Logan construction set to begin
University acquires current site for planned redevelopment

By ANDREW THAGARD
Senior Staff Writer

The Logan Center, a resource facility for people with disabilities located across from Notre Dame on Eddy Street, announced plans for a groundbreaking ceremony for its new building on Monday. The ceremony, scheduled for May 27, will mark the beginning of construction on the new building that is set to open in July 2005.

The Logan Center opened at its current location in the 1960s as a school for people with disabilities. Over the years, the center’s mission became oriented more toward adults as special education programs were introduced into public schools for children.

The new facility will better accommodate the center’s programs and clients but is located farther from Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s and the students who volunteer from there.

The new building will be constructed on a portion of the 7.5 acres on Jefferson Boulevard that was formerly occupied by the Saint Mary’s Hospital building. While it contains less square footage than the current building, it will be easier to access.

This artist’s rendition shows the proposed Logan Center planned for construction at the end of May. The center is expected to open July 2005.

Committee reads ‘The Show’

By JANICE FLYNN
News Writer

While most students are focused on impending exams and their summer plans, members from the Executive Board of “The Show” are thinking ahead to next fall’s concert.

Last year’s concert featuring Black Eyed Peas and Guster drew a record 4,000 students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross to the Joyce Center.

Members of the committee are aiming for 6,000 students for “The Show, Version 3.0,” to be held Friday, Aug. 27th.

“We really want to build upon last year’s success to solidify this as a campus tradition,” said Jimmy Flaherty, Chairman of “The Show.”

The committee is looking at a variety of bands, from rock to hip-hop, country to top 40. A survey will be sent out within the next week asking students for input on the bands’ selection. Flaherty hopes this will enable “The Show” to appeal to students’ varied tastes, as well as boost attendance.

“Last year’s show was extremely diverse in genre with the Black Eyed Peas and then Guster,” said Flaherty. “I think ND/SMC/HCC students showed their enthusiasm for that bill with a record attendance.”

The committee will select the bands by July 1. They will be posted on the website of “The Show,” www.nd.edu/-theshow.

Plans for “The Show” have been well underway for several months.

Marine Corps program trains future officers

By NICOLE ZOOK
News Writer

The Marines truly are the few and the proud on Notre Dame’s campus. However, Captain John H. Williams III doesn’t seem to mind.

“I’ve always felt welcome at Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s,” he said. “I think Notre Dame has been very supportive of my mission to find qualified candidates for the Marine Corps, and I think Notre Dame has a lot of qualified students. And whether they are pursuing or not pursuing the program, they have been professional.”

Williams visits the two campuses on a regular basis. As the Officer Selection Officer for the West Lafayette area, his job is to contact and contact students who are interested in pursuing a career as an officer in the United States Marine Corps.

Officer candidates can contract at any grade level to join the program. Training takes place during either two six-week or one ten-week period during the summer at Officer Candidates School in Quantico, Va.

Williams says that summer training is key to the program.

“This program is focused for a student to remain in school without interruption. You can pursue the program to see if...”

Holy Cross reflects on transition

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However, I want to speak to you about my conclusions at the beginning of something far more important — baseball season.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WILL YOU MISS THE SECURITY MONITORS?

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Eric Huntskowski
Sophomore Zahn
Claire Hipkokener
Junior McGlinn
Katie Mitchell
Junior Pasquerella West
Kristin Valderas
Junior Pasquerella West
Kevin Clemency
Freshman Zahn

"They were always wonderful to me, but it will be better for campus gender relations."

"Security monitors? Fine by me."

"Yes, I love chatting with them in the wee hours of the morning."

"I'll miss them like I miss my momma."

"I just don't want them to be unemployed."

"No, but I will miss my 'roni ca."

OFFBEAT

Woman accused of claiming to be a princess

CHRISTA, Pa. — The government is suing a cafe­ teria worker who received a $2.1 million tax refund by claiming to be a Hawaiian princess and heir to a bil­ lion-dollar estate, authori­ ties said.

The money that the Internal Revenue Service sent last month to Abigail Roberts, 63, who works in Widener University's cafe­ teria, came from funds the real princess had on deposit with the IRS, according to court documents.

Federal authorities say Roberts fooled the IRS by using the social security number of the genuine heiress, Abigail Kinoiki Kekaulike Kawananakoa, on her tax form.

Dog finds money stuffing in old ottoman

CLEVELAND, Tenn. — When Darlene Hall first saw the mess on her front porch, she wanted to kill the herd/blue heeler mix, had pulled from the old brown vinyl ottoman.

The money that was stuffed into some shopping bags and taken it to a friend at a local bank, who gave her phone num­ bers for the Department of the Treasury.

"They said to put it in a box and mail it to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington, D.C., and they would send me a check," said Hall, who bought the ottoman for $1 at a yard sale last year. Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Students from various social action groups are collaborating to host a rally to challenge apathy and celebrate diversity in the struggle for social justice. The rally will take place at the field­ house mall today from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. It will feature free food and live music.

The Class of 2005 is sponsoring a ring blessing ceremony and social at the Grotto tonight at 8:30 p.m. Father Theodore Hesburgh will be available to bless class rings for juniors and seniors.

The Notre Dame Jazz Bands, directed by Larry Dwyer, present their Spring Concert in the Band Building tonight from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Organist Daniel Bayless will present a graduate degree recital in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart tonight from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Admission to this recital is free.

Notre Dame graduate and soprano Danielle Svonavec will present a lecture-recital featuring early music by Monteverdi in the Haggan Family Center on the campus of Saint Mary's College tonight from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Admission is free.

The Notre Dame chapter of the computer science honor society UpTech Pi Epsilon will honor its top juniors, seniors and graduate students and will receive its charter from UPE President Robert Baglio. The ceremony will take place Thursday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Montgomery Theatre. Food and refreshments will fol­ low.

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

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**SMC professor elected to board**

Jensen to be president of taxonomic society

**By KELLY MEEHAN**

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Jensen's obligations to the American Society of Plant Taxonomists are things he does in addition to his responsibilities as a teacher, advisor and member of the College community. His involvement in the society fulfills the expectations of Saint Mary's faculty to be involved in various scholarly pursuits.

Jensen said being named president-elect is one of his biggest honors, out of the many he has received.

He said he is most proud of receiving the 1997 Saint Mary's College Maria Pieta Award for Outstanding Teaching. In 1996 he also received an award for Outstanding Service from the American Society of Plant Taxonomists. He was the only person in the society to receive such an award.

"I think all of us are flattered when we receive special recognition for the things we do, especially when we have not set out to earn such recognition. My teaching and scholarly work happen to be things I enjoy doing. I want to do them well because I know others are relying on me to do just that," Jensen said.

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**ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS!!**

Notre Dame's Office of Undergraduate Admissions is accepting applications for three Admissions Counselor positions!

As part of the Undergraduate Admissions staff, the counselor is expected to make an important contribution to the recruitment and selection of the first-year class by managing operations with prospective applicants and their parents, high school personnel and alumni in an assigned geographic area.

- Responsibilities include extensive planning, travel, communications within the geographic area, assessment and evaluation of applications and conducting group/individual information sessions on campus.

