Representatives discuss new turnover date

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

Wednesday night's meeting of the Student Senate was drawn out by debate over an amendment to change student government transition dates that effectively polarized the group, and ultimately failed to pass after 90 minutes of discussion.

Nungfried senator James Reito, speaking for the Committee on Oversight, presented a resolution to change the dates on which the majority of the student government organizations switch leaders. The major thrust of the amendment was changing the turnover date for student body officers, the Student Union Board, Hall Presidents' Council, Judicial Council, off-campus officers and the Student Senate from April 1 to the day after commencement.

The proposed change comes in response to complaints that the inexperienced incoming officers waste a month of prodac

Kamms address prisoners' rights

By KATIE PERRY
News Writer

When John Kamms left the security of a high-income career in business to pursue the more volatile life of a human rights activist, he may have swapped his briefcase for a suitcase. But with him remained the skills of a salesman. Skills that would eventually lead to the creation of the Hui Hua Foundation and subsequent successes in the betterment of jail conditions for Chinese political and religious prisoners.

In a fusion of the wits of a businessman, the quest for truth and the passion for justice, Kamms and his wife, Renee, have laid the groundwork for a unique, yet effective, organization with an unmistakable character.

In the second part of the 2005 O'Grady Asia Lecture Series, the Kamms gave a discussion Wednesday entitled "Hui Hua: The Strategy and Technique of Human Rights in China."

The discussion emphasized the innovative collaboration between John Kamms, the self-proclaimed "salesman," and Chan Kamms, who centers much of her role on more concrete tasks such as coordinating administration, personnel and finance.

John Kamms, the executive director, and Renee Kamms, a high-income businesswoman, discussed the creation of the Foundation as a "mini-business" that began in a small bedroom.

Vartan Gregorian joins distinguished company

By EILEEN DUFFY
Notre Dame News

In just under two months, Vartan Gregorian will give the principal address at Notre Dame's 160th commencement exercises, joining a list of other academics, government leaders, religious officials, journalists and celebrities.

According to Father Peter Jarret, director of the Notre Dame Bookstore, Gregorian will speak at Notre Dame on May 28, the day before commencement.

Coeducation pioneers reminisce

University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh, Jeanne Jullien Donnelly and Sister Jean Lenz sit on a panel discussion Wednesday.
INSIDE COLUMN

Predictions
Today, as this year’s Cinderella clash your hopes at taking home $20,000 in that friendly pool, be cool. Every little thing is gonna be alright, mon. Gab isn’t the only gift we get on St. Patty’s Day. Foremost is one of those qualities Tim Dougherty

"thing I like to call that friendly pool, be cool. Ev’ry lit’ll thing is gonna be alright, mon. Gab isn’t the only gift we get on St. Patty’s Day."

"The Observer regrets these errors." Due to a reporting error, Jeffrey Stengel’s name was spelled incorrectly in the March 16 edition of The Observer. Contact Tim Dougherty at tdough@nd.edu.

IN BRIEF
Israeli poet Yosefa Raz will read excerpts of her work today at 6 p.m. in the West Wing of the Saint Mary’s dining hall. Raz will be followed by Israeli writer and peace activist Rebi Mazali, who will give a talk entitled “Militarism, Gender, and Anti-Militarist Activism in Israel.”

The men’s tennis team will face off against Illinois today at 4 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

Artist Cristina Cardenas will be giving the presentation “Strength and Struggle: Portraits of Women” today from 4 p.m. to 5:30 in the Galleria America in McKenna Hall.

Former Irish tenor Ronan Tynan is giving a concert tomorrow from 8 p.m. to 10 in the Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. Country music singer Vince Gill and the Nate James Glee Club will also perform. For tickets, contact the DeBartolo box office at (574) 631-2800.

The conference “Building Peace through Interreligious Encounters” will take place from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday in C-103 in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. The conference is sponsored by the Kroc Institute’s Program in Religion, Conflict and Peacebuilding.

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

OFFBEAT
Robber jacked after using banana as weapon
LONDON — Robert Donway had the mask and the attitude to be a successful robber. But he raised the effect when he tried to stage a hold-up at his local bookmaker’s shop — using a banana.

Noting the suspicious bend in the so-called “weapon,” the clerk calmly called the police and on Wednesday, Donway was jailed for nearly seven years for attempted robbery.

Prosecutors at the trial at Southwark Crown Court in London said Donway, a drug addict, hatched his scheme to buy more crack.

Domino a mask, he headed for the bookmaker’s shop, passing only to get a banana from the greengrocer on the way.

Gas station bathroom offers royal touch
WEST COVINA, Calif. — As Paul Moghadan puts it, a good toilette is good for the bottom line. A chandelier, faux travertine walls, silver columns and a marble counter adorn the bathroom at his Chevron gas station in West Covina, some 20 miles east of Los Angeles.

The walls are decorated in rich earth tones and blue stone tiles, giving the 10-foot-wide room a slight Tuscan ambiance — or maybe a touch of Vegas.

“I wanted to give the rest-room the greatest look I could. I wanted to show how much I respect my customers,” said Moghadan, 55, of San Dimas. “I started with Chevron in 1966, and they trained us back then that the No. 1 priority was the station bathroom. They stressed we should keep it clean and papered up.”

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

In my virtuosity, I’ve kept myself free of these hazards solely to keep you from worse when their football team sets an eighteen match-up ever-forcing us to focus on West Virginia’s six-foot, 11-inch center.

The Syracuse regional will be boring, because of the strong play of seniors Badger, Badger, Badger, Badger,

The greatest basketball day of the year, the Elite Eight.

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Visiting professor emphasizes Muslim prayer and faith traditions

By TRICIA DE GROOT
News Writer

After Wednesday's lecture on the creativity of Mohammed, Gerhard Bowering, S.J., professor of Islamic Studies at Yale University, continued the Islam and Christianity series with a special focus on finding God in prayer and devotion. Focusing on Islam as a faith and way of life, his lecture concentrated on three of the five pillars of Islam: prayer, fasting and pilgrimage.

Bowering began with an introduction of prayer, describing it as ritual, personal and mystic. All fully-practicing Muslims pray five times a day and have various observed requirements, including being processed by washings, praying in the direction of Mecca and a sequence of bowing and prostration. Prayer can be both an individual or communal practice, but either way, is seen as a public gesture. "It is the natural part of their daily rhythm, and is like the rhythm of a monk when he says his hours." Bowering said.

In addition, Bowering briefly detailed Mohammed's journey to institute this prayer life and the difficulties in establishing this daily practice. He concluded his discussion on prayer by saying that it is something that deeply marks the Muslim community.

"It makes them conscience of their dependence on God and aware of the presence of God in their life," he said.

Next, Bowering described the practice of fasting, a pillar that is an internal development and something not explicitly noted in the Koran. Fasting, according to Bowering, is a practice Mohammed developed after encountering the Jewish traditions on Yom Kippur and was then instituted in the month of Ramadan.

Fasting for Muslims, explained Bowering, includes abstaining from food, drink and sexual relations from dawn to sunset for a period of about 30 days. Bowering stressed the strong impact fasting has on the community and not just the individual.

Bowering then discussed the pilgrimage to Mecca. This pilgrimage is at a prescribed time when people come from all over and are seen as equal regardless of nationality, he said. Everyone dresses the same to show that they are all equal in God's eyes, according to Bowering, and they all participate in certain established rituals, including a sacrifice modeled after Abraham's sacrifice.

"These are rituals that bring all Muslims together of all national origins where they are seen as equals," said Bowering.

In fact, said Bowering, pilgrimages once created a cosmopolitan atmosphere and an opportunity for Muslims all around the world to share what was going on with regard to Muslims from their land.

"People have come from all corners of the Muslim worlds, especially in medieval times, to share news," said Bowering.

Bowering concluded by emphasizing the deep dependence the Muslims place on God, their strong sense of responsibility for all members of their faith and their overall unification through their faith. The lecture was then opened up for questions and discussion.

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ACLU says war on drugs harms mothers

NEW YORK — America's war on drugs is inflicting deep and disproportionate harm on women — most of them mothers — who are filling prisons in ever-rising numbers despite their typically minor roles in drug rings, the American Civil Liberties Union and two other groups contend in a major new report.

The report, "Caught in the Net," is being released Thursday as the focus of a two-day national conference in New York, bringing together criminal justice officials, sentence-reform activists and other experts to consider its package of proposed legislative and policy changes.

The report recommends expansion of treatment programs geared toward women, says incarceration should be a last resort, and urges more vigorous efforts to maintain ties between imprisoned mothers and their children.

"Drug convictions have caused the number of women behind bars to explode, leaving in the rubble displaced children and overburdened families," the document says.

The number of imprisoned women is increasing at a much faster rate than the number of men, mostly because of tougher drug laws. There were 100,000 women in state and federal prisons in 2003, an eight-fold increase since 1980, roughly one-third were drug offenders, compared to about one-fifth of male inmates.

"Many of the drug conspiracy and accomplice laws were created to go after the kingpins," said the ACLU women's rights project director, Lenora Lapidus, a lead author of the report. "But women who may simply be a girlfriend or wife are getting caught in the web as well, and sent to prison for very long times when all they may have done is answer the telephone."

Lapidus acknowledged that legislation addressing the situation would probably need to be gender-neutral. But she and her fellow authors — from New York University Law School's Brennan Center for Justice and the advocacy group Break the Chains — make a detailed case that existing drug laws "have had specific, devastating and disparate effects on women."

Among their contentions is that many women are ensnared in drug investigations despite peripheral involvement, sometimes solely because they failed to turn in their partners to police. Sentencing laws fail to consider factors such as physical abuse or economic dependence that may draw women into drug abuse or deter them from notifying authorities of a partner's drug activity.

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ivity acclimating to their new jobs is no less important than that of their new colleagues, because they would have taken advantage of. However, the resolution does allow for incoming members of the Council of Representatives to approve the next year's budget, despite the fact that some will not yet have officially taken office.

Dates for elections would also be made official, requiring all student body and class elections to take place before Spring Break, and all hall elections (except Freshman Class Council and ofﬁce hall elections) to take place before April 1.

Leito outlined the amendment's positive aspects, saying incoming senators would have an extra two weeks of Senate meetings to observe before they must take oﬃce themselves. The outgoing senators would have the year of experience to capitalize on the extra time and wrap up some of their projects.

It was speciﬁed, however, that the newly-elected senators would be expected to meet unofficially in April to get what Leito called "the administrative tasks" out of the way. By the end of the meeting, the resolution was amended to include the requirement that the incoming senators choose their committees and nominate representatives to other groups like COB and Faculty Senate before commencement, even though they will not be in term at the time.

"It's senseless to say to someone that's been elected for an entire year that they have to leave oﬃce before the second semester is over," Leito said in support of the resolution. "The date change would encourage better programming and productivity during April."

Fisher senator Suja Pandya — the loudest voice of opposition when the issue was previously discussed — still stood against the amendment.

"It still hasn't met the burden of proof required to amend a constitution," Pandya said. "The costs outweigh the pros."

Pandya later delved into political theory to weaken support for the resolution, asking why the group should be allowed to extend the unfavorable 'lame duck' period — the time after a new oﬃcer has been elected, but before he takes oﬃce, during which the outgoing oﬃcer is assumed to no longer have the mandate of the public.

