COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Baron kicks off term with humor, business

Administration approves four new officeholders

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

If Monday night’s Council of Representatives meeting is any indication, student body president Dave Baron will lead Notre Dame with a sense of humor. Before calling the meeting to order, Baron said this year’s Council “is going to be a hard core,” placing extra emphasis on the last syllable.

In the first Council meeting under the new administration of Baron, vice president Lizzi Shappnell and chief executive assistant Liz Kozlow, representatives approved four new officeholders. Alyce Baumgartner was approved as student union secretary. “She is extremely dedicated,” Kozlow said. “All my work with her has been extraordinary.”

The council approved Adam Duvall as policy branch controller, a position he also held for the 2004–05 school year under the current administration.

“All the work Adam has done has been impeccable,” Baron said. “He has done a

Plan proposed to provide cable in dorms

By KATIE LAIRD
News Writer

As the new Notre Dame student body representatives settle into their new positions, plans are well underway to improve student life, including the possibility of attaining cable in the dorms.

Student body president Dave Baron said although cable was not underlined on his and vice president Lizzi Shappnell’s platform earlier in the semester, he hopes to work with the University to see what the possibilities are for the future.

“Cable is a major aspect of improvements to campus technology that we will be pressing, along with getting printers in every dorm and putting wireless internet connection in dorm social spaces,” Baron said. “The investigation of feasibility and implementation of this prospect will be a priority in our administration.”

University to send reps to Rome funeral

By HEATHER VAN HOGENDORN
News Writer

Notre Dame will have University representatives at Pope John Paul II’s funeral Friday in Rome. University spokesman Matt Storin confirmed Monday.

Storin said the Superior General of the Congregation Di Santa Croce, Very Reverend Hugh Cleary, his two assistants and Father Carl Elsey will officially represent the University at the funeral, set to take place at 10 a.m. on Friday in Rome. At Notre Dame, that is equivalent to 4 a.m. on Friday.

Storin said Elsey, the procurator general of the Congregation, is a former Notre Dame accounting professor. Cleary is, in effect, the equivalent of a general curia.

Campus copiers examined

Review underway to assess efficiency

By KATIE SCARLETT O’HARA
News Writer

A review facilitated through Business Operations is underway to examine the efficiency and services of on-campus copy centers, possibly resulting in a consolidation of five locations.

Assistant Vice President for Procurement Services Tim Gilney said a committee of stakeholders including “business managers and representatives from Business Operations” have drafted a Request For Proposal asking “suppliers to propose to us how they will operate if we consolidate.”

The Request For Proposal specifically asks for input on the consolidation of five of the copy centers — LaFortune, Hesburgh Library, Grace Hall, Athletics and OIT — into one production center. After the proposal

ND mourning will extend beyond campus

Mass at Basilica commemorates pope

By MEGAN O’NEILL
News Writer

With white Easter lilies still adorning the altar, the Notre Dame community joined the rest of the world in mourning the death of Pope John Paul II Monday afternoon in a commemorative Mass at the Basilica.

The church pews were filled to capacity with students, staff, faculty and community members, many of whom clutched rosaries in prayer.

Roughly 40 Holy Cross priests joined outgoing University President Father Edward Malloy as he celebrated the Mass and honored the late pope.

In his homily, Malloy described John Paul II as a reassurance man, saying he was an
**Inside Column**

**Powder blue skies**

The last time I got teary-eyed about a sporting event — discounting Irish football of late for obvious, sentimental reasons — was when the 1997 North Carolina team lost in the Final Four to Arizona. That was a team for the Carolina ages.

Headlining the act were Vince Carter and Antawn Jamison, whose stars are still shining brightly in the NBA. And filling in all the necessary team details were 7-footer Tim Duncan and his Arizona cohorts. I maintain it was a crime that Arizona was one of the two teams outside of UNC, students who picked them to reach the Final Four as an eighth seed. And that’s how it’s gone the last few years — pick Irish football and UNC basketball to buck the odds and bring home the championship. And finally, after many March nights of picking up the pieces of my shattered dreams, the Tar Heels have fulfilled that wish.

The stage was set for a terrific finish to one immensely satisfying NCAA tournament. The storylines were all on point. Roy Williams trying to end the “Williams curse” by finally winning the big one? Check, as unstoppable as a well-run Carolina fast break. Carolina facing off against a dangerous Illinois team that has been the consensus No. 1 team for months? Another check, as timely as a McCants dagger trey. A team loaded with talent, with five probable NBA lottery picks, finally coming together and realizing their potential? As sure as a Felton fast break lob to May.

I’ll be the first to admit I was extremely paranoid Illinois would make another run to the Final Four. I had convinced myself that Carolina would win in the second half. And just when I couldn’t metaphorically chew my nails any harder, the much-maligned Carolina defense stepped up. Big time. Not allowing a single basket over the final two and a half minutes of the game, the UNC “D” erased any doubts they were the team to beat during the tourney and the season in terms of championship possibilities.

These Carolina players will be remembered in Chapel Hill and college basketball fans’ fond memories for years to come. But I’ll remember it as a season in Chapel Hill capped by 31-point poundings by USC and heart-breaking losses to Boston College. When I wake up to headlines the next day, I’ll have no qualms with picking ND to come to fruition.

After learning from my Carolina masses, I hope no one tries to pick ND to win in all every year from now on. So don’t be surprised if the college football skies bleed Irish blue and gold next year. Just as soon as the downpour of Carolina power blue subsides.

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**Question of the Day:** What is the best bookstore basketball team name you have heard?

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"Julia's Team."

"The Zonkeys... they're things, right?"

"I haven't actually heard any."

"The Canucks, but they call them "The Gaaank.""

"SARS Unit."

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**In Brief**

The softball team will face off against Eastern Michigan in a doubleheader today at 3 p.m. and 7 at Ivy Field.

Ray Oden, of the department of mathematics at the University of Gazp, will speak today on "Biomechanics of Soft Biological Tissue: Structure and Modeling."

The Hesburgh Award for Business Ethics will be presented to Amy Dominiti, CEO of Domini Social Investments.

The softball team will face Toledo today at 5 p.m. in Eck Stadium.

The South Bend Center for Medical Education is sponsoring a lecture by Gary Fromm, M.D., entitled "Sleep Disorders" tonight at 7 p.m. in 102 DeBartolo Hall.

Robert Audi, Gallo Professor of Business Ethics; and professor of management and philosophy, will give a Cahill Lecture entitled "Ethical Leadership and Leadership Ethics" today from 5 p.m. to 6:30 in the Jordan Auditorium in the Midcove College of Business.

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**Offbeat**

**Teacher starts classroom brawl**

DALLAS — A high school teacher faces an assault charge after police say she walked into a middle-school classroom, grabbed that teacher’s hair, yanked her out of her chair, and dragged her across the room while punching her in the face and kicking her.

According to the police report, Paulette Baines grabbed Mary Oliver in front of the class full of gifted students Friday. Baines was angry because Oliver told her daughter to quit littering by lockers and go to class. Dallas school district spokesman Donald Claxton said Oliver said Baines was yelling at her as she entered the classroom.

"I want you to know I didn't raise a finger. I didn't do anything to aggravate the situation," Oliver said. "I did everything possible to defuse the situation."

Wheelchair pageant queen loses crown

APPLETON, Wis. — Ms. Wheelchair Wisconsin has been stripped of her title because pageant officials say she can stand — and point to a newspaper picture as proof.

Lee, who has muscular dystrophy and uses a scooter, was snapped by The Post-Crescent newspaper standing among her high school math students.

"I've been made to feel as if I can't represent the disabled citizens of Wisconsin because I'm not disabled enough," Lee said Thursday. Lee, 30, of Appleton, had planned to go to the national pageant with her younger sister, who also has muscular dystrophy and won the competition in Minnesota.

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Outgoing members bid farewell

By KELLY BALE
New White

At their last meeting Monday before turn over, members of the current Saint Mary's Board of Governance thanked each other and said goodbye while incoming members observed the proceedings.

"I've had a wonderful year," I've learned so much from all of you and I've been inspired by all of you," outgoing student body president Sarah Catherine White said.

Other outgoing BOG members also thanked the board for their dedication to the group throughout the year.

"I would like to sincerely thank everyone on BOG because I enjoyed working with you so much," outgoing student body vice president Mary Pauline Moran said. "I will take so many memories from this year with me." White hoped that incoming board members could use this opportunity as a shadow experience and invited the new elects to observe BOG procedure and to ask questions.

BOG approved a co-sponsorship with the Notre Dame Student Union Board, the Notre Dame Class of 2007 and the Saint Mary's Class of 2007 for the Battle of the Bands on April 22. Sophomore Claudia Toth and Kathleen Kindt presented the co-sponsorship to BOG and emphasized that the event, which will be held at Legends and will feature 15 groups and musicians, will be a tri-campus one and that they hope to gain more participation from all three campuses.

During discussion of the event, Student Activities Board president Lauren Faehnia said she had attended and enjoyed last year's Battle of the Bands. Toth and Kindt said Saint Mary's has been involved in the planning of Battle of the Bands and that the event will be advertised on the Saint Mary's campus. Several BOG members felt it was good that Saint Mary's was participating in planning and advertising the event, and this fact was taken into consideration when deciding how much money the co-sponsorship would be approved for.

In other BOG news: Student Diversity Board will sponsor a Frost your own cookies event on Wednesday at 10 p.m. in McCandless Hall. A Memorial Mass for Pope John Paul II will be held Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Church of Loretto. The SMC Toast and Spring Fiesta will be held on April 21.

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ND business council ventures to Canada

By LISA SCHULZ
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Last weekend, 12 members of Notre Dame's Student International Business Council traveled to Windsor, Canada to fulfill the SIBC mission statement of 'Peace through Commerce.' Members of both the Finance and Global Development divisions participated in the International Political Economy project, a seminar event highlighted by a debate about an international topic that is both globally and economic-centered, junior and co-director of the International Political Economy project Matt Walsh said.

"The debate was more than a debate," Walsh said. "In a way it is a diplomatic statement that our two countries, especially young students form both countries, can work together to have an intellectual discussion about issues that affect us in the future as well as now." This semester's topic was whether the political and economic rise of China will positively or negatively affect North America in the future. The students of the hosting school, the University of Windsor, took the negative side and won the debate.

Notre Dame has hosted University of Windsor students in the fall semester the past two years. The relationship with the Canadian community school was established from a former Notre Dame SIBC member from Canada.

Although the teams were serious about the debate, relations were friendly between the schools. Notre Dame students attended a wine and cheese party and a dinner with the University of Windsor group.

"It seemed like they like the University of Windsor students were genuinely glad to host us," said freshman Jack Millhouse, a member of SIBC's Finance and Accounting divisions. "They treated us well." The debate weekend also grants the students exposure to experienced members of the International Political Economy field. This year, judges of the debate included professors and deans of the University of Windsor as well as a Ford Corporation executive.

Notre Dame faculty member and SIBC advisor Susan Soisson accompanied the students on the trip.

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athlete, an actor, a playwright, a poet, a scholar, a teacher and a pastor.

"He was a son of Poland by birth and a priest in that Catholic culture," Malloy said. "And then one day the church universal called him for that form of special service called the priest." Malloy recalled his personal meetings with the pope and their effect on him. "I was invited twice to co-celebrate Mass with him in the papal chapel in Rome," Malloy said.

Both times, Malloy said, the pope was already on his knees deep in prayer when he entered the room.

"There was a manifest sense of holiness that exuded in that place," Malloy said.

After celebrating Mass, John Paul II would greet visitor after visitor, Malloy said, something that made him greatly admired for the faithful.

"He loved Catholic higher education and he pushed all of us involved in it to be clear about our Catholic mission and to transform society," Malloy said.

Malloy also described John Paul II as a great pastor and a great evangelizer whose every gesture was ignited by a faith of millions across the globe.

"He took seriously the apostolic obligation to preach the good news throughout the world," Malloy said. "He knew the value of the media in enhancing his presence.

Malloy said the pope did not limit himself exclusively to Catholics. Instead, he strove to heal the divisions which split the Christian community. John Paul II also reached out in an unprecedented manner to non-Christian faiths.

"He was the first pope ... to spend time in a synagogue and a mosque," Malloy said. "He knew we have so much in common, that we worship the same God."

Malloy said the pope showed great courage in speaking out against evil in the world, particularly the Jewish Holocaust and Eastern European communism. John Paul II worked tirelessly to create a world in which life is honored and respected, Malloy said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Prisoners protest detainees' transfer
RAGHURAM R. RAMAN - Prisoners at a high-security detention facility protested the transfer of several detainees deemed "unruly" by authorities, throwing rocks and setting fires on fire in a disturbance that injured four guards and 12 detainees, officials said Monday.

Friday's protest at Camp Bucca -- which holds about 6,000 prisoners, nearly two-thirds of all those in Iraq -- caused only minor injuries before being brought under control, authorities said. It was the third major incident at an Iraqi prison in three days.