**One position will be an understood one-year assignment with the possibility of permanent employment should a staff opening occur in 2005. (114)**

**One position will include the additional responsibility for recruitment efforts for African American students. (115)**

**One position will likely include the responsibility for recruitment efforts for international students. (116)**

- Candidates should possess a bachelor's degree and familiarity with all aspects of student life at Notre Dame.

- Essential qualities include strong communication and organizational skills, enthusiasm, diplomacy and the willingness to work long hours including many evenings and Saturday mornings.

- Preferred start date is July 1, 2004.

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Admissions Counselor
Job Numbers: 4007-114, 4007-115, 4007-116
Department of Human Resources
University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, IN 46556
Marines

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you really have what it takes. If you've got what we're looking for, and if that's a good fit for you," he said.

Applicants must have good academic standing, pass medical requirements, be physically prepared and have leadership potential.

Six Notre Dame students and two Saint Mary's students are currently enrolled in the program through Williams' office, along with students from IUSB, Bethel, Taylor, IU, Wesleyan, Saint Joseph's, IPFW and Purdue said Gonnem Sgt. David Templeton. Templeton serves as the Officer Selection Assistant in the West Lafayette station.

"Our candidates range anywhere from freshmen to graduating seniors, with various degrees from criminal justice to history to psychology to premed to education with a minor in special education," Templeton said. "They have the opportunity to be a full-time student without a complete obligation to the Marine program."

During the school year, the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's candidates organize their own optional physical training and preparation classes. They may also attend training functions at Purdue, field training exercises and an OCS prep weekend to get a taste of what their experience will be like.

Senior T.J. Laubacher appreciates the opportunities that the program provides. "It has shown me that there's more to life than just being a student and attending classes as a pose," he said.

Laubacher joined the program four years ago as a Platoon Leaders Class candidate. These candidates go to OCS for two-six week periods and can choose to accept a commission as a Second Lieutenant after graduation. He says that he enjoyed his time in the Officer Candidates School. "It is the worst time that you will ever want to have back and laugh at. For multiple reasons it is the closest you will get to hell," Laubacher said. "But it is worth it. It's a challenge, an adventure, something none you will ever face. You're pushed to your ultimate limit and then you exceed it." CANDIDATES are trained rigorously in leadership, academics and physical activities while at OCS.

Saint Mary's senior Jessica Millanes says that Williams and Templeton were crucial to her preparation process.

"Captain Williams and Gunny work at Purdue—they live down there—but they drive up here all the time to train with us. They're very dedicated to what they do," she said. "Last summer when I went I was definitely in shape to perform, and took a lot of preparation to perform for that second summer. But you know what to expect, and you're ready, " Williams admits that preparation for the challenge is key. "This program and the Marine Corps itself is not for everyone, but it definitely will allow you to assess your own abilities, your own mental and physical capabilities," he said. "This program is a good program for that, because the Marine Corps will push you past your known limits. You'll get far more in a six to eight week period than you could imagine in as little as six weeks."

While challenging, the program offers candidates many benefits. Candidates have the opportunity to pursue careers in law and aviation, and chances for travel. Financial benefits are also available as students can receive a stipend to help pay for school. Candidates also jump at the chance for a commission, opting to serve as officers for the Marine Corps.

"It's the path to a commission," Williams said. "Starting off early gives you the chance to really think about it. What do you want to do with your life after graduation? Commissions are great. You have the chance for a commissioning one, and it's the chance for a bright future."

Williams, who has been in the West Lafayette station for just three years, has commissioned sixteen officers. The current officers from his office have been commissioned after OCS graduation, and eight more— including Laubacher and Millanes—will become lieutenants this summer.

After three years as a candidate, Millanes says she looks back and realizes how ready she is for that commission.

"The day I met Captain Williams changed my life. He's had an influential hand in all of our lives," she said. "He and Gunny are outstanding— they lead by example and we've all learned so many lessons from them. They proved to us what we could do and show us what Marines should be."

Millanes said she looks to Williams for guidance in how to be a good officer once she is commissioned. "One day, he told me that he doesn't just look at your collar, but in his heart, and that's the kind of officer I want to be." Contact Nicole Zook at zook8928@SaintMarys.edu

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will boast state-of-the-art kitchen accessible to the public. "Cafe Logan Center," an area that will house a library with internet access, meeting space and food service.

The new building will also have room for a center devoted to aviation.

"This (current) building was built as a school many years ago," said Ann Lagomarcino, head of marketing for the center. "There will be space designed specifically for our curriculum."

The center sold its current building and the land it occupies to Notre Dame. The University's Campus Plan introduced in 2002 calls for realigning Edison Road and constructing a college town development on this land.

While Notre Dame's interest in the property was a benefit for the center, it was not the deciding factor in the organization's decision to move, according to Lagomarcino. "It really needed a new facility and we always knew Notre Dame was keenly interested," she said. "We knew when it came time (to expand) they would be the first buyer we would approach. The timing worked out so we lost it (the University's interest in expanding) didn't impact our move."

The new building will be funded by a $6.2 million capital campaign drive that will also cover move-in costs and furniture and equipment for the facility. So far, the center has raised $3.7 million, pledged mostly from foundations and grants. In its second phase of fundraising, the center plans to appeal to individual donors.

"We're just now getting into the public phase," Lagomarcino said. "A lot of it at this point has been from larger donors."

Although the new facility means new opportunities for the center, its further location from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's may introduce complications in coordinating volunteers from the two campuses.

Currently organizations like Notre Dame Circle K send volunteers to help with a variety of the center's activities like bowls, dances and a Saturday recreation day.

We are going to have to be a little more creative on the transportation but I don't think it will be an intense barrier. There are ways to work around it," Lagomarcino said. "I've been here for 16 years and there are a lot more students who have cars now than there used to be."

The potential, the positive possibilities of the move far outweigh the negatives, Lagomarcino said.

"It's really a nice site, right off the bus line—very convenient," she said. "We will have the option to expand the facility as its need change."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Israel IDs newest Hamas leader JERUSALEM — Mahmoud Zahar, a 33-year-old Egyptian-trained physician whose secret identity as an Israeli avenger was identified by Israeli Monday as the new Hamas leader in the Gaza Strip, Israeli officials said Tuesday. Officials said they were targeting him, the militant group's new leader, which it had no forces in the area.

China nixes Hong Kong elections HONG KONG — Mainland China dealt a crushing blow to Hong Kong's hopes for full democracy on Friday by pulling its legislative panel ruled the territory won't have direct elections for its next leader or for all its lawmakers in 2008. Many people in Hong Kong have been demanding the right to democratically elect a successor to their chief executive, Tung Chee-hwa, a former shipping tycoon chosen by Beijing in 1997. An 80-member committee that tends to side with Beijing. The Associated Press

Iraq

Blast levels suspected them site

Explosion kills two U.S. soldiers; Americans refrain from attacking Fallujah

Associated Press

BAGDAD — A suspected chemical weapons warehouse exploded Monday morning after U.S. troops broke in to search the site, killing two Americans and wounding five. Jubilant Iraqis swarmed in to claim Americans' charred Humvees, waving looted machine guns, a bandolier and a helmet.