Another point of dissent, voiced by Committee on Academic Affairs chair but non-voting member Vijay Ramanan, was that senators might not take advantage of the time shifted from the beginning to the end of their term.

"If your professor hands out a syllabus at the beginning of the course that says there's going to be a test on March 3, but emails you a few weeks into the semester to say the test is pushed back until March 10, you're not going to study an extra week for it," Ramanan said.

Senators hashed over the intricacies behind the resolution, debating, among other things, whether the outgoing or incoming senators would be more likely to spend their time conducting business or meeting with the public.

The ﬁnal vote, which was taken to a role call, was 14-11 in favor of the resolution. However, because it was a constitutional amendment, a 2/3 majority was required for approval, and thus it failed to pass.

The Senate did, however, approve a referendum on creating a $5 per semester student fee, charged to each student's account, to fund the College Readership Program. The entire undergraduate student body can vote electronically Tuesday on whether they would be for or against such a fee. The vote decides little formally, though, because it is ultimately the Ofﬁcers of the University who can create fees, so the results of the referendum will be used just to inform Senate's decision on whether to pursue the idea.

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Kamms

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reflects the day-to-day operational patterns of prototypical for-proﬁt organizations.

"My position involves the skills of a businessman, or the skills used when one has to go out and sell something — in this case an idea," Kamm said.

This role of salesman, deﬁned by Kamm as "someone who sells to a consumer who does not believe they are in need of a product," involves marketing Kamm's utopian ideals of human rights and justice to top-ranking Chinese government oﬃcials.

"We take a business-like approach to the enterprise of human rights," Kamm said.

Working in tandem with her husband, Chan Kamm brings her own strengths to the organization, namely in the more concrete ﬁnancial aspects of business.

The human rights foundation, with a conglomerate spin-off, was not established until nine years into John Kamm's work as an activist. The birth of the organization was made possible by the capitalization of a grant received from the Smith-Richardson Foundation. Kamm used grant money as the basis for his extensive research of prisoners, a process he ﬁnds crucial to the success of those in the ﬁeld.

A 1992 meeting with the ﬁrst minister in the Chinese Ministry of Justice as well as the Head of the Chinese

Prison Bureau served as a catalyst for what would become one of the fundamental principles of Kamm's career.

"We sat down in front of a stack of papers," Kamm recalled. "One oﬃcial said, 'We have decided to answer any question you have about any prisoner.'"

Kamm attributes China's willingness to divulge information as an attempt to better their relations with the international community.

"By 1993 it had become clear that immediate amelioration of conditions would become likely. If not imminent, if a prisoner was asked about, Kamm said.

"Prisoners who are asked about receive better treatment in prison than those who aren't," Kamm said.

Since then, Kamm and the foundation he heads have used this promise to transform nameless prisoners into individuals famed for their incarceration, a conversion that will ultimately lead to an improvement in overall treatment, Kamm said.

Through a clear-cut mission inspired by the philanthropic ideals of the Kamm's, the Foundation has broader social aims than simply the legal and judicial circumstances of Chinese prisoners.

"Our foundation promotes transparency and accountability," Kamm said. "Those are our goals."

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All registration will take place online — payment by credit card.

Captain's Meeting: Tuesday, March 29 @ 7:30pm, 101 DeBartolo
**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Intelligence agents leave main office

BRITISH - Lebanon — Syrian military intelligence agents surrendered their headquarters to the United States in Beirut Wednesday, boarding buses and driving out of the Lebanese capital in line with détente agreements, United States and Lebanese officials told The Associated Press.

Intelligence agents and officers left in two buses and several cars just before noon, ending a 16-year presence in Beirut.

Shortly afterward, a Lebanese official said intelligence agents left in a third bus. Lebanese security forces entered and searched the building.

Plainclothes Lebanese security men later posted signs telling whoever owned property in the compound to contact the Lebanese army. Ili'i's office had been taken up by the United States when the Syrian intelligence agents arrived in 1987.

**Italian troops may leave Iraq**

ROME — The Italian government decided Wednesday to withdraw some of its troops from Iraq after Italian public opinion is heavily against the war.

The Italian government is to withdraw some of its troops from the war against Iraq, following a vote in the Italian Senate. The Senate voted 431-12 to withdraw some troops from Iraq.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

**Senate votes on Alaskan wildlife**

WASHINGTON — A rollout of rising oil and gasoline prices, a sharply divided Senate is about to decide whether to give oil companies access to an ecologically rich Alaska wildlife refuge that could be one of the country's biggest oilfields.

"We believe we have the votes," said Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, who for more than two decades has tried to persuade Congress to authorize, ease say in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. President Bush supported the 1.5 million acres of coastal plain under federal protection.

Drilling supporters argue that the refuge's oil is more available than that elsewhere in the country and that the oil is needed to meet growing domestic demand.

Nevada Sen. Harry Reid is among those who oppose drilling in the refuge, saying it would risk the natural beauty of the area.

**Local News**

Minority leader hopes to return

INDIANAPOLIS — House Minority Leader Patrick Bauer said Wednesday he hoped to be back at the Statehouse early next week as he recovers from colon surgery.

Bauer, a Democrat from South Bend, said he underwent surgery to stop the bleeding as he recovers from colon surgery.

**Iraq**

Elected national assembly convenes

BAGHDAD — Iraq's first freely elected parliament will convene today, and the lawmakers will select a new president and a prime minister.

The new parliament, which was elected in a national vote last month, will meet for the first time today to verify the election results and to choose its leaders.

Arab delegates will trim in gold, black turbans of the Shi'ite clerics from the dark Western business suits. Nearly all the 325 present men wore headscarves.

Standing on a stage adorned with Iraqi flags and bouquets of red and white flowers, Iraqi Chief Justice Medhat al Mahmoud administered the oath to the assembled deputies.

The lawmakers had a copy of the oath in their hands as they swore:

"In the name of God, I swear to carry out my duties and legal responsibilities diligently. I swear to protect the sovereignty of Iraq and the interests of its people and to protect its land and air, its natural resources and its federal democratic system. I also swear to protect public and private liberties and the independence of the judicial system and to carry out the country's basic law.

"We have always said this is a process and today was a step in that process. It's a hopeful moment," he said.

Wednesday marked the anniversary of the Saddam Hussein-ordered chemical attack in 1988 in the northern Kurdish town of Halabja, an attack that killed 5,000 people.

**Peterson sentenced to death**

Within 48 hours the criminal is expected to be sent to San Quentin State Prison

Associated Press

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — A judge formally sentenced Scott Peterson to death Wednesday after jurors decided he was guilty of first-degree murder in the killing of Laci Peterson and Conner the true victims here. "We have a liar!" Lee Peterson said before the judge admonished him and he walked out of the courtroom.

Patrick A. Delucchi, on Monday, also interrupted Hocha but said it was aware of what was going on.

**At San Quentin State Prison, pinned cards display death row inmates. Scott Peterson was formally sentenced to death Wednesday and will be transported to this state prison.**

"Did you really hate Laci and Conner that much or did you just dislike yourself?" Peterson's attorney, Mark Geragos, tried to get the judge to allow Peterson's parents, Jackie and Lee Peterson, to speak, on the basis that they were related to Conner.

But the judge said the hearing was an opportunity for Laci's relatives to speak only. He ordered Scott Peterson to pay $10,000 restitution for funeral expenses and an additional $5,000, though the reason for that amount was unexplained.
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Jill Donnelly.

team's registration fee will be


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Jean Lenz and 1976 graduate Jill Donnelly.

Having been an all-male institution for 135 years, Notre Dame's transition to a co-educational environment was lengthy and not without opposition, Hesburgh said. Hesburgh spearheaded the plan during his tenure and originally beliefed that Saint Mary's and Notre Dame was the best way to approach the problem.

"I got together with the president of Saint Mary's, and we have a principle in which we would merge," Hesburgh said. But negotiations went on, as soon as we would get close to closing the deal, the numns said they needed more money, more buildnings or that they didn't want to have a women's..."

Before a year of weekly conversations that showed little progress, Hesburgh gave up, and Saint Mary's was left on its own. "Father Hesburgh did Notre Dame its first public class," Hesburgh said.

They were welcomed as academically equals, and perhaps this problem is being tracked by keeping track of each team's statistics and their registration information.

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Graduate Student Union

Group debates insurance

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News Writer

Concerns over the rising costs of University-sponsored health insurance premiums and their effects on graduate students were the principal focus of the Graduate Student Union meeting Wednesday.

In the most recent change to the current health insurance policy, graduate student premium amounts have been raised to $1179 per year, an 18 percent increase from last year’s premium of $999 per year.

GSU president John Young described the premium increase as a response by Mega Health Insurance to increased usage of the plan in the last year.

This year, graduate students on the plan have filed approximately $637,000 in claims, as opposed to the 2003-2004 estimates of $367,000.

“As of last month, our utilization of the plan has gone up substantially,” Young said. “Because of the increase in usage, Mega [Health Insurance] has increased the premium.”

The GUS was presented with several options in response to the price increase. Two of the proposed options, an increase in deductible payments to $250 dollars per visit and a decrease in pharmaceutical coverage, were met with misgivings by the GUS.

The deductible increase, while reducing the premium five percent from the anticipated increase, was viewed as an impractical solution because of the possible deterrence to the policy’s benefits.

GSU council member Misty Schieberle said the unintended effect of reducing the premium would be that the benefits currently held by policyholders would never be recoverable.

“If we make this change, we will never be able to get our benefits back,” Schieberle said.

The proposed GUS reduction in pharmacy benefits was also considered to be ineffective by the council. Young said the smallest reduction in benefits, $1500 per year, would adversely affect many students in the graduate school.

“Fifty-nine students are currently covered for greater than $1500 dollars in medication per year,” Young said. “Where this really hurts people is that three of the 59 pay over $1500 per month for medication.”

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PHILIPPINES

Guerrillas training for terrorist attacks

Associated Press

MANILA — Members of the Muslim militant group Abu Sayyaf have trained in scuba diving to prepare for possible seaborne terror attacks outside the country, the Philippine military said Thursday, citing the interrogation of a captured guerrilla.

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Baharan, 35, also said that an Abu Sayyaf leader still at large, Khadafi Janjalani, claimed to speak directly with al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden via satellite phone, according to the report.

Baharan is one of three suspects captured and charged last month for bomb attacks that killed eight people and wounded more than 100 on Feb. 14 in Manila and two southern cities. Abu Sayyaf said it launched the attacks to retaliate for military assaults on Muslim rebels in the southern Philippines.

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Such concerns were highlighted by a botched jailbreak Monday in which Abu Sayyaf suspects seized guards’ weapons in a melee that left five people dead.

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In October, Baharan was told to undergo scuba training in southwestern Palawan province, the report said. He periodically received cell phone messages from Janjalani and Sulaiman “asking him how many fathoms he would be able to dive,” the report said.

His training was in preparation for a Jemaah Islamiyah bombing plot on unspecified targets outside the Philippines that would require “underwater operation,” the report quoted him as saying.

Meanwhile, regional Jemaah Islamiyah leaders say their group trained former Abu Sayyaf guerrillas to prepare for explosive attacks.

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House blocks Schiavo ruling

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WASHINGTON — The House passed legislation late Wednesday intended to delay the removal of the feeding tube keeping alive a brain-damaged woman whose husband has been given permission by a state court to allow her to die.

