3,478 admitted from first-rate pool

956 minority students invited to class of 2009

By JULIE BENDER
News Writer

Notre Dame will be slightly smarter come enrollment time this August.
The prospective students for the class of 2009 — with the strongest applicant pool in terms of academics to date — have received their acceptance letters and are currently deciding whether or not Notre Dame is the place they want to spend the next four years of their lives.

"The applicant pool was clearly stronger than ever in terms of college prep courses, grades, rank-in-class and test scores," said Dan Saracino, director of admissions at Notre Dame. Statistics prove Saracino's see 2009/page 4

Admissions Statistics
Number of Total Applicants: 
Class of 2008 11,483 
Class of 2009 11,316
Total Number Accepted: 
Class of 2008 4,359 
Class of 2009 3,678
Number of Minority Applicants: 
Class of 2008 1,879 
Class of 2009 2,028
Number of Minority Applicants Accepted: 
Class of 2008 885 
Class of 2009 976

SENATE

Baron, Shappell lead fledgling representatives

By MADDIE HANNA
Associrc News Editor

Student government took fledgling senators under their wings at Wednesday night's Senate meeting, introducing them to parliamentary procedure and the various committees.

"The entire meeting was a learning experience for them," student body vice president Lizzi Shappell said.

Student body president Dave Baron, also agreed, saying the meeting "laid the groundwork for the year." "Things could get going [quicker] this year than last year," Baron said. Baron noted the new senators' energetic attitude and willingness to ask questions as reasons why.

Shappell said the meeting served as a "day of introduction," as old committee chairs described past achievements and new committee chairs proposed future goals, providing information to new senators who then decided what committees they would like to join.

Outgoing senator Vijay Plamann said the Academic Affairs committee focused on course registration, teacher course evaluations, BARTING and the College Readership Program. Incoming committee chair Chris Harris said while he has 10 to 12 projects in mind, the College Readership Program is the "number one priority." Outgoing chair of the Diversity Affairs committee Nick Coleman noted last year's

Women gather to envision future for Catholic Church

Discussion ensues at Saint Mary's College

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Saint Mary's Editor

While members of the College of Cardinals gathered in Vatican City this week to bury Pope John Paul II and to appoint a new leader, a group of roughly equal size met in 1st Mass Hall at Saint Mary's to discuss hope for the future of the Catholic Church.

There were no television cameras present, and at the end of the night there would be no smoke, gray or white, wafting from the bell tower. But students and faculty talked with energy and sometimes emotion about issues ranging from the ordination of women to homosexuality to Terri Schiavo.

The discussion, entitled "The Church Women Want," began with opening comments from two church experts and five students and then continued in small groups. It was part of an ongoing dialogue at the college in relation to its official affiliation with the Catholic Common Ground Initiative, a movement founded by former Chicago Cardinal Joseph Bernardin.

Mary Henold, professor at Knocke College and an expert on Catholic feminism, told the audience she was a "contradiction" in the Church.

"I am unsympathetically progressive and thoroughly Catholic," Henold said. "I can't imagine ever leaving the church, although I have come to understand that others are perfectly justified in doing so."

When she asked herself what she would like to see in the Catholic Church, Henold said, she was faced with obvious answers including the ordination of women and the recognition of women as persons, non-celibate women whom she said, "the church currently ignores.

Other responses, Henold said, took her by surprise and will take further thought to develop fully.

"First," Henold said, "the Church I want is a church that lives."

Henold said the decline in vocations to the priesthood, specifically the order of Jesuits that deeply influence her, is frightening. "I'm not going to take on more responsibility as a layperson, so that the church I love remains vibrant and visionary in the changing world," the students and faculty.

Henold said the Church should once again embrace itself as a 'Church of the world, believes the Church has lost some of its identity in the last half of the century.

U.S. sees effect of late pope

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

Pope John Paul II was nothing less than an international photogeger. When he died, the United States for the first time in 1979, Americans granted him unprecedented celebrity status for a religious figure. Despite his enormous popularity, the U.S. Church and the pope have had a complicated relationship from the beginning.

Under John Paul II, the Church saw an increase in the number of Catholics on a global level, the recognition of Catholic conservatism and a new appreciation for the youth of the world. But the late pope also leaves behind a struggling Church in the United States, a church that clashed with the Vatican over John Paul II's firm control of church leadership and refusal to work with American Catholics seeking a more democratic approach.

Some church experts, such as law professor Katharine Kaveny, attribute the tension between the United States and the Vatican to a natural result of the coexistence of two hugely powerful global institutions.

"There's always going to be tension between the American Church and the universal Church because the U.S. Church is the only empire left in the world," she said.

"The Vatican is about control and power throughout the world and that's going to create tension in terms of the perspective of our country.

The U.S. Church, though united in its mourning of the pope, is struggling with internal problems.

In 2006, the sexual abuse of women gathered to envision future for Catholic Church
I'm not offended

One hazy night in London, I mis- 
tactfully boarded bus number 23 without my lovely roommates. When they realized back in Flat 16 that I was missing, they "organ- ized" a makeshift "search party.

Judging by the offended reaction of passers-by, we apparently find ethnic jokes a bit too funny. I must have the sensitivity of a rhinoceros when it comes to the fine nuances of the diversity debate, it's okay for people to refer to me as "the Asian," or to make me keep the cups score because "my kind" is "good with numbers," or to tell me that we've only good at Little League and hot dog eating contests.

We're all careful about being politically correct, so saying you hate Asians in Scholastic is not politically correct, so saying you hate Asians is not funny because it's true - when we know for a fact that I was missing, they searched for me. Let people feel uncomfortable around white people. Maybe it went too far, I'm not necessarily those of The Observer.

This was the first time I've heard of passers-by, and maybe celebrate them. Discrimination is not funny; ridicule is not funny; mean you can acknowledge them, it means you can acknowl- edge and maybe celebrate them. Discrimination is not funny; ridiculous stereotypes about minorities are.

But seriously, guys... stop mak- ing me keep score.

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The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

IN BRIEF

Author and historian Mae Ngai of the University of Chicago will give a seminar today entitled "Chinese Americans and World's Fairs." It will begin at 3:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center auditorium and is sponsored by the department of American studies.

Deborah Yashar, professor of politics and international affairs at Princeton University, will lecture on "Contesting Citizenship in Latin America: The Rise of Indigenous Movements and the Postcolonial Challenge" today. It will begin at 4:15 p.m. in C-103 Hesburgh Center.

As part of the 2004-2005 Nanovic Institute series of contem- porary film "European Cinemas, European Histories," the film "Soldiers of Salamina" will be shown tonight at 7 p.m. at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

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IN OFFBEAT

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SMC-TV to provide campus information

By KELLY MAUS
News Writer

With the increasing number of obligations and responsibilities facing college students, it is often difficult to keep track of the many events happening in the world, let alone those on campus. Understanding a need for a new way of campus communication, members of Saint Mary's Student Government and the Information Technology Resource Center have combined forces to launch SMC-TV—a closed-circuit campus cable channel for educational and communicative use on campus.

Over 18 months in the making, SMC-TV will provide students, faculty, and staff with a means for circulating information like campus news, upcoming events, and national/world headlines.

On Monday night, Director of Information Technology Keith Fowlkes gave a presentation on what can be expected from this new project.

"The campus needs a new and fresh information source for students and faculty," Fowlkes said.

In addition to campus news, Fowlkes said SMC-TV will also have to ability to broadcast other programs from talk shows to special interest programs.

"As long as the proposed programming follows our slogan of 'creative, intelligent, and engaging,' as well as the professional standards set by the advising committee, the sky's the limit," Fowlkes said.

"We believe SMC-TV will serve as a great innovative way for students to express themselves, as well as learn the skills needed to create and produce on-air performances."

One key point that was emphasized at Monday's presentation was the great need for student involvement. It is planned that within two years, SMC-TV will be completely student-run and operated, from pitching ideas all the way to the time the program is aired.

Currently, SMC-TV is being funded through the Husking Foundation Grant received by the college several years ago. This summer, advisors hope to purchase new cameras and other equipment to begin training students in the fall.

Once student management positions and independent production teams are filled, the faculty member and advisors involved hope to begin on-air programming beginning January or February 2006.

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Student designs win prizes

Special to the Observer

Two senior industrial design students at the University of Notre Dame placed second and third at the 12th annual International Housewares Association (IHA) Student Design Competition held March 20 to 22 at the McCormick Place Exposition Center in Chicago.

The competition was part of the IHA International Home and Housewares Show, the world's largest home goods and house wares marketplace showcasing thousands of new products and designs.

Selim Nuruddeen from Friendswood, Texas, took second place and received a $1,600 cash prize for his product design "Clean Sweep," an innovative broom that deals with the inefficiencies of using a dust pan by integrating a vacuum function into the body of a broom.