In Fallujah, U.S. troops came under a heavy insurgent attack a day after U.S. officials decided to extend a cease-fire rather than launch a full-scale offensive on the city. One Marine and eight insurgents were killed. Marines battled Sunni guerrillas throughout the night in Fallujah's Jolan district, a poor neighborhood where U.S. officials say insurgents are already entrenched.

Kerry attacks Bush on Guard duty WASHINGTON, D.C. — John Kerry, a decade-old Vietnam veteran who was in the Navy on Monday for failing to prove whether he fulfilled his commitment to the National Guard during the same period. Kerry, endorsed by the National Vietnam Veterans Against the War, is running for the Senate on a platform on his anti-war activities during the Vietnam era and his support of President Bush on Monday for failing to prove whether he fulfilled his commitment to the National Guard during the same period. Kerry, endorsed by the National Vietnam Veterans Against the War, is running for the Senate on a platform on his anti-war activities during the Vietnam era and his support of President Bush on Monday for failing to prove whether he fulfilled his commitment to the National Guard during the same period. Conservative critics have questioned whether Kerry deserved all three of his Purple Hearts, a Vietnam-era wound, and whether he failed to reach a minimum amount of physical fitness needed to graduate law school. Kerry, who has always maintained he did not flunk out, has refused to reveal the details of his injuries. He says he will do anything they advertised. "The Bush administration pulled the plug on concerts in Baghdad, where organizers hope to establish a semblance of control over Fallujah with a wider Marine assault, which would free the way for a wider Marine assault, which would free the way for President Bush to visit the site of the blast, the site of the blast, the site of the blast, the site of the blast,... including smoke grenades, he said. The cause of the blast also was unclear. Kimmitt said a large number of explosives were in the building, located in the northern neighborhood of Waziriyah. Asked about reports that the search team included members of the Iraqi Survey Group — the U.S. team looking for weapons of mass destruction — Kimmitt said only: "The inspection was by a number of coalition forces. He said the owner of the site was "suspected of producing and supplying chemical agents" to Iraqi insurgents, but did not elaborate. The building, which Kimmitt said was a U.S. military target, was turned over to capture al-Sadr. The report said Americans say they're aware that those who could make the site's targets for military action. In Baghdad, however, Bremer heightened warnings about the reported stockpiling of weapons in "mosques, shrines and schools" in Najaf — and his spokesman noted that such actions make the sites of military action. The report said Americans say they're aware that those who could make the site's targets for military action. 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"The committee was hired in early February after receiving record applications in January," said Flaherty. "Since then we have been meeting weekly, making decisions on logos, names, band lists, surveys, and fundraising."

The focus will be on creative advertising, especially in Notre Dame dorms and at freshman orientation, said chair Jimmy Flaherty. "It will be a stop on to Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students.

Flaherty says that it is not difficult to attract big-name bands to campus, particularly because the location between Chicago and the east coast makes Notre Dame a convenient stop for major tour routes.

Recruiting bands depends on both timing and finances. Flaherty said that it is much cheaper and easier to get bands to stay for the whole time.

Funding for "The Show" comes primarily from the Notre Dame Office of Student Affairs and Notre Dame Student Activities Office.

This year, the committee has been restructured to increase efficiency and outreach abilities.

Three vice-chairman oversee groups of finance, marketing and production and liaisons from Saint Mary's and Holy Cross represent their respective student bodies.

The support of the schools' administrations is also vital to the concert's success.

"I can't speak enough about the administration's support," said Flaherty. "Dr. Moss and Brian Coughlin, on behalf of their respective offices, have full faith in this event.

"We have also had tremendous support from the Saint Mary's administration in the past and are looking forward to continuing that relationship this year as well as building one with Holy Cross."

Next year marks the third year of "The Show," and the fourth concert of its kind. Flipstock 2001 was the first full concert, featuring SB-71, Nine Days and They Might Be Giants.

Pleased by the concert's success, Office of Student Affairs with the Student Activities Office assumed its production in 2000.

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Student attends Chinese mission

By LAUREN SIEGEL

As the spring semester concludes, many students look forward to traveling home to familiar territory. This is not the case for Stephanie Haskins, a finance major at Saint Mary's College.

On May 30, Haskins will travel overseas to attend the International Mission on Diplomacy in the People's Republic of China with 80 other college and university students to explore the inner workings of international affairs in China.

"The International Mission on Diplomacy engages its participants to learn from individuals currently leading cooperative efforts in staving off potential international conflict," said John Hines, executive director of Envision Institute.

As a junior in high school, Haskins was invited to Washington to participate in a week-long forum, the NYLF on Defense, Intelligence & Diplomacy. As an alumna of this program, she was invited to attend the International Missions and had a choice of going to China, Australia, Eastern Europe, Brazil or South Africa.

"I chose China," Haskins said, "because I felt that diplomatic relations within China are undergoing great changes in the economic, social and political environments."

Her first time traveling abroad, Haskins will visit Beijing, the ancient city of Xi'an and Shanghai. Highlights will be meeting with a representative of the U.S. Embassy, Chinese Diplomats, the Vice Mayor of Shanghai and the former U.S. Consular General.

"This unique diplomatic and cultural exploration, I am sure, will be a life-changing experience that will fuel my ambition for years to come and give me a tremendous head start towards my professional career goals," Haskins said. Haskins, who is not familiar with Chinese culture, has been planning for her trip by reading online stories about the cities she will visit, as well as becoming familiar with China's daily news, current events and history.

Haskins will meet with China's future diplomats at the China University of Foreign Affairs to discuss that country's place in world politics, and the important role of diplomacy plays in connecting cultures and creating trust between varying governments.

"Diplomacy has always interested me," said Haskins, "and I feel it is an honor to be invited, and I look forward to representing my country. I believe this is an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and I hope to gain an understanding and knowledge of another culture and lifestyle as well as gain an insight in that we are a global community. I know I will also gain an appreciation and tolerance for different views and ideologies."

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and special interest — saw overall cuts. The performing arts division was hardest hit, as allocations to its member clubs fell to less than $29,500, a decrease of nearly 41 percent from last year's levels.

Meanwhile, academic and athletic clubs saw surges in funding. The athletic division led the way, as its member clubs were allocated over $82,500 — a 21 percent increase over last year.

Garcia said the funding changes do not reflect any broad realignment of funding priorities, and that decisions are made on a case-by-case basis.

"We look at [clubs'] accounting and how they've spent their money in the past," he said. "Clubs that have spent their student activities fees the best [are] who we're looking to give money to."

Only a handful of clubs — the Academic Generation Club, the Science-Business Club, the College Republicans, the Flyin' Irish and the Children's Defense Fund — received 100 percent of their request. On average, clubs received about 56 percent of their request.

In other CDR news:
• CPC chairman Jimmy Flaherty nominated sophomore Lauren Hallemann to serve as the CPC's director of publicity, Flaherty said he has full confidence in Hallemann's ability to coordinate the CPC's publicity efforts.

The CPC, formerly known as the Academic Council Board, is student government's principal programming body. Hallemann's approval passed unanimously.

• Student body president Adam Ivas announced that a DVD rental store will be set up in LaFayette's Huddle Mart over the summer.

"When you guys come back in August, you'll be able to rent DVDs at the Huddle," Ivas said. He said the store, which will not be affiliated with a video rental company, will begin with $7,500 in funding.