Mortada al-Hajaj, an official at radical Shi'ite center in the southern city of Umm Qasr near Camp Bucca, said several prisoners were tortured during the confrontation. He said they were protesting a lack of access to medical treatment and claimed U.S. guards opened fire, although he did not know if they wounded prisoners.

Police battle with Islamic militants
Bill Breeden - Iraq's most hated province wasAdministrative - Baghdad on Monday with a weekend-long battle, as the U.S. military battled the biggest group of Islamic militants in a nearly two-year campaign against terror.

The last battle was being fought against about 10 others in an isolated desert town, Saudi officials said.

The forces were besieging the building in which the remaining militants were holed up and hoped to take them alive, in a bid to reopen a key corridor to the capital. When the fighting quieted, the teachers and students were evacuated.

NATIONAL NEWS

Son accepts father's Medal of Honor
WASHINGTON -- Paul Ray Smith's 13-year-old son, standing only chest-high to President Bush, accepted the nation's highest award for valor on Monday for his late father, who exposed himself to enemy fire in Iraq and saved at least 100 of his fellow U.S. soldiers.

Outnumbered and exposed, Army Sgt. 1st Class Smith stayed at his gun, holding back an advancing Iraqi force until a bullet in his head claimed his life. Bush presented the Medal of Honor in the second week of the five-day conflict on Monday and cornered up to 10 others in an isolated desert town, Saudi officials said.

The Medal of Honor is the highest award for bravery a president can bestow, Bush said in an emotional ceremony that began and ended in prayer.

Weeklong anti-terror drill begins
BAGHDAD, Iraq -- The biggest anti-terrorism drill ever in the U.S. military began Monday with a mock biological attack in New Jersey and a simulated chemical-weapon explosion in Colorado.

Named TIPMSEF-3, the $16 million, weeklong exercise is meant to find weak spots in the nation's emergency planning.

"I want to make it clear that we are going to pull all our forces and our systems to the very limit," U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said. "So we expect failure because we're actually going to be seeking to pull to failure, and that is... the best way.

LOCAL NEWS

Senate panel approves tax increase
PITTSBURGH - The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and alcoholic-beverage taxes would go under legislation a Republican-dominated Senate panel approved Monday night to pay for the state's budget deficit.

House bill 1120 would provide at least $600 million during the next two years to help pay for a $24.2 billion Senate Republican plan to balance the state's budget while giving public schools modest annual funding increases.

The 294-page bill, which is drawing considerable opposition, also would divert at least $70 million a year from some communities.

MEXICO

Third World seeks pope from its own ranks

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY -- As cardinals rushed to the Vatican on Sunday to begin the process of selecting a new pope, many back home were pointing a question: If most of the world's Roman Catholic population live in the Third World, why has every pope been European?

The possibility that the next pope could come from Asia, Africa, or Latin America is creating a buzz from Mexico City to Manila, from Tegucigalpa to Kinshasa. Many Latin American Catholics said the only way to improve on a papacy they overwhelmingly supported would be to select someone from their own ranks.

Their hopes were fueled by the last papal conclave, in which a Polish archbishop became the first non-Italian pope in 455 years, as well as by the global outreach John Paul II made during his papacy. They also have been boosted by sheer numbers:

Half the world's 1 billion Roman Catholics live in Latin America alone, and the church is seeing explosive growth in Africa and Asia.

Even outside Roman Catholicism, leaders from the developing world saw a chance for change.

"We hope that perhaps the cardinals when they meet will follow the first non-Italian pope by electing the first African pope," Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu said Sunday from Cape Town, South Africa.

"Many Catholics in poor countries said a pope from their own regions would better understand the challenges they face, and would make the church more relevant in the lives of its increasingly diverse followers.

"It will further help the church, whose membership is growing fastest in Asia, Africa and Latin America, if a new pope emerges from one of those areas," said before Chukwuemeka, a Catholic in Lagos, Nigeria. "That will help build loyalty in the universal church and reassure people that the rich countries are not calling the shots.

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process, the committee will then evaluate the responses and make a decision whether or not to continue the search late May.

Wright, manager of ND Printed Services in OIT and owner of Copy Wright, Inc., which runs the open-air Copy Shop in LaFortune, is already preparing for a definite closing of ND Printed Services.

Whatever the committee decides, "ND Printed Services (in OIT) will be closed and [will] transition ND Printed Services to the Copy Shop in LaFortune," Wright said.

Wright said this transition has been underway since he became manager in 2002. He said he was hired knowing "eventually ND Printed Services would go away."

OIT Director of Resource Management Craig Pitched felt any change is "still going through the proposal process" and it sits "up in the air" whether or not ND Printed Services in OIT will be shut down.

The services will not go away, just where and how they are provided could change, Pitched said.

Though there are eight other copy centers on campus, the OIT location will be closed by mid-April, said the equipment used for this printing might be returned to Xerox before the end of the semester. A five-year lease with Xerox expired this year.

Wright said he had contact'd other vendors with the hope of obtaining equipment needed for the flipbook printing.

He said the LaFortune Copy Shop could provide the printing for this semester's projects with new equipment.

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great job preparing statistics whenever we need them."

Michael King was approved as Web site administrator for the second consecutive year. Keeler said "Regarding Jim's experience would help him continue to improve the Web site."

Wright said he hopes his work on the Web site will help draw more students to it. "We're trying to make the website more appealing so students know what is going on in different departments," King said.

Finally, the Council appointed Chris Barth as Student Union Board director of operations.

"Chad has incredible professional skills and strong business skills," SU Board Manager John Flaherty said. "He has demonstrated tremendous time management skills.

After all nominations were approved, Ron Barlow told repre­sentatives about the direction he hopes COR will take in the upcoming year.

"COR has the best perspec­tive, since it has all the campus leaders into one room," Barlow said. "COR is a think tank, a sounding board, a spittball for various topics.

Barlow also promised to have at least one topic to discuss at every COR meeting.

"We'll talk about everything that's going on, acceding to the University's Catholic character," he said. "We'll bring in Judson students to ask whether they are teaching or campuses.

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Community boasts largest private airfield

MOUNTAINTOP course, an award-winning clubhouse lodge, and eight miles of hik­ing trails through the Blue Ridge Mountains.

"Lajitas," in Lajitas, Texas, between the Big Bend National Park and the Terlingua State Park, which has two championship golf courses, tennis courts, a 400-foot-long pool, hotel, and eight miles of hiking trails, will be shut down.

There are five suites at this inn. Each has a huge bathroom with stuff like bright red, gold-plated fixtures, porcelain tile filling the walls, great bathrooms, and, not to forget, the mansion of Mr. Saturday Night Fever himself. At Lajitas, the com­pany envisions the new airport is Trumello's, though, it's the run­ning for this semester's proj­ects. At Lajitas, the com­pany envisions the new airport is Trumello's, though, it's the run­ning for this semester's proj­ects.

This one is 7,750 feet long, 250 feet wide, and elevated 600 feet to keep the runways from flooding during downpour.

The north end is a 10-acre landing pad. Along the sides runs ground lighting for, night owls.

Taxiways lead to the pilots' homes. There's 18,000 feet.- inches between aircraft and four­wheeled vehicles, each home­site has a street in the front and a taxiway at the rear.)

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ChevronTexaco will buy rival Unocal

Takeover focuses on valuable natural gas sources in Asia and the Gulf of Mexico

**Associated Press**

SAN RAMON, Calif. - ChevronTexaco Corp., the nation's second largest oil company, said Monday it is trying to acquire rival Unocal Corp. for more than $16.4 billion, hoping to further elevate its already soaring profits by boosting its oil and natural gas supplies in Asia.

The deal announced Monday pitted San Ramon-based ChevronTexaco, which trails only Exxon Mobil Corp. in the U.S. oil business, with El Segundo-based Unocal, the nation's ninth biggest oil and gas production company.

ChevronTexaco initially valued its acquisition price, consisting of stock and cash, at $62 per share, nearly 4 percent below Unocal's closing price last week.

The offer disappointed investors, who had driven up Unocal's market value by 20 percent since the media reported ChevronTexaco's was discussing a possible takeover a month ago. Unocal's shares slumped $4.74, or 7.4 percent, to $59.61 during Monday afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange, while ChevronTexaco's shares fell $2.42, or 3.6 percent, to $66.15.

As part of the deal, Chevron Texaco will assume $16.1 billion of Unocal's debt and sell about $2 billion in assets.

ChevronTexaco Chairman David O'Reilly told reporters Monday that to conquer the proposed takeover to receive the required regulatory approvals it has to be completed by year's end.

Based on its current stock price, the acquisition would be one of two energy companies' most recent results, ChevronTexaco would have annual sales about $163 billion after the acquisition is completed. That means the combined company still would be far smaller than Irving, Texas-based Exxon Mobil, which rang up nearly $300 billion in revenue last year.

Unocal has been considered an attractive takeover target for years, largely because of its valuable cache of natural gas in Asia and oil in the Gulf of Mexico. The company reportedly drew interest from the China National Offshore Oil Corp., a large state-owned company, and Italian oil company Eni SpA before settling on a sale to ChevronTexaco.

ChevronTexaco, Unocal's energy supplies.

"We take these crimes very seriously and if there is anyone who knows who did it for them," Christopher Christie, U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey, said on a dock across from Evergreen's shipping yard in San Pedro, Calif. "You can't lie to the federal government with impunity and get away with it."

Judge approves sale of ATA Holdings

A bankruptcy judge on Monday approved the sale of ATA Holdings Corp., the Chicago Express commuter airline to an Indianapolis real estate investment and management firm.

Okan Enterprise Inc. won the bidding bid at the auction of the regional airline headquarters Tuesday, three days after the company, which operated Chicago Express' operations. Owner Edward Okun also agreed to purchase two of ATA's 340 holaind aircraft.

Okin will pay between $3 million and $4 million for Chicago Express' assets and $2-44 million for two 34-seat Saab 340 commuter aircraft.

The airlines were subject to regulatory approval and was scheduled to close by May 4.

U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge Basil Lorch III approved the Chicago Express auction as part of ATA's Chapter 11 reorganization last month after rebutting a $100,000 offer from Boston investor Jack F. Robinson's Affelt LLC.

Stocks decrease despite weak job report

NEW YORK — Signs of strong growth in the service sector and another downgraded outlook by the Federal Reserve on Tuesday induced 24,000 investors Friday, pushing stocks lower even as a weaker-than-expected April jobs report helped to slow the economy that might forestall inflation.

In afternoon trading, the Dow Jones industrial average was down more than 100 points. The Conference Board, the Institute for Supply Management's service sector index, was worse than expected Tuesday, showed a weaker-than-expected growth in non-manufacturing business activity by surveying skittish investors that inflation might yet take hold and prompt the Federal Reserve to push for potentially jarring interest rate hikes.

That announcement stoked momentum from the Labor Department's jobs report, which showed that only 110,000 new jobs were created in March — half of the 220,000 economists had expected. February's figure was revised lower by 19,000 jobs. The nation's unemployment rate fell to 5.2 percent from 5.4 percent in February.

"We rallied nicely on the jobs report, but then we got a conflicting message from the ISM report. That report doesn't usually carry as much weight, but it hit the bond market hard, and that moved to stocks pretty quickly," said Brian Pearls, head equity trader at Victory Capital Management in Cleveland. "In a market where we're really this nervous to begin with, it only takes a little bit to turn things around."

In afternoon trading, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 102.64, or 1 percent, to 10,401.12. Broader stock indicators also retreated. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was down 9.53, or 0.8 percent, at 1,171.26, and the Nasdaq composite index declined 13.50, or 0.7 percent, at 1,965.23.

The bond market reversed three sessions of gains after the ISM services report, which showed the index on the 11-year Treasury note rising to 4.53 percent from 4.48 percent on Thursday. The dollar was mixed against against all major currencies, while gold prices fell.

A sharp jump in oil prices also sapped investors' confidence. A barrel of light crude at one point reached a new high of $57.70, up $2.30, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The 800-pound gorilla in the middle of the room is the lift in oil prices," said A.C. Moore, chief investment strategist for Evergreen Associates in Santa Barbara, Calif.
**Authorities thwart mobsters’ Vegas escape**

New York cops moved to the Sin City to escape their past, but local officials refused to forget.

**INTEGRITY**

Another day, another mobster, another story.

On the night of March 9, surrounded by heavy skapanelting and white tablecloths, the familiar scene suddenly soured.

About a dozen DEA and FBI agents converged on the pair. They threw the lucky carapaccio and the barrel-chested Eppolito against the wall and handcuffed them. Tucked in Eppolito’s waistband, agents found a loaded and chambered 45-caliber semiautomatic handgun.

The best friends said nothing, but their expressions were ashen as they were when they arrived at a local jail, to be held without bail until federal marshals shipped them back to New York for trial. Eppolito, 56, and Caracappa, 63, were charged with eight murders, two attempted murders, murder conspiracy, obstruction of justice, money laundering and drug distribution in one of the worst corruption cases in the annals of the New York Police Department.

Even the most seasoned law enforcement officers were shocked by the allegations — that Eppolito had worked for organized crime, supplying lethal information about informants and even serving as mob hit men.

“I have never dealt with anything this egregious,” said John Peluso, assistant special agent in charge of the DEA’s New York field office, who ran the investigation and helped collar the alleged Mafia boss.

“They are toxic.”

Las Vegas is all about second chances.

For a decade after leaving New York, Eppolito and Caracappa had their second chance. The former was released after apparently believing they were untraceable because only one or two people could actually lay their finger on them, said a law enforcement source who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

“Anyone that goes 10 years without incident,” Peluso said, “would certainly believe they’re in the clear.”

Twice before, Eppolito had been cleared in investigations of purported mob ties.

In 1994, FBI agents had searched the New Jersey home of Rosario Gambino, a Sicilian mobster, and discovered a confidential police file. It was the same file that led to the detection of even Eppolito less than a year before.

How did it get in the Mafioso’s house? Investigators suspected Eppolito. His photocopied fingerprints were on the file, and the FBI said the copies were made at his precinct. There also was an inconclusive photograph of Eppolito with Gambino.

On the morning of Nov. 24, 1994, the details of the probe were leaked and ran in the New York Daily News.

**President solicits support for nuke program**

VIENNA — Iranian President Mohammad Khatami appealed Monday for a halt to Iran’s nuclear ambitions, asserting that this will deter the world from imposing sanctions on the Islamic republic.

“I and the Americans to support...”

In his comments about the three European powers — Germany, Britain and France — which the three European powers insisted that Iran pledged to keep working on its nuclear program, Khatami also expressed regret at the human rights record of the United States.

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Khatami was scheduled to meet with French President Jacques Chirac in Paris on Tuesday on the sidelines of a meeting of the U.N. Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization. Chirac and Khatami were likely to focus on the nuclear negotiations.

On Iraq, Khatami said it had become “a center for terrorism and violent activities” only following the U.S.-led invasion. He said his country supported efforts to establish a pluralistic government in the neighboring country that is “not subject to pressure from outside.”
Networks to run religious shows
Television industry placing new faith in ecclesiastical programming

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Gospel according to TV, as the TV industry views it, is that religious stories have renewed momentum and that the "end of days" as predicted in the Bible is near.

With Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" ranked among the 10 highest-grossing movies ever and with glowing visions of "The Da Vinci Code" profiles before them, TV networks are embracing a new-found faith.

A ministeries about the Book of Revelation airs next week, while shows about a Catholic priest probing the supernatural and an Episcopalian minister who converts with God on the drawing board.

"There's a new-old focus on spirituality, exemplified by "Touched by an Angel" and "Joan of ArcAngel,"" is giving way to programs rooted in specific religions and their elements.

Do networks have a prayer of turning stronger faro into ratings winners?

There are believers — especially those connected to the shows — and doubters.

While NBC's "Therapy" was pitched to four networks, they "all bit," said executive producer Gavin Palone, who said the project to NBC before Gibson's film was released.

Debuting April 13, the ministeries is about a scientist and a religious investigator who have evidence that the "end of days" as predicted in the Bible is near.

The Bible Belt, about a minister (Aidan Quinn) who abuses prescription drugs and is visited by a "cool, contemporary Jesus," is in development at NBC. Fox is working on "Iris + Gravies," a pilot about a priest teaming with a neurologist to examine unexplained events.

"I think the thing that's surprising is that it's taken them so long," Padone said.

"We've always lived in a country that was distinctly religious, a country that believes in God.""The fact that the entertainment industry has not reflected it and has been so fearful of portraying it on screen says more about executives in the movie and television industry as opposed to the"latter," he said.

The public's appetite for religious shows has emerged as broadcasters continue their quest for edgy programming, competition with unfettered cable shows such as HBO's "The Sopranos" and FX's "The Shield." But network executives shouldn't necessarily let Gibson's success go to their heads, said media analyst Greg Starkman.

"If you're going to depict spirituality on television, to do it with a level of respect so that the Christ' audience, it has to resonate as truth, as authentic, that's what you're going for," said Gerbrandy, who said he was speaking as both an analyst and a Christian.

"It's "Revolutionary," for instance," doesn't exhibit fidelity to its source, he said. "I either find it offensive or say, 'Oh, there's just one more producer looking for a cheap hook."

One producer, whose drama about a priest lasted a few season's in the 1997-98 season on ABC, has his own reservations about whether shows about faith work. His efforts are feasible.

"Nothing Sacred," created by David Manson and Bill Cain, a Jesuit priest, won critical acclaim at the awards but couldn't capture an audience.

"I think people lose their religious spoon-fed, and that's not the way we approached it," said Thomas. "Funds in a typical savings account, by contrast, can be withdrawn penalty-free, any time, any reason." The ruling affects 16 states and the District of Columbia, which do not have their own state laws protecting IRAs. The remaining 34 have separate state laws of their own, but only five states, including New York, California and Iowa, that have language mirroring the federal statute. IRAs let most investors have their money shielded from creditors.

The unanimous decision overruled a lower court that was looking at an "interstate commerce" standard that didn't ask any questions.

Laundry lists of current IRAs have filed bankruptcy. In Monday's opinion, the court says creditors cannot go after IRAs.

In addition to the case that was brought against Gibson, the court added a dissenting opinion from Judge Webster's colleague, Judge Terry Boyle, who said the ruling was "an overreach." Boyle said the circuit court was "overcluding the court's" jurisdiction by deciding the case.

The ruling comes at a time when millions of people are finding themselves in debt. Last year, about 1.5 million people filed for personal bankruptcy, compared with 785,000 a decade earlier. In 2003, the bankruptcy rate peaked at 1.63 million.

"We're pleased," said Joan Constantine-Davis, a senior attorney for AARP. "It's really important to encourage people to contribute savings in their working years and to keep those savings sacrosanct.

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According to lawyers for the Chamber of Commerce, in the United States, approximately a fifth of all consumers have been personally adversely affected by the ruling. The states Arizona, Alaska, Kansas, Connecticut, Hawaii, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin, New York, Tennessee, Utah, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Texas, California, New York, Vermont, Washington and Wisconsin. The case is Rouxsey v. Jacobow, 03-1407. 975,000. After the bankruptcy, the Rouxsey's retired in 2003. In other action, Monday, the Supreme Court agreed to consider whether states can be sued in bankruptcy proceedings.

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I'll be watching you

For some, the phrase "I'll be watching you" might conjure up memories of the 50s and a hit song by Sting and The Police. For others, it will remind you of the 90s travesty "I Be Missing You" by the artist formerly known as Puff Daddy. (I admit it, I had the single.)

In a post September 11th era, however, these lyrics evoke an entirely different scenario. Woody Allen once quipped, "I believe there is something out there watching us. Unfortunately, it's the government." This phrase has become more and more apropos in today's society, and legislation such as the Patriot Act has only enhanced this viewpoint among American citizens.

For the most part, I don't believe the new laws have will have a significant effect on my life, although if the Central Intelligence Agency really wants to see what books I've been checking out of Hesburgh, I suppose they now have carte blanche. (Note: they'll learn a lot about terrorism in Spain and Ireland and the nature poetry of Gary Snyder).

From the amount of money I spend at Martin's to my affinity for Wicker's green tea, I've always felt that in a governmental analysis, my life is sadly for (perhaps fortuitously) small. Still, on principle, I've objected to legislation which allows the government to delve into citizens' private records and communication.

I admit that my stance is somewhat hypocritical. I understand that the government will violate civil rights in their investigations. If doing so will protect America from future attacks, I do not always disagree with these acts.

However, to legalize civil rights violations leaves citizens with no recourse should the government choose to abuse their power.

After spring break, events in my hometown showcased the increasingly frightening nature of governmental power in America today. A boy with whom I attended high school was arrested on charges of terrorism. His crime?

A paragraph written in an online blog which was supposedly only to be read by other students at his college.

In an unsuccessful attempt at humor, he wrote an extraordinarily cliched entry advocating the violent overthrow of the government's security in light of recent drug arrests they'd made. Once brought to the school's attention, they turned the case over to federal authorities, and he was arrested in Milwaukee.

He currently awaits trial.

Of course, the school had an obligation to further explore any threats. In an era of school shootings, to ignore the real possibility of violence on campus would be both irresponsible and foolish.

I also understand that should the trial go through, and it appears that it will, he has every chance of being declared insane. I don't know every detail of the case which has prompted this federal investigation, but in my opinion, it seems to be a huge overreaction.

Is failed humor now a felony charge? Would it be behoveful authorities to investigate the case to see if it warrants a trial rather than jumping to the main event?

What implications does this case have for free speech on college campuses? Clearly, college administrators and police may not know this student well. Honestly, I don't either. However, I can pretty much guarantee you that this former editor of our high school literary magazine could have written a satirical proclamation much better than the obviously parodied entry that I read - although the cliches alone may have been a crime.

I believe everyone will work out for this student in the end. He attends one of the top liberal arts colleges in the nation, and has a bevy of concerned Whidbey Bay parents talking about his case at home. Not to mention his classmates, who have rallied around his case with impressive fervor.

These events, however, prompt further questions:

What if such accusations were against a more marginalized member of the population?

Would such a person have the knowledge and resources to work within the system?

Not all members of society can rely on fury and outrage from an influential sector of the populace. In its definition of terrorism, will America revert to a class system based on wealth and influence? Is freedom of speech only for those who have the educational and monetary background to effectively articulate themselves?

In previous cases, the Supreme Court has stated that speech should not be limited unless it directly incites violence. Perhaps authorities believe this college student meant to do so.

However, the speed with which they carried out the arrest and the trial eclipsed any sort of investigation into the case until after charges were brought. Granted, terrorist attacks and school shootings have transformed modern America. The government has a series of new threats against which they must safeguard citizens.

Abandoning rationality and prudence in the justice system, however, is not the answer. All I can say is, it's a good thing Jonathan Swift isn't writing "A Modest Proposal" today.

Irony appears to be lost in the United States.

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Expression does not mean exclusion

To begin, I would like to congratulate all of the performers in this Friday's Latin Expressions performance. Your tireless efforts moved in a way that somehow made you all seem like you were not from this world. I also would like to congratulate the talking heads who came on stage between acts for having a great comedy routine, and for trying to endorse an ethnic "us vs. them" mentality within the audience. You succeeded marvelously. In fact, you even succeeded in turning part of the audience against the Koreans. Good show. It could have been just me, a white male who happens to enjoy Latin music, or I could feel a bit uncomfortable after they started giving "shout-outs" and being grouped into the "everyone else we don't know." Europeans are a bit less homogeneous than you might think. And after subsequent anecdotes about how exclusive the Latino club is, how no one else can ever be, or even understand what it is to be Latino, and how "you don't know us" no matter how much exposure you've had to Latino music, it was clear that perhaps those talking heads had lost their path in their zeal to appeal to the Latino audience. Correct me if I'm wrong, but Latino Expressions was supposed to be a program in which the members are supposed to express pride in their heritage through whatever medium they choose, be it dance, song, poetry or machete-wielding tap dancing by the way). What Latin Expressions was definitely not about is trying to promote inter-ethnic conflict and rivalry.

"Now hold on," you might say. "It was just playful banter. We didn't intend to polarize the audience into their constituent ethnic groups. It was a performance, so lighten up." That may be so, but I could also ask each rtrimip如果 it believed it was responsible for the Head, and in turn, each word. all our ethnic groups had a very serious job to do. Every slur thrown and every ethnic joke slung lay another brick on the wall that seemed to be forming a barricade around different ethnic groups. One might respond that there was no harm done, and giving shout-outs was only part of the show. I'm sure the K.R. students who were booted might have a different take. I may be making something out of nothing, but I sure didn't appreciate how the audience watching sections of it off of generic background. I thought Notre Dame was a family. I'm sure there will be quite a few minority students among their heads saying "Well, now you know how we feel." Before you think of me as some naive, white boy, I ask you to try and understand that perhaps the perpetuation of ethnic divisions isn't in the best interest of all of us. To the talking heads, I say this: Yes, it is your time in history. It is the time of your pride in their heritage. It is your time to be proud, your time to distinguish yourself and your time to be special and unique. But it is not your time to put down other non-Latinos as "them" or "others," no matter how good it feels or how funny it might be at the moment. Nor can it ever be.

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U-WIRE

Pope's legacy consistent with life

The world would be very different if it were not for Karol Jozef Wojtyla. Soon after the Polish-born priest was established as the Pope of the Catholic Church, he returned to Poland where managing public audiences flavored his tone and his address. To the talking heads, I say this: Yes, it is your time in history. It is the time of your pride in their heritage. It is your time to be proud, your time to distinguish yourself and your time to be special and unique. But it is not your time to put down other non-Latinos as "them" or "others," no matter how good it feels or how funny it might be at the moment. Nor can it ever be.

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Etiquette for equality

They are everywhere. They infiltrate our workplaces, churches, schools and social gatherings. In dealing with as they may be patronizing or thought­less, they are experienced and polit­e. I am talking about the four out of five Americans who do not have a disability. Since education about the 20 percent who do seem to be severely lacking, it seems only fair to offer gentle advice for manners on how to deal with those who do tasks differently.

There is a golden rule to dealing with individuals with disability in your life: See the person first. A disability of any kind is only one character­istic of a person, and the odds are that you will have something in common to talk about.

With that in mind, be prepared to take cues on how to act from those who experience it separately, as people react differ­ently to their own disabilities — some with humor, privacy, embarrassment, openness, a "strictly business" attitude or any combination.

There is only one thing we have in common: if you have been to a wheelchair, we have heard it a million times before. Kindly show it.

If there may be a silver rule, it is to toss the patron­izing concept that disability means brave suffering. Bravery implies we had a choice, and suffering implies disability is miserable. It is indeed miserable to be feared with tasks impossible to complete, but thanks to equal access, education and employment laws, we should not find anything to be miserable about due to­day. Consider: If the job was done, is there still a disability? Forces on the task, not the method.

It is perfectly acceptable to politely offer assistance to someone with a disability. Most likely he or she will be grateful for your consideration. However, wait until help is accepted, as doling in to the rescue unknowingly can be dangerous as well as insulting. Allow individu­als the dignity to choose for themselves what tasks they can and can not do.

With this established, let's get more specific. For the blind: Identify yourself and others. If you have met before, remind him of the nature of the meeting, as he will not have eyes to see or clues to jog his memory. Describe any visual scenarios used in conversa­tion, keep pathways clear, and describe surround­ings, especially obstacles, if moving.

For the hearing or speech impaired: Do not shout. It's extremely rude and rarely helps. If she uses an interpreter, speak to the person, not the interpreter. You may teach a deaf individual lightly to get her or him to a sentence. Use simple language and human terms, not someone's speech, admit the problem so it can be addressed.

For those in wheelchairs: Sit at the same level for extended conversations. Do not phrase a question about her situation as "What is wrong with you?" because there is nothing wrong with using a wheel­chair. Look at the person, not assistive devices. Make sure locations you will be at are accessible and path­way clear.

For invisible disabilities: Sometimes you may be approached with a request that seems strange to us, be aware that not all disabilities are visible. Someone with a learning disability may want you to write down seemingly simple instructions. Someone who is hardened by war may wish to sit while waiting in line. They will be grateful if you help without judging.

Don't be afraid to ask questions. If someone has a disability, it means they may have a different way of looking at things. If it was possible, he could probably loan you barrels of patience.

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**DVD Reviews**

**Eastwood classic western gets special treatment**

By BRANDON HOLLIHAN

Once upon a time, Clint Eastwood didn’t cry in his movies. He seldom spoke, and what he did say (“do you feel lucky…?”) would be remembered forever.

Not only, however, is his part in the Spaghetti Western “The Good, the Bad and the Ugly” of worldwide acclaim, but everything pertaining to the film has gone down as a work of art. And Eastwood isn’t the only hero to the film’s inception. The film, originally released in 1966, was re-released in a special edition DVD last year and beffits a movie of this caliber.

Lee Van Cleef and Eli Wallach complete a trio of sensational characters, and director Sergio Leone gives the film great purpose in its cinematics and storytelling. Ennio Morricone’s score, an instant hit, also adds to the entertainment on the screen.

The three main characters of the film — Blondie (Eastwood), Angel Eyes (Van Cleef) and Tuco (Wallach) — jockey with each other in the search for a deceased soldier’s hidden fortune, all in the midst of the Civil War in the Southwestern territories. The War’s repercussions affect the characters, and they find themselves in different places — a Union Prison Camp, a monastery aiding wounded soldiers, and a cheat who holds a final row bridge over a river.

The cinematic story, costing and larger-than-life performances are crucial to creating not only an entertaining film but a film with underlying morality, as well. Blondie, Angel Eyes and Tuco kill professionally and excessively, as do the soldiers caught in the war. The difference is that while the three characters kill to protect themselves and propel towards a greater goal, the bloodshed in the war seems almost meaningless.

At one moment, as Union soldiers prepare to leave a town, Leone holds the camera still for a unflinching view of a slaying soldier’s plight under a shooting squadron, with Angel Eyes and some of his hired cronies looking on.

The scene has nothing to do with the plot but is immensely meaningful to the director’s drive to portray violence as an alternative in which one finds little purpose.

Greed is also a key theme in “The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly.” The familiar “Ecstasy of Gold” sequence at the site of the money is filmed characteristically with a climactic musical scoring from Morricone, as the scene is almost driven mad in his search to find the treasurer’s exact location.

The special edition DVD is heavier on the historical criticism with extra bonuses such as lost footage or film documentation. Film historian Richard Schickel provides commentary for the film, which is insightful but a tad boring. He’s more coups in the two documentaries regarding Leone’s film techniques, “Leone’s West” and “The Leone Style.”

Another good documentary is “The Man Who Lost the Civil War,” an account of a failed Civil War campaign in the West by Confederate Brigadier General Henry Hopkins Sibley.

The curve feature in the deleted scenes is a re-booking of a scene in which Tuco, already searching for Blondie as payback for an earlier double-crossing, almost finds him in a remote town where the hero releases with a lover. The scene was never entirely shot, but photographic stills and narrative attempt to describe what Leone was aiming for in the scene.

The legend of “The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly” has grown to the point where it seems to hit cable television airwaves every other weekend. Great characters, brutally precise directing and a multi-layered story make Leone’s work the standard for the western film era and an important event in the history of filmmaking in this re-mastered edition.

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**Animated ‘Star Wars’ fare fills in key details**

By MARK BEMENDERFER

Not many creatures, animal or otherwise, have yellow eyes. At least, yellow eyes are not the norm for humans, and are almost always associated with something sinister and not human. So it’s oddly appropriate that on May 19, the release of the third “Star Wars” prequel, Anakin Skywalker will finally have yellow eyes as he makes his transition to an evil Sith Lord.

However, Episode 3 takes place towards the end of the Clone Wars, one of the greatest wars in “Star Wars” history. It takes place between the second and third prequels, which would leave a few fans in the dark.

This is where the animated series “The Clone Wars” steps in. Animated by “Samurai Jack” creator Pendny Tartakovsky, “The Clone Wars” attempts to give fans filler material on one the Republic’s greatest wars. And while on many levels it succeeds, the first volume leaves a bit to be desired.

Each of the original cartoons was only around 3 minutes long, which unfortunately keeps any real plot depth from developing. The basic story isn’t too deep, but should be of interest for fans. The Jedi and Republic attack the Separatists on many different home fronts. Each cartoon centers around a particular Jedi doing his part against the Republic’s enemies.

This gives Star Wars fans the opportunity to see their favorite lesser characters in action. Many of the lesser Jedi get scenes, or even entire cartoons dedicated to them. It was also a nice change of pace to see Storm Trooper predecessors that could hit the broad side of a barn, unlike in the live-action “Star Wars” walks.

The cartoon also shows what mischief the other side of the conflict gets into. Count Dooku, not content to sit around and wait for his probable demise in Episode 3, stages a giant melee in hopes of recruiting the greatest fighters.

In one of the volume’s many cool scenes, the viewer is introduced to another lightsaber swinger — Sith Lord Asajj Ventress. Ventress steps up and impresses Dooku enough that she sends her after Anakin. Their fight marks one of the highlights of the first volume, of which there are a few.

But this is where the problem lies — the first volume, due to the length of each of the original cartoons, feels like a bunch of highlights clipped together and the actual story to link them. Slow parts are required to help create the story, and to give the viewer a chance to soak in what they just saw. And in such a crucial period of Star Wars history, namely that of Anakin’s descent to evil, the lack of story development is a shame.

Beyond Anakin’s usual disobedience, there is not much in the way of him beginning to embrace the Dark Side. Two scenes in particular do stand out however, one with Emperor Palpatine encouraging Anakin to defy Jedi orders and then the other in his climactic battle against Asajj Ventress. However, due to the length of each episode, one is fleshed out too deeply.

The chapters correspond with the beginning and ends of each of the cartoons, so fans can skip to each one individually. Being a cartoon, the colors look vibrant and nice. No complaints in the sound department either.

But the special features are rather lacking. There are two commentaries, but one of them is next to worthless for the average Star Wars fan. The only special feature worth a real mention is the “Bringing the Saga: From Clone Wars to Revenge of the Sith” feature. It has interviews with Tartakovsky and George Lucas himself, plus some random people associated with Star Wars. It too doesn’t go too deep however, but is still a nice bonus on the DVD. There are also some screen shots and scenes from the upcoming “Star Wars” film, but nothing that hasn’t been seen in the trailers already.

Fans can check this out, but only at a discounted price. The full price of a DVD may be too much to pay for this, even if it does have the first appearance of upcoming villain General Grevious. However, it is worth a watch because a new character is introduced and he just happens to have villainous yellow eyes.

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**Star Wars - Clone Wars, Vol. 1**

Fox
Hartigan (Bruce Willis), an honest cop, realizes he is putting Nancy Callahan (Jessica Alba), background, in danger in the third act of “Sin City.”

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SCENE

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MOVIE REVIEW

Comic book noir leaps to life in ‘Sin City’

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA and BRIAN D. OXTADE

The Observer/Scene

Hartigan (Bruce Willis), left, warns Jackie Boy (Benicio del Toro), a corrupt cop, to stay away from his girlfriend in the second act of “Sin City.”

Marv (Mickey Rourke), right, gets information from his parole officer, Lucille (Carla Gugino), to help aid his quest for vengeance in the first act of “Sin City.”

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Banna: When asked about why the critically-acclaimed cult comic “Sin City” took so long to be created and co-directed Frank Miller simply said he was allergic to Hollywood at the time.

"Sin City’s my baby, and I wouldn’t want my little girl to go down the river."

All it took for Miller to change his mind was director Robert Rodriguez’s invitation to come down to Texas and shoot a test with friends and members of his crew. When Miller discovered the “test” was Rodriguez’s finished take on the first seven in a promised film, Rodriguez’s promise to do it no one way, with top talent and a good story, Miller knew he had found his director. Rodriguez did not disappoint either long-time fans of the comics or someone completely oblivious to Miller’s works. Rodriguez has done a phenomenal job breathing life into Miller’s starkly beautiful creations and the result is the most ground, faithful comic adaptation yet.

“Sin City” tells three different tales during the course of its two-hour running time, all set in Basin City. This violent, crime-invested hell-hole is the staging ground where the protagonists play out their stories. The film takes place in Basin City, a character rich support to the main characters. The blend of this talent, tightly written scenes that rip the audience’s attention from one storyline and whisks viewers off to a new locale and a different protagonist’s interior dialogue. There are too many excellent performances to pin down the weight of the film’s dramatic success to any one particular actor. But Rourke shines in a career-remembering performance that resound with the emotion that hides behind the brutish looks of his character. Rourke infuses Marv with a sensibility that makes the audience root for a misanthrope who has no qualms with dragging a criminal to the road, side-by-side with a speeding car. And that’s not even the worst shred of violence in the film. Violence motivates almost all of the action in the film, with numerous severe, one-punch decapitations and countless bullet deaths. While the violence will undoubtedly cause cringes and general queasiness, the heart of the film doesn’t beat with the bloodshed. Instead, the focus remains on the resolve of Marv, Dwight and Hartigan as they refuse to back down from their fairly honorable goals. And for the two hours the characters dominate the storyline, viewers can’t help but root for these anti-heroes despite the carnage they wreak.

Powered by the visions of the two principal directors and spearheaded by Rodriguez, “Sin City” is a film that viewers won’t easily forget. The trio have helped create a masterpiece of film noir that brims with style and rises about the sins of the characters to paint a striking portrait of Miller’s “baby.”

Brian: “Sin City” is a hyper-stylized film noir taken to a wild extent, a brilliantly belligerent experience that introduces a world where the good guys kill for love, the bad guys kill for novelty and the ladies are all fatales. It is also one of the most energetic and inher­ently watchable films in years, both a brave experiment and grand entertai­nment.

The film was directed by Robert Rodriguez, who seems to be the Swiss Army Knife of his art form, with Marv’s在内的。The film’s gore and visual flair are all on display. That isn’t to say that “Sin City” has no moral compas­siveness. Love stories form the heart of all three plots and while the differentiation between “good” and “bad” is often thin, the delineation is still per­ceivable.

Credit has to be given to Robert Rodriguez for his ingenuity and straightforward­ness. It is refreshing to see how unpretentious­ly on the screen is risky and unusual for a mainstream film, as was the credit­ing of Miller as co-director (Rodriguez quit the Director’s Guild over that decision). Thankfully, it all paid off, resulting in one of the most energetically refreshing films in recent memory. As exciting, innova­tive, stylish and postmodern as it is, “Sin City” is highly recommended and is a benchmark film.

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Dwight (Clive Owen), left, and Marv (Mickey Rourke), a corrupt cop, keep an eye on Betty (Jordon Ladd) in the second act of “Sin City.”
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Tigers' Young is first to hit 3 HRs in opener since 1987
Associated Press

DENVER — Trailing by two runs in the ninth inning, the youthful Colorado Rockies weren't supposed to have the experience come through.

They did.

Rockies' Clint Barmes hit a two-run homer to cap Colorado's four-run ninth inning off Trevor Hoffman, helping the Rockies open the season over the San Diego Padres with a 12-10 win.

Ryan Spier got two outs in the ninth to win in his first career appearance. Jeff Baker started Seattle 5, Minnesota 1 the fifth Rockies player to homer in the ninth-inning rally and became the first to come through.

Philadelphia 8, Washington 4

Washington's new team played like Minnesota's old one.

Kenyon Lothfon hit a three-run homer and Jon Lieber pitched 5 2-3 effective innings, leading the Philadelphia Phillies to an 8-4 victory Monday in the first game played by the Minnesota National.

Terrmel Sledge homered and drove in three runs for the Nationals, who moved during the offseason after 36 mostly losing years as the Montreal Expos.

Washington, which hadn't had a major league team since the expansion Senators left for Texas in 1971, played its home opener April 14 against Arizona.

Chicago White Sox 1, Cleveland 0

One run all day.

Workin' quickly, throwing strikes and letting his fielders get involved.

Jeff Kimball's first 12-butters and allowed just two hits in eight innings. The first White Sox season opener at home in 15 years took just one hour and 51 minutes to play.

Cleveland starter Jake Westbrook, wasn't hard enough giving up just four hits in eight innings and getting the first complete game of the season.

Playing its first season opener at home since the final year of Old Comiskey Park in 1990, Chicago finally broke the scoreless duel in the seventh, thanks to an error by Indians shortstop Jhonny Peralta.

Paul Konerko's double down the left-field line, moved third on Jermaine Dye's fly to right and scored Saloom with Aaron Rowand's one-out grounder. Peralta was the first player other than Omar Vizquel to start for the Indians at shortstop since 1993.

Baltimore 4, Oakland 0

Sandoval was doing a little dance in front of his locker as the crowd left the park.

He stepped back from the TV cameras and microphones to turn down the volume of the pulsing salsa music on his personal DVD player.

"I don't want to get released," he said, flashing his trademark smile.

There's no danger of that happening anytime soon in Baltimore, where Sosa faced a hero's welcome before getting two hits Monday in the Orioles' 4-0 victory over the Oakland Athletics.

Luis Matos homered and Rodrigo Lopez pitched six innings to help Baltimore earn its fifth consecutive opening-day win.

Cincinnati 7, N.Y. Mets 6

Pedro Martinez blow 'em away.

Carlos Beltran knocked 'em in.

Everything was going exactly according to plan for the new-look Mets — until Adam Dunn exposed the one area they overlooked.

Dunn's second homer of the game tied it in the ninth, and Joe Randa followed with a solo shot off Braden Looper that sent the Cincinnati Reds to victory Monday in the biggest crowd in Great American Ball Park's history.

For the first time in their 129 season openers, the Reds finished one off with a homer.

Martinez struck out 12 and allowed only one hard-hit ball — Dunn's three-run homer — during his six innings. Beltran had three hits, including one of the Mets three homers, as they went ahead 6-3.

Milwaukee 9, Pittsburgh 2

Vinni Yost might not make a more surprising move all season than writing Jeff Cirillo's name on his three-day lineup card.

The Milwaukee manager might not make a better one, either.

Cirillo homered and doubled in his return to the Brewers, and Ben Sheets outpitched Oliver Perez in a matchup of two of the NL's best young starters.

Sheets was given little support during a 2004 season that was much better than his 12-14 record indicated — the Brewers scored one run or fewer in nine of his losses. But he got plenty of help in his fourth consecutive opening-day start from Milwaukee's newest regular, shortstop J.J. Hardy, and the oldest, Cirillo.

Detroit 11, Kansas City 2

Diritti Young got to the top step of the dugout, pivoted and tipped his helmet to a roaring crowd after making just the third player to hit three homers on opening day.

Young went 4-4 and matched a career high with five RBIs, and Jeremy Bonderman won as the youngest opening-day starter since 1986 to lead the Detroit Tigers over the Kansas City Royals.

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**PERSONALS**

Nameless since today is opening day, quotes from Major League

Who are these guys? This guy's dead. Cross his name off the list.

Are you trying to tell me Josh Christie can't hit a curveball?

What league did you play in last year?

California Penal

Every time he hits the ball in the air, I seem to drop down and give me 20 pushups.

Yay, we have uniforms and everything

Luu, how would you like to manage the Indians next year?

I found a great guy in the other boy who wants to buy some woods, let me call you back.
Swimming

Phelps wins 2 more races, withdraws from backstroke

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Two more wins, two more seconds, and Michael Phelps finally had enough.

Phelps overtook American record holder Laszlo Cseh, who faded at the finish, and won the 100-meter freestyle in 49.04 seconds Monday night, to win the fastest he has ever swam that event.

About a half-hour later, he was back in the pool and easily won the 200 individual medley in 1 minute, 57.44 seconds for his fifth and final victory in the U.S. world championship trials. The 19-year-old Phelps also won the 100 butterfly and the 200 and 400 freestyle.

With the possibility of three relay, he could swim in as many as eight events in Montreal, the same number he competed in last year at the Olympics in Athens, where he won six gold medals and two bronze.

"We're going to be talking about that, to finalize the schedule," he said of his plans for the July 24-31 meet in Montreal. "We wanted to come in here to have a wide variety of options, to see what we could do. Definitely, we have a lot of things to choose from.

"I didn't know what kind of shape I was going to be in coming into this, but definitely after the week of work it went really well. I think a lot of people came in here and swam against these guys and try to put up some fast times," he said.

Cseh earlier won the 50 freestyle to continue his streak of qualifying for the U.S. team in major international competition since the 2000 Olympics.

Ten years older than Phelps, Cseh set the American record of 46.17 seconds in the pool two years ago. He was the fastest in Monday morning's preliminaries at 46.52, held the record and didn't have the proper training to finish. I took time off (after the Olympics and never got back into the full training cycle until about six weeks before the meet, so it wasn't enough.)

He said it wasn't a matter of race speed.

"I always do my own thing," Cseh said. "I'm aware of what my opponents does. I just went out and did my race and couldn't finish it at the end.

In the 200 IM, which Phelps holds the world record of 1:50.49, Bowden had an impressive second shot of Ryun Lovelace and almost three tenths behind of third-place Eric Shanteau.

MLB

Nationals debut with energy, excitement and loss

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — If any of the Washington Nationals looked up while walking toward the visitors' dugout for their regular-season debut, they might have noticed the framed uniforms of NL teams lining the walls.

Up where a Nationals jersey should have been, there was a gray uniform with "Montreal" in red, script. It's been a long journey from Canada to the U.S. capital, and now that Washington has a major league team for the first time since the Senators left in 1971, it might take a while for everyone to get used to the idea.

With "Washington" written in blue block letters across their chests, the Nationals played their first official post-Montreal game Monday, opening the season and their new era with an 8-4 loss to the Philadelphia Phillies.

"We're making history here. As an Expos fan, at Shea Stadium at the end of the year, we were the last players to wear that uniform. And now we've got to learn to wear this uniform," left fielder Terrmel Sledge said.

"They haven't had baseball in D.C. in 35 years, so it's a whole new experience.

Sledge hit the first home run in Nationals history, a two-run shot off starter Jon Lieber in the sixth inning.

Other Nationals' firsts included Brad Wilkerson's single leading off the game — his uniform is headed to the Hall of Fame — and Sledge's RBI groundout that drove in Nick Johnson with their first run with one out in the second.

That 1-0 lead prompted a group of fans in the upper deck to chant, "Let's go, Nat! Let's go, Nat!

"I don't know if we heard that on the road the three previous years," Nationals manager Frank Robinson said. "It was good to hear that, but you don't get caught up in it.

There were plenty of Nationals jerseys and hats dotted the full house of 44,888; it's only about 1.38 miles from RFK Stadium to Citizens Bank Park.

"The past couple of days, I've been thinking about the sellout crowd — it's about 40,000 people — watching us playing baseball," Sledge said. "I'm peeked up. It's a dream.

The Expo lived a nomadic and uncertain existence the past three years.

First, baseball wanted to fold them. Then came two seasons with 22 "home" games in Puerto Rico. And then came the past year's protracted process of getting the District of Columbia Council to finalize the deal for the Expos' move to Washington.

"It feels good just to be on the field. ... to get it out of the way. I'm glad it's over, and now we can relax and go out and play baseball," Wilkerson said. "My first big league experience was in Montreal. I have a lot of friends in Montreal. But, to be honest, it's good to be more on a field.

Last year's 67-95 record made it easier to embrace a new home. To a man, players spoke this spring about a fresh start.

"The energy about this team ... I hope it carries through the season. It's exciting knowing that everything is back to normal — like every other ballclub, playing all your games in one city," Robinson said.

"I think it's a different feeling here, and that can really help a ballclub, help players.

Bowden, the general manager, Jim Bowden came aboard in November and brought in Jose Guillen, Vinny Castilla, Cristian Guzman and Stefan Soza. But Bowden is limited by a million dollar budget set by major league baseball, the Nationals are owned by the other 29 teams and a new owner isn't expected to be in place before midsummer.

"Today's the culmination of a lot of hard work by a lot of people," team president Tony Tavares said.

"Everybody's picking us last and we're just kind of like that, because we'll always show people we're better than that.

Five of nine starters were the same Monday as the Expos, and Robinson spent much of spring training fretting about his offense. He sent Wilkerson out in the field and put Johnson fifth.

Getting his was not a problem in Game 1 for the Nationals; Every player in the starting nine got at least one, including pitcher Livan Hernandez. But the 2004 Expos' lone All-Star gave up seven earned runs in his 4 2-3 innings and lost it.

"I'm going to be ready for next time," Hernandez said. "I'm not the kind of guy to just eat my head down.

So the first win in Nationals history will come another day. Still, there was another "W" that the team and its fans were pleased to see: that curly white letter "N" stitched on their blue road ballcap, reminiscent of the letter the old Senators wore.

All the teams go into the books, and memorabilia will head to Cooperstown, but Robinson has other concerns.

"You just kind of forget about that until the end," he said. "Then it's, 'Well, we lost our first one.'"
Men's ITA NCAA Tennis Top 25

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NCAA Men's Basketball

North Carolina coach Roy Williams celebrates with his Tar Heels after winning the program's first NCAA championship since 1993. Williams won his first title Monday night as North Carolina held off Illinois, 75-70.

Tar Heels cut down nets in St. Louis

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Of course, there was no way it was going to be easy. North Carolina did it, though, and now it's time to stop asking Roy Williams that doggone question.

Sean May had 26 points and the Tar Heels didn't allow a basket over the final, excruciating 2 1/2 minutes Monday night to defeat Illinois 75-70, a win that finally gave Williams, the 17-year coaching veteran, the national championship that was missing from his otherwise stellar resume.

Freshman Marvin Williams had a tip-in with 1:26 left, Raymond Felton made three free throws down the stretch and the Tar Heels (33-4) won their first title since 1993.

Led by May's 10-for-11 shooting, Carolina took a 65-55 lead with 8:51 left and it looked like Williams would cruise to the championship. But Illinois (37-2) never quits.

Forward Jack Ingram hit a pair of outside jumpers and Dee Brown scored six points as part of a 10-0 run that tied the game at 65 with 5 1/2 minutes left to set up a fantastic finish.

When it was over — after Felton had made his last two free throws, after May had cradled his 10th and final rebound — Williams took off his glasses and started looking for people to hug.

A few moments later, he was crying, much like he has at the end of every season — though no ending has been as sweet as this one.

Luther Head led Illinois with 21 points. He had a wide-open look at a 3-pointer that would have tied the game with 17 seconds left, but it bounded off, and coach Bruce Weber's magical ride with the Illini wound up one short of the real fairy tale he hoped for.

His opponent, Williams, left Kansas to take over the Tar Heels two years ago. Williams took a two of heat for leaving Kansas after losing in the title game in 2003.

He defended the move, saying coming back to his alma mater had always been his dream. Then, this week, he dealt with a more familiar question: Did he need to win a title to call his career a success?

He told the story of Smith insisting he was no better a coach after he finally won one in 1982, but Williams conceded that answering that "same dog-gone question" did get a little annoying at times.

He finally broke through in a terrific game.

IN BRIEF

Boehm, Calhoun elected to Basketball Hall of Fame

ST. LOUIS — Syracuse's Jim Boehm and Connecticut's Jim Calhoun, who led their teams to NCAA titles in 2003 and 2004, were elected to the Basketball Hall of Fame.

Coach and broadcaster Hubie Brown, Brazilian women's star Hortencia Marcari and Sue Gunter, who coached LSU to 798 wins, also were voted into the hall in balloting announced Monday.

Boehm and Calhoun, longtime Big East rivals, each recorded his 700th career win this season and became the first coaches with 700 wins to face each other when their teams met March 5. They have three national titles among them — two for Calhoun, whose Huskies also won the title in 1999.

Brown was elected under the category of contributor for his impact on the game as a coach, clinician, broadcaster and ambassador.

He left the Memphis Grizzlies this season when he retired and was named NBA Coach of the Year in 2004 to go with the same award he won in 1978 with Atlanta.

38 minor leaguers violate steroids policy

NEW YORK — Seattle's Damian Moss and the Los Angeles Angels' Francisco Cordova were among 38 players suspended Monday for violating baseball's minor league steroids policy.

Oakland's David Castillo was suspended for 60 games, the penalty for a third violation. All the others were suspended for 15 games, the ban given to first offenders.

Eight of the 38 positives came from the Seattle organization, seven from the Chicago Cubs, five each from the Los Angeles Angels, Oakland and Texas, and four from San Diego. There were two from Colorado, and one each from St. Louis and the Chicago White Sox.

The commissioner's office said one suspension was the result of off-field testing and the rest stemmed from 925 tests conducted during spring training.

Runner-up qualifies for U.S. swim team

INDIANAPOLIS — Ian Crocker qualified for the U.S. world championship team on Monday without swimming a stroke.

USA Swimming, the sport's governing body in the United States, announced all second-place finishers at the trials have been added to the U.S. team that will compete in Montreal in July.

Crocker, the world record holder in the 100-meter butterfly, finished just behind Michael Phelps in that event Sunday night. At the time, only the winner of each event was guaranteed a spot on the U.S. team.

Monday's ruling gave Crocker another chance to go head-to-head against Phelps, who already had qualified for the U.S. team by winning the 100 butterfly and the 200 and 400 freestyles.
Next Semester, the Keough Institute is offering courses in Anthropology, Folklore, Irish-language, Literature [in English and Irish]. History and Politics.

**ANTHROPOLOGY**
- *Irish and American Dance*, IRST 21601:01, MW 4:30-5:45, James McKenna
  This course will teach a range of fundamental steps in addition to at least two finished tap dance pieces set to CD music. Several hard show Irish tap dances will be taught and depending on the ability of the students, several other completed dances are possible.

**ARCHAEOLOGY of Ireland**, IRST 40503:01, MW 3:00-4:15, Meredith Chessen
This course explores the culture and heritage of Ireland through the lens of the island’s rich archaeological record. Combining lectures, student presentations, discussion exercises and panel projects, students in this class will learn about the social, political, and economic developments in Irish societies from the Neolithic to the Medieval periods.

**FOLKLORE**
- *Folklore in Irish Literature*, ENGL 20529:01, TR 3:30-4:45, Julie Henigan
  This course will examine the traditional myths, tales, songs, customs, rituals, and beliefs that have long been used by Irish historical and creative writers as material for their literary works.

**IRISH LANGUAGE**
- *Beginning Irish I*, IRST 10101:01, TR 9:30-10:45, Brian Ó Conchubhair
  An enjoyable introduction to Modern Irish.
- *Beginning Irish II*, IRST 10101:02, MWF 10:40-11:30, Tara MacLeod
  An enjoyable introduction to Modern Irish.
- *Beginning Irish I*, IRST 10101:03, MWF 1:55-2:45, Tara MacLeod
  An enjoyable introduction to Modern Irish.
- *Beginning Irish II*, IRST 10102:01, TR 12:30-1:45, Brian Ó Conchubhair
  A continuation of IRST 10101 and further develops the students’ linguistic ability and knowledge of Irish.
- *Beginning Irish II*, IRST 10102:02, MWF 9:05-9:45, Tara MacLeod
  A continuation of IRST 10101 and further develops the students’ linguistic ability and knowledge of Irish.
- *Intermediate Irish*, IRST 20103:01, TR 9:30-10:45, Sarah McKibben
  This class follows on IRST 10101 and 10102, with particular attention to more advanced grammatical structures, speaking and reading.
- *Introduction to Old Irish*, IRST 20105:01, TR 12:30-1:45, Peter McQuillan
  The aim of this course is to enable students with no previous knowledge of Irish, medieval or modern, to take the first steps towards acquiring a reading knowledge of Old Irish [the language of 7th-8th Century Ireland].

**HISTORY**
- *Irish History I*, IRST 30404:01, MWF 9:35-10:25, James Smyth
  This course explores the main themes in Irish history from Elizabethan conquest (1603) to the Act of Union (1800).
- *The Fighting Irish Since 1534*, IRST 30407:01, TR 3:30-4:45, Béarnainn Ó Caithrigh
  This course will focus on the cult of the ‘Fighting Irish’ [the Irish at war] in history, literature, art, iconography, film and media between the reformation (1534) and the Good Friday Agreement (1995).

**POLITICS**
- *Conflict and Consensus in Twentieth Century Ireland*, IRST 40540:01, TR 2:00-3:15, William Kissane
  This course examines the government and politics of the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland through the lenses of democratisation, state development, nationalism and unionism.

**LITERATURE [IN ENGLISH AND IRISH]**
- *20th Century Irish and Native American Literature*, IRST 20229:01, TR 9:30-10:45, Jessica Dougherty-McMichael
  This course will examine the role of the Anglo-Irish in the politics and literary life of Ireland from the Act of Union (1800) to the last decades of the 20th Century.
- *Culture and Politics in Northern Ireland*, IRST 30222:01, TR 2:00-3:15, Mary Smyth
  This course explores the politics of culture, and the cultures of politics, in the North of Ireland during the twentieth century.
- *The Hidden Ireland: Themes and Issues in Eighteenth-Century Irish Poetry*, IRST 30107:01, TR 2:00-3:15, Breandán Ó Buachalla
  Daniel Corkery’s study of the literature and society of Irish-speaking Munster in the eighteenth-century (The Hidden Ireland, first published in 1924) is an acknowledged classic of Irish literary history. This course will examine aspects of the corpus of eighteenth-century poetry in the Irish language in the light of Corkery’s analysis and of subsequent reassessments of that analysis (Louis Cullen and Breandán Ó Buachalla, for example). Selections from the corpus of poetry will be taken from O Tuama and Kinsella An Duanaire: poems of the dispensosses (1981).
- *Poetry and Politics in Early Modern Ireland*, IRST 40304:01, W 6:00-9:00, Breandán Ó Buachalla
  The political poetry of the period 1541-1668 will be discussed and analyzed against the tumultuous political, military, socio-economic, and cultural traumas of 16th and 17th century Ireland.

**GRADUATE COURSES**
- *Theory and Theatre*, IRST 90520:01, MW 3:00-4:15, Susan Harris
  This course investigates the history of Western theater and its relationship to the evolution of literary theory. Although the course will focus primarily on the evolution of the English-language theater, it will also locate that tradition in a European context, including figures like Ibsen, Brecht, Grotowski and Pirandello, etc.
- *20th Century Irish Literature in Translation*, IRLL 13186:01, TR 2:00-3:15, Sarah McKibben
  This course examines Irish-language [Gaeilge] literature from the Irish Revival at the turn of the twentieth-century to writing from the very end of the twentieth century and beyond.
- *Introduction to Early Irish Literature*, IRLL 23101:01, TR 9:30-10:45, Peter McQuillan
  An introduction for students to the richness and variety of literature produced in the Irish language during the medieval period (700 and 1200 A.D.)
- *Poetry and Politics in Early Modern Ireland*, IRLL 60303:01, W 6:00-8:30, Breandán Ó Buachalla
  The political poetry of the period 1541-1668 will be discussed and analyzed against the tumultuous political, military, socio-economic, and cultural traumas of 16th and 17th century Ireland.
- *Colonial Fictions, 1880-1930*, ENGL 90525, TR 6:00-9:00, Meets from 8/23-10/14/2005, Seamus Deane
  Class participants will read several Irish and English novels of canonical stature from this period in the light of the questions they raise about the nature and experience of colonialism and of its linkages to modernity.
MLB

Cubs, Ramirez agree on $42 million, 4-year deal

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Third baseman Aramis Ramirez and the Chicago Cubs agreed Monday to a a $42 million, four-year contract that includes a mutual option for 2009.

Ramirez batted .316 with 31 home runs and 103 RBIs last season and would have been eligible to become a free agent at the end of the 2005 season.

"It's a good feeling knowing that I'm going to be here for four more years," Ramirez said, "and get this thing with and just go and play baseball."

He can terminate his new deal after 2006 and become a free agent.

"That's just an option, but I don't think I'm going to exercise that," Ramirez said. "I want to be here for the rest of my life."

Ramirez gets a $1 million signing bonus plus an $8 million salary for this season, supplementing the $8.95 million, one-year contract he had agreed to earlier this year. He gets $10.5 million in 2006, $11 million in 2007 and $11.5 million in 2008.

The contract's fifth year, with an $11 million salary, would become guaranteed if Ramirez plays 270 games in 2007-08 or can be exercised by mutual agreement between the player and the club.

Ramirez had wanted a deal done before the opener. Otherwise, he said, he would not negotiate until the season was over.

"I talked to him about it (Sunday)," manager Dusty Baker said before Chicago's opener against Arizona. "He was in a bit of a turmoil and he expressed how much he wanted to stay and how much he liked playing for the Cubs and liked playing in Chicago. You like to hear that — that a guy's happy where he is and he wants to stay there. In our minds and in his mind, he's going to get better and better."

Ramirez, 26, was just 16 when he signed with the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1994 and reached the majors in 1998. The Pirates traded him to the Cubs in July 2003.

"He didn't come here with a bad reputation, but it wasn't a great reputation," Baker said. "He just wanted to win. He's grown as a player."

Ramirez said the change of teams helped his attitude.

"Just being on a contender, and you mature as a player," he said. "I made a lot of mistakes. I was young. I came into the league when I was 19 years old. You mature as a person and as a player. I think I've done that."

PGA TOUR

Mickelson wins BellSouth Classic on 4th playoff hole

Masters champion ready to defend his title at Augusta

Associated Press

DULUTH, Ga. — Phil Mickelson lived up to his billing as the year's first major winner when he birdied their last hole to earn a playoff berth along with Olazabal.

He also had a second chance to win on the first playoff hole, missing another 5-foot birdie putt on No. 18. He was eliminated on the third playoff hole when he hit two balls in the water on Nos. 16 and 18.

"I had a chance to win it (in regulation) and didn't. Had a second chance and missed it," said Olazabal, who also heads to the Masters with his game in pretty good shape.

Mickelson (69), Beem (68), Brandt (67) and little-known Arjun Atwal (64), a native of India and a regular on the Asian tour for eight years, each birdied their last hole to earn a playoff berth along with Olazabal.

Mickelson and Beem had pars on the first playoff hole to advance to the second playoff hole along with Olazabal. Brandt and Atwal each hit into the water that guarded the green on 18, shot over par and were eliminated.

Olazabal, Mickelson and Beem each parred the second playoff hole, the 455-yard, par 4 to send it back to 18 for the third playoff hole.

Mickelson and Beem advanced to the fourth playoff hole when each had tap-in birdies on No. 18.

With the weather sunny and in the 70s, the scores came down Monday after the first two rounds were washed out by rain on Thursday and Friday and delayed 99 minutes on Saturday at the TPC at Sugarloaf.

"My swing started to feel good on the back. Somehow I hung in there and got lucky," he said.

Scott McCarren, who led by a stroke entering the final round and the 1997 and 2001 winner here, shot a 76 and was well back at 214. Defending champi­on Zach Johnson had a 72 and was at 213.

Mickelson, the tour's leading money-winner, earned $900,000 of the $5 million purse.

The world's No. 4 player had a strange round as he prepared for Thursday's opening round at Augusta.

Mickelson wound up with seven birdies, two bogeys and a double bogey in regulation. He was all over the course with his driver on the opening nine, finishing with a 37, including hitting into water twice and drawing a 1-shot penalty on each.

He also tried to hit out of a creek bed and moved it only a foot on No. 9 and had bogey. He then had a bogey-free back nine for a 32 with four birdies.

"My swing started to feel good on the back. Somehow I hung in there and got lucky," he said.

Mickelson is one of the 19 players who remained in the field, playing in the Masters. Tied for sixth, one stroke back at 209 were Frank Lickliter (68), Scott Dunlap (69), Arnon Oberholzer (69), and Tag Ridings (69).

Rain had affected eight of the 14 tournaments on tour so far this year.

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Gagnon finishes fourth in men’s all-around competition

Men’s and women’s gymnastics teams place fifth in meet

Special to The Observer

Over 300 gymnasts represent 18 schools participated in this weekend’s Observer Classic at Gymnastics Michiana. The Irish placed fifth in both men’s and women’s competition. Trinity won the men’s division, with Penn State and Purdue placing second and third. Penn State took first in the women’s division, followed by Ohio State and Purdue.

Zach Gagnon placed fourth in all-around competition for the Irish, as well as first on still rings, second on vault, fourth in high bar, and sixth in parallel bars. Brian Dunn, Mike McCreary and Paul Kurylo also earned points for the Irish.

Seniors Mary Blazewicz and Caitlin O’Brien lead the Irish. Both barely missed placing in several events.

Jesse Hackett, Lydia Kreymborg, Kris Jackson, Maureen Steed, Cigi Lowe and Jacqueline Carney all contributed to the Irish scoring.

The club will close the season on April 16th, at the NAIGL Nationals in Buffalo, N.Y.

Rowing

The Men’s Rowing Team headed to the beach to take on some of their closest competitors in the country this weekend at the San Diego Crew Classic.

In Saturday morning’s varsity qualifying race the Irish overcame rudder problems to make it to the afternoon’s third final. Throughout the race the team kept up with close competition from Colorado and the UC San Diego. The Irish improved their two finishes in the morning’s races by a small margin. This proved difficult when the team’s steering failed and they fell behind sixth place in the heat edging out San Diego for a spot in the afternoon consolation division.

The Irish ended with a time of 6:36.4 behind Colorado with a time of 6:19.4 and UCSD and UCL with times of 6:28.3 and 6:35.9, respectively.

The Junior Varsity Crew’s heat was full of some of the toughest competition in their division. The men came out in an early start and held even with Stanford and UCLA through the first thousand meters but fell back during the last half of the race. Despite falling back the Irish posted a strong time of 6:41.57 right behind both Stanford and Ryan Dax to easily dispose of the crew in the last few hundred meters, 25-16, 25-22. The Irish then faced their toughest opponent of the day in the Ohio State Buckeyes. The Buckeyes owned a strong heat in a tough three game match, 23-25, 20-15, 15-10. The Irish finished the day with a convincing win over Ohio University, 25-18, 25-21.

The Bobcats could not figure out setter Nolan Kane who continued to put his team in tough situations for his hitters by baffling the Bobcats’ blockers. Notre Dame played a game with Minnesota for the right to advance to the gold tournament. After a shoulder injury to Middle Blocker Jon O’Connell the Irish had to make some unanticipate changes to their lineup, moving Ryan Goeppfert to the two outside hitter. Bicker back in to Middle Blocker. The rest of the team and coaching staff weren’t enough to overcome the veteran setter from Minnesota as the team went on to lose to the Gophers in three games, 19-25, 25-19, 15-12. With two of the top three teams in the nation in the silver tournament the Irish came out strong for their opening replacement outside hitter Drew Williams and quickly disposed of the Iowa Hawkeyes, again in two games, 25-21, 25-21. The Irish met Rowing Green University in the next round of the tournament. Kevin Overmeyer and Mike Toomey led the Irish to an easy victory with well-placed jumps, 25-17, 25-13. The silver tournament finals the Irish faced rival conference University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Despite the solid play outside hitter Mike Toomey the Irish couldn’t take some of the key points in the match and fell to UW-Milwaukee in two games, 25-22, 25-21. The Irish finished the weekend in two weeks at the National Championships with a solid 3rd place finish.

Overall 150 men’s club teams will compete at the tournament, which will have 3 divisions — 1AA, 1A, and 2 and 3. The Irish reward for an exceptional effort is the Most Valuable Player. Theval was being placed in competition in the Division 1A tournament.

Women’s Water Polo

Notre Dame’s women’s water polo team traveled to the Miami-Ohio Invitational this weekend, an event featuring some top ten ranked teams. The Irish dropped their Friday opener to the host Redhawks, 3-2. Kimmy Moore and Bridget O’Neill scored the goals for the team.

The loss would prove to be the only blemish on the weekend, as the Irish rallied to triumph Northwestern 11-2 with O’Neill setting the pace with four goals. Moore and Michelle Limino each added a hat trick, with Kristy Bohling accounting for the other. The Irish fell to Purdue 7-5, then defeated Purdue, 7-5, behind the balanced attack of Moore and Limino who each had two goals each, and Limino, Bohling and Meghan Keane registering solo goals. On Sunday, the Irish posted an impressive 6-5 victory over the varsity squad from Slippery Rock. O’Neill’s goals again led a balanced attack, as Limino, Bohling, Katie Lances and Kristin Talbot each scored against the Rockets.

Sailing

Strong winds of 15-25 and drizzle dampened opening day of the Big Ten Team Race at Michigan this past weekend. Although ten round robin matches were completed, there were numerous capsizes and two postponements due to wind. Despite sunny and warmer conditions on Sunday, the turn in the weather was not enough to help the Irish, who finished fifth in a strong field of 14 teams. Northwestern took first place with a 6-2 record, followed by Minnesota and Wisconsin at 5-3, Michigan, 4-4, and the Irish.

Cycling

Five members of the Notre Dame Cycling Team traveled to Purdue this weekend to compete in the two day Purdue Invitational and The Irish. Law Student Geoff Gisler, Freshman Matt Przygoski and Irish Officer in Charge Sean Calloway competed against a field of fifty in the invitational. The race was four laps of the race loop, totaling 26 miles. Gisler and teammate Arlandson made a 40 mph move this a very difficult for the group of 20 riders who were involved in a crash on the first of the four laps, and pulled out of the race with minor injuries while Gisler and Przygoski, in his first race, moved to third and tenth respectively.

Like Laverty and Dan Arlandson racedhve Men’s B road race, a six lap race of 50.6 miles, the winds had broken the pack of 60 riders, many dropping out, or riding the rest of the race solo, or in groups of two or three. In the second group a group of 20 riders was well in place at the eight minute mark with the lead pack, which diminished in numbers as the wind was being howled at 50 mph. Laverty rolled through in 10th place in 29 minutes and 35 seconds, in nine minutes later in 25 th position. This proved to be a good finish overall for the opening road race.

Sunday’s Criterium was a highly challenging race. The conditions on Sunday were very high winds in the 45-minute Men’s C race, the speeds were fast, and the peloton was forced to split. Both Arlandson and Prygoski and Geoff Gisler. The men’s B race, which was a 14-minute race, while Sean Calloway sat out due to nagging pain from his previous day’s crash. Both riders rode with the pack the entire race.

Cycling was feeling strong, and out sprinted another rider on the line to take the win, something only one other Notre Dame cyclist has ever done in the midwest.

Przygoski finished in the middle of the pack, and is taking any chances in his first Criterium

The Irish B park race soon afterwards in a 55-minute race, Laverty and Arlandson were involved in a crash.

Once again, the speeds were fast, averaging over 30 mph, and the riding was aggressive, with many riders attacking the field throughout the race in attempts to break away. Mike Przygoski ran into a crash early in the race which forced him out of this race.

Mike Laverty was involved in a three-way breakaway at 45 minutes, that held their lead for 2.5 laps, allowing them to take the two spot places at an intermediate sprint. Overall, Mike finished in 12th with Laverty, Arlandson was forced to drop out after 30 minutes, due to a recent bout with the flu.

Ultimate

Notre Dame’s ultimate club split their squads this weekend and traveled to two venues. The women competed at Wisconsin, winning two of three contests. Relying on the strength of their zone defense, the Irish were able to control the game against Northern Illinois, winning 14-9. The women qualified for the Big Ten championship game. The game was played on Sunday, the Irish qualified for the Big Ten championship game. The game was played on Sunday.

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Dame's skipper, "The first game we didn’t do a good job of taking advantage of our opportunities."

Gumpf said. "The second game it was more a case of our pitcher making good pitches and our team managing a few lucky hits, but in the game I thought we could have done more.

Notre Dame jumped on top early in game one, stringing together two runs in the top of the second inning off Villanova starter Kristen Hartmann. Liz Hartmann reached first on an error while Laing moved to third.

Sarah Smith pinch ran for Hartmann, but was called out at first after leaving the bag too early. Carrie Wissen followed with a single that scored Laing from third to plate Notre Dame’s first run. Kelsey Wicks pinch ran for Wissen and then proceeded to effectively steal a run — swiping second base cleanly and then attempting to steal third. The throw down from third by Villa- nova catcher Cassie Keeping was wild, and Wicks came home to score on the error.

The Irish tacked on another run in the fourth inning, with Gesica Hufnagle leading off with a double. Hufnagle advanced to third on Laing’s sacrifice fly and came around to score on a single by Hartmann. Laing scored her second run of the game in the sixth inning, again leading off the frame with a double. Laing stole third and then scored to make the score 4-0 after Mallorie Lenn reached first on an error.

In game two, Laing continued her hot hitting, knocking a solo home run to left field off Villanova pitcher Shannon Williams. The Irish would score their other run in the game in the fifth inning, as Lenn led off with a walk, stole second, advanced to third on a groundout and came around to score on Sara Schoonaker’s RBI single.

Notre Dame was also scheduled to play Rutgers in a doubleheader today, that series was rained out. It will be made up if the Irish win one of two games against Big East title at the end of the regular season.

Notre Dame returns home to face Eastern Michigan in a doubleheader today beginning at 4 p.m. at Ivy Field.

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**NHL**

**NHLPA rejects 2 proposals**

Monday’s meetings first since March 17

Associated Press

TORONTO — The players’ association rejected two NHL proposals today as the two sides met for seven hours Monday, trying to make progress toward ending the 6 1/2-month-old lockout.

The negotiations took place at an undisclosed location in Toronto began around 1 a.m. EDT and wrapped up around 8 p.m. As expected, the NHLPA did not come armed with a proposal.

“The players’ association began today’s meeting by rejecting the two proposals made by the NHL on March 17,” NHL executive vice president Bill Daly said in a statement. “Thereafter, we discussed the status of our current situation and, in general terms, possible concepts for moving the process forward.

The meeting concluded with both sides agreeing to explore these concepts further internally, and to talk again later this week.”

A bigger group got together this time around, with NHLPA executive director Bob Goodenow, senior director Ted Saskin, NHL commissioner Gary Bettman and Daly.

“We discussed some concepts aimed at addressing the challenges faced by all of us as a result of the NHL’s lockout,” Saskin said in a statement. “Although no meetings were scheduled today, I expect Bob and Gary will be speaking soon to set up future discussions.

Also Monday, the NHL filed a second charge against the NHLPA with the National Labor Relations Board, this time challenging the union’s threat of decertification for agents representing replacement players.

The NHL has warned agents, although not in writing, they face possible decertification if they represented any player crossing the line to be a replacement player.

The NHL hinted at the use of replacement players at a March 1 board of governors meeting, and planned to revisit the topic at an April 20 board of governors meeting in New York, the NHLPA senior director Ted Saskin said.

“We have been waiting for a resolution to this issue at an April 20 board of governors meeting, and planned to revisit the topic at an April 20 board of governors meeting in New York, the NHLPA senior director Ted Saskin said.

“The two sides had not met since March 17 in New York, when the NHLPA was presented two proposals by the NHL for the first time a team-by-team $35.5-million salary cap deal that did not have a fixed link between player costs and league revenues.

The second offer was based on linkage, with player costs to take up no more than 54 per cent of league revenues. The league had given the union and Pacific Islanders to work off the “de-linked” offer. The two sides union arrived Monday in Toronto without a counterproposal.

**SMC Tennis**

**Belles open MIAA schedule at Tri-State**

By PATRICK McCABE

Saint Mary’s will take the Tri-State Thunder in a road match today at 3 p.m.

Although Tri-State is enjoying its inaugural year in the MIAA, the Belles have faced them for several years. The Thunder are currently 0-2 in conference play and 1-9 overall. The Belles are 0-0.

Despite the Thunder’s record, Belles coach Dee Stevenson expects focus and diligence from his team. He also mentioned his teams was hungry and eager to begin league play.

“They have been waiting for this since spring break,” he said. “This is a somewhat crucial match. We have beaten them often in the past, but we must start league play well.”

Despite sending many underclassmen to play Adrian College this past Saturday, Stevenson intends to start his regulars.

“I will play my regulars since whatever our team does will affect (regular season) conference standings and postseason seeds.”

However, the 3-5 start to the season has neither disheartened nor fazed the Belles.

Stevenson also addressed the loss of Grace Gordon to an ACL injury and the overall slate of injuries dogging the Belles.

“This is a new situation for us,” he said. “Prior to this season, I have never had a player severely injured. Now, we have three who have injured knees. Grace’s injury has constrained us to adjust our singles and doubles arrangements. We’re all disappointed, particularly the girls and Grace.”

But Grace continues to actively support and bolster the team’s confidence.

“She accompanied us to the Chicago match and is now our team manager for the remainder of the season, although I have never had one before,” Stevenson said.

Ironically, the Belles hope Thunder will not be an issue for today’s match.

Inclement weather has twice forced postponements of a match against Olivet and has frustrated Stevenson.

“We are hoping that our match is not rained out,” he said. “We have already postponed one and want to avoid delaying another. The season is already short.”

In addition to compressing the Belles’ schedule, the foul weather had reduced court time and restricted the players to indoor conditioning.

Nonetheless, Stevenson forecasts clean play for Tuesday.

“We should exhibit no rust,” he said. “The players have had more court time recently and practice a lot. We have to keep practicing to stay sharp,” he said.

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SOME OF THE BEST TEAM NAMES

1. U got a bad draw
2. Looking for a sponsor at the moment
3. The bad guys from Space Jam
4. This much athleticism on one team should be illegal
5. Four jersey chasers who finally found one
6. Four engineers and their future boss
7. Really hoping we play girls or drunk first
8. Please pair us with some drunk people
9. One and one
10. We declined an invitation to the NIT

THE DOLLAR VALUE MENU

3.08. When we've gotten
5.51. The last team
5.90. The first game
5.54. The good

JUMBO FUTL, a program located in Jamaica that offers free basketball clinics to disadvantaged youth.

"The way we play our tournament provides support for the Jumblalt organization," Maher said. "We hope everybody to know that this year the phrase is 'We play so they can play.'"

A portion of registration fees will benefit the organization.

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Baseball

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bles compared to Notre Dame's four hits, three runs and one dou-
ble. The Irish were outhit on the game 17-7.

Into the eighth inning, Notre Dame had as many hits in each of the
17-7.

In a dramatic comeback in the top of the eighth, the Irish
three batters to the plate and put up five runs after surrendering
run in the bottom of the eighth. Freshman Tony Langford
launched the game-tying home run, his second homer of the
game.

The Instant classic headed into the 10th inning tied at 10.

Junior centerfielder Alva Notey extended his hitting streak to 14
games.

The Irish returned to action tonight to face their third Mid-
American Conference team this season — the Toledo Rockets.

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SMC SOFTBALL

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and the usual aura of partici-
pants who are more con-
cerned with pre-gaming than
the game's final outcome.

However, all eyes will be on
the top-seeded team, aptly
named "U Got a Bad Draw.
Captained by Chinedum
Makwe, the squad features
Notre Dame quarterback
Brady Quinn, Eric Lauerman and Dan Stevenson from last
year's KPMG team, which
won the title.

"I can remember having
a returning champion with such a
competent team," Maher
said.

The team is prepared to
take on any and all of the
competitors in order to main-
tain their claim to the top
spot.

"The most important thing
for us is defending our title,"
Makwe said. "Obviously, last
year was a battle — we
came back from being down
like 10 points or so the last
three games of the tourna-
ment."

Like many other teams in
the tournament, U Got a Bad
Draw did not practice formal-
ly outside of game time.

"We have a tradition we
came back last year that we don't
practice until the first
game we play — so we don't prac-
tice," Makwe said. "That
usually is what works for us
best because we know each
other on the team pretty well
... we're really an all natural
team."

Choosing a name is some-
times the most important part
of a squad's preparation for
the tournament. Names often
reflect top culture — for example, the movie "Napoleon Dynamite" inspired at least eight team
names this season.

Unfortunately, some teams
are simply numbered after
their names fail to meet com-
mittee standards.

"I think it's probably just
we've gotten away from
remembering that it's a bas-
kball tournament," Geist
said. "There's been an in-
crease in the interest in
coming up with a team name
... I would hope the focus is
more on the basketball tour-
nament and the charity it
benefits."

This year, tournament offi-
cials are working to publicize
**Special**

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special teams through the beginning of spring practice

"Bernie and I do this whole thing together," Polian said. "The package that we’re running in the kicking game is a collection of things that he has done and liked and everything I have done and like and finally, every system you've ever wanted to do.

Weis’ involvement with special teams has had a "major impact" in creating a staff-wide emphasis on the kicking game so far, Polian said. "I think he takes it seriously because he assigned two coaches to it, and the rest of the staff does it just like we do on punt and kick returns."

Parramale and Polian are not setting out to make significant strategic changes on special teams.

"Schematically, we’re going to do what we believe in, and if it's what they did that fine," Polian said. "We'll tweak some personnel and find the best guys across the board, and we’ll play them in the kicking game."

**FOOTBALL RECRUITING**

Weis secures 1st class of 2010 recruit

DeSmet Jesuit junior runs 4.3 40-yard dash

By MIKE GIULLO

Sports Editor

Over 21 weeks remain until Notre Dame's season-opener, but Charlie Weis has already secured his first victory as head coach.

Muir Prince, a running back/cornerback prospect out of DeSmet Jesuit High School in St. Louis, verbally committed to play football for the Irish during a Junior Day on campus Saturday.

He is the first player from the class of 2010 to commit to Notre Dame.

Mike Frank of Illsheseyes.com expects Prince to suit up at running back for Notre Dame.

"He’s a tremendous player," Frank said. "He’s got lots and lots of ability, and I think he got all kinds of potential when it’s all said and done."

With a 4.3 second 40-yard dash time, Prince rushed for 1,397 yards and 13 touchdowns his sophomore year. He then ran for 986 yards and 11 touchdowns last season as a junior while playing in only eight games and with a sprained foot.

The 5-foot-10 164-pound Prince, who has clocked a 10.6 second 100-meter dash, had

**With returning personnel, Polian has seen a number of positives.**

"Like my tempo when we’re practicing in the kicking game," he said. "I think we have a lot of true team guys on both offense and defense that are willing and working their butts off in the kicking game. I think that’s a real positive. I think there’s going to be good competition for the snapping job, and I think our kickers have done a very good job so far.

D.J. Fitzpatrick, a former walk-on now on scholarship who filled in for an injured Nick Setta at the end of the 2003 season, started as placekicker and punter in 2004.

"I definitely want to handle both duties again next season," Fitzpatrick said. "I’m definitely trying to shoot for all three kicks, punt and field goal."

"I love being out there, and as a kicker, you don’t get out there as much, so the more you can do, the better. It keeps me in the game, it keeps me loose and I just love it."

At this point, a number of players are competing for all kicking duties.

"It’s open right now," Fitzpatrick said. "We have a new coaching staff and a new season ahead of us, so it’s been a good fight with (sophomore) Geoff Price pushing me for punting and (sophomore) Bobby Renken and (sophomore) Carl Osman for kicking, so we’ll see what happens after the end of the spring.

Fitzpatrick is the leading punter and place-kicker from 2004. He had all 67 of Notre Dame’s kicking points and took 79 of the 81 attempted Irish kicks.

**Competition for filling the roles of graduating senior kick returners Carlyle Holiday and Carlos Campbell is also wide open.**

"We did not come in here with a preconceived idea about who would return," Polian said. "Coach Weis said to the team, ‘Who wants to try?’ And as we’ve worked in the phase this year in the first three practices, we’ve put a bunch of folks back there, and we’ll do it all throughout the spring. It’s an open dress rehearsal. If you’ve got an interest in doing it, we’re going to put the guy back there and see what he can do."' Anyone interested in special teams was encouraged to try returning kicks, although offensive players tend to have an advantage in the traditional catching skills.

"There are too many to mention," Polian said when questioned about who would return kicks. "There’s about 20 names who want to go back there and try it, and they’re not all offensive players."

"There are skill guys on defense ... and that’s fine, we’ll take a look." Regarding long snapping, the graduation of Casey Dunn leaves the position open.

"We have a few scholarship guys who are capable of long snapping, but I think what happens is a lot of times, you don’t delegate a scholarship just for a guy who does nothing but long snapping," Weis explained. "I think it’s a great venue or a great opportunity for a walk-on to come on and play, because if you have that skill, you could play ... you have a chance of getting on the field."

Changes will come, but the Irish are looking forward to improving after a difficult 2004 season that saw criticism from many sides.

"We’re pretty optimistic going into the spring," Fitzpatrick said. "Everybody’s working hard. We had a good off-season lifting and conditioning. We’re really getting after special teams, we’ve got all the coaches working on it and the attitude is really high. We see nothing but good things for us in the future."

Polian agrees with the kicker’s assessment.

"Any good coach at any level will tell you the best way to make a football team better is in the kicking game, and Coach has preached that since the day that we’ve arrived," he said. "He’s emphasized it, we’ve got the entire staff coaching in the kicking game with a lot of energy, and I think our players are responding to it and that’s a real positive."

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXIV

World's largest outdoor tourney tips off today

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

Fifteen minutes of fame or a lasting legacy? Bookstore Basketball offers chances for both.

Month's of hard work selecting teammates, choosing a name and developing plays and defensive schemes are set to culminate tonight, when over 3,000 Notre Dame students and staff members will lace up their basketball shoes for Bookstore Basketball XXXIV.

Over 600 teams will participate in the nation's largest 5-on-5 basketball tournament, an annual event at Notre Dame since 1972. "I think it brings a great sense of excitement, a great sense of community," said Luke Maher, a junior who is the Executive Commissioner for this year's tournament. "It's great to see so many people out there — not only playing in games but out there supporting their friends and roommates."

Patrick Schafer, a sophomore and captain of team No. 274, echoed similar sentiments. "The tournament is a good way to get involved on campus," he said. "It's nice to get a team of your friends together and go out and just have some fun playing basketball with tons of people watching."

Among tomorrow's games, March Badness will make its debut. "I have not played before, I'm super excited though," captain David Sena said. "We've never played before, but we've all played in high school a little bit."

Faculty advisor Amy Geist said the number of the teams has increased slightly over recent years. "We definitely have more teams signed up this year than we have in the past few years," she said. "I hope that that's a good indication of hard work on campus being excited about the tournament."

The field features varsity basketball players like Jordan Cornette, four of the five players on last year's championship team, teams with corporate sponsors

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FOOTBALL

Staff puts emphasis on special teams

Irish 'getting after' last season's area of disappointment

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

The changes have come quickly for the Irish football squad. But entering the spring, no area is more uncertain than special teams.

Head coach Charlie Weis has emphasized the importance of special teams early, and the rest of the coaching staff has worked to identify players who could possibly contribute to the unit in any number of ways. Bernie Parmalee, Irish special teams coach, and his assistant Brian Polian have worked closely with Weis in developing

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ND SOFTBALL

Stenglein, Booth pitch shutouts at Villanova

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Senior Staff Writer

Rain this weekend didn't rust the sharpness of the Irish pitchers. Both Stetffany Stenglein and Heather Booth threw complete-game shutouts in Notre Dame's sweep of Villanova Monday afternoon in Philadelphia. "Both our pitchers did a good job of playing their game," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "Steffany really just dominated their hitters, and Heather did a good job of making them put the ball in play where she wanted. They were both phenomenal today."

Notre Dame (19-8, 2-0) won game one against the Wildcats, 2-0, behind Stenglein's dominating 10-strikeout performance. Booth followed with a gem of her own in Notre Dame's 4-0 win over Villanova (19-13, 0-2) in game two of the doubleheader.

The Irish were paced offensively by second baseman Katie Laing, who had two doubles in game one and had a key home run in game two. Finishing the series 3-0-for-6 with three runs scored.

"Katie really did a good job for us offensively," Gumpf said. "She was really on fire today, and that was good to see."

Notre Dame's offense managed 16 hits off Villanova pitchers, but left too many runners on base, especially in the first game of the series. The Irish left six runners on base with less than two outs in game one, a statistic that concerned Notre

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BASEBALL

Irish fall twice at Rutgers

Winning streak snapped as Big East record falls to 3-3

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

Rain washed out the Notre Dame, Rutgers Big East series for two straight days. It also washed away any momentum the Irish had built going into the conference showdown against the Scarlet Knights.

Riding a four-game winning streak as they headed to Piscataway, New Jersey to face archival Rutgers, the Irish (13-12, 3-3 Big East) seemed poised for a strong showing against Rutgers, but the Scarlet Knights handled the Irish for the first 14 innings of their Monday afternoon make-up doubleheader sweep.

Rutgers won the first game 5-3 in seven innings and pulled off another squeezer in the second 11-10 in 10 innings in another classic series.

Rutgers' Jason Grover hit a grand slam in the fifth off of Notre Dame starter Tom Thornton in the opener. Thornton had retired the first nine batters he faced, but he had to work his way out of a bases loaded jam in the fourth and gave up the decisive four-run smash in the fifth – losing his fourth game of the season.

In the second game, Irish were outplayed until the eighth inning – with Rutgers racking up 12 hits, nine runs and three dou-