Saint Mary's searches for new VPs
Incandela, Tiefenthaler engage with students, faculty, administrators in forums

By KELLY MEEHAN
Saint Mary's Editor

As two of the top three Saint Mary's administrators prepare to step down from their positions this spring — marking a new era at the College — students and faculty have the opportunity to meet two candidates vying for the position of vice president and dean of faculty at open forums this week.

Saint Mary's religious studies professor Joe Incandela and Dean of the Faculty at Colgate University Jill Tiefenthaler, a Saint Mary's alumna, will participate in two open forums today and Thursday, as well as closed sessions specifically for faculty members.

The candidate visits are part of a broader search to fill the vacancies soon to be left in the heart of the administration by current Vice President and Dean of Faculty Pat White and Vice President of Student Affairs Linda Timm — a gap that will give College President Carol Ann Mooney significant shaping power over the school's future.

The search began when White announced on Jan. 28 that he was leaving the College to head Washash College in Crawfordville, Ind. This announcement occurred only days after Timm announced she would leave Saint Mary's to serve as president of Mount Mary College in Milwaukee, Wis.

The vacancies left by Timm and White's departure will be filled prior to the start of the 2006-07 school year, said Mooney, who hopes to name the vice president and dean of faculty before the conclusion of the spring semester.

Although the specifics regarding the search for the vice president of student affairs have yet to be publicly released, Mooney, the search committee chair, said she plans to fill the position before August.

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University president chats with students 'Fireside'

By MAUREEN MULLEN
News Writer

When U.S. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt held "fireside chats" during the Great Depression, a living room radio was the closest the nation could get to its leader.

With University President Father John Jenkins, however, a fireside chat is an intimate, face-to-face affair.

Jenkins spoke with students Monday evening in the Coleman Morse lounge as part of the Student Union Board's series, "Fireside Chats." In the casual setting of armchairs and couches — complete with a see FIRESIDE page 8

Ronald Reagan's legacy

By KATIE PERRY
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Nearly 400 runners will participate in the second annual Holy Half Marathon this Sunday in a race spanning 13.1 miles — that's 52.4 laps around a regulation track, more than 192 treks across Notre Dame's famed football field or the length of 138.336 LaFortune quarters.

"We have four times as many entries this year than we did last year," race coordinator Kathleen Coverick said. "I think that ND kids love a challenge — and this race definitely gives them something to go after." Coverick said most of the 383 entries are students, however Notre Dame faculty and staff members — as well as other local running aficionados — will also lace up their sneakers for Sunday's race.

Proceeds from the Holy Half's $12 entry fee will benefit Catholic Charities' Operation Helping Hands in New Orleans — a group that provides relief services to people who have incurred heavy losses in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, namely the elderly and uninsured.

Coverick said the event has already raised approximately $1,300 — in addition to the heart rates of those training for the physically demanding race.

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Rallying Cry

Americans, those of my generation any- have never been big on public demonstration. Even when we have some- thing to get worked up about we generally remain mute. Our unwillingness to participate in protests stands in stark contrast with youth around the globe. Just look at the French university students who ramped out for days at a time in opposition to labor laws during the last month. They faced riot police and their doctors in order to make themselves heard.

Studying in Spain in the spring of 2003 I remember well the tremendous public outpouring of grief following the March 11 terrorist attack in the Madrid train station. Millions of Spaniards took to the streets, joined by members of the royal family, waving banners and voicing their opposition to terrorism. Such massive demonstrations never seem to happen state-side, however.

I suppose this is why I was so heartened last weekend to see images of hundreds of thousands of Angelenos gathered in downtown Los Angeles protesting immigration legislation currently making its way through Congress. The rally was followed by a week during which teenagers successfully organized and staged school walkouts via the Internet and word of mouth.

Some might find such protests threatening or disruptive. Indeed they are disruptive — one group of students attempted to close a freeway by running up an on-ramp. After a few days, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa had to risk alienating his Hispanic base and tell students to go back to class. But that's the point.

No barrage of phone calls and no letter writing campaign could ever have the effect of such demonstrations. If the old saying stands true Congress received a 200,000-1,000 words for each of the estimated 500,000 participants who became the pictures that day.

Pro-immigrant demonstrators’ efforts cannot be ignored. The Latino demo- graphic in the United States has long been powerful in numbers, but now it has proven itself to be powerful in the political arena as well.

It would be premature to label the pro-immigrant rallies in California and other parts of the country as an out-all-southern-food-and-mexican-style trend, with inevitable debates before any new immigration legis- lation is drafted.

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Further, they provide hope that if we take the recent demonstrations as a example we can make ourselves heard on other pressing issues such as the war in Iraq.

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The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Program to continue despite federal cuts

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame, home since 1991 to the National Youth Sports Program (NYSP), will continue the program this summer on a limited basis despite the elimination of federal funding.

NYSP will be held from June 15 to July 14 on campus, and registration will take place from 8:45 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Charles Black Youth Center, 3419 W. Washington St.

Several University departments have pledged support to allow the program to operate this summer, though it will be able to accommodate just 250 young people, compared with 600 last year.

Established by the National Collegiate Athletic Association in 1968, NYSP is a five-week sports enrichment camp for children ages 10-16 who live at or below poverty in South Bend and Mishawaka. They are transported to and from campus to learn the fundamentals of football, soccer, golf, swimming, basketball, volleyball and yoga, in addition to participating in drug and alcohol prevention, writing, math and science, career education and computer classes.

The primary objective of the program is to expose children who are at risk for health concerns such as childhood obesity to higher education and healthy lifestyles and provide educational remediation and supervision while encouraging their participation in sports.

Children also receive free medical exams, insurance, USDA-approved meals and transportation. During its 15 years at Notre Dame, NYSP has served more than 3,200 young people from the South Bend area.

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Additional registration information is available by calling the Center for Social Concerns at 574-631-5293.

Math group to gather at ND this weekend

Special to The Observer

More than 400 mathematicians will gather at the Notre Dame Mendoza Conference Center for the 2006 Spring Central Sectional Meeting of the American Mathematical Society.

A conference highlight is the 2006 Erdos Memorial Lecture, "Inhomogeneous Random Graphs," by Bola Bollobas, professor at the University of Memphis and fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, at 5:10 p.m. Saturday in Room 101 DeBartolo Hall. The lecture is free and open to the public.

The Erdos lecture is an annual invited address made possible by a fund created by Andrew Beal, a Dallas banker and mathematics enthusiast. The lecture is named for the late, prolific mathematician Paul Erdos, who published more than 1,500 papers and developed the theory of random graphs.

A random graph is a collection of points, called vertices, in which some or all of the points are connected by line segments, called edges. Graphs can be used to model networks such as the World Wide Web (in which Web pages are the vertices and links between pages are the edges) and social interactions (in which people are the vertices and edges connect people who know each other). In one interesting graph, the vertices correspond to movie stars and two vertices are connected by an edge if the stars involved have worked together on a film. The graph is the basis for the trivia game "Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon."

Bollobas' lecture concerns graphs in which, for each pair of vertices, whether an edge is drawn between them is decided at random. These random decisions are made in such a way that there can be a wide variation in the number of edges that come out of the different vertices in a graph just as there can be a wide variation in the number of links to a given Web page or in the size of a given person's social network. The study of random graphs has led to many interesting discoveries about the properties of graphs in general.

More information about the sectional meeting can be found at http://www.ams.org/amsmtg-2130_program.html.

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Liz Kozlow asked COR members to brainstorm ways to incite conversations and awareness of the Peer Advocacy Program.

Senior class president Sheldon Dutes said he plans to bring a discussion of off-campus living to COR, as the majority of his class will reside off-campus next year.

With the future addition of four senators and a number of non-voting members who will be able to contribute input, Shappell said this year's COR promises to accomplish a great deal.

In other COR news:
COR confirmed Matthew Russo as policy branch controller.
Alex French was chosen as the director of communications, a non-voting position.
As director of communications, French will work along­side chief executive assistant Liz Brown in managing the affairs of the student body president and vice president.
"As the fourth in command, I want to work to lighten the load of [Shappell], Andrichik and Brown because they have a heavy load to man­age," French said.