Earlier in the day, a Florida appeals court refused to block the removal of Terri Schiavo's feeding tube. For years her husband has battled her parents over his efforts to allow her to die, which he contends she would prefer.

Tennis great Martina Navratilova's name is misspelled in the article.

The House bill, passed on a voice vote, would move such a case out of Florida courts, citing a lack of jurisdiction.

Senate Republicans are introducing a separate bill to give Schiavo and her family standing in federal court, and they hope it can be debated on Thursday, a GOP aide said.

Under the House legislation, a federal judge would decide whether withholding or withdrawing food, fluids or medical treatment from an incapacitated person violates the Constitution or U.S. law. It would apply only to incapacitated people who had not left directives dealing with being kept alive artificially and for whom a state judge had authorized the withholding of food or medical treatment.

Schiavo, 41, suffered severe brain damage in 1990 when her heart stopped temporarily. Her parents, Bob and Mary Schindler, have long urged the return of their daughter's feeding tube.

A Florida Circuit Judge Georgereas has granted Michael Schiavo permission to remove the feeding tube, a ruling a state appellate court upheld Wednesday. Without the feeding tube, which the state court allowed to be removed as early as Friday, Terri Schiavo would likely die in one to two weeks.

"What's going on in Florida regarding Terri Schiavo is nothing short of inhumane," said House Judiciary Chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., who introduced the bill with Rep. Dave Weiden, R-Fla.

Some House members criticized the bill, which Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., called a "dangerously reckless way to deal with court-appointed doctors."

"It does not deal just with feeding tubes. It would allow intervention in any decision affecting any kind of medical care. Read the bill," Nadler said.

The Florida appeals court said in Wednesday's ruling that the house the Schindlers' raised were not new ones and had been dealt with previously by numerous courts.

"Not only has Mrs. Schiavo's case been given due process, but few, if any similar cases have ever been afforded this heightened level of process," Chief Judge Chris Alstonbernd wrote.

The court also rejected the Department of Children & Families' request for a 60-day stay while that agency investigates allegations that Terri Schiavo has been abused.

The Schindlers' planned to ask the Supreme Court to consider whether their daughter's religious freedom and due process rights have been violated. Federal courts have declared to become involved the case.

In Tallahassee, the House and Senate were considering competing proposals to prevent the removal of Terri Schiavo's feeding tube.

The bills would block the removal of feeding tubes from patients in a persistent vegetative state who didn't leave specific verbal or written instructions otherwise. But the Senate plan would only affect cases where families disagreed.

Report predicts U.S. girth to drop life span

CHICAGO — U.S. life expectancy will fall dramatically in coming years because of obesity, a startling shift in a long-running trend toward longer lives, researchers contend in a report published Thursday.

By their calculations — disputed by skeptics as shaky and overly dire — within 50 years obesity likely will shorten the average life span of 37.6 years by at least two to five years. That's more than the impact of cancer or heart disease, said lead author S. Jay Olshansky, a longevity researcher at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

This would reverse the monthly steady increase in American life expectancy that has occurred in the past two centuries and would have tremendous social and economic consequences that could even inadvertently "save" Social Security, Olshansky and colleagues contend.

"We think today's younger generation will have shorter and less healthy lives than their parents for the first time in modern history unless we intervene," Olshansky said.

Already, the alarming rise in childhood obesity is fueling a new trend that has shaved four to nine months off the average U.S. life span, the researchers say.

With obesity affecting at least 15 percent of U.S. school-age children, "it's not pie in the sky," Olshansky said. "The children who are extremely obese are already here."


Opposing forecasts, projecting a continued increase in U.S. longevity, assume that obesity will continue to worsen, but also account for medical advances, Preston said.

Still, failure to curb obesity "could imperil the improvements in longevity that are otherwise in store," he said. Americans' current life expectancy already trails more than 20 other developed countries.

Dr. David Ludwig of Children's Hospital Boston, a study co-author, cited sobering childhood obesity statistics.

- Two-thirds of U.S. adults are overweight or obese, one-third of adults qualify as obese.
- Up to 30 percent of U.S. children are overweight, and childhood obesity has more than doubled in the past 25 years.
- Childhood diabetes has increased 10-fold in the past 20 years.
VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II made a surprise appearance Wednesday at an open window of his apartment overlooking St. Peter’s Square, his first public appearance since having the Feb. 24 tracheotomy surgery. A medical bulletin initially planned for Monday was canceled after his discharge from the hospital for the second time in early February. Ilis latest hospitalization lasted 17 days.

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The Vatican has given no indication of the pope’s schedule for the coming days except to confirm he will give his traditional blessing on Easter Sunday, March 27. Holy Week celebrations begin this weekend with Palm Sunday. Officials said the acute phase of the breathing crisis that sent the pope to the hospital for the second time in a month was over, but he would continue his recovery at the Vatican. A medical bulletin initially planned for Monday was canceled after his discharge from the hospital.

The Italian news agency Apcom reported this week that the pope’s apartment overlooking St. Peter’s Square has been sterilized to reduce the risk of infection.

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Russian plane crashes near Arctic oil port

Associated Press

MOSCOW — A 1970s-era Russian turboprop airliner carrying oil workers slammed into the ground and caught fire Wednesday while trying to land near an oil port along the Arctic coast. At least 29 people were killed in the crash, which officials said came after the plane's tail began to fall apart.

Some of the 24 survivors, shivering in temperatures of minus-11 Fahrenheit, used a satellite phone to call authorities from the wreckage near Varandel in the Nenets autonomous region, about 1,110 miles northeast of Moscow. Rescuers quickly reached the site, authorities said.

Emergency workers bundled in heavy coats loaded stretchers with the injured into ambulances, as clouds of exhaust from the vehicles billowed into the frigid air, according to footage shown on state-run Rossiya television.

The passengers were employees and contract workers for affiliates of Russia's largest oil company, Lukoil, who were on their way to begin work stints, company spokesman Mikhail Mikhailov told The Associated Press. He had no immediate information about their nationality.

There were 46 passengers and seven crew members aboard the regional Airlines An-24 plane. Regional is a small private carrier.

Twenty-nine people were killed in the afternoon crash, the Emergency Situations Ministry said. Of the 24 survivors, 10 were in grave condition. The 19 most seriously hurt were evacuated by helicopter to the regional capital, Naryan-Mar, while the five others were taken to Varandel.

Emergency and transport officials would not discuss what might have caused the crash. The Interfax news agency reported that authorities were considering three possible causes: a technical problem, wind, and what the report said may have been the crew's lack of familiarity with the location.

The plane was approaching the airport when it suddenly banked and slammed into the ground near Varandel. The pilot "reported that he saw the runway" shortly before the crash, Deputy Emergency Situations Minister Grigory Korotkin said on Rossiya. Citing eyewitnesses, he said the plane was heading for a forced landing after the tail section began to fall apart.

"Then (the plane) fell on its left side, there was a fire — and that's it," Korotkin said.

The plane had departed from Ufa in the Ural Mountains region and made stopsovers in the cities of Perm and Ust-Kut before continuing on to Varandel.

Jericho handed over to Palestine

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli troops took down their Star of David flag, removed a roadblock and handed the town of Jericho to Palestinian control Wednesday, boosting Middle East peace efforts and sending a message to Palestinians that ending the violent uprising is starting to pay off.

However, a last-minute argument over formal handover documents reflected the distrust that has built up during four years of conflict.

Symbolic steps turned practical as Israel removed one of three roadblocks around the isolated desert oasis, allowing free travel to the rest of the West Bank. Israeli soldiers stopped checking cars entering Jericho — a boost for the town's economy and for Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas, who needs to show he can get results as he seeks to renew the peace process with Israel.

Violence has dropped since Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon declared a cease-fire at a Feb. 8 summit in Egypt. Abbas was in Cairo on Wednesday trying to persuade militants from Islamic Jihad and Hamas to formally join the truce.

News and pictures from Jericho, where residents welcomed Palestinian police in clean, dark green uniforms and red berets after Israeli soldiers packed away their flags and weapons, could only strengthen Abbas' argument that violent resistance has played itself out, and agreements achieve more.

Meanwhile, Hamas swept to victory in elections for the Hebron University student council, a sign of the hold the Islamic group has ahead of parliamentary elections in July.

Also in Hebron, Jewish settlers clashed with Israeli police as they smashed a contested building in the volatile town, underscoring that Israel will have difficulties controlling its own extremists during its planned evacuation of the Gaza Strip and part of the West Bank this summer.

But in Jericho, the atmosphere was optimistic.

"This is excellent, very encouraging," said Jack Haltar, 30, who owns a general store in the town. "Jericho has always lived outside the conflict and for many years has worked to get results as it seeks to renew the peace process with Israel."

The town is ideally suited for such steps — a quiet oasis in the barren Jordan River valley, far from Israeli population centers and relatively free from militancy and violence. But even negotiations over Jericho were long, tense and acrimonious, bordering poorly for transfer of the other four towns agreed to at the Feb. 8 summit — Bethlehem, Qalqilya, Tulkarem and Ramallah, seat of the Palestinian government. Israel is supposed to hand Tulkarem over next week.

The casino was closed shortly after the outbreak of fighting. Israel also kept control of a main highway running through Al Ain, a village north of Jericho, while ending the village itself to the Palestinians.

Palestinian police promised to confiscate illegal weapons and hand back Israeli cars, according to the handover agreement. Israel pledged to consider removing the remaining two roadblocks in a month if the Palestinians fulfill their security obligations.

In a statement announcing the handover, the Israeli military warned that continuing the process depended on "commitment of the Palestinian security forces to a joint fight against terrorist activity."

Jericho has been the starting point for peace processors and confidence-building measures in the past, dating back to 1994, when Yasser Arafat arrived to establish the Palestinian Authority under terms of an interim peace accord.
Man loses custody of goats

Animal cruelty case raised against friar

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — A man who allegedly left a trail of dead goats through several states has lost custody of his 200-plus remaining animals pending the outcome of animal cruelty cases in Ohio and West Virginia.

Christopher Weathersbee, 46, fled to West Virginia with 16 of his goats, including a dead one he'd been storing in a freezer, in late February amid an impoundment and seizure by agents in Scioto County, Ohio.

Ohio agents found an estimated 80 goat carcasses on his rented property — including one in the house and another nine in a freezer. According to Teresa Krause, director of the Ohio Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. They also seized about 220 live goats from the property.

In West Virginia, shelter officials found another goat dead after a passer-by notified officials.

Weathersbee was charged with multiple counts of animal cruelty, including illegal slaughter of animals and the sale of contaminated goat meat.

Weathersbee told reporters, "Some people just don't want to do their job right, so they'll slip it through rather than doing their job. We don't have any evidence that somebody directed anybody to do this."}

Chip Great, director of the Geological Survey, said the e-mails "have raised serious questions about the review process of scientific studies done six years ago at Yucca Mountain."

The disclosure follows other setbacks for the underfunded government dump.

The department has delayed filing its license application for the facility and has reduced its budget by 20 percent, the Los Angeles Times reported.

Last month, the official in charge of the Yucca project resigned, citing personal reasons.

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He has previously acknowledged that he could not afford to feed his animals, including those that were mutilated and starved, according to Teresa Krause, director of the Ohio Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. He appeared for the first time in court June 25 and was ordered to appear in court July 9.

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Blake acquitted of murder

Actor was accused four years ago of shooting his wife

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A jury acquitted tough-guy actor Robert Blake of murder Wednesday in the shooting death of his wife four years ago, bringing a stunning end to a case that played out like a pulp fiction.