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Boeing lands major jet order 
Japanese carrier agrees to purchase 50 new 7E7 Dreamliners beginning in 2008

A model of a Boeing 7E7 Dreamliner passenger jet with an All Nippon Airways paint scheme. Boeing announced Monday that the Japanese airline has ordered 50 of the newly developed high-efficiency jets.

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New drug replaces Cipro for treating STD

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The government is expected to recommend ceftroxime, which is less convenient because it is injected, to replace Cipro, an antibiotic commonly used to treat gonorrhea because of an alarming rise in resistant cases of the sexually transmitted disease, top experts said Monday.

The class of antibiotics Cipro is in, known as fluoroquinolones, is in pill form but is no longer made in the United States.

CDC spokeswoman Jessica Frickey said the agency plans to announce new recommendations Thursday for treating gonorrhea, but would not give details.

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The weighty questions raised by petitioners ... deserve this court's attention.

Antonin Scalia
Supreme Court Justice

The court refuses school prayer case

Scalia questions reasoning behind denial of VMI appeal

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two of the Supreme Court's most conservative justices Monday accused the court of being more liberal than recent rulings allowing prayer in public schools. The court refused to hear a case involving a Virginia military institute because there are no institutions precisely like the military one, "since group prayer before military mess is more traditional than group prayer at ordinary state colleges," he wrote.

Scalia pounced on that reasoning Wednesday, and Rehnquist revealed that, at most, they were simply adding another justiciable issue to hear the case.

The conference revealed Scalia's and Rehnquist's view that the court is too timid to hear the case because there are no institutions that are precisely like the VMI case.

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We live in times that try men and women’s souls. Thomas Paine, the great American patriot, used these words 228 years ago to summon a people to action. As we stand at these crossroads, we need as many people as possible to come together to foster a new dialogue about the substantive issues that are affecting real people. We need an active community of informed people committed to using their gifts for a better future for all Americans and all people. We need to bring people into this dialogue to seriously engage our another about the challenges and obstacles that we face in creating a community committed to justice.

Change will not come simply through our discussing topics in our classes or sharing time at exciting dorm events; change will come when we commit ourselves to its work in tangible ways. Change will come when we embrace the call to action that lies within all of us. As Martin Luther King, Jr. said in his “Letter from Birmingham Jail,” “Human progress never rolls in on wheels of inevitability; it comes through the tireless efforts of men willing to be co-workers with God, and without this hard work, time itself becomes an ally of forces of social stagnation. We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right.”

The time is now and change begins with you and me.

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By JACK WATKINS

*Sun Movie Critic*

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The explicit violence in "Vol. 2" is an entirely separate issue. Yes, it needs to be true to Tarantino's vision, but it itself destroys the shocking to anticipated. Everyone seems to discuss the Crazy 88's sequence at the dinner table, but it appears to merely be abounding. In "Kill Bill: Vol. 2," Tarantino has stayed true to form by casting former icons Hannah and Carradine, as well as lesser known figures like Gordon Liu and Bo Svenson, but he has also expanded his range by calling upon religious symbols — there are shades of Dante's *Inferno* — in The Bride, who functions as both angel and Fury. Tarantino goes so far as to use tongue-in-cheek Christological symbols, although, since The Bride is no savior, those moments are likely best understood as placing her in the Joseph Campbell "Hero With A Thousand Faces" tradition.

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By MARY SQUILLACE

Sanct Monte Carlo

In a market where films about relationships don't typically entail anything as dark and bloody as "The Punisher," a gritty crime film set on a busy street corner while a Van Morrison song rises up, Michel Gondry's "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" provides a refreshing change of pace.

Though writer Charlie Kaufman has already proved himself as the master of the modern-day fantasy with original movies like "Adaptation" and "Being John Malkovich," Gondry's precise use of color and raw-looking camera work both heighten the experience.

Upon discovering that his former girlfriend, Clementine (Kate Winslet), has erased him from her memory, Joel (Jim Carrey) decides to go through the same procedure and travels through memories of his failed relationship, Joel realizes he's not quite ready to let go. As his memories slowly fade, Joel does everything within his power to dodge the effects of the procedure and recon­ constructed fantasy world. Overall, "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" provides a true flight of the imagination blended with a moving look at relationships. In addition, it is unlike any other film at the box office right now, and considering the stream of dime-a-dozen high-budget actions that will invade our theaters within the next month, probably unlike anything that will grace us until the end of summer.

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Good cast drives dark, violent comic book film

By MARK BEMENDERFER

Sanct Monte Carlo

Bad days come and go. Bad grade, bad date, bad illness. Almost everyone has experienced one of the aforementioned bad days. However, none of those are anything in comparison to Frank Castle's bad day.

The beginning of "The Punisher" is fairly obvious, especially because of the trailers marketing the film and the Punisher's preexisting comic book line. Frank Castle, the Punisher, has one of the worst days ever as vengeful gangsters kill his entire family, conveniently at his family reunion. That is the trigger for the two-hour action movie.

There are good performances from everyone in the cast, with each serving some role to further the plot. Thomas Jane perfect for the role of the Punisher. For those who don't know, the Punisher is a fairly popular Marvel comic, much like Spider-Man and the X-Men. The Punisher was differentiated from the other comic book heroes for a very special reason. He had no special powers.

The Punisher is just a normal human being. But what he does have is an arsenal of weaponry and a huge serving of righteous anger. This makes him more believable than a man who can cling to walls, or one who can fly. The Punisher's family was killed, and now he wants vengeance. No, not vengeance. Punishment.

That plot alone could have made a decent action movie. Indeed, movies have been made with a lot less going for them, and still have turned out to be mindless pieces of fun. However, something went wrong with "The Punisher." It certainly wasn't the inclusion of John Travolta, even though his track record of late hasn't been that hot.

The movie was diminished through the actual plot. The actual family reunion felt a little too contrived, as well as Frank Castle's father having an arsenal of weaponry at close by at the same time. Later in the movie, a little too much time was spent developing the other people in Frank's apartment building. Honor is present in the movie, which is usually a positive in movies like this. However, it feels forced, and even cliched at times. Too many moments like those ruin the mood of the movie. The comic is a dark, violent affair, which the movie emulates fairly well. But it appears as if the producers wanted to lighten the movie a little, which is fine with some but really hurt the movie in this reviewer's regard.

The Punisher is a one-man army in the comic, who avoids help along the way. In the movie, the other tenants of his apartment building are constantly present, either helping him or adding forced comedic relief. This may be changed for the already announced sequel "The Punisher 2." The first film's continuity is already established and Frank Castle can get right to finishing the bad guys.

Frank Castle (Thomas Jane) takes on the role of a violent, righteous vigilante following the murder of his entire family in the new action film "The Punisher."
NBA PLAYOFFS

Hamilton leads Pistons to a 3-1 series lead

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — If the Detroit Pistons are to make the final good on offense more often they wouldn't have to rely heavily on their towering defense.

The Pistons shot 56.9 percent Monday night and got 27 points from Richard Hamilton in taking a 3-1 series lead with a 109-92 rout of the Milwaukee Bucks.

