Two football players arrested in fight

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
Senior Staff Writer

A Notre Dame football player and former football player were arrested by South Bend Police early Sunday morning, and police say they were involved in a fight downtown.

Captain John Williams, public information officer for South Bend police, confirmed freshman Saliah Gardner, a defensive back, was arrested for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest and senior Garron Bible. Bible said he and Gardner were not in the fight and were arrested by police to set an example.

Williams confirmed that police were called to the 200 block of South Michigan Street just before 3 a.m. Sunday morning to respond to a fight and told everyone to leave when they arrived. Police arrested Bible, 22, Gardner, 19, and two other men, who Williams was not able to identify.

Bible said that he and Gardner had gone to Heartland earlier that night and then went to Benchwarmers, Heartland, which requires patrons to be 21 or over, was rented out for a private party that evening. When they were leaving Benchwarmers, Bible said, a large crowd had gathered around the fight, and police were telling people to leave.

"It was crowded though, we had to wait our turn," Bible said. He said he was arrested when he questioned a police officer what he said popped Gardner, telling him to move along.

"A police officer started pushing my teammate Isaiah in the back," Bible said. He asked the officer, "Why you gotta put your hands on him?"

Bible said that after he was in the squad car, Gardner was read his rights.

Executive Director of the Alumni Association Dan Saracino.

We're obviously concerned, but I'm happy they care enough to call... they shows they had a good experience here and they want their children to have a good experience here."

Lennon, who has held his position for 23 years, has seen firsthand the University's sustained commitment to admitting and enrolling the children of alumni — a commitment that has led Notre Dame to claim the highest percentage of legacy students in the country at 23 percent. Such figures lead to high expectations and high rewards for legacy applicants and their families, but can also result in crushing disappointment and anger, said director of admissions Dan Saracino.

"Notre Dame has to walk this fine line — we have a family, and a family that should be inclusive, not exclusive," he said. "We do make a commitment to alumni children, and we shouldn't apologize for that."

"But bending does not mean breaking. Bending does not mean automatic." While few alumni parents — or any parents, in an era when Notre Dame's academic profile has continually improved, and parents expect high standards, the cases will proceed to the Indiana Court of Appeals.

Boat Club suits held up again

By SHEILA FLYNN
Senior Staff Writer

More than a year after Boat Club filed lawsuits against underage patrons for misrepresenting themselves, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students involved in the suits have been offered a settlement and a chance to end the prolonged affair — a chance, students said, that is bittersweet.

"I never wanted to let them win, nor do my parents," said sophomore Jeanne Etcheg, one of the Notre Dame students being sued. "But I'm very ready to let the whole thing be over. It's almost just worth it to pay it (the settlement) and be done with it."

The Boat Club, or Millennium Club, Inc., filed lawsuits last April against students cited in the Jan. 23, 2003 raid. Demanding $3,000 from each student, the suits were represent­ ed by attorney Mitchell Heppenheimer, claimed the suits were reasonable for damages the tavern could suffer as a result of the raid. Forty of those suits were dismissed in August, and the remaining 150 suits have been continually postponed. Boat Club, however, appealed the dismissals, and the cases will proceed to the Indiana Court of Appeals.

"On May 7, there is a scheduled oral argument, which is a proceeding where you go in front of the three-judge panel, which will decide your case," said attorney Edward Sullivan, who represents approximately 40 students.

If Boat Club wins the appeal, the individual cases will be sent back to small claims court, where the defendants will face the original complaints. If the students win the appeal, the entire process could end. However, whichever party loses in the court of appeals has yet another outlet which could further prolong the ordeal; the losing party can seek a transfer to another court of appeals.

Charges filed in Library bust

All cited patrons were ND or SMC students

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

The St. Joseph County Prosecutor's Office filed charges Friday against the three Notre Dame students who were arrested early Friday morning during a raid of The Library Irish Pub.

All 21 patrons who were ticketed during the raid — including the three arrested and transported to St. Joseph County Jail — were Notre Dame or Saint Mary's students, and 31 citations were issued, according to information provided by the Indiana State Excise Police. The raid of the establishment also resulted in the use of a Taser to subdue two of the arrested individuals, said Lt. Marc Mersich of the South Bend Police Department.

Kathy Wanacek, administrative coordinator for the St. Joseph County Prosecutor's Office, said senior Michael
INSIDE COLUMN

All signs point to no

No, I do not want to graduate. No, I do not have a job for next year. No, I do not know where I’m living. Only 24 days away and there is no indication that I should even go through with this. I thought graduating from high school was tough.

Now before my professors read this and decide to help the situation by giving me a grade down a few points, let me explain my reasoning.

Last week, Saint Mary’s class of 2004 got an e-mail from “Bookstore Bob” announcing that our graduation regalia had arrived and was ready for pick up. I put it off until Saturday afternoon when one of my roommates reasoned that maybe we should go and get it over with. We drove there in near silence aside from belting out a few measures with Keith Urban and drove back, not deviating a plan to avoid missing into the grass during the ceremony. Before banging up my gown, I decided to see how it fit. It didn’t fit.

Apparently Josten’s fails to consider body size in proportion to height. So while my gown is made for someone between 5-foot-4 and 5-foot-6, it is also made for someone anywhere between 100 and 200 pounds. I weigh in at the lower end, so now I’ll have to deal with looking like Shamu. And the cap? Go figure — it’s a little small.

Okay, I guess that fails to constitute a major deterrent. I’ll just crop the picture. What will be difficult though is leaving my friends. There’s a group of approximately 200 of us that are virtually inseparable. After coordinating everything from our living arrangements to weekend plans for the past four years, we’ll be lucky if even two of us end up in the same state.

I also have a lot of close friends who are underclassmen and will be leaving in 17 days. As much as I’ll hold true to my promise of coming back, it won’t be the same.

Whenever friends visit after graduation, I feel like they’re just a few years old. Granted I can still look forward to having our double-and triple-checked at the bars.

I’ll admit there is one thing I am looking forward to. If I could, I would agree to be roommates in Chicago next year. Keep in mind we’re looking at a place in either Lincoln Park or Wrigleyville and neither of us have jobs yet. It probably isn’t the most rational idea, but I’m stubborn and she’s determined so I think we’ll do just fine.

As much as I don’t want to, I suppose I’d better get up for the inevitable. I’ll just have to make sure that the next three weeks are filled with as many memories as the three times before — armed with waterproof mascara.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WOULD YOU EAT AT TACO BELL? WHY OR WHY NOT?

Ana Isabel Izaguirre
Senior Welsh Family

“Built this City” tops worst
NEW YORK — Starship songs list
may have built this city on rock and roll, but Blender
magazine is tearing it down, naming the band’s “We Built
This City” as the worst song ever.

Some tunes on the “50 Worst Songs Ever!” list were
selected for their melodies, others “are wretchedly per-
formed” and “quite a few don’t make sense whatsoever.”

The list, which appears in the May issue, includes songs
by New Kids on the Block, Meat Loaf, The Doors, Lionel
Richie, Hammer and The Beach Boys, among others.

Bender describes 1985’s “We Built This City” as “the
true horror sound of a bank taking the corporate
dollar while snearing at those who take the corporate
dollar.”

Geese blamed for Tahoe’s pollution
RENO, Nev. — A group of property owners thinks there
might be a new culprit behind Lake Tahoe’s declin-
ing clarity: Goose droppings.

Members of the Tahoe Lakefront Owners Association want scientists to study whether the bird feces are contributing to pollution that’s eroding the lake’s clar-
ity at an average rate of more than a foot per year.

The feces contain phosphorus and nitrogen, nutri-
trients that may help fuel the algae growth that combines with sediments to reduce clarity.

“We’re just surprised the agencies haven’t taken this problem more seriously,” said Jan Brisco, executive
director of the property owners’ group.

“Everyone just sort of chuckled or laughed as if it were funny,” Brisco said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

OFFBEAT

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In Brief

Meet in front of Dillon on South Quad tonight from 5 to 6 p.m. for the annual Dillon Dude Auction. Watch as Dillon resi-
dents are auctioned off for dates with proceeds going to charity.

“Counterterrorism: Are Human Rights an Obstacle or Part of the Solution?,” a part of the 10th annual Theodore M. Hesburgh Lectures in Ethics and Public Policy, features Kenneth Roth, executive direc-
tor of the human rights watch. The lecture will be held today in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and again from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Cannos Crossfire, a debate between Notre Dame’s College Democrats and College Republicans, will be held tonight from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Lounge.

Enjoy free Boracho Burrito at the Zane Williams concert tonight from 9 p.m. to midnight in the LaFortune Ballroom.

The Notre Dame Chorale and Chamber Orchestra, directed by Alexander Blachly, will pres-
ent their spring concert in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart tonight at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

A quarter dog eating contest will be held tonight from 11:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the LaFortune elevator table. Prizes will be dis-
tributed for the winners and the first 10 people to sign up. The first 50 spectators will receive one free quarter dog.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed infor-
mation about an event to onews@nd.edu.
Panel discusses religious issues in 2004 election

By TRICIA DE GROOT
News Writer

Serving in a series of events sponsored by the Rock the Vote Campaign and the Center for Social Concerns, “Politics and Religion in 2004” functioned as a forum for students to reflect on how they see faith in politics. Held Tuesday in the Coleman Morse lounge, a panel of six students shared their reflections based upon the document “Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility.”

Keri Oxley, Andrew Delberry, Chris Broughton, Cecilia Garza, Ky Bertoli and Tom Feeney sat on the panel while Maureen Fitzpatrick served as organizer and Peter Quaranta as both a moderator and organizer.

Delberry began the forum by stating that faithful citizenship should be the idea behind voting. He explained how he often turns toward to the seven themes of “The Catholic Social Teaching,” which he feels naturally lend themselves to political issues. He then discussed the importance of foreign relations, terrorism, relations in Iraq, education, family and abortion, but stressed the idea that when electing, we need to look at the “mentality and values the leader uses” because events will arise during their term that cannot be planned for.

Delberry emphasized the common good goes beyond our national borders, and that we need to integrate faith and citizenship when voting for the concept.

Broughton began by raising a few questions that he felt stood out from the document, stressing Catholics cannot have a political home as Democrats or Republicans and that we all differ as a result of the communities we live in and the experiences we have. These differences, claimed Broughton, will affect how individuals vote.

“We have to respect that,” he said.

Bertoli entered the panel with a reflection unlike the other five. Instead of focusing on faith or citizenship, he emphasized the “dangers we face as democracy in an election year.”

Bertoli said national politics aren’t really that important because we are impacted more by local communities than national politics.

“We need to take issues that are politically important to us and bring them to our communities because too much is riding on an institution that can do too little,” Bertoli said. “We must be most critical of the lives of our own community.”

Oxley reinforced Broughton’s claim that as Catholics we are politically homeless, but at the same time, she said that “we can choose a shelter.”

Oxley focused on abortion and euthanasia, which she considers the fundamental concept of human rights. She then went on to claim that “the inherent good in our society isn’t being adhered to in a pro-choice nation,” and that from an objective standpoint, items such as war and economic stances can by philosophically and theologically justified while we can never justify euthanasia and abortion.


She also spoke out about the importance of thinking crucially about foreign policy, and how “we should be thinking, as Catholics, what it means to be politically engaged,” she said.

“We need to think of ways to make stronger stances to our political home as Democrats or Republicans,” Garza said.

Feeney concluded by stating that first and foremost, we are citizens of a particular community, a culture and then we are citizens of the United States. He also said that we are readers and authors with power to shape the culture. He finished by discussing the President’s duties according to the Constitution, and said that we should “vote primarily on war and then on those issues the president can impact directly.”

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DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

To club a...... I mean, to write the comic for the Observer next year?
If so, send in 5 strips to Editor in Chief Matt Lozar’s mailbox in the Observer office by Wednesday, April 21st, at 4 p.m.

HAVING WHAT IT TAKES

For the Observer • CAMPUS NEWS
Students find off-campus jobs

By CLAIRE VALLEY

Each year, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students are faced with the decision of whether to work on campus, off campus or not at all. According to Notre Dame financial aid counselor Jeremy Mayernik, both work options are popular among students. He said that at Notre Dame, campus employment for students usually remains consistent at 40 percent. Saint Mary's associate director of financial aid Linda Bakow said she sees similar statistics. Approximately 44 percent of Saint Mary's students were on last month's payroll, she said.

"On-campus student employment at Saint Mary's does vary from month to month," Bakow said. For those who do not choose to work on campus, there are a variety of off-campus work options to select from in the South Bend area.

Although he is aware that many students seek this option, Mayernik said there is no way to measure the exact number of those who do. Saint Mary's associate director of career opportunities Jeff Roberts said he maintains direct contact with students employed off campus.

"Off-campus work is great because it expands student awareness of the world around them," Roberts said. "It creates a complimentary balance between what they experience as a student and real life." Those students who find better opportunities in off-campus employment cite a variety of motives for leaving campus including income, location and personal reasons. Saint Mary's junior Abby Sauers works at a Mauii Tanning Salon. She has held her current position for a year, and has been working off campus for two years. Living off campus, Sauers said she opted for an off-campus job out of convenience. "Working off campus, you can work more hours. Right now, I work between 25 and 27 hours a week," she said. "The only downside is that you can't do homework on the job like you could on campus.

"I spent last semester abroad, and so all the on campus jobs were taken right away when I got back," said Saint Mary's junior Lindsay Markin. Markin found off-campus employment to assist with payments from a car accident. "The Gap was closer to me, and I get as many hours as I want," she said. Regardless of where students choose to work, Roberts offers advice.

"Working can be a good thing while in college because it helps students learn time management and can help to further a student's career," he said. "Students who work can expand their professional network in different ways than students who don't work. But it is important for each student to make the decision of whether to work and where to work for him or herself."

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Opus Apartments on schedule for fall

By AMANDA SHROPSHIRE

Construction remains on schedule for the Opus Apartments to be completed by the fall, said Michelle Russell, director of residence life.

The addition will help accommodate an estimated 450 incoming students over the next seven years and create space for 72 residents in each of the two buildings. "Everyone is working at a great pace and we are on schedule," Russell said. "The construction workers are here six days a week and have made great progress. The furniture and fabrics have been selected along with the wall coverings and carpet colors."

Students' recent room selection for this year included the on-campus apartments as an option for seniors. For many, room selection is a hectic time, however students cited the addition of the apartments to simplify the process with no additional complications.

"Room selection is evaluated every year to determine if it is meeting the needs of the students and the College," Russell said. "The apartment selection was done early so that students have an option on campus or moving off. I imagine we will continue to do this process earlier, in order to continue this service."

In addition to housing more students, the apartments are designed to "allow seniors to live more independently" as stated on the Saint Mary's Web site. "The apartments will actually increased the number of returning students we have signed up to live on campus for next year," Russell said. "The only difference that was seen was that a few students who decided the seniors chose to live in Leman instead.".

Senior residents show enthusiasm about living in the apartments. Their accommodations include one or two bedrooms, a kitchen, a living room and private bathrooms. In addition, the building will include extra lounge and study space, laundry facilities, worship space and an apartment for a resident director.

"We have received an overwhelming amount of excitement from the students who will be living there as they see the building move along," Russell said. "There has been a great collaboration between the College and the construction company to complete this project and make it a reality for the women of Saint Mary's. I think it was a fair process that everyone understood what their chances were."

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**Kerry releases military records**

Democratic presidential nominee earned three Purple Hearts for tours in Vietnam

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**Iraq**

Gov't names panel to try Saddam

**State News**

Severe spring storms slam state

INDIANAPOLIS — Severe storms rolled across the state of Indiana on Tuesday, leaving at least one person and damaging homes.

Wayne Henry, superintendent of utilities in Jamestown, said he saw a tornado about 5:40 p.m. just west of downtown of this community in central Indiana. "It wasn't like the traditional dark funnel, it was light colored and was picking up debris. It definitely had rotation to it," Henry said. "There's quite a few homes damaged and a garage that's completely gone."

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Annan asks for mission to Haiti

UNITED NATIONS — Secretary-General Annan called Tuesday for a broad, new U.N. mission in Haiti to include 6,700 troops, more than 1,600 international police and experts to help turn the Caribbean nation into "a functioning democracy."

The U.S. military contingent would replace the 3,600-strong U.S.-led multinational force sent to bring stability to Haiti after a three-week rebellion ousted its first democratically elected president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, in February. About 2,000 of them are American troops.

Annan said the transfer of authority to a U.N. force would take place by June 1, with troops in the multinational force withdrawing in phases as U.N. troops arrived "to avoid any security gap."

**Terror suspects killed by bomb**

MADRID, Spain — At least five prime suspects in the Madrid bombings were among the seven alleged hopefuls who blew themselves up as police moved to arrest them earlier this month, officials close to the investigation said Tuesday.

The latest forensic tests show that suspects Mohammed Ouadb Akcha and his brother Hachid Ouadb Akcha were killed in the suicide blast, the officials told The Associated Press. Only one of the seven people killed in the blast remains unidentified.

With the Akcha brothers dead, only one of the six suspects thought to be directly responsible for the attacks is unaccounted for, said the officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity. But news reports say police believe that final suspect, Said Berjai, may be the seventh person killed in the April 3 suicide blast in Leganes.

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**National News**

Oregons debate gay marriage

OREGON — A judge told Multnomah County to stop issuing gay marriage licenses Tuesday, but he handed gay rights a historic victory by ordering Oregon to recognize the 3,000 licenses already granted.

The decision by Multnomah County Circuit Judge Frank Bearden marked the first time in the U.S. that a judge has recognized gay marriage. An immediate appeal of the ruling was expected.

"These are the first legally recognized gay marriages in the country," said Dave Fidler, the ACLU executive director in Oregon. "In no other same-sex marriages that have taken place has there been a court order saying the state must recognize them."

**Colorado remembers Columbine**

LITTLETON, Colo. — Hundreds of survivors, friends and family gathered at sunset Tuesday to pay tribute to the 13 people slain at Columbine High five years ago in the worst school shooting in U.S. history.

Parties were held as four F-16 fighter jets soared over the grassy amphitheater in Clement Park, a few hundred yards and just out of sight from the suburban school. They rose in unison to cheer Anne Marie Hochhalter, who was paralyzed from the waist down in the attack and delivered a message of hope from a wheelchair.

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**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — Amid questions about his military record, John Kerry's campaign on Tuesday pro­vided documentation of Vietnam injuries that included shrapnel wounds to his arms, legs and but­tocks for three Purple Hearts.

Kerry, spokesman Michael Meehan said the campaign was in the process of compiling images of the documents Tuesday and they would be posted on Kerry's Web site. Conservatives, talk radio and some newspapers edi­torials have questioned whether Kerry was deserving of any of the three Purple Hearts, fueling questions about his Navy service from 1966 to 1970 and the seriousness of his injuries.

He served two tours of duty, four months on USS GRIDLEY frigate off Vietnam's shore and near­ly five months as a swift­boat commander in the Mekong Delta. He volun­teered for the second tour and earned all his medals during the second stint.

Meehan gave The Associated Press 13 pages that included documenta­tion for the Silver Star, Bronze Star and three Purple Hearts. The Boston Globe obtained some of the records last year for an extensive series on Kerry.

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**IRAQ**

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BAGHDAD — Iraqi leaders named a tribunal of judges and prosecutors to try Saddam Hussein, placing an ex-dictator as a sworn enemy of the United States, outside the court's inner circle, a spokesman announced Tuesday.

A senior member of Ahmad Chalabi's Iraqi National Congress was appointed to head an anti-U.S. tribunal — a potentially controver­sial choice.

Chalabi, a longtime exile who returned to Iraq and was named to the U.S.-appointed Iraqi Governing Council, is mistrusted as an outsider by many Iraqis who want to see Saddam prosecuted by Iraqis who were present under his brutal rule. Also Tuesday, guerrillas fired a barrage of mortar rounds at Baghdad's largest prison, killing 22 prisoners in an attack on a U.S. general said may have been an attempt to spark an inmate uprising against American guards. The slain prison­ers were all security detainees, meaning they were suspected of belonging to the anti-U.S. insurgency or Saddam's former regime.

A U.S. soldier was killed by a roadside bomb in the northern city of Mosul. It was the 100th American combat death in April, the deadliest month since the U.S.-led invasion began in March 2003.

At least 1,100 Iraqis have been killed in fighting since the start of the month, according to an Associated Press count based on reports from hospitals and Iraqi and U.S. officials. Tuesday's mortar attack was the bloodiest against the sprawling prison complex of Abu Ghraib in western Baghdad. Ninety-two prison­ers were wounded, 25 of them seri­ously, said Col. Jill Morganthaler, a U.S. military spokeswoman.

"This isn't the first time that we have seen this kind of attack," she said.
Alumni is consistently climbing — believe that the alumni’s acceptance should be automatic, many do retaliate when they feel that Notre Dame hasn’t bent far enough, said vice president for University Relations Lou Nanni.

"Some are deeply hurt, very angry, some are disillusioned, some want to understand why, and ask questions; some are dis-appointed, and just don’t understand," said Nanni, who receives feedback from the Development Office and International Student Services in addition to the alumni constituency.

"In any family, there is a time for us to listen and absorb the blows," he continued. "We need to let them vent, take their shots, and respond with kindness and compassion."

Saracino and his staff do an excellent job in this role, Nanni said, adding that following through on the hate mail and abuse he has just as important as delivering an outstanding incoming class.

He pointed out that while many parents experience pain and resentment in the short run, in the long run the Notre Dame admissions office often earns their respect.

"You can deliver bad news harshly or with compassion," Nanni said. "And delivering with compassion, he explained, means not just "throwing numbers" at parents who demand an explanation — such as the shrinking gap between the profile of legacies and of the entire competitive applicant pool — it means being sympathetic to specific situations.

Saracino knows a lot about that.

"I will get the phone with a father who's on the phone saying "It's not a family, my son didn't get admitted too," he said. "(But) the integrity of the admissions process is, to me, paramount. And that means we're not in it to be liked."

Both Saracino and Lennon emphasized that alumni children's applications receive an even more careful evaluation during that process, as each is examined by a fourth reader in addition to the usual three.

"That's where the difficult decisions come in," Lennon said. He said that while he tries to offer those unhappy with the University's decisions two options of their own — transferring or obtaining a Notre Dame degree on the graduate level — a few parents are left so unsatisfied that they send back yearbooks, class rings and on rare occasions even withdraw their donations.

However, over the 23 years, Lennon said he could "name on one hand" the alumni who have actually revoked their support. Far more common are those who just want to be heard, and Nanni believes Notre Dame does a good job of listening.

"A good parent is going to occasionally listen and absorb some criticism," he said. "And as stewards of the larger Notre Dame family, it is an important part of our role."

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Mice born without fathers

Associated Press

Men, your gender just took a hit in the animal kingdom. Scientists report they've created mice by using two genetic moms and no dad.

That's a first for any mammal. But don't look for this service at the corner fertility clinic. Experts say the mouse procedure can't be done in people for technical and ethical reasons.

In fact, one of the moms was a mutant newborn, whose DNA had been altered to make it act like a male's contribution to an embryo.

The work sheds light on why mice and people normally do need a dad's DNA to reproduce. Some experts also said it held implications for using human stem cells to treat disease.

The achievement is reported in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature.

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also arrested.

According to a spokesperson at the St. Joseph County Jail, Bibles, who was arrested Wednesday, April 21, 2004, was brought to the jail at 3:21 a.m. Sunday and released at 4:56 a.m. on a $250 bond.

Coach Tyrone Willingham declined to comment specifically on the event.

"There was an incident this weekend, but beyond that I really can't say much more. A matter of this nature normally falls under the guidelines of our University, so we'll let them handle it," he said.

Gardner declined to comment on the incident.

Both men are scheduled to appear in court May 5. Bibles said he has not hired an attorney at this time and that he is still reviewing his options.

"I can't even have a car. We are going to take the necessary actions we have to do to be prepared for that," Bibles said. "How [the police] treated the situation could have been better."

Pat Leonard contributed to this report.

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the Indiana Supreme Court, which has never heard such a case. The Supreme Court has the option of accepting or denying the request. In the event that the case does proceed that far, however, students will most likely be faced with increased legal fees. And financial factor, students said, is prompting them to seriously consider agreeing to the settlement.

"This, overall, has been very expensive," Etchhart said, citing fees paid to Notre Dame's Office of Resident Life, the State of Indiana and legal counsel.

"Among my friends who I've talked to, I think everyone else is just going to do the $300." Other students, however, said they are confident Boat Club will lose the appeal, and therefore they are not yet agreeing to the settlement.

"I'm not going to settle, because I know that it probably won't pass the appeal," said sophomore Patricia Russo.

"Junior Tori Peppler is still undecided about her course of action but also voiced doubts about Boat Club's chance for success in the court of appeals. She said her lawyer "didn't think they had an argument that would make it to the supreme court."

The chance that the case would go that far, however, was the factor leaving her indecisive Peppler said.

"Then we're going to have to reimburse our fees to the attorney, which may mean spending more money," she said. "It can be over $300 at that point."

Sopomore Daniel Pearson, though faced with the same considerations, said he was simply "sick and tired" of the process.

"I'm planning on taking the settlement," Pearson said. "I got an e-mail discussing it and saying that there was a good chance that we'd win, but even still, it'd be kind of nice to just be through with it."

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The panel urged new "ecosystem-based" ways of managing that put the needs of nature ahead of political boundaries, while emphasizing that people's needs must also be considered.

The commission estimated the cost of all its recommended actions at $1.3 billion the first year, $2.4 billion the second year, and $3.2 billion each year after that. But it pointed to annual ocean-related economic activity of $700 billion in goods that ports handle, $50 billion from fishing and trade, $11 billion from cruise ships and passengers — and $25 billion to $40 billion from offshore oil and gas production.

"If our report is adopted, the payroll will be great," Watkins said in a video accompanying the report. "It's now obvious that ocean resources are not limitless."

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ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY

Ocean pollution may lessen

Presidential commission urges creation of ocean trust using oil and gas royalties

Claude Berry, a fisherman living and working in the U.S. Virgin Islands, said that business has been good lately, but he wouldn't mind more government limits.

ABC undergoes management shift

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Disney shook up the management team at its fourth-place ABC Television network Tuesday, promoting two rising stars and firing its top two programmers after only two years on the job.

The Walt Disney Co., which owns ABC, elevated ESPN and ABC Sports president George Bodenheimer and ABC Channel president Anne Sweeney to co-chairs of its Media Networks division.

ABC Entertainment President Susan Lyne, who had been expected to remain, and Lloyd Braun, who chaired the ABC Entertainment Television Group, were appointed in 2002 and charged with resurrecting the ailing network, which collapsed after the ratings failure of its game show "Who Wants to be a Millionaire."

The two struggled to find hit dramas and had only mild success developing new sitcoms.

Steve McPherson, president of Touchstone Television, was named to the new post of president ABC, Prime Time Entertainment, responsible for the network's prime-time schedule.

ABC-owned Touchstone produces many of the network's prime-time shows, including "Alias" and "Hope and Faith" and "Scrubs" for NBC.

McPherson has less than a month to finish setting the network's prime time fall schedule, which will be presented to advertisers in May.

ABC is firmly ensconced as the fourth-place network this season, behind CBS, NBC and Fox. It is averaging 9.2 million viewers in prime time, down from 10.1 million viewers last season, according to Nielsen Media Research.

ABC is also in fourth place among viewers aged 18-49, the demographic craved by advertisers and the one ABC watches most closely.

The network is also the chief thorn in the sides of Disney chief executive Michael Eisner and chief operating officer Jeffrey Werth, who have pledged to shareholders to make a turnaround at ABC, their top priority.

As part of the shake-up, Mark Pedowitz was named president of Touchstone Television.
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As soon as he touched a policeman in a rude, angry manner, it's battery," Mersich said, explaining that on the department's "force continu um," officers are required to exert enough force to "one-up" the person who confronts them. South Bend police officers responded by placing Attea on the ground outside the bar and informing him he was under arrest, at which point he refused to put one of his hands behind his back, Mersich said. "These things happen so fast," he said. "We always try to err on the side of safety.

"We have Frisbee on [South Quad] from 2 to 5 p.m.," Russell said. "Everyone can come, if they are wearing a shirt and pants.

A group dinner will follow Frisbee, in the South Dining Hall, and finally, a group picture will be taken at 7:30 p.m.

Russell also said the GSA will not be approaching the administration today with a request for club status on campus, but has an open letter being put together.

"We have an open letter, which is the letter we wrote to the administration saying that a mistake was made, and they need to recognize a place for straight and gay students to come together," he said. "It will be presented probably by the end of the school year, depending on how many signatures we get."

The campaign by the GSA has been primarily sponsored by the departments of sociology and anthropology, according to Russell.

"They have been wonderful to us," he said.

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IRAQ

Blasts rock police stations, killing 55, injuring hundreds

Nearly simultaneous bombs hit three stations, police academy in Basra; dead include 10 children on school buses

Associated Press

BASRA — A series of explosions ripped through three police stations and a police academy in the southern Iraqi city of Basra Wednesday, killing at least 55 people, including some 10 schoolchildren, and injuring at least 238, officials said.

Three near simultaneous blasts targeted police stations at rush hour in Basra. At about the same time, a fourth explosion ripped through the police academy in the Basra suburb of Zubair. An hour later another blast targeted the same police academy.

Forty-five people were killed in the police station blasts and 10 were killed in the police academy explosions, officials and witnesses said. The injured included two British soldiers at the police academy. Maj. Hisham al-Halawi, spokesman for British forces in Basra, told Al-Arabiya television.

The attacks came a day after Iraqi leaders named a tribunal of judges and prosecutors to try Saddam Hussein, placing a Baathist inner circle against him and his former Baathist inner circle.

At one station in the Saudia district of Basra, four vehicles were seen destroyed including two school vans that were parking that station at the time of the attack. One was carrying students from a girls' middle school and the other carried kindergarten students. Some 10 children were among the dead, Iraqi Police Col. Kadhim al-Muhamedawi said. It was not immediately clear which bus they came from.

Cars outside of the station were charred. The interior of one of the school buses was burned out, the seats shredded.

British forces who rushed to the scene were being hampered by angry protesters, said a Ministry of Defense spokeswoman in London, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The facade of the Saudia station was also heavily damaged and there was a hole 6-feet deep and 9-feet wide in front of the Saudia station.

More than 40 dead and 200 injured from the blast were brought to Basra's Educational Hospital, the city's largest, said Ali Hussein, an emergency physician at the facility. Dozens of bodies could be seen in the morgue and in the hallways of Basra's Educational Hospital.

Another five dead and 36 injured were evacuated to a second hospital, Basra General Hospital, hospital officials said.

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PERU

Catholic cardinal upset by murder investigation

Associated Press

LIMA — Roman Catholic Cardinal Juan Luis Cipriani's ultraconservative views and cozy relationship with fugitive ex-President Alberto Fujimori have frequently helped snare him in Peru's tangled web of political intrigues. But even his adversaries were surprised when he indignantly still don't. He died in September 1990, a debilitating cerebral hemorrhage that left him bedridden. He died in September 1990.

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During the past decade, Cipriani grabbed headlines with his support of security forces in Peru's dirty war against far-leftist Shining Path guerrillas. He said in 1991 that most human rights groups were apologists for Marxist and Maoist organizations. He also offered Fujimori staunch backing during the ex-president's 1990-2000 autocratic government — although he bitterly opposed Fujimori's family planning programs, warning that free condoms would "turn the entire country into a brothel."

But even his adversaries were surprised when he indignantly said: "The investigation was opened after a confidential witness claimed he overheard Montesinos tell a top aide that one of his agents had infiltrated the church and poisoned Vargas Alzamora's food, an attorney general spokeswoman told The Associated Press. She said the case was kept quiet to protect witnesses from public scrutiny, "but unfortunately the one who broke the confidentiality was Cardinal Cipriani himself." Cipriani's complaint prompted friends and foes alike to jump to his defense and accuse the prosecutor, Hector Villar, of everything from grandstanding to carrying out a political vendetta for the cardinal's enemies. "We all agree — prosecutors in Peru are totalitarian. The district attorneys of Peru are fascists. They operate like a Gestapo," constitutional expert Javier Valle Riestra said. "That's why there's a general agreement that the judicial system must be changed."

Even former Justice Minister Fernando Olivera — himself under investigations for allegedly delivering forged documents to discredit Cipriani — criticized the proceedings. Olivera was reported to have traveled to the Vatican in 2001 with letters purporting to show Cipriani sought the "elimination and incineration" of videotapes linking him to Montesinos after the church took money from the spy chief and requested an additional $120,000 "donation."

The letters — one supposedly written by Cipriani, and two others by the Vatican's ambassador to Peru — turned out to be fake. Cipriani later said the probe of Vargas Alzamora's death is yet another attempt to discredit him.

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GAZA STRIP

Four killed as Israel moves to stop rocket attacks

Associated Press

GAZA CITY — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Tuesday that
Israel would keep targeting
Hamas militants after killing
the group’s last two leaders in heli­
copter missile strikes.
In the bloodiest fighting in
weeks, meanwhile, Israeli sol­
diers killed four Palestinians in a
gunfight in the Gaza Strip
meant to stop rocket attacks on
Jewish settlements.
The rocket fire came in
response to Israel’s assassina­
tion of Abdel Aziz Rantisi,
leader of the militant group,
over the weekend. Rantisi had
replaced Hamas founder Shokh
Ahmed Yassin, who was killed
by Israeli last month.
Sharon said the two would
not be the last to be targeted.
We will fight terror and we
will not let up on them. In that
way we got rid of the first mur­
derer, and in that way a few
days ago we got rid of the sec­
cond murderer, and that is not
the end, Sharon said.

Tuesday’s fighting came as
Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz
visited an Israeli army position
in Gaza, promoting Israel’s "unilateral disengagement"
plan that includes a pullout
from the territory.
Sharon’s Likud Party is to vote
in a referendum on the plan on
May 2.
Sharon and Likud were in the
forefront of settlement building
for decades, and the "disen­
gagement" plan calls for dis­
mantling settlements in the
West Bank and Gaza for the
first time. But Likud leaders are
lining up behind it, and the
rank and file are expected to
vote in favor.
Talking to troops at a post on
the Gaza-Egypt border, scene of
almost daily clashes as the mili­
tary searches for arms smug­
gling tunnels, Mofaz said the
pullout would reduce friction
with the Palestinians.
Even after the withdrawal, he
said, the Israeli military "can
act freely, while remaining in
the area around the Gaza
Strip."

Israel has said it would
reserve the right to attack mili­
tants in Gaza even after its
withdrawal.
The clash in northern Gaza
appeared to foreshadow the
rocket fire.
The barrage of homemade
rockets — 15 over two days —
was one of the largest in
months. The Qassam rockets
not much more than hollow
pipes with fuel and small explo­
sive warheads, exploded in two
blocks of Israeli settlements,
wounding one Israeli and dam­
ing five structures.
On Tuesday, Israeli tanks
rumbled into a buffer zone
between the settlement of
Nissanit in northern Gaza and
the Palestinian town of Beit
Lahiya. The military said some
of the rockets were launched
from there.

Hundreds of Palestinians pel­
ted the tanks with rocks and
firebombs, and then gunmen
joined in. Taking cover behind
a mound of sand, they exchanged
fire with soldiers on a nearby
hill.
Soldiers killed four
Palestinians, including at least
two gunmen, hospital officials
said. A 17-year-old was shot
dead as he climbed on a tank,
the military said. At least 33
Palestinians were wounded, six
critically, hospital officials said.
Four soldiers were slightly
wounded, the military said.
Palestinian health officials ini­
tially said that five Palestini­
ans had been killed but later said
that one of the dead men had
been listed twice under differ­
ent names.
The rocket attacks intensified
after Israeli killed Rantisi and
two of his bodyguards in a mis­
sile strike Saturday night.
Following Rantisi’s killing,
Hamas vowed to carry out "100
unique reprisals."
Anticipating graduation

The sun is shining and it's a beautiful day. The birds' melodic chirping augments our mood even with the hundreds of pounds I've lifted today. Along with my calories burning and sweat streaming from my brow, I give thanks that the leaves are changing and elevators these past four years will be my last. And as I turn to leap against the outer door of the dorm and step into the bright afternoon sunshine, I take note of what is going on around me.

Cars are all over the place and I can see huge beings given in all directions. Everyone is smiling and there is a lot of laughter around the sandal-wearing population around campus. “See you next year,” “Stay in touch,” “Don’t get too much sun,” "I’m just a few of the things I hear. This is how I envision the events that await me in just a few short weeks — graduation.

It’s moving out door and the time-honored tradition of throwing everything you own into boxes and bags and shoveling it into the family sedan in hopes that it will still let the trunk close is in full force. As I put the last of my boxes into the car, I see a familiar thing. The men in yellow hats and coats are out again, lawn chairs nearby, asking for a return to the student before granting you the right to park on the University grass. The cars are lined up down the street while the bicycle, loaded heavily with a Ford Explorer. My father snaps me back to attention.

“Son? Are you ready to go,” my father asks me.

“No, not yet,” I say. “I have something I need to do first.”

“Take your time,” he says. He ventures into the dorm and heads for the TV lounge. All the parties and tests and papers are over now. The mindless hours of studying and socializing have been completed. I deliberately hoist up onto the hope that they will bring as much reward to me in the future as the process in which I completed them did I had the time of my life. Though that’s not what consumes my mind. I learned about love and friendship, dedication and passion, disappointment and hurt, but most of all I learned about myself.

And after four years among the best there are, I know that I have a long way to go. It all boils down to one thing. Slowly, I make my way down to the Grotto, trying to take everything in — the shade of blue in St. Mary’s Lake, the lush green of the well-watered grass, the smell of summer. It’s important that I remember this moment, I tell myself, because it’s what I’m going to be working for in the next years to come. One goal. So hard, but so difficult. Walking ever slower, I finally make it down the steps to the Grotto.

There are quite a few people here, the weekend of graduation having sent many into mutual states of prayer and reflection. But although it’s busy and has been many times before, it never loses its personal value to me. The candles represent more than wax, a glass and a small harmless flame — they symbolize wants and dreams and the future. And as I twist and turn my way through the crowd and past the gate leading to the candles I realize that I am different. I, too, want to bless the Grotto, trying to take everything in — the shade of blue in St. Mary’s Lake, the lush green of the well-watered grass, the smell of summer. It’s important that I remember this moment, I tell myself, because it’s what I’m going to be working for in the next years to come. One goal. So hard, but so difficult. Walking ever slower, I finally make it down the steps to the Grotto.

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Lymphangioleiomyomatosis: This disease is foreign to most readers, but all too familiar to the women who suffer from this deadly lung disease. When I was first diagnosed with this disease — LAM — for short, the doctors warned me to avoid Internet searches and the devastating reality of what this prognosis entails. Clearly, as soon as I arrived home, I searched for LAM.

Within a few weeks, I learned that there are fewer than 600 women in the United States with LAM and that on average, one lives eight and a half years after diagnosis. This disease usually causes my lungs to decay and I would be plagued by more instances of shortness of breath than I had already suffered. Just a few hours before, I had been in the doctor's office, anticipating a clean bill of health and permission to return to classes. Suddenly, my thoughts focused on a life cut short by LAM.

Yet, within a few weeks, even with LAM in the back of my mind, life went on. Along the way, students were praying that it wasn't the right diagnosis and we found signs of hope among it all. Most of this hope comes from the LAM Foundation. The director, whose daughter has LAM, reminded me that an 80-year-old woman has been diagnosed with the disease and is still active and playing tennis.

In contrast, the stories of the many women who die within a few years of being diagnosed are disheartening. LAM doesn't follow any rules or one certain path. When most people heard I had been diagnosed, they couldn't believe it. No LAM, no lung disease. As much as I celebrate my results, I commiserate with those who have to wait to celebrate the discovery of a cure. Please be a part of the search for a cure by celebrating the May 21st, which is National LAM Awareness Day, by donating to the search for a cure in December. The doctors performed extensive tests to determine what LAM was manifest in my body. What they found was, well, I had no signs of LAM. It was a miracle. They had seemed sure a few months before. When the biopsy was sent to another institution, it came back negative. No LAM, no lung disease. As much as I celebrate my results, I commiserate with those who have to wait to celebrate the discovery of a cure. Please be a part of the search for a cure by celebrating the May 21st, which is National LAM Awareness Day, by donating to the search for a cure.

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**Latest release proves McLaughlin's poetry**

By CHRIS KEPNER
Some Music Critic

It is terribly frustrating to watch the music world continue in its obsession with classification. Genres, sub-genres, periods, styles... we can't seem to be at peace until we've given everything a name. What is "jazz," "classical," "rock," "rap," anyway? And when musicians cross the lines that we draw, we just make up new names. Fusion, Acid-jazz, Hip-Hop, Drum & Bass, House, Trance. Why do we bother with this? Isn't music supposed to be about feeling? About the communication of emotions? The best musicians are those that ignore all of the buzzwords out there and simply create.

**Thieves and Poets**
John McLaughlin
Tower Records

Guitarist John McLaughlin has been around for quite a while and has long been a proponent of imagination and innovation in music. He grew up in England in a highly intellectual and musical family. When he was in his twenties he was invited to New York to play with Tony Williams and Miles Davis, and thus began a long career of playing with some of the best musicians in the world. His large body of work is extremely varied and impressive. One credit that deserves special note is that McLaughlin performed on Miles' landmark "Bitches Brew" recording, and a song on that recording was actually named after him.

In addition to a typical list of musical influences that includes Davis, John Coltrane, Bach, Mozart, Ravel and others, McLaughlin was inspired by Indian music. His first group as a leader was called the Mahavishnu Orchestra, which gets its name from McLaughlin's given Hindu name: Narender. Needless to say, Indian philosophy and culture have greatly impacted upon him. He has spent a great deal of time living in India and has been a proponent of imagining what a fusion of Indian music and jazz standards arranged with classification. Genres, sub-genres, periods, styles... we can't seem to be at peace until we've given everything a name. What is "jazz," "classical," "rock," "rap," anyway? And when musicians cross the lines that we draw, we just make up new names. Fusion, Acid-jazz, Hip-Hop, Drum & Bass, House, Trance. Why do we bother with this? Isn't music supposed to be about feeling? About the communication of emotions? The best musicians are those that ignore all of the buzzwords out there and simply create.

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**The prince of funk returns**

By BECCA SAUNDERS
Some Music Critic

Known by most as the artist formerly known as Prince, the majority of college students today do not know who Prince is beyond that call line and "Tonight when the telephone rings it's '999." Well they may not know him as of right now, but the world is about to be reintroduced to his Highness of Funk and Pop. Prince's newest album "Musicology" has already been deemed a huge success and tremendous comeback. In an album that sounds exactly like what one would imagine "funk" to sound like, Prince makes his rank clear within the world of pop. With his two most recent albums floating, one would think Prince would have resigned and accepted defeat, but this 45 year old was hardly discouraged. "Musicology" is a soulful, at times upbeat, and times more contemplative, album that is simply well done. Even listeners who aren't necessarily funk fans can't help but feel the soul in this album. Prince plays most of the instruments throughout the album himself and in doing so created impressively original material that only he could perform. Prince himself admits that in creating "Musicology," he was not looking to sell records, or gain an audience. He just wrote the funk he loved, returning to his roots and doing a consistently impressive job throughout the album.

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**ALBUM REVIEW**

Janet's latest proves to be just average

By SHAWTINA FERGUSON
Some Music Critic

If Janet Jackson's recent Super Bowl performance was any indication that her "wardrobe malfunction" was not in vain, "Damita Jo," would be sexy and full of surprises then her "workload malfunctions" was not in vain. "Damita Jo," titled after Jackson's middle name, provides a growing Jackson fan club with a respectable mix of pop, funk, rock and roll and rhythm and blues. Jackson collaborators include guest pro- ducers Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis for her eighth studio recorded project. But each song has layers of Influences extending into nearly every musical genre. Funk, R&B, soul, hip-hop, rock and roll all make momentary and repeating appearances on the album. With "Fly or Die," guitar, whistling, beats and rhyme all find a home together. Perhaps these songs all day long. Just looking at these artists in line to work with The Neptunes, obviously the talent of this duo is something that has taken the music industry by storm.

So, what happens when these song producers take their production talents to their own music? N.E.R.D. is not the Neptunes. Describing themselves on their Web site, the trio says, "N.E.R.D. is the offspring of the Neptunes id, a fly-or-die, thrash-around, do-as-you-will, set your-sool-on-fire-ain't-no-length-of-no-rule, adheres to no agenda... a trio whose chemistry allows the uninhibited exploration of all sounds, emotions and impulses of self and society, of identity and belonging. Of life." "Unhumbled exploration of sounds" is the perfect way to describe N.E.R.D.'s second album "Fly or Die" released in March. A follow up to their debut "In Search Of... "Fly or Die" has the initial feel of hip-hop, but each song has layers of influences extending into nearly every musical genre. Funk, R&B, soul, hip-hop, rock and roll all make momentary and repeating appearances on the album. With "Fly or Die," guitar, whistling, beats and rhyme all find a home together. Perhaps these songs all day long. Just looking at these artists in line to work with The Neptunes, obviously the talent of this duo is something that has taken the music industry by storm.  

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Some Music Critic

Jackson collaborates with long time friends, Pharrell Williams and Chad Hugo, the Neptunes have worked with most of the MTV pop, rap, rock and R&B stars of the day, including Justin Timberlake, Britney Spears, Jay-Z, Gwen Stefani, Nelly, Snoop, Mystikal, Kelis, Busta Rhymes ... the list goes on. Just looking at these "catchy hooks that leave people humming"

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NBA PLAYOFFS

Netss dominate Knicks to take 2-game lead

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Once again, the New Jersey Nets were the soundest of heartless foes and the best basketball players.

The mismatch also known as the Knicks' series ended the fourth night, New York showing its superiority over the amorphous and banged-up opponent in a 99-81 victory.

The Nets opened a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series, which resumes Thursday night at New York.

The Knicks weren't as docile as they were in Game 1, when Tim Thomas was flagrantly fouled and injured, but they didn't put up all that much of a fight.

"I think they were aggressive, but I don't think they were more physical," Kenyon Martin said.

Jason Kidd and Martin led the way as the Nets took control in the second quarter, and New Jersey led by as many as 22 points, defeating the Knicks for the 14th time in their last 16 meetings.

Martin led New Jersey with 22 points and 16 rebounds, and he also had the most egregious foul of the game midway through the third quarter. Although it was not a flagrant foul, he reached around from behind Dikembe Mutombo and slammed violently at his arms, then shoved Mutombo in the back to earn a technical foul.

"I just wanted to fool him. I didn't want to get a tech," said Martin, who was angrier on the previous possession when he was elbowed in the nose by Mutombo.

"Emotions were running high."

Ricardo Jefferies also had a harder-than-usual foul, chasing down Stephon Marbury and clobbering him as he went up for a layup in a fast break. Marbury jumped up quickly and appeared ready to confront Jefferies. However, Jefferies went the other way — perhaps remembering he already had been called for a technical foul — and walked to the bench during the game.

"I just wanted to make sure he didn't get an 'and-one,'" Jefferies said. "He's a competitor. I'm a competitor. I'm not going to do that to hurt him. I have too much respect for him and too much respect for the game of basketball." 

As for the Nets, "I thought we were more physical," Kenyon Martin said.

New Jersey then opened the fourth quarter with a 10-4 run to end all doubt. The Nets went on a 23-4 run spanning the third and fourth quarters to give the Nets a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series.

With an erratic O'Neal watching from the bench and a tough Antawn Jamison watching from home because of a suspension, Austin Croshere and Jonathan Bender ignited a lifeless Pacers' bench late in the third quarter.

Croshere hit a 3-pointer at the close of the period and Bender followed him with a ridiculous corner 3-pointer that gave the Pacers an 82-72 lead with 5:21 to play and left the Celtics feeling like an opportunity to steal a game was wasted.

The series moves to Boston for Game 3 on Friday night.

"We all took this and placed it on our shoulders to turn this game around," said Bender, who finished with 11 points and seven rebounds.

Paul Pierce led the Celtics with 27 points, but again struggled from the field despite the absence of Antetokounmpo, the Nets' defensive player of the year.

A Harrington was the only "starter" on the floor during Indiana's surge, and he is normally the team's sixth man. He was filling in for Antetokounmpo, suspended for one game by the NBA on Monday for leaving the bench during a confrontation in the Pacers' Game 1 win.

Antetokounmpo took just a few steps onto the court when O'Neal tangled with Boston rookie Brandon Hunter, but the league deemed it enough of an infraction to hand out the suspension.

The Nets open the conference semifinals against thePhiladelphia 76ers on Friday night.
NHL PLAYOFFS

Maple Leafs defeat Senators to advance

Associated Press

TORONTO — The Ottawa Senators still haven’t figured out how to beat the Toronto Maple Leafs.

So for the fourth time in five years, the Senators are going home early from the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Ed Belfour made 36 saves and Joe Nieuwendyk scored twice on a shaky Patrick Lalime as the Maple Leafs advanced to the second round by beating the Senators 4-1 Tuesday night in Game 7.

Ottawa is 0-4 in series against Toronto and 0-4 in Game 7s overall. The Senators avoided the Maple Leafs in last year’s playoffs and reached Game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals before losing to Stanley Cup champion New Jersey.

The Maple Leafs, who led 3-0 after first period, will meet the Flyers in the second round — beginning with Game 1 on Thursday night in Philadelphia.

Toronto enforcement Tie Domi sparked Toronto by assisting on the first goal. Nieuwendyk added two weak goals on Lalime, who was replaced by backup Martin Prusak to start the second.

Following Ottawa’s double overtime victory in Game 6 on Sunday, Senators owner Eugene Melnyk predicted his team would win Game 7 easily.

“We’re going to kill ‘em,” he said.

Ottawa captain Daniel Alfredsson also vowed his team would win the series after the Senators lost Game 5. It wasn’t to be, largely because of Lalime’s poor play. The goalie, who struggled this season, allowed three goals on just 11 shots.

Belfour, who tied an NHL record by recording three shutouts in series, looked spectacular again. Fans chanted “Tie, Tie” throughout.

Toronto won the series despite being outshot 238-154, and Maple Leafs coach Pat Quinn called Belfour his best player all year.

Ottawa was helped by quick starts, setting an NHL record by scoring first in all seven games.

Toronto won the series despite the absence of captain Mats Sundin for the final three games because of a lower body injury. Owen Nolan missed the entire series because of a knee injury.

Domi sparked Toronto by checking defenseman Anton Volchenkov into the boards, stripping the puck from him, and skating behind the net.

Domi then turned and passed to Chad Kilger, who scored at 6:19 of the first.
Cubs end Pirates winnings streak in 9-1 win

Associated Press

PTTTSBURGH — Alex Gonzalez homered, doubled and drove in four runs in four innings and the Chicago Cubs beat up on Ryan Vogelsong for the second time in a week, defeating the Pittsburgh Pirates 9-1 Tuesday afternoon.

Corey Patterson, Todd Walker and Michael Barrett also connected off Vogelsong as Chicago (2-0) extended its season-best nine-game winning streak. The Cubs are the first team to not yield more than four runs in each of its first seven games since the 1988 Texas Rangers, according to the Elias Sport Bureau.

Zach Day (1-1) limited the Mets to four hits in seven innings. Luis Ayala pitched the eighth, and Rocky Biddle yielded just six pitches to complete the four-hitter and get his third save in three chances.

David Weathers (1-1) relieved Al Leiter to start the eighth and Vudro, his first batter, connected on a 3-2 pitch. Montreal had gone 18 innings without an extra-base hit since Brian Schneider’s seventh-inning triple Sunday at Philadelphia. Leiter allowed one run and five hits in seven innings, striking out four. He had a 2.91 innings scoreless streak dating to Sept. 17 when Montreal scored on him fifth or sixth. I don’t hear you saying that. New Marlins manager Jack McKeon joked. “Even the best hitters take a collar once in a while.”

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NCAA

NCAA to investigate recruitment scandals

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Denouncing “a culture of entitlement” in which recruits are treated as campus celebrities and in some cases plied with sex and alcohol, the NCAA will give immediate attention to reforms prompted in large part by the University of Colorado recruiting scandal.

Normally, the association can take months or years to implement a change of rules, but President Myles Brand has asked that the proposals be treated as “emergency legislation” and be put into effect this summer.

“I think there’s no question the Colorado situation acted as a catalyst for the task force,” Brand said after a two-hour meeting of the Division 1 Management Council, which heard the recommendations on Tuesday.

“The problem existed, and probably later rather than sooner we would have addressed it. But with the catalyst, we addressed it now in a more efficient time frame,” he said.

Brand formed the task force in February following allegations by two women who said Colorado football players or recruits raped them at a party in 2001. A third woman said she was assaulted in a dorm room shortly afterward, and since 1997, at least eight women have accused Colorado football players of rape.

“Coach Gary Barnett was suspended pending investigations of whether the football program used sex and alcohol to entice recruits, and the university last month announced new guidelines for recruiting visits, including one night’s stay instead of two. There also will be an 11 p.m. curfew, all activities will be supervised by parents or coaches, and recruits will be prohibited from going to bars, strip clubs or private parties.

“Colorado hoped to address the culture of entitlement by putting in place certain restrictions, and that’s important,” Brand said. “We can argue about whether they’re the right restrictions or not.

“But part of the issue is the accountability. A single institution cannot address national accountability,” he said. “For that, you do need a national organization, one that also has the ability to sanction when things go wrong. So the task force actually goes much further than Colorado could possibly have gone by itself.”

The task force recommendations include a requirement that each NCAA school adopt a written policy on recruiting and who is to be held accountable for compliance.

NFL

Clarett appeals to Supreme Court

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Maurice Clarett filed an emergency appeal with the U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday to try to force his way into this weekend’s NFL draft.

Clarett’s attorney, Alan Milstein, asked for a stay of a decision by the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals preventing the former Ohio State tailback from entering the draft.

“We’re hoping justice will prevail and Mr. Clarett will play football — which is what he was born to do and which is what he is ready to do,” Milstein said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

Monday’s federal appeals court decision put on hold a lower-court ruling that said the NFL can’t force players to wait three years after high school before turning pro.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg will handle the case.

The NFL said Clarett has little chance of success at the Supreme Court.

“THERE was ample support for the ruling of the 2nd Circuit, which thoroughly considered and completely rejected the arguments that Mr. Clarett’s lawyers have presented to the Supreme Court,” NFL executive vice president Jeff Pash said.

On Monday, Southern California sophomore receiver Mike Williams filed his own lawsuit in federal court in Manhattan, saying the NFL had issued conflicting statements about eligibility for the draft, thus causing him to sacrifice his college career.

If they wind up being eligible, Williams would be expected to go in the first round of the draft, while Clarett might not be taken until the second or third round.

Clarett argued in Tuesday’s filing that the NFL would not suffer any harm if he is allowed in the draft — but he would be harmed if he is blocked.

Clarett led Ohio State to a national title as a freshman, but he was ruled ineligible as a sophomore for accepting money from a family friend and for lying about it to NCAA and university investigators. Williams declared for the draft after a lower court ruled in Clarett’s favor.

Clarett, 20 and out of high school two years, would be eligible for the draft next year under the current rule.

He dropped out of classes at Ohio State after the winter quarter, then declined to work out for scouts at the NFL’s combine in Indianapolis in February.

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Hunter says altercation results from aggressive play

Indianapolis — Boston Celtics rookie Brandon Hunter was not trying to start a fight with Indiana Pacers star Jermaine O'Neal when he pulled him to the ground in Game 1 of their playoff series, Hunter said Tuesday. Speaking for the first time since the altercation, which ultimately caused Pacers forward Ron Artest to be suspended for Game 2, Hunter said he was simply playing aggressive and got tangled with O'Neal under the basket. "I'm not even that type of player," Hunter said during the shootaround prior to Game 2. "I just went in there to be aggressive and try to get a rebound." In the second quarter of Indiana's 104-88 win on Saturday, Hunter grabbed O'Neal and threw him to the floor. O'Neal got up and immediately confronted Hunter, then drew a technical for yelling at Celtics guard Ricky Davis. Artest, who was on the bench at the time, started onto the court when he saw O'Neal lose his composure, but turned and headed back to the bench after about four steps. Nevertheless, the league suspended him for Game 2. After the game, and the next day at practice, Pacers coach Rick Carlisle and O'Neal both said they believe Hunter was put in the game to bait O'Neal into an ejection. "They had a young, strong player throwing an MVP candidate on the floor, and it looked like he was doing it intentionally," Carlisle said. Celtics coach John Carroll strongly denied the allegations. "Brandon Hunter wasn't sent in the game to do anything because Brandon Hunter didn't even match up with Jermaine O'Neal. He was matched up with Al Harrington," Carroll said Tuesday. "It was kind of an unfortunate situation." Hunter said he wasn't bothered by Carlisle's remarks and that O'Neal was the one who initiated physical play under the basket. "To me, whatever, I really don't care what he had to say, how he felt," Hunter said. "I know I didn't do it on purpose. If it had been me trying to foul him on purpose, it would have been a lot more worse than that."
Thompson to follow father as Hoyas coach

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — John Thompson III won't have to spend a little bit of time trying to prove himself in the nation's capital. His name alone will draw interest. The elder Thompson coached Georgetown to a national championship in 1984. John's son. I think we'll be successful with him."

The elder Thompson coached the Hoyas for 27 years, turning a little-known program into a perennial national powerhouse. With Patrick Ewing at center, Georgetown made three appearances in the NCAA title game in the 1980s, winning the championship in 1984.

Thompson resigned in 1999 and now works as a TV analyst, and the Hoyas haven't been the same since. His longtime assistant, Craig Esherick, couldn't live up to the Thompson standard and was fired last month after going 103-74.

Attendance sagged, the program lost money, and the Hoyas made just one NCAA tournament appearance under Esherick. They lost their last nine games this season, and the 13-15 record was Georgetown's worst in 31 years.

Now comes Thompson III, whose name alone will draw immediate comparisons to the campus legend. The elder Thompson — whom Thompson III calls "Pops" — sat proudly in the front row at Tuesday's news conference.

"He is my son — that holds a lot," guard Ashanti Cook said. "Big John's son. I think we'll be successful with him."

The elder Thompson declined interview requests, saying through a university spokesman that he wanted the day to belong to his son. The former coach also did not appear as usual on a local radio talk show. A handful of coaches have succeeded their fathers in Division I basketball, but the only true comparison for Thompson III is Joey Meyer, who immediately followed his father, Ray, at DePaul in 1984. The younger Meyer was widely considered a good coach, but his career was overshadowed by the fact that he never achieved the success of his father.

The younger Thompson, 38, comes with a successful track record. He led Princeton to a 68-42 record over four seasons, including Ivy League titles and NCAA tournament berths in 2000-01 and 2003-04. The Tigers went 20-8 this season, losing to Texas in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

But Thompson III will have to change his recruiting approach at Georgetown. Although big schools stress academics, the Hoyas like to require both Ivy League grades and Big East talent. University President John DeGioia said he chose Thompson III in part because he "wants fairly with integrity," but DeGioia also listed restoring national championship as a goal.

While Thompson III grew up on Georgetown's campus, he spent his adult life at Princeton, where he played for the Tigers before becoming an assistant under Hall of Fame Pete Carril. He said his style could incorporate influences from both schools, although the methocdical Princeton offense would be a challenge to run in the Big East.

"Maybe you see a little bit of Pops in there, and maybe a little bit of Coach (Carrill)," Thompson III said.

The deadline is April 28, 2004.

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NBA

LeBron James of the Cleveland Cavaliers dives for a loose ball in front of Clifford Robinson of the Golden State Warriors during the fourth quarter of their game at Gund Arena in Cleveland on April 3.

James honored as NBA’s top rookie

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — More than 45 minutes late to a news conference, LeBron James was one teen who didn’t need an excuse. He’s exhausted.

“They had to drag me out bed to put this suit on,” James said Tuesday, when he won the NBA Rookie of the Year award. “I didn’t want to get out. I thought I was going to work when they woke me up this morning.”

Hey, saving the Cleveland Cavaliers is hard work, and the 19-year-old James put the final touch on a remarkable season by becoming the rookie award’s youngest recipient.

“I knew I would make an impact this year,” said James, who easily beat Denver’s Carmelo Anthony, also 19. “And I guess I did.”

The 6-8 guard made the jump from prep to pro look easy. The No. 1 overall draft pick did more than just post jaw-dropping statistics night after night: He transformed Gund Arena into a hot spot, and he gave Cleveland fans reason to hope.

“He proved to all of us that he is up for a challenge,” said Anthony, the No. 2 overall pick. “People look easy. The No. 1 overall draft pick did more than just post jaw-dropping statistics night after night: He transformed Gund Arena into a hot spot, and he gave Cleveland fans reason to hope.”

IN BRIEF

Indiana recruit to skip college for draft

MOUTH OF WILSON, Va. — One of the top-rated high school basketball players in the country announced Tuesday he would skip college next season and enter the NBA draft.

Josh Smith, a 6-foot-8, 214-pound senior at Oak Hill Academy, signed a national letter of intent with Indiana in November, making up part of what some analysts considered the nation’s best recruiting class.

“After discussions with my family and coaches, I believe that entering the NBA draft is the best decision for me and my family,” Smith said in a statement.

Smith has already played in several high school all-star games this year, indicating his jump to the NBA was all but assured. NCAA rules permit players to compete in two all-star games following their final high school season or else forfeit their first year of eligibility in college.

Smith is being touted as a potential top-10 draft pick. He led Oak Hill to a 38-0 record this season while averaging 22 points, eight rebounds, three steals, four assists and six blocks.

Two offensive linemen resign with Colts

INDIANAPOLIS — Starting offensive tackle Ryan Diem and offensive guard Rick DeMulling have signed one-year offers for $1.368 million each with the Indianapolis Colts, leaving the team with two unsigned restricted free agents.

Diem, a fourth-round selection out of Northern Illinois in 2001, started eight of 15 games as a rookie and all 16 games in 2002 at right guard. He moved to right tackle last season and started 13 of 16 games.

“He wants to be in Indy, there’s no doubt about it,” his agent, Cliff Brady, said Tuesday. “He’s certainly happy to get another year, and hopefully the Colts will want to re-sign him to a long-term deal. If they don’t, there won’t be a shortage of teams coming after him.”

Diem will become an unrestricted free agent next year.

If he had signed with another team this year, the Colts could have matched any offer or received a first-round draft pick in compensation.

“There were teams that showed interest this year, but not at the first-round level,” Brady said. “There was a team willing to give us up a second-round pick for him, but the Colts didn’t want to do it.”

DeMulling, a seventh-round selection from Idaho in 2001, played sparingly as a rookie, but started 14 games in 2002 and all 16 regular-season games and three playoff games last season at left guard. He signed the offer with the Colts last week, but the team did not confirm the signing until Tuesday.

Starting cornerback Nick Harper and backup running back Dominic Rhodes still have not re-signed with Indianapolis.

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Lopez already drawing comparisons to ND greats

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Senior Staff Writer

Irish coach Paul Mainieri thinks that maybe the city officials of Upper Arlington, Ohio, have been putting something in their water.

After all, the city that produced former Notre Dame center-fielder and American Steve Stanley has now sent current shortstop Greg Lopez to the Irish.

"I love Greg Lopez. He reminds me so much of Steve Stanley, who happens also to be from Upper Arlington, Ohio, so I don't know if its something in the water up there or not," Mainieri said. "They both share the same passion for life, and whatever they are doing, they just do it full blast."

Lopez' all-out attitude has paid off dividends for the Irish this season. The sophomore currently leads No. 4 Notre Dame in batting with an average of .373. Lopez was also named Big East Player of the Week this week for going 10- for-19 at the plate in six games with six RBIs and four runs scored, combined with four errors in the field.

"Greg Lopez gets on that baseball field and just plays the game full tilt. He never lets up," Paul Mainieri Irish Coach Lopez finished the season with a .250 batting average, but with great potential for improvement in the future.

Mainieri, who has never been hesitant to play freshmen early and often, stuck with Lopez and made it clear to the youngster that the starting spot at shortstop was his for the taking in 2005.

"I always knew [Lopez] could hit. When I scouted that kid in high school, I just thought he was a good hitter," Mainieri said. "Last year was an aberration, and I think it was partly because he was a freshman. This year, he's playing more like I thought he could play, and I think it's made us a better team frankly."

In fact, Lopez is in the midst of a season that could end up as one of the best all-around years for any shortstop in the Mainieri era. In the past 10 seasons, the highest batting average by an Irish shortstop was posted by Brian Ust, whose .372 mark is one point behind Lopez's current .373 average.

Defensively, Lopez has been just as stellar, committing just 10 errors in 34 games played this year, while tallying 26 error-free games. Alec Porzel, who posted a .957 fielding percentage in 2001, is the only other Irish shortstop in the last 10 years to post a better fielding percentage than Lopez's current mark of .960.

"My defense has been what I have to focus on, not so much my offense," Lopez said. "I need to stay aggressive and really make a play on the ball instead of having a ground ball make a play on me."

As just a sophomore, Lopez already has the honor of being mentioned among the list of some recent Notre Dame greats. But even with that, Lopez knows that he cannot sit on his current praise and must continue to improve both at bat and in the field.

"I'm excited to be right among some of the best shortstops in recent Notre Dame history, especially as just a sophomore," he said. "I'm going to just keep doing what I have been, and try to help the team out any way I can."

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Belles prepare for key game

Today's single game against Bethel is a chance to get ready for MIAA tournament.

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

This could perhaps be the biggest week of the season for the Belles. Saint Mary's will play one game today, instead of their accustomed doubleheaders, which will be extremely important for the remainder of their season.

The game with Bethel will be a warm up of sorts for tournament play, in that it will give the Belles an opportunity to play only one game for the first time since their match up with Purdue-North Central March 25.

The MIAA tournament format involves one single game instead of the doubleheaders which teams play all season in league play.

Belles' head coach Anna Welsh has stated that it will be important to grow accustomed to that change in scheduling if the team manages to make the tournament.

Today's game will be important in another way as well. If the Belles can win, they will have two straight wins under their belts, including a tough 2-1 eight inning win over Saint Xavier's on Sunday, that they could use as confidence heading into Kalamazoo on Thursday.

Although Kalamazoo is 0-12 in the league, and 4-23 overall, it is imperative that the Belles win both of the games to put them in the best position possible for league play.

Saint Mary's has been blessed with outstanding hitting all season and solid pitching. Several players are batting above .300, lead by Erin Sullivan who is hitting .342.

Kate Sajewich has been stellar on the mound all season, posting an ERA slightly above 2.00.

Today's game against Bethel will be played at Notre Dame. The first pitch will be at 6:30 p.m.

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Steve said.

"I actually heard one girl say I was hotter than Brady [Quinn]."

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Rainout

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Irish to cancel their game with the Boilermakers. In 2001, a meeting with the Boilermakers scheduled to take place at South Bend's Cosevski Stadium was rained out, while in 2002, the two teams could not play due to a conflict with a Purdue-Indiana game that had to be rescheduled due to weather.

No. 4 Notre Dame (30-5) will attempt to schedule another game as makeup before the end of the regular season in order to fill out the 56-game schedule.

Notre Dame next returns to the field today at 5 p.m. as the Irish are scheduled to host the University of Toledo (10-23) at the phenomenal mention freshman All-American by Rivals.com at the end of the season. He is using these experiences this spring to read the line before Badraw, Pauly and Tuck can return.

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Wildcats

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one goal before scoring their last two with under one minute to play, at that point is mattered only for statistical purposes.

Northeastern, on the other hand, found enough second-half footing to bury the Irish. Wildcats Kristin Kjellman opened the Boogadoo, scoring 12 seconds into the half, and her teammates followed up with five more goals.

Cronin was hopeful that Saturday's loss against No. 5 Georgia could inject some life into her team as they head into the stretch run of the season. She got what was a flat performance.

"We just did not show up to play at all today. There might be some residual from that (loss)," she said.

Few things went right for the Irish all day. Goalie Carol Dixon received a yellow card in the second half and had to be replaced by freshman backup Katie Linhares for three minutes, her first action of the season.

"(Linhares) did well," Coyne said. "She had to go in at a crucial time in the game and she made a save and cleared the ball out safely which was huge for the team, but we could not capitalize on it."

Perhaps the sole bright spot for the Irish was their defense. Notre Dame has stonewalled opposing offenses, preventing 10 of its last 11 opponents from tallying double-digit goals. But the irish offense struggled mightily all day.

"The defense played extremely well, it was the attack that let us down," Coyne said. "We just never controlled the ball and didn't really settle in and run any of our plays.

For Notre Dame to turn things around quickly will not be an easy task. Three of the team's last four games are against top 15 opponents, No. 9 Johns Hopkins, No. 10 Vanderbilt and No. 13 Syracuse. As the season draws to a close, Coyne realizes that time is running short for her team to avoid these types of mental lapses.

"If we want to be a championship team then we need to develop the intangible toughness that it takes to compete under all different types of conditions facing all different types of challenges," she said. "How we respond to this is going to show a lot about our character. Hopefully we're strong enough to be able to rebound."

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D-Line

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starting four games and playing in 12 last year, he has his sights set high in 2004.

"I want to be the best I can be and help this team out the best way I can," Abiamiri said. "I want to improve on my consistency, I want to be an All-American." And for Abiamiri, he is just now becoming familiar with the system after a season of learning. "Mentally, I know the system," he said. "I'm really mastering it. Everything is just coming comfort- ably for me, so I can just sit back and play. I'm faster, quicker, I know what to do rather than thinking about what I have to do."

Abiamiri also said he feels confident playing the nose line as a whole.

"I think we should be able to set records," Abiamiri said. "We have all the talent in the world. I think we're as good as any line in the country, and we'll be one of the best."

Last year as a true freshman, Abiamiri recorded 22 tackles, including 18 for losses and one of six Irish freshmen to earn a monogram. He was also named

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Defensive end Victor Abiamiri, left, and linebacker Derek Curry take a breather during Notre Dame's first spring practice.

Frank Eck Stadium. Sollmann rehabbing well

Injured second baseman Steve Sollmann met with his doctor in Cincinnati last Friday and was told that his fractured jaw is healing very well following surgery.

"I was met with the doctor last Friday," Sollmann said. "He said everything looks good, my bite looks good, and everything was healing quickly."

The senior tri-captain has missed 12 games since breaking his jaw April 3 chassing a fly ball in shallow right field against Villanova.

While Sollmann has not been able to run or do any heavy lifting as of yet, he expects to get back into a training schedule soon.

"I can do a little biking and lifting really light," he said. "I haven't run yet, but pretty soon I should be able to run."

While he did lose some weight right after the injury, Sollmann says he has been able to prevent his weight from dropping too much through diet and some exercise. He says that he is currently only six or seven pounds below his playing weight before the incident.

Sollmann says that while he still doesn't have a return to the Irish lineup, he doesn't have any doubts that he will be able to play again some¬time this season.

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Steve Sollmann, who has been injured during practice, bats in Notre Dame's game against Central Michigan March 23.
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**FOOTBALL**

**Man accused of threatening Willingham indicted**

Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — A Florida man was indicted Tuesday on a charge that he threatened Notre Dame football coach Tyrone Willingham.

Andrew K. French, 24, of Fort Myers, Fla., faces a federal charge of transmitting in interstate commerce, a communication containing a threat to injure.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Donald J. Schmid declined to say who was allegedly threatened, but Willingham confirmed after spring practice on Tuesday that he was the target.

"I think I'm one of many across the country, possibly, that could have received the same threat," Willingham said. "I was the target.

Willingham declined to say how he received the threat or the contents.

"I will only acknowledge that the threat was there and it is something you do take quite seri-

ous," he said.

Willingham said he was aware of the investigation but did not know that French had been indicted, saying he told authorities he did not want to be informed of every step of the process.

Schmid declined to give details of the allegations other than what was included in the indictment, which said the threat was made late last year. The case was investigated by the FBI and the Notre Dame Security-Police Department.

Bryak, director of the campus police department, referred questions about the threat to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

French, who told himself in to U.S. Marshall's office on Monday, made his initial court appearance on Tuesday. He was released on $1,000 cash bond on the conditions that he not step foot on the Notre Dame campus and that he not try to telephone anyone employed by or associated with the university. Schmid said.

French was not a student at Notre Dame, Schmid said. French could not be reached for comment because there was no telephone listing for French in Fort Myers, Fla., or South Bend.

**WOMEN’S LACROSSE**

**The cat's out of the bag**

Irish lose second straight game, fall to Northwestern 9-5

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"I don't want to make any excuses," she said. "The execution just wasn't there, (and) we played like crap.

Both teams sputtered out of the gate, failing to generate any momentum. Irish attack Jackie Bowers finally netted the first goal almost 14 minutes into the game to give Notre Dame a 1-0 lead, but it was the last lead they would see. Still, neither offense was sharp as the teams combined for a meager total of five first half goals. At the intermission, the Wildcats led by only a 3-2 score.

But if Notre Dame had a poor first half, the second half was even worse. A sickly offense became anemic as the Irish managed only a meager total of two goals in the second half. Notre Dame was held scoreless after the half.

"We were able to get a few more breaks on offense," Travis Leitko of the Thunderbolts said. "We found some holes in their defense and were able to

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Irish senior midfielder/attack Meredith Simon fights for position in Notre Dame's game against Ohio State.

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**BASEBALL**

**Purdue matchup cancelled**

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Rain washed out the scheduled game between Notre Dame and Purdue Tuesday night at Frank Eck Stadium.

This marks the third time in the past four years that weather has caused the