The jury also acquitted Blake of one charge of trying to get someone to kill Bonnie Lee Bakley, but deadlocked on a second solicitation charge. The jury voted 11-1 in favor of acquittal and the judge dismissed the count.

The 73-year-old film noir of the 1970s detective drama "Baretta" dangled his head, trembled with emotion and sobbed heavily as the verdict was read. He hugged his lawyer and later almost fell while reaching for a water bottle.

Bakley's adult daughter sobbed quietly in the back of the courtroom.

Outside the courthouse, Blake thanked his lawyers and private investigators, saying "this small band of dedicated warriors saved my life." He also described the financial toll the case had taken on him.

"If you want to know how to go through $10 million in five years, ask me," he said. "I'm broke. I need a job."

At one point, Blake asked someone in the crowd for something to remove his electronic monitoring bracelet. He then bent down and cut off the devise.

The jury of seven men and five women deliberated the verdicts on the ninth day of deliberations. Following a four-month trial was part of a wave of celebrity court cases that have provided a record for mail living scams.

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Blake had faced life in prison; prosecutors did not seek the death penalty.

Blake was charged with shooting Bakley, 44, in their car outside the actor's favorite Italian restaurant on May 4, 2001, less than three months after their marriage.

The defense called it a weak case built largely on the testimony of the two stuntmen, both of whom were once heavy drug users.

No eyewitnesses, blood or DNA evidence linked Blake to the crime. The murder weapon, found in a trash bin, could not be traced to Blake, and witnesses said the minuscule amounts of gunshot residue found on Blake's hands could have come from a different gun he said he carried for protection.

"They couldn't put the gun in his hand," jury foreman Thomas Nicholson told reporters outside court, adding that the evidence "never connected all the links in the chain."

Prosecutors said Blake believed his wife trapped him into a loveless marriage by getting pregnant. They said Blake soon became smitten with the woman he described as desperate to keep the child away from an unfit mother.

Bakley had been married several times, had a record for mail fraud and lived in a scandal-plagued world of pictures of herself and promises of sex.

Blake was married by Bonnie Lee and he hated her for it," said Shellee Samuels, his lawyer.

Blake's trial was starting just as the tabloids, Scott Peterson and O.J. Simpson trials, were once heavy drug users.

Blake has been in a no-frills ceremony at which the bride wore an electronic monitoring bracelet because she was still on probation for fraud.

Prosecutors said Blake killed his wife after failing to persuade a street drug-dealing-minister and two stuntmen from his "Baretta" days to do the job. One of the stuntmen said Blake talked about having Bakley "smelled" and mentioned local corners in Los Angeles, like the Grand Canyon.

Another defense witness who worked for Blake as a private investigator testified that the actor proposed to kidnap Bakley, force her to have an abortion, and if that did not work, "whack her."

The defense portrayed the actor as a victim of hard times, having a record for mail living scams.

Blake told authorities that he walked his wife to the car after dinner, then discovered he had left his gun back in the booth at Vitello's Restaurant. He went back to get it, then returned to the car and found her body, he said.

But some witnesses testified that Blake did not appear to be concerned about the small wound over the slaying that night. One witness said the actor appeared to be "turning it on and off."

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The end has, as I’ve been expecting, arrived on schedule. Spring break has come and passed. Like the sun-tans many of us have returned with, the fresh memories of this year’s version of that annual college bacchanal will fade away, taking with their place among the golf of sports news breaks past. Only ill-advised tannins and came appearances on “Girls Gone Wild” will remain. Indeed, Easter, the final respite from class work and last bastion of days off, waits merely a week away. Blame an early start to Lent, but it seems as if the calendar is running on high octane this year. Just past both of these rule-breaking loons graduation— an idea most seniors have gleefully ignored, preferring instead to bathe in the forgetting waters of the modern Lesthe that is the Linebacker.

I myself find the conclusion to my Notre Dame days suddenly staring starkly at me from its ever-near-by perch at the end of the road I set out upon four years ago. Did I spend my time here appropriately? Did I truly appreciate what for me, like many others, seems to have been gleefully ignored, that words have been gleaned and seen as just a way to reach out to the other. It was— a conscious thing. It just seemed like there was never enough time. Now when we do meet, it feels as if it’s by custom, not by choice. It’s funny to think about when I first met at Saint Mary’s when our relationship was as fresh as a fabric softener scent, when we’d sneak off to be together like two young, infatuated lovers. But those days are gone. Now we meet as if we’re romantic historians, paying homage to what once was. A match that has since been snuffed out like a candle on Good Friday.

Ah, William Wordsworth, what’s come between us?

I should explain. I’m an English major, a fact that I normally stated with the natural addition “...but I’m planning on going to law school.” At some point in the major, I became enamored with Wordsworth, the great Romantic British poet with whom I’ve become closely acquainted. I’ve read him, written on him, and drawn-up plans for imaginary pilgrimages to his English Lake District home. This year, however, pushed came to shine. I am going to law school next year. And that means William Wordsworth and I (who I did indeed meet at Saint Mary’s in a course on British Romanticism) must break up so that I might instead concentrate on tort laws and civil procedures. Failing out of the Linebacker, I could sit on the sun-soaked quad with a well-worn anthology of English poetry— coming from strong are the days of case law and contracts, of moot courts and internships. But I find I’m not alone. For those of us graduating with Arts and Letters diplomas, the clash of aesthetic versus pragmatic is all too real. We would have been in accountant if I just wanted a job after graduation. No, we wanted something more— to communicate with the great minds and works that get at the heart of what it means to be a thinking person. But, so it seems, money talks and blank verse walks. It’s time to turn in those anthologies for West street, journals, those paperbacks for legal pads.

In the end, I take comfort in the idea that Wordsworth knew what we’re about to go through. “Shades of the prison-house begin to close! Upon the growing Boy,” Wordsworth wrote. He was talking about the impact of workweariness on man’s nature. He might as easily have meant trading O’Shag for Madison Avenue.

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Law and justice go hip-hop style

Samuel Johnson, who was not retracted in his opinion, once said that "the law is an ass." His observation sprang inevitably to mind this January when, in 2005, a student was summarily expelled from the American Legal History class. The judge of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals found themselves in the position of whether the lyrics of Juvenile's "Back That Azz Up" infringed the copyright of D.J. Jubilee's "Back That Ass Up." The judges eventually decided that Jubilee had not stolen Jubilee's property. They ruled that the "homonymy" of his—admittedly homonymous—song was not its lyrical linchpin, but rather the words of the Jackson Five's "I Want You Back." In the through the looking glass world of intellectual property law, it made some sense, but the fact remains that if they had put the courtroom footage on C-SPAN it would have made more entertaining viewing than anything MTV could offer.

Plato said songs "spell for souls" and the influence of hip-hop has long been a source of concern amongst academics and lexicographers. This suits the rappers just fine, musically, hip hop has its deepest roots in soul as—it along with Jamaican dub—but its taste for outrage is the rock and roll. Plato was an old man who was worried of music's bewitching power and there are some who dismiss concerns about the influence of hip-hop as just the latest instance of the perennial concerns over the ugly about the music of the young. Others detect a double standard in the way hip hop performers are viewed when compared to contemporary rock musicians, few of whom, it must be said, are exemplary role models.

While there is some truth in both of these replies, other defenders of hip hop overreach. Toni Morrison has argued that it is a sign of racial prejudice that we take Shakespeare's vulgarity to be quaint and yet treat hip-hop lyrics as a cause for concern. But Shakespeare's double entendres are not the Elizabethan equivalent of 2 Live Crew's "Me So Horny" and anyone who says otherwise has spent too much time surfing the internet by snoopdogs and lost all sense of reality.

The lyrics of much hip-hop music are pornographic in a straightforward and perfectly literal sense. Male emcees frequently boast of their sexual prowess and recount their conquests, real or imagined, in terms that would make Cascio Lady blush. Female performers who are eager not to be outlaw tipped—namely, as punchlines on their hot bars—shows, making it clear how few men will measure up. In both cases they present themselves as paragons of unapologetic self-confidence, but it is hard not to notice the similarities with the image of the hypersexualized black that has long enjoyed prominence in the racist Looking Glass.

The upshot of all this is that if you listen to "Lil' Jon and Lil' Kim in quick succession it's uncomfortably like overhearing a couple on the phone, with a scratched copy of James Brown's "Funky Drummer" skipping in the background. Edited for the radio, it's like listening to a cardiologist singing to a beat it doesn't hear.

While humanities professors are not well known advocates for supply-side economics they are perfectly sassy at provoking work that succeeds in the intellectual marketplace by flustering the pre-existing tastes of students. A prominent example took place in 2003, there was an academic conference at Harvard devoted to Tupac Shakur, sponsored in part by the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for Afro-American Research. 

Marc Anthony Neal, an English professor from the State University of New York, Albany, argued that Shakur is best understood as an example of the "organic intellectual" who expresses the concerns of his group, a concept articulated by of Antonio Gramsci, the Marxist political theorist. Participants at the conference who shat their eyes and listened hard would have heard the sound of W.E.B. Dubois spinning in his grave at just over 33 resolutions per minute.

Of course, hip-hop music is much more diverse than the debates around it typically suggest, and there are a great many artists like K'Naan, Mos Def, and Talib Kweli to name just a few, whose music does not rely on posturing and provocation. But in general the more outrageous the content the better; it is hopeless to criticize the artists for misogyny and homophobia when to a large extent they are deliberately setting out to outrage not as an expression of prejudice but as a declaration of independence, to prove that they won't let anyone tell them what they can and cannot say, to show that they can get away with it.

People do not automatically imitate the values of the music they listen to, and to speak as if they do both lessens them and absolves them of responsibility. Hip-hop music often seems to express a worldview in which other people must always appear as either rebels and the fate of child soldiers began 17 years ago, the scars of violence there are some of the most gruesome in the regions bloody history. The statement, "we are human beings too," is simple, but carries immense weight. The invisible children live on an invisible continent, and its time for private citizens—if not the U.S. government—to take notice.

Christina Hill

Halftime entertainment defines season

The few fans who did go to (Tuesday's National Invitation Tournament) men's basketball game agreed that instead of grasping our teeth and rending our garments about the recent series of losses, we should instead look back at the moments that made this season tolerable. Yes, Colin Falls' eight 3-pointers in the Pittsburgh game and the 21-point effort by Turin Ferguson against Rutgers were admirable efforts. Chris Thomas continued to make the Impossible shots that made him famous, and Rick Colbert stepped up his play in the paint. However, the only part of the season that really paid adequate tribute to the 100 years of Notre Dame hoops was the halftime entertainment.

The Centennial Celebration during the last home game made the best players in school history under one roof (maybe coach Mike Brey should have snuck a few of them into that day's lineup). Ever popular among the students, the hammer ball races were often more exciting than the actual games themselves.

Jean's Golden Girls showed us that you don't have to be young to shake it like a Polarisoid picture. The High Impact performers proved that spanked and trampoline moments for minutes of high-flying fun. Last, but eerily not least, let us not forget the bowl lady. She amazed us all by flip- ping three bowls onto her head, but after her amazing final performance, I think we speak for all of us present that she truly deserved the standing ovation we gave her.

Many thanks go out to the people that made these memories possible. The next year can you please bring back the flexible man that fits himself into a box?

Sarah Wadzicki

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We are human beings too

"We are human beings too." Those words roll of the tongues of different groups of people enduring all levels of injustice across the entire world. But, how can this be if you refuse to see us?

The shattered world of the children fleeing from the Lords Resistance Army rebels and the fate of child soldiers began 17 years ago, yet rages un unchecked by international pressure. Real, live human beings just like us, are watching their families die, they are starving and then training to be killers themselves.

At the same time, in Sudan, the United Nations estimates that 180,000 people have died as the result of genocide, and gross human rights offenses continue despite growing media coverage in the West. And while the United Nations attempts to reach peace settlements with rebel groups in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the scars of violence there are some of the most gruesome in the regions bloody history. The statement, "we are human beings too," is simple, but carries immense weight.

Africa is a place too. The invisible children live on an invisible continent, and its time for private citizens—if not the U.S. government—to take notice.

Christina Hill
Johnson keeps playing the same good song

By REBECCA SAUNDERS
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Although the majority of "mainlanders" have not actually visited Hawaii, most people could describe Hawaii with great accuracy. Visions of lei, luaus and ocean sunsets come to mind for most, but the sounds of Hawaii may escape their grasp. There is a simple solution, however — buy a Jack Johnson album.

A North Shore native from Oahu, Johnson brings Hawaii to the world through his music. His songs are gentle singing that plays as the perfect soundtrack for watching a sunset while sitting on the edge of a beach. In his third studio-released album, "In Between Dreams," Johnson does not change much in regards to his style of music or lyrics. The album bounces from song to song with Johnson's soothing voice and folksy guitar playing transporting the listener to the warm beaches the songs seem to be written for.

"In Between Dreams" does not stand above Johnson's first two albums, providing a solid dose of traditional Johnson without many surprises. The overall sound of the album hardly differs from that of his first two albums, "Brushfire Fairytales" and "On and On." In fact, any one of the songs on "In Between Dreams" could be added to either of the previous albums without disturbing the overall feeling of those albums. Many critics would view this as a weakness and perhaps as a musician it is a failing to be seemingly stuck in one style. However, for those that are devoted to Johnson's style, "In Between Dreams" simply makes his playlist a bit longer.

Lyricaly, the album fits into the typical Johnson pattern of mostly covering day-to-day topics such as girls, rainy days and even "Banana Pancakes." However, per usual, a handful of songs hit some more serious topics such as an anti-war sentiment and the question of where'd all the good people go? Johnson's lyrics are playful with a point, such as in "Good People" when Johnson sings, "Turn on the boom tube, I'm in the mood to obey." Although at times some of the lyrical choices seem a bit child-like, for the most part they fit with the mood of Johnson's music and as such are forgivable and even enhancing to his work.

"In Between Dreams" is a just a bit more somber than "Brushfire Fairytales" and "On and On." For the most part the songs are generally mellow with a couple of pleasant exceptions such as "Never Know" and "Banana Pancakes." "Never Know," one of the best songs on the album, is an upbeat song with a catchy melody. The lyrics are a bit on the serious side as Johnson philosophizes. "Never knowing / We're shocking but we're nothing / We're just moments, we're clever but we're clueless / We're just human amusing and confusing / We're trying but where is all this leading? / We'll never know." The song is musically memorable and the lyrics have a depth that is not available on every track. "Never Know" stands out in the midst of the other songs on "In Between Dreams."

Jack Johnson has found a successful formula and he has obviously decided to keep using it, "In Between Dreams" is not groundbreaking. If "In Between Dreams" had been Johnson's debut album it is very possible that he would not be as well-known as he is today. Nonetheless, for fans of Johnson, "In Between Dreams" is 14 more songs to enjoy. Johnson doesn't reinvent himself in his third album, but he doesn't have to.

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Jennifer Lopez: No more 'soap opera'

Associated Press

While other celebrities have taken pains to keep their public life under wraps, Jennifer Lopez always seemed to relish the white-hot spotlight.

Whether she was frolicking with Ben Affleck in a music video, wearing a barely-there outfit to drive the paparazzi wild or gushing about her latest love in a magazine, Lopez was willing to let the public share in her private life.

"I grew up in New York and was very out there and outgoing. One of my main things was I'm not going to let this business change me, you know what I mean?" explains the Bronx-born Lopez, 34, "That was always one of my mantras."

Today, Lopez, as Lopez promotes her fashion line and new album, "Rebirth," she's sticking by a new mantra - keep your private life private. It took her eight months to finally acknowledge the scandal of her divorce from the singer-actor Marc Anthony, and she still won't talk about it. Instead, Lopez is putting the focus back on her career.

"I don't want to talk about anything that is personal or private at all. Whatever the case is, you're open with people; and then they try and make a soap opera out of your life,

Lopez said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"This isn't about your work any more, it's not about the movie you're promoting or the record you hope your fans will enjoy, it becomes about other stuff, it's not a career. It's damaging my relationship with the fans I've worked so hard to build myself back up."

For a while, Lopez's stardom seemed to be in decline, but she's managed to turn it around by the release of their bomb "Gigli," drawn from the release of a sequel to "Manhattan" as the public became more interested in J.Lo, or Jenny From The Block - the woman dating and marrying people, she's still willing to take risks with her career.

"But her image started to suffer in 2003, when Lopez was in the midst of a very public romance with Affleck - the "Bennifer" pairing was that year's Brad-and-Jen frenzy. The couple's breakup was publicized by the release of their bomb "Gigli," drawn from the release of a sequel to "Manhattan."

"But she's a strong woman and she's not going to let you bring her down.

"I think we're really proud, we're real people who care about our work any more. And the reason why I was in the public eye to begin with is because I was in movies, making records," she said. "And all of the sudden it wasn't anything about that. And I didn't want it to be anything about my private life."

So Lopez took a six-month break from Hollywood last year to regroup.

"For me, what it was was about kind of being alone, and thinking, and realizing that for me it was really a time for me to realize why I was in the business in the first place," she said. "How do I keep the focus there, and still maintain my life and the privacy of myself?"

Lopez - who has released five movies and three albums in the past three years - also said she was jamming out projects instead of spending time to reflect on what was right for her.

Lopez made sure her fourth studio album, "Rebirth," didn't suffer from those circumstances. The star spent several months on it and had a greater role in its production - which boosted her confidence.

"I think technically, the first time I made an album, I had never even sang live. At Madison Square Garden," she laughed. "You develop this insecurity, and then the more you have to build yourself back up. I've become more confident as a musician and as a co-producer and as a vocalist, whereas before I was a little more insecure and kind of so worried about people criticizing me for this or that or whatever."

Lopez has taken her share of criticism over the years - from her feather-light voice to even her acting abilities. But Rich Harrison, who produced Lopez's new hit "Get Right," said the singer is "a star who has only made her stronger as an artist."

"She knows what people tend to say about her and it makes her work so much harder, that much harder in the studio," he said. "She's not satisfied until it feels right, until it feels good."

And Lopez is happy with "Rebirth." It incorporates the hip-hop/hand-clap vibe that's garnered her so much success over the years, but also blends in other genres, including R&B pop-rock. Lopez calls it a more risque album.

"It's not so safe as my other ones were," she said. "These are things that are a little funkier, a little deeper, and yet still danceable in a way."

"I used to be the kind of person who would talk about a lot of things, but as I've matured I've realized that's not the best way to go," she said. "You have to be careful - you have to protect what's sacred to you."

Much of Slipknot's music focuses on its members' pain and frustration growing up in Des Moines, Iowa.

JORDAN: I hate the cliché of it, but growing up is hard. For anyone. So there's that backdrop. You find something to grasp onto like music, and you try to get it going and be creative and just let it all go down, and get your flippers torn down.

Q: Will you run out of stuff eventually to write about?
TAYLOR: Just when we stop talking about the past the present gives us enough stuff to be angry about for the rest of our lives. Just being in this band and seeing the way people interpret it is enough to frustrate even the most ardent artist.

Q: How do you think you're interpreted?
TAYLOR: I think we've been interpreted as a band that's angry, and that's what bothers me because there is so much substance in this band. People get stuck on the aesthetic, and it's (expletive).

JORDAN: We're not an easily digestable band for the first listener.
Q: Are you pleased with this album?
JORDAN: I think it's our best album yet. We'll do this in a metal band with aggro and high risk, but this album shows there's not just one Slipknot sound. We're capable of such range.

TAYLOR: "Iowa" was a very bleak, dark album. But this one you can hear colors, lots of reds and greens that show how we've evolved as musicians. Plus, coming back together and working together was really a joy.

Q: So do those masks smell like?
TAYLOR: You want to take a hit? You can right now.

FEHN: Be careful if you do, you'll develop something right on your face. Don't touch it and it'll go away in about three weeks.

JORDAN: Those masks smell moldy and stale, like someone's basement.

Q: Do you still live in Iowa?
JORDAN: Yeah. A few of us have moved around now and then, but we've all come back. There's something about Iowa that just keeps you there.

JORDAN: It's the state equivalent of the "Death Star" with the big tractor beam.

FEHN: Plus we've all made some money now so we can get the double-wide trailers.
Big Ben breaks record in Pistons' 102-95 win

Wallace makes his 1,070th career block, passing Terry Tyler in Detroit career record books

Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — On the night Ben Wallace rolled 13 rebounds and broke Detroit's shot-blocking record, Rasheed Wallace's defense and Terry's blocking ability, the Pistons would win their 10th in a row.

Chauncey Billups tied a sea
son high with 32 points and said.
free throws to seal the victory.
Tayshaun
Tyler's franchise record of
it at
Detroit's shot-blocking record,
tough to stop him because he
can do it at both
levels and when he gets rolling, it's
almost
Detroit to a
play midway through the
three blocks surpassed Terry
Wallace makes his 1,070th career block, passing Terry Tyler in Detroit career record books.

On CLOSE 2773097 Lori
Seattle on Wednesday night.

Robert Horry is warming up for a win.

Horry scored 18 points in 21
minutes, making four of his
free throw attempts to win the.

San Antonio Spurs to a win over
the Minnesota Timberwolves on

Wednesday night.

For Horry, signed by the Spurs for his
scoring, the production was his
best in nearly two years with the

Boston Celtics. He's trying to get in a
play - that's his m.o.

The victory was the fifth
straight for the Atlantic
Division-leading Celtics on
their ninth in 10 games since
acquiring Walker from Atlanta on

Feb. 24. A few players on Boston's
bench were teasing Rose after
Prince nailed a jumper and was
fouled on Boston's first
possession of the game, saying

"He's going to foul you out.

After Prince missed a jumper in
the closing seconds, the
Raptors came down for the
final shot without calling time­

out. Paladin's drive bounced off
the backboard, and the buzzer
sounded.

"I felt like we had a better
chance of getting to the basket
or maybe getting a foul,"

Rasheed Allen sounded.

The Celtics had
decided to play without

Paul Pierce, and Antoine
Walker each scored 24 points,

as the Nets completed a season

"I kept telling him he
wasn't going to score on me,
and he kept telling me I wasn't
going to score on him. He
thought I played me.

The way the Celtics are going

the #102-95 win over Chicago.

"We don't play defense,"
Boston coach Doc Rivers said
of his team's fourth-quarter
defense. "That was horrible. We've come a long way when
they have their heads down. They
were upset, frustrated.