Neither team had shot better than 45 percent in the best-of­-seven series that shifts to Auburn Hills, Mich., for Game 5 on Thursday night.

Embarrassed by becoming the first team to lose at home in the playoffs this season, the Pistons used their defense to turn things around with a 95-85 win in Game 3 on Saturday.

Keith Van Horn's first start of the postseason.

made it 89-75, and the Bucks were going 4-of-5 to build an 82-70 lead.

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Mighty Casey's homer leads Reds past Pirates

But Cincinnati loses Kearns to a broken bone in his forearm

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Sean Casey's two-run homer backed Aaron Harang's effective pitching, and the Cincinnati Reds beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 5-2 Monday night despite losing Austin Kearns indefinitely with a broken forearm.

Kearns, the Reds' right fielder, was hit on the left arm and wrist by Ryan Vogelsong's pitch two batters after Casey's homer put Cincinnati up 2-0 in the first. Kearns played defense in the bottom of the first, but was lifted an inning later.

Kearns will return to Cincinnati on Tuesday to be examined by team doctors following his second significant injury in two seasons and is out indefinitely. He injured his right shoulder last May and missed about half the 2003 season.

Harang (2-0) gave up two runs in six innings, including Craig Cintron's effective pitching, and the Pirates 2-5 against the Reds, loaded the bases with two outs in the third, but Harang got Bob MacKowiak to fly out. Pittsburgh had two on with one out in the inning later, but pinch hitter Bobby Hill struck out and Tike Redman grounded into a force play.

Vogelsong (1-3) walked six in four innings while losing his third in a row, giving up three runs and four hits. He has allowed 23 hits and 18 runs in 12 innings during his losing streak, which includes two losses to the Cubs in which he believes he might have tipped his pitches.

After Vogelsong led, Adam Dunn hit a two-run double in the seventh against reliever John Grabow.

Pittsburgh scored in the fifth on Jack Wilson's triple and Jason Kendall's RBI groundout. Jack Wilson matched a career high with four hits.

Toronto 6, Minnesota 1

MINNEAPOLIS — Ted Lilly turned in a two-hitter, giving Toronto's struggling starters a big boost and leading the Blue Jays to a victory over the Minnesota Twins.

Lilly struck out eight and walked one to help Florida win its fourth straight road game.

Cabrera went 1-fore with his seventh home run, while Gonzalez hit his first homer and went 2-for-4. Jeff Conine was 3-fore-3 for the Marlins (13-6), off to the best start in franchise history.

Seven consecutive Chicago outs were by strikeout, beginning when Sammy Sosa was caught looking for the third time during one stretch. He pitched two-hit ball for seven innings and had an RBI single as the Diamondbacks won for the fourth time in five games. He walked none.

The Big Unit gave up a single to Cubs starter Carlos Zambrano with one out in the third, then retired 12 straight before Moises Alou singled with one out in the seventh. The only other Cub to reach base against Johnson was Jeromy Burnitz, who hit a pitch with two outs in the second.

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The first inning was usually Raddy's worry, but he escaped unscathed. It was the third when he ran into trouble — three doubles in a span of four batters gave the Blue Jays a 2-0 lead.

Florida 6, Colorado 3

— Carl Pavano pitched eight strong innings and Miguel Cabrera and Alex Gonzalez each hit a two-run homer, leading the Florida Marlins to a victory over the Colorado Rockies.

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MLB

Without A-Rod, Rangers ruling the AL West

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — After three straight last-place finishes in Texas, Alex Rodriguez wanted out. Now the American League MVP's former team is tied for the AL West lead, while Rodriguez and the New York Yankees are struggling.

The Rangers, built around a core of young players, are 11-8 in Texas, Alex Rodriguez wanted out. Athens Games, three straight last-place finishes without A-Rod, Rangers ruling the AL West. Catcher Gerald Laird said after athletes who have failed tests, and just wanted to play thing said about us, we came out of the middle of an investigation.

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Ranger Lance Nix slides past Angels catcher Bengie Molina to score during the second inning April 20. Texas is 11-8 on the season.

OLYMPICS

Olympic officials want help in banning drug cheats

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Worried they’re running out of time to keep the image of the Athens Games, U.S. Olympic officials want some help from federal authorities.

And they aren’t just going after athletes who have failed drug tests. Instead, they hope to use a clause in the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency’s rules to bar athletes who acknowledge the use of steroids and other banned substances, including in grand jury testimony.

The U.S. Olympic Committee wants to make sure it doesn’t have a PR disaster on its hands during the Aug. 13-29 games.

“Our image is going to be just fine if we send a clean team,” acting USOC president Bill Martin said Monday. “The last thing we want to happen is to select the wrong folks.”

Martin and other Olympic officials say they need help from the Justice Department to keep out competitors using banned substances. They would love access to grand jury transcripts in the Bay Area Laboratory Co-operative case involving the alleged distribution of steroids to top athletes.

While such grand jury proceedings are secret by law, the Senate Commerce Committee chairman Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., issued a subpoena for the BALCO testimony.

That could override the secrecy provision, according to Rory Little, a Hastings College of the Law scholar and a former federal prosecutor. Little said it would be “highly unusual for the Department of Justice to be giving up grand jury material in the middle of an investigation.”

But even if the Justice Department challenged such a subpoena, Little said, a court could order that such documents be released.

Justice Department spokeswoman Davina Corallo said he doesn’t know whether any material has been turned over to McCain’s committee, Rebecca Hanks, a spokeswoman for McCain, declined to comment.

“America does not want to send a dirty team to Athens, but the ball’s not in our hands right now,” Martin told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. “We’ve got just a little bit over 100 days left before those games, and time is truly of the essence.”

According to an AP poll released Monday, nine out of every 10 Americans believe the use of steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs by Olympic athletes is a problem.

FORTY-THREE PERCENT of those responding to the survey called it a major problem; another 49 percent see it as a minor problem.

Only 6 percent don’t consider it a problem.

Craig Masback, the head of USA Track & Field, hopes federal and anti-doping authorities turn over any evidence of drug use as quickly as possible “so that the guilty will be punished and the innocent will be cleared of suspicion.”

“That is all we can do,” Masback said. “We did not do the tests, we did not test the samples. We did not do the federal investigation. We do not have the affidavits, we were not in the grand jury.”

Section 9 of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency’s protocol gives that agency the authority to bring a drug case against an athlete in lieu of a positive drug test “when USADA has other reason to believe that a potential doping violation has occurred, such as admitted doping by the athlete.”

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“The last time Texas was three games out of the AL West, Things are much different this season. Not only their record, but the feeling surrounding the team. “We have a sense of direction.”

The San Francisco Chronicle and the San Jose Mercury News, quoting sources who requested anonymity, reported that Conte told federal agents he gave steroids to Jones and Montgomery. Jones, who won five medals at the 2000 Olympics, and Montgomery, the world record-holder at 100 meters, repeatedly have denied steroid use. An attorney for Jones said she never received steroids from Conte. An attorney for Conte said he never provided steroids to Jones or Montgomery, and never gave such information to federal agents.

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NHL PLAYOFFS

Nabokov shuts out the Avs

Goalie turns away 33 in Sharks’ 1-0 win

Associated Press

DENVER — Evgeni Nabokov's stinginess has the San Jose Sharks one win away from their first trip to the conference finals.