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...counts against him, Catherine Wilson, a spokes­woman for St. Joseph County Prosecutor Michael Dvorak, told the Associated Press in January.

Duerson had been a University trustee since 2001 and president of the Notre Dame Monogram Club since 2003. He resigned from both positions following the charges.

A 1983 graduate, Duerson was a two-time All-American defensive back for Notre Dame, where he played from 1979-83.

He went on to play 11 seasons in the NFL, earning Pro Bowl honors four times and winning two Super Bowl titles — first with the Chicago Bears in 1985 and later with the New York Giants in 1991.

Duerson is president and CEO of Duerson Foods, LLC.

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University medalist
passes on

Mary Elizabeth Carney of Lake Forest, Ill., a recipient of the University's Laetare Medal, died Sunday.

A Notre Dame benefactor and the wife of Thomas P. Carney, 1937 Notre Dame alumnus and chairman emeritus of the Notre Dame Board of Trustees, Mrs. Carney, a native of Indianapolis, had suffered a stroke three years ago.

In addition to her contributions to the University, Mrs. Carney was active in numerous community service organizations. She served as president of the Saint Mary's Mother's Club, of the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest, the Lake County League, the Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Community Associates of the Art Institute of Chicago and the Lake Bluff Garden Club. She also served as secretary of the Lake Forest Caucus and as a member of the Gordon Community Center Board. The Carnes were awarded Notre Dame's highest honor, the Laetare Medal, in 1986.

Mary E. McGuire and Thomas P. Carney were married Oct. 3, 1942, and years later she confessed that she could not imagine not being married to him.

In a 1991 Chicago Tribune article, the late Mgr. Jack Egan, a friend of the Carnes, spoke of the couple's conspicuous love after half a century of marriage.

"She always felt (Thomas) treated her as a beautiful woman he was courting and hoped he would be able to marry," he said. "That gentle consideration of her as if she didn't have any task more important than being her husband.

Survivors include her husband and four children, all Notre Dame graduates. Thomas, Jr., '70, of Lake Forest, Ill.; Sheila Hopkins ('74) of Hingham, Mass.; James ('75) of Brooklyn Park, Minn.; and Janet O'Brien ('77) of Glenview, Ill.

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race. Senior Tim Stawicki prepped for the Holy Half with the help of a routine he found in Runner's World magazine that includes "some sprints, some faster(ish) medium distance runs and the ever-important long run."

"I've been training officially for about six weeks," he said. "But you could say that I've been training for the past two thousand plus days since I first started running."

Stawicki completed his first marathon in Dublin during the fall of 2004 and went on to com­pete in the Chicago Marathon last October, but the Holy Half will nonetheless be a new expe­rience.

"I have actually never run a half marathon, having jumped directly from the 10K to the full marathon in terms of racing," he said.

Senior James Ehlinger said Sunday's race would be "a good first step" towards his ultimate goal of running a full marathon.

"I wanted to force myself into better shape," he said.

Ehlinger followed a nine-week training regimen that included a combination of long runs, speed work and cross training. Though he did not completely "stick to the schedule," Ehlinger said he still feels prepared for the race.

"During my training, I ran the longest I ever have — nine miles," he said. "I am looking forward to completing the Holy Half for my own personal achievement."

Stawicki said he was unable to run the Holy Half last year, and "just had to sign up" for this year's race.

"Personally, it was a way to get started training for some more marathons without the hassle of having to devote three hours on Sunday to running 20 miles," he said. "This involves a significant decrease in time devotion — about half as much, ironically."

The 13.1 mile course follows two loops around the Notre Dame campus and is modeled off last year's route — which Covicrell said was "a little inaccurate."

"I've run the course with a GPS watch to try to make it as accurate as possible this year," she said.

The race will begin at 10 a.m. between South Dining Hall and Welsh Family Hall. Covicrell said those still interested in running the Holy Half can register via e-mail at holyhalf98@gmail.com or beginning at 8:30 a.m. Sunday.

The event is co-sponsored by the Notre Dame Women's Running Club, Circle X, the Class of 2008 and the Class of 2006. Covicrell said a Council of Representatives grant would also help cover expenses.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Australia to sell uranium to China

CANBERRA — Australia agreed Monday to sell China auranium for nuclear power stations despite concerns that Beijing could divert the material to atomic weapons.

The countries’ foreign ministers signed two agreements containing assurances that China will not build bombs with uranium from Australia, which has 40 percent of the world’s known deposits. No official estimates were available Monday, but the deal is expected to generate billions of dollars in annual sales.

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Sharon to undergo skull surgery

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon will undergo surgery Tuesday to remove part of his skull removed in previous operations after he suffered a debilitating stroke, the hospital treating him said.

The operation is to be conducted in the afternoon, the statement said. Sharon suffered the stroke on Jan. 4 and has not regained consciousness.

Hospital officials said last week that a decision would be made about whether to move Sharon to a long-term care facility. Experts agree that his chances of recovery are extremely slim.

NATIONAL NEWS

Scientists engineer artificial bladder

BOSTON — For the first time, scientists have rebuilt a complex human organ, the bladder, in seven young patients using living tissue grown in the lab — a breakthrough that even some scientists believe will one day regenerating ailing hearts and other organs.

Only simpler tissues — skin, bone, and cartilage — have been lab-grown and transplanted in the past. This is the first time that a more intricate organ has been mostly replaced with tissue grown from patients' own cells.

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Associated Press

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Taylor accused of war crimes

Ex-president of Liberia pleads not guilty to 11 brutal offenses amongst hostile crowds

Former Liberian President Charles Taylor arrives at Monrovia’s Roberts International Airport in Liberia Monday before being arrested and taken by helicopter to Sierra Leone.

Associated Press

9/11 conspirator could face death

"You’ll never get my blood, God curse you all," he said afterward.

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Scandal-plagued Republican DeLay intends to resign

Former House majority leader expected to step down in May or June, will not run for re-election

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, a Texan touched by a lobby­­ing scandal that touched some of his former top aides and cost the Republican his leadership post, won't seek re-election to Congress and intends to resign, Republican officials said Monday.

"I served on the inside right no man."

Tom DeLay
congressman

"I can do more on the outside of the House than I can on the inside right no man."

DeLay has denied any wrongdoing in both cases.

Earlier this year, DeLay had vowed to run a "very vigorous campaign" and win re-election. But the congress­­man's woes contin­­ued to build over the past week.

On Friday, Rudy DeLay's former chief of staff, pleaded guilty to conspiracy and promised to help with the federal investi­­gation of bribery and lobby­­ing fraud relating to Abramoff. Rudy admitted conspiring with DeLay — both while Rudy worked for the Texas congress­­man and after he left the law­­maker's staff to become a lobby­­ist himself.

Rudy is the second former DeLay staffer to plead guilty to federal charges in connection with the lobbying probe. Michael Scas­­lon, a former DeLay press secretary who later became a lobbying partner with Abramoff, pleaded guilty last fall to conspire­­ring to bribe public official­s.

Rudy's plea makes no all­­e­­gation that DeLay did any­­thing wrong.

Just days before Rudy's plea, Abramoff — who is helping the con­­gressional bribery and lobb­­ying investigation in Washington — was sentenced to nearly six years in prison for fraud in connection with a separate case, a casino boat business deal.

DeLay's announce­­ment Tuesday will trigger the end of a long career.

Called "the Hammer" for his hard-nosed approach, DeLay centered his campaign of much of Bush's legis­­lative agenda, including tax cuts, trade agree­­ments and a Medicare prescrip­­tion drug plan.

His brash-knocked political tactics drew the ire of Demo­­crats. Washington lobb­­ysts and good-government types.

"His devotion to the cause has led him to push the envelope as hard as possible and not hold back," said Gary J. Jacobson, a professor of political science at the University of California at San Diego.