Tony Allen finished with 16
points for Boston, including a
pair of big baskets in the final

14-6, Davis had 14.

"We're not really happy
with the way we played in the
fourth quarter," Pierce said.

"We know we could improve,
especially on the defensive end.

Boston coach Doc Rivers said
of the win.

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Washington looking to validate their No. 1 seed

The Huskies open the first round against Montana tonight

Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — The Washington Huskies are growing tired of talking about their No. 1 seed in the Albuquerque Regional.

"We're finally going to be able to start backing it up Thursday when they play Montana in the opening round of the NCAA tournament," Conroy said. "That's not something that we asked for. We didn't go beg to be a No. 1 seed. They stuck us with that number," guard Will Conroy said. "We don't care what seed we were. It's just a number."

The Huskies (27-5) are frustrated that they seem to be the only team among the four top seeds taking heat for something they had no say in. Washington beat Arizona 61-72 on Saturday night to win the Pac-10 tournament, then waited for the NCAA selection committee to decide on the seedings.

"I guess people aren't going to be satisfied until we win the national championship," said Nate Robinson, Washington guard. "I don't think there's any questions that we're not the best team, but what makes this time of your special is we could play a great game, Washington could have a subpar game and all of a sudden we've got a fun basketball to watch. That's the reality of it."

The Boise lineup features several teams familiar with the others in town, but they're not in the same regional. Arizona (27-6) plays Utah State (24-7) Thursday night in the Chicago Regional. The Aggies made it to the tournament by winning the Big West championship against Pacific, which plays Pitt earlier Thursday in Boise.

And Robinson said the Huskies, provided they win Thursday, will be cheering on their Pac-10 rivals later in the day.

The last game Thursday is Louisiana State (27-6) against Alabama-Birmingham (21-10). After the Blazers defeated Washington in 2004, they beat top-seeded Kentucky in the second round before getting knocked out by Kansas in the regional semifinals.

LSU is back in the tournament after missing out last spring. The Tigers struggled early to a 6-5 record, then went on to win the Southeastern Conference West.

"We would need to make history by becoming the first 16th seed to upset a No. 1. There's been a few almosts with the 16s and the 1s. But you know, the committee's not perfect. There's nothing saying that Washington couldn't be a three seed and we could be a 14," Montana coach Larry Krystkowiak said.

The Grizzlies have played at the beginning of the season, but Krystkowiak said Montana opted for another non-conference home game rather than hit the road for Mountain West.

The Grizzlies and Huskies could've played at the beginning of the season, but Krystkowiak said Montana opted for another non-conference home game rather than hit the West Coast.

Krystkowiak denied reports the Grizzlies, who clinched their sixth NCAA tournament appearance by winning the Big Sky tournament, backed out of the game.

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Auto Racing

Formula One will have competition

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — An ambitious new global auto racing series unveiled Mexican and Brazilian teams as it disclosed the A1 Grand Prix car for the first time in the Americas. But the success of the venture might have less to do with the sleek open wheeler than with the idea of aach blaring traditional music around it. The A1 Grand Prix is all about national pride.

Sheik Maktoum Hasher Maktoum, a member of Dubai's ruling family and founder of the series, says he is building "the World Cup of motor sports," a place where national teams battle for pride on an unusually even footing.

Twenty-five countries — ranging from Lebanon to China to the United States — will have one entry apiece, owned and driven by a local competitor and with local sponsors.

All of the cars will be the same: 550-horsepower Zytec-powered open-wheelers that Maktoum has bought from British auto company Novilar Cars. Racing is supposed to start in April 25 at Brands Hatch, England, and finish in April.

"You can't compare us to any other motor sports event on the planet," he said in an interview before unveiling the Mexican car late Monday. "As far as I'm concerned, we're going to be the biggest event in the world in terms of everything, viewership, everything.

Asked how long it would take to pass the global popularity of Formula One, he replied: "The first race.

"If that's a breach, there's at least a logic to it. He thinks A1 will attract many fans with lit- tle interest in winter months. Even more new fans will be drawn by having a national team to root for, he said.

"If we're looking to have 30 percent motor sport's customers, 70 percent new fans," he said.

If patriotism lures fans, then sponsors in each country will have an incentive to go: the national team will have a local monopoly.

Maktoum said Real Madrid soccer star Ronaldo was awarded the Brazilian team. Mexican team is held by two businessmen, Juan Cortina and Leopoldo Hinojosa.

Some of the teams have drawn enormous local interest due to the idea of their country competing on level ground with the world's automotive powers.

In Pakistan, President Pervez Musharraf oversaw the announcement of that country's entry. Nelson Mandela and President Theo Mbeki were on hand for South Africa's announcement.

Figure Skating

Michelle Kwan struggling on ice

Scoring system gives former Olympic fits

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Michelle Kwan was so distracted by figure skating's new scoring system that the five-time champion struggled to her worst showing in more than a decade in the world championships' qualifying round.

Her tentative performance Wednesday was just seventh best. And she wasn't helped by an unassuring program not geared to maximizing the points awarded for technical challenges.

"I got even instead of getting into the ice," she said, adding that she felt fine physically but was uncomfortable with the new system. "I felt, like, I have to ice and I didn't feel that I could bend my legs."

Irina Slutskaya, a Russian who often has been defeated by Kwan at the world championships, this time was at the top after an all-around and emotional qualifying skate that was all the more impressive because she's still battling heart problems.

"In the first medals of this year's competition, Russians Tatiana Totmianina and Maxim Marinin capped a remarkable comeback by retaining their championship in the pairs event. They skated a nearly flawless and intensely emotional program to Rimsky-Korsakov's "Scherezade" on a week that was a few months after a near catastrophe, when Totmianina fell on her head at Skate America in Pittsburgh and was unconscious for several minutes. At the end of their program, both seemed more overwhelmed than triumphant, raising their hands to the sky, showing no indication of the heart lining inflammation that's been fighting for two years. Off the ice she was visibly tired and breathing heavily."

"In principle I'm satisfied, but I can do better," she said. The qualifying round counts for the field for the short program to 30, and 25 percent of the qualifying round score is added to the total of the free and short programs for the final score.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Utah's 7-foot Bogut looks to play big in dance

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — He was born in Australia. The roots of his game are from his parents' native Croatia. He was a star in Athens and has carried Utah into the NCAA tournament.

Basketball is an international game, and 7-foot Andrew Bogut is its latest rising star.

Soon, the NBA will make him a lottery pick, maybe the No. 1 choice overall. Before that, though, Bogut has some unfinished business with the Utes.

"There's a guy that no one's been able to stop all year," UTEP coach Doc Sadler said. "He's probably the premier guy in college basketball. If they're talking about whether or not you're going to be the third pick or the first pick, that's pretty good. I mean, what can't he do?"

Sadler's 11th-seeded Miners (27-7) will try to contain Bogut and the No. 6 seed Utes (27-3) Thursday in a first-round Austin Region game at Arizona's McKale Center. The game will be the second afternoon contest in the first game. No. 3 seed Oklahoma (24-7), the Big 12 regular-season champion, will play 14th-seeded Niagara (20-9), making its first NCAA tournament appearance in 35 years.

The evening contests feature teams from the Albuquerque Region. No. 3 seed Gonzaga (25-4) faces No. 14 Winthrop (27-5), and sixth seed Texas Tech (20-10) plays No. 11 seed UCLA (18-10) in the nightcap.

Utah wants Bogut to touch the ball on every possession. If he doesn't score — and he can even hit an occasional 3-pointer — then the collapsing zone defense or double-team leave a teammate wide open.

"He's throwing it out, and we're basically playing horse out there," UTEP guard Tim Druden said. "We got a lot of open jump shots, and it's up to us to knock them down."

Bogut was recruited by Rick Majerus and was Mountain West freshman of the year last season. But his game truly blossomed with the Australian national team at the Athens Olympics, where he averaged 14.8 points and 8.8 rebounds in five games. He returned to the college game as a winner player.

"I'm playing with guys my age again," the 20-year-old from Melbourne said. "In the Olympics, you're playing guys who are 26, 27 with experience playing all around the world. I came back to play against guys my age and my strength. I thought I could do very well, and I've done pretty well to this point."

Bogut is averaging 20.7 points and is third in Division I at 12.3 rebounds per game. He made 64 percent of his shots, third-best in the country.

"To see what he's been able to do for this team and this program this year is really amazing," said coach Ray Giacoletti, hired after last season when Majerus resigned for health reasons. "He's the focal point, but the rest of the group has really bought in to understand that he needs to touch the basketball whether it be in transition or the halfcourt game. That's something, to me, that is even more special."

UTEP, in its first season under Sadler, wants to make Bogut and the rest of the Utes run.

"He's going to get his points and rebounds," UTEP forward Omar Thomas said. "We know he's a good player, that he's a top-five pick. He's going to do what he does. We're just going to hope he doesn't kill us too bad. We're going to play UTEP basketball and make him run up and down the court, what he's not used to, and make him guard our big man."

Thomas leads the Miners in scoring at 20.4 points per game, but Puerto Rican point guard Filiberto Rivera makes the team go.

Andrew Bogut has been much of the reason for the Utes' strong play this year. The NBA-bound star averages 20.7 ppg.

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MLB
Congress and MLB meet this afternoon
Historically, the U.S. government has paid attention to baseball

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Politics may be Washington's official sport, but baseball has been a congressional pastime for a century.

When several of baseball's biggest stars appear before a House panel Thursday, they will be following in the footsteps of some of the sport's greatest players. Hall of Famers Ty Cobb, Jackie Robinson, Ted Williams, Stan Musial and Bob Feller all took turns before Congress, which seems to pay more attention to baseball than any other sport.

"Maybe because it's older, it's the national pastime, and because it has sort of a special status with its antitrust exemption," said Senate Historian Donald Ritchie. He noted the Senate used to adjourn to go watch the president throw out the first pitch when the Washington Senators opened their season.

Over the years, Congress has taken aim at the antitrust exemption, drug use among players and franchise relocation.

On Thursday, Baltimore Orioles owner Peter Angelos and Boston Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling will be among the stars called before a House committee investigating steroid use, along with former sluggers Mark McGwire and Jose Canseco. The leadoff witness will be Jimmy Carter, former Kentucky Republican and Hall of Fame pitcher.

Congress has been interested in baseball issues since the early days of the game. In 1913, Rep. Thomas Gallagher, D-Ill., called for a congressional investigation of baseball's "reserve clause," which until the 1970s bound players to one team for their entire careers unless they were traded or released. Gallagher said players were "enslaved and forced to accept salaries and terms or be forever barred from the footlights."

His call followed a contract dispute in which Cobb, the Detroit Tigers star known for his hard-play and win-at-all-costs attitude, refused to report because the team would not raise his salary to a then-exorbitant $15,000.

Cobb would defend the reserve clause at a congressional hearing nearly 40 years later. William Coughenour, Cobb told the House Judiciary antitrust subcommittee in 1951, "all the strong clubs or the richest men could hire away from the weaker clubs."

That is what critics of the New York Yankees and other free-spending teams say happens today.

The Supreme Court solidified the reserve clause in 1922 by granting Major League Baseball an exemption from antitrust laws, ruling it was a sport and not a business. That exemption has remained a focus of congressional oversight ever since, although in 1996 the Supreme Court ruled that unionized employees can't file antitrust suits.