Nabokov stopped 33 shots for his second shutout of the playoffs and Vincent Damphousse banked in a shot off Colorado goalie David Aebischer midway through the third period, helping the Sharks beat the Avalanche 1-0 Monday night and take a 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven series.

San Jose fought off Colorado's early rush, stuck to its puck-and-control game and continued to struggle on the miscues that left Damphousse helpless at times in the first two games.

Colorado held San Jose to 17 shots — five in the third period — but continued to struggle finding the net against the stingy Sharks. The Avalanche have three goals against San Jose after scoring 19 in five games against Dallas in the first round.

San Jose didn't have a shot in the third period until Damphousse knocked in his own rebound on a power play midway through the third period until the Sharks都没能解决问题，甚至有两次进球被挡出。

Colorado's top goal scored his second of the series. Damphousse turned the puck aside after a point shot by Dan Hinote on a rebound in the second period.

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John Daly and Hoch started the last round three shots back. Daly got to within one stroke of the lead before fading late. He finished with a 71, leaving him six strokes back for the tournament.

Weather problems interrupted play three consecutive days at the Redstone Golf Club and pushed the tournament into Monday, where third-round play was completed for most of the field earlier in the day.

Singh opened the event with a 74, but his second-round 66 equaled the low round of the tournament. He completed his third-round effort Monday night, making an 88-foot chip for eagle at the 12th hole that gave him a 69 and a share of the lead with Huston after 54 holes at 7 under.

Singh began the final round after a short break and birdied both of the first two holes, rolling in a 20-foot putt at the par-5 No. 1. At the 209-yard par-3 third hole, his tee shot stopped less than 2 1/2 feet from the pin.

His putt for birdie gave him the lead outright at 9 under.

With Daly on the opposite end of the course making birds, Singh had seven consecutive pars before a birdie at the par-4 No. 11, where he put his 3-iron from less than 10 feet.

As Hoch closed in, Singh coolly added a 10-foot birdie at No. 15.

GOLF

Singh tastes victory at Houston Open

Records 4-under 68 in the final round

Associated Press

HUMBLE, Texas — Vijay Singh is usually unbeatable entering the final round of a tournament.

He proved it again Monday.

Singh shared the lead with John Huston in the rain-delayed Houston Open going into the last round, but he pulled away with a 4-under 68 for his sixth straight win when leading after three rounds.

Singh finished at 11-under 277 for a two-stroke victory over Scott Hoch. It was Singh's second victory in Houston, where he won two years ago.

"The last few times when I did go into the lead, I've been striking the ball well, so when you do that you don't feel threatened that someone else is going to overtake you," Singh said.

"You just let your game do the talking."

Hoch was second after a closing 67. Huston (71) was another shot back, followed by Stephen Ames (69) and Dudley Hart (70).

"Today was the best I've played in a long, long time," Singh said. "I struck the ball really solid from tee to green. Looking back, I'd like to play this way all the time."

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NBA
Los Angeles Lakers' forward Kobe Bryant, right, is greeted by teammates Karl Malone and Devean George after being introduced before a game against the Golden State Warriors at Staples Center April 13.

Hearings continue in Bryant rape case

Associated Press
EAGLE, Colo. — Attorneys in the Kobe Bryant rape case opened a three-day hearing Monday with more closed-door arguments over whether the sex life of his 19-year-old accuser can be used against her at trial.

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ay bars the defense from introducing an alleged victim's sex life as evidence.

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IN BRIEF

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EAGLE, Colo. — Attorneys in the Kobe Bryant rape case opened a three-day hearing Monday with more closed-door arguments over whether the sex life of his 19-year-old accuser can be used against her at trial.

Defense lawyers say injuries found on the woman could have been caused by sex with multiple partners before and after her encounter with Bryant. The prosecution says her sexual history is irrelevant in determining whether the woman was assaulted.

Among those called to testify Monday were the woman's former boyfriend and an Eagle County sheriff's detective.

State District Judge Terry Ruckriegle has heard testimony from more than a dozen witnesses in previous hearings about the woman's sexual activities around the time of the alleged attack.

The judge has said he wants to end arguments this week on the relevancy of the woman's sexual history. Arguments have not yet been scheduled on a separate defense challenge to Colorado's rape-shield law, which general-

ay bars the defense from introducing an alleged victim's sex life as evidence.

The woman's attorney, John Clune, has denied that she had sex with anyone in the hours after her encounter with the NBA star.

Bryant, 25, has said he had consensual sex with the woman at the Vail-area resort where she worked last June. If convicted of felony sexual assault, the Los Angeles Lakers star faces four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on predia-

tion.

Bryant, who played in a playoff game Sunday in Houston and was sched-

uled to play again Wednesday night in Los Angeles, entered the courthouse through a back door. There were no fans on hand.

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Scott, Irish ready for tournament

By KATE GALES

The Observer

Two seemed to be the number defining the men's tennis team this year. It was the number they were seeded going into this year's Big East tournament, and two was the number of losses they had in the conference. Two was the number of doubles matches they struggled to win in each match, and two is the number of players not fighting in their last Big East tournament.

Two was the number of senior tri-captains on the squad.

Two was the number of years that have passed since the Irish last held the Big East title.

"We can prepare all we want and talk about it all we want ... but I don't think it's going to make me happy," said Matthew Scott, Irish ready for tournament. Scott was quick to point out.

"Having lost to both teams gives us a special inclination to do well," said coach Bobby Bayliss.

Although the departure of Miami and Virginia Tech will change the makeup of the league, he pointed out that incoming Louisville and South Florida have serious commitments to their tennis programs.

Bayliss was required to submit the roster in advance for O'Brien to make the playoffs.

"That's probably why my back hurts so much," joked Haddock.

They're both pretty experienced and they have good chemistry," Scott said.

"I know exactly what shots he can hit and what shots he can't hit," Haddock added.

They agreed that it was good to know that "somebody has your back." Scott.

"I've never had a coach my whole life. I think when you are a coach you understand that coaches have a very important job," said Matthew Scott.

