force at the plate, and Patterson came in to replace Jamie Walker. Pinch-hitter Greg Myers struck out, but Kevin Cash hit an infield single that scored Delgado to make it 5-5.

Cash was 4-for-4 with three doubles and two RBIs.
Pistons' Wallace hits milestone in Detroit loss

Associated Press

TORONTO — Donnyell Marshall had 27 points and 16 rebounds as the Toronto Raptors ended Detroit's eight-game winning streak with a 87-78 victory Tuesday night.

Detroit's Ben Wallace became the first player in league history to have four consecutive seasons of at least 1,000 rebounds, 100 steals and 100 blocks. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Hakeem Olajuwon and Sam Lacey all did it three times.

Wallace needed one rebound in Detroit's season finale to do it. He finished with seven rebounds and 15 points.

At 54-28, Detroit finished third in the Eastern Conference. The Pistons won't know who they will face in the playoffs until Wednesday night.

Vince Carter added 19 points for the lottery-bound Raptors, who ended their season at Milwaukee on Wednesday night. The Raptors discontinued their tradition of having a front office person speak to the crowd on the final night of the season. The Raptors fired general manager Glen Grunwald on April 1.

Earlier Tuesday, Toronto coach Kevin O'Neil acknowledged he has thought about what he'll do if he's fired.

"If I end up getting fired I might just go ahead and watch my son play baseball for a year and do some broad-casting and just chill out a little bit," said O'Neil, whose 17-year-old son lives in Arizona.

Mavericks 110, Grizzlies 103

Winning 50 games and making the playoffs was apparently enough to satisfy the Memphis Grizzlies, who didn't put up much of a fight against the Dallas Mavericks with the Western Conference's fifth seed on the line.

Rookie Marquis Daniels continued his recent roll with 30 points, eight rebounds and seven assists, helping the Mavericks secure the No. 5 spot with a victory over the Grizzlies on Tuesday night.

The Mavs finished 36-5 at home, tops in the league and the best in the franchise's 24-year history. However, by going 15-25 on the road, Dallas can't host a playoff series — a first for the league's best home team since Utah in 1990-91.

Memphis, which lost its third straight and fifth in six games, trailed by 13 after one quarter and was down at least nine until the final minute.

The Grizzlies will have the sixth seed.

Either team could wind up playing Minnesota, the Lakers, San Antonio or Sacramento in the first round.

It'll all be settled Wednesday night with the regular-season finales. The Grizzlies will be a player in how things work out because they play the Timberwolves at home. The Mavs close at Houston, which already has locked up the seventh spot.

Clippers 98, Phoenix 96

Chris Wilcox's rebound basket at the buzzer snapped the Los Angeles Clippers' 13-game losing streak.

Wilcox, who scored a career-high 24 points and grabbed 13 rebounds in 25 minutes off the bench, put the Clippers up on a tip-in with 16.2 seconds to play.

Shawn Marion sank his fourth 3-pointer of the fourth quarter with 16.2 seconds left to tie it 96-96. Quentin Richardson drove the lane but missed, and Wilcox kept the ball alive with several tips inside before getting one to fall.

Elton Brand had 30 points and 11 rebounds for Los Angeles, which blew a 13-point second-half lead before pulling it out.

Lakers 109, Warriors 104

Kobe Bryant bounced back from one of the least productive games of his career to score a season-high 45 points.

The victory was just the second in five games following a 11-game winning streak for the Lakers (55-26) and lifted them into a tie for the Pacific Division lead with Sacramento.

Since the Kings hold the tiebreaker by virtue of winning the season series 3-1, the Lakers can win the division title only if they win at Portland and the Kings lose at Golden State in the regular-season finales Wednesday night.

Bryant shot 14 of 29 and made 17 of 18 free throws in surpassing his previous season-high by one. He scored seven points in the last 20 seconds, and also had seven rebounds and eight assists.

Golden State Warrior Mike Dunleavy is fouled by Los Angeles Laker Kobe Bryant during the Lakers' 109-104 win Tuesday night.

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MONTREAL — Glen Murray took advantage of Alex Kovalev's mistake to score on a breakaway 9:27 into the second overtime Tuesday night, giving the Boston Bruins a 2-1 home win. It was its 21st series win.