Michael Ewold from Amherst, Ohio, finished in third place and won $1,000 for his product design "Magnificare," a device that helps people with arthritis hands open push-and-turn prescription bottles and also includes a magnifying glass to help read labels.

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Assessment Accurate.

There were 11,316 students who applied to Notre Dame this year — the third-highest number of applicants ever. Of that number, less than one-third of applicants were accepted to Notre Dame, with 3,478 students receiving acceptance letters. Last year, just ten fewer students were admitted.

Of the students who received acceptance letters, the Admissions Office predicts a little more than half will enroll at the University. Saracino quoted expect enrollment at 1,975.

The class of 2009 didn’t fail to impress admissions officers in this area either, despite its outstanding academic records. "The students’ extracurricular involvement was equally impressive this year," Saracino said. Diversity is another key area the class of 2009 excels in. This year saw a jump in the number of minority applicants to the University, a fact the Admissions Office looks on with pride. "We had a record number of ethnic minority students applying this year," Saracino said. "There were 2,028 minority applicants versus last year’s high of 1,879."

Of those minority students who applied to Notre Dame, about half were accepted into the incoming class. "We admitted a record number of ethnic minority students for the class of 2009 — 956 versus 885 from last year," Saracino said.

An increased number of applicants generally means a larger number of students will choose to enroll at the University, so predictions for the incoming class are high.

"Based upon previous years' yields on admitted students, we anticipate enrolling the largest number ever of ethnic minority students," Saracino said. "Twenty-three percent of the incoming class would be considered ethnic minority."

This year’s applicants also exceeded expectations on the diversity of their geographical distribution. According to the Admission Office’s statistics, all 50 states are represented in the admitted student pool, and 129 of the admitted students are international students.

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CAMPUS NEWS

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"The reality for many of us who grew up in Vatican II’s wake is that we never experienced that which made Catholicism truly distinctive, and so now there’s a real hunger in my generation and younger for a vibrant Catholic culture," Henold said.

According to Henold, her position could be misinterpreted as an argument to return to the days before the second Vatican Council. Instead, what she would like to see is a return to a teaching of Church history.

Senior Carolyn Madison said she has had many strong role models in her life and in her faith, particularly her mother and grandmother. These roles, however, are no longer sufficient in a modern Church, Madison said. "There are many positions in which women can make a difference, can inspire others, can lead someone to a better relationship with Christ," Madison said. However, these are positions in which women are restricted in their actions and there is a desire for more.

Senior Sarah Brown recounted her most memorable childhood experiences as a Catholic, bringing the gifts up to the altar and being asked to serve as a cross bearer during mass. "These feelings of having been included and taken seriously in the Church are both what made me Catholic and what keeps me Catholic," Brown said.

Brown said that while she feels fortunate to have been given certain roles within the Church as a woman, the Church still fails to include them on an equal level.

"When I watch CNN interview members of the leadership of the Church on the significance of the death of the Pope and I see no women approached, I do not feel included," Brown said. "I do not feel as if my voice is being taken seriously."

Brown told the audience the Church must make a place for women in leadership.

"The Church that I want, as a woman, is one that works to make women's voices and women's experiences included and taken seriously in every arena of the Church from carrying the gifts of the Eucharist during mass, to leading the Church in its decision making."
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Suspect acquitted on terrorism charges

BERLIN — A Tunisian man accused of planning attacks in Germany for al-Qaida was acquitted of terrorism charges Wednesday but found guilty of illegal weapons possession and tax evasion. He was sentenced to three years, nine months in prison.

The verdict marked another setback for the German government, which has had difficulty making charges stick in several post-Sept. 11, 2001, terror cases.

Federal prosecutors alleged that Ihsan Gangwar, a 21-year-old Palestinian of Jewish heritage, could have provided a pathway to Europe for terrorist attacks in Europe, with either al-Qaida or Israeli targets to coincide with the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in 2003. They had sought a six-year prison sentence on charges that included attempting to form a terrorist group.

Parliament elects Kurdish president

VIENNA — The long-debated parliament chose Kurdish leader Talat Xalabi as the country’s new interim president Wednesday, reaching out to a long-repressed minority and bringing the country closer to its first democratically elected government in 20 years.

Several members of the former regime — including toppled leader Saddam Hussein — were to be given the anniversary of the Second World War.

It wasn’t clear if they would watch it live or on a tape.

Badal Noh, a Shi’ite, and interim President Ghazi al-Yawer, a Sunni Arab, were chosen as Talabani’s two vice presidents.

After weeks of at times tense negotiations, the three candidates received 227 votes. Thirty ballots were left blank.

NATIONAL NEWS

White supremacist given 40 years

CHICAGO — A 45-year-old man who frequently stayed at a-bedroom apartment, using a house key, and had a personal maid for five years, was sentenced to five years in prison.

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LOCAL NEWS

State plans to close juvenile prison

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — The state plans to close its Bloomington Juvenile Correction Center by April 22 because of abundance of empty juvenile beds statewide.

The Indiana Department of Correction will move the 34 prisoners at the Bloomington site to other facilities, spokeswoman Jean Ahmed said Tuesday. DOC facilities statewide have space for more than 1,700 juvenile offenders but currently hold about 1,030.

MONACO

Prince Rainier III dies at 81 years

Associated Press

MONACO — Prince Rainier III, who reshaped Monaco and worked to overhaul its reputation as a sunny place for shady people, died Wednesday, leaving the throne to his son Albert II, his son with actress Grace Kelly.

In his 26 years of his 81 years, Rainier was Europe’s longest-reigning monarch and the only ruler many of Monaco’s 32,000 residents had ever known.

A toastable, hip figure, he dragged Monaco into the modern age while preserving much of the Mediterranean charm and royal trappings of his tiny principality.

Before an audience that included Journalist and blacksmith, Albert took over the royal powers last week because of Rainier’s ill health.

Rainier’s funeral will be held April 15 at the 19th-century Monaco Cathedral where he and Princess Grace were wed. He is expected to be buried alongside her.

At the traditional midday changing of the palace guards ceremony Wednesday, drums were covered with black cloth. The body of Rainier, whose family dynasty took power in 1297, was moved to his hilltop palace where it will lie in state, the palace said.

Police cut off pope’s visitors

Officers work to clear the Vatican for the preparation of John Paul II’s funeral

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — After electronic highway signs and cell phone text messages urged to stanch the flow of pilgrims, police stepped in Wednesday to turn back thousands of tourists attempting to join the 24-hour line to see the bodies of Pope John Paul II, on a day that brought almost 1 million people to the Vatican.

Using a special entrance for VIPs, President Bush viewed the body with his wife, Laura, along with his father, former President Clinton and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, shortly after the U.S. delegation reached Rome. They knelt in a pew in front of the main altar, bowing their heads in prayer, joining a million pilgrims who had filed solemnly through St. Peter’s Basilica.

Seeking to clear the basilica by Thursday evening so the Vatican could prepare for Pope John Paul’s funeral the following day, police announced they were closing the line at 10 p.m. Text messages were sent over Italian cellular phone lines. Those at the basilica would wait about 14 hours before entering the basilica.

“We’re just hoping the order can be reversed,” said Federica Bruni, a 20-year-old student who came from northern Italy and was one of the few to be told to go away Wednesday night.

It took more than an hour after the deadline to set up the barricades and establish the cutoff point.

“You tell these people!” said one of a line of Defense officers in frustration as the time passed for the line to end. “We are closed!”

“It’s possible there are 1 million people out there,” said Luca Speoliti, the Civil Defense Department. “They are all concentrated outside St. Peter’s ... We are all working to ensure maximum tranquility.”

The crowd control problems developed hours after the College of Cardinals set April 18 as the start of its conclave in the Sistine Chapel to choose a successor to John Paul, a papal election with new rules and new technological challenges.

“The Vatican is a keeper of secrets without parallel, but there were questions Wednesday about whether the deliberations — and the name of the new pope — could be kept within the frescoed walls in an era of cell phones and now that the cardinals will be allowed to roam freely around the Vatican.”

“They’ve assured us there are ways to block all communications and conversations,” Chicago Cardinal Francis George said.

“Their taking precautions to prevent outside interference, no cell phones, no laptops, nothing.”

The severest of punishments — including excommunication and "grave penalties" noted out by the pope himself — awaiting anyone who breaks the sacred oaths of secrecy.

John Paul set out the penalties in a 1996 document, giving cardinals who will choose his successor a set of detailed guidelines to ensure the centuries-old process of electing a pope is safe in the modern age.

In it, he called for a clean sweep by "trustworthy" technicians of the Sistine Chapel and adjoining rooms to prevent bugs and other audiovisual equipment from being installed. He banned telephone access.

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said the cardinals would celebrate a morning Mass on April 18, then be seated on the Sistine Chapel in the early afternoon for their first ballot.
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Crisis and the revelation that many predatory priests had been relocated rather than removed caused many Catholics to desire a greater voice in choosing local church leaders. The Vatican crisis and the revelation that local leadership could have many predatory priests had been relocated rather than removed in their own diocese, and I think the pope was a model of the universal Church," Kaveny said. "The next call will be working out a fruitful relationship between the local and the universal Church."

Many have said John Paul II breathed life into the priesthood, inspiring new American priests to follow in his conserva­
tive footsteps. The work of these bishops to address the situation breathed new life into the priest­
sers in the priesthood, key role in shaping the Church. "The shrinking ranks have dropped by more than 15,000 during John Paul II's pontificate."

"I associate professor of history professor Robert Sullivan said, in response, that it is important to note the decline in the number of priests in America under John Paul II's reign is not an indication of an unstable relationship with the U.S. Church. The shrinking numbers are apparent all over the world and are not character­
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goal was "to make Notre Dame a more diverse place, not just on campus," according to Galvin. Diversity Awareness Week, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Week and the Board of Trustees report focusing on equality as last year's key committee projects.

New chair Sarah Liu said the committee needs to be different from last year's due to the addition of a Minority Affairs committee and men­tion­
hioned her biggest goal, a diversity retreat to be held next August. Liu said the retreat would cover race, religion, class and GLBT issues. Shappell, who previously served as Gender Issues committee chair, discussed last year's Sexual Assault Awareness Week and Eating Disorders Awareness Week and development within the Gender Resource Center.

Incoming chair Ali Wishan said the committee would focus on awareness weeks as well as peer inter­
vention. "I believe in a referenced health and counseling center websites, resident assist­
ant and raptor training and increased male involve­
moment.

Residence Life committee chair Sarah Bates cited the projects involving a 24-hour cop machine in the LaFortune cluster, a "Flex 10" meal proposal and a student discount at the LaFortune key to last year's committee.

Student body president Dave Barna said new RealLife chair Mark Seiler and said this year would build off of past proj­
jects as well as work to get to-go cups in the dining hall, printers in every dorm, 24-hour spaces with wire­
less Internet access and a comprehensive report about a new student center.

"We want to be proactive about what we want," Barna said.

Former University Affairs committee chair Katie Boyle said last year's group worked on issues that affect students' everyday lives, such as Fair Trade coffee in the din­
ing halls and LaFortune as well as basketball tickets, among other projects.

Incoming chair Matt Walsh discussed his overall view of the committee, defining its area of concern as University policy that affects students and their lives and saying it would potentially target issues such as the dome scaffolding con­
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Liz Kozlow, chief executive assistant and last year's Oversight committee chair, said last year's group exam­
ined the student government constitution for inconsistencies and tried to change the transi­tion date, among other proj­
ектs.

Returning senator and new committee chair Sujal Pandya said this year's Oversight com­
mittee would continue last year's work, making minor changes in the constitution to increase efficiency and setting up a master calendar.

Minority Affairs, chaired by Rhea Boyd, and Community Relations, chaired by Carmen Zurman, will be ad hoc com­
mittees that will be soon be defined in further detail, Shappell said.

Shappell noted committees will be composed of both sena­
tors and non-senator members, since anyone can apply to be a member. Some committees have up to 15 to 20 members, Shappell said.
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**California winery shipments increase**

BERKELEY, Calif. — Wine shipped by California wineries to U.S. markets increased by 3 percent in 2004, which experts attributed to a recovering economy and increased wine consumption. Overall, California wineries shipped 428 million gallons of wine to U.S. markets in 2004, according to the Gomberg-Fredrickson report compiled by wine analyst Jon Fredrickson.

- The San Francisco-based Wine Institute, which released the figures Tuesday, estimated retail value of the shipments at $15 billion.
- "The market's rebounding in a big way," Wine Institute spokesperson Gladys Hirchini said.
- In previous years, surplus wines such as zinfandel had been turned into wine bleeding down prices, is dry up.
- That means bargain prices could evaporate, too, said Robert Smiley, a business professor at the University of California, Davis.

**MCI rejects Qwest's buyout offer**

DENVER — The board of MCI Inc. has rejected an $8.9 billion buyout proposal from Qwest Communications, opting instead to go with a lesser offer from a different competitor.

In a statement early Wednesday, the MCI board said the company was not will- ing to jeopardize the certainty of its Verizon agreement for the uncertainties surrounding the Qwest proposal.

Qwest Communications International Inc., which has made three bids for MCI over the past year, will evaluate its situation before deciding its next move. Qwest spokesman Steve Hammack said Tuesday night.

- We are weighing our options, and shareholders will dictate the next steps in the process," Hammack said. "MCI's board of directors has chosen to reject what we believe is a superior offer to acquire MCI."
FDA to reconsider ban on breast implants

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government is considering lifting a ban on most silicone-gel breast implants, but federal scientists question whether there's enough evidence indicating how long women will last inside a woman's body — or what health risks may result if they do.

The Food and Drug Administration will consider the issue in a three-day meeting with its scientific advisers next week. The meeting is a key hurdle in determining whether the implants can re-enter the market. Since 1992, they have been available only to women enrolled in strictly controlled research studies because of fears they could cause major health problems.

The implants have been largely exonerated of causing such serious illnesses as cancer or lupus. But painful scar tissue that can form around the implants, breaks that require surgery to remove or replace implants, and other complications remain contentious.

FDA told manufacturers that it wouldn't lift restrictions on its implants sale until questions about breakage in particular are settled.

The FDA posted documents on the controversy on its Web site Wednesday.

Competitors Inamed Corp. and Mentor Corp. believe they've met that requirement, arguing that breast implants, just like pacemakers or metal hip replacements, don't last forever but that newer generations are acceptably durable. They're better than salt water-filled implants that U.S. women can buy today, Inamed Vice President Dan Cohen said.

Broken implants don't always cause immediate symptoms, some doctors have reported.

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Gay civil unions bill approved

Unlike Vermont, no court pressure motivates Connecticut vote

WASHINGTON — The state Senate has approved a landmark bill that would make Connecticut the first state to recognize civil unions between same-sex couples without being pressured by the courts.

Senators debated for nearly four hours on Wednesday before voting 27-9 in favor of the bill, which would give gay and lesbian couples many of the same rights as married couples.

Vermont has approved civil unions, but only after a lawsuit by same-sex couples.

"We stand today before a portal to history," said Democratic Sen. Andrew McDonald, one of a handful of openly gay lawmakers. "I ask you to pass through it.

Proponents say the legislation will likely clear the House of Representatives, possibly as early as next week. Republican Gov. M. Jodi Rell has not taken a stand on the bill, but has said she supports the concept of civil unions.

Brian Brown, executive director of the Family Institute of Connecticut, maintained that most voters do not support same-sex marriage, and he called the vote "a slap in the face of democracy.

"This is same-sex marriage by a different name," Brown said.

The vote came a day after Kansas became the 18th state to pass a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage. Thirty other states passed such prohibitions last year, while Alabama, South Dakota and Tennessee plan elections next year on constitutional bans.

Gay rights proponents originally hoped to pass a bill similar to the Massachusetts law by year-end, but said it's too early to say whether the legislature will consider same-sex couples in marriage. But legislative leaders determined there was more political support this session for Vermont-style civil unions, which extend the same rights and privileges of marriage, but without the marriage license.

According to the 2000 census, there were 7,490 same-sex couples in Connecticut.

Six of the Senate's 12 Republicans and 21 of the 24 Democrats voted for the bill. Six Republicans and three Democrats voted against it.

Civil union supporters said the state should be proud to voluntarily extend basic human rights to thousands of gay and lesbian couples.

I believe that our most precious and important job is to make sure the rights of all our citizens are protected where they exist and expanded where they don't exist," said Democratic Sen. Mary Ann Handley, who is part of a group of legislators who plan to press for gay marriage in Connecticut.
Mbeki helps warring factions agree on disarmament, new elections

Associated Press

CAPE TOWN — Ivory Coast's warring factions agreed Wednesday to end hostilities and make plans for new elections in a bid to prevent a renewed explosion of violence in the world's leading cocoa producer.

The agreement followed four days of talks in Pretoria mediated by South African President Thabo Mbeki, who summoned all sides to his country's capital to try to rescue the peace process. The negotiations were the factions' first face-to-face meeting since civil war flared up again last fall in the West African nation.

"The parties...hereby solemnly declare the immediate and final cessation of all hostilities and the end of the war through the national territory," said the agreement signed in Pretoria.

"In this regard, they unequivocally repudiate the use of force as a means to resolve differences among themselves," the accord said, acknowledging the "untold misery and suffering" inflicted on the Ivorian people and the disastrous economic repercussions of the fighting.

Ivory Coast has been split between the rebel-held north and loyalist south since a failed coup attempt in January. Peace talks had run for two extra days.

To promote fairness and transparency, the agreement said the United Nations would be invited to participate in an Independent Electoral Commission comprising representatives of both the ruling party and rebels.

The accord also gave a more prominent role to the prime minister, who is regarded as much more moderate and conciliatory than Gbagbo.

However, the trickiest issue — the eligibility of presidential candidates — was not finalized. The current constitution contains a clause that all presidential candidates be second-generation Ivorians. As it stands, the clause effectively bars Ouattara — a former prime minister who is considered Gbagbo's main opponent — from running.

But that doesn't mean the migrants have given up. Most remain determined to cross and will simply avoid the 25-mile stretch of desert between Agua Prieta and Naco, where volunteers from the "Minuteman Project" are guarding the U.S. side of the border.

"I just said it was too risky to cross and to wait for him, but he never came back," Mercado said.

Mercado, like most migrants trying to cross into the United States from this dusty border city, had been unaware of the Minuteman Project, despite extensive news media coverage of the group. But after observing the volunteers, he decided to try anyway, sleeping on the ground in the border of empty tuna cans when they were spotted by Grupo Beta agent Hector Salazar.

"They at least have a reason to cross and to wait for him, but they are not trying to cross," de la Rosa said. "We are not trying to stop them, we are just trying to discourage them from crossing."
AFGHANISTAN
U.S. military copter crash kills 16 people

Associated Press

KABUL — A U.S. military helicopter returning from a mission smashed into the southern Afghan desert Wednesday, killing at least 16 people in the deadliest military crash since the fall of the Taliban in late 2001.

An Afghan official said most of the dead appeared to be Americans.

The CH-47 Chinook was returning to the sprawling base north of Kabul from a mission in the militant-plagued south when it went down near Ghazni city, 80 miles southwest of the capital.

"Indications are it was bad weather and that there were no survivors," said a U.S. spokeswoman, Lt. Cindy Moore. An Afghan official said there were no signs the craft was shot down.

A U.S. military statement said 16 deaths had been confirmed and two other people listed on the flight manifest were "unaccounted for" when the recovery operation was suspended at nightfall.

U.S. officials said the four crew members killed were Americans, but declined to give the nationalities of the passengers. The names of the victims were being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Moore said the transport helicopter was returning from a "routine mission" when controllers lost radio contact. A second Chinook made it safely back to the sprawling base north of Kabul.

Associated Press Television News footage showed dozens of Afghan security forces and officials scurrying round burning wreckage. Strong winds that had whipped thick dust into the darkened sky fanned the flames.

About 17,000 U.S. soldiers are in Afghanistan battling a Taliban-led insurgency and training a new Afghan army.

The top U.S. commander here, Lt. Gen. David Barno, told AP on Tuesday that the military would now train Afghan police and provide intelligence to Afghan forces battling the country's rampant drug industry.
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Celebrities attend Cochran's funeral

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Johnnie Cochran Jr.'s most celebrated clients: O.J. Simpson and Michael Jackson, joined civil rights figures and Hollywood stars at the lawyer's funeral Wednesday, remembering Cochran's cunning legal skills and his commitment to the people he represented.

Cochran, 67, died March 29 of an inoperable brain tumor at his home in Los Angeles He was diagnosed with the tumor in December 2003.

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Schiavo not to be overlooked

Schiavo is more important than Roe v. Wade. In Roe, the Court cancelled abortion because the Court wrongly said the unborn child is not a person whose life is protected by the Fourteenth Amendment’s protection deprivation by the state. The courts do not themselves order abortions. The mother makes that decision. In Schiavo the state itself ordered Terri’s execution. As Columbia law professor Michael Dorf commented on U.S. District Judge Whittemore’s ruling that there was no state action and therefore no Fourteenth amendment violation, “Judge Greer issued an order instructing Michael Schiavo to remove Terri’s feeding tube, even specifying the exact date and time … The state court did not merely stand idly by while permitting Michael to take such action; the court … mandated the disconnection. That right to have counted as state action by a state actor.”

In Schiavo, the state itself executed an innocent woman without the protections mandated for a defendant accused of capital murder or even of shoplifting. Judge Greer found that Terri was in a persistent vegetative state (PVS), in the face of contrary evidence, and that she would want to have her tube removed. He relied on Michael’s testimony despite Michael’s conflicting statements and despite his conflict of interest that should have caused his removal as guardian. The Florida courts deferred robotically to Greer’s finding which they knew would have done in a criminal death penalty case. Nor would a convicted murderer’s desire to die be considered by any court as a justification for sentencing him to death. The federal courts refused Terri’s right to have been heard by her family and caregivers. In moral terms it is murder. A benevolent motive does not change that reality. Judge Greer did not to be overlooked in his nullification of Roberta Schiavo’s constitutional right to life. In Schiavo the state itself executed a patient out of the state courts to a federal
court. Governor Bush also abdicated his responsibility by his deference to Judge Greer’s order execution. Schiavo is important for reasons beyond judicial abuse. Since the Roe v. Wade in 1976, the law allows a competent adult to starve and dehydrate himself to death. This is a form of suicide. If a person is incompetent, food and water may legally be withheld from him if there is evidence that he would have wanted that withholding or, in some states, if a court decides that the withholding would be in his best interest. Where the family and caregivers agree that food and water should be withheld, it is commonly done without court involvement. The intent to deprive a patient permanently of food and water is essentially an intent to kill. In moral terms it is murder. A benevolent motive does not change that reality. John Paul II said, “The administration of water and food, even … by artificial means, always [is] a natural means of preserving life, not a medical act.” It is “morally obligatory” as long as it is achieving its goal of “providing nourishment to the patient and alleviation of his suffering.” Food and water do not aim to cure the patient’s underlying disease or the suffering caused by it. They sustain biological life, nourish the body, and prevent the suffering of hunger and thirst. “Death by starvation or dehydration,” said Pope Paul, “is … the only possible outcome … of their withdrawal.”

The only reason anyone heard of Schiavo was because Michael wanted to kill Terri and her parents and siblings did not. An impasse arising from such disagreement was inevitable in a regime which allows family members, who agree, to kill quietly an incompetent rela­
tive. In Schiavo, the focus on PVS, in­cluding Governor Bush’s petition to inter­vene on the ground that Terri might not have been PVS, generated an inference that an indisputably PVS patient would want to end his life. So court consent was in whose courts to order the starvation of PVS patients in reliance on testimony of hostile, court-appointed guardians even against the wishes of family members who want to care for the patient. With diminished public attention, starvation will give way to the painless injection. And the trig­

ering disability will drop below PVS.

In late 1938, the Knauer case, in which Hitler authorized euthanasia of a blind and deformed infant, was the "test case" that "was pivotal for the two killing programs of children and of adults," (Robert Jay Lifton, The Nazi Doctors (1986), 51). Within months the grounds for killing included such defects as cleft palates and "badly modeled ears.” These programs evolved into the Holocaust. It is useless to criticize the Schiavo execution by the state of an inno­

cent, disabled person without con­

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drate an incompetent patient to death when they agree that he would die more. So much is Schiavo is predictable result of the accept­

ance of contraception in which man, of both sexes, assumes the role of arbiter of whether and when life shall begin. Inevitably that role will extend to that of arbiter of whether and when life shall end. The Nazis, as arbiters of the value of life and termination of birth, dis­

aster to Germany, because we are Americans, God will consent to be mocked indefinitely. But it might not be a good idea to count on it.

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Embrace the season

The death of Pope John Paul II on Saturday has left the world mourning the loss of a great man and wondering who will be selected to lead the Catholic Church at this critical time. Luckily for us Americans, however, we have been handed a wonderful distraction from all of our sorrows: the start of baseball season. The first regular season game of the year took place in the Bronx on Sunday night, when the Yankees upended their hated rivals, the Boston Red Sox. For most other teams, however, Monday afternoon marked the start of the 2005 college baseball season. It is no wonder the nation welcomed fans back to cheer on their favorite teams and partake in some of the nation’s most time-honored traditions.

It is rather appropriate that Major League Baseball raised its curtain on Opening Day just as many of its fans found themselves in a state of grief. For over 150 years, baseball has provided Americans with welcome relief during tumultuous times. Though the game is thought to have been invented during the 1840s, it was the Civil War that permitted it to flourish, when Union soldiers playing the game as a way to pass the time during an otherwise grim period. Similarly, baseball provided relief on the home front during the Second World War. Although great players like Ted Williams had to abandon the game in order to defend the country, the major leagues gave Americans an opportunity to root for something other than troop movements and casualties in the morning newspapers. In addition, the war precipitated the formation of the first all-female league, which was immortalized in the Tom Hanks movie A League of Their Own.

Even when baseball was not distracting people from the horrors of war, it still provided people with a temporary escape from their troubles. In order to appreciate baseball’s importance in American culture, one need not look any further than the way in which we have come to idolize those who play the game. Babe Ruth has long been considered a symbol of the fast-paced, excessive lifestyle of the 1920s, Lou Gehrig is looked upon as a source of courage and perseverance in the face of a hopeless situation, and Jackie Robinson’s emergence with the Brooklyn Dodgers is heralded as a key moment in the Civil Rights movement. Not all of these people enjoy the games for the same reasons. Although overpaid players, elevated ticket prices, and staid stadium rules have caused baseball fans to lose some of its innocence, millions of fans still eagerly anticipate hearing the umpire yell “Play ball” for the first time each year. In my hometown of Chicago, the beginning of the baseball season is always an exciting time, as the rivalry between the city’s two teams is renewed. True baseball fans in the Windy City must be either White Sox fans or Cubbies, and simply “rooting for Chicago” is completely unacceptable. As a popular South Side song reiterates, “When it comes to baseball, we have two favorite clubs: the Go-Go White Sox and whoever plays the Cubs!”

As a White Sox fan, the onset of spring always allows me the opportunity to truss talk of my North-side rivals. I usually take some time to remind them that the Cubs have not won a World Series since the Roosevelt Administration (The More Roosevelt that is). Also, I usually make sure that they are aware that Harry Caray spent more seasons as the White Sox announcer than he did as the voice of the Cubs. Finally, I like to point out that, unlike those who flock to Wrigley Field to simply see a friendly face and a game, Sox fans ultimately go to baseball games in order to watch baseball.

In addition to some good natured Cubs-hating, I also enjoy the start of baseball season because it allows me to become reacquainted with many of the institutions that have become a part of my experience growing up. Certainly, I always enjoy ballpark food, and U.S. Cellular Field has some of the best in baseball. In addition to staples such as hot dogs, pretzels and popcorn, “the Cell” also has great pizza, curly fries and churros. In addition to the great cuisine, I also look forward to hearing the familiar tune of the ballpark organ. On opening day, Sean Anker will broadcast the White Sox home opener, with Molly Acker providing an updated “Now It’s Coors Light Time,” the White Sox version of the on-field report. It seems that — surprise, surprise — these people are starting to turn up dead on an increasingly frequent basis.

Obviously, if you are one of the people who believe “one drink is good, so 100 must be a real party,” then you are falling on the smart scale. Buzzzzz! No gene passing for you, plant food! The second group of idiots are those “in power,” who are choosing to punish an entire student body due to the irresponsibility of a handful of people. Because, everyone knows, if you have a problem, just pass a new law. After all, the 18th Amendment — prohibition — solved all sorts of problems.

This flat ban simply begs the question, why should Billy Ray be punished just because Amy Sue is a dolt and drank herself to death?

The answer is that even though Billy Ray didn’t even know Amy Sue, we, as students, are the owners of the planets, part of the problem that caused Amy Sue to die. Although the founders of this country seemed to be a big fan of personal responsibility, it is refreshing to see that such an outmoded and defunct value has not stuck around to plague us.

But why? Well, it seems that our universities are full of idiots. I often find myself wondering why exactly universities are full of two kinds of idiots. The first type consists of binge drinkers. These are people whose sole existence is to consume as much of the cheapest beer around as they can in the shortest possible time. It seems that — surprise, surprise — these people are starting to turn up dead on an increasingly frequent basis.

The University of Oklahoma is experimenting with the 1920s all over again. That’s right; Prohibition. It seems that OU is not the only campus to dry out, either. In fact, many universities around the nation are banning the bottle. But why? Well, it seems that our universities are full of idiots. Actually, it would be more accurate to say that universities are full of two kinds of idiots. The first type consists of binge drinkers.
CONCERT REVIEW

Bob Dylan shines in Chicago

By JULIE BENDEC
Scene Music Critic

"The poet laureate of rock 'n' roll. The voice of the promise of the '60s counter-culture. The guy who forced folk into bed with rock, who donned makeup in the '70s and disappeared into a haze of substance abuse, who emerged to "find Jesus," who was written off as a has-been by the end of the '80s, and who suddenly shifted gears and released some of the strongest music of his career beginning in the late '90s...""

Perhaps the best moment of the night was when Dylan slowed things down with a poignant rendition of "Don't Think Twice, It's Alright." A folk classic he penned in 1963, "Don't Think Twice" has a startling beauty with its sweet melody and bitter-tinged lyrics. On Sunday night, the band gave this normally sparse song a full instrumental backing, which — combined with Dylan's harmonica — left the audience in silent awe.

Despite being 63 years old, Bob Dylan continues to entertain fans with his "Never-Ending Tour." The stage in Chicago to a standing ovation as though this were his last performance on a farewell tour.

Of course, with show dates lined up long into the future, fans know that fortunately, there is no end in sight for the original Song and Dance Man on his "Never-Ending Tour."

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ALBUM REVIEW

Nanook's naiveità a sincere delight

By MATTHEW SOLARSKI
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At the imaginary "37th Annual Concept Album Awards Ceremony in the Sky" (affectionately known as "The Tommies"), Nanook of the North's "The Táby Tapes" would have glowered over the audience with "The Tommies". The same award won by The Mothers of Invention, The Táby Tapes" would have garnered no less than seven Tommies, including "Most Ambiguously Made-Up Band Name". As far as concept records go, "The Táby Tapes" succeeds on so many contradictory levels.

Nanook of the North's many talents — cornet, trumpet, organ, accordion, vocals, and time is money — culminate and coalesce on "The Táby Tapes." If love is universal to humanity, then "The Táby Tapes" are universal to all. Dirty blonde and thin, Nanook of the North's "The Táby Tapes" is one of the most critically acclaimed albums of the year.

The Táby Tapes

Nanook of the North

Hidden Agenda

Behind the scenes, the band has been hard at work on their new album, "The Táby Tapes." The album features a mix of rock, blues, and country, with a nod to the band's Swedish roots. With the release of "The Táby Tapes," Nanook of the North have cemented their place as one of the most innovative bands in the music industry.

WSND-FM TOP 5 SPINS OF THE WEEK: 1) FIERY FURNACES · EP 2) BECK · Guero 3) YO LA TENGA · Prisoners of Love
‘Everything’s OK’ with Al Green

By BECCA SAUNDERS
American Scene Editor

Al Green has finally returned. Although the Reverend Al Green has not been in the business of real soul music since the mid-70s, he has finally returned to full form in his newest album, “Everything’s OK.” The latest album is produced by Willie Mitchell, the producer Green worked with in the early 70s when he earned his title as — according to many listeners — the first real soul artist. The two worked together on a 2003 album called “I Can’t Stop.”

Often considered the first great soul singer of the 70s, the Reverend Al Green shows on “Everything’s OK” that he can still create great music to this day.

Green’s voice does not seem to have aged a day with his falsetto still piercing the beats of many of the songs. The album makes one feel like he has stepped back into the best part of 70s and it is hard to do anything but enjoy it.

While the title track is probably the single best song on “Everything’s OK,” there are many other high points on this generally solid album. There is not a lull on the album “Everything’s OK,” but there are some better ones, such as, “Build Me Up” and the new renditions of the past hits “Perfect to Me,” “You Are So Beautiful!” and “Real Love.”

Green transforms the over-popularized song “You Are So Beautiful!” into the best and most passionately believable version ever sung. With a good mix of upbeat and deeply soulful songs, “Everything’s OK” makes for an album that can simply listen to again and again.

There is no question that “Everything’s OK” in the musical world of the Reverend Al Green — everything is terrible. Although the album is a bit stacked with the best songs on the first half of the track list, the entire album reveals the Green that fans and those who do not know that they are fans yet have waited more than 30 years for. Thank the Lord — the Reverend is back.

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SINGLES ROUNDUP

Aberdeen’s heartfelt pop never clays

By MATTHEW SOLARSKI
Scene Music Editor

Few worthwhile romances begin in whirlwind, Romeo-and-Juliet fashion. Usually, a chance encounter will foster a subtle liking, which over time may evolve into a mutual affinity, which in those few rare and wonderful cases, blossoms into full-fledged amore. When love works, it is because the beloved in question gradually grows upon one another where other suitors have dazzled for a brief time and soon perished. Aberdeen is that new single operator in very much the same manner as the love that works.

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ChiSox rally, edge Indians behind 4-run 9th

Konerko, Dye both homer as White Sox win second straight

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Bob Wickman was consistent: Pretty much everything he threw turned into a hit.

Paul Konerko and Jermaine Dye both homered to lift the Chicago White Sox to a 7-3 win over Cleveland Wednesday to beat the Indians for the second time in their last four meetings.

"I just didn't have it today," Cleveland manager Eric Wedge said. "The ball was up a little bit and a couple of good hits got on them."

Kevin Millwood pitched six scoreless innings in his debut for the Indians, but gave up two batters in the ninth inning Wednesday to beat the Chicago White Sox 3-1.

"I threw strikes and today, obviously, it hurt me," Wickman said.

Carl Everett took a strike, then drove in the winning run, as the Red Sox rallied off Chicago's Mike Williams to win 3-2 Wednesday. Everett homered on a 1-0 pitch. After swinging and missing the next two, he homered to left-center to tie it.

"I'm in that situation his job is to come after me and throw a strike, make me swing the ball and I'm not hitting," Everett said. "I'm not trying to hit a home run. I'm just trying to get a base hit and keep the rally going."

Aaron Rowand took a ball, then doubled, and A.J. Pierzynski was intentionally walked.

"When mention "Wilkie" Willis'" buff was misplayed by Wickman for an error that loaded the bases, and Juan Uribe flied to right as Rowand took the second. Uribe took third on Ben Zobrist's sacrifice fly to right.

The Sox had 46 comeback wins last season, including four during a rally in the ninth inning.

"We've got a group of guys just one year," Harris said. "We're not going to roll over."

Damaso Martinez (1-0) got the win in the ninth inning. "We're not going to swing out of the game like this where we hadn't swung real well in two days. I think it got the guys pumped up," Chicago manager Ozzie Guillen said. "I bet they can't wait for tomorrow to start."

Signed to a $7 million, one-year contract during the off-season, Millwood allowed four hits, struck out one and walked two as his fastball reached 94 mph. He was trying for his 96th career win, his first in the American League.

"Nothing was working a lot," Millwood said. "I didn't locate very well at all. It just seemed like I was able to make a pitch when I needed to, and that kind of got me through it."

Last year, he went 4-9 with a 4.85 ERA for Philadelphia, and the condition of his elbow was a concern to the Indians, who put special clauses in his contract to protect their investment.

Freddy Garcia, acquired by Chicago from Seattle last season, gave up two runs and five hits in six innings, struck out six and walked three. He threw 109 pitches.

Cleveland went ahead in the ninth inning when Grady Sizemore singled and scored on a Ronnie Belliard fielder's choice.

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Rowland doubled and scored on a balk.

Boston 7, NY Yankees 3

NEW YORK — The Boston Red Sox rallied off another comeback against Mariano Rivera, then turned their thoughts to the World Series.

Playinign without their ailing manager, the Red Sox rallied for five runs off Rivera in the ninth inning — helped by Alex Rodriguez's ninth-inning error — and beat New York Wednesday to avoid a season-opening sweep.

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"That put us in a tough position," Boston manager Terry Francona said. "We're thinking about saving him to a healthy dose of boos, but he thought those must have come from Red Sox fans."

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"Even though I walked Mueller, I made my pitches," Rivera said. "After that, I was getting groundballs that were going through the holes. There's nothing you can do against that. I'm fine."

Trot Nixon struck out, Manny Ramirez hit a routine grounder to Rodriguez at third. The three-time All-Star and Elliot was expected to play Friday night against Baltimore, the Yankees said.

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Brewers thump Pirates for second straight day

Rightfielder Carlos Lee homers, drives in four runs in victory

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Brewers manager Ned Yost insisted all spring his offense is much improved, especially with Carlos Lee batting cleanup. Yost has some believers now, many in his own clubhouse.

Lee homered and drove in four runs in his first big game since an offseason trade and Doug Davis pitched effectively over six innings in the Brewers' second rout of the Pirates in as many games, a 10-2 decision Wednesday.

"So far, so good," Lee said after Milwaukee outscored Pittsburgh 19-4 in the two-game series. "We're doing a good job with defense, pitching and we're getting some key hits, big base hits, and that's the way we have to play."

The Brewers dealt popular leadoff hitter Scott Podsednik and reliever Luis Vizcaino to the White Sox for Lee in a deal that wasn't popular with some Brewers fans, but it probably looks a lot better to them now.

"That's why we got him, that's why he's in middle of lineup," Davis said. "(As a pitcher), you can't lay off him in there and expect him to get himself out. You take a look at our lineup, and it's totally different."

Lee hit a two-run double off Kip Wells (0-1) in a four-run first that had some of the 12,077 fans booing even before Pittsburgh batted, then hit a solo homer leading off the fifth. Lee also had a run-scoring grounder in the sixth against reliever John Grabow.

If the Brewers were looking for a positive start after dropping 94 games during a 12th consecutive losing season in 2004, they got it in one of their least-favorite cities.

They went 6-12 against the Pirates last year and, going into the series, were 11-26 in Pittsburgh since PNC Park opened in 2001.

They hadn't won back-to-back there since April 8-9, 2003, a span of 16 games, before following up Monday's 9-2 victory with an even more one-sided win.

"It's going to come in here and win a couple of games from those guys," said Junior Spivey, who had three extra-base hits after striking out four times Monday. "They have good pitchers, a good staff and a young team. It was good to get going against this team."

The Pirates are 0-2 for the first time since 2000 and now seem as eager to get out of Pittsburgh as they were to get there following seven weeks of spring training.

They start a seven-game trip Thursday in San Diego.

"It's only two games, but didn't start the opener so the right-handed hitting Jeff Frye could face Pirates left-hander Oliver Perez, Grillo responded with a double and home run.

Davis was much more effective than Wells, allowing two hits over five shutout innings ahead of Tike Hedman's two-run homer in the sixth. Davis gave up four hits and two runs, walked four and struck out six in five innings.

Like opening-day starter Ben Sheets, Davis is expected to start three times in the Brewers' first 10 games because the team has three off-days during the first two weeks of the season.
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"That’s a thing of beauty for us," Pinella said. "It’s sure make our off day (Thursday) a little better.

Jorge Cantu capped the rally with a three-run homer off Jason Spierer. That came after the Devil Rays overcame a 2-5 deficit on Aubrey Huff’s two-run double off Scott Schoeneweis (0-1) and Chris Singleton’s RBI singe off Spierer.

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"I was wondering what I might think it probably showed, throwing a lot of balls, going deep on hitters," he said. "I’m a guy that likes to get them to put the towel. He was helped to his feet and walked off on his own, then taken for a precautionary CT scan. There was no immediate word on the result.

Silva escaped a bases-loaded jam in the seventh, when the Twins turned their third double play, then gave way to Juan Rincon. Joe Nathan pitched a perfect ninth for his first save as Minnesota won two games in the season-opening series.

Seattle also had a player leave because of an injury, starter Bobby Madritsch, who went out in the fifth with a strained left shoulder. He pitched 4-1-3 innings, allowed three runs and four hits, struck out one and walked one.

The lefty looked good early, retiring his first 10 batters. Then, Nick Punto got Minnesota’s first hit with a one-out single in the fourth. Morneau hit a two-out single to right and Loney drove in a 1-0 pitch an estimated 378 feet over the visitor’s bullpen for a 3-1 lead.

With one out in the fifth, Madritsch sliced off throwing a pitch to Juan Castro. After a conference on the mound, Madritsch replaced by Ryan Franklin. The Twins took a 4-1 lead in the eighth after Jacque Jones’ one-out sacrifice with the bases loaded.

Silva survived a bases-loaded jam in the seventh, after one-out singles by Boone, Paul Biiions and Randy Winn. But he got Den Wilson to ground out at third, where Michael Cuddyer stepped on the bag and tossed it to first for a double play.

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Pettitte leads Astros to their first victory

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Andy Pettitte felt better than he had in a long time, going all the way back to his final game with the New York Yankees almost 18 months ago.

He pitched like it, too.

Pettitte allowed only a solo homer to Reggie Sanders in a strong six-inning season debut, and Mike Lamb's two-run triple in the bottom of the eighth sent the Houston Astros to a 4-1 win over the St. Louis Cardinals on Wednesday night.

"It was great to go back out there and not pitch with a lot of pain," Pettitte said. "I can't tell you how happy I am to go out there and not hurt. It makes you appreciate your health."

Chad Qualls pitched two perfect innings and Brad Lidge got three outs for a save to help Houston complete a three-game losing streak against the Cardinals, dating to Game 6 of the NL championship series last October.

Coming off an elbow injury that ended his season last August, Pettitte proved those painful days of 2004 might finally be behind the hurler.

The last time Pettitte looked healthy, he was wearing plinestripes and pitching in Game 6 of the 2003 World Series.

Washington 7,
Philadelphia 3

PHILADELPHIA — A few players drank beers. Others quietly grooved to hip-hop music. Some simply showered and dressed.

The Washington Nationals have their first win. They're still working on how to celebrate.

Brad Wilkerson hit for the cycle on Wednesday night when he scammed into the woods and huddled around a golf ball, gawking as though it were a meteorite that descended onto August National.

They kneedled over and held their cameras inches from the ball — a swoosh on the right side and "TIGER" printed on the top — and clicked away. Other fans came over and started passing the men their cameras for more pictures.

And it was only a golf ball.

The guy who hit the tee shot some 50 yards off line — right of the trees, right of the gallery and into a small forest of Georgia pines — never showed up. A marshal eventually broke up the crowd and heaved the ball to Woods' caddie.

Tiger Woods is used to this kind of star treatment at Augusta National, where he shattered scoring records as a 21-year-old and already had three green jackets by the time he was 26. But he no longer is the marquee name anymore.

Phil Mickelson is the defending champion when the 64th Masters begins Thursday, and many believe he is primed to join Woods, Nick Faldo and Jack Nicklaus as the only back-to-back winners of a green jacket.

His victory Monday in the BellSouth Classic was his third of the year. And his confidence showed stronger just driving down Magnolia Lane.

"I was walking up the stairs to the champions locker room, being on a golf course where a year ago he birdied five of the last seven holes to capture his first major," Mickelson said. "It's nice to come through when you needed to give me a little of extra confidence," Mickelson said.

Vijay Singh is No. 1 in the world, and has been for all but two weeks in March. And while his only victory this year came in the second week of the season, he is the only player who seems to be around the top of the leaderboard no matter where he plays.

"Vijay is the one that is playing the best at the moment," Sergio Garcia said. "Ernie Els is seeking redemption at Augusta National. Retief Goosen is seeking recognition.

Those two South Africans, along with Mickelson and Singh, all have won majors in the nearly three years since Woods last captured a coveted Grand Slam event.

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Mickelson looks to repeat

Tiger's still drawing crowds, but other demand attention

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — A half-dozen grown men were walking along the 11th fairway Wednesday morning when they scammed into the woods and huddled around a golf ball, gawking as though it were a meteorite that descended onto Augusta National.

"It's a special day to get the first victory," Wilkerson said. "It's nice to win your first game," Nationals manager Frank Robinson said. "It's a good day for us, too."}

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Bulls outlast Magic, win in overtime 102-101

Chandler pulls down 22 rebounds in win

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — The Orlando Magic are running out of time to make a playoff push.

Kirk Hinrich scored 23 points, Tyson Chandler added 15 points and 22 rebounds and the Chicago Bulls beat Orlando 102-101 on Wednesday night to deal the Magic’s postseason hopes a serious blow.

Combined withPhiladelphia’s win over Charlotte, Orlando is 2-1/2 games out of the Eastern Conference’s eighth and final playoff berth with seven games remaining. The Magic have lost three of four, and Grant Hill is out indefinitely with a sore left shin.

"It may look bleak, but I’ve seen stranger things happen," Orlando coach Chris Jent said. "But we can’t keep saying that.

Hill, who has missed three straight games, underwent a CT scan earlier Wednesday and the team hopes to know the results Thursday.

Orlando general manager John Weisbrod said the pain in the shin isn’t related to the ankle woes that sidelined Hill for most of the previous three seasons.

The Bulls’ victory raised the stakes on the heels of a loss at Miami on Tuesday, which snapped their nine-game winning streak. Chicago now has a one-game lead over Washington for fourth place after the Wizards lost 105-93 to Detroit.

"We were happy to be in the playoffs, but we want to win a championship," Jackson said.

The game was never close after the Pacers held the Cavaliers to 10 points in the second quarter. Cleveland made just 3 of 22 shots in the quarter and 36 percent for the game.

LeBron James scored 20 points on 9-of-18 shooting for Cleveland.

James said frustration is mounting for the Cavs, who fired coach Paul Silas on March 21.

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Belles set to challenge MIAA-leading Hope

By KATE SERYAK
Sports Writer

On Thursday, the Belles will take on the Flying Dutch of Hope College in one of their most important conference matchups. Hope, in the midst of a 10-match winning streak, is a team to be reckoned with and could provide a challenge to the top-seeded Belles. Hope has a record of 1-0 in conference play, with a win over Calvin College. Hope's second doubles player, Krisseyak, said, "Every match we play, we want to win. This will be a tough one, but we will come out strong." Hope's doubles team has been a key to their success, as they have won matches against teams with a strong singles presence.

The Belles, on the other hand, have been playing well, with wins against teams like Calvin College. Despite their success, they are aware of the challenge they face against Hope. "We know it's going to be tough," said Krisseyak. "They're a good team, and we have to be prepared."

The match will be held at 4:00 p.m. on the courts at Hope College. Admission is free for students and $5 for adults. It is sure to be a exciting match between two of the top teams in the MIAA.
Team looks to remain hot, extend win streak

By THOMAS BARR
Sports Writer

Notre Dame (21-8) hopes to remain undefeated at home when it faces Ball State (10-23) today.

The Irish have been hot as of late with a 10-game winning streak that is now into its third week. During this time, they have outscored opponents 53-7 and have recorded an impressive .337 batting average.

After playing two doubleheaders in two days, the Irish were given yesterday off. This will be the first meeting between these two teams this season.

The Cardinals ended a four-game losing streak yesterday with an extra inning win at home in Muncie, Ind. Ball State defeated Indiana State in nine innings, 6-5.

The Irish have dealt with bad weather on many occasions this season, having at least ten games postponed or cancelled thus far this year, including segments of tournaments.

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Belles struggle with errors, drop two games to Albion

By BRIAN CARDILE
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's (5-12, 0-4) dropped its eighth and ninth consecutive games today, falling 10-6 and 11-5 to conference foe Albion College.

The Belles offense showed signs of life, producing nine runs in each of the doubleheader's two games, but the defense committed eight errors on the afternoon, allowing six unearned runs to cross the plate.

Saint Mary's played well in the first game of the double dip and led 4-3 going into the sixth inning. But Briton Jlesse Langel singled in Jenelle Vleck — who had reached base earlier on an error — to tie the game at 4-4.

In the top of the eighth, the Britons pushed two across, taking a 6-4 lead. The Belles fought back, knotting the game at 6-6 after a sacrifice bunt by Sarah Miesle and an RBI double by McKenna Corrigan.

The next two batters flew out, however, leaving Corrigan stranded at second.

The game went to a second extra frame, where the Britons pulled away, scoring four runs to make the final score 10-6.

The second half of the doubleheader had a promising beginning for Saint Mary's. The Belles got on the board early, when Corrigan hit another RBI double in the first inning that scored Audrey Gajor. The hit would have netted two runs but Laura Ileline was called out in a close play at home to end the inning and the threat.

Albion countered with four runs in its half of the inning, taking a lead that team would never relinquish.

Saint Mary's pulled within one at 4-3 in the third inning, but the Britons scored the next five runs to pull away, eventually winning the game 11-5.

The six errors committed by the Saint Mary's defense made any chance of a comeback near impossible.

The young Belles squad showed promise throughout the afternoon, but had trouble stringing together good innings, which allowed a very consistent Albion team to notch the two victories.

The wins were the first and second for the Britons in MIAA play. Saint Mary's fell to 0-4 in the conference and will need to put forth a strong effort as the season progresses if they hope to make any noise in the conference.

The Belles play away this Saturday, meeting Adrian College. They return to Saint Mary's April 14 for a double-dip against Hope College.

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Pitching and fielding are costing Irish dearly

A year ago, Notre Dame's 12th loss was its last — a 7-6 defeat to Arizona in the NCAA tournament on June 6.

This season, the Irish surpassed that loss total Wednesday with a one-sided, 14-5 manhandling from Ball State at Frank Eck Stadium.

After being swept in a doubleheader for only the seventh time in their Big East history with two losses Monday in Rutgers, the Irish stumbled again in uncharacteristic fashion.

They couldn't get any key hits. They couldn't field, tallying five errors. And they certainly couldn't pitch.

Two of the three reasons for Wednesday's loss also explain why the Irish are struggling.

While the Irish have been consistent — averaging 7.5 runs per contest — Notre Dame's staff has been anything but.

Paul Mainieri teams have always prided themselves on solid pitching. But this season, the arms are a weakness. The teams' ERA hovers around 5.11, with opposing batters batting .314. Two of Notre Dame's better pitchers from 2004, Tom Thornton and Jeff Samardzija, are just 5-6 combined with ERAs of 5.59 and 6.04, respectively.

Not having the team's top four pitchers from the beginning of last season isn't helping the situation, either. Chris Niesel and Grant Johnson both left school early for the Major League draft, and current starters Jeff Mansfield and John Axford are slowly recovering from arm problems and kept both out for all of 2004.

The biggest change is that you've got two power arms with Niesel and Johnson [gone]," Mainieri said. "When Johnson came back [from injury] we basically had two No. 1s." Axford, who was drafted in the seventh round of the 2001 draft by Seattle, showed he's not back to form yet, yielding five earned runs and five walks in just 1 1/3 of an inning Wednesday. Mansfield has only logged 5 1/3 innings this season.

"That's eating at me more than anything else," Mainieri said. "Infield defense has been a concern and that has been our Achilles' Heel all year. I've always taken great pride in our fielding defense."

"I know we have the players. We just haven't done it," Ball State built a 14-0 lead with two more runs in the seventh inning before the Irish got on the board in the bottom of the seventh.

A single by Eddie Smith scored Greg Lopez to get the Irish their first run. Matt Edwards hit his 11th homerun of the season after Smith's single to make the score 14-1. The Irish got their fifth and last run of the game in the eighth when Matt Bransford scored on a fielder's choice.

The Irish travel to Boston College this weekend for a three-game series.

"I've coached over 1,300 games and with the start to the game that we had, it would have been a daunting task," Mainieri said. "I don't want to make more out of it than it is."

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those runs were earned as the Irish committed three errors in that inning and five overall on the game. Those lapses in defense — 13 errors in past three games for the Irish is con­cerning Mainieri more than his pitching staff's strug­gles.

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was one of the primary deciding factors in the win. "We took the game seriously," Vega said. "We came to win."

Play High Score High 21, Rhodes 14

Captain Niklas Doebler's team entered its game Wednesday with high hopes in mind. But following its win over Rhodes, the team walked off the court with high expectations.

Doebler's Play High Score High relied on its slight height advantage and solid rebounding on route to a 21-14 victory. Early on in the game, Alumni sophomore fan Nate Barbera predicted size would be the deciding factor in the match up. "It has kind of been a back and forth game," Barbera said. "I think height might become a factor as the game goes on. Rhodes will get tired of jumping for the ball."

Barbera's prediction proved correct. Rhodes jumped out to an early 9-7 advantage and appeared as if it would maintain that lead throughout the remainder of the game. But Play High Score High quickly surged back to narrow the lead at 9-9 over their visibly worn opponents just before the end of the half. From that point on, the team turned on its jets and played a much more offensive-minded game, scoring four consecutive points in the second half. "It just took us a while to get adjusted and used to the screen," off-campus senior Todd White said. "Once we got up 11-9, we never looked back."

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Thursday, April 7, 2005

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Seabiscuit 21, Number 1 13

In a game that pitted the all-male Seabiscuit team against the all-female Number 1 team, the matchup proved to be a battle of more than just the sexes. Wednesday night's game was one that set height against speed. Ultimately, Seabiscuit's height was the decisive factor in the team's 23-13 victory.

"We couldn't stop them inside," Saint Mary's senior Katie Boyce of Number 1 said. "We just didn't expect it. I think if we had a chance to play them again, we would have used Caitlin Conaty more at the post and we would have key-roped Deirdre Mangen more."

Number 1 kept Seabiscuit racing up and down the court and played with an aggressive defense. With their strength lying in outside shooting, the Number 1's made the matchup more competitive than the score indicated.

Saint Mary's senior Katie Boyce of Number 1 said she was proud of her teammates, saying they played with a lot of heart. "We were playing for every girl in America," Boyce said. But despite a hard-fought effort from Number 1, Seabiscuit secured a 14-11 advantage and kept their opponents at arm's length for the remainder of the game.

"We came out flat in the second half, but after that we picked it up and pulled together," Stanford sophomore Kevin Paus said. After their triumph over Number 1, the members of Seabiscuit walked off the courts admittedly relieved. "We were just trying to retain our pride," Stanford senior Brandon McNee said. "They played really well."

Stanford junior Tim Rohman agreed. "We had the luck of the Irish with us tonight," Rohman said.

Peasant's quest 21, LA BAM 11

Sometimes the best offense is a good defense. Peasant's quest exemplified this mantra, capitalizing on their height advantage and dogged defense to create scoring opportunities.

Peasant's quest utilized aggressive play and solid blocking to overcome their opponents' attempts at scoring. Although LA BAM showcased a solid passing game, they were unable to capitalize on their scoring opportunities.

By half-time, Peasant's quest had the game in hand. The team jumped out to an early 15-5 advantage — a lead it never relinquished.

Once Peasant's quest started making shots, they afforded LA BAM little opportunity for scoring.

The team quickly gained control of the pace of the game to wear out their opponents. Fueled by an especially potent offense in the second half, Peasant's quest walked off the courts with a 21-11 win to extend their Booksore Basketball run.

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field come next fall.
"We got a lot of young guys on the d-line ... everybody's fighting for position," Leitko said. "For me, I want to be starting, I want to be out there on the d-line."

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"It's all about making plays. I'm getting the defenses down, the technique, where I'm supposed to be," Justin Brown, a current 6-foot-3, 240-pound freshman defensive end/linebacker, has impressed defensive coordinator Rick Minter to the point where he is throwing his name out there with Leitko and Frome.

"We got Leitko and Frome competing right now, and they are both doing a good, solid, steady job," Minter said. "You've got Justin Brown (who's a little bit limited in terms of a minor injury. He's the youngest of that lot too, and that shows up, but he's got some promise. I like the way Brown is beginning to show up, but he's just a pup."

A lot of questions regarding the defensive line will undoubtedly be answered as the spring practices progress. But whatever happens, it will not be for lack of intensity or effort from the Irish players.

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Charlie Weis
defensive coordinator

"We's said.

"Somebody's making money off of me. My son called me up this morning and it was kinda funny, he goes, "Daddy, do you get a cut of that action?" and I said "No Charlie, I don't get a cut of that action," Weis said. "I understand marketing and all that stuff, but I think the most important thing is for people to understand that nasty is not a negative, nasty is a positive."

"After practice on Monday, Weis spoke about how the offense was dominated by the defense. The team was coming off Sunday and Monday when they had not practiced."

"The offense and defense broke out of their isolated drills early into practice Tuesday, and lined up 11-on-11. Coach Weis was asked about why they had gone into that so early in practice and Weis replied in a firm, matter of fact manner."

"We had 11-on-11 early today because I wasn't very happy about it yesterday," Weis said.

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**BASEBALL**

**Unlucky 13**

Axford gives up six runs in one-third of an inning as Irish fall

By MATT LOZAR
Senior Staff Writer

Heading into Wednesday's game against Ball State, Irish coach Paul Mainieri expected a wide range of possibilities for John Axford's first start since 2003. Unfortunately for Mainieri and the Irish, Axford's start came up on the disappointing end of the range. Axford pitched 1/3 of an inning, walked five of the eight batters he faced and allowed six runs, five earned, as the Irish dug themselves too much of a hole in losing to the Cardinals 14-5 at Frank Eck Stadium.

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"I knew this was a possibility. He's had some control issues with his whole career. Even when he was throwing great he had control issues. I knew the possibility existed that that could happen, but I just felt like for all he's done for the program, I just needed to run him out there and give him a chance. Unfortunately, he just struggled like crazy. Once we got off to a bad start against a good ball club, it was an uphill battle. I just can't give up on the kid," Mainieri said.

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**FOOTBALL**

Defense looks to stay tough without Tuck

Several players hope to fill void left when star decided to go pro

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
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Coming into the season, the Irish clearly have a huge missing piece on the defensive line. A 6-foot-4, 265-pound missing piece.

That's not to say that anyone involved with Notre Dame football is noticeably worried about the absence of Justin Tuck. After all, it's a new season and there is a new coaching staff.

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**BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXIV**

Tournament in full swing on second day

Ballers crush Team 536; Seabiscuit also takes down Number 1

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

Fueled by an opportunist offense and a patient defense, the Ballers overpowered Team 536, 21-11, Wednesday night.

Although the Ballers seemed a little unsure in the first minutes of the game, they quickly recovered and gained enough composure to pull ahead of their slamming opponents, 6-3. From that point on, a win seemed certain as the Ballers extended their lead.

Off-campus junior fan Matt Goulai was quick to point out attributes that made the Ballers so successful.

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Abiamiri echoed his coach's thoughts.

"We're rotating a lot to see what kind of abilities everyone has, giving everybody equal chances," Abiamiri said. "I'm not sure how it's going to be when the season comes around, but hopefully we'll have a nice rotation going and keeping guys fresh in there."

The Irish's coach is no secret to Leitko, who expressed his own desire to be on the playing line.

"It's time to get serious. Notre Dame 15-23, coming off a disheartening loss at Dartmouth, is heading into a weekend where it will take on Delver Thursday and Air Force Saturday. The two games are imperative to Notre Dame's chances of receiving an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament starting May 14. If the Irish win out in their remaining four games, they will win the Great Western Lacrosse League and receive an automatic berth. Before they worry about that, however, they will have to defeat Denver 5-2, an extremely talented Great Western Lacrosse League team that has yet to play a league game."

The Irish are going to face a real challenge, because Denver is a very good team and our guys know that," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "But I think we're a good team too." The one-goal, 10-9 loss to Dartmouth was tough as the Irish allowed two goals in the final three minutes, but Corrigan is confident his team will be able to rebound.

"I think we'll bounce back well," Corrigan said. "I think that last weekend was a tough weekend. I think we knew we had to fill a void and we need to realize that our guys are excited."