"I'm not going to have a gun to my head, because there's no immediate need," Ainge said before joking: "I would like to have a head coach in place now, so he could answer these questions and I could go to Europe and scout players."
Colts believe they've filled the missing gaps

Pick two linebackers, two corners, safety in this year's draft

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Forget major changes.
Bill Polian and Tony Dungy figured all the Indianapolis Colts needed for a Super Bowl run was a little fine-tuning. Just add some more speed, a little depth and a new infusion of young talent.
Polian, the team president, and Dungy, the coach, believe that after taking a safety, two cornerbacks and two linebackers in this year's NFL draft, last weekend's mission was accomplished.
"I don't think so," said Polian, the team president, when asked if he'd look to fill any remaining holes with veteran free agents.
"The quarterback situation may be interesting, depending on who shakes free, but we like who we drafted." While the Colts got none of the big names, like a Dwight Freeney, who could have made a major impact next season, they didn't have much choice. Picking 29th in the first round of a draft that was thin on defensive linemen, the Colts did the next best thing — acquiring extra draft picks to throw more players into the mix.
Trading up would have been costly in terms of picks and the salary cap, too, especially considering the Colts have four major free agents to re-sign after next season in wide receiver Marvin Harrison, running back Edgerrin James, right tackle Ryan Diem and left guard Rick DeMulling.
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"It energizes everybody," Polian said. "His coach, Kirk Ferentz, pointed it out in the fall when I talked to him. He said 'Bob does something very few players do. He makes the mentality of the defense different, tougher, because he strikes.'
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That forced David Thornton, a second-year player, into the starting lineup. Many wondered how he would handle the job, and Thornton was consistently among the Colts' leading tacklers.
This year's philosophy seems a little different. By using three picks on defensive backs, the Colts seem to be counting on a deeper, faster secondary to carry the load.
With second-year safety Mike Doss and Sanders, the Colts now have two hard hitters. By moving Donald Strickland back to cornerback, the return to health of Joseph Jefferson, the continuing emergence of Nick Harper and the addition of draft picks Jason David and Von Hutchins, there's little doubt the Colts are deeper and faster.
But are they better?
All the Colts can do now is wait and hope that they've gotten enough help in the draft to make a run at New England, a team that beat the Colts twice last season on the way to its second Super Bowl title in three years.
"Well, I saw the ESPN commercial and they were talking about the two-time Super Bowl MVP picked in the third round," Dungy said, referring to New England quarterback Tom Brady. "Obviously, you're chances of getting an impact guy are greater when you're in the top 10 picks."
But you've got to have confidence in them."
Howell has overcome injuries

Senior has developed into one of team's best players this year

By DAN TAPETILLO

To avoid all the possible adjectives and superlatives, it's best just to say he's back.  It's his comeback.

For the past two years, senior Matt Howell had been plagued by everything from a broken thumb to several knee surgeries.  The latest injury came when Howell was stricken with appendicitis, which forced him to miss the second half of the 2002-03 season.

By this time, he had already established himself as one of Notre Dame's top offensive weapons.  Howell led the Irish in scoring, and at one point, led the nation in assists.

But he did not let these setbacks get the best of him.  Last week, Howell was named the Great Western Lacrosse League Player of the Week, a culmination of the success he has found this season.

He received this honor after registering eight points against Fairfield in one shy of the school record.  This season, Howell is second for the Irish in scoring (17 goals) (20) and assists (17).  He is currently tied for 18th nationally with 1.5 assists per game and has six multiple-goal games.

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"Although he is not a very vocal person, he is the type of leader that shows by example." Walsh said. "He has had two or three surgeries but does not shy away from the rough hits in the game and just keeps coming back."

And from the way his teammates have described him, Howell seems like just about every coach's dream.

"He knows that his strong points are and does everything he can really well," Walsh said. "He coordinates things, because he knows the offense so well and can create a lot for everybody."

Howell and the Irish have won five consecutive matches and currently stand at 7-4.  Behind Howell's leadership, the Irish are hoping to finish strong as they travel to face No. 3 Maryland this Saturday.

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loss to fall to 5-2 on the season, allowing an earned run in 4 2/3 innings pitched.

In the nightcap, the Irish needed some late inning heroics from left fielder Cody Rizzio.  After striking out Notre Dame's first two batters in the inning, Pirate reliever Tim Sabo fell behind 2-0 to Rizzo, and the Irish sophomore made him pay with a solo home run down the left field line.

Irish closer Ryan Doherty came on in the bottom of the inning and shut down the Pirates three-up, three-down to preserve the 4-3 Irish win for his seventh save of the season.  Senior Joe Thaman got the win in relief for the Irish, and Chris Niese got a no decision in the start for Notre Dame, allowing two earned runs over six innings.

"The second game was a great win for us, because it was really a tough environment," Mainieri said.  "He thought Niesel pitched well, and we scratched together a few runs.  We got the big home run by Rizzo in the ninth inning, and then Ryan Doherty came in and did a tremendous job in the bottom of the ninth to get us out of a hole."

In the first game against Pittsburgh Sunday, the Irish fell into an early 5-0 hole after three innings due to some shaky defense and timely Panther hitting.

"We had one bad inning defensively early in the game, and we didn't get [starting pitcher] Jeff Samardzija much defensive support," Mainieri said.

But the Irish bats would come alive as Notre Dame mounted a comeback with a pair of runs in the fourth on a Branfield home run and a sacrifice fly from catcher Javi Sanchez.

In the next inning, the Irish tied the game at 3-3 on consecutive RBI doubles from first baseman Matt Edwards and Branfield and an RBI single from Sanchez.

But that would be as close as Notre Dame would get, as Seton Hall put three runs on the board in the bottom half of the inning to go up 8-3.  The Irish narrowed the lead to two runs on an RBI triple from third baseman Matt Macri in the next inning, but the Irish offense couldn't manage another comeback, falling 6-5.

Samarasakis was touched for eight runs over four innings in the loss to fall to 2-2 on the season.

Things only got worse for Doherty as the nightcap Sunday. Notre Dame cashed in a 3-6 lead into the bottom of the ninth inning, the strength of three home runs from Macri.  Branfield and left fielder Craig Comish.

But the 7-foot-1 Doherty was unable to keep the Panthers at bay in their last at bat, allowing four earned runs in 1 2/3 of an inning on three hits, two walks and one hit batter, as the Panthers won 7-6.

Freshman Dan Kapala actually came into the game after Doherty's troubles with the bases loaded, just one out and the game tied 6-6.

Kapala struck out P.J. Huer for the second out and went ahead 1-2 on first baseman Tom Cashman before missing on a pitch low-and-inside that got by Sanchez, allowing the winning run to score.

"In the bottom of the ninth, Ryan Doherty just had one problem," Snyder said.  "It's the first bad game he's had all season.  We knew when it came at that time, but that's the life of a closer.  When they have to miss good, they have to miss good.

The Irish took the bracket back today with a 6 p.m. game against Ball State (20-16) at Frank Eck Stadium.

Notes:

* After losing three out of four over the weekend, the Irish have dropped in all four baseball polls.  They now rank eighth in the Collegiate Baseball Magazine poll, ninth in the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association poll and 11th in both the Baseball America and SportsWeekly/ESPN Coaches polls.

* The Irish have added a game with Manchester College Thursday to schedule in order to make up for their cancelled game with Purdue that was rained out April 20.  The NCAAs allows baseball teams to play a maximum 56-game schedule in the regular season.

* Backup catcher Sean Gason did not make the trip to Seton Hall and Pittsburgh over the weekend, as the Irish were still sidlelined with monoconcussion.

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with the team weighed down by achievement. At the beginning of the season, Notre Dame had the freedom of the underdog, released from the manacles of expectation. And the underdog can never be recklessly abandoned, taking chances with impunity. MISTAKES are expected from an underdog. This type of freedom is what allowed the Irish to best some high-profile opponents early in the year.

Duke, James Madison and Stanford are all recent games where the Irish had yet to establish themselves during the season.

But there's something about a 10-0 start and a No. 2 ranking that makes other teams pay more attention. And all of a sudden, Notre Dame's opponents seem to have a little extra adrenaline rush that the Irish had not seen before. It was the same adrenaline rush that they had seen playing against ranked teams. But now it is used against them. That little intangible that helps a team dominate in the heart-breaking one-goal losses to Georgetown and Johns Hopkins.

