Faculty Senate

Faith impacts political choices, lecturer says

By KATHLEEN MCDONNELL
News Writer

Catholics need to connect their education with Church principles and apply this to life situations, said John Carr, director of the department of social development and world peace, the national public policy agent of the U.S. conference of Catholic Bishops.

Carr, the featured speaker in the "Faithful Citizenship: Religion and Politics in 2006," lecture, drew more than 50 students and faculty members to the Eck Center Auditorium Tuesday night for the second part of the Center for Social Concerns’ "Democratic Matters: An Interdisciplinary Study of the Mid-Term Elections" series.

Carr challenged students to engage themselves in politics and to do so while carefully considering Catholic social teaching.

Recounting his youth in a "mixed marriage" household, that is, as the son of a formerly Republican mother and formerly Democratic father — Carr said neither party aligns perfectly with Catholic teaching.

"I learned at an early age that as Catholics, we can express our values in different ways, in different parties," Carr said. "When people talk about the [singular] Catholic vote, I assume they don’t know many Catholics."

With questions of morality and ethics at the heart of current political debate, Carr said both the positive implications, as well as the negative of dissent, respect for the University’s mission, and a willingness to enter into conversations. Jenkins, reading a prepared statement, said he was grateful for the group’s draft and "agreed in general spirit" with it. He did express reservations about several of its points, but said his disagreement could be addressed within the broader frame of his agreement with the statement.

"My primary concern is about clarity about what the statement means," Jenkins said. Jenkins went on to say the University President Father John Jenkins answers questions posed by faculty members at the Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday.

Military recruiting protected

Law school will not be affected by ruling

By MARY KATE MALONE
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The Supreme Court’s ruling Monday upholding a statute that deprives U.S. law schools of federal funding if they do not allow military recruiters on their campuses will not change any policies at the Notre Dame Law School, associate dean John Robinson said Tuesday.

The Supreme Court’s unanimous ruling (6-0) upholds the Solomon Amendment — a fund-blocking provision that keeps federal money from U.S. law schools that refuse to allow military recruiters onto their campuses. But since the Law School already allows the military to interview and recruit its students, the recent ruling will not affect its funding from the federal government.

"As far as I know, we have no need to change anything in light of this decision ... to the best of my knowledge the law school ... has no reason to change any of its policies," Robinson said.

The Solomon Amendment strips law schools and their affiliated universities of their access to federal funds if they do not allow the military to interview on campus. Some law schools have refused to allow the military to recruit because of the military’s career Center board will involve students

By MARCELA BERRIOS
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Choosing a career path often fills many students with uncertainty and anxiety — but the struggle just may have gotten a little easier.

The Career Center has announced its intentions to create a Student Advisory Board, which will assist in the organization and improvement of the Center’s work-shops and other events and thus improve the quality and the level of student involvement in the services the Center provides.

Student representatives on the board can also expect to gain much from their close interaction with the Career Center, as they will be personally working and brainstorming with the Center’s staff and the variety of employers that visit campus, said Career Center Director Joe Svet.

Svet said there is a need for a permanent channel through which students can participate in the development of the Center’s activities.

"We want a more consistent representation of the student body to provide feedback of our events, employer activities, recruiting and the best methods for reaching students," Svet said.
INSIDE COLUMN

Obsessed with ‘24’

Like life, ‘24’ is in a box of chocolates, and even though I have not missed a single episode in the show’s 5-year run, and even though I can quote with disturbing precision Jack Bauer’s words, I still never know what to expect. Monday night was completely and devastatingly shocking even to this unhealthily obsessive fanatic. Beware if you have not seen this week’s episodes, as there are details coming up next that will rivet the new twin our favorite terrorist drama has taken.

I am still processing the new crisis that has developed within the walls of the Counter Terrorist Unit, when government agency that all real government agencies should try to imitate. The enemy once again managed to breach CTU, which happened in the past already, so for the last few weeks I’ve been displeased with recent stories of mole, biological threats and the unfailing presence of a CTU director that wants Jack Bauer arrested for ignoring protocols. I suppose life and ‘24’ have ups and downs.

I was starting to get restless with these plain milk chocolates, but then the creative masterminds and Kiefer Sutherland gave me the long-awaited chocolate. The handful of Cholocate’s lower left corner and did not adhere to the fiber of the canvas, officials told the Detroit Free Press. It left a chemical residue about the size of a quarter, said Becky Hart, assistant curator of contemporary art. Potent whisky made with 17th century recipe

OFFBEAT

Boy ruins pricey painting with wad of gum

DETROIT — Apparently, one 12-year-old visitor to the Detroit Institute of Arts doesn’t think much of abstract art. The boy stuck a wad of gum to a $1.5 million painting called “The Bay” by Helen Frankenthaler, leaving a stain the size of a quarter, officials said.

The boy, who was not identified because of his age, was part of a school group that was visiting the museum last week when officials said he took a piece of gum out of his mouth and stuck it on the 1963 painting. The gum stuck to the painting’s lower left corner and did not adhere to the fiber of the canvas, officials told the Detroit Free Press. But it left a chemical residue about the size of a quarter, said Becky Hart, assistant curator of contemporary art.

Potent whisky made with 17th century recipe

LONDON — Following a 17th century recipe, one of the eight artisanal whisky producers on the tiny Scottish Isle of Islay will produce a dozen barrels of 184-proof whisky, the company announced. That’s 92 percent alcohol, which is about as strong as whisky can get in a pharmacy.

“The first taste affects all the members of the body,” a 1695 description of the elixir reads. “Two spoonfuls of this last liquor is a sufficient dose — if any man should exceed this, it would presently stop his breath, and endanger his life.”

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

Dean of First Year Studies Hugh Page gave a lecture titled “Life Beyond Instant Message, Facebook, and Cellphones: Silence, Selecting Disengagement and Self Discovery” in the Coleman-Morse Center Tuesday.

IN BRIEF

The Notre Dame women’s lacrosse team will face Lehigh University at 4 p.m. today at Moose Krause Field.

The film “Pride and Prejudice” will be shown at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Call 1-2800 for tickets.

The Faculty Senate is sponsoring a discussion forum called “Academic Freedom at a Catholic University” today at 3 p.m. in 141 DeBartolo Hall. It is open to all members of Faculty Senate.

Joyce Majiwa, chairperson of the International Federation of Women Lawyers, Kenya Chapter, will speak at Saint Mary’s Thursday at 5 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge. Her lecture is titled “Women and Leadership in Times of Change: A Personal Reflection.”

The conference “Health Care in an Increasingly Health-Obsessed Culture” will begin Thursday at 6 p.m. in McKenna Hall and will run through Saturday. The conference will bring together undergraduate students from Notre Dame and other institutions with medical professionals to discuss the complexities of modern medicine.

The women’s tennis team will face Western Michigan at 3:30 p.m. Friday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The men’s lacrosse team will face Western Michigan at 3:30 p.m. Saturday in Lollar Field.

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will affect juniors much differently than freshmen, he said.

"The people it affects the most are going to be anyone who declares the major from now on, although they won't be involved in the transitions."

The three changes include a new introductory course for all English majors, a restructuring of literary-history or "traditions" courses and limiting research seminars to seniors only.

The most noteworthy of the changes will abolish all methods courses in favor of English 3101, entitled "Introduction to Literary Studies," which will act as a prerequisite for majors-level elective courses.

"The introductory course will significantly change students' experience of the major in that it sets up a prerequisite structure so that in every elective there will be certain things that the professors can assume that all students know," Hendler said.

Hendler said students and professors alike had been displeased with the lack of an introductory course. Though students were often satisfied with methods courses and professors, there simply was not enough standardization, he said.

"Often students spoke highly about their individual instructor and the individual course they'd taken, but when they talked to another student in another methods class, they didn't feel like the two had much in common," Hendler said. He hopes the introductory course will focus on elective topics rather than reiterating more basic concepts like how to construct a bibliography.

Students who declared the English major before February 2006 will only be affected by this change if they did not take a methods course, in which case they will need to take the introductory course instead.

The second change is a reframing of survey courses to make them more flexible, Hendler said. "Traditions" courses will continue to be offered, but over time, there will be other ways to fulfill the literary history requirements.

"The canon of literature has expanded quite a lot in recent decades, and our survey courses, designated as 'American Literary Traditions' and 'British Literary Traditions,' left out whole regions of the world in which people were writing great literature," Hendler said. "We're committed to a breadth of knowledge but wanted to give faculty a little bit of leeway in how to map that broad knowledge." According to Hendler, most universities have a straightforward distribution requirement model, putting Notre Dame in the minority.

"Few people argued for a distribution requirement model, in part because we were kind of committed to the survey, to the breadth of knowledge and a sense of literary history having some continuity," he said. "In having survey courses we're not unusual, but we're in the smaller camp."

The last change being implemented in Fall 2006 will block juniors from taking the research seminar, because it was felt that the research seminar is meant to be — according to the English Department Web site — "a capstone experience" and therefore should be taken during senior year.

The only exception to this rule will be honors students. Hendler said the changes are "not drastic," and will not seriously alter the complexion of the English major.

Sophomore Christopher Wodika said the changes probably will not make a big difference as he pursues his English degree.

"They don't really affect me because most of the changes are to courses I've already taken," he said. "The only thing that really affects me is the research seminar (that I can only take senior year)."

It's too early to know if the changes will be positive or negative, Wodika said.

"It's hard to tell right now. They're changing the 'traditions' courses to something else, but since they really haven't changed these yet, I can't really say."

According to the English Department's Web site, the current English major requirements after the changes are the "Introduction to Literary Studies" course, three literary-historical surveys, five elective courses in English and the research seminar to be taken senior year.

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**EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH PLUTO HIMSELF:**

**INSIDE:**

Jupiter turns himself into a FLY!!! Eurydice thinks he's HOT!!!

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**SCANDAL IN PARADISE!**

Eurydice Does Orpheus CARE?

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**FIND OUT ON APRIL 7 AND 8 IN WASHINGTON HALL!**
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discussions he has participated in since Jan. 23 and 24 addresses on academic freedom and Catholic church have shown thatinus can make a great deal of difference in how the conversa-
tions proceed. He pointed to the series "Gay and Catholic" Narratives and Spectators — formerly known as the Queer but finding a solution and the process if there are two sets of facts about the issues raised by non-

senators, that groups of both women and men had to be addressed by the play — seen by some as "an affront to Catholicism. " The floor was then opened up to faculty questions and com-

ments or else they would be exer-
cised censure. Associate professor of market-

ing John Gaski later agreed, adding the statement even more critical of the the Artistic expression and possibly "promoting sin, depravity or crime." History professor Gail Bederman clarified, saying "silencing" occurs when some-

thing already in the works is shut down because of fears about conflicts with Catholic val-

ues, not necessarily when it is in the precarious stage of gathering

funding. She went on to say it is esp-
cially important for the University to facilitate student speech, even if "students" say things that are stupid or wrong, because students are learning how to express themselves in ways faculty members are already well-versed in.

There was later a general consen-
sus to rework that portion of the draft statement. After a brief recess, Associate Provost Dennis Jacobs briefly presented two proposals regarding academic evaluation. The first addressed the evalu-
atation of a faculty member's teaching to inform tenure and promotion decisions and whether the current system was adequate.

"TCE's [Teacher Course Evaluations] just can't capture everything, and lack depth," Jacobs said. "We want to report a balanced case about someone's teaching." The proposal enumerated four essentials of a comprehen-
sive evaluation, including course design, implementation, student learning and student perception. It also recommended the selection of representative courses from a faculty member's teaching history for in-depth review.

The second proposal examin-
ed how to better inform students about courses at the time of registration. After over a year of work, the committee came up with a system that would allow students to process both instructor and student-provided infor-
mation about a course, without using TCEs, which are confidential and used for personnel pur-

poses. "Right now, all students can find is outdated course descrip-
tions... or anecdotes from peo-
ple down the hall... or some-
thing like corky-fairy.com, which has no restricted access to it," Jacobs said.

The solution offered is a ques-
tionnaire for faculty members to fill out about their course, com-
plete with information about types of materials taught, manners of teaching and learning and primary learning goals. This information is compiled with information about the courses from the Registrar or the Office of Institutional Research, including enrollment numbers and related courses, as well as student ratings based on a five-question survey handed out with TCEs at the end of each semester.

The questionnaire will be sep-

arate from TCEs, Jacobs assert-
ed, and will not be used in any way for personnel matters, but may be published on the same sheet as the TCE for efficiency purposes.

Though details are still being worked out, Jacobs said the hope was this information would be available only to students in

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A third pilot program for the system will be conducted at the end of this semester.

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Members of Faculty Senate listen to University President Father John Jenkins as he responds to professors' concerns regarding academic freedom at Notre Dame Tuesday in O'Shaughnessy Hall.
International News

Bombs rock Hindu holy city, kill 15
PARANAN, India — A series of coordinated bombings rocks a packed railway station and crowds early morning Thursday in Hinduism's holiest city, killing at least 15 people and injuring dozens in an attack that raised fears of communal violence.

Gases across India were put on high alert as Indian Home Minister Mahesh Goel appeared for calm, said his spokesman, Sanjay R. "We must check that the incident was not the work of a group or a group," he added.

The attacks, which left at least 62 people cars and 45 others were injured. Debris and death occurred.

In Mumbai, the city embroidery, which aired the footage, could not be identified. Why Tom Fox, 24, of Clear Brook, Va., was not shown.

In Toronto, the co-director of Christian Peacemakers Thugs Brij Bhushan, said "we must come to a conclusion that the footage could be used to further the cause of the country."

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Republican leaders to try block deals
WASHINGTON — House Republican leaders on Tuesday took a major step toward blocking a host of government deals that would allow a debate on process nuclear fuel that could be used for weapons.

"We believe that the U.S. should not allow a government-run company to operate American ports," said Ron Bonjoue, a spokesman for House Speaker Dennis Hastert.

The legislation is expected to reach the House next week as part of a $91 billion measure for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and aid for Gulf States recovering from Hurricane Katrina.

GOP House leaders informed the White House staff of their intentions Tuesday.

Local News

Indiana award honors Husbarg

WASHINGTON — The House renewed the USA Patriot Act in a cliffhanger vote Tuesday night, extending terrorism-fighting provisions that are seen as key to countering terrorism at President Bush's urging after months of political combat over the balance between privacy rights and the pursuit of potential terrorists.

Bush signed Wednesday his support for new curbs on law enforcement investiga­

tions. It is expected to sign the legis­

lation before 16 provisions of the 2001 law expire on Friday.

The vote was 280-139, just two more than needed under special rules that required a two-thirds majority. The close vote caught senior Republican aides in both chambers by surprise.

Nonetheless, the vote marked a political victory for Bush and will allow congressional Republicans fac­
ing midterm elections this year to continue touting a tough-on-terrorism stance. Bush's approval ratings have suffered in recent months after reve­

lations that he had authorized secret, warrantless wiretapping of Americans.

That issue helped fuel a two-month Senate filibuster that forced the White House to accept some new restrictions on information gathered in terrorism probes.

Republicans on Tuesday declared the legislative war won, saying the renewal of the act's 16 provisions along with new curbs on government investigatory power will help law enforcement prevent terrorist attacks.

"Intense congressional and public scrutiny has not produced a single substantiated claim that the Patriot Act has been misused, to violate Americans' civil liberties," said House Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis.

"Opponents of the legislation have relied upon exaggeration and hyper­

bolic to distort a demonstrated record of accomplishment and success."

Associated Press

Current Iraqi president and incumbent candidate, Jalal Talabani, takes part in a discussion concerning the future of Iraq's government Tuesday.

Associated Press

U.S. envoy talks with top Shiite

Iraqi factions clash over new government; American ambassador aids in deals

Mark Zaid, a lawyer for a group that monitors Iraq's constitution drafting process, arrives back in the capital from the southern city of Basra.

"We need to move forward," Zaid, a top official in the government, said. "This is a important moment in the country's history."

Zaid said the group's statement had been "a real success" and that the government had a "great deal of work to do."
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tics shows they have the Catholic agenda, and no one questions their intentions, as politicians use the focus for shallow purposes.

Religion in politics, he said, is not about politicians promoting their agendas to gain profit, but to reconverting alter boy men and women who are big again awakening. Faith plays a vital role in that it defines the goals for which we strive.

"We bring a set of ideals — 150 years of Catholic social teaching in seven key themes," he said. "We're not free to forget about poverty, to forget about those in need, just because they're not on the network news. Our church has been called a lot of things, but it has never been called trendy. We were globalized before the Democrats. We have leaders. Think of John Paul II. Why did the world stop for four days after his death? Because his leaders have leaders willing to put our Catholic ideals into action.

To placate Catholicicals into action, though, Carr warned that America's top law schools are doing the same thing. "We're all here at Notre Dame, and that says something about our background, our family, the privileges we have," she said. "That is not true of everyone — not everyone in America had the same opportunities we did".

The threat of losing funding in the next few years, he said, however, feels just the opposite — the first amendment gives the Church every right to be involved in public life, she said. "As such, she said every Catholic has an obligation to do so, especially those here at Notre Dame. "No student blessed with access to education should ever say that politics isn't my thing, it isn't my job," Carr said.

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"don't ask, don't tell" policy toward homosexuals. But the money is enough to comply with the law, Robinson said. "It would be a very rare place that would endanger losing that funding as a way of expressing hostility toward the Amendment," Robinson said.

But the Law School, as a member of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS), must also comply with the Association's by-laws and follow special rules when military recruiters come to seek out law students.

"The AALS was originally hostile to the Solomon Amendment — they didn't like the idea of law schools being required to allow military recruiters on campus," Robinson said. "So what they did was set up a whole set of requirements that we had to meet. For example, when the military comes to campus to recruit law stu- dents, the AALS, as far as I know, the Center for Law Students to the fact that the military has a 'don't ask, don't tell' policy itself is not a bar to service. The AALS has strict provisions in its by-laws regarding workshop and discussion on the topic of the S o l o m o n a m e n d m e n t . "

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Notre Dame Law School

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The AALS handbook states that military recruiters can interview "as long as a school provides 'amelioration' in a form that both expresses publicly the school's disapproval of gay and lesbian discrimination against gays and lesbians by the military".

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Senior Solicitors spoke on behalf of libertarianism. Carr argued that while social justice is important, it is best proliferated by individuals and not by relying on government support. Christ didn't demand that the Roman government provide for the poor, he said, but instead instructed the public to take social justice into its own hands.

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### Former Enron exec testifies

**Ex-CFO, Fastow, takes stand against Enron founder Lay, ex-CEO Skilling**

**HAUSTON — The architect of financial schemes that helped fuel the collapse of Enron Corp. told a jury Tuesday that he had the blessing of his boss, former Enron CEO Jeffrey Skilling, for movements that allowed the energy trading company to hide losses and inflate profits.**

In some of the most dramatic testimony in the six-week trial of the former Enron Financial Officer Andrew Fastow, Lay said Skilling told him, “Get me as much of that juice as you can,” regarding the personally lucrative partnerships Fastow used to manipulate Enron’s finances.

Fastow appeared contrite in his much-anticipated confrontation in a federal courtroom with Skilling and Enron founder Kenneth Lay, who are on trial for fraud and conspiracy stemming from the spectacular 2001 collapse of what was once the seventh-largest company in the U.S.

He fought back tears as he told jurors that his wife, Lou, pleaded guilty to a tax crime and finished a year-long prison term last July for signing a tax return that didn’t include illegal income from business deals unrelated to the partnerships.

Fastow pleaded guilty to two counts of conspiracy in January 2004 at her urging, more than a year after he was originally indicted for a total of 98 charges. His plea was contingent upon the government striking a deal for his wife, who was initially indicted in May 2003.

He said Tuesday he misled his wife, and said he told the kickbacks — a series of checks written to her, him and their young children — were gifts. She endorsed and deposited those checks.

Fastow said he blacked out as the checks, with his wife and son’s names, were displayed for jurors Tuesday on a massive screen.

“I did this,” he said, tearful and fighting to compose himself. “I let her believe that.”

The partnerships that he said Skilling approved — LJM 1 and LJM 2 — were named with initials of his wife and sons, Jeffrey and Matthew, though Fastow didn’t share that detail with jurors. Skilling, chief operating officer at the time, would later serve as chief executive for six months until resigning in August 2001.

Fastow said his boss enthused about the partnership: “I love LJM. I want to do all the deals with LJM 1, and I just don’t want the footnotes.”

He said he took that to mean Skilling had a disdain for detailed disclosure of the partnerships to the public.

At the time, equity and credit analysts, banks and the media were putting the company under heavier scrutiny.

Fastow, who agreed as part of his plea deal to serve 10 years in prison, is a key pillar of the government’s quest to prove Lay and Skilling lied to Wall Street and to their own employees to conceal the crumbling finances that drove the company to seek bankruptcy protection in 2001.

The ex-CFO is central to the defense as well. Lawyers for Lay and Skilling say there was no overarching fraud at Enron, and that the only crimes at the company involved Fastow and two of his lieutenants stealing money through his schemes.

Fastow’s time on the witness stand is expected to last several days. His testimony Tuesday followed Fastow’s, and he has yet to be questioned about Lay or to be cross-examined.

When talking about his admitted frauds at the company rather than his home, Fastow spoke with confidence, appearing almost professional. He was known at Enron to have a quick temper, but under questioning from prosecutor John Hurstans, he showed no combative nature.

He said the LJM partnerships gave Enron a layer of risky investments or poor assets so the company could record income and wipe debt off its books. Enron didn’t mind that other buyers likely wouldn’ttouch them, he said.

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**GM to alter worker pension plans**

**DETROIT — General Motors Corp. on Tuesday became the latest major employer to convert its traditional pension plan to one that requires a defined contribution match that supplements workers’ savings.**

Effective Jan. 1, GM will freeze the average monthly pension benefit for approximately 42,000 U.S. salaried employees and put those employees into new plans, a move that changes compensation for the retirees, the company said.

About 90 percent of GM’s U.S. salaried employees were hired before Jan. 1, 2001, which will now move exclusively to a defined contribution plan. Those newer employees currently have a cash balance plan, which works like a traditional defined benefit plan but allows participants to collect their benefits in a lump sum at retirement instead of in monthly checks.

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Women criticize Annan's policies

Female representatives urge U.N. head to focus on gender issues

At the 1995 U.N. women's conference in Beijing, and at the 10-year review last year, commitments were made by the United Nations and governments to achieve equality of the sexes.

The women are attending the 50th session of the Commission on the Status of Women and come from over 70 organizations. They urged Annan in his address to the commission on Wednesday, which is International Women's Day, to announce concrete proposals for advancing gender equality and strengthening the U.N. bodies that work for women's rights.

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Former Guantanamo prisoner releases book

Associated Press

LONDON — In the first book he has worked on since released from the U.S. prison camp in Guantánamo Bay, former prisoner Mohammad Begg says his three years in detention were marked by beatings, fear and unexpected friendships with his captors.

In "Enemy Combatant: A British Muslim's Journey to Guantanamo and Back" Begg details the events up to his release, which was also described in "The Shadow of the Gunfighter" written by former Guantanamo Bay prisoner, Michael A. Ramos said.

"I understood why the Americans felt they needed to question me," Begg, 37, told The Associated Press. "But I've never understood how they could have detained me for years."

It's difficult to see why Begg attracted suspicion, Ramos says. He was working on an aid project building wells and schools in Afghanistan on Sept. 11, when the United States began carrying out military operations there. Years earlier, he went to Bosnia to support Muslims in the war against Serbs. Later, he lived in Afghanistan where Muslims — some from his home city of Birmingham, England — were targeted to fight in Chechnya and Kashmir. He also says he never tried to strike out there.

"Back home in Birmingham, I began to feel in all the confusion of speaking both English and Urdu ... the one thing that was always there was my religion," he writes in the book, released in Britain on Monday.

Begg was last year after being held for three years without charges — two years at the U.S. prison camp in Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, and about a year at U.S. military bases in Afghanistan.

"There were no charges, there were no charges," he said. "I've never received military training, or allied forces.

Begg was to surrender at an arraignment set for Wednesday.

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Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — More than 240 women from over 50 countries accused U.N. Secretary-General Koofi Annan of failing to promote women's rights and of neglecting gender equality in his U.N. reform plans.

Secretary-General Koofi Annan is proposing a shakeup of U.N. management practices, that would create a mobile civil service, allow a one-time staff buy-out costing about $100,000 per person, modernize technology and consider outsourcing.

The proposal, to be unveiled Tuesday, is a response to last year's investigation into the U.N. oil-for-food program which concluded that the U.N.'s shaky management was partly to blame for widespread corruption.

It is also an effort to transform the U.N.'s post-World War II management structure and practices so the world body can deal with 21st century problems.

In an open letter to Annan, the women said they were "disappointed and frankly outraged" that strengthening the U.N. machinery focusing on women is not a central part of the U.N.'s reform agenda. They also expressed deep concern "that the position of women in high-level appointments has been eroded with the appointment of Charlotte Bunch, executive director of the Center for Women's Global Leadership, accused Annan of paying lip service to women's rights.

"Although we've had a lot of rhetorical commitment to women's rights, it still hasn't made it on to the big agenda of U.N. reform," she said at a news conference Monday to highlight the letter.

Kenyan women rebel against censorship

Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya — Thousands of opposition supporters protested in Kenya on Tuesday to protest against last week’s raids on Kenya’s oldest newspaper and its editor, who was also arrested.

It was the first time since Kenya’s 1963 independence that the government shut down major media operations. The country’s media have been reporting on corruption scandals swirling around President Mwai Kibaki, who has been seen as increasingly politically isolated.

Waving placards and shouting that Internal Security Minister John Michuki must go, about 3,000 demonstrators walked peacefully through the Kenyan capital.

Similar peaceful demonstrations were held in the southwestern towns of Nakuru and Eldoret, private TV reported.

Michuki ordered Thursday’s raids to armed in which he had been arrested, telecommunications. The government shut down newspapers and blocked reports on corruption on Internet, raising concerns about President Moi’s regime.

The Office of Student Affairs is now accepting nominations for the Denny Moore Award for Excellence in Journalism.

Candidates must be seniors who exemplify the qualities for which Denny Moore was known, including personal integrity and character, commitment to Notre Dame, and writing ability.

Candidates may be nominated by faculty, staff, or fellow students.

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Denny Moore Award

Nominations are due by Thursday, March 9, 2006.
Dana Reeve, widow of ‘Superman,’ dies

Spinal injury activist succumbs to lung cancer

Associated Press

WHITESTONE, N.Y. — Dana Reeve, the singer-actress who married the star of the "Superman" movies and then devoted herself to his care and his cause after he was paralyzed, has died of lung cancer, a lawyer said Wednesday. She was 44.

Although Reeve had announced her cancer diagnosis in August — in an outpouring of sympathy and support from admirers around the world — her death seemed sudden. As recently as Jan. 12, she looked healthy and happy as she belted out Carole King's "Now and Forever" at a packed Madison Square Garden during a ceremony honoring hockey star John McKenzie, a friend.

"Unfortunately, that's what happens with this awful disease," said Maggie Goldberg of the Christopher Reeve Foundation, where Dana Reeve had succeeded her husband as chair. "You feel good, you're responding and then the downturn.

Reeve, who lived in Pound Ridge, died Monday night at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Medical Center in Manhattan, said foundation president Kathy Lewis.

Officials would not discuss Reeve's treatment or say when she entered the hospital. But Lewis said she visited her there on Friday, when she was "tired but with her typical sense of humor and smile. Everyone who ever met her feel good, her character personality."

"The brightest light has gone out," said comedian Robin Williams. "We will forever celebrate her loving spirit."

Former President Clinton and First Lady Hillary Clinton described Reeve as "a model of tenacity and grace."

"Despite the adversity that she faced, Dana bravely met those challenges and was always an extremely devoted wife, mother and advocate," they said.

Christopher and Dana Reeve married in 1992. Life changed drastically for the young show business couple three years later when Christopher Reeve suffered near-total paralysis in a horse-riding accident and almost died.

In his autobiography, "Still Me," Reeve wrote that he suggested early on to his wife, "We should let me go."

"You are loved, and I love you," she responded. "I'll be with you for the long haul, no matter what. You still love me and I love you."

Those were "the words that saved my life," Christopher Reeve said.

For his remaining nine years, Dana Reeve was her husband's constant companion and caregiver during his ordeal of his rehabilitation, winning his respect for her stamina, intellect and admiration. With him, she became an activist in the cause for cure for spinal cord injuries.

Lawyer reads Sept. 11 transcripts

Detailed hijacking account holds Moussaoui, courtroom captive

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The memoirs of Greenspan, one of the most successful businessmen in publishing, have been acquired by The Penguin Press, which has set a September 2007 release date for the book by the former chairman of the Federal Reserve.

Financial terms were not disclosed by Penguin, and it acquired Penguin Group (USA) that announced the deal Tuesday. More than a dozen publishers were interested in the book, according to Greenback's literary representative, Robert Barnett, and a high-profile offer from a publisher who competed in the auction said bidding reached at least $7 million.

Greenspan's deal ranks with some of the most lucrative contracts for business books, including former General Electric Co. chairman Jack Welch's "Jack: Straight From the Gut," and an upcoming authorized biography of billionaire Warren Buffett. Both reportedly were worth as much as $10 million.

Barnett, an attorney based in Washington, D.C., has already negotiated some of publishing's biggest contracts for any book, including former President Clinton's deal, which has set a record revenue of $1 million, reportedly worth $10 million, and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton's $8 million deal with Simon & Schuster.

"Alan Greenspan was at the top of one of most important institutions for 18 1/2 years," Barnett said Tuesday. "He saw all the major events. He met all the major players. He was involved in all the significant debates."

Greenspan is currently untitled.

The 80-year-old Greenspan, widely regarded as the most successful chairman of the Fed's 92-year history, served as chairman from 1987 until his retirement, earlier this year. He presided over an era of low inflation rates, low unemployment and the longest economic expansion in U.S. history, a decade of uninterrupted growth from March 1991 to March 2001.

Greenspan was sent to the Fed job from four presidents as a former Democrat. But the occasional critics said he was too political during his 17-year tenure. As Greenspan was called upon to make critical decisions beyond the realm of monetary policy. Not only did he lend support to the Republican Congress as it cut taxes, but eight years earlier he blessed President Clinton's tax increase to deal with troubling budget deficits.
Dubai not to cause worry

I welcome fan Ian Lonnon’s viewpoint (March 7) criticizing Congress’s approval of $75 billion for Dubai World Ports. When PKO, a British company, was running U.S. ports, one did not read “foreign” and “security risk” in the same sentence, but now that an Arab company will run them, we do. Clearly, the U.S. response is a racist one.

In the United Kingdom, the response to the takeover of PKO, a company that helped to build the British Empire, by a company located in Dubai, an enemy of the United States, would have been different. Why? Perhaps the reason is that Dubai is perceived in very different terms in the U.K.

Dubai’s economy is diverse — tourism/travel, high-tech industry and shipping constitute its economy; oil accounts for six percent of revenue. Emirates, the airline of Dubai, is running as well as to Dubai. P&O Ferries, a British company, was running the biggest container port, yet the discourse of the show as a “security risk” has been absent. Why so?

Clearly, if Dubai causes worry, not so much with inward hostility, but with casual or so-called ignorant remarks and actions. I say “casually ignorant” because I do not think bigotry comes out of cultural ignorance. We are taught, in homes, neighborhoods, schools, clubs, television and a culture of stereotypes and fear of fuel races, refereed experiences and even hate. The movie “Crash” shows a series of altercations, much like my store incident, where people act and react on their racial biases. Most characters find themselves in the space of a day both the victim and perpetrator of prejudice. Instead of giving us a model person it would hold up the character of Michael Pena as exemplary we see that these characters are real — good, bad and indifferent all at once.

This is the slate of racial prejudice that I have observed. For a meeting for a social justice-related event, I surprisingly heard a young African black woman term undocumented people — “illegals.” The degradation of the less vulnerable by other minorities appears in “Crash” to challenge all of us. While people are victims of a larger system, we are responsible to not being co-opted in it. Again, my light skin has illuminated the political correctness has tried to hide about persistent prejudices. I have overheard white talk freely about racial stereotypic slurs and slurs against the big publicity of our society.

As a light-skinned African American, I have difficulty the experience of many of the prejudices displayed in the movie. As a teenager working at Marshall Field’s, once I was working with another clerk, a dark-skinned African American, who knew more about the product we were selling — designer pens of all things. An older white woman was prowling and my colleague inquired if she needed help. She declined and kept walking.

Not even five minutes later, the same woman addressed me about a pen. I was moderately dismayed at the time and attempted to help the customer. My colleague and I both recognized the real issue — the woman would rather deal with me, seemingly white.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Sexual assault services on campus

This letter is in response to the Staff Editorial in the March 2006 Scholastic Magazine entitled "Why out of control. The editorial new-
perceived what is presently available to students who are victims of rape or sexual assault.

The opinion stated in the Scholastic Staff Editorial "Stifled and Silenced" misrepresented what is available to stu-
dents. The editorial did more to discourage any student from seeking care than help the situ-
ation by giving erroneous information.
The student body would be better served if the writers had done more due diligence and given correct information on how to seek help for this serious crime.

There is currently immediate availability to support any victim of sexual assault, male or female, on campus through the University of Notre Dame. It is located at the University Health Center, where professional staff is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. I am waiting for the annual academic year to see students with a myriad of complaints, including those who are victims of rape. The most appropriate care of these patients is to support them in the healing process and not necessarily bring them into the legal system.

"Just as with any other condition in which a student benefits from an expert in a particular medical specialty, we expect our students to seek help from within our medical community."

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**U-Wire**

Pornography rules vague

While the War on Terror carries on into its fifth year, a new war has been launched against pornography. This war, as the 2006 Scholastic Magazine editorial "Silenced and Stifled" perceived it, is not necessarily about justice or human rights. It is about the moral and political correctness of the day.

In an editorial published in the March 2006 Scholastic Magazine, the editors wrote, "Pornography now violates the once sacred idea of a nation that has in all likelihood, done us more harm than any landlord, Republican president or derelict Exxon ship captain ever could hope to.

In crap will swill, fossil fuel and bovine emissions will nuke the ozone, sea gulls will asphyxi­ate on six-pack rings, Tom Cruise will continue to act. There will be a profit, but the world will be a clean, green, and serene universe, one that is not subject to the cycles of the tides, the seasons, or the sun."

The editors continued, "There is no need to do this at home, in your dorm, or anywhere else, for that matter."

This is not to say that porn is not a problem. It is, however, a problem that is not as serious as it is portrayed in the media.

The editors also stated, "This war on terror is a war on ideas, and ideas are the most dangerous weapons of all." But how many students believe that this is true? How many students believe that this is the best way to solve the world's problems?

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"I implore you — for the good of mankind — to keep this newspaper, (Disclaimer: Please do not try this at home, in your dorm, or anywhere else, for that matter — unless you’d be a total pyro, in which case do not try this at home, in your dorm, or anywhere else, for that matter."

"The Phelps Family for the planet is your Dumpster, and in your pocket, you or a friend, may set fire to this planet."

"Get with the program!"

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**The Battalion**

**Texas A&M**

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**Kentucky Kernel**

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**Texas A&M**

"We are the keepers of the environment, the keepers of the planet, the keepers of our future."
Witherspoon's victory a sure thing.

Phillip Seymour Hoffman delivered the most touching speech of the evening when he won Best Actor for playing the title role in "Capote." Hoffman has long been the favorite to replace his Golden Globe win with a most memorable performance. But on Sunday night all Hoffman cared about was his mother, thanking her for raising four children on her own and crediting her with his current success, saying that "her passions became my passions."

March of the Penguins "predictably won Best Documentary Feature, and its creators contributed to a props trend. They carried around giant stuffed penguins on the red carpet and on the stage, making themselves instantly recognizable as the filmmakers of the box-office success. The men behind "Wallace & Gromit in the Curse of the Were-Rabbit" donned giant striped bowties and brought along matching mini bowties for their Oscars when they won Best Animated Feature. The liveliest moment came from Three 6 Mafia's win for Best Original Song for "It's Hard Out Here for a Pimp" from "Hustle & Flow." The Academy has shown its willingness to award a hip-hop song before, even when Eminem won the Oscar for "I'm Not the Only One" in 2003, but Three 6 Mafia clearly didn't expect to win, flying through the air as their song was announced. Hoffman, however, was exuberant and even being able to speak coherent sentences through their excitement. They even randomly thanked George Clooney, who was particularly smitten with the group, exclaimed "That's how you accept an Oscar!" and later pointed out that while Three 6 Mafia had one Oscar, Martin Scorsese still has zero. The evening had plenty of faults, as the Academy's approval didn't come on terms, but that the Academy wasn't always the most shocking upset of the evening, but of recent years as well. Still, it may not have been enough to prove himself. Nor was it enough to prove himself. Host Jon Stewart tried his hardest for the 78th annual ceremonies, but it may not have been enough to prove himself.

Philp Seymour-Hoffman and Reese Witherspoon grabbed a pair of golden men on Sunday night, winning Academy Awards for Best Actor and Best Actress.
Unconventional Medical Drama Returns for Second Season

By BRITTANY LASH
Scene One

Dr. Gregory House, M.D.: A pain-pill addicted, heavily sarcastic, brutally honest but often brilliant doctor who throws caution — as well as his patients — to the wind. Some would think that such an abrasive and unpredictable central character would turn off viewers, but in its second season, "House, M.D." has gained amazing mainstream popularity, consistently garnering top 20 spots in the Nielsen television ratings.

What makes House succeed? Much like the explosively popular procedural dramas "CSI" and "Law and Order," "House" has a certain procedure of its own — the medical mystery.

House (Hugh Laurie) diagnoses infectious diseases, solving medical "unusual anomalies." House and his team of highly specialized doctors — House-emulating neurologist Dr. Eric Foreman (Omar Epps), compassion-emulating immunologist Allison Cameron (Jennifer Morrison) and old-money intensivist Dr. Robert Chase (James W. Sorensen) — each doves in his own way (they can including breaking into houses and lying to patients) to cure diseases before time runs out.

With season one having introduced the treatments and mysteries, season two has the room to delve into more personal issues. Last season's final episodes introduced Stacy, who was the love of House's life before she left him. Ironically, she tracks down House to ask him to cure her ailing husband, Mark — whom House would rather let die but does not. In the premiere episode of the second season, "Acceptance," (Sept. 13, 2005), Stacy joins the hospital staff as a law consultant while her husband recovers. She becomes a constant reminder of House's painful past, including the memory of the leg infection that forced him to use a cane and pain pills, a vulnerability House must eventually address.

Initially, though, his medical sleuthing stays as brilliant and abrasive as ever. His brutal honesty comes out in "Hunting," (Nov. 22, 2005), when he says, "Dying people lie too. Wish they'd have been more honest about the ages for kittens. If you really want to do something, you do it. You don't save it for a sound bite.

House and Stacy follow this advice in "Failure to Communicate" (Jan. 10, 2006), where the two have an opportunity to be open with one another. To Stacy, House is like spicy curry — no matter how much she loves the dish, it will eventually burn her mouth. House takes that interpretation almost literally, and they kiss.

However, in "Need to Know" (Feb. 7, 2006), the union unravels. House treats a do-it-all mother who secretly takes birth control, unable to admit to her husband that she does not want more children. This parallels another necessary, but agonizing, confession. House and Stacy consummate their affair, but House knows they cannot be together. He finally pushes away her advances, and she returns to Mark.

In the absence of Stacy, House is left to his pain, both figuratively and literally. His leg begins to ache more than ever before. While Lisa Cuddy (Lisa Edelstein) gives House a "morphine" shot that cures his pain, but admits later that the real all she gave was saline. His pain is in his mind and his heart, and no amount of medicine will dull that ache.

He will eventually have to conquer it on his own.

This, in the end, is the exact reason the show succeeds. Hugh Laurie's character finds a way to battle his demons, even in the moments where his diagnosis is incorrect or the strength of his leg falters. He pushes people away with his abrasive attitude, and yet, those same individuals are drawn back into his world to learn from him. Viewers want to see him succeed. His character carries the entire show, and if this season is any indication, he will be able to carry it for many seasons to come.

"House, M.D." airs at 9 p.m. every Tuesday on Fox.

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Season One DVD Review

By GARY HOTZE
Scene One

The glory days of "E.L." are long gone, as television's first hits go down in the dustbin due to victim these repetitive "lift-threathening" storylines and "explosive" endings that will leave you breathless. Many were left wondering how many times Chicago County's finest hospital could be under siege from a tank or have a helicopter crash on its roof.

There is hope, however, in the form of "House, M.D." "House" is a hot new entry in last year's prime time lineup that — along with "Grey's Anatomy" — revived the medical drama. With these two shows, the beleaguered genre has seen a bit of resurgence. While "Grey's Anatomy" (on ABC) has taken to a little more lightweight ongoing story arc format, "House" (on Fox) doubles what might be called "CSI: E.L."

The show centers on Dr. Gregory House (Hugh Laurie). House may very well indeed have some of the worst bedside manners in TV history. He avoids contact with all patients at all costs and is address-

ed to pain medications for his bum leg. His quirksiness and bizarre nature help some of the more interesting sub-plots that are sharply written and funny.

House works with a team of doctors that include Dr. Eric Foreman (Omar Epps), Dr. James Wilson (Robert Sean Leonard), Robert Chase (Jesse Spencer) and Allison Cameron (Jennifer Morrison). In each episode, they diagnose the strangest and most rare diseases that continuously butt heads with House.

Some of the standout episodes from the first season are "Ocean's Raze," "Detox" and "Kids." Although very entertaining, the show does get a little monotonous after a while.

In true fashion, it follows the ever-popular self-contained story. The obstinate House is convinced to take on a mysterious medical case, then he has his brainstorm for possible causes and they guess at a treatment. The treatment fails, they try other treatments, which also fail. With just a few seconds left in each episode, the eluding true illness is discovered, and miraculously, the treatment works and everyone is tied up in a neat little bow. This redundant, along with the episode "first" of the show, puts it from being a genuine addition.

Patients and their X-Files-like sicknesses are easy to care about. But what about "House" does really well is writing sympathetic characters — they have a real sense of humanity to them, yet are not too perfect. The top notch acting from Laurie and crew and also adds redeeming value, and the dialogue is some of the best written on television.

The DVD release was initially advertised as containing anamorphic widescreen presentations, but they are actually only in non-anamorphic 1.78:1. This by far is the most disappointing aspect of this release, and is not a problem for anyone with a 16:9 widescreen television. The non-anamorphic treatment has also left noticeable stretching in some scenes.

Additionally, the menus for the show are static and are not up to the caliber of the show's production values. Both of these facts point to a very rushed release from Universal in order to get the set out before the show's second season premiere.

Despite these major drawbacks, the video itself is pretty good. The show is very colorful, and the transfer does a generally good job of showing the vibrance of the medical scenes and the maladies of the various patients.

Overall, this release is recommended for at least a rent and possibly a buy for those looking for a less serialized show than "Grey's Anatomy" and a more compelling show than the recent seasons of "E.L."

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Revisiting glory days of children’s sports movies

By SEAN SWEEANY
Scene Writer

At a time of year when serious and drama-laden Oscar-winning awards, light-hearted, inspirational films can be in short supply, Sports movies in which the main characters are a genre that provides both inspiration and simplicity. Children’s sports movies blossom in the halls and benches entertailing to this day for anyone young at heart.

Angels in the Outfield (1994)

This Disney movie follows a young orphan, Roger, whose prayers are answered when he asks for the chance to have a family if the then-California Angels can win the pennant. An archangel, played by the always-lively Christopher Lloyd, lends a group of real seraphim to help the struggling team reach the playoffs and answer Roger’s prayers. Danny Glover gives a good performance as the team manager, but the scene stealers are the young baseball fans Roger meets through Gordon-Levitt, “3rd Rock from the Sun”) and his friend J.P., another orphan. By the time its sentimental ending touches home plate, “Angels in the Outfield” touches on prayer, faith and friendship while turning viewers into Angels fans.

Little Giants (1994)

Pee-wee’s verses of the NFL Giants and Cooperstown fame intersect when Danny O’Shea (Rick Moranis) decides to form a team out of misfits to help turn the time its sentimental ending touches home plate, “Angels in the Outfield” touches on prayer, faith and friendship while turning viewers into Angels fans.

A young Chicago boy suffers an accident that gives him an amazingly strong arm, he becomes an ace pitcher for the struggling Chicago Cubs. While enjoying baseball as a 12-year old on the big stage, fame and fortune threaten his happiness and friendships. Funny performances by Daniel Stern, and Kenny Loggins helps turn “Rookie of the Year” from a good movie into a memorable one. While “Rookie” features some unrealistic baseball, the film works well because its characters are memorable and the film as a whole forces audiences to see baseball as a game that should be played for fun, not money.

The Mighty Ducks (1992)

In “The Mighty Ducks,” selfish lawyer Gordon Bombay (Emilio Estevez) is forced to coach a laughable children’s hockey team as DUI punishment. The former hockey player, who has never coached before, bonds with the team that has never won, and together the Ducks learn that winning and happiness is part of the game of life from that team. While the hockey in the movie is ridiculous, it is exciting and funny to watch, especially the famous “Flying V” and “Triple Doko” maneuvers.

Kevin (Ed O’Neill). The underdog, ragtag group of kids uses heart and intelligence to beat the bigger, stronger, and faster Cowboys team. The fun in this film comes from the actions of the children and the comedy of the situations, with naming teams like the “Annexion of Puerto rico,” NFL greats including John Madden and Yomiki Smith make cameos appearances that help older crowds enjoy this feel-good film.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Woody Allen serves up latest film in ‘Match Point’

By GRAHAM EBETSCHE

While Woody Allen has secured his place in Hollywood history as a comic genius with a few well-rounded movie successes, his latest film, “Match Point,” starring Jonathan Rhys-Meyers and Scarlett Johansson, has an in-depth look at the lives of a tennis pro and an American wife. The story follows the tennis pro, Chris, as he falls in love with two women. The film is a study in sociology, not a film of romance.

The most redeeming aspect of “Match Point” is the philosophy Woody Allen strives to demonstrate. The opening monologue of the movie explains the title; while Chris is a tennis player, “Match Point” is a reference to the luck involved in the actual game. The voiceover explains how when a ball is hit, it can fall in either direction, with a sheer matter of fate determining the victor. This specific event is shown, which bears significant meaning on its own, having a clever parallel later in the story.

The film investigates the idea that so little of Chris’ advancement in the world is the direct result of our actions. The characters all fall victims to luck in the end, which becomes the cementing element to the film’s success. Without this added element, “Match Point” might have not have the impact it did, if anything to the genre.

Admittedly, “Match Point” has its flaws, starting with its pace. The movie drags for close to the first hour and a half, keeping its viewers barely engaged with beautiful scenery and the occasional moment of high emotion. This can be explained by Allen’s noticeable desire to focus more on a study of individuals and less on a Hollywood plot progression. This creates another problem, which is that the characters never really take off. The script is not written so that the audience is aware of all the characters’ emotions and backgrounds. At times, this hinders the audience’s overall commitment to the film. However, this exemplifies Allen’s striving for a study in sociology, not a film depicting outsized characters overcoming unbelievable obstacles.

“Match Point” is more or less a success and hopefully will challenge the viewers to think more philosophically than they might have otherwise intended, and it is definitely a film worth a second glance.

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NHL

Roenicke, Kostopoulos contribute score apiece in 3-2 victory; Minnesota loses team closer to playoff edge

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Two shots by Los Angeles Kings forward Jeremy Roenicke might ultimately keep the Minnesota Wild out of the playoffs.

Roenicke scored 2:11 into overtime to give the Los Angeles Kings their first straight victory, 3-2 over Minnesota on Tuesday night.

Minnesota coach Tom Kostopoulos also scored for the Kings, who won all five games in the streak by one goal. Wes Walz scored twice for Minnesota in the first two-goal game.

Roenicke took a pass from Derek Armstrong at the blue line, made a couple of strides and beat Manny Fernandez high on the glove side with a slap shot from above the left circle. Roenicke, who trails Detroit's Nicklas Lidstrom by just a point for the NHL-lead among defensemen, also scored the winner in Los Angeles' 3-2 home victory over Minnesota on Thursday.

"It's almost like we're scared to succeed," Walz said. "When we get a two-goal lead it's almost like we're playing preventive defense and our safety is sitting down on the goal line. In year past we get a goal lead it didn't matter what the score was, we were going to play the same way. We're just sitting back a little too much and waiting for something bad to happen. In most cases it does.

After a scoreless first period, Walz put Minnesota on the scoreboard 12 1/2 minutes into the second when a shot by Roenicke was blocked and the rebounded shot by Walz waited behind the Los Angeles goal for about 30 seconds before coming out on the right side and tucking the puck under Manny Fernandez.

Walz, who scored twice and had an assist Sunday in a victory over Colorado, has seven goals and seven assists in his past 10 games.

Walz added his second of the game 2:53 into the third period, scoring on a shot by Christian Gaborik's shot. The goal came less than 30 seconds after Walz set up Gaborik, who was stopped on a left pad save by Gaborik, who has a win in each of his last five appearances.

Wild coach Jacques Lemaire wonders how his team came close to getting two points.

"For the way I look at the game, the way I want the guys to play, it's been a long time since we've played as well as we did," he said. "I'm talking about scoring on the power play, winning battles on the ice, making up for some mistakes, and coming back onto the game with a come up like this with.

Avalanche 2, Blues 1

Minnesota goaltender Manny Fernandez blocks a shot by the Kings' Craig Conroy in the first period of Tuesday night's game. The Kings won 3-2 on an overtime goal by Lubomir Visnovsky.

Colorado broke a two-game losing streak in its first straight game without rookie Marek Svatos, the team's scoring leader who is out with a shoulder injury.

The first period was a quiet one for both teams. St. Louis outshot Colorado 7-6 and neither goalie was tested.

The second period was pretty much the same as the first. Colorado had only six shots at Sanford, and St. Louis fired eight at Colorado's Aebischer.

"We played pretty bad. We had a little trouble the first 50 minutes," Aebischer said. "We didn't really play our game, but in the end it was a twister for us.

Coyotes 5, Red Wings 2

Curtis Joseph thinks the Phoenix Coyotes are still in the Western Conference playoff race.

They are sure looked like a contender Tuesday night in a victory over the conference-leading Detroit Red Wings.

"We play this more often, I really like our possesion chances," Joseph said. "Every time people start to count us out, we rally and show what kind of team we can be.

This win in the building, two games after a 10-game losing streak, absolutely give us a confidence boost coming down the stretch."

Joseph made 35 saves and Mike Commodore scored twice for Phoenix, which had won only one of its previous six games and is ahead of only three teams in the conference.

Comrie, Boyd Devereaux and Dave Scatchard scored in the first period before Detroit's Pavel Datsyuk had a goal late in the period to make it 3-1.

Brendan Shanahan pulled the Red Wings within a goal early in the second period, but they couldn't rattle their former teammates past the posts or get closer.

They were even given a penalty shot with 5:50 left to just see Joseph turn away Mark Mowers' shot.

The Western Conference-lead ing Red Wings peppered Joseph with shots — 12 in the first, 43 in the second, 10 in the third — and hit the post and crossbar.

"We gave them a lot of great chances and Curtis played outstandingly," Detroit's Manny Legace gave up three goals on six shots in the first 14:02 into the game and finished with 19 saves.

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## NCAA Men's Basketball

**Team** | **Record** | **Pts.**
---|---|---
1. Connecticut | 27-2 | 1747
2. Villanova | 26-3 | 1720
3. Duke | 27-2 | 1697
4. Gonzaga | 28-3 | 1636
5. UCLA | 29-3 | 1591
6. George Washington | 26-4 | 1389
7. Ohio State | 24-3 | 1386
8. Texas | 26-5 | 1275
9. Illinois | 25-5 | 1252
10. Virginia | 21-6 | 1166
11. Boston College | 24-6 | 1028
12. Washington | 29-5 | 952
13. UCLA | 24-6 | 944
14. Tennessee | 21-6 | 814
15. Florida | 24-6 | 716
16. Kansas | 27-6 | 682
17. LSU | 22-7 | 614
18. West Virginia | 29-9 | 492
19. Marquette | 25-9 | 434
20. Nevada | 24-5 | 342
21. Oklahoma | 20-7 | 263
22. Georgetown | 11-8 | 170
23. UAB | 22-5 | 144
24. M.C. State | 21-8 | 132

## NCAA Women's Basketball

**Team** | **Record** | **Pts.**
---|---|---
1. North Carolina | 29-1 | 1123
2. Ohio State | 27-2 | 1080
3. Maryland | 26-4 | 996
4. Oregon | 30-2 | 977
5. LSU | 27-3 | 938
6. Rutgers | 25-5 | 894
7. Tennessee | 29-6 | 884
8. Oklahoma | 26-4 | 891
9. Connecticut | 27-4 | 819
10. Baylor | 22-5 | 804
11. Stanford | 23-3 | 793
12. Purdue | 24-5 | 630
13. DePaul | 25-5 | 583
14. Georgia | 21-4 | 574
15. Arizona State | 24-6 | 494
16. Michigan State | 22-9 | 469
17. Louisiana Tech | 23-4 | 329
18. Utah | 23-6 | 273
19. BYU | 24-4 | 277
20. Wisconsin | 21-7 | 255
21. Texas A&M | 22-7 | 194
22. Iowa | 19-8 | 189
23. Bowling Green | 25-2 | 145
24. Vanderbilt | 20-10 | 82

## Big East Men's Basketball

**Team** | **Conf.** | **Pts.**
---|---|---
2. Villanova | 14-2 | 22-3
3. West Virginia | 11-5 | 20-8
4. Georgetown | 10-6 | 19-7
5. Pittsburgh | 10-7 | 17-6
6. Marquette | 10-8 | 17-6
7. Seton Hall | 9-7 | 17-1
8. Syracuse | 9-8 | 16-8
9. Connecticut | 7-10 | 15-1
10. Rutgers | 7-9 | 14-12
11. Louisville | 6-10 | 13-16
12. Notre Dame | 6-10 | 14-12
13. Providence | 5-11 | 12-14
14. St. John's | 5-11 | 12-14
15. DePaul | 4-11 | 11-14
16. USF | 1-15 | 6-22

## MLB


**Associated Press**

NEW YORK — Barry Bonds used a vast array of performance-enhancing drugs, including steroids and human growth hormone, for at least five seasons beginning in 1998, according to a book written by two San Francisco Chronicle reporters.

An excerpt from "Game of Shadows," which details the San Francisco slugger's extensive doping program, appears in the March 13 issue of Sports Illustrated.

"I won't even look at it. For what? There's no need to," Bonds said Thursday at Giants camp in Scottsdale, Ariz. The Giants said Bonds would not comment any further.

Bonds, who testified before a California federal grand jury looking into steroid use by top athletes, repeatedly has denied using performance-enhancing drugs.

"I've read what was reported," Bonds' agent, Jeff Borris, told The Associated Press. "Barry is looking forward to playing this year and the improved health of his knee, and being as productive as he's ever been."

Phone messages left by Bonds' attorney and publicist were not immediately returned Tuesday.

Baseball did not ban performance-enhancing drugs until after the 2002 season.

Authors Mark Fainaru-Wada and Lance Williams, who led the newspaper's coverage of the BALCO scandal, recount in remarkable detail the specifics of Bonds' drug regimen, which they write started in 1998 with injections of Winstrol, a powerful steroid also linked to Rafael Palmeiro.

According to the book, Bonds was using two undetectable designer steroids, informally known as the cream and the clear, plus insulin, human growth hormone and other performance enhancers by 2001, when he hit 73 home runs for the Giants to break Mark McGwire's single-season record of 70 set in 1998. The seven-time NL MVP enters this season with 708 home runs, seven shy of passing Babe Ruth and 49 from breaking Hank Aaron's career mark.

"Game of Shadows" is scheduled to be published March 27 by Gotham Books.

## In Brief

**NFL owners to look over labor proposal**

GRAFTON, Texas — What was supposed to be the absolutely, positively final move to solve the NFL's labor problems began Tuesday, with owners trying to decide whether to accept the union's latest proposal.

A decision on whether to extend the collective bargaining agreement was unlikely to come down until Wednesday, close to the latest deadline of 8 p.m. EST. It'll take that long for the owners to resolve their differences over internal revenue sharing, the most divisive issue facing them. If they don't get that straight, a deal is unlikely.

Much of the early hours of Tuesday's meeting was spent simply listening to commissioner Paul Tagliabue go through details of the union's proposal. Then Tagliabue outlined revenue sharing, but there was no discussion before the owners broke for dinner.

**Woods having strong start to 2006 season**

MIAMI — The road to the Masters usually starts with the Florida swing on the PGA Tour, although Tiger Woods already had a head start even before he arrived at Doral.

He began 2006 with a victory at Torrey Pines, making a birdie on the last hole and winning when Jose Maria Olazabal missed a 4-foot par putt in the playoff. He birdied his last two holes in Dubai to get into a playoff with Ernie Els, winning when the South African found the water.

But his victory on the Blue Monster might have been the best proof that Woods is getting closer to having full command of swing changes he has worked on with Hank Haney the last two years.

It was his ninth wire-to-wire victory among his 48 titles on the PGA Tour. And it was another case of Woods doing whatever was required — birdsie early in his round to keep his two-stroke rhythm.

**Players and fans mourn death of Kirby Puckett**

MINNEAPOLIS — In the middle of a steadily growing memorial to Kirby Puckett, outside the Metrodome and right alongside a street named for the beloved Hall of Famer, one cardboard sign stood out.

"There's Crying in baseball," the message was written, in red ink, bannered over a couple of old Puckett baseball cards taped to the corners.

All around the game, people who were close to the roly-poly outfielder who led the Minnnesota Twins to two World Series titles — and even those who only watched him on TV — were saddened Tuesday by Puckett's death.

"This morning, when I got up and took a shower and watched the news, tears started coming out," said Chicago White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen.

## Around the Dial

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**World Baseball Classic**

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Strother climbs Mountaineers for Big East title

No. 9 Huskies defeat West Virginia 50-44

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — No other player in Connecticut women's basketball history has played more minutes than Ann Strother. As the clocked ticked down in what could be her final collegiate appearance in the state, Strother delivered.

She scored nine of her 20 points in the final seven minutes to lead the Huskies to a 50-44 win Tuesday night over West Virginia in the Big East Conference championship. It ended the Mountaineers' surprising postseason run and earned Strother most outstanding player honors.

"There was a time where nothing was really going on and it was kind of stagnant," Strother said. "I think we needed to get something going if we were going to win. So this was the time."

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Strother climbed Mountaineers for Big East title

That had stymied opponents throughout the tournament, the Mountaineers concentrated on Strother, double- and triple-teaming her. With her team clinging to a four-point lead with 40 seconds left, Strother battled out of triple-team and found a wide-open Wilnett Crockett on a backdoor cut.
Men's NCAA Basketball

Gael capture MAAC title with 80-61 victory

Burtt gets 20 points in win over St. Peter's, collects 2,011 for career

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — Iona guard Steve Burtt was running circles around the court, zigzagging through the maze of cheering Gaels fans, when he finally spotted his father standing on the sideline near the press table.

Taking three giant steps, Burtt vaulted into his father's waiting arms and smothered him with a bear hug. This is what victory felt like, and it was something the son could finally share with his father, Steve Burtt Sr., who in 1982 and 1984 led Iona to Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference tournament championships.

"It was a feeling I've never felt before," Steve Burtt Jr. said Monday after scoring 28 points in an 80-61 win over St. Peter's to clinch for Iona its seventh MAAC title and eighth NCAA tournament berth.

"I owe it all to him," he said. "My dad's been there for me since birth, teaching me this game, teaching me the right way to play and always showing me that you might not have the easy road, you might have to take the long way."

The younger Burtt's 2,011 career points at Iona are second only to his father's 2,534, and their 4,545 combined points top all NCAA father-son scoring combos.

But until Monday, Burtt Jr. was missing one thing his father had at Iona: a MAAC title.

"This is what I wanted more than the points, more than the accolades, more than the records," said the younger Burtt, a senior. "I feel my career wouldn't have been a success if we didn't get this championship, and we got it."

Many wondered whether it would ever happen for this group of Gaels players, who in the past three seasons always found a way to come up short. In past years, players bickered over shot selection and playing time, and questioned whether Burtt was too involved in the offense. And Burtt blamed himself for what happened in last year's tournament semifinal, when he scored 28 points but lost the ball on a key possession in the final seconds of a 69-66 loss to eventual champion Niagara.

Questions were raised again this year, when the team squandered a chance at winning the regular-season title by losing its last two games. Even coach Jeff Ruland acknowledged this past weekend that he worried whether his team could string together three solid tournament games.

"Burtt and the Gaels responded, outscoring their opponents by a combined 260-199 margin, starting with an 80-54 win over Niagara in the quarterfinals.

Burtt finished with 83 points — including 12-of-23 on 3-point shots — and was named the tournament's MVP.

"It feels like history repeating itself," Burtt said, noting his father also earned the MVP honor in 1984.

"Dad couldn't have been prouder."

"He was a leader before, but he had to learn how to lead," Burtt Sr. said. "I'm just proud of him."

The Gaels (23-7) now prepare for their first NCAA tournament appearance since 2001. And besides Burtt, this year's group is rounded out by hot-shooting swingman Ricky Soliver, power forward Kiril Waehsmann and dependable guard Marvin McCullough.

Also on the team is sophomore forward Gary Springer, who like Burtt followed in his father's footsteps by winning a MAAC title at Iona. Gary Springer Sr. was a teammate of Burtt Sr. in 1982 and 1984.

"I'm so happy for these guys," said Ruland, who won his third MAAC title in an eight-year tenure. "I love all my players but this is special with all the stuff we've been involved with over the last couple of years. They're leaving a banner behind."

"It's an incredible feeling," the younger Burtt said. "I've grown a lot this year and tonight it really showed. It means the world. It's four years together. We've been to the bottom, and now we're on top."

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Chipper Jones and Oscar Field - formerly known as Lidge - each threw an inning of them. "I felt it was awesome," Jones said. "I thought it was electric. The Mexican fans brought a lot of electricity to the game."

The United States had the first scoring threat when Randy Winn led off the third with a single to right. After two outs, Derek Jeter bunted a single up the middle to put runners at first and third. But Ken Griffey Jr. popped up to left to end the inning.

"I've probably had more fun in my life," Peavy said. "It was the coolest thing I've ever done when Team USA took the field today." Added Jones, "I probably had more fun yesterday than any today at any of my playoff games."

"Every single player was a hit," said Jorge Villarreal of the United States, who combined with Eddie Perez for 6 no-hitter innings against Mexico.

"We were all aware of their pitching staff, and we had to be patient and wait for the right pitch to hit," said Ortiz, who had three RBIs. Ortiz and Beltre, who drove in five runs, each hit a two-run homer in the ninth as the Dominicans broke open a 5-3 game.

Alfonso Alfonzo hit his two-run homer cut into a 6-1 lead the Dominican Republic built with the help of Ortiz's solo homer off Santana and Beltre's three-run drive off Carlos Zambrano. "The umpires are closer than we are," Alfonzo said. "We tried to see the replay, but it was tough to tell."

The matchup of star-laden lineups drew a sellout crowd of 10,645 to The Ballpark at Disney, the spring training home of the Atlanta Braves.

The Dominican baseball team was a who's who among All-Stars with Alfonso Soriano leading off, followed by MVPs Miguel Tejada and Albert Pujols, closer Brad Lidge, and sluggers Ortiz, Mike Saperstein and Beltre.
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in a competitive (academi) league is really important," she said.

Duffy, who has now been named first-team all-conference for the second straight year, was happy to earn the distinction again after the conference expanded to 16 teams after last season.

"To get first team is pretty spectacular for me, just because the competition is so great between 16 teams across the board," Duffy said. "There's a lot of stars out there, so I'm fortunate enough to make the first team."

She was a unanimous selection.

"I appreciate all their support, that they have the respect for my game," she said. "Especially being a senior, you kind of want to go out on the right way."

But Duffy said she didn't realize she had the support of all the conference coaches.

"I didn't know that it was a unanimous selection," she said. "It's just surprising, and it's a lot of fun to go out and play.

"It's going to be hard to wait around 'til Selection Monday," she said.

During the long interregnum, Duffy hopes the team will continue to work on preparing itself mentally and physically for a postseason run.

"We'll probably take a couple days off and get the legs ready to go," she said. "Then we're going to get back to work. I'm sure we're going to go back to a lot of the fundamentals — kind of go back to the stuff we did during the beginning of the season.

"I'm just glad to have a midterm coming up Tuesday," Duffy said. "I'm probably in trouble."

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NBA

Brand and Clippers beat Spurs

Sam Cassell nets 15 and 11 assists in conference victory

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Elton Brand had 30 points and nine rebounds as Cassell added 15 points and 11 assists, and the Los Angeles Clippers capitalized on Tim Duncan's foul trouble to beat San Antonio 98-85 Tuesday night and snap the Spurs seven-game winning streak.

Chris Kaman had 15 points and eight rebounds for the Clippers, who had lost eight straight to the defending NBA champions, 28 of the previous 31 meetings and 12 at home.

Cassell dislocated the pinky on his left hand in the final minute of the first half, but popped it back in place and finished the game without any further distress.

The loss was only the fourth in 24 games for the Spurs. Tony Parker had 28 points and Robert Horry returned to the lineup after serving a two-game suspension for his on-and-off contact with an official during an altercation with Dallas guard Jerry Stackhouse in last Thursday's 98-89 victory.

Duncan had 16 points and seven rebounds in 29 minutes.

He shot 6-for-14 from the field, one night after getting poked in the right eye by Smooth Parker of the Lakers and missing the final 5:45 of San Antonio's 103-96 win.

The two-time MVP had only four points against the Clippers when he picked up his third foul with 7:16 left in the half and went to the bench with the score tied at 26-all.

Duncan was on the floor for the start of the second half, but was charged with an offensive foul with 5:46 left in the quarter.

Duncan was replaced by Horry with the Spurs still clinging to their one-point halftime margin.

Cutting Mobley hit a go-ahead three-pointer with 1:10零售

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NCAA Men's Basketball

'Nova takes league honors

Wright earns league coaching award; Foje wins player of the year

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Villanova swept the Big East's premier awards Tuesday when senior guard Randy Foje was chosen player of the year and Jay Wright was selected coach of the year.

The second-ranked Wildcats (24-3) finished as conference co-champions with No. 1 Connecticut.

The 6-foot-4 Foje led Villanova and was second in the conference in scoring at 21 points per game and averaged 5.4 rebounds. He was one of the keys in Villanova's four-game offensive and often drew defensive assignments against bigger players.

"It's amazing, I watch all the TV shows and I see them talk about all the great players in the country and they never mention him," Wright said. "It's so smart in everything. He has so much work ethic."

Wright is completing his fifth season at Villanova. The Wildcats, despite losing forward Carlis Lumpkin with a knee injury before the season, were ranked No. 2 in the preseason poll in conference play, matching the highest ranking in school history at No. 2. Wright's career record at Villanova is 100-57.

Hillmon Armstrong, the key in Connecticut leading the country in blocked shots for a fifth straight season, was chosen league's defensive player of the year.

"It's a reward that we've worked hard to get," Armstrong said.

Villanova won the Big East regular-season title for the first time since its 1996-97 conference championship.

Tulsa, Okla. — Back within a victory of getting into the NCAA tournament, Ken Tutt wasn't going to let Oral Roberts go through another heart-wrenching defeat.

Tutt scored 20 of his 25 points in the first half of Oral Roberts' 77-72 win in 22 years with an 18-0 run in the second quarter.

"I knew our team could win this game," Tutt said. "I knew we could go out there and compete."

"Our kids played well."

Tutt, a 6-10 sophomore, had 22 points and 12 rebounds, while Oral Roberts coach Scott Sutton said he was satisfied with the way they were working as a team.

"We were so devastated. The pain never went away until we were able to take that picture tonight, for me at least," Oral Roberts coach Scott Sutton said. "I knew that was the only way that I could get over that loss."

In the same locker room the Golden Eagles occupied in the second half of last year's loss, Sutton said he asked his players if they wanted to feel that again.

They responded, with Tutt leading the way.

He scored 10 of the Golden Eagles' first 14 points of the second half in his second straight scoring showcase since missing 10 games with a broken bone in his right hand.

"I'm thinking to myself, I'm going to get to the bench to score 29 in the Mid-Con, quarterfinals against Western Illinois."

"He's one of the best shooters in college basketball and he's a clutch player," Sutton said. "He rose to the occasion tonight like I knew he would."

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Oral Roberts secures its spot in Big Dance

Associated Press

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"We didn't want to go through what we went through last year. It was a horrible feeling," Sutton said.

"I knew we could have that basketball net dangling from his finger."
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we've played with pretty darn well." The Irish played the Hoyas tough down the stretch Jan. 24 at the Joyce Center and lost despite some fan-game heroics. Shooting guard Colin Falls made a 3-pointer, got fouled and sank the shot at the end of regulation to tie the game and send it to overtime. But after playing possum for possession with Georgetown for the next five minutes, point guard Quinn missed a last-second 3-pointer at the end of the first overtime, and the Hoyas regrouped on the second. Notre Dame was able to win down the stretch to tie for the Big East record.

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Baylor said, "We obviously had some of the team's weaknesses, something she hopes her squad can improve upon today against Leibgh." "We respect Leibgh," Coyne said. "We respect them enough to know this will be a good game. There are a lot of specific things we have tried to fix from the last game and we want to see if we can improve." Leibgh's last contest was an 18-7 drubbing at the hands of Brenham on Friday. The Mountain Hawks have scored only four of their 21 goals in the second half this season, while the Irish have been consistent in both halves, scoring the first and second goals of the second. Notre Dame should also have an advantage in caused turnovers, averaging over six more caused turnovers per game so far this season.

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Irish point guard Chris Quinn drives to the basket during Notre Dame's 66-62 victory over DePaul Saturday.

Mike Brey
Irish coach

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"We're certainly thrilled to be going to New York," Brey said. "But we look at [today] as the third round of the Big East.

That's because Notre Dame played its way over Providence and DePaul as do-or-die situations — a loss in either contest would have bumped the Irish off the plane to the Big Apple.

But Notre Dame was able to win down the stretch. Brey said, because the team learned from its early schedule woes instead of dwelling on the negative.

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**Men’s Basketball**

**Garden games**

Squad faces Georgetown to begin conference tourney

By PAT LEONARD

Notre Dame won five of its last seven games to earn the Big East Tournament’s No. 12 seed. Irish players raked in individual awards this week. And the squad faces No. 5-seed Georgetown today at 2 p.m. on ESPN in the conference tournament’s first round with an opportunity to avenge a mid-season double-ovetime loss.

So Notre Dame enters Madison Square Garden with the attitude anyone would expect from a team that lost 10 league games by a combined 35 points — one of ambitious confidence. “We know we’re the last guy in,” Irish coach Mike Brey said in a Big East coaches teleconference Monday. “We’ve had to scratch and claw to get here. I just want to be loose, and that’s obviously the role of the non-favorite.”

“But I also want us to be confident, because everyone in this league see TOURNEY/page 22

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**Women’s Basketball**

Duffy earns two more Big East distinctions

Senior wins student-athlete award and all-conference honors

By ERIC RETTER

HARTFORD, Conn. — The entire nation knew that Megan Duffy was a standout both on the court and in the classroom, as the senior point guard garnered preseason All-American honors and was named to ESPN The Magazine’s Academic All-America first team earlier this month. Last week, the Big East made it clear the conference knew that as well.

“The Scholar Athlete [of the Year award] is really important to me,” Duffy said after Notre Dame improved to 9-4 overall and won its seventh straight match.

“I thought overall, when you go on the road and play a respected Big Ten opponent on their home indoor courts and you come away with a win, you should be happy,” Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. “But there’s still things we need to do better and need to work on.”

After spending time in La Jolla, Calif., at the Pacific Coast Doubles Tournament, the Irish won two of the three doubles matches to take the point.

First off the courts were Peter Antons and David Keckley and Sheeva Parbhu won at No. 1.

“Looking great at one,” Ryan Bubniack of Indiana, who defeated Barry King and Eric Langenkamp 8-5 at No. 2 doubles. The Irish rebounded quickly, however, as Ryan Keckley and Sheeva Parbhu won at No. 1.

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**Women’s Lacrosse**

Team vies for fifth straight to open year

Irish won just three games in tough 2004-05 season

By JAY FITZPATRICK

Notre Dame hopes to continue its winning ways today against Lehigh (1-11) at 4:30 p.m. at the Loftus Sports Center.

The Irish are coming off a 17-15 win against No. 18 Cornell Sunday where three players — Crysti Foote, Mary Carpenter and Caitlin McKinney — scored hat tricks. Foote reached the 100-goal plateau in the process. She now has 108 in her four-year Irish career.

Moreover, the Irish were able to stave off numerous comeback attempts by the Big Red, who stayed close until the end, cutting into numerous Notre Dame leads.

Notre Dame coach Tracy Coyne was proud of her team’s win — the fourth in a row.

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**NBA**

Clippers 98 Spurs 85

Elton Brand scored 30 points for Los Angeles as the Clippers rolled past San Antonio Tuesday.

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**Baseball**

World Baseball Classic

Chipper Jones and Derek Lee homered to lead the Americans to a 2-0 win over Mexico.

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**NCAA Basketball**

Jona celebrated its first berth in the NCAA Tournament Tuesday after defeating St. Peter’s 80-61 Monday in the MAAC championship.

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**NCAA Basketball**

Connecticut 50 West Virginia 44

Ann Strother scored 20 points to lead the No. 2-seed Huskies to the Big East championship.

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**Baseball**

Sports Illustrated reported that a new book by two San Francisco Chronicle writers details Barry Bonds’ steroid use.

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**NHL**

Kings 3, Wild 2

Wes Walz scored two goals for the Wild but Lubomir Visnovsky scored in overtime to lead Los Angeles.