In 1951, Rep. Emanuel Celler, D-N.Y., held a series of hearings on "monopoly power" in which lawmakers threatened to revoke the exemption to prod baseball to expand to the West Coast. At the time, there were only 16 major leagues teams, none west of St. Louis.

Six years later, the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Giants announced plans to move to Los Angeles and San Francisco, respectively. That prompted Cobb, a proud Dodger fan, to hold more hearings in the antitrust subcommittee.

"In one breath, they say baseball is a sport, not subject to antitrust regulations," he said. "In another breath, they say they have the right to move franchises in the interest of dollars, selling to the highest bidder."

At a hearing three weeks later, commissioner Ford Frick predicted doom for baseball if antitrust exemptions were challenged.

"Being from Kentucky, I'd rot for them to go as far as they can," Azubuike said. "It's kind of crazy. We have to play them and beat them."

They're not alone.

"Being so close, we have a lot of fans that support both programs," said Kentucky coach Tubby Smith. "They have that David-versus-Goliath syndrome, where if they can take advantage of a weakness, they're going to utilize it."
The Hispanic Law Students' Association cordially invites the Notre Dame community to attend this year's Graciela Olivarez Award Ceremony
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Award Ceremony begins at 11:00 am in the Law School Courtyard
Indiana not ready for NIT, loses in opening round to Vanderbilt

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Indiana might not have been happy playing in the National Invitation Tournament, but Vanderbilt seemed to be.

The Commodores took control of the game early and never trailed in a 67-60 win over Indiana in the opening round of the NIT on Wednesday night.

The Hoosiers came out flat and uninspired, showing signs of disappointment from being left out of the NCAA tournament.

"I think some teams come out and they don't want to be in the NIT," said Vanderbilt forward Corey Smith, who finished with 25 points. "It seemed as if Indiana came out kind of low.

"The Commodores (19-13) played with enthusiasm all night, and they'll advance to play the winner of the Wichita State-Western Kentucky game in the second round.

"Regardles of whether it's the NIT or the NCAA tournament, you never want to lose," Smith said. "You never want to end it on a bad note."

For the Hoosiers (15-14), their season couldn’t have ended on a worse note. After losing to Minnesota 71-55 in the opening game of the Big Ten tournament, Indiana struggled to find any rhythm in its first NIT appearance since 1983.

"We tried to prepare them the best we could for this game, but I thought we did a poor job of getting our guys ready to play," Indiana coach Mike Davis said.

"I did a poor job getting our guys ready and excited about the NIT."

After Vanderbilt took a 53-42 lead late in the second half, the Hoosiers used a 12-6 run to close the gap to five with 1:09 left. But four straight free throws by Shan Foster and Smith pushed the lead back to 63-54 with 34 seconds left.

Foster finished with 11 points and DeMarre Carroll scored nine for the Commodores, who shot 50 percent from the field.

"Everyone talked about how hard it was for teams to get up hard it was for teams to get up," Wright said. "We felt right into that trend.

The win was extra special for Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings, who played basketball at Purdue University from 1980-82 and was an assistant coach for the Boilermakers under Gene Keady from 1983-88. As Purdue player and coach, Stallings compiled a 12-7 record against Indiana.

"It's not often that you get to come here as an opposing team and experience victory," Stallings said. "This was a special night for our players.

The Commodores quickly took the Indiana crowd out of the game by shooting 48 percent from the field in the first half and opening a 31-26 halftime lead.

Vanderbilt used a 7-0 run to extend its lead to 48-30 early in the second half before Indiana cut the deficit to 53-46 with 6:21 left after consecutive dunks by Wright and Roderick Wilmont.

San Francisco 69, Denver 67

Tyrone Riley made a layin with 1.3 seconds left and San Francisco won its first postseaon game in 26 years, beating Denver in the opening round of the NIT on Wednesday night.

"It's a special night for our players," said Denver coach Dan Leibovitz.

John Cox scored 15 of his 27 points in the final 11:11, rallying the Dons from a 49-44 deficit. Cox — Koby Bryant's first cousin — scored three straight baskets to get the Dons back in it. His 3-pointer with 7:17 remaining tied the game at 55.

After Denver's Erik Benson hit a 3 to make it 65-64 with 1:19 left, Cox converted two free throws at 43 seconds.

Rodney Billups, the younger brother of Detroit Pistons star Chauncey Billups, then hit a 3 from the top of the arc with 29 seconds left. USF set up a final play with 20.9 to go, but Cox called timeout near midcourt with 7 seconds on the clock.

"We have a crew here that is very tough mentally," Coach Mike Davis said.

Then Hazel drove into the paint and made a pretty pass to Riley for the winning basket. Carpenter received a baseball pass, but missed a short baseline jumper at the buzzer.

Riley finished with 16 points and six rebounds for USF (17-13), which advances to play Saturday against the winner of Cal State Fullerton-Oregon State. USF won a postseason game for the first time since beating Brigham Young University 86-63 in the first round of the NCAA tournament, only two years after Cox's father, Chubby, helped the top-ranked Dons go 29-2 and reach the NCAA tournament.

Yeni Nicholson had 15 points and four rebounds, and Robert Vaden scored 13 for Indiana.

The Hoosiers home attendance of 5,113 on Wednesday was the smallest crowd to ever watch an NIT game since 1985.
Steve Alford walked onto the basketball court at the RCA Dome on Wednesday amid a flood of memories. Alford was an All-American at Indiana, and two victories on this same court started a six-game run to the NCAA championship for Alford and the Hoosiers in 1987. Thursday's first-round game against the Bearcats is a homecoming for Alford and the Hoosiers in 1987. Thursday's first-round game against Cincinnati will be his first at the Dome as the Iowa coach.

"Those thoughts and memories came back, of playing Fairfield and playing Auburn in front of great crowds here," he said after the Hawkeyes' practice.

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Irish continue arduous stretch against Illini

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Sports Writer

Competing against top-tier teams in the country hasn’t been a problem for the Irish this season. With yet another nationally ranked foe knocking on Notre Dame’s door today, the Irish will have another shot to upset a top-5 team.

No. 16 Notre Dame (13-4) will face a stern challenge from No. 3 Illinois (10-1) today in dual-match play, the third top-5 team that Notre Dame has faced this season. The Irish had previously dropped two matches to No. 4 Duke and No. 2 Virginia, the latter in a close 4-3 decision.

"I’ll be interesting because we’ve already played Virginia and Duke," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "Illinois, traditionally, has a lot of big guys with huge serves and very aggressive play. indoors, that’s most effective. So they’ll present a pretty formidable challenge."

The Illini will come into this match with only a single loss, a defeat at the hands of No. 1 Baylor in the semifinals of the National Indoor competition.

"The only match they’ve lost is to Baylor, who is defending NCAA Champions, 4-3 in the National Indoors semifinals," Bayliss said. "So they’re arguably the No. 2 team, even though Virginia reached the finals of the National Indoors and also lost to Baylor."

Although Illinois has suffered from injury problems as of late, they should present a healthy and dangerous lineup against the Irish. Senior Chris Martin, returning from a stress fracture in his foot, should play his first match of the year.

Illinois boasts some impressive individual talent in their lineup. The Illini’s Kevin Anderson, a first-semester freshman, has lost only one match this year and is currently ranked No. 14 in the nation. Junior Byler Delleart is ranked No. 1 in the country.

"We’re aware of what they’ll bring to the court — big servers and aggressive play," Bayliss said. "They have eight or nine guys who can really take it to you. We’ll have to counter that by being really solid, and also emphasizing a higher level of percentage play than anything we’re played to date to make this a competitive match.

"We don’t want the Illinois out of this one. The team has transitioned well to outdoor play," Bayliss said. "Winning three of their last four matches outdoors and seven of the last nine overall. They have played some nail biters in five of the last six matches, winning 4-3 decisions in three of those competitions."

While competing at the Blue-Gray National Tennis Classic in Montgomery, Ala. over spring break, the Irish posted two victories over ranked opponents — No. 27 Rice and No. 68 William & Mary.

"The strongest positions for us down south [in Alabama] were Nos. 2, 3 and 4 — Stephen Bass, Ryan King and Shovu Purby," Bayliss said. "Even though I thought we’d have a hard time getting our guys ready to play Illinois. Whether we’ll play at their level, I don’t know, but we’ll be ready to play.”

The Irish will get their shot at reversing the trend against the Illini later today. The match is scheduled to play indoors at 4:00 p.m. in the Eck Tennis pavilion, due to expected inclement weather.

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MLB

Mets’ Trachsel to undergo surgery

News is positive for the Cubs, as Wood works from mound

Associated Press

Spring training isn’t even over yet and the New York Mets already have a major hole in their starting rotation. Wednesday.

No. 5 pitcher Steve Trachsel, always counted on to make his starts and chew up innings, will have surgery to repair a hernia
disk in his back and is likely to miss a major portion of the season.

"This is not what I expected when I left last week to go to New York for X-rays," Trachsel said in a statement Wednesday. "I thought I would get a shot and be back.

"There is no doubt in my mind I’ll be pitching again before the end of the season."

Who will take his place is now the big question.

Players who have this type of operation normally miss about three months, said Mets general manager Omar Minaya, who wouldn’t speculate on how long Trachsel will be out. New York will first look internally to fill Trachsel’s spot.

"Hopefully we get him back soon," No. 1 starter Pedro Martinez said.

Trachsel, 34, went 12-13 with a 4.00 ERA last season. He had made at least 28 starts each of the last 10 years.

Right handers Matt Ginter, Jae Seo, and Aaron Heilman would be the most likely to replace Trachsel as the fifth starter in the rotation behind Martinez, Tom Glavine, Kris Benson and Victor Zambrano.

"The opportunity is there for a few guys," Mets manager Willie Randolph said. "We’ll see who takes the ball by the horns.

The news was somewhat better for the Chicago Cubs’ rotation.

Injured starters Kerry Wood and Mark Prior showed some progress after testing their arms Wednesday.

Wood, who has burst in the shoulder and inflammation near the rotator cuff, worked from the mound and threw about 30 pitches. He is scheduled to have an MRI study this week.

Prior, who has inflammation in his elbow and irritation to the ulnar nerve, played catch from a distance and was throwing live minutes.

Wood left his spring training start March 9 after the second inning because of tightness in his right shoulder. He had an MRI exam in Arizona, then flew back to Chicago.

Prior made his Cactus League debut March 10 and pitched three innings against the Seattle Mariners without problems. However, the Cubs revealed Monday that Prior felt discomfort a short time after that game while doing routine exercises.

Prior also had an MRI exam and visited elbow specialist Dr. Lewis Yocum.

"It’s a little slower process there because you’ve got to get that inflammation out," Rothschild said. "There’s still a little discomfort there. It’s considerably better, which is basically what we expected.”

Rothschild said he would see how each pitcher feels Thursday when they arrive at camp before deciding the next step.

"They’re both doing fine,” Rothschild said. “Just want to get going and get back in games.”
Women's Swimming

Irish hope to make mark at NCAAs

By MIKE TENTANN
Sports Writer

Two Irish swimmers and one diving coach made the trip to the NCAA Championships in West Lafayette, Ind.

Junior Christel Bouvron is making her third straight appearance at the championships, while Katie Carroll and Meghan Perry-Eaton are both on return trips. Bouvron, a diving coach at the University of Central Florida, David Cutcliffe, assistant head coach and quarters back coach, Rick Minter, defensive coordinator and linebackers coach and Bill Lewis, assistant head coach and defensive backs coach are all together at point of some of their respective careers. Cutcliffe coached at the University of Mississippi, Minter at Cincinnati and Lewis at Georgia Tech.