And it will happen with all the Irish opponents. Of nothing, opening starts rising to the occasion when there had been no occasion. Teams like Rutgers, previously stuck in .500 limbo, begin playing like a top 10 team as they did while limiting the Irish to one second-half goal on Sunday. After the loss to Johns Hopkins on Friday, Notre Dame captain Meredith Simon said that she wanted her team to play like an underdog again, with nothing to lose.

Simon had just discovered something that happens to every successful underdog — become the favorite. And the favorite has its own set of challenges completely different from those of the underdog. The favorite must battle theenstein of complacency and a lack of motivation. It's tough to compete with a fearless attitude on a tightrope of success when there is nowhere to go but down. One slip and the hit you face could be momentous — the only to be selective of opportunities. But an Irish recovery will be even more difficult. Now, opponents know they are down and know they are afraid. The Irish will be at a critical juncture of their season. With two big games against No. 13 Syracuse followed by tenth-ranked Notre Dame, the season can go one of two ways. They can stand up and continue their success, and dominate opponents as they did early in the season.

Princeton has won back-to- back Ivy League championships. They are the best because they have transformed their fear into swagger. It is the easiest hope of an underdog going into a big game to walk into the field and see fear in their opponents' eyes. That is what Rutgers saw against Notre Dame. That is why the Irish committed two crucial turnovers at the end of the game, allowing the Scarlet Knights to score the tying and go-ahead goals in the closing minute.

To get into the Members Only group of teams, Notre Dame must get to the point where they are the intimidators. Like Princeton, they need to show they will not back down, especially against the likes of a mediocre team like Rutgers.

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pitching and really held her composure well in all her games.

DePaul performed especially well in recent non-conference victories this weekend over Big East opponents Villanova and Rutgers. She hit .643 in those games with four RBI, five runs, two doubles and one home run.

DePaul and her teammates wrested control of first place in the Big East from Villanova Saturday, defeating the Wildcats by scores of 4-0 and 2-0. The triumphs were DePaul's 13th and 14th straight, taking two from Rutgers on Sunday by scores of 5-0 and 4-2.

"Going to play anyone in the Big East is never easy," Gumpf said. "I'm not saying that's nice about being Notre Dame, is that everyone wants to beat us. The best thing, though, is that I think we can play even better than we did last weekend. Hopefully we can really start peaking here near the end of the season".

Simon led home three victories last weekend en route to improving her record to 6-0 in the Big East. In 20 innings of work, she collected 24 strikeouts and allowed just two earned runs.

She also currently first in the Big East with a .58 ERA and six wins.

The Irish look to continue their impressive play over the last week as they take on DePaul in a non-conference doubleheader at Ivy Field today beginning at 4 p.m.

This is the last non-conference matchup of the regular season for Notre Dame, who closes out its schedule this weekend — become the favorite. And the favorite has its own set of challenges completely different from those of the underdog. The favorite must battle theenstein of complacency and a lack of motivation. It's tough to compete with a fearless attitude on a tightrope of success when there is nowhere to go but down. One slip and the hit you face could be momentous — the only to be selective of opportunities.

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"I was so excited at approximately 2:18 when the coach called," Nakazaki said. "As the leading scorer of Notre Dame's best-ever team, Nakazaki certainly deserves to be happy. However, the freshman firmly believes that her personal success should matter how great, are secondary to the team's accomplishments. "It feels great when I'm the No. 1 scorer on the team," she said. "Without my team, I wouldn't be able to go to the NCAA's." What makes the news even more exciting for the Irish is that, despite the talented lineup and solid play over the last few weeks, today's announcement was not much more guaranteed than it was at the beginning of the fall. Truly, this year's team has surpassed even their head coach's expectations.

I'd thought it'd take a couple more years to get an NCAA bid," King said. "But we're an eligible squad." However as the team faces the most-high-profile event of the program's history, the players must still balance the responsibilities of class work with their golf schedules.

"It's going to be a light week of practice," King said on how her team will spend the upcoming days. "The girls are going to have to reduce their exams and get out of their dorms [over the next week]. It's going to be academics first.

The team will leave for Normal on May 4th, and in the meantime, King hopes to get the year's first team to out and there play some, and they'll call me to schedule individual help sessions," she said. "It's stressful time for them, and they know I'm here for them." Contact Eric Bette at cretter@nd.edu

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the Irish have beaten, will compete for eight slots to advance to the National Championships.

The four teams will meet all day for the golfers and coaches as the clock rolled towards 2 p.m., the time when the tournament fields would be announced.

"All day I was hanging by the phone," freshman Noriko Nakazaki said.

When that phone call finally came for each golfer, there was no doubt made their day and season a whole lot better and definitely more memorable.

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Not so friendly confines
No. 8 Irish drop three of four Big East road games over weekend

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Senior Staff Writer

Notre Dame coach Paul Mainieri said before last Friday's games with Seton Hall that the upcoming Big East weekend would be an important one, as the top five teams in the conference standings were scheduled to play each other. Unfortunately for Mainieri, it was his Irish that suffered the most in their biggest conference weekend to date. No. 8 Notre Dame was swept in a Big East doubleheader at Seton Hall (26-10, 10-6), followed by a two-game sweep at the hands of Pittsburgh (26-10, 10-6) and Rutgers (26-10, 10-6). It seemed like every one of our hitters was behind in the count, and we just couldn't get anything going," Lefty Tom Thornton took the his third victory on the season Tuesday, April 27, 2004
ND WOMEN'S GOLF
Irish finally make NCAAs

The Irish struggled this weekend, losing three of four.

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Assistant Sports Writer

"You know, the women's lacrosse team wasn't always the favorite. There was a time, way back in, oh say February, when they didn't have the cases they have now. They were just hoping for a return to the NCAA tournament after missing it last year. But after a 10-0 start, expectations soared. The team began filling out its application for the Members Only Club of collegiate women's lacrosse. Yet there was still one test to pass. To become a member, a team must first learn to succeed despite the proverbial target now permanently stamped to its back. And after four subsequent losses - some good games, some not - the Irish are still trying to cope with that bullseye. It wasn't always like this,

FINISHED 2ND PLACE IN BIG EAST CONFERENCE

Condensed Schedule

The new 19-5 record is considered a step towards the ultimate goal of capturing the Big East championship. The Irish are currently 19-5 overall and 10-0 in conference play. In the Big East standings, the Irish are in second place behind Pitt (22-3, 11-0). The team will continue to play games against some of the best teams in the country, including Notre Dame, which is currently ranked No. 8 in the nation.

For the first time in history, golfers head to the tourney
By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

"We're not really happy for the team," the program's history-setting season better - making it longer. A day after winning the Big East Women's tournament for the second straight year, the Irish received an at-large bid to compete in the NCAA tournament for the first time in the 19-year history of the program. "I'm really excited," coach Debby King said. "I'm really happy for the team." The tournament will take place in May 6-8 at the University Golf Course of Illinois State University in Normal, Ill. It will consist of three 18-hole rounds and will be played in the five-count-four format. Twenty-one teams including some familiar foes, five of whom...