DeLay has worked tirelessly to increase the Republican majority in the House since the GOP swept out the Democrats in 1994. He raised tens of millions for Republican candidates and used his own leadership political action committee to shower cash on GOP hopefuls.

In 2002, he helped buck the historic trend of midterm con­­gressional election losses for the party controlling the White House; instead Republicans gained in the House.

He strong-armed a redistrict­­ing plan for Texas that led to the defeat of five Demo­­crats in the state in 2004. The House ethics committee rebuked DeLay for using the Federal Aviation Administration in the search for Texas Demo­­cratic lawmakers trying to avoid a vote on the redistricting proposal.

DeLay was unabashed. "I'm the majority leader and we want more seats," he said.

DeLay was elected in the House in 1984 from the Houston suburbs, DeLay chafed under Demo­­cratic rule for a decade before the GOP seized control. Then, in 1998, he led the charge in impeaching Clinton over the sex scandal involving a White House intern. He might have been House speaker in 1998 after Rep. Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., stepped down and Rep. Bob Livingston, R-La., stunningly bowed out, but DeLay acknowledged that he was "too nuclear" to take the top job. He instead ensured that his deputy, Rep. Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., became speaker.
IN BRIEF

Duke Energy expands into Midwest

CHARLOTTE — In a deal that creates one of the nation's largest utilities, Duke Energy Corp. on Monday closed its $9 billion acquisition of Cinergy Corp., the company said.

"The merger positions Duke Energy to meet future energy challenges and to grow," said Paul M. Anderson, chairman of the board and also chief executive officer for Duke Energy, said in a statement. Last May, Duke Energy agreed to pay $9 billion for Cinergy, forming a company with about 5.4 million electricity customers and $70 billion in assets.

Cinergy Chief Executive Officer Jim Rogers became the new chief executive of the new company, including a requirement that they be non-executive chairman. Anderson will retain his title as chairman.

The deal comes as the industry's major U.S. customers have been rapidly consolidating the telecom field. In the past year, the former SBC Communications Inc. bought AT&T Corp., while Verizon Communications Inc. acquired MCI Inc. Last month, AT&T Inc. — the name SBC chose after buying AT&T — proposed a $67 billion deal for BellSouth Corp.

The newly formed company will be a key player in several key telecom markets, including services and wireless network equipment, Prudential Equity Group analyst Indran Singh wrote in a research note.

With about one-third of revenues coming each from North America, Europe and Asia, he wrote, the new company will have a geographic reach few competitors could likely force other mergers. The companies said the deal's goal is significant growth in revenues and earnings based on "market opportunities for next-generation networks, services and applications.

Luzed CEO Patricia Russo, who will head the combined company from Paris, told analysts during a conference call that in product and service areas where growth is expected, "the combined company will be either No. 1 or No. 2." Alcatel Chairman and CEO Serge Tchuruk will become non-executive chairman.

Ameristar builds on casino empire

LAS VEGAS — Ameristar Casinos Inc. on Monday said it offered about $1.5 billion in cash to acquire Aztar Corp., a Phoenix-based casino operator, trumping previous offers from Pinnacle Entertainment Inc. and Colosky Industries.

The Las Vegas-based casino company said it had offered $42 a share. That is $1 a share higher than the current top offer for Aztar.

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administrators at once, Mooney said she does not “foresee any period of instability during the search process” and said replacing more than one administrator at a time is not “particularly unusual.”

Mooney said the search committee is seeking “someone who will recruit and retain a strong and diverse faculty, articulate a clear academic strategy for the College, provide nontraditional leadership to the faculty and be a strong spokesperson andconvincing constituency.”

The primary role of the vice president and dean of faculty, White said, is to serve as the chief academic officer of the College and to lead faculty to continue personal development through reviewing and improving academic programs and promoting quality teaching, scholarship and service.

This transition period within the administration comes while the College is facing several challenges as it strives to implement initiatives to continue its tradition of academic excellence — something White is confident his predecessor will be able to achieve, he said.

“I am sure the new vice president and dean of faculty, whoever that person is, will bring to the College the personal and professional integrity, clarity of thought, a sense of humor and an attention for the College, our faculty, staff and students, a commitment to nontraditional teaching and learning at Saint Mary’s College, a devotion to the education of Saint Mary’s women and a passion for helping faculty and students grow and develop,” he said.

White said he hoped the new vice president and dean of faculty would continue to expand upon the potential of the Center for Women’s Inter-Cultural Leadership and remain enthusiastic about providing nontraditional education that fosters diversity while encouraging the Saint Mary’s faculty and students to grow as both teachers and learners.

White’s positive outlook is supported by other members of the College community who say they embrace the transition.

“Anytime you bring new leadership there is an opportunity for new ideas and a new vision for the College,” biology professor and search committee member Tom Pauley said. “There is a critical point for the College to look toward the future both academically and for student engagement in shaping their educational experience.”

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“Communication studies professors and search committee members are committed to the importance of students’ presence in addressing the future of the College and in addressing the future of Communication studies,” he said.

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GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE — In 2,733 pages of declassified documents released Monday in The Associated Press, men accused of helping terrorist groups or Afghanistan's former Taliban regime pleading for freedom while U.S. military officers often painstakingly tried to find holes in their stories.

The previously classified transcripts were read at second batch of Guantanamo Bay detainee hearings released by the Pentagon in response to a lawsuit by the AP. They identified more of the prisoners who have been secretly held without charges for up to four years while the U.S. military determines how dangerous they may be.

Most of the men said they were innocent and would pose no threat if set free.

"My conscience is clear," said Algerian detainee Mohamed Neclia, who was accused of plotting to attack the U.S. Embassy in Bonn. "If I left this place my only concern would be bread on the table for my wife and children."

Zia Ul Shah, a Pakistani accused of driving a vehicle for the Taliban, said he hated his American captors at first but when he came here the interrogations were tough and I started to hate my feelings softened after he learned about the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"In the beginning I did not like Americans at all," Shah said. "I had never seen Americans. In the beginning when I came here the interrogations were tough and I started hating them more, but then someone showed me pictures from 9/11. Then I realized they were a right to be angry. My hate towards Americans was gone."

Some 751 prisoners have passed through the cells of the U.S. military base since it began receiving men captured in the U.S. war on terror more than four years ago. Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said 490 of them are now held at the base, which hogs the arid southeastern shores of Cuba.

Algerian lawyer Chokri Bouchikhi said hearings by the Pentagon that authorities that have gained a wealth of knowledge by interrogating detainees, who are held in cell-blocks behind barbed wire.

"We've learned about their military background, location of recruitment centers. We've learned about their skill sets, their terrorist skills sets, both general and specialized operations."

A reading of some of the documents released Monday showed no such stark admissions, although any records of interrogations and the classified portions of the hearings were not included in the transcripts. The hearings — called Administrative Review Boards — were held to determine whether detainees still posed threats to the United States.

Human rights group Amnesty International, a frequent critic of U.S. policies in its war on terror, said the transcripts would most likely reveal information that was insignificant or had been previously released.

"Nevertheless, Amnesty International welcomes today's actions, as even the seemingly minor details in these documents may help shed light on the secrecy surrounding the detainee's cases," said Eric Olson, the group's acting director for government relations.

Each of the detainees who faced such a review hearing was previously determined by other Guantanamo Bay panels — Combatant Status Review Tribunals — to be an "enemy combatant," meaning they fought against the U.S. or its allies or provided support to the Taliban, al-Qaida or "associated forces."

"I can only believe that they don't want me to see how bad the situation has become for the civilian population in South Darfur, in West Darfur."

"Well, I hope that you would believe that we would do you justice after we review all the information," said the officer, whose name was censored from the transcript for security reasons.

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U.N. protests alleged attempt to hide region

Humanitarian affairs official kept out of Darfur

Associated Press

KHARTOUM — The United Nations on Monday protested what it said was a decision by Sudan to bar the U.N.'s top humanitarian official from visiting the capital and the troubled western Darfur region.

Jan Egeland, a U.N. under-secretary-general for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief, said the government was trying to prevent him from seeing how the deteriorating situation in the troubled Darfur region.

A statement from the U.N. mission in Sudan said Egeland's flight into Sudan was not given authorization to land Sunday and that Sudanese officials had expressed opposition to his visit.

It quoted Sudan's representative to the United Nations in New York as saying Egeland would not be welcome in Darfur or the capital, Khartoum.

Egeland's spokeswoman, Stephanie Bunker, said Sudan told him it could not guarantee his security and said he should delay his trip for up to two weeks.

Egeland had been scheduled to visit southern and western Sudan from Sunday to Thursday to assess relief operations.

Instead, he went to southern Sudan which has an autonomous government.

He did visit southern Sudan, which is administered by the Government of Southern Sudan, a partner of the Khartoum government that has its own leadership.

He gave up on his efforts to get to Darfur or Khartoum and planned to leave southern Sudan for Chad on Tuesday, Bunker said.

The state-run Sudan Media Center said an additional 500 men from West Darfur state prevented Egeland's visit because it feared public anger over comments he made since he is from Norway, one of the countries where several of the Prophet Muhammad were published, angering many Muslims.

It cited an unnamed Sudan official as saying residents formed a human chain at the airport to protect the visit.

"They claim that the humanitarian situation is a problem because of the cartoons and the healing of Mahomet. This is just an excuse," Egeland said.

The Associated Press by telephone, "I can officially believe that they don't want me to see the situation has become for the civilian population in Sudanese in Darfur, in West Darfur."

The U.S. State Department criticized Washington's decision not to permit Egeland's visit, calling the decision "deeply disturbing." Citing the "craving humanitarian needs" in Darfur, spokesman Adam Ereli said it was hard to understand why Sudan rebuffed Egeland.

"This certainly sends the wrong signal about where the government of Sudan stands on the issue of humanitarian relief in cooperation with the international community," the statement said. "We deplore the problem of the Darfur," he said.

Ereli noted that he had been barred from visiting Darfur in 2004 "when ethnic cleansing was at its worst."

The United Nations has described Darfur as the site of the world's gravest humanitarian crisis.

The 3-year-old conflict between the Arab-dominated government and militias against ethnic African tribes has left some 180,000 dead — mostly from disease and hunger — and displaced another 2 million from their homes. Sudan's government and rebels in Darfur have made little headway in peace talks in Abuja, Nigeria.
I probably should not write this article. America is a hard moment, calmly collect my thoughts and speak more softly. But how many other libertarian-themed articles do you read? If you are a libertarian, you probably read a bunch. If you are not, however, this one is probably it.

In the wake of the Senate's recent vote to raise the ceiling on U.S. borrowing authority to $8.962 trillion (an increase of $781 billion from last year) I have to say something loudly. I cannot take it any more.

The vote passed the Senate along mostly party lines, 56-42. The legislation was the fourth time in 2002 that the government needed to borrow more money than allowed so as to again avoid defaulting on the federal debt. Now, according to the Congressional Budget Office, American taxpayers will be shelling out $217 billion this year on the interest accumulating on Washington's loans alone.

Now, I am no fan of Bill Clinton and his sneaky rhetoric about a "budget surplus" timetable, if you will, paying $20 for a gallon of milk, and instead of giving you change, the cashier excitedly proclaims he now has a "budget surplus" — if that's a surplus, I'm Batman, but what has happened in the last six years? Does anyone out there besides me care that the Bush Administration's fiscally irresponsible behavior is abhorrent? Really, Don't answer that one.

And, the truth is, I blame you. Libertarians are very keen on the notion of personal responsibility. As a libertarian, I see politics as the following choice: more government or more liberty. The problem is, when you consistently choose more government, it equals less liberty for me. You do not vote in a vacuum. Voting is exercising political force; it is a form of violence, like it or not, and my grandchildren will be paying for your irresponsibility.

Today, the United States proudly claim (yes, that verb is plural) almost half of the world's military expenditures. In 20 years, Medicare will consume nearly 40 percent of our nation's GDP (our federal budget, GDP). Our country is the world's most powerful "superdebt." Does it truly matter how quickly we can destroy Saddam Hussein's country when our "leaders" have sold so many Treasury bonds to China?

Debtors used to be thrown in jail when they could not pay for their poor choices. If debtors' prison still existed, there would be no one left in Washington and I would be a happy man. However, instead of throwing them in jail, we are giving them permission to take more and more money that they have no intention of repaying. With reelection rates as high as they are, politicians feel far too safe in the hallowed halls of Congress. They do not fear their constituents anymore.

I am tired of the bickering between the wings of the Republican Party. I saw a poster in O'Shaunnessy that asked for grassroots volunteers to fight the extreme right wing and elect progressives into office. Because, obviously, once we kick the irresponsible, big-government politicians out of office, the world will be better.

I am not proposing some sort of cure-all solution, because one does not exist. I am simply asking — well, demanding — that you respect the choice that you have: more government or more liberty. Considering Novelist Laureate Friedrich Hayek's wise words that "in government, the scissors rises to the top," I ask you to be very, very wary.

The hand of bread feeds you can just as easily strangle you to death, and, if given the chance, it will.

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Keep the coach, build the program

This letter is concerning the decision to not renew Steve Bendor's contract as head basketball coach at Saint Mary's. The decision to not renew his contract has come as a great shock to many people inside and outside of the Saint Mary's community. The basketball program has had its ups and downs (more downs than ups) in the past years on and off the court, but this year was different. The team was happy and competitive; it had its best season record-wise and was positive about last season and the upcoming one. The program finally has a strong foundation to build on. I am by no means implying that Bendor was the single factor in the above successes, but he was a factor that strongly impacted those successes. He was — and still is — committed to his team as well as his assistant coaches even though the athletic department chose to not renew his contract.

Santa Mary's athletic department has a "revolving door" for coaches. A coaching position at Saint Mary's is only offered as a part time position which does give some reasoning why the department cannot keep coaches. This does not apply to why Bendor's contract was not renewed — he is a teacher and does not need another full-time job. It seems a coach is also never guaranteed any more than a one year contract. If this is the case, this allows the athletic department to cut the coach after one season. If the athletic department has a coaching position at Saint Mary's, it should be a long term contract to help the program and the athletic department. Why is the athletic department taking away a good thing? If Saint Mary's builds a program it will stay in the rut it has been in for many years.

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This week will be a busy week for college athletes as men's basketball plans to wrap up its season with the Final Four in Indianapolis, ending an enjoyable year. However, when the dust is all said and done, that will be the least important topic in college sports this year as another event has come to the fore. Accusations have arisen at Duke University that members of its men's lacrosse team assaulted an exotic dancer hired to perform at an off-campus party. The alleged victim, a student at North Carolina Central University, claimed that she was pulled into a restroom, beaten, choked, and raped by three men. So far, the players aren't talking, but Duke president Richard Brodhead decided that he would suspend the highly ranked Blue Devils indefinitely pending the results of a rape investigation, saying the suspension is not a punishment. I would have to agree; it's not punishment enough.

Police collected DNA samples from 46 lacrosse players last week, excluding the 47th player, an African-American, because the victim said her attackers were white. Not surprisingly, the lacrosse team has been known for past scrapes with the law; 15 of its members have been arrested for offenses ranging from underage alcohol possession to public urination. Many times, the players were charged with criminal convictions through deals made with prosecutors. It's a shame that more wasn't done by the university to prevent this probability so that on that team had something to do with the alleged rape or that they know someone else who did. If those lacrosse players truly want to proclaim their innocence, then they need to cooperate with the authorities. Likewise, universities truly wanted to make in athletics citizens, it would stop making concessions for them and let them answer to the law when they commit crimes.

We've all heard the same stories before. We know about the athletes who get arrested for drunk driving, speeding, theft, drug possession and sexual assault. What we're not hearing enough about are the athletes who receive adequate punishment for their crimes. Instead, they're getting brokered deals to accompany suspensions from their teams.

One well known cases stems from the University of Colorado, which, in 2004, was used in federal district court for allegedly contributing to a situation in which the plaintiff was gang-raped by CU football players and recruits. The case alleged that the CU Athletic Department marketed its program to recruit through alcohol use and sex with female CU students, while overlooking criminal activities, such as rape. The judge dismissed the suit in the spring of 2005, but some top CU heads had resigned over the embarrassment. It's about time universities' officials stopped coddling their athletes. Because if they don't deal with them properly now, they may have to deal with them later when it's their daughters who are being sex-assaulted.

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The future of MTV

There’s a recent phenomenon running rampant across American television screens. It’s a new twist on the dating show format. Gone are the days of classics such as “Singled Out.”

The newest hit thing is “Date My Mom.” A surprising amount of popular show on MTV where several competing young men take a young woman’s mom out on a date, allowing the mom to choose which lad is suitable to date her teenage daughter. The show is obviously scripted—poorly so—and is so mind-numbing that the viewer would be better served by simply packing his or her head in a tub of ice for half an hour to achieve the same effect.

The reason this show still exists is because no one has said anything to the malevolent producers of such trivial trash. Fear no more. Because I am a man of action, I will propose several different ideas for dating shows that are in the same vein, but of significantly more interest.

The first show I suggest is “Date My Senile Aunt.” Think about it—we all have that relative. The one who insists that you are still five years old and sends you a “Happy Bar Mitzvah” card every year on your birthday with a newspaper clipping that she found interesting. This is the same aunt with the mismatched purse that pinches your cheek when she thinks the cheese is gone before she leaves and every time she sneezes. What better way to find a new significant other than to spend an afternoon with the senile aunt she opens the door, when she leaves and every time

The next idea I have is “Date My Noisy Family Physician.” A doctor is one person who knows your most intimate secrets—disease history, immunizations records and family past—and thus is able to determine your ideal mate. Furthermore, a doctor can run all sorts of tests on the various contestants. This is an ideal situation to get to know someone. You don’t want to be dating someone who’s more riddled with STDs than a Tijuana prostitute—or do you? Who wants a biologically game of Russian roulette? This one is fun for the whole family.

Furthermore, there’s “Date My Skinny, Inconsiderate, Smelly Roommate with a ridiculously Screwed Up Biological Clock.” If you can make it through a day dealing with the putrid, insensitive oaf you can live through anything. This would be an interesting series because rather than making a decision at the end of the day, the winner would be the person that manages to stay alive. Who doesn’t want a boyfriend with a strong immune system?

Some other ideas that may not need as much explanation are “Date My Ex-Con Father,” “Date My Grandma” and the Notre Dame exclusives “Date My Rector” and “Date My Red-led Officer.”

The influx of shows like these and the popular “Parental Control” (also on MTV) something needs to be done. These ideas would be much more entertaining and well received than “Date My Mom.” All these shows would be unscripted and the dialogue would be much sharper. Frankly, so is the script. It’s a much more believable and definitely more watched.

Anyway, I have to go — “Simple Life” is on.

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Welcome to the world of Dragonball. The dream transplanted from the Japanese audiences is now being shrunk down to portable size in the PSP game “Shin Budokai.” Despite some shortcomings when compared to its big console brethren, the latest foray into the Dragonball universe packs a punch for fans and newcomers alike.

Based off the recent “Fusion Reborn” film, “Shin Budokai” takes 18 fan favorites and places them within an on-the-go experience. The plot isn’t too complex. The barriers between heaven and hell have disappeared, creating an excuse for major defeated villains to resurface. In addition to these familiar foes is a new menace, the mysterious and powerful entity titled Janemba.

All of the 18 characters are unique with their own strengths and gifts. Most of them have multiple forms, such as a power-up that makes them with a new three-dimensional image. Fans will be pleased to know that characters can level up in the middle of the match, adding more power to their digital avatar.

Fans of the show will recognize all of the characters and adding a progress level of depth to the cut-scenes. However, people new to Dragonball may find themselves ignorant and confused at times. Using the ultimate attack requires new input. For example, there is little explanation in regards to the ultimate attack. It is simply a button to press, and they have a significant impact later in the game.

The cut-scenes are simple, consisting of a basic exchange between two characters. The voice acting is unique, providing some of the voices, but they don’t convey nearly as much as they did for the larger releases.

The actual game itself should be instantly familiar with most gamers. Featuring the traditional fighting style and gameplay, the fighting video games, it is reminiscent of Tekken and Street Fighter. However, the control scheme has been simplified from the aforementioned games. The player is able to fight in mid-air, suspended above the Earth with no loss of control.

Some new props and options, instead of the convoluted ritual, gives the player the ability to perform the most powerful special moves. Reserving a button for kicks, punches, blocks and special moves levels the playing field among the contestants. It’s not a complex attack pattern anymore, it is simply a block or completely avoid the attacks than in previous games. The ultimate attack and missing will lead to a brand new fighting move. This is an easy way to retaliate, making strategic key for success in this game.

There are a diverse game Review

Capcom’s Viewtiful Joe

One of the latest in Capcom’s line of games seen in recent years, “Viewtiful Joe: Red Hot Rumble” is by far the weakest entry in the series. While not a horrible game, it is firmly entrenched in the shadows of its brothers.

That’s a shame, because the “Viewtiful Joe” license is one ripe for decent spin-offs and spin-arounds. Every franchise is on this mission of seeing its endgame become a reality. The games usually have a completely different formula than the original but with the same core gameplay. Given the focus of “Viewtiful Joe,” the franchise hits several common notes and themes to humorous effect.

The main game begins with Joe and his girlfriend getting pulled into a movie in a theater. There, he runs into his hero Captain Blue and acquires the power to go viewtiful. The player, and the main draw of the game, is the ability of the player to distort time as he held the remote for the movie. The movie can rewind, fast-forward or record his own movements, creating a virtual duplicate, all in real-time. All this goes towards slowing down time, undoing mistakes or doubling the damage the player does.

Needless to say, this created some interesting puzzles within the first two games of the franchise. Since time itself could be manipulated, it forced players to think creatively to solve problems. Rotor blades on a helicopter could be slowed by time, causing the machine to fall under gravity’s influence, even though the franchise.

This is where “Red Hot Rumble” falls flat. Essentially a party game in the style of “Budokai,” it taps into the franchise retains the time manipulation element without fully exploiting its potential. The emphasis is on completing simple mini games and short trials. Very rarely do the mini-games play a role beyond an insignificant role within the game, leaving gamers to wonder why it was titled “Viewtiful Joe.” The game would have been just as strong if it had been an original title without the franchise tie-in.

However, the game is not devoid of merit. There is a wealth of unlockable content, including quite a few hidden characters. Movies can be earned, as well as new levels and mini-games.

The gameplay itself isn’t too bad, despite its flaws. It’s a frantic, fast-paced experience with up to four fighters roaming a multi-tiered playing field. It goes so frantic that it becomes very easy to lose the characters in chaos however, which can lead to several cheap deaths. The attacks are easy to do, with special moves simple to a single button.

The mini-games are varied, but most of them fall flat. Most of them are games of dexterity and visual comprehension. Unfortunately, they cannot be turned off and are completely out of place with the rest of the game. They even occur in the middle of matches, throwing off the flow of the fight. The fights are fun, however, even with the franchise.

But the characters are unattractive.
The four-playered fighting action is fast and furious in Capcom's "Shin Budokai" may have some appeal. But for fans, this is the best portable Dragonball experience on the market.

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Joe' falls flat on PSP

The Legendary Super Saiyan Broly powers up a special move to finish off his opponent. "Shin Budokai" is a treat for fans but has appeal for newcomers as well.

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DPAC REVIEW

'Grapes' a bittersweet experience

A truly great film is both timely and timeless, at once encapsulating and simultaneously transcending its era. Director John Ford's "The Grapes of Wrath" (1940) is such a film — a socially aware examination of the Great Depression and a moving story about a family's resilience in the face of impossible odds.

Based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by John Steinbeck, "The Grapes of Wrath" follows the Joad family on a trek from the Dust Bowl to California in search of a new life. Led by recently released convict Tom Joad (Henry Fonda), in one of his finest and most moving performances, the Joads suffer through the trials and tribulations of Depression-era class struggles as they travel across America looking for work. The family includes the resilient Ma Joad (Jane Darwell), pregnant sister Rosasharn (Doris Bowden) and for a time, ex-preacher Casey (John Carradine).

Through it all, the Joad family learns to endure and find hope in the confusion and stark reality of Depression-era America.

Everything about "The Grapes of Wrath" is a cut above. Nunnally Johnson's adaptation of Steinbeck's book is less depressing than the original text, but it is still as emotionally affecting. The starkly beautiful cinematography by "Citizen Kane" photographer Gregg Toland is striking and effective. Ford always had an eye for composition, and it doesn't fail him here, allowing for some truly wonderful shots — the camera, unfortunately, is often static (fit was, after all, the pre-"Citizen Kane" days of complex camera movements), but the editing and framing make up for any other cinematic shortcomings. Ford controls the film from beginning to end, and his sensitive performance is the centerpiece of a solid cast. He is galvanizing, inflecting Tom Joad with a haunted exhaustion — yet there is a strange kind of power in his eyes, a sense of hopefulness that prevents his character from tumbling over the edge. The audience finds itself rooting for the Joad family, hoping their luck will turn around soon when they get further and further away from their home. And unlike the novel, which ends on a disturbing and disappointing note, Ford's film ends with a sense of enthusiasm about the future, a belief in the endurance of the human spirit.

Ford made his reputation on the Western, and although "The Grapes of Wrath" isn't technically an oater, its setting and content lend themselves well to his grand style. While the director may have better films in his impressive canon (1939's "Stagecoach," 1956's "The Searchers" and 1962's "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance"), few are as enduringly timeless as "The Grapes of Wrath." The Joad family becomes an effective symbol of the Everyman, explained first by Tom to Ma Joad in the film's most famous scene ("I'll be everywhere. Wherever you can look") and then by Ma Joad to her husband: "We're the people that live. They can't wipe us out. We can't lick us. And we'll go on forever, Pa ... "cause we're the people." Ford understood people with an insight and power matched by few directors before or since. "The Grapes of Wrath" will certainly endure as a snapshot of its time, but beyond even that, it will endure as a testament to the resilience and power of the human spirit.

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Tom Joad, played by Henry Fonda (far right), travels across the country with the rest of his family during the Great Depression in this classic tale.

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**MLB — AL**

Los Angeles reels in Mariners with late-inning smallball

Angels bunt and steal their way to victory after Cabrera’s single knocks in winning runs. K-Rod earns first save

Associated Press

**SEATTLE**

Orlando Cabrera’s two-run single in the ninth inning lifted the Los Angeles Angels past the Seattle Mariners Monday in the season opener.

With the game tied 3-3, reliever George Sherrill walked Casey Kotchman. Jose Molina sacrificed, and pinch-hitter Milton Irizaris to second and Tim Salmon advanced him to third on a groundout. Reliever J.J. Putz walked Chone Figgins, who stole second取代 Cabrera’s two-run single for the Angels.

It was Los Angeles’ first victory since losing four straight games in the LDS to the White Sox. The Angels had won the series opener.

Putz pitched a hitless 1-3 innings in relief for the victory. Francisco Rodriguez earned the save. Rodriguez loaded the bases in the ninth on hit batters and a walk before retiring Jeremy Reed, got Betancourt to fly out and Ichiro Suzuki to hit into a double play.

**Boston, Texas 3**

Big Papi and the Boston Red Sox certainly like having the “old” Tim Bogdon.

Looking as good as he said he felt, Schilling struck out five home runs in seven strong innings in Boston’s 3-2 win over Texas Monday.

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Adam Dunn likes to drop by balls and make the wedding shish.
Cincy rolls out Reds’ carpet to President, Cubs hitters

Bush throws ceremonial first pitch in pro baseball’s oldest home; Braves dodge late LA charge with Langerhans homer

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — With another 16-run outburst, the Reds showed they mastered the art of the fast start.

Of course, finishing has always been this franchise’s problem. Chicago rolled to its fourth straight opening day victory Monday, 16-7 over a Cincinnati Reds team that could bring the president to town but couldn’t stop the Cubs run of first-game success.

Matt Mortenson homered in a five-run first inning, and Todd Walker singled home a pair of runs in a seven-run sixth that sent most of the capacity crowd to the exits on a windy, raw afternoon.

"It went better than we could have hoped," said Walker, who was 3-for-4 with three RBIs.

"The only thing I can think is that we did the same thing last year and dropped the next two in Arizona," Mr. Mortenson said.

The Cubs set a franchise record for opening day runs in a 14-8 rout over Arizona last year, then wound up finishing in fourth place in the NL Central, right ahead of Cincinnati.

The Reds hadn’t given up so many runs on opening day since 1897 — that is, in a 24-6 loss to Louisville during the third month of Rutherford B. Hayes’ presidency.

"In the six inning, it didn’t seem like anything went our way," manager Jerry Narron said. "It was a nightmare inning for our offense. We don’t like to see that happen to anybody, especially your own team.

President George W. Bush threw a ceremonial first pitch at the invitation of new Reds owner Bob Castellini, one of his closest political partners in the Texas Rangers. No current president had ever thrown an opening day pitch in Cincinnati.

Houston 1, Florida 0

The Astros began the defense of their first National League title with a shutout.

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New York 3, Washington 2

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Philadelphia 5, Colorado 4

Down eight runs with four outs left, Jimmy Rollins wasn’t looking for a walk with his hitting streak on the line. Rollins kept up his pursuit of Joe DiMaggio’s major league record 56-game hitting streak with a double off a 3-2 pitch in the eighth inning, but it was the lone bright spot for the Philadelphia Phillies in their season opener on Monday.

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Webb wins seventh major in whirlwind finish

A birdie putt on the 18th hole in a playoff put the career Grand Slam winner atop Ochoa and ended a two-year drought

Associated Press

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. — Karrie Webb kept putting in the work on the practice range without ever seeing results on the course, but she rediscovered the joy of winning a major.

She once ruled women’s golf, winning the career Grand Slam quicker than anyone, even Tiger Woods.

The only thing that felt uncomfortable was the fame. “I didn’t really, really enjoy winning and what comes with that,” she said. “And that’s why I was probably trying so hard. I wanted to feel this again, and enjoy it and really appreciate it.”

Her seventh major came when she least expected it Sunday in the Kraft Nabisco Championship.

And it was an experience like no other.

Webb emerged an unlikely winner after a whirlwind finish at Mission Hills when she made a 7-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole in a playoff to beat Lorena Ochoa, ending a two-year drought.

It began with one of the most dramatic shots ever struck in a major when Webb’s pitching wedge from 116 yards on the par-5 closing hole to an island green covered the flag, trickled into the cup for eagle and gave her a 7-under 65.

“My heart just about jumped out of my chest,” she said.

It pounded even more when she was finished regulation at 5-under 279.

Webb was one shot ahead of 16-year-old Michelle Wie and 23-year-old Natalie Gulbis, with Lorena Ochoa seemingly out of the picture after a back-nine collapse in the rough.

Here’s how the final hole unfolded:

• Gulbis laid up short of the green and hit wedge to 18 feet, giving her a good chance at her fourth birdie in the final six holes to force a playoff.
• Ochoa needed eagle, so she went after the flag with a 3-wood. It cleared the water and began rolling toward the cup, the cheers rising until the ball stopped 6 feet away.
• Wie hit her best drive under the most intense pressure she felt all day, leaving her 290 yards away. She smoked a 5-iron that hit the green, but instead of rolling down a ridge toward the hole, went over the green and curled toward the water until settling 25 feet away in the first cut for eagle.

She took wedge, hit putter, and had the pin removed. Wie wanted the win.

“Obviously, I was thinking I could make it,” Wie said.

Instead, her chip came out hot and rolled 10 feet by the cup, a putt she needed for birdie to force a playoff.

Gulbis’ birdie putt never had much of a chance, and she had to settle for a 68.

Back to Wie, who hit what she thought was the perfect putt. It ran slow and true toward the left edge of the cup, but instead of diving into the hole, caught the left lip and spun a way. Wie crouched in disbelief, holding the hands over her head as she came up one shot short of a playoff. She shot 70.

That left it to Ochoa, who had gone from a three-shot lead at the start of a sunny afternoon to a two-shot deficit, another chapter in her growing legacy of being unable to finish the deal.

Not this time. She made the eagle putt for 72 and headed into a playoff.

“I thought, ‘I can’t believe I have to play a hole after doing that,’” Webb said of her eagle on the 72nd hole. “It took me 15 minutes to calm down.”

And it took her only a little longer to earn the privilege of jumping into the pond, a tradition at this tournament.

Webb went over the green with a 3-wood and dropped a nice pitch to 7 feet. After Ochoa ran her chip some 15 feet by the cup and avoided Webb boled her birdie putt on the first extra hole.

How to explain it all?

“Destiny, definitely,” she said.

Defending champion Annika Sorenstam never got to first base in her annual pursuit of the Grand Slam. She closed with a 70 to tie for sixth, one shot behind Juli Inkster (68). Sorenstam and Webb used to go head-to-head six years ago, with the 31-year-old Australian winning most of the major battles. Webb retooled her swing with Ian Triggs, and didn’t have much to show for it.

She had not won a major since the 2002 Women’s British Open at Turnberry.

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Volleyballers qualify for nationals after upending three top-15 teams; women's water polo outfights Illini, falls to Spartans

Special to The Observer

Mike Lavery, Matt Prygoski, Tim Campbell and Andy Steves represented the Notre Dame cycling club at Purdue this weekend in individual and team time trials Saturday and a criterium Sunday.

It was one of the most successful events ever for the Irish, as Lavery, team captain, bested the field by 50 seconds to claim first place. The Irish also captured first in the team event and took a first and a second in the criterium.

The time trial course Saturday was a 10.25-mile out-and-back style course, with a climb to the turn around point, and strong crosswinds. Riders were sent out on 30-second intervals for the entire three minutes.

The Men's C Time Trial went off first, with Mike Lavery, Matt Prygoski and Tim Campbell racking up the victory. Tim Campbell's time trial record, however, stayed intact as he set a new personal best, finishing in walk-trot-canter, and Alisha Wilkinson qualified second.

Lavery, Prygoski and Campbell raced in the Men's B race two hours later. Lavery got himself into an early three-man breakaway, while Prygoski and Campbell stayed in the main pack, working to slow the pace in Lavery's favor.

With two laps to go, heavy rain set in, and Lavery and another rider in the breakaway slid out in a corner and crashed. Thanks to a common-sense rule, all five riders were able to remount their bikes, and Lavery was able to ride on to a second-place finish.

Equestrian

Equestrians Molly Schmiege, Caitlin Wilhelmy, Lauren Beuke and Ali Minnis qualified for Zones at this weekend's IHSA Regionals. The four riders will next compete at Zones, with the top two riders qualifying for Zones.

Schmiege took first in intermediate fences, with Caillit Landuyt fourth and Jalla Burke fifth. LaDue and Schmiege qualified for Zones in walk-trot and canter, and Alie Minnis finished second in open flat. With Kelsey Ostberg in sixth, Ostberg also qualified in open fences.

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Men's Volleyball

Notre Dame traveled to Tuscaloosa, Ala., for the Midwest Intercolligate Volleyball Association's tourney to take on the top teams in the Midwest and qualify for Nationals in April. After qualifying into the Top-25 rankings, the Irish were fifth in the nationals and prove they belonged among the nation's elite.

But, the pool play on Saturday, the No. 21 Irish were up against some of the steepest opponents in the nation.

In this first match, the Irish were determined to set the tempo for the day and the rest of the tournament. With Quirk and intensity carried Notre Dame to upset the Golden Gophers 25-22, 25-23.

Next on their schedule was the fifth-ranked Fighting Illini. The Irish had played Illini in the past, but both solid passing and consistent attacks, the Irish stunned the Illini in a quick 25-15, 25-20 victory.

Notre Dame continued pool play against Bowling Green State. The Irish won 27-25, 25-14 to go on a three-game winning streak. With this win, Notre Dame clinched second place in its pool behind No. 2 Laval University, which go on to defea-tively defeat the Irish in the first three rounds.

After a mental letdown against Ohio Northern, the Irish finished the day with a 3-1 record and earned a first-round bye in the gold bracket.

Their first opponent was the University of Illinois-Chicago. Although sluggish throughout the match, the Irish held off a late comeback by the Flames 25-20, 25-21. Notre Dame then took on the Irish faced conference rivals No. 8 Marquette. In a hard-fought match that Notre Dame in two close sets.

Behind aggressive serving from Dan Zilbon and Drew Williams, the Irish easily took the first game 25-18. Marquette tried to make a run in the second set, but with every strategic move the Irish had a counterattack. With perfect passing and defense from Foecke (Ryan) Dax, the Irish rolled on to a 25-22 victory. The Irish played an eight-hour by chance by junior James Forsmann.

Men's Water Polo

Notre Dame advanced to the semifinal match face No. 1 UW-Oshkosh again.

In both previous matches against UWO, the Irish fell behind early and lost. On Sunday afternoon, however, the Irish took the lead 1-0 after one.

In the first game, the Irish jumped ahead to a 1-1 lead, which they held for most of the match. With solid passing and smart offensive attacks, the Irish grabbed the lead in the second period to put the Irish and tied the game 21-21, going on to defeat the Irish 25-22.

Game two played out much the like the first, as the score was tied at 11-11 and put together a mini run to go 15-11.

From there, the Irish played catch-up. Unfortunately, the Irish lost a total of 25-19 and 25-21.

Notre Dame finished the tournament with a 5-2 record and upset victories over the No. 3 University of Illinois, No. 5 Marquette, and No. 5 Illinois, and a loss up in third place.

It marks the best finish Notre Dame has ever had at the National Championship tournament.

Senior Ryan Goes was recognized Post-Game Media Honorable Mention. This is the first time Goes has been recognized to the All-Conference Team and the first Notre Dame player to do so in the last two seasons.

Next on their schedule was the National City, Utah. After Easter in Nationals, competing against the top 50 teams in the nation. The Alaska Club of San Diego hosted the round two.

Women's Water Polo

The Notre Dame water polo club competed at Miami University (Ohio) this weekend against several top-10 teams.

The Irish fell 11-10 against the Illinois Illini, winning decisively by 9-6. The Irish opened the second day with a win over the No. Notre Dame clinched second place in its pool behind No. 2 Laval University, which proceeding defeated the Irish in the first three rounds.
A R O U N D  T H E  N A T I O N

NBA Standings

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division
- Team record: pct. GB
  - New Jersey: 44-28 .611 -
  - Philadelphia: 34-38 .472 10
  - Boston: 36-34 .514 14.5
  - Toronto: 26-47 .356 18.5
  - New York: 19-53 .264 25

Eastern Conference, Central Division
- Team record: pct. GB
  - Detroit: 42-14 .742 -
  - Cleveland: 42-29 .603 15
  - Milwaukee: 37-36 .500 22
  - Indiana: 35-37 .500 23.5
  - Chicago: 33-40 .457 26

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division
- Team record: pct. GB
  - Miami: 48-25 .700 -
  - Washington: 37-35 .514 10.5
  - Orlando: 29-44 .396 19
  - Atlanta: 22-50 .306 25.5
  - Charlotte: 29-54 .353 28.5

Western Conference, Northwest Division
- Team record: pct. GB
  - Denver: 41-33 .550 -
  - Utah: 35-38 .486 5.5
  - Minnesota: 31-42 .422 9.5
  - Seattle: 30-43 .422 16.5

Western Conference, Pacific Division
- Team record: pct. GB
  - Phoenix: 49-24 .671 -
  - LA Clippers: 42-36 .533 6.5
  - LA Lakers: 40-36 .533 11
  - Sacramento: 38-36 .514 11.5
  - Golden State: 30-42 .417 18.5

Western Conference, Southwest Division
- Team record: pct. GB
  - San Antonio: 57-18 .781 -
  - Dallas: 55-19 .743 2.5
  - Memphis: 42-32 .569 16.5
  - New Orleans: 30-37 .460 21.5
  - Houston: 32-41 .438 25

NCAA Women's Softball

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  - NOTRE DAME 4-0 18-10
  - USF 4-0 18-10
  - Pittsburgh 7-1 23-12
  - Syracuse 7-1 18-14
  - Louisville 3-1 23.5
  - DePaul 2-1 14-9
  - Providence 4-4 19-4
  - Connecticut 4-4 14-15
  - St. John's 3-5 20-16
  - Rutgers 1-7 9-20
  - Seton Hall 1-7 16-20
  - Villanova 0-0 5-23

IN BRIEF

Florida wins NCAA Championship

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Game, set, match — and a championship, too — for Joakim Noah and the Florida Gators. The tennis star's son dominated UCLA with 16 points, nine rebounds and a record six blocks Monday night to key a 73-57 blowout for Florida's first national title in basketball.

The championship for Billy Donovan's team comes 10 years after Steve Spurrier led the Gators to a title in that "other" sport. Spurrier is long gone, and the days of Florida being only a football school appear to be, too.

For 40 lopsided minutes, the Gators (33-6) were too big, too long and too quick for UCLA, which came up a win short of its 12th national title on a night when legendary coach John Wooden watched from a hospital bed in LA after being admitted for an undisclosed illness that was said not to be serious.

Florida and Noah won by putting on a thorough display of versatility and unselfishness, a trademark of this team all season.

The Gators (33-7) were on a defensive tear coming into the championship game, shutting down LSU's Glen Davis in the semifinals and allowing a total of 90 points in the last two games. Florida, though, was just too much to handle.

Noah capped it off with a monster dunk with 1:09 left. When the buzzer sounded, he laid flat on his back at halfcourt and let the confetti rain on him. His teammates were in a pile a few feet away and Donovan was sharing hugs with his longtime assistant Anthony Grant.

The Gators won this by taking it right to UCLA early, looking to Noah.

Corey Brewer and senior Adrian Moss down low, making the extra pass in the key and finishing with 21 assists, 10 of them from their frontcourt.

The scrappy junior Lee Humphrey is the only non-sophomore in Florida's starting five, spotted up for a couple open looks against a collapsing defense early in the second half.

Humphrey's first 3, 83 seconds into the half, gave Florida a 39-25 lead and forced Howland to call timeout. A sloppy offensive possession ensued, then Humphrey came back with another 3.

Average MLB ticket prices have risen

Get ready to pay more to go out to the ol' ballpark this year.

Baseball ticket prices are up an average of 5.4 percent, and the Boston Red Sox have the highest average for the ninth straight season.

Tickets in the major leagues averaged $22.21, the Team Marketing Report said Monday, up from a revised average of $21.08 last year. The NFL averaged $58.95 last year, and the NHL $45.92 this season and the NHL $41.19.

"From the standpoint of family entertainment, baseball remains very affordable compared against comparable entertainment," said Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer.

"MLB is a special, but fairly priced, family sport." Boston, which has the smallest major league ballpark, hiked its average 4.3 percent to $46.46.

French Open to award female, male champions same prize

PARIS - The French Tennis Federation said Monday.

"We're following the evolution of tennis," said Stephane Simon, the federation official in charge of prize money. "On the women's side, there has been a very positive change, with the arrival of many new stars."

Wimbledon remains the only Grand Slam tournament that pays the men's winner more than the women's champion.

The U.S. and Australian Opens have offered equal prize money for years.

"Once upon a time, there were only three or four dominant women," Simon said. "Now, there are 10 to 15 who can vie for a Grand Slam."
SMC SOFTBALL

Two for Tuesday matchup

Belles make up game against Robert Morris playing doubleheader

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

The Belles take on Robert Morris today in a rescheduled doubleheader at 4:30 p.m. The game was cancelled last Tuesday, March 28, because of poor field conditions. Saint Mary's is coming off a strong showing Saturday when they swept University of Illinois, Springfield. Their two games on Sunday were cancelled because of rain.

Robert Morris (11-9) is ranked second in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) with a 4-0 conference record. The Belles step on the field today with a 12-4 record overall and the confidence from two solid wins on Saturday. Senior Bridget Grall threw her first career no-hitter and dominated from behind the plate as well.

"Her pitching was outstanding as she threw a no-hitter the first game," senior Audrey Gajor said. "But she also really came through at the plate as well in both games."

The Belles will once again look to the guidance from Grall as well as freshman pitcher Kristin Amram. Amram struck out twelve at the plate, nearing her record thirteen. Head coach Erin Sullivan said that her team came into the game against Adrian prepared both physically and mentally.

"The team came out ready to play," Sullivan said. "Even in tough conditions, they never backed down offensively."

Saint Mary's freshman outfielder Calli Davidson hacks away for the Belles April 2 against Adrian. Saint Mary's beat Adrian 9-0 and 7-0 in the doubleheader.

The Belles will try to come out prepared in the same way today turning to strong defense from pitchers Grall and Amram. The two will look to shut down the Lady Eagles as they did of Adrian on Saturday.

Gajor said that the team was on target both defensively and offensively Saturday. They will look to bring this combination again as they search for their 13th and 14th wins.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles improve MIAA record with 8-1 victory

Team rebounds from weekend loss, raises league record to 3-1

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

"I think we're happy with how we played on Monday," Tara O'Brien Saint Mary's junior Athletic Director. "It was really good to see that we can still win even when we don't have our 'A' game."

Kristen Palombo Saint Mary's co-captain

The Belles will once again take to the courts today with confidence as they all won their first conference matches. "I think we're happy with how we played on Monday," junior Tara O'Brien said. "Especially considering that we didn't play up to our potential, I think we did a real good job to beat Alma by so much."

Picking up wins for the Saint Mary's in singles were No. 1 Kristen Palombo, No. 2 Kelly McDavitt, No. 4 O'Brien, No. 5 Melissa Dingler and No. 6 Grace Gordon. All of the players needed only two sets to complete their matches.

In doubles action, the teams of McDavitt and Calie Mulcahy, Palombo and Gordon and O'Brien and Mary Elizabeth Campbell swept the competition as they all won their matches in just two sets.

The team admitted that it was still feeling the effects of its two matches this past weekend, but the Belles were able to turn that fact into a positive.

"We were all still lagging a little from this weekend as well as the long car ride to Alma, so it was really good to see that we can still win even when we don't have our 'A' game," Palombo said.

Saint Mary's will have little time to rest after Monday's match as it has a home conference match with Tri-State today at 3 p.m. Tri-State is 7-4 on the season.

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The Top 32 Teams of Bookstore Basketball

| 1. | U Got A Bad Draw |
| 2. | Jack's Shorts |
| 3. | The Caged Bears |
| 4. | Club Fever |
| 5. | Clover Ridge Apartments |
| 6. | What Would Jeremey Crouch Do |
| 7. | Castle Point |
| 8. | Bad Boyz |
| 9. | Hannah's Storm |
| 10. | KPMG |
| 11. | The Saltines |
| 12. | Rocco's Pizza |
| 13. | Insurance Waivers |
| 14. | Malicious Prosecution |
| 15. | Rocco's Pizza |
| 16. | The Caged Bears |
| 17. | Linebacker Lounge |
| 18. | Apartments |
| 19. | Huggie's |
| 20. | Sparkle |
| 21. | Load Letter |
| 22. | Team Walk-On |
| 23. | Huggie's Place |
| 24. | The League of Shadows |
| 25. | The Nickelodeon Moon |
| 26. | Bad Boyz |
| 27. | Irish Football Players |
| 28. | Taking a Paige Shoes |
| 29. | Shadows |
| 30. | Walk-On |
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| 32. | Overrated |

Bