**Fencing team spears national championship**

Irish overcome deficit to claim NCAA title for second time in three years

**By ERIC RETTER**

**News Writer**

HOUSTON — Going into the biggest tournament of the season, sophomores sabre Valerie Providenza got sick.

"On Thursday I got really sick and had to go to the hospital. I had food poisoning and a virus infection," Providenza said. "It's definitely taken away a couple of matches."

Despite that claim, Providenza performed extremely well at this year's NCAA fencing championships, going 19-4 in the round robin — including a 9-0 tear on Sunday that helped the Irish temporarily what was a 24-point deficit Saturday morning into a 39-point victory by Sunday afternoon — as they edged rival Ohio State 173-171 atop the team standings. Behind them, perennial contenders St. John's and Penn State finished with respective scores of 162 and 145.

Providenza was among six Notre Dame fencers, two men and four women, to place in the top four of the round robin and advance to the medal rounds. Providenza joined senior foilist Alijo Kryzcalo, sophomore epeeist Amy Orlando and freshman sabre Mariel Zagunis as the women's representatives, while senior epeeist Michal Sobieraj and sophomore sabre Patrick Ghittas advanced from the men's team.

However, the Irish met with some struggles in the championships, as only Sobieraj emerged as an individual champion, defeating Wayne State's Marek Petraszek 15-13 in the finals to cap his career with a title.

Providenza finished fourth, falling in the semifinals to eventual champion Emily Jacobson of Columbia by a score of 15-13 before losing the bronze medal bout to Sibbhan Byrne of Ohio State 15-11. Zagunis, who beat Byrne 15-5 in the semifinals, lost to Olympic teammate Jacobson by the margin of 15-11.

Ghattas advanced as a four seed, then upset top seed Franz Boghicev of Penn State 15-10.

**Bouts organizers predict earnings of $100,000**

**By EILEEN DUFFY**

**Assistant News Editor**

Celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Bengal Bouts, alumni boxers gathered this weekend to look on as the Notre Dame Boxing Club gave birth to 11 new "million dollar babies" at Saturday night's final rounds.

Well, $100,000 babies, at least.

Through a combination of fundraising techniques — Bengal Bouts alumni donations as well as the sale of tickets, program advertising and merchandise — the club has raised a preliminary amount of $75,000. However, Pat Farrell, Bengal Bouts coach and chair of the alumni reunion committee for this year's bouts, said he "has no doubt" that the final total will exceed $100,000.

That's a long way from "The Leader in You" leadership conference — which met its goal, the audience reached maximum capacity.

The conference focused on leadership in all aspects of Saint Mary's lives and looked at both professional and personal aspects of leadership. The conference hosted an array of events and workshops including recognizing personal leadership potential, leading Saint Mary's into future successes and even attending Friday night's Midnight Madness event.

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SMC student leaders travel to Middle East

Center for Women in Intercultural Leadership sends students, faculty members to conference

**By LISA GALLAGHER**

**News Writer**

With the sponsorship of the Center for Women in Intercultural Leadership (CWIL), two Saint Mary's faculty members and four students attended the first student leadership conference in the Middle East March 14 through 18.

The Women as Global Leaders Conference invited over 1,000 women from 41 countries to Dubai, United Arab Emirates to participate in the historic gathering promoting women to take charge.

As members of the intercultural living community and through participation in dialogues on campus with Sister Marianne Farina, a CWIL fellow and director of research and scholarship at SMC, the four Saint Mary's students were invited in December to attend the conference.

Senior Veronica Fritz and junior Carolyn Madison, both accounting majors, Asma Qaddoura, a sophomore psychology major and Angela Johnstone, a junior philosophy and religious studies major, all attended.

Planned over the course of only five months, the conference was hosted by Zayed University.

"By hosting the conference, Zayed University aims to build bridges connecting the emerging leaders in the region," Fritz said. "It was an incredible experience for us and we were amazed with the fabulous response we received for this conference, which was so popular, the audience reached maximum capacity.

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Prof examines modern surveillance

Special to the Observer

Gary Marx, professor emeritus of sociology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and author of numerous books and articles on social control, mass behavior and rare relations, will present a talk at 4:30 p.m. today in 131 DeBartolo. Titled “Windows into the Soul,” the lecture is free and open to the public.

Marx will discuss the social, legal, ethical, comparative international, cultural and policy implications of recent developments in surveillance and communications technology.

He is the author of “Protest and Prejudice” and “Undercover: Police Surveillance in America” and co-author, with Doug McAdam, of “Collective Behavior and Social Movements.” “Undercover” received the Outstanding Book Award from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences and Marx was named the American Sociological Association’s Jensen Lecturer for 1989-90. His works in progress include books on new forms of surveillance and social control across borders.

Marx’s talk is sponsored by Notre Dame’s Science, Technology and Values Program, the Department of Sociology and the Web Group Faculty Learning Community.

Peace conference set for early April at ND

Organized by Kroc Institute, event will offer different approaches to ending violence

Special to the Observer

More than 100 undergraduate and graduate students from Notre Dame and some 20 other colleges and universities will participate in the 2005 Undergraduate Peace Conference on campus April 1 and 2 (Friday and Saturday).

Titled “Crossing Boundaries in the Name of Peace,” the conference is organized by Notre Dame students under the sponsorship of the University’s Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

John Paul Lederach, professor of international peacebuilding at Notre Dame, will open the conference with a keynote address at 8:30 a.m. April 1 in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies, Founder of the Conflict Transformation Program at Eastern Mennonite University, Lederach has helped design and conduct training programs in more than 25 countries and is the author of 16 books and manuals on peace education and conflict transformation, including, “The Moral Imagination: The Art and Soul of Building Peace.”

The conference will conclude with presentations, panels and workshops from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 2 in the Hesburgh Center. Topics include religious approaches to peace, weapons of war and peace, theories of war, conflict transformation, paths to peace in Northern Ireland, relationships between the military and non-governmental organizations in conflict zones, struggles of India’s indigenous people, alternative processes of peace and justice, identity crises in the Philippines and Palestine, a multidisciplinary approach to peace in Haiti and genocide.

Registration for the conference, which is free and open to the public, will take place until March 24 on the Web at =http://www.nd.edu/~krocins/evetypes/crossboundaries.html or from noon to 5 p.m. April 1 at the Hesburgh Center. Dinner Friday and brunch Saturday will be planned with presentations, vided at no charge to those who register by the March 24 deadline.

Haiti health crisis to be addressed

Lymphatic Filariasis tops list of concerns

Special to the Observer

A symposium titled “First Steps: Eliminating Lymphatic Filariasis in Haiti” will be held today at McKenna Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

Lymphatic Filariasis (LF) causes the grotesque swelling of the body known as elephantiasis, a disease in which progressive lymphatic dysfunction leads to the hideous swelling of legs, arms, breasts, or genitals. LF is aggravated by dangerous skin infections whose heat can become so intense it causes second-degree burns. Notre Dame’s Haiti Program, led by biologist Father Thomas Streit, has as its goal the elimination of LF from Haiti by 2012. As many as 2 million of Haiti’s 8.3 million people are believed infected with the mosquito-borne parasites that cause LF.

The focus of the Haiti symposium will be fortiﬁed salt production in Haiti. Under the leadership of the Haiti Health Ministry, Notre Dame and principal partner Holy Cross Hospital, the Centers for Disease Control and UNICEF have been working to fortify the Haitian salt supply with the drug diethylcarbamazine (DEC) and ivermectin to interrupt the transmission of LF and ameliorate istic the disease.

The symposium will begin at 8 a.m. and the highlight of the event will be an address titled “Health in Haiti: Charge to the Partners” at 4 p.m. by Josette Bijus, Haiti’s Minister of Public Health and the Population. Other presenters include Patrick Lammie, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Steven Ali, regional advisor for communicable diseases for the Pan American Health Organization; and Madsen Beau de Rochars, director of the LF Reference Center at Hôpital Sainte Croix in Leogane, Haiti.

At 2:30 p.m., Notre Dame industrial design students under the direction of Department of Art, Art History and Design faculty members Paul Down and Robert Sedlak, will make a presentation addressing the need to rebuild the Haitian salt evaporation pools that were destroyed last September by Hurricane Jeanne.

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After asking for something from the alumni, they gave something back to them: they presented the Bengal Bouts Award — given annually to someone who has gone "above and beyond the call to the club," according to Lohmeyer — to anyone who has ever been a member of the Notre Dame Boxing Club, or spent time in the ring. Alumni from the class of 1944 to the class of 2003 gathered in the ring to accept the awards.

"It was cool to see a guy who was 82 standing next to a guy who was 22," Lohmeyer said. "They were both part of the same organization."

Sophomore boxer Clayton Loughrie emphasized the bonds形成的 through the Bengal Bouts experience.

"The amazing part about the Bengal bouts is that we train so hard all together before we get in the ring to fight. And then we all stay off... but then once the fight is over, we've tried so hard to completely beat each other up for three rounds, we're right back to being friends," he said.

They fight, but they're friends. And they fight for something more than a title. The money they raise goes to the Holy Cross Mission in Daka, Bangladesh, which is made up of a school, college, seminary, orphanage and hospital.

The Boxing Club is the single largest supporter of this mission; "their financial stability depends on how much money [the club] raises," Lohmeyer said.

Indeed, according to the Bengal Bouts Web site, one American dollar can feed and clothe a family of five for a day in Bangladesh.

Reflecting upon a visit to the mission, Bengal Bouts coach Tom Suddes wrote, "I never fully realized the impact of the Bengal Bouts on people's lives in Bangladesh."

Lohmeyer said it succinctly. "I think they're going to be really, really happy to receive a $100,000 check over there."

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about $50,000, this year's contribution is "amazing," senior captain Nathan Lohmeyer said.

The additional money, said both Farrell and Lohmeyer, came from the pockets of Bengal Bouts alumni. The club sent out a letter to alumni requesting donations, with a $750 goal establishing an alumni as a founding member of the Nappy Legacy Fund, named in honor of the alumni who were, in turn, sold each night of the bouts for $1. Advertisers were, in turn, sold Bengal Bouts shirts for $15 each.

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Another money-saver for the club was hats and stickers recognizing the accomplishments of not only alumnae but current students as well as meet and talk with current students at Saint Mary's.

Friday night's keynote speakers — Superintendent of Benton Harbor schools Paula Dawning and Superintendent of the Nappy Legacy Fund, named in honor of the alumni who have been a part of the Bengal Bouts experience.

Saint Mary's's graduates gather on campus to participate in an alumnae leadership conference entitled "The Leader In You" held Saturday in the new Student Center.

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before losing to St. John's Serjay Isayenko 15-12. "I know that Patrick made big progress this year," head coach Janusz Bednarski said. "He was competing well so it was not a surprise for me [that he made the finals]."

Orlando, who had gone from 11th place in the round robin after Saturday to fourth place by the end of Sunday, beat Holly Buechel of Penn 15-5 before losing to Anna Garina of Wayne State 15-6.

The largest upset of the event came as Kryczalo, the three-time defending champion, attempted to join only 29 other athletes in NCAA history as winners of the same event four years in a row. After triumphing over Erzebet Garay of St. John's 11-8 in the semifinals, then defeating Emily Cross defeated Kryczalo 15-3 in the finals. Along with the medals, freshman foil Jakub Jedrzkowiak (17th), senior sabre Andrea Ament (7th) and sophomore sabre Matt Stearns (10th) were All-Americans at the event, giving Notre Dame its seventh national championship and securing the team as the sole champions.

"If we win first, we win first, we shouldn't tie," Providenza said. "We have done that great in a long time, so it was amazing."

This is the second national championship for Notre Dame this year. The women's soccer team won Dec. 5 with a 4-3 penalty kick decision against UCLA.

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BUSH SIGNS BILL TO PROLONG LIFE

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Pilgrims flee shrine after bombing kills 30

Three women and a child were killed in a suicide bombing at the shrine of Shah Aqiq, a Sufi saint, in the southern city of Shahr-e-Kord, according to local officials.

The blast, which happened at 7:30 a.m., killed at least 30 people and wounded dozens more, according to the local police chief.

The shrine of Shah Aqiq is a popular pilgrimage site for Shiites and Sunnis alike.

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International News

Clash with ex-soldiers kills three

PORT-VAUDE, Haiti — U.N. troops fought the bloodiest clash of their 10-month-old mission in Haiti on Sunday, when a raid to remove ex-soldiers from a police station erupted into a gunbattle that killed three people, including a peacemaker, officials said. Three peacemakers were also wounded.

The Sri Lankan peacemaker who died in the raid in Petit-Gosse, an stronghold for former soldiers about 45 miles west of Port-au-Prince, is the first killed in a clash since the United Nations force arrived, said Toussaint Kongou-Boudou, a U.N. spokesman. Two ex-soldiers died and 10 others were wounded.

The U.N. troops entered Port-au-Prince before dawn. Using a loudspeaker, the Brazilian commander of U.N. troops in Haiti, Lt. Gen. Augusto Heleno Filheiro, tried for 20 minutes to get the former soldiers to surrender peacefully when they opened fire on U.N. troops, Kongou-Boudou said.

Annan calls for U.N. changes

UNITED NATIONS — The United Nations leader proposed bold changes Sunday, fighting to right the U.N. ship of state after a year of scandal - a blatant fraud in the Iraq oil-for-food program and sex abuse by peacekeeping troops that deepened the crisis in Congo, not to mention the resignation of his refugee chief under the cloud of sexual harassment charges.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan, whose own son has been linked to questions about the oil-for-food program, issued a call for his members to approve what would be the most sweeping changes to the United Nations in its 60-year history.

National News

Alleged killer returns to Florida

SAN ANTONIO, Fla. — The convicted sex offender who authorities say confessed to kidnapping and slaughtering 9-year-old Jessica Lunsford returned to Florida in shackles Saturday, his family by his side for the girl who vanished from her bedroom.

John Evander Couey was booked early Sunday on a probation violation and failure to register as a sex offender, officials said. He was being held without bail.

Court papers confessed to kidnapping and killing Jessica after taking a lie-detector test Friday in Georgia, officials said. The girl's body was found early Saturday, more than three weeks after she was snatched from her bedroom.

Seal to face court-martial

SAN DIEGO — The court-martial of a Navy SEAL lieutenant accused of killing a prisoner in Iraq is a case full of secrets - even the defendant's name is classified.

The SEAL is accused of punching an Iraqi detainee in the arm and allowing his men to abuse the prisoner, who later died during CIA interrogation at Bagdad's Abu Ghraib prison.

He faces a trial set to begin today on charges of assault, dereliction of duty and conduct unbecoming an officer.

Local News

Female lawmakers losing ground

WASHINGTON — There are four women in the Indiana General Assembly today then there were 10 years ago - a fact that surprises and displeases the state's 25 female lawmakers.

In 1995, Indiana had just elected the most women to the legislature in its history.

There were 33 women in the House and Senate.

It seemed like just the beginning of a wave that would change the face of Indiana's government.

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Shiite and a Sunni, said the shrine's caravanserai, Syed Sadiq Shah. "God's curse be on those who did this. They have killed innocent people." The explosion carved out a 2-foot deep crater and added to security fears in restive Baluchistan province, hit last week by fighting between govern­­ment forces and renegade tribesmen.

No one claimed responsibility for the attack. Shehab Nausherrani, Baluchistan's home minister, said 30 people died and 20 were wounded. Shah put the number of dead at 30.

A bomb time, packed with about 6.6 pounds of explosive, went off among pilgrims as they took supper in an open area about 500 feet from the shrine.

Most of them had traveled from other regions of Baluchistan or neighboring Sindh province to mark the death anniversary of the 19th century Shiite saint whose tomb is inside the shrine. Up to 20,000 people had arrived over the weekend for the three-day event at Fatipur, an arid village of about 50 mud brick homes.

"We were busy serving food to the travelers. I went into the kitchen and there was a big blast like an earth­quake," recounted shrine worker Gulam Mohammed.
Americas, the Gulf countries, student accommodations. CWIL, conference's Web site. goal of fostering intercultural women's college founded in 1998 in the United Arab Emirates, the United Arab Emirates, the leaders - students from the former director of the InterCultural Dialogue, "Madison said. The night the participation in the Women's Global Leaders - students from the Middle Eastern women exchanged each other, and also contributed. Participation in the Women as Global Leaders Conference has profound effects on the Saint Mary's participants, panels and workshops throughout the course of the conference helped to break up the huge amount of women who attended and also served to cater to each woman's individual concerns.

Secretary of State for Education and Cultural Affairs also contributed. Other participants in the conference included women and men from the business world. According to the Saint Mary's participants, panels and workshops throughout the course of the conference helped to break up the huge amount of women who attended and also contributed. Participation in the Women's Global Leaders Conference has profound effects on the Saint Mary's Women who attended. Fritz said she initially had reservations about going to a country in the Middle East, but her eyes were opened by the welcome she received. "Because we were treated so graciously, I was able to appreciate different cultures as well as the other cultures that were there," Fritz said. "We're all the same, and if we focus on our similarities rather than our differences, the world can be a better place.

Johnston said she felt safe and welcomed "not just in the conference, but everywhere I went in Dubai. Through this conference, my knowledge of the world has grown to include an understanding and appreciation of a Middle Eastern culture that I didn't have before." "It's a good thing to understand a different culture and put into action the respect of a different culture I thought I had before. Realized people the world over are trying to make changes," said Madison, who appreciated Kim Campbell's idea: "You can be a leader whoever you are -- whether a man or a woman." Johnston said she could see a need for this leadership conference, saying, "It's not likely to see a ton of women out and about in the city." "All speakers encouraged leadership both inside families and outside families and how those roles can compliment each other," Johnston said. "To be a good leader, it involves both men and women working together," she said. Madison said she learned the importance of realizing one's potential as a leader, but also how to follow other's leadership. "Without one culture, you couldn't have your own ideas. It's easy to forget that most ideas we have weren't founded by Americans," Madison said. "It's good to remember how similar we are, especially in human rights -- inalienable rights." Participants hope to maintain contact with the women they met in Dubai and are already planning future conferences.

Some women exchanged information and are considering coming to Saint Mary's for Compassionate Listening this summer," Johnston added. Next year's conference is slated to be held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. "We hope the conference will take place every year. I'll love to go back, but I think we have to be invited back, which I'm sure we will," Fritz stated. "Saint Mary's College would love to participate again," Madison said. "You never know who you will inspire." Major sponsors of the conference itself included Abu Dhabi Water & Electricity Authority, First Gulf Bank, Microsoft, EmiratesMedia, International Printing Press, Women in Business Magazine and CNBC.

For more information on the conference, visit www.zu.ac.leadership06.org.

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Saint Mary's delegates gather in Dubai for a leadership conference. From left are Veronica Fritz, Angela Johnson, Sister Marianne Farina, Tracy Robinson, Asma Quddura and Carolyn Madison.

IRAQ
Nations dispute, remove delegates

BAHRA'ID — Iraq and Jordan engaged in a tit-for-tat withdrawal of ambassadors Sunday in a growing dispute over Shiite Muslim claims that Jordan is failing to block terrorists from entering Iraq, while U.S. forces killed 24 insurgents in a clash south of Baghdad.

An American convoy was traveling through the Salman Pak area, 20 miles southeast of Baghdad, when it was attacked, U.S. officials said. The military returned fire and killed 24 militants. Seven militants and six soldiers were also wounded.

No further details were available about the attack or the conditions of the wounded soldiers.

The clash was among the largest involving insurgents since the Jan. 30 elections, and came on a day of bloody attacks by militants throughout the country.

Sunday's diplomatic row erupted even as a Jordanian court sentenced in absentia a 15-year-old feared terrorist — who was born in Jordan — to a 15-year prison term.

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- +0.82
- +0.34

**3-MONTH BILL**
- +0.45
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### Futures

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**Light Crude (Bbls)**
- +0.32
- +54.72

**Gold ($Troy oz)**
- +0.60
- +439.70

### MARKET RECAP

**In Brief**

Affair causes executive to resign

CHICAGO — The Boeing Co. executive whose affair with CEO Harry Stonecipher led to his ouster last week has voluntarily resigned, the company said Friday.

The woman’s resignation was effective Thursday, spokesman John Dern said. He wouldn’t comment further, and the aircraft manufacturer continued its refusal to identify her, citing privacy concerns.

Stonecipher resigned at the request of Boeing’s board of directors for what Chairman Lew Platt said was unprofessional conduct related to the affair Company sources have said the ouster was necessary because of graphic e-mail exchanges between the CEO and the female executive at a time when Boeing’s ethical conduct was under heavy scrutiny.

When Boeing announced Stonecipher’s ouster March 7, it said it also was investigating the woman’s activities surrounding the matter and did not know whether she would remain with the company.

That investigation is now complete, Boeing told employees in a companywide message Friday quoting general counsel Doug Ihn. The company said that “by mutual agreement,” neither Boeing nor the former executive is releasing further information.

**Auto executive and developer dies at 80**

NEWARK, N.J. — John Z. DeLorean, the innovative automaker who left a promising career in Detroit to develop the stainless-steel-bodied gull-wing sports car bearing his name and was acquitted of charges he planned to sell $24 million worth of cocaine to support the venture, has died at the age of 80.

DeLorean died Saturday at Overlook Hospital in Summit, N.J., of complications from a recent stroke, said Paul Connell, an owner of A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Directors in Royal Oak, Mich., which was handling arrangements.

DeLorean, whose namesake car was turned into a time machine in the "Back to the Future" movies, was among just a handful of U.S. entrepreneurs who dared start a car company in the last 75 years.

DeLorean "broke the mold" of said Michaelson auto executives by pushing General Motors Corp. to offer smaller models, auto historians said.

While at GM, he created what some consider the first "muscle car" in 1964 by cramming a V-8 engine into a Pontiac Tempest and calling it the GTO.

Although he was a rising if unconventional executive at GM, and was believed by many to be destined for its presidency, he quit in 1973 to launch the DeLorean Motor Car Co. in Northern Ireland.

Eight years later, the Delorean DMC-12 hit the streets with its unpainted stainless steel skin and gull-wing doors.

Its angular design earned it a cult following, and its car was a time-traveling vehicle for Michael J. Fox in the "Back to Future" series of the late 1980s.

However, the factory produced only about 8,800 cars in three years, estimated John Truscott, membership director of the DeLorean Owners Association.
Atlanta — Atlanta has spent years promoting itself as the "Cultural Capital of the New South" — the hip, trendy city where many with the impression that the city is unsafe and its police force inept.

Kops."

Lawyer killed by lethal injections

Prosecutor and family member murdered via forced cocaine overdose

"His life seemed to unravel," Foyle says.

Prosecutors say Stormont was at the house and stole some of Masters' possessions but did not injure him with any cocaine. The defendants are scheduled for a pretrial hearing April 1 and are jailed without bail.
KYRGYZSTAN

Pro-democracy riots promote negotiation

Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Thomas Mayne, the bad boy of architecture for years before reaping international acclaim in his mid-50s, was awarded Monday the prestigious winner of the Pritzker Prize, the field's most prestigious honor.

Mayne, 61, is the first American in the Pritzker's 20 years to take the award, and only the eighth U.S. architect to win in the 27-year history of the contest.

The jury cited Mayne "for creating a bold architectural style that reflects the unique, somewhat rootless, culture of Southern California" through angular, unfinished-opened buildings.

"Thom Mayne is a product of the turbulent 1960s who has carried that rebellious attitude and fervent desire for change into his practice," the jury wrote.

For Mayne, winning the Pritzker is vindication for the years he spent struggling to maintain the purity of his unorthodox ideas. His stance earned him a reputation as an angry young man and public enemy.

"My whole essence was attempting to do something different, I believed in," he said. "I didn't understand how to negotiate that notion of the private and the public world," he said in an interview at Morphosis, his Santa Monica studio. "Your whole life you're told you're an outlaw and you can't do that, and then you're honored for it."

Mayne will be awarded a $100,000 grant and a bronze medallion on May 31 during a ceremony at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Chicago's Millennium Park. Past winners of the Pritzker Prize, sponsored by the family, have developed the Getty Museum, the model for the Getty Museum, the Getty Center, and Baveno Piano.

Government data kept private

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government argues that a health official's required public financial disclosure reports should not become public. Some have suggested that the official's required public financial disclosure reports should not be released because officials did not want to lose their privacy.

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Other problems to obtaining government data arose in requests to requests during the past year by The Associated Press. In recent years, the AP and other regular users of the Freedom of Information Act have been presented with a growing list of never-before-seen excuses for denying the public release of government documents.

Streets rallies across the country have increased public momentum. On Saturday, about 8,000 protest in the capital.

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Historic mansion auctioned

Unknown buyer pays $4 million for castle

Associated Press

DENVER — A historic castle which housed Harry Hadden-Paton and Theodore Roosevelt was guest — and where a coal baron’s ghost auctioned for $4 million Saturday, two years after the IRS seized the century-old mansion in a fraud investigation.

A Pasadenae, Calif., man made the winning bid, said John Harrison, an IRS special agent. The unidentified buyer declined to talk with reporters.

“I had a brief moment to meet him, and I think he’s going to be a real asset to the Redondo community,” said Walter Stanssek, a University of Oklahoma professor who had the winning bid for a nearby Victorian home. "I’m just excited to say I have a neighbor that owns a castle."

IRS agents seized the 42-room Redstone Castle on the mountains near Aspen in March 2003 while investigating an international Ponzi scheme. They also seized about $17 million in cash from bank accounts and race cars worth $2 million.

The castle’s previous owner, Lewis Harte, was using it as a brothel and had formed three companies to buy the castle and the Victorian house for $6 million five years ago.

Investigators say about 1,000 people were bilked of a total of $56 million on the promise of 400 percent investment returns. A grand jury indicted seven people last year and trial proceedings are scheduled for September.

Proceeds from the auction will help reimburse victims, Harrison said.

The sale was the latest twist in the castle’s almost epic past.

Teddy Roosevelt stayed at the estate during a hunting trip before he left the White House, oil tycoon John D. Rockefeller did, too. Roosevelt’s hospitalization ghost of its builder, coal baron John Cleveland Osgood — who died in the castle, he named Cleveholm Manor — still haunts the place.

The castle, filled with antiques and surrounded by a carriage house, barn and other outbuildings in the Crystal River Valley about 170 miles west of Denver, was finished in 1902 at a price of $3.5 million — an astonishing sum at the time.

It was erected on a mountain side overlooking the coal-mining town Osgood built for his employees.

“It’s kind of like a medieval manor: The castle was about an architect’s dream minus the money away from the village,” said Darrell Munsell, president of the Redstone Historical Society.

“These are the homes of the redstone industry’s elite. Osgood believed that his employees would be contented and productive workers," said Munsell, who is writing a book about Osgood’s laboratory. Though they were satisfied with their conditions, they wouldn’t join the union, and he would be rewarded with more production and less labor strife.

Busy with basketball, BET founder to resign

President to sever ties, focus on NBA team

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Robert Johnson and Black Entertainment Television are known for one thing: each other. Soon, they could go their separate ways after a profitable 25-year relationship.

Johnson is busy with other projects, including his losing NBA franchise in Charlotte, N.C., while the deal that let him stay on as BET's chief executive after he sold the network in 2000 expires this year. Stepping down at BET would give Johnson more time to pursue his varied interests.

A divorced father of two, Democratic Party donor and consummate schmoozer who counts former President Clinton among his friends, Johnson set his sights high early on.

Not taken seriously when he first talked about serving a then-unstoppable market, Johnson was 34 when he launched BET — which is celebrating its silver anniversary this year — from the basement of his Washington home in January 1980.

It is the country's first and largest black-oriented cable network, and has proved an unmatched success. "Nobody had a clue about cable back then," says Herman "Bo" Penner, a college roommate of Johnson's. "Obviously he dreamed a little bit bigger than that and was successful at it."

A Mississippi native with a master's degree from Princeton, Johnson led in other areas, too.

He became the country's first black billionaire after BET's sale for $3 billion nearly five years ago. He is the first black owner of a major sports team, the NBA's first-year Charlotte Bobcats, which Johnson named after himself.

A lifelong sports fan, Johnson was a partner in the effort to return baseball to the nation's capital, but he pulled out to focus on basketball before the Washington Nationals arrived.

He owns several Hilton and Marriott hotels, one of the country's largest black art collections and several film rights. He has a stake in a jazz record label, is interested in developing real estate and sought unsuccessfully to buy majority control of Independence Federal Savings Bank, one of the largest Black-owned thrifts.

His plan to become the first black owner of a commercial airline failed several years ago when the government opposed a proposed merger that would have created a new carrier he sought to own.

Sen. McCain: Baseball cannot be trusted

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Saying Major League Baseball "can't be trusted," Sen. John McCain said Sunday that legislation might be needed to force the sport to change its steroids policies.

The Arizona Republican joined the chorus of congressmen expressing disappointment with baseball's drug-testing plan after testimony from commissioner Bud Selig and union head Donald Fehr at the House Government Reform Committee hearing on steroids Thursday.

"It just seems to me they can't be trusted," McCain told ABC's "This Week."

"What do we need to do? It seems to me that we ought to seriously consider … a law that says all professional sports have a minimum level of performance-enhancing drug testing," McCain said.

Committee chairman Tom Davis, R-Va., said on CBS "Face the Nation" that he agreed with McCain's suggestion that the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency could be called in to govern baseball's testing.

The independent agency oversees drug testing and discipline for U.S. Olympic athletes.

Davis, whose committee subpoenaed current and former stars and baseball executives to testify Thursday, said he's willing to wait and see how Major League Baseball handles drug testing and punishment in 2005.

"They've got this season," Davis said. "We'll see how they respond when they find someone testing positive."

McCain, who faces a competitive primary, said the commission's finding is that sports need to do more.

"What can we do? If they are not going to do their job, then we have to do it," McCain said. McCain became the third Senate Democrat to call for legislation to force baseball to improve its testing. It follows Senators Richard Durbin and Jim Webb, who called for legislation last week.

"It seems to me that we ought to do something. It seems to me that we ought to pass some kind of legislation to change the drug policies of professional sports," McCain said.

The senator said his interest in sports was "forever." McCain, who is running for president, said he had supported the Democrats' efforts in the 108th Congress to pass drug-testing legislation. But he said the current Congress is not acting on the issue.

"I'm very frustrated and disappointed with the Congress right now," the Arizona senator said.

McCain also stopped to point out the problems in baseball. "I don't think they can do it on their own," McCain said. McCain then added that baseball needs to be "first in line" in terms of testing players.

"It's a real problem. Baseball has a real problem," McCain said. McCain said he knows baseball is not alone in its struggle, but he said baseball is "the best place to start." McCain said he would work with others to introduce legislation that would make baseball liable to the same standards as other professional sports.

"I'm not saying it's going to be easy. I'm not saying that through legislation, we're going to solve all the problems of baseball," McCain said.

"But I think we ought to make sure that the problem is recognized and dealt with," McCain said. "And if baseball can't do it on its own, which I don't think it can, then we ought to deal with it."

McCain said that baseball's drug-testing program is not working. "I think the drug-testing program is a failure," McCain said. "I think it's a failure. And I think that we have to do something to change it."

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Sen. McCain is running for re-election this November.

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Reduced-sugar cereals do not prove healthy

Experts say popular children’s options have same calories, no nutritional advantages

Associated Press

Could this be the end of cereal aisle showdowns between parents and sweet-toothed kids? New reduced-sugar versions of popular children’s breakfast cereals — everything from Frosted Flakes to Frosted Flakes — certainly sound promising, but consumers might want to hold off chiming in when Tony the Tiger says, “They’re Great!"

Experts who reviewed the lower-sugar versions of six major brands of sweetened cereals at the request of The Associated Press found they have no significant nutritional advantages over their full-sugar counterparts.

Nutrition scientists at five universities found that while the new cereals do have less sugar, the calories, carbohydrates, fat, fiber and other nutrients are almost identical to the full-sugar cereals.

That’s because the cereal makers have replaced sugar with refined carbohydrates to preserve the crunch.

Officials at General Mills, Kellogg’s and Post were unable to explain why the new cereals are so similar, but said they give consumers more options about how much sugar they can eat.

Company officials said they were responding to parents’ demands for products with less sugar and that they aren’t claiming these cereals are any healthier than the originals.

But that may not be obvious to consumers. On some boxes, the lower-sugar claim is printed nearly as large as the product’s name, and only by carefully comparing the nutrition labels of both versions of a cereal would a shopper know there is little difference between them.

“You’re supposed to think it’s healthy,” said Marion Nestle, a nutrition professor at New York University and author of a book critical of the food industry’s influence on public health. “This is about marketing. It is about nothing else. It is not about kids’ health.”

One cereal, General Mills’ Cinnamon Toast Crunch, saw a true calorie reduction, dropping from 130 calories to 120 per three-fourths cup serving.

The reduced-sugar versions of Kellogg’s Frosted Flakes and Frosted Loops; General Mills’ Cinnamon Toast Crunch and Trix; and Post’s Froot Loops all have the same number of calories per serving.

Blame the calorie woes on manufacturers trying to cut calories and sugar is replaced with other carbs that have the same calories as sugar and are no better for you.

That’s also why not even diabetics benefit from these cereals. The body treats all refined carbohydrates the same, whether they are sugars or starches, said Dr. Lilian Cheung of the Harvard School of Public Health.

“The changes don’t buy you anything,” she said. “From a health point of view, I really can’t say it’s the difference.”

The new cereals were introduced last year as attention on the nation’s obesity epidemic forced cereal makers to rethink marketing strategies.

The $6.2 billion cereal industry has good reason to pay attention because 90 percent of children ages 6-12 regularly eat cereal, according to consumer research firm NPD Group.

Two-thirds of them eat sweetened cereals.

And while overall cereal sales have been sliding, sales of reduced-sugar cereals grew by almost 50 percent last year, accounting for nearly $37 million in sales, according to ACNielsen.

To create sweetened cereals with cross-generational appeal, Kellogg’s simply cut the sugar, and its price for reduced-sugar Frosted Flakes is the same as the original.

However, Post and General Mills replaced some of the sugar with the pricier no-calorie sweetener Splenda, upping the cost per pound by as much as $1.12 over the full-sugar cereals.

Researchers at five universities were hard-pressed to find advantages of the lower-sugar cereals. Even the cereal companies had a hard time.

VATICAN CITY

St. Peter’s garners thousands at mass

Pilgrims flood square for Holy Week service

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Tens of thousands of pilgrims filled St. Peter’s Square for Palm Sunday Mass, hoping for an appearance by Pope John Paul II, who was unable to preside at the ceremony that ushers in Holy Week for the first time in his 25-year papacy.

Cardinal Camillo Ruini, the pope’s vicar for Rome, led the service, but the Vatican said John Paul might make a brief appearance. His third-floor window above the square remained open, with the red paper banners of the Catholic Alliance of Families.

A long line of cardinals, bishops and priests holding olive branches and holy bread walked into the square in procession at the start of the Mass.

Potted olive trees surrounded the obelisk at the center of the square, with other rows of gray plastic chairs were lined up for the Mass, which commemorates Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

“We certainly hope to see the pope,” said Anna Prati, bringing her visiting sister from Turin to the square. “He likes to surprise.”

John Paul, who was discharged from the hospital last Sunday, has long presided over the ceremony marking the start of the most important week in the Roman Catholic liturgical year and which has been one of this pope’s favorite appointments.

“It will be an unusual opening, that of Holy Week” without the pope at Palm Sunday Mass, Vatican Radio commented.

In his homily at Mass, Pope John Paul II referred to Christ’s ordeal and the “drum and mystery” of suffering and its meaning for humanity. The Italian cardinal said Christ’s “cross is a sign for us all,” and “shines with special clarity on the weary face of the Holy Father.”

The pope is officially convalescing at the Vatican after Feb. 24 throat surgery to insert a tube in his windpipe and ease his second bronchial crisis in less than a month.

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Softball vs. W. Michigan
Wed. March 23rd @ 4:00 PM
Ivy Field*
- Free Admission
- The first 250 fans will receive a long sleeved schedule t-shirt, courtesy of St. Clair Apparel.
- Notre Dame students are sure to stick around after the game to participate in the Egg-Stavrovozgeno Easter egg hunt for cash prizes @ Ivy Field
I need a hero

Joe Falco
Forty Owners to Falco

This past week, I couldn’t help but think back to that classic “Liar, Liar” scene in which a desperate Jim Carrey is dragged out of a courtroom screaming, “But I’m Jose Canseco! I’m Jose Canseco!” Yes, even though recent events might lead one to believe otherwise, there actually was a time when emulating Jose Canseco was the cool thing to do. After all, at least in some respects, he was a hero. Not only did he befriend “Rush Brother” Mark McGuire lead the Oakland Athletics to three consecutive World Series appearances as a notori­ous tag team of home run hitters, but posters featuring the two hulks posing with their hips flexed also dotted the bedroom walls of Little Leaguers all across America. I myself was infatuated. Without fail, throughout most of the early ’90s, if my eyes were not glued to the television screen watching the comparatively luckiest New York Yankees and my own personal uber-hero, Don Mattingly, I could bet that I was running around my living room swinging a yellow plastic wiffle bat in the hopes of hitting an unlucky household object with the force of a Bash Brother grand slam. Oh, those were the days.

Given that, it was a lot easier to find a hero in the sports world back when we were growing up. The multi-million dollar advertising deals that tend to go to the heads of today’s top athletes really only emerged on the scene after the Michael Jordan era, so the luk­er-than-thou attitudes of a Barry Bonds or a Kobe Bryant were typically never an issue. Professional athletes were blessed with unthinkable God-given talents, and they never felt the need to appear on ESPN telling us exactly how much better than us they really were, and we lost touch with the superheroes that life was good.

Speaking of everyone’s favorite Los Angeles Laker, the typical American sports fan also never had to worry about their heroes showing up on television defending themselves against charges of rape by Bryant, assault (Ron Artest), murder (O.J. Simpson, Jayson Williams), steroid use (Mark McGuire, Sammy Sosa, et al.), or drug use (Ricky Williams, the entire NBA). Rape, murder and lying, after all, only existed in Al Pacino movies. I’m pretty sure the only guy I knew growing up who used performance-enhancing steroids was the gargantuan Russian boxer in “Rocky IV.”

Professional sports were simply an arena for the best Little League athletes to have the honor of playing the games they loved more than any­thing in front of millions of hot dog-eating fans. It was a great progression to greatness that every little boy wanted to take, and steroids, felonies and ego trips simply were not a part of the picture. That was, of course, until something went terribly wrong, and those heroes on our posters, trading cards and cereal boxes ended up in our courtrooms, prison cells and congres­sional hearings.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Symposium on women in war biased

I found the headline from the March 18 issue of *The Observer*, “Symposium to delve in battles in headlines,” to be quite apropos in light of Mary’s upcoming “Women, War, and Peace” symposium. I would like to suggest that the majority of the symposium symptoms very diagnostical, as no debate exists in this program.

I would even describe some of the speakers featured as anti-Semitic. For example, poet Lisa Suhair Majaj wrote a poem — found at www.feministpeace-network.org — honoring “martyr” Haf’ael Corrie, who was killed by an Israeli bulldozer while trying to prevent the demolition of a Palestinian family’s home. Imagery in this poem evoked Tannanem Square and the students demonstrating for democracy and freedom in 1989. Rachel Corrie had nothing in common with those student demonstrators; thousands of whom were killed or imprisoned for voicing their support for democracy and freedom. Corrie, contrary to the imagery evoked in Majaj’s poem, was killed while she was attempting to build an Israeli bulldozer knocking down the homes of Palestinian terrorists and buildings lining tunnels through which illegal weapons were being smuggled through by terrorists.

Additionally, Corrie was a member of the International Solidarity Movement, a terrorist organization which urges armed uprising against Israel. While Corrie did not ask to die in this incident, neither did the hundreds of truth tellers who have been murdered by Palestinian terrorists in the suicide bombings of recent years, who are terrorist attacks akin to our Sept. 11, 2001.

Lisa Budzynski

**U-WIRE**

Congress should not have expected players to name names

After being threatened with contempt if they did not appear, five current or former Major League Baseball superstars showed up in front of Congress on Thursday.

The House Government Reform Committee had called on the players to come clean about the use of steroids in baseball. It was nationally televised on ESPN and highly promoted by the media. Was this going to be the day that the biggest bomb fell on MLB and bashed all those records from the “Steroid Era”?

In a crowded hearing room, with cameras shoved in their faces, Jose Canseco, Sammy Sosa, Mark McGwire, Rafael Alomar and Curt Schilling looked straight ahead and said, well, nothing new.

No names were named, and no player admitted to having ever used steroids except for Canseco, who has done so previously on a number of occasions. Congress was hoping to bust some light on the issue of steroids, and what it was was a handful of baseball’s brightest stars from the past two decades zippering their lips.

This should have all been expected though. The hearing took place in front of a very critical public eye, and Congress offered no immunity to any of the players.

Admitting to using steroids in this setting, under these circumstances left players with nothing to gain and everything to lose.

As McGwire, who refused to answer a number of times whether he had used steroids, said, “If a player answers, ‘No,’ he simply will not be believed. If he answers, ‘Yes,’ he risks public scorn and endless government investigations.”

With that in mind, it would be ridiculous for Congress to believe that these five players, three of whom are still active, could possibly be candid about such a sensitive issue.

Any steroid mess in baseball, which would not be surprising, needs to be cleaned up, one way or another. But Congress needs to realize that using intimidation and pressure are probably not the most effective tactics in this situation.

If Congress pushes on in this manner, it will fail to go deep into the issue and continue to strike out.

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**U-WIRE**

Thou shall not ...

I have never been a particularly religious person. My inquisitive nature and general observatory have always made it difficult for me to follow rigid doctrine or trust in blind faith.

Organized religion is often contradictory, archaic and divisive, and those who preach the loudest from the pulpits are often the most hypocritical and shallow. So I’ve always adhered to a homemade dogma of being a good person and worshipping whatever God(s) exist in my personal way. I feel that others have the freedom to worship or not worship, whatever the case may be, as they deem appropriate.

Because of our nation’s long-standing tradition of separating the church from the state, Americans have been able to practice this “live and let live” mentality for over two centuries. But now a pair of U.S. Supreme Court cases threaten to destroy that very sacred freedom.

In one case, two Kentucky executives posted the Ten Commandments on courthouse walls, while in the other case, Thomas Varnum had a statue against the placement of a 6-foot-tall monument of the Ten Commandments on the grounds of the Texas state capitol building bearing a symbol representing Jesus Christ with the words “I am the Lord thy God.”

The Bush administration and 26 state attorneys general have, to no surprise, filed a brief supporting the Texas and Kentucky Decalogues displays.

The ostensibly landmark cases could rewrite precedent on whether the commandments and similar religious symbols that dot public spheres are a federal endorsement of religion or simply a reflection of the Judeo-Christian influence in U.S. history. There is nothing explicit in our Constitution that demarks a separation between church and state, and that is probably why Congress pushed in the First Amendment’s “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof…” as a government mentality, which can be used for religious benefit to the rest of federal regulations against overt religious paganism, the majority of Americans are at least nominally Christian.

Consequently, our country has always had a long-standing tradition of civic faith: the proverbial “In God We Trust” monetary seal, holiday songs performed in public schools during Christmas, the pledge of Allegiance and the Supreme Court Crosses of Moses. Furthermore, according to a recent CNN/USA Today Gallup poll, 76 percent of Americans support the display of the Ten Commandments in courts.

There is nothing fundamentally wrong with entertaining devotion into public life so such actions can invoke the betterment of society through tolerance, personal discipline and sacrifice and kindness toward others. The growing present tenuous state of America’s social fabric — maladies like violence and war, and maladies from abuse — increased spirituality doesn’t seem all that bad of an idea. If displaying the Ten Commandments could decrease the national divorce rate or mend broken homes, I would wholeheartedly support it. But instead, speaking, little will actually change — religious imagery is meaningless without societal reforestation, and we are far too over the edge to be salvaged by a few slabs of stone.

While I think that detracting or propagating of the status quo is the inherent division that will undoubtedly result between the religious majority and minority. Permitting the Decalogues in public arenas theoretically means that opposing devotional material can be publicized in an equal manner. In the fact that most religions are at odds with another, what is the likelihood that alternative faiths will be accepted in an overwhelmingly Judeo-Christian country? Most people in this nation do not even acknowledge that anything exists outside the so-called “Big 3” religions — Christianity, Judaism and Islam (Islam only because of the obsessive fear after Sept. 11).

Ignorance is usually not conducive to liberalism, so I wonder how good such individuals would be seeing a picture of Lord Krishna hanging in their post office or a 6-foot bronze statue of a laughing Buddha on the White House lawn. I have a hunch they would not be supportive.

Only when, if ever, we get to that point of universal acceptance of every faith it is feasible to conceive blurring the line between church and the government. Until then, religion must be in personal matter away from the public sphere and out of the courts.

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CONCERT REVIEW

Ladysmith Black Mambazo is still mesmerizing

By MARIA SMITH
Senior Staff Writer

Not many groups out there have been touring as long as Ladysmith Black Mambazo, and it shows. The singer-dancers in the group took the stage so comfortably you would think there wasn’t a huge crowd of people watching them. And yet there were nearly 1000 mesmerized spectators at the show.

Mambazo is a cultural icon, and their music is technically excellent, but even beyond that their performance is simply infectious. Mambazo has a goofy stage presence that promptly breaks down any barrier that might stand between a world-renowned group and its audience. Being able to clown around onstage is a mark of a natural performer, and Mambazo catches its audience by doing exactly that.

Mambazo’s performance was certainly not silly. Several songs related to political and other important issues from the group’s native South Africa. The group performed “Homeless,” its most famous hit ballad from Paul Simon’s “Graceland” album, which despite its tranquil sound is about a dark time in South African history.

And yet there remained a sense that just as South Africa’s history couldn’t keep Mambazo from worldwide fame, neither could it keep the singers from enjoying their music. Some lines of the songs were beautifully poignant, but overall the show was joyful.

Some of the performers in Mambazo have retired and been replaced over the years — four of founder Joseph Shabalala’s sons have notably begun to sing with the group — but some have been singing for decades. Shabalala and several others rank right up there with Bono for staying in amazing physical shape throughout a career. All eight performers danced and kicked their feet up through entire numbers and barely broke a sweat. Few men Shabalala’s age would have the urge, or the capability, to dance and jump right alongside their sons onstage.

Mambazo recently won a Grammy Award for their release “Raise Your Spirit Higher,” proving that as members have come and gone, the quality of the group’s music has not decreased. Mambazo sings with the same tight, smooth harmonies that brought them to world attention 30 years ago.

Mambazo also released an album with the English Chamber Orchestra in 2005. While the recording is as excellent as all of Mambazo’s crossover work, this performance was proof that the group’s music needs nothing else to back it up.

The strong bass, and the distinct tone of Shabalala’s tenor, might sound strange to American ears at first, but it doesn’t take long to realize that these singers are masters of a capella harmony and performance. The way Mambazo’s music started may still be its best face.

Mambazo’s universal appeal is obvious — their music, and their shiek onstage, is the kind that can appeal to anyone of any age. Forty years on the road have not slowed the group down, and if Sunday night’s performance is any kind of evidence, they won’t stop touring anytime soon. Mambazo’s recordings are excellent, but seeing the group live shows an entirely different face of their performance style. Anyone who had the chance to get this first-hand feel for the singers of Ladysmith Black Mambazo was lucky to catch the group in action.

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Theater Review

'Angels in America' full of emotions and laughs

By CHRISTIE BOLSEN

At the beginning of Part Two of "Angels in America," a character whose husband left her wanders in a mysterious future.

"When your heart breaks, you should die," she says.

At the hamburger stand the appearance of Tony Kushner's two-part "Angels in America" was performed last Saturday and Sunday in the Washington Hall Lab Theatre as a benefit; "Part One: Millennium Approaches" was performed last semester. Admission was free, but donations were collected at the door for the American Foundation for AIDS Research. The Pulitzer Prize-winning play addresses many issues that strike tremendous interest on this campus — homosexuality, religion, politics, racism and more.

Each part of "Angels in America" is long enough and comprehensive enough to stand alone, tackling these difficult issues freely and with plenty of sexualities, profanity and hysterically funny onlines. Kushner's 7-hour semester introduced the cast of complex characters, who interact during the Beacons (or AIDS) spreads in America.

Part One, Walter (Andre Valdivia) has AIDS — and as if he doesn't have enough stress, he's chosen by angels to be a prophet. Roy Cohn (Scott Wagner), based on the actual attorney who helped found the evil pig-promoting communist cases and celebrity clients, also has AIDS but is in denial. Belize (Mark Hoss), a gay black nurse, is comic relief as well as a voice of reason and a close friend of Prior. The Mormon man who is married to Harper (Lena Caliguari), struggles with his religion and Prior's personal life. Caliguari saw her character, with all of her strengths, as representing any woman who has been wounded and doesn't know what to do with herself.

"You don't have to be a Mormon who married a closeted homosexua­al to identify with her," Caliguari said.

She pointed out that although Harper doesn't deal well with her heartbreak, she shows outwardly what most girls feel inwardly — she falls apart in a way that most people hide.

Her mother, Hannah (Ellen Kennedy), is more compassionate than most of the crowd, although she claims not to feel pity. Louis (Joe Garlock), who left Prior out of fear of his AIDS, helps the uncom­fortable Joe accept his sexuality. Through it all, Cricket Staukery as the Angel America haunts Prior about being a prophet.

The actors' portrayals of these passionate characters are what make the lengthy production worthwhile viewing. Prior and Belize, even with the tragedy of AIDS, continue to be the funniest characters — especially Belize. He's the stereotypical flamboyant gay man who makes no apologies for being homosexual, black or a nurse. In a final fight with another of the best-played characters, the hateful yet hysterically funny Roy, Belize manages to keep up with Belize's attempt to give him advice on how to handle his situation, so Belize breaks into a version of his 50-year-old Wasp doctor, "You look not queer, I am," Belize says. The play is overflowing with lines that strike nerves, but it was the play's handling of homosexuality and, for that matter, sexuality in general that hit hardest. The Angel America's sex scenes were a combination of the narrator (Kate Kennedy) reading graphic passages and the actors' Meg Iyan-esque orgasm perfor­r駃es. Some of the script's scenes seemed gratuitous, but most served a purpose more of shining light on sexual and emotional struggles.

The script is full of heartbreak, but also makes room for forgiveness and hope. Prior and Harper epitomize the phenomenon of not being able to move forward from unrequited love, lingering instead in the past and what went wrong. When Louis and Joe make "Swingers"-like requests, though, their rejected lovers must revitalize the one thing they've been wanting for the longest time.

Dealing with such weighty issues for three hours could have been draining, so the lighter moments were refreshing. One of the funniest scenes was when Prior and Belize decide to confront Joe at the courthouse where he is on trial for murder. "I am now! Haunting people!" he yells at Joe for breaking hearts, while Belize is interested mainly in seeing what Joe looks like. Prior then proceeds to prove to be a mental patient and tries to make his "nurse" play along with great results.

"It brings all these things into very sharp contrast, in a way you're not used to dealing with," Ross said.

Co-director and actor Caliguari said that her favorite message in the play was in Prior's monologue, where he says they, the AIDS sufferers, "... have destroyed their society, more than Quebec, more than Nazis."

"That's why I wanted to do it," Caliguari said. "To bring the secret out, so that people can talk about it and realize this happens to people."

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Book Review

Novel highlights hilarious shopping antics

By SARAH VABULAS

"Confessions of a Shopaholic" is the perfect getaway. The first two pages of Sophie Kinsella's book, as the hook is read in the middle. Drug was developed into the book's main theme is just what the cover suggests — "going broke never was this much fun ..."

Kinella's main character, Becky Bloomwood, finds herself in a financial debacle with star-hunter, "Della" Via, her bank and places Bloomwood likes to shop. She gives her best efforts to dunk out of the bills, to stop shopping and things as though she is not in debt. At one point, Becky picks up the mail, sees her bank and her talks and sinks into a hole in the ground that workers are about to fill with cement. Any tactics are far too exhausting, she has never wore the bill are considered. She can't even be motivated, and her actions are simply so absurd that she makes you laugh until you cry.

The problem with Becky is that she's a shopaholic. She can't make herself stop doing the most frivolous things, no matter how hard she tries. Despite the haunting bills, letters and phone calls, Becky spends unbelievable amounts of money on a daily basis for things she believes are necessities. However, in any other person's mind, her buying habits are highly unhealthy and unnee­ssary. But she is all in her purchases and finds great joy in doing so.

Becky works as a financial journalist in downtown London and lives in a beautiful apart­ment with her best friend, Suzi, in London's trendi­est neighbor­hood alongside her group of socialist friends, complete with a closet full of the season's chicest fashions.

Realizing she is in trouble, Becky first attempts to cut back her addiction by purchasing a book called "Controlling Your Cash," by David E. Barton. Her efforts are half-hearted and unfulfilled, for she spends money on are quite hilarious. Every page was full of humor, yet details that how Becky manages to dig herself deeper into debt. Becky then tries to make more money by getting another job and by making crafts out of her own home. But both of these only provide more trouble for Becky. She certainly has a knack for getting in tight spots and when something goes wrong for Becky, she turns to shopping to feel better. This does not help her financial situation, but she feels it eases her emotions. And that's the important thing for her.

Finally, after her spirit of bad luck and bad love, Becky discovers a great love and a novel that offers her some interest. Her neighbors are in trouble, and she wants to help them. Although she is not confi­dent in her skills as a reporter, she gives it her best shot. Little does she know the events to follow will change her life forever — both socially and financially.

Kinsella is a former financial journalist and the author of the four bestselling "Shopaholic" novels, in addition to her stand-alone New York Times bestseller, "Can you keep a Secret?" She lives in England, where she is at work on her next novel. Kinsella attended university at Oxford, where she studied politics, philosophy and economics before getting her first job as a junior assistant on a magazine for retailers.

Kinsella's books are sold in over 33 countries and are translated into more than 30 lan­guages. She is married, has two sons, and her husband heads the classics department at a boy's grammar school in England. Kinsella, as mentioned on her Web site, loves to shop but likes to think that she keeps herself in better check than her character, Becky Bloomwood.

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Morley, who was shut out in 28 minutes of a first-round win over Northern Iowa, was 6-for-7 with three 3-pointers and 15 points. His tap-in with 8:41 left put the Badgers (24-8) ahead for good, then he protected the lead with rebounds on the next two defensive stands. He finished with eight boards.

The Bison (24-9) were still within four points when Wilkinson showed why he's won more games than any player in school history. He personally went on a 7-2 run, capped by a three-point play to push the lead back to nine, virtually ending Bucknell's bid to become just the third No. 14 to reach the NCAA's round of 16. He finished with 23 points and nine rebounds.

Michigan St. 72, Vermont 61

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Duke defeated Mississippi State (24-6). Izzo improved to 21-6 in the tournament -- a winning percentage second among active coaches to Duke's Mike Krzyzewski -- and set the Spartans up with a matchup with the Blue Devils in Austin. Duke defeated Mississippi State 63-55 on Sunday.

"You know your program has come a long way when you lose to Michigan State and you're crushed," said Vermont coach Tom Crean. "When I announced he would retire after the season.

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Men's NCAA Tournament

Louisville routs Tech, heads to Sweet 16

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Men's NCAA Tournament

Louisville routs Tech, heads to Sweet 16

Duke drops Miss. St. 63-55; runs end for Vermont, Bucknell

Associated Press

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It was a swift end for the fifth-seeded Yellow Jackets (20-12), who made a thrilling run to the title game last year. Though they returned almost the entire lineup, they looked more like newcomers than crusty veterans against the Cardinals and their 2-3 zone. They trailed by double digits less than five minutes into the game, and ended up shooting less than 38 percent.

Luke Schenscher led the Yellow Jackets with 13, but the rest of Georgia Tech's offense was largely ineffective. Jarrett Jack had 11 points, Will Byrnut had eight and B.J. Elder was held to just three.

The Cardinals were sure they'd locked up a top seed after beating Memphis to win the Conference USA tournament, and made no secret of their disgust when they didn't get one.

Worse, they drew the fourth seed in the Albuquerque Regional, behind tightly regarded Washington, Wake Forest and Gonzaga.

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Favorites fall: No. 2 seeds ousted from NCAA's

Wolfpack victorious over shocked Huskies

Associated Press

WOECASTER, Mass. — Julius Hodge looked up and saw Rudy Gay smiling with the game on the line.

So the flashy North Carolina State senior made his move. He darted past Gay — leaving him sprawled on the floor — and scored on a slashing drive with 4.3 seconds left to break a 62-all tie and send the Wolfpack past the defending national champion Huskies in the second round.

"He started clapping his hands and smiling," said Hodge, who finished with 17 points and six assists. "I just felt like there was no way I was going to be denied." Hodge was foiled on the play by Ed Nelson and completed the three-point play. The Wolfpack survived after Marcus Williams missed a desperation 3-pointer from the top of the key at the buzzer.

North Carolina State (21-13) advances to the regional semifinals for the first time since 1989.

W. Virginia, Gansy stun Wake Forest

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Former local prep star Mike Gansy spent his summer shooting baskets on Cleveland State's cozy court, picturing himself making a big shot in an NCAA tournament game. Remarkably, he got the chance on the very same court, and made the shot. Then another, and another.

Shooting at these familiar baselines, the junior guard scored a career-high 29 points — 19 of them in the two overtime — and the Mountaineers sent No. 2 seed Wake Forest to another stunning second-round loss, 111-105 on Saturday night.

West Virginia (23-10) will play Texas Tech next in the Albuquerque Regional, its deepest tournament run since it also made the round of 16 in 1998. The Mountaineers have beat seven Top 25 teams this season, a school record.

The crowd at Cleveland State reacted as Wake Forest (27-6) became the first ACC team knocked out of the tournament.
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MEN’S LACROSSE

Karwick leads Irish to 22-6 pounding of Butler

Midfielder comes up one point short of tying school record

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Associate Sports Editor

Even for Notre Dame’s most loyal fans, the sound of the fight song became a bit repetitive Saturday afternoon.

With the music blaring after each Notre Dame goal, the Irish crushed Butler 22-6 to improve to 3-1 on the season.

It was Notre Dame’s first league game of the season, and a good start for the Irish, who were coming off a close win over North Carolina.

Matt Karwick had eight points for Notre Dame, five goals and three assists, highlighting the team’s offensive dominance.

The school record for most points in a game is nine.

Pat Walsh had six points, three goals and three assists, and now has eight goals on the season.

Jim Morrison also scored three goals for the Irish for the fourth consecutive time this season.

Irish coach Kevin Corrigan was happy with his team’s performance, even though the level of competition was clearly not the same as Notre Dame’s previous opponents this season — Penn State, Cornell and North Carolina.

"Butler had an overtime game on Wednesday night and I think they must have left a little bit on the field there, because we were able to get on them," Corrigan said. "We thought coming into the game that it was going to be important to get a lead on them. They wanted to play a little bit slower and a little bit more deliberately, and they can’t control that tempo if they are down."

That’s exactly what Notre Dame did, getting out to a 12-0 lead before Butler scored their first goal.

"I thought that certainly the key to the game is getting that quick early lead and then forcing them to play our tempo which we were a lot more comfortable with than they are," Corrigan said.

"Our face off guys did a great job, our ground ball play was very sharp, and those are the possessions that are up for grab," Corrigan said. "We got the vast majority of those early ... it was hard for them to get settled in.

"I think it went from 1-0 to 4-0 before they got another possession."

In fact, Butler did not score until 5:09 remained in the second period, when Kyle Tietjen put home his third goal of the season.

Notre Dame’s scoring came quickly and often, allowing Corrigan to play some of his other players in larger amounts later in the game.

"It’s certainly one game that were thrilled with and especially happy that a bunch of guys who have been working extremely hard in practice and doing a great job got to play a lot of minutes today and did very well with it," Corrigan said.

Notre Dame will take on Hofstra this weekend in Hempstead, N.Y.

The game is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

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Irish attack Matt Malakoff, right, passes the ball upfield against Butler in Saturday’s contest. Notre Dame crushed the Bulldogs 22-6.

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BASEBALL

Irish drop two games in Aces Diamond Invite

The differences between the Irish and their weekend opponents are glaring. Notre Dame has an NCAA Division I record 16 straight 40-win seasons. South Dakota State has won three games in its first year in Division II. Notre Dame has appeared in the NCAA tournament 19 times — six consecutive. Evansville has appeared in the NCAA tournament twice.

But none of those statistics mattered over the weekend in the Aces' Diamond Classic where the Irish fell to host Evansville on Friday 10-3 and to South Dakota State on Saturday 13-7.

Notre Dame (7-9) hoped to build on back-to-back wins after beating Northern Illinois in Thursday's game. With six players batting over .300, Notre Dame's offensive production has been solid this season.

But the same old problems came back to bite the Irish — pitching and defense.

In three games from Thursday through Saturday, the Notre Dame defense committed eight errors and gave up 29 runs.

The Irish ran into a hot Evansville squad 11-0 Friday and a desperate South Dakota State bunch 13-13 Saturday.

While Evansville has had a strong start to the season, South Dakota State has struggled early due to a tricky schedule. Against the Evansville Purple Aces, junior Tom Dorwart suffered his third loss for the Irish. Early on, Notre Dame led 3-0 after home runs by Matt Edwards and Greg Lopez. Edwards leads the Irish with five home runs and 21 RBIs, and owns a .300 batting average.

The Aces broke the game open in the middle innings with four runs in the sixth inning and five in the seventh. Freshman designated hitter Tony Langford, saving more time after strong performances last week, was 2-4 in the loss.

Langford is batting .300 in 16 at-bats on the year.

Saturday the Irish trailed the South Dakota State Jackrabbits 7-2 heading into the bottom half of the fourth inning.

Then the offense made its move as Notre Dame exploded four runs.

Senior Scott Hickford entered the game for the Irish and shutdown the Jackrabbits in the top of the fifth. His offense backed him up with a run in the bottom of the inning.

With the game tied 7-7, Hickford took the mound again in the sixth but yielded the two game-winning runs to South Dakota State.

He suffered his first loss of the season. The Jackrabbits added four late runs to cushion the lead.

After 16 games on the road to open the season, home could be the remedy for the Irish.

The Irish will try to get back on the winning track when they face Cincinnati Tuesday playing at Frank Eck Stadium for the first time this season.

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

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The Irish turn a double play against Chicago State last season. Notre Dame opens its home schedule Tuesday against Cincinnati.
FENCING

Irish women find place among all-time greats

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

The whispers have already begun.

Some people close to NCAA fencing have already begun making claims that the encroaching Notre Dame sent to the NCAA finals are the best group of six women's fencers on one college team ever. Seeing that was a precinct off the NCAA until 2000, these claims may have some merit.

Certainly, the numbers speak for themselves.

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ND WOMEN’S TRACK

Eriga leads Irish at Williams Invitational

By NATHAN DYER
Sports Writer

The Irish enjoyed warm weather and fast times at the Willie Williams Invitational, their first outdoor track meet in Tucson, Ariz. this weekend.

Notre Dame sent a limited number of athletes to Arizona, mostly sprinters and hurdlers, but was able to score five top-three finishes and qualify one athlete for the NCAA regional meet.

Maryann Erigha was the star of the meet for Notre Dame as she notched the lone victory for the Irish in the 200 meters. Her time in the meet was a good warm-up to begin the outdoor season.

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Two minutes. In the third round, Gallegos overpowered Bargong as Sarpong tired out, Gallegos won by unanimous decision.

Goldrick def. Valenzuela
Well into the second round, sophomore Thomas Goldrick knocked down senior Jon Valenzuela. Valenzuela headed back in to the corner to get his bloody nose patched up. But the knockdown didn’t faze him. Valenzuela came back furiously with quick jabs. In a fast finish to this round, both boxers fought through their bloody faces. One of the hardest fought bouts, the title fight drew a standing ovation from much of the crowd. Goldrick won by unanimous decision.

McCann def. Hennig
In another back-and-forth bout, junior Mike McCann pulled out the victory over sophomore Michael Hennig. McCann used a strong third round — in which he delivered six punches in a row to the head — to win the title by split decision.

Lohmeier def. Hunt
Farah had large cheering sections chanting his names, but senior Nate Lohmeier won the title over senior Tim Hunt. In the tight match, the crowd was especially loud. Lohmeier used his reach to overpower Hunt’s strong jabs.

Loughrey def. Panzica
After four years of hard work and training, senior Galen Loughrey finally achieved his dream — a Bengal title. He defeated fellow senior Mike Panzica by unanimous decision for his first Bengal title. In recognition of Panzica’s valiant effort, Loughrey hoisted Panzica into the air after the winner was announced and the two high-fived one another.

Basola def. Gorynski
Junior Mark Basola defeated senior Bobby Gorynski in a split decision. Back-and-forth the whole way, neither boxer overpowered the other, but Basola had just enough energy left in the third round to pull out the victory.

DeSplinter def. Nicholson
The crowd boomed, cheered, hooted and hawed. The boxers uppercutted, jabbed, blocked, ducked, sweated and bled. In a heated fight, senior Mark DeSplinter defeated law student Brian Nicholson for his third title in three tries.

DeSplinter seemed to become the crowd favorite after Nicholson threw him to the canvas in the first round. The rest of the way, the bout was fought fairly evenly. DeSplinter won by unanimous decision.

Ward def. by forfeit
Sophomore Dan Ward won by forfeit. Top-ranked senior Justin Alanis broke his hand in his semi-final victory over Brad Wanushulak and was unable to compete in the title bout.

Christoforetti def. Bartels
Senior Jim Christoforetti knocked down MBA student Doug Bartels early in the second round. Later in the round, Bartels got a knockdown of his own, sending Christoforetti to the canvas. Christoforetti won the split decision.

Zidek def. Griffin
Throughout the first round, the bout was a stalemate. But MBA student Billy Zidek then began a stronger attack on junior Johnny Griffin. Both boxers punched hard and fought relentlessly. Griffin backed Zidek into the gold corner early in the third round. Punch after punch Zidek subdued. Griffin then dealt a blow that knocked Zidek into the ropes. Zidek came back powerfully and held on to squeak out a split decision victory.

Hasbrook def. Schroeder
Imposing 6-2 senior Matt Hasbrook stepped into the ring against junior Nathan Schroeder. When the bell rang, Hasbrook was the aggressor. He never let up. Schroeder tried to keep up and kept the match even for awhile, but Hasbrook shifted his weight into his every hit and gained the unanimous decision.

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Weis said he and his assistants understood the guidelines Saracino has laid before them: "I think they have admissions department is on the same page with athletics here and vice versa," Weis said. "I think that not every athlete that comes to Notre Dame has to have a 1530 on their SATs, but it’s nice if some of them do. That’s from the president right through the admissions office. If they throw the same and give and take there, but I think it’s important that you try to get these guys, realizing that not everyone has that.

Weis also understands how emphasis on academics at Notre Dame will impact the recruiting process.

Academic Emphasis

"What’s happened," Weis said, "is that the student body’s attitude certainly has to get higher and higher.

In an article published on April 14, 2004, the Observer reported the average SAT score of football players at Notre Dame had risen in the past few years, with the direct proportion to rising standard deviation. The average student from 1993 to 2004 — 6.3 to 6.7 percent, respectively. According to data compiled from a Social Science Quarterl Bulletin.

At the time of the reported findings, Saracino disagreed that passing football players had toughened in terms of overall curriculum, grades and other factors.

"We have not been any 'tougher' on the admissions department of football players in recent years as we have with the overall applicants," he said in the April 14 article.

Over the past few years, critics have questioned Notre Dame’s recruiting capabilities, but Saracino maintains the roots of these complaints are not in a negative relationship between admissions and coaches.

"It wasn’t bad before," Saracino said of his relationship with former Notre Dame head coach Tyrone Willingham. "If we were having some difficulty in recruiting the student-athletes that we wanted, it wasn’t because by trying to get young men admitted who could not do the work. It was just that the work was too much for them in getting them.

"Saracino said the admissions department has remained consistent in its standards for student-athletes, reiterating its emphasis on a high school course load that demonstrates an ability to handle the Notre Dame curriculum.

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Irish prepare for deep Arizona State team in 2nd round

By MATT LOZAR
Senior Staff Writer

FRESNO, Calif. — Shuttling down one Sun Devil won’t send the Irish to their third straight Sweet 16. Arizona State just has too much depth.

Facing a team with 10 players logging double-digit minutes and no one scoring more than 11.4 points per game, overcoming Arizona State’s deep bench will be the challenge for Notre Dame in tonight’s second-round NCAA tournament game at 9 p.m. on ESPN.

“They have a very balanced attack,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said at Sunday’s press conference. “We can’t just shut down a [Kristian] Mann to win this game.”

Tonight’s game figures to be a defensive struggle since both teams normally play that type of style. Unlike the 87 points Arizona State scored in its first-round win over Eastern Kentucky Saturday, the Sun Devils averaged 63 points per game.

The Irish played their normal style of game in the 61-51 win over UC Santa Barbara. McGraw knows her team needs that type of performance on defense again tonight.

“They are really physical and play great defense,” McGraw said. “I was pleased with our six [first] and we need it again tonight.”

“We’re not a team that blows people out.”

More than just Batteast

With Jaycqueline Batteast struggling from the field and the post players in foul trouble, the Irish needed her players to step up on the offensive end to defeat the pesky Gauchos.

She got just that.

“You really had everybody with everybody,” McGraw said. “We got great contributions from our starters and everyone else gave us a lift.”

The interesting lineup McGraw used late in the first half saw three freshmen — Charleen Allen, Talyah Gaines and Melissa D’Amico — on the court with sophomore Breona Gray and Batteast. McGraw hadn’t used that combination very often this season, but she was pleased with the results.

“It was great to get them some minutes. You’re not sure what to expect,” McGraw said. “I was pleased to see the freshmen play like that.”

What may have been most satisfying for McGraw was seeing her team excel with Batteast only scoring eight points.

“I thought that was one of our best games of the year,” McGraw said. “It was great to see us win with [Batteast] getting eight points and 10 boards against UCSB.”

Quick hits

Saturday’s win gave the Irish 27 on the season, the third highest total in school history. Notre Dame’s 1996-97 team, which advanced to the Final Four and won more games than any team in history, won 31 games.

• Batteast started her 96th consecutive game against the Gauchos, which set a school record. Katryna Guibot, who played at Notre Dame from 1994-2004, previously held the mark.

• McGraw earned her 499th career victory Saturday.

• Since the Irish joined the Big East for the 1995-96 season, the Irish have qualified for 10 straight NCAA tournaments. Each year, the Irish have advanced to at least the second round.

• Current Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White held the same position at Arizona State from 1996-2000. Current Arizona State athletic director Gene Smith, who is leaving for the same position at Ohio State in Columbus, is a former football player at Notre Dame and graduated in 1977.

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Notre Dame's Charale Allen looks to pass against California-Santa Barbara in NCAA first round action Saturday.

Arizona State's Amy Denson tries to steal the ball from Eastern Kentucky's Candis Cook during the teams' first round NCAA meet Saturday. Denson's Sun Devils take on the Irish tonight.
everybody. It came down to the wire, and that's the most exciting way to win," senior epee captain Matt Stearns said.

The Irish qualified 11 out of a possible 12 fencers for the tournament, with only freshman Jakub Jedrzejewski representing Notre Dame in men's foil, but despite this, the team entered the weekend more than optimistic with regards to their chances to win their first team title since 2003.

"As a team, we had really, really high expectations. Every year we come in expecting to win, and especially this year because Ohio State only qualified 11, that was huge for us," said sophomore sabre Matt Stearns.

Notre Dame took four of their five remaining teammates to this weekend's national tournament, with the Irish looking to win their first national title since 2000.

"I expected that Michud would be winner because I know that he had a strong drive to do this," he said.

In victory, Sobieraj closes out his career as a four-time All-American and leaves Notre Dame with a 68-24 record in the NCAA championship round-robin, third best in the school's men's fencing history behind sabre Mike Sullivan and foil Orion Deacon.

However, Sobieraj was not the only Notre Dame fencer to make it to the championship bout, marking the second time since 2000 that two Irish men's fencers have made it to the finals. Sobieraj and his teammate, Johnathan Ghattas entered the semifinals as the only two American fencers who could win their matches and advance to the finals. The semifinals, two other Notre Dame fencers, Stearns and Jedrzejewski, also posted well enough to become All-Americans. Stearns went 14-9 to finish in 10th place, and Jedrzejewski's 15-8 was good enough for a seventh-place finish.

"As a team, we had really, really high expectations." Matt Stearns

Irish sabre

"Being up there in front of everyone, it's hard to stick to your game plan, because there are so many outside factors that come into play. I knew I was going to do what I could because I wasn't going to do that and pretend that it was all these things.

In the final, Ghattas took his four other competitors in the event for individual accolades, as Providence, Zaganis, Kryczal and Orlando all finished in the top four and moved into the semifinals, with the latter three winning medals and moving into the finals. While Ghattas fell 15-13 in the tournament, and finishing third in the school's men's fencing history, the Buckeyes' 17th place finish was a sign of progress for the Buckeyes' fencing program.

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basket in frustration, then missed both ensuing free throw attempts.

It was that kind of day on offense for the Big East Player of the Year.

But Notre Dame didn't panic or lose confidence, despite its star's rough shooting performance. The Irish simply found another way to win. Thanks to a total team effort, Notre Dame stretched and clowned its way past an undermanned Santa Barbara squad, 63-51, in advance to its 10th straight sec­ond-round appearance.

And they did it by getting contrib­utions from everyone. Breona Gray recorded her sec­ond-double-figure scoring per­formance in the last three games, finishing with 10 points. But her biggest play came with 2:27 left and the Irish clinging to a 50-46 lead.

Covering Santa Barbara's star player, Kristen Mann, Gray antici­pated a pass from the Gauchos' Erin O'Bryan. When O'Bryan threw the ball to Mann, Gray knocked it away, then gained control and made an easy layup to put the Irish up by six.

Instead of an opportunity to cut the Irish lead in half, Santa Barbara found itself all but fin­ished.

"That was a huge basket," Santa Barbara coach Mark French said.

In the first half, when Courtney LaVere, Terresa Burton and Crystal Erwin all had two fields, Irish coach Muffet McGraw allowed freshman Melissa D'Amico to fill in. The younger did so admirably, logging six points and tying a game high in steals, six.

In the whole scheme of things, that line may seem insignificant. But more important than scoring or rebounding, D'Amico played well enough to keep LaVere, Burton and Erwin on the bench, where they couldn't get into any 'more foul trouble'. --

Megan Duffy's performance was outstanding en route to 18 points, including 3-of-10 from the free throw line, which nailed Santa Barbara's coffin. The first-team All-Big East selection provided the scoring Batteast usually does — and did so while running the team well, like she normally does.

Freshman Charri Allen struggled to just 1-of-6 from the field, but added four free throws to score seven points in 19 minutes left before she was cut. Co-Mo. will not start either, but compliment­ed Allen's points with six rebounds in just 14 minutes.

And even Batteast, who fin­ished with just eight points, was 4­of-14 shooting, made her mark by grabbing a game-high 10 rebounds and controlling the three assists.

All nine Notre Dame players who saw action did their part to beat Santa Barbara. In past games, in past seasons, the Irish might have folded when Batteast went cold. They might have lost confidence and lost faith in their abilities. Or they might have just plain lost. But this version of Notre Dame didn't even flinch when Batteast missed time and time again.

This 2004-05 squad just found a way to win.

Now the Irish face challenge number two on their path to Indianapolis. No. 5 Arizona State looked impressive in its win over No. 12 Eastern Kentucky. The Sun Devils shocked the Bears, winning handily.

But if Saturday's win taught the Irish anything, it was that they still have enough firepower to get the job done.

As the final buzzer sounded Saturday, Ruttleshow showed little emotion by clapping her hands softly and congratulating her opponents on a good game. She didn't care whether they had 48 points or eight — all that mattered was a final score in favor of the Irish.

Batteast gets an opportunity tomorrow night to make up for her tough offensive day against Santa Barbara. She really has a bad shooting performance two games in a row. But Batteast knows that even if her shot isn't full as usual, the rest of the Irish will be there, backing her up.

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TED, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO SAY THIS.

PEANUTS

WE NEED TO LEAN UP THE PROGRESS IMPROVEMENT PROCESS SO I HAVE TO SPAR-TI-ZE ONE RESOURCE.

YOU. USUALLY IT'S JUST A FIGURE OF SPEECH WHEN PEOPLE SAY, 'I DON'T KNOW HOW TO SAY THIS.'

UNSCRAMBLE THESE FOURS, JUMBLE, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, AS SHOWN LAST SATURDAY.

LEBER

WAKTE

HENRI ARNOLD MIKE ARIGNOR

I'M ready to buy a house. Why are you so cheap?

Saturday's Jumble: DEFT PHONY QUIVER FAILED TO FIND LEAFY VINE. Answer: When the judge had an early court call, he was expected to clear his schedule of activities. **(Answers tomorrow)**

HOROSCOPE

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Chrysalis Carquain, 21; Holly Hunter, 47; Steve Lee, 46; Curl Nixon, 43.

Happy Birthday: You have a little added flair this year, so don't stop until you get to hold the spotlight. An opportunity to put your own ideas into play will bring you added respect and confidence. Relationships will develop with people who will contribute rather than tear you down for a change. Your numbers are 9, 13, 22, 38, 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You will have some unique ideas that should help you get what you want. Take a step down memory lane or visit with old friends. An old hobby may interest you again, but from a different standpoint.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Work behind the scenes today. If you try to elaborate on your success, you may not sell your ideas. Focus on what it will take to move in a direction that feels right to you. **GEMINI** May 21-June 21: If you try your hand at something new, you may feel satisfied. There is much for you to take in and learn about. If you treat or attend a seminar, you will meet people who will share a unique experience with you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Prepare for a face-off if you decide you want to argue a point. You are far better off working on something that will make your home more comfortable. This is not the time to debate, but rather to make some necessary changes in your life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You will feel in the spotlight today and take great pride in knowing that your fans are supportive. Push a little harder and you will advance in the arena you love.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It's time to check the white and get things going. Relationships can blossom among even the loneliest individuals. It's just a matter of being open and friendly. Your area of expertise will be appreciated and valued after all.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Do something nice for the ones you love. The more you give to others, the better you will feel about yourself. As an opportunity in the picture, you prepare to enjoy something very interesting.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Your sensitive nature will enhance your appeal today. You will be in a relative high cycle that will help you make a project you want go smoothly. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Prance for your accomplishments will crown your way, and a new opportunity to engage in an interesting project with someone you respect will unfold. Count your blessings and enjoy the ride.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Focus on what you can accumulate today. Property, investments, antiques or anything else that can grow in value should be looked at closely. An older relative may need your help.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You'll be good at multitasking today, so line up all the things you want to accomplish and get going. The satisfaction you get when you finish something instead of getting side-tracked is very enjoyable.

PIECES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) Consider what you can do to improve your health. Diet, exercise or even a treatment regimen (to a worthless bug, especially if its name is preschool) can be prescribed. The more you do to prune what's good for you personally, the better you will do in the future.

Happy Birthday: You have power, charisma and the ability to take charge of any situation. You are changeable and will adapt quickly if you feel it is to your benefit. You do everything in a big way.


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**FENCING**

**National champions**

Irish come from behind to win ninth title

By ERIC RETTER

Sports Writer

HOLSTON — There were a lot of smiles on Sunday afternoon when Katie Larchanka of St. John's touched Ohio State's Metta Thompson to secure victory in the pair's women's foil bout. Those happy faces all belonged to the men and women of the Notre Dame fencing team, who saw themselves move into sole possession of first place at the first and best time. Moments earlier, senior Irish foilist Alicia Kryczalo defeated Columbia's Cassidy Lutjen to give the Irish at least a shared title, but with Thompson's loss, the Irish clinched their seventh national championship and their second in three years, edging Ohio State 173-171. "Overall I'm so happy with ourselves move into sole possession of first place at the first and best time," said former Irish foilist Daniel Gallegos, who looked like the aggressor until the final round. Gallegos wailed, "I'm so happy with Ohio State's failure to win its last four bouts gave the Irish the victory.

**BENGAL BOUTS**

Champions crowned Saturday

By TOM DORWART

Sports Writer

Another year of Bengal Bouts came to a close Saturday, with 11 new champions named after a night of furious fights.

Sarpong defeated Gallegos. Throughout the first round, Sarpong attacked. He looked like the aggressor until the first bell rang. But Gallegos fought back in the second round. Gallegos blocked, batted and walloped. At one point, he had Sarpong stumbling. Sarpong kept his balance and kept up for the remainder of the

**ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

First round of NCAAs no problem

Irish move on to second round with 61-51 win over UCSB

By MATT LOZAR

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FRESNO, Calif. — Clank after clank, brick after brick, Jacqueline Batteast kept chucking up jumpers in Notre Dame's first-round NCAA Tournament game against California-Santa Barbara Saturday, and she kept looking like the aggressor throughout the game.

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