"I hired a very well-rounded group when it came to recruiting," Weis said of his experienced group of coaches. Weis also said he has a different approach when it comes to recruiting that spans the entire country. So, instead of coaches recruiting by position, they are recruiting by areas.

Each coach on staff has two areas. Weis said — a primary area and a secondary area. The primary area is one that is within driving distance, while the secondary area is a flight away. The players in those primary areas are able to take unofficial visits, while those in the secondary areas primarily take official visits, due to the travel expenses. Weis said.

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first four weekends of the sea­son," coach Paul Mainieri said. "We had warm weather. Now, we're going to have to deal with some climate conditions, and the guys just are going to have to be really mentally tough to handle those things. I believe that they will."

Sophomore right-hander Jeff Manship will start for the Irish against the Huskies.

On Friday, the Irish will send lefty Tom Thornton to the mound to take on the Evansville Purple Aces (16-5) at 7 p.m. Capping the three game stint, the Irish meet the South Dakota State Jackrabbits (2-12) at 1 p.m. Saturday. Right-hander Jeff Samardzija will get the nod for Notre Dame.

The Huskies own a deceiving 3-7 record. They were swept in a three-game series by previous­ly No. 22 ranked Texas Tech at Lubbock, Tex. They also suffered a couple of close losses against Southern Illinois and Louisville, including a 10-inning 5-4 set­back against the Salukis and a blown 7-4 ninth-inning lead against the Cardinals. In the Louisville loss, the Huskies com­mitted six costly errors — two in the bottom of the ninth to keep the Cardinal rally alive.

"Northern Illinois has played well. They've played some tough games," Mainieri said.

The Purple Aces have lived up to preseason hype under fourth­year head coach Dave Schrage. They were picked to finish fourth in the Missouri Valley Conference, and they head into their own tournament with a 16-5 record, a 5-4 victory over then 19th ranked Washington and a close loss to eighth-ranked Texas A&M — a team that pounded the Irish 13-5.

A familiar face to the Irish skipper, Schrage coached as Mainieri's assistant at St. Thomas University in Miami, Fla., in the mid 1980s. Catcher Dustin Knight leads the Aces with a 403 batting average.

"I know he's an excellent coach. They're doing really well, and they'll be really tough at home," Mainieri said.

South Dakota State brings a 2­12 mark into the tournament in their first year as a Division I program. A loaded schedule with Kansas, Nebraska and Creighton has contributed to the Jackrabbits' woes. The Jacks have dropped six straight contests — all in the state of Nebraska. In those 54 innings, they were outscored 70-12 by Nebraska and Creighton com­bined.

Mainieri is still wary of the Irish in the conference tourney.

"If you look at South Dakota State, their record's not very good, but they've played a suc­cumbing to the Irish tourna­ment," he said.

Notre Dame will face each of their next three opponents' pitching aces.

The Irish look to build a win­ning streak and turn their slow start to the season around after winning two of their last three games, including a 12-11 victory over Southwest Missouri State in the consolation final of the Irish Baseball Classic.

After being named to the all­tournament team at the Classic, Jackrabbits' Alex Netley, infielder Steve Andrews and third baseman Ross Brezovsky lead the Irish into the Aces' tourna­ment.

Tony Langford — in his first career start at doubleheader — sparked the Irish against SMS with a three RBI day at the plate. Mainieri would like to continue to work Langford into the lineup.

Manship is still building up his strength after returning from elbow surgery. He was limited to one-inning outings last weekend and will likely get another higher pitch count this week.

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NCAA

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Ohio State are also each sending 11 competitors.

The Irish will be sending a team that is rich in both talent and NCAA experience. Of the 11 com­petitors, eight have fenced in the NCAA before, and they share a combined 12 All-America awards.

Kryczalo, who is a three-time defending champion, will lead the Irish contingent this weekend, as she attempts to join an elite group of college athletes with four indi­vidual titles in the same sport.

Two other former champions will join her — senior epeeist Kerry Walton won in 2002 and sophomore sabre Valerie Providenza took the title last year. Providenza's biggest thor­n to defending her crown may be her own teammate, as freshman Mariel Zagnoni, the 2004 Olympic gold medalist, will attempt to begin her own streak of victories.

The men's team will be led by senior epeeist Michal Solberaj, who is still looking for his first title after finishing in the top 10 every season, including a second­place finish in his sophomore year.

With all their individual accom­plishments and ambitions, the Irish realize that success will come as a group.

"It takes teamwork. We all have to fence well, but we can fence well," Kryczalo said.

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Opponent, senior Michael "The Thrill" O'Neill, defeated Dillon junior Mike Panzica in a unanimous decision over Erie's Andrew Hennig in the face of Hennig's unrelenting effort. McGill earned the right to face Michael "My Real Name is Meri" Hennig in the finals.

Hennig, a sophomore from O'Neill, defeated Dillon junior "The Thrill" Bezuksza. Bezuksza did not back down in the face of Hennig's aggressive style, but judges unanimously voted in favor of his opponent.

150 pounds

The welterweight division semifinals boasted some of the more closely contested fights of the evening. Nate "The Banzai Kitten" Lohmeyer, an off-campus senior, defeated Keough sophomore "The Texas Tickler" Lougee in an unanimous decision.

The fight was more even than it may appear on paper, despite Lougee's second-round standing and Lohmeyer's face off in the final against off-campus senior Tim Huml.

Huml defeated Keough sophomore Jordan Fluharty in a close split decision. Huml broke what looked to be a deadlock with a third-round flurry.

155 pounds

The super welterweight semifinals featured some close fights.

Mike Panzica, an off-campus senior from Ohio, defeated off-campus MBA student Brian Weldon in a split decision.

Panzica was able to secure a victory despite suffering a bloody nose from one of his opponent's big head shots. Panzica will face Galen "O.D.E.P." Loughrey for the 155-pound championship.

Loughrey, a Dillon Hall senior, persevered in what looked to be the closest of the non-split decisions against Chris Caldonero.

Both fighters were aggressive and traded fierce jabs and body shots for most of the fight, which the judges awarded unanimously to Loughrey.

160 pounds

In the first semi-final match of the 160-pound weight division, top-seeded Mark "Turn the Other Cheek" Basola withstood a third round rally from Burns to secure a unanimously decided victory.

The junior will take on Bobby "The Polish Pistol" Gryzynski in the finals at the Joyce Center arena on Saturday night.

Gryzynski came out firing against Morrissey junior Daniel Lien. Lien's quick feet could not save him from Gryzynski's powerful hand, and the judges ruled unanimously in favor of the Polish Pistol.

165 pounds

Mark "Running" Desplinter outlasted Patrick "No Tomorrow" McMorrow in the opening match of the 165-pound weight class. McMorrow, remaining true to his nickname, was not short on intensity and effort but could not handle the superior mechanics or reach advantage of the top-seeded Desplinter.


170 pounds

The fight between Justin "The Fleece" Alanis and Brad "Ba Ba Black Sheep" Wanchulak looked at times like a wrestling match with some punches sprinkled in. Wanchulak, an extremely aggressive southpaw, tireless­ly went after Alanis, leading to numerous tie-ups.

In the third round, however, Alanis knocked down his more unorthodox opponent to ensure a unanimous decision. Alanis will be pitted against Dan "Pound Town" Ward in the finals.

Ward defeated Andrew "Doubles Frazier" Breslin in a competitive split decision that many spectators seemed to question.

Breslin, whose first two matches were both called by the referee in the first round, tried to get inside the taller Ward, get some punches in, and get his hands up to defend his face. The strategy seemed to be working as Ward received an eight count from the referee in each of the first two rounds, but the momentum shifted in the third and the judges ruled for Ward.

180 pounds

In the light heavyweight division, Jim Christoforetti beat Jeff Golen on a unanimous decision. Christoforetti used a combination of quick left jabs and strong right hooks to keep Golen off balance for most of the fight. Golen responded with a strong third round, but it was not enough to take down the top seed.

Christoforetti will meet Doug "Six Months in the Hospital or Sudden Death" Bartels in Saturday's championship round.

Bartels dominated Dana Collins from the opening bell, knocking him to the canvas in the fight's first minute. 22 seconds into the second round, Bartels downed Collins once again, forcing the referee to call the fight.

200 pounds

Johnny "Blaze" Griffin picked up right where he left off. The artist formerly known as "Smooth Chocolate," last year's champ, had a bye to his semifinal match with Chris "Young One" Adams.

Griffin wasted no time getting reacquainted with the ring. His dynamic combination of speed and strength led to a bant-­ending knockdown one minute and eight seconds into the second round.

Griffin will take on former captain William Zizic in the finals. Zizic defeated Chris Cavanaugh on a unanimous decision in a very well fought match.

Zizic's effective combination of alternating hooks to the body and head neutralized Cavanaugh's reach advantage. The first and third rounds were extremely close, but Zizic dominated the second, knocking Cavanaugh down with a left jab to the face.

Heavyweight

The first semifinal match in the heavyweight division did not last very long. Matt Hasbrook, a former football walk-on, set the tone immediately with a barrage of crushing rights.

The taller, thinner John "You Can't Beat Around This" Bush had no answer for Hasbrook's power. The referee called the fight after just one minute and six seconds had elapsed.

Hasbrook's opponent in Saturday's championship will be Nathan Schroeder. Schroeder defeated Kevin Phillips in the final round of the last match of the night. The first two rounds were fought evenly. Schroeder dominated the third, however, as the worn-out Phillips struggled to counter his opponent's technique and quickness.

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BENGAL BOUTS

One step closer

Finals pairings set after exciting night of semifinals

By THOMAS BARR and KEVIN BRENNAN
Sporrs Writer

The punches flew and the sweat dripped from the faces of the 44 boxers at the Joyce Center Wednesday, but at the end of the day only two fighters remained in each of the Bengal Bouts' 11 weight classes.

126 pounds
Sophomore Peter Sarpong sported gold trunks and represented Toms River, N.J. to start off the semi-final round with a decisive victory over David "Whistler" Rawlski. Sarpong knocked down his opponent at the end of the first round and dealt him a standing eight-count in the second to win the contest unanimously.

130 pounds
Jon "Tejano Terror" Valenzuela defeated law student Dmytro "Fun Size" Aponte. The fight had to be stopped with 20 seconds left in the second round.

Valenzuela will face Thomas "Quick Foe" Goldrick in the finals. Goldrick, a sophomore out of Chicago, won in a unanimous decision which included two standing eight-counts for his opponent.

Thomas Goldrick, left, and Michael Feduska trade blows in the second semifinal match of the 130-pound weight class of Bengal Bouts Wednesday.

BASEBALL

Irish travel to Evansville

By TOM DORWART
Sporrs Writer

Time to whip out the extra batting gloves and long-sleeve T-shirts. The Irish (6-7) will take a much shorter road trip than their previous Florida, Arizona and Texas trips when they head south today to southern Indiana.

Notre Dame will face Northern Illinois (3-7) in a 4 p.m. meeting at Evansville's Braun Stadium where the weather is forecasted to be a bit cooler than the heat of the Sun Belt. For the Thursday, Friday and Saturday Aces' Diamond Classic, the temperatures are predicted to be in the high 50s.

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