The Bruins beat Canadiens in double overtime Friday to give Montreal's Kovalev collided with Theodore's left pad from the edge of the crease, though play continued for another eight seconds. The clock was reset to 30.7 seconds remaining.

The NHL playoffs have ended. The Bruins beat the Canadiens in double overtime Thursday night, giving the Montreal Canadiens 2-1 advantage and sending the series back to Montreal for Game 5.

The Canadiens were able to crack Vokoun since the second period of Game 4, spending most of the 20 minutes in the net's end and outshooting them 12-5 while scoring twice to snap a 1-1 tie.

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**Associated Press**

Barry Bonds made quite a splash with his latest home run into McCovey Cove.

He matched his godfather, Willie Mays and finally feel like I’ve accomplished something in the game of baseball. It was a big way of getting his approval that I’ve finally done something.”

Bonds connected in the fifth inning on a 3-1 pitch from Matt Kinney (0-1) for his second homer of the game of baseball. It was the 28th time Bonds has homered into the water.

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ROWING

Spartans sweep weekend regatta

No. 7 Notre Dame repeatedly finish second to No. 7 Michigan State

By CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG
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Though No. 10 Michigan State dominated at this weekend's Indiana Classic in Indianapolis by winning all the varsity races, No. 7 Notre Dame's boats followed closely behind, taking second place overall and over.

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SMC GOLF

Belles win at Hope Invitational

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

The Belles took a step in the right direction at Monday's NCAA Championship Invitational. With a 54-hole finish, they improved their standing in the process. And the best of the best were set to compete in the NCAA division. The Belles were among the top teams, finishing second at 343, besting host Hope College. The Belles' coach Mark Hamilton said, "It was one of the most difficult golf courses we have played because of the weather. We were trying to get to the right direction at Monday's Invitational slot, "

"There were lots of hazards," Hamilton said. "But we managed to get through it."

Junior Julia Adams was the individual player of the tournament, finishing at 82. For the season, Adams has averaged 86 strokes each round. Dunham said her performance on Monday was truly representative of her golfing skills.

"We went into yesterday's tournament focused and ready to perform up to her ability," Dunham said.

Senior captain Liz Hanlon praised Hanlon, calling her the difference-maker for the team.

"She really came up big for us, shooting 85 at the No. 4 slot," Hamilton said. "Her performance was pretty crucial to our win. Considering the conditions she had to play in, her performance was quite commendable." Dunham followed, shooting 87 for eighth, and junior Stefanie Zimmermann finished with 89 for 12th. Although only the top four golfers were officially scored, freshman Helen Casey and sophomore Nicole Bellino further contributed to the team's success Monday with 92 and 94 strokes respectively. Casey finished 14th.

The team endured chilly and blustery conditions, which were cause for higher scores. Dunham attributed the team's ability to cope with the challenging conditions to their hard work ethic during practices. More recently, the Belles have focused on their short game during much of practice.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

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SMC GOLF

Belles win at Hope Invitational

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

The Belles took a step in the right direction at Monday's NCAA Championship Invitational. With a 54-hole finish, they improved their standing in the process. And the best of the best were set to compete in the NCAA division. The Belles were among the top teams, finishing second at 343, besting host Hope College. The Belles' coach Mark Hamilton said, "It was one of the most difficult golf courses we have played because of the weather. We were trying to get to the right direction at Monday's Invitational slot, "

"There were lots of hazards," Hamilton said. "But we managed to get through it."

Junior Julia Adams was the individual player of the tournament, finishing at 82. For the season, Adams has averaged 86 strokes each round. Dunham said her performance on Monday was truly representative of her golfing skills.

"We went into yesterday's tournament focused and ready to perform up to her ability," Dunham said.

Senior captain Liz Hanlon praised Hanlon, calling her the difference-maker for the team.

"She really came up big for us, shooting 85 at the No. 4 slot," Hamilton said. "Her performance was pretty crucial to our win. Considering the conditions she had to play in, her performance was quite commendable." Dunham followed, shooting 87 for eighth, and junior Stefanie Zimmermann finished with 89 for 12th. Although only the top four golfers were officially scored, freshman Helen Casey and sophomore Nicole Bellino further contributed to the team's success Monday with 92 and 94 strokes respectively. Casey finished 14th.

The team endured chilly and blustery conditions, which were cause for higher scores. Dunham attributed the team's ability to cope with the challenging conditions to their hard work ethic during practices. More recently, the Belles have focused on their short game during much of practice.

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MEN'S TENNIS
Irish crush No. 33 Seminoles
By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

In physics, momentum is measured as the product of an object's mass and velocity. In NCAA tennis, momentum is measured by the depth of a team and their record going into the playoffs. It's hard to measure quantitatively, but the No. 35 Irish are hurtling into a promising postseason with Monday's 6-1 demolition of No. 33 Florida State.

The Seminoles finished the season with a 10-11 record, concluding their season with five consecutive losses. The Irish posted a final record of 13-8.

"It was a tough time going through the match at Virginia Tech, we were tentatively this season, as the Virginia Tech, we were tri-captain Brent D'Amico. The Irish return to the courts April 29 in Law School Courtroom.

"At No. 2, Ryan Keckley and I had been playing together," D'Amico said. "Coach figured it would be better to split us up and put one of us at two and one of us at three, so see if it would work ... it kind of paid off this weekend, I guess."

The No. 2 D'Amico/Eric Langenkamp duo won 8-5 and Keckley and Paul Haddock took the No. 3 match 6-6.

The potent senior duo of Matthew Scott and Luis Haddock lost 9-7 to the nation's No. 19 pair of Jeff Grosslin and Chip Webb. Scott and Haddock have established a winning record together, but the Florida State No. 1 team set a school record of 26 wins on the season.

"We wanted to leave Matt and Luis together because they've been doing so well lately," D'Amico said.

The Irish won the first five singles matches to run away with the win. A number of singles players have won all or most of their recent matchups, giving the Irish confidence in the momentum at the six spots.

Barry King posted his third straight win with a 6-2, 6-1 victory at No. 5. D'Amico then put away Webb at No. 4. 6-7(1), 6-0.

Keckley clinched the match for the Irish with a 6-4, 6-4 score at No. 6. This is the third time in as many matches that Keckley has faced the climbing point, and has come away with two wins. He has won six of his last seven matches.

No. 93 Haddock posted his fourth win over a ranked opponent as he defeated No. 18 Mat Cloor 6-1, 2-6, 6-4. He has won seven of his last eight matches.

Playing at No. 3, Stephen Bass came back from a first-set loss to win the match 1-6, 6-7, 6-3. Bass improved to 15-5 in the dual match season and has won eight of his last 10 matches. The freshman phenomenon is undefeated in eight three-set contests this year.

In a hard-fought match, Florida State's Chris Westerhof outlasted Matthew Scott 6-2, 3-6, 7-5 to score the Seminoles' only point. "Going into our final goal of winning the Big East, I think (Monday's win) helped a lot," said D'Amico.

The Irish return to the courts April 29 in Coral Gables, Fla., for the Big East Tournament.

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Connelly and Neighbors followed, posting a 8-2 triumph over Asles de Guzman and Emily Mowery.

No. 3 doubles has been an aspect of the lineup that continues to change as the season progresses. Louderback has mixed up the doubles teams at No. 3 in hopes of finding the perfect match as the NCAA championships approach.

"(Sarah) Jane Connelly and Neighbors" meshed well together. They have to wait and see what we do at No. 3," Louderback said. "We're looking for a doubles team that is comfortable with each other and works as a team. We have quite a few doubles players on the team, so we have a lot of options."

At No. 1 doubles, No. 57 freshmen Catrina and Christian Thompson fell to No. 24 Megan Muth and Amy Wei 8-2.

In singles, Christian Thompson was first to walk off the courts, upsetting No. 109 Shebakov 6-4, 6-0 at No. 1. Yang got the best of sophomore Kiki Stastny at No. 5. 6-2, 6-1, 1 recording William and Mary's first point of the meet. Lauren Connelly contributed a win at No. 4 to extend the Irish lead. However, William and Mary rallied, registering victories at Nos. 1, 3 and 6. No. 25 Megan Muth surprised No. 11 Salas 2-6, 6-3, 2-6 after Salas had won the first set. Wei defeated Catrina Thompson after their match was extended to three sets and a tiebreaker 6-2, 1-6, 7-6(7-3). Kristen Dunbar clinched the win for William and Mary versus Sarah Jane Connelly 7-5, 5-7, 6-3 at No. 6.

Louderback noted that although the Irish had a disappointing loss against William and Mary, he was glad that the team had the opportunity to play a tight match outside.

"It's so different playing outside than inside," Louderback said. "The match against William and Mary was really good for us; we needed it. Playing a tight match outdoors conditioned the girls for meets later this season."

On Sunday, Texas established its presence early in the meet, claiming the doubles point. At No. 2, Lauren Connelly and Alicia Salas garnered the only win for the Irish in doubles, besting Petra Dunbar and Mia Marovic 9-7. The two have won six of their last seven matches.

Texas triumphed first at No. 1, with the duo of Kaile Huckert and Kendra Strohm defeating Catrina and Christian Thompson 8-3. At No. 3, Kelly Bartioti and Ristone Olson clinched the doubles point for Texas against Sarah Jane Connelly and Neighbors 8-3.

Half of the singles matches were extended to three sets, with the Irish collecting a win in two of them. Texas maintained a 5-0 lead until Christian Thompson finished off Huckert's 6-4, 4-6, 6-0. Catrina Thompson matched Christian's win against Marovic 6-4, 4-6, 6-0 at No. 3.

Olson was first to gain a point for Texas in singles, prevailing over Sarah Jane Connelly 6-1, 6-0 at No. 6. At No. 4, Strohm was close behind with a 6-4, 6-3 win against Lauren Connelly. Clinching the win for the Longhorns was No. 18 Dizdar, who upset Salas 2-6, 6-3, 6-2 after Salas had won the first set. Wei defeated Catrina Thompson after their match was extended to three sets and a tiebreaker 6-2, 1-6, 7-6(7-3). Kristen Dunbar clinched the win for William and Mary versus Sarah Jane Connelly 7-5, 5-7, 6-3 at No. 6.

"Even though we lost, we were right with Texas the whole meet, it showed the kids that we can really play with anyone, even teams ranked higher than us. Everyone we play is a tough match," Louderback said.

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Inconsistent offense gives 3-1 break record

By JUSTIN SCHUYER
Associate Sport Editor

South Bend, Ind. — The Irish couldn’t miss the ball. Monday and Tuesday, one wondered if they had left their bats in South Bend.

Notre Dame (30-12), the team could only muster one hit and fell to the Huskers, 1-0, Tuesday. The Irish were out-hit by Nebraska, but were able to make enough offense to salvage a split by winning 2-0.

"I wouldn’t say our bats went cold," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "It’s Nebraska’s first game starter! Peaks James came into that game averaging about 12 strikeouts a game and we only struck out three times. I think it was more a matter of us not making adjustments and attacking the ball.

Nicole Wicks, who has struggled at times throughout the season, was the team’s offensive leader in the sweep. She went 4-5 with a sacrifice bunt and collected four RBI while scoring three runs.

Meghan Ruthrauff continued to show her power stroke by knocking in nine runs of the season in game two. The offensive prowess of the Irish didn’t show in their pitching performance. Heather Booth started game one and allowed two earned runs and four hits over the five innings. Steffany Stenglein started game two, and allowed two hits in four innings before giving way to Carrie Wizen in the fifth.

Booth and Stenglein continued to pitch well in the Nebraska series, but Brown was the victim of a fine performance by James, who outdueled Booth in game one by allowing only a single to Megan Giolli.

Stenglein was the starter in game two and pitched well before getting in trouble in the sixth inning after Notre Dame had taken a 2-0 lead.

She loaded the bases with one out and was replaced by Wizen, who was able to work out of the jam for her first save of the season.

"That’s kind of been Carrie’s role all season," Gumpf said. "She came in a very difficult situation and really showed complete poise on the mound. You could just tell that she was going to get the job done.

Notre Dame was stymied again by a Nebraska starter in game two, this time with Summer Tobias keeping the Irish off the scoreboard. But a pair of Cornhusker errors late allowed Notre Dame to score the insurance run for the Irish.

Carissa Jaquish led off the sixth inning with a bloop single and Sara Schoonaert attempted to move her over to second on a sacrifice bunt. Jaquish was thrown out at second and Schoonaert reached on the fielder’s choice.

Stephanie Brown followed with what appeared to be a harmless groundball to Tobias, but the Nebraska pitcher threw the ball into center field as she attempted to get Schoonaert out at second.

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But University officials insist admissions standards have remained constant and are not tied to grade point averages or standardized test scores. And the school's director of admissions says that Notre Dame will not change its standards for athletes despite recent struggles to fill the roster. "I believe a potential recruit can in some cases overcome weaknesses in test scores," explained Jim Saracino, director of recruiting. "And it's a good thing because lots of kids are out there with high academic potential who aren't getting recruited." Saracino's recent comments have piqued the interest of top-ranked recruits such as football players.

"Our standards have always been a competitive type of student," said Saracino. "They're good kids who are good in academics and athletics." Saracino admits that Notre Dame has been "tougher" on the admissions of football players in recent years as they have gotten more interest in the school. "It's a good time to be recruiting football players," Saracino said.

But Saracino doesn't see this as a problem. "We're recruiting the best athletes available," he said. "And we're not going to lower our standards just because we're not filling the roster." Saracino pointed out that Notre Dame has been successful in filling the roster even though they have been "tougher" on the admissions of football players.

"I think it's important to have a competitive type of student," Saracino said. "They're going to be successful on the field and in the classroom." Saracino believes that Notre Dame is the school for these young men and that they will be successful in both athletics and academics.

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By CHRIS FEDERICO
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Injured second baseman Steve Sollman held a press conference in between games Saturday to talk about the injury he sustained in last Monday's game. Sollman said, "I had surgery [April 5] back in Cincinnati, and everything went great. I have a great oral surgeon back there that did a wonderful job.

The surgery did not require that Sollman's jaw be wired shut, as is sometimes the case with broken jaws. The senior is able to talk and was mobile and active as he attended Notre Dame's games Saturday and Monday. Sollman returned to classes today and is hopeful he will return to the Irish lineup by the end of the regular season.

"We just have to play it by ear and see how it heals," he said. "Hopefully, I can get back some time towards the end of the season."

Sollman has a meeting scheduled Friday with his doctor in Cincinnati to further discuss a possible time frame to return to action this year. The senior says he will know more about how soon he could return after the meeting.

Right now a major concern for Sollman is to keep his weight and conditioning up so that he would be physically ready to return to action when his jaw heals.

Right now, I'm drinking a bunch of fish oil as a way of sticking the right side of my head. They said I can get on a (stationary) bike whenever I feel up to it. As far as running and lifting, I just have to watch that I don't clamp my teeth or bounce them too much.

"I've lost some weight so far, so putting that weight back on is going to be pretty important the next couple of weeks," Sollman said.

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But he said the support he's received from the Notre Dame community the past two weeks has been a major factor in his progress.

"The Notre Dame community has been unbelievable so far -- coaches, players, friends, teachers, students, teachers -- everybody has been amazing," Sollman said. "They've been calling me, checking on me and sending me all sorts of letters."

You're outa here

In the final game with the Red Storm Monday, Mainieri was tossed from the game while coaching third base by umpire Bruce Done. The Irish skipper was arguing a questionable call by Done at third base when Sanchez was called out trying to stretch a double into a triple.

"It was my opinion that [Sanchez] was safe," Mainieri said. "I didn't even think it was that close of a play, and I was pretty shocked when I saw the call.

After the call, a shocked Mainieri threw his hands in the air and appeared to inadvertently knock his hat off, prompting the ejection.

"Unfortunately I just overreacted there and threw my hat down, and (the umpire) had to throw me out when I did that," Mainieri said. "I deserved it. If you do something like that, you're supposed to get thrown out of the game."

Mainieri expressed regret after the game for temporarily losing his composure on the call, prompting the ejection.

"I lost my cool there for a minute, and I wasn't able to manage my team through a tough ball game," he said. "So I felt kind of bad about that, that I let the guys down doing that."

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Steve Sollman
Injured Irish second baseman

"I'm going to come back with some things hard, and he left it a little soft, and he might knock his hat back over on the road form the Irish with two outs in the seventh inning."

"I feel like in a nine-inning game, maybe we would have had enough time to rally."

"The nightcap, the Irish came out early and claimed a 3-1 lead after three innings with a pair of runs in the first of two two-HI singles from senior Javi Sanchez and an RBI single from left fielder Steve Andres in the third.

Northe Dame would not be able to take advantage of the two run start, however, as Boston College came back to tie the game 4-4 in the seventh inning. The Eagles looked like they could even steal a sweep on this road trip with runs in the eighth and two in the eighth inning.

But Mainieri brought in closer Ryan Doherty, who walked the first batter of the inning, Eric Weight to load the bases, but then struck out third baseman Marco Albano to end the inning.

In the bottom half of the inning, the Irish took the lead for good on a two-run double from first baseman Matt Edwards. The junior hit his second home run of the season the day before knocking the game-winning double down the left field line.

"I went up there that last time up with confidence like I had gone 6-for-6 instead of 0-for-6 and got hit by a pitch," Edwards said. "It came at the best time it could have come [Saturday]."

"The first pitch he threw me was an off-speed pitch, and I was able to hit it far enough on the fastball on the next one. I thought he was going to come back with something, a little hard, and he missed lots more."

"I said, 'It really makes me feel bad that we couldn't finish off the two-game sweep.'"

It was in that final game Monday that Mainieri was ejected after arguing an out call on Sanchez at third base in the third inning.

The Irish coach had plenty of positives, though, as his team got another victory and improved to 18-10-1.

"We just had tremendous pitching all day Monday," Edwards said. "It really makes me feel bad that we couldn't finish off the two-game sweep."

"I think that game was a toss-up, you just run out of luck, and it really was a shame that we couldn't finish off the two-game sweep."

As his club sits atop the Big East, Mainieri said.

"I'm a 1-0 lead in the seventh inning... it's a lot of baseball to be played. We need to keep getting better."
Belles keep hold on last playoff spot after 3-1 stretch

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's softball team showed Thursday why they belong in the upcoming MIAA tournament. Tuesday, they showed they can compete in it.

By winning both games against Hope Thursday in a crucial doubleheader to help determine who would clinch the final seed in the MIAA tournament, the Belles believed they set the tone for the rest of the season. After splitting the contest last year, Saint Mary's did not let up as they won the first game, 7-1, and won the second one with a two-out two-run homer to win 3-2.

Then Tuesday against Olivet, the Belles split the doubleheader by winning the first game 8-6 but losing the second 3-2.

Saint Mary's came out swinging against Hope as they scored two in the first inning of the first game, led by an Erin Sullivan two-out single that drove in both runs. In the top of the second, Audrey Gajor singled to left and reached second after Bridget Grall's hit was misplayed. With both runners advancing to second and third on a Meghan Marenkovic sacrifice, Marnie Walsh singled to center making the score 4-0.

In the third, the Belles struck once again as they posted three more runs. Katrina Tebbe began with a single, and Erin Sullivan was hit by a pitch giving Saint Mary's two runners on no outs. Then Grall's sacrifice fly scored one more, giving the Belles a 5-0 edge. Marenkovic knocked in the last two runs with a single. They finished the inning with three runs on two hits and a 7-0 lead.

This was all they would need for the win, as Kate Sajewich pitched five great innings and allowed only one run in the bottom of the fourth. Tebbe led the Belles with three hits and Walsh, Sullivan, and Marenkovic all had two RBIs apiece.

The second game of the afternoon started off as a defensive battle between two teams that were fighting for the fourth and final seed in the conference tournament. Both pitchers were superb as only five total hits were given up through four innings.

That changed in the bottom of the fifth, when the Belles scored the first run of the game. Walsh scored on an RBI single from Sajewich.

But Hope responded in the sixth with a run and added another in the seventh as they took the lead 2-1 heading into the bottom of the seventh. Saint Mary's chances of making the tournament looked grim, but in their final at bat Sajewich hit a game-ending home run with Sullivan on first.

The win not only gave the Belles a sweep, but also increased their lead over Hope for the playoff spot. Jean Downs and Erin Sullivan led the team with a pair of hits each, and Sajewich sealed the deal with her homer in the seventh.

"In preparing for the game, our practices have been the same. We shook of the dust after the long break," said Tebbe.

Last year, the Belles didn't face the Comets because of a late postponement that was never finished. However, Saint Mary's was focused and ready to secure a spot in the tournament.

"We didn't get a chance to see Olivet last year, but we... prepared for them by using past games," Tebbe said. "Our defensive is ready and we feel we [had] the advantage with our hitting and pitching."

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best team defense we've played all year. Our defense is a nationally ranked unit, and I think this defense is definitely as good if not better than the team."

Meredith Simon paced the Irish attack, recording six points (3 goals, 3 assists), and goalkeeper Carol Dixon recorded a career-high 14 saves in running her career-record to 100.

Both Simon and Dixon were rewarded for their play over the past week against Ohio and Ohio State, earning the distinction of Big East Offensive Player of the Week and Big East Defensive Player of the Week, respectively.

In a testament to the season-long high performance play of the duo, Simon has now honed three times on the season, and Dixon has garnered a pair of acknowledgements.

Simon had six goals and three assists in the week ending April 11, while Dixon won a pair of decisions and made 24 saves between the two games. "Carol has had her best games of the season against Ohio State," Coyne said. "She was seeing the ball really well and her positioning in the cage was really solid."

In addition to Simon, Lauren Fischer and Christy Foote helped carry the offensive load as each posted four points (3 goals, 1 assist), and defender Kassen Delano and midfielder Abby Owen both tallied a pair of goals.

Fischer kicked off a season-best 10-goal unanswered scoring streak when she found the back of the net four minutes into the contest. The lead would grow to 10-0 when Fischer picked up her second of three goals with 3:36...
FOOTBALL

**It's not academic**

ND says standards aren't the reason top recruits won't wear gold helmets

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**BASEBALL**

Tough breaks cause Irish to crumble

Mainieri's ejection, near no-hitter exemplify 2-2 weekend

By CHRIS FEDERICO

From a near no-hitter turning into a one-run loss to their usually-calm head coach being ejected from the game, the Irish experienced just about everything this weekend in a pair of split doubleheaders in Big East action.

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**WOMEN'S TENNIS**

Two ranked foes topple Irish over weekend

By ANN LOUGHERY

Heading into this weekend's matches, the Irish anticipated that they would have to fight for every point. No. 43 William and Mary (13-12) and No. 14 Texas (16-4) fulfilled their expectations, with both teams edging out No. 25 Notre Dame in their respective matches.

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**SAT Scores at Notre Dame**

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*After the re-scoring of the SAT in 1996, the national average SAT score increased by 66 points. To compensate, 66 points were added to the 1995 scores to compare curved and non curved SAT scores on the same scale.*

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**SPORTS AT A GLANCE**

**ND SOFTBALL**
- Nebraska 2
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**MEN'S TENNIS**
- Notre Dame 6
- Florida State 1

**MEN'S LACROSSE**
- Notre Dame 12
- Air Force 2

**TRACK**
- Notre Dame won 11 events in an invitational at the University of Missouri, the most of any team competing in the invitational.

**ROWING**
- No. 7 Notre Dame's crew teams consistently finished second to No. 10 Michigan State at the weekend regatta.

**SMC GOLF**
- First at the Hope College Invitational

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**WOMEN'S LACROSSE**

Irish ascend to No. 2

Thrashing of Ohio State followed by highest national ranking in 8 years

By MATT PULHIS

Put another one in the win column.

Notre Dame moved to a perfect 10-0 on the season and extended its overall winning streak to a school-record 14 games as the Irish ripped off the contest's first 10 goals on route to a 14-6 thrashing of Ohio State (3-7) in Columbus, Ohio, on Saturday afternoon.

And on the heels of the victory, the Irish ascended to No. 2 in both the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) and Inside Lacrosse Magazine polls.

The No. 2 spot is the highest ranking in eight years, topping the No. 3 rank the Irish had carried since March 16.

"We played unbelievable team defense against Ohio State," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "It's probably the best game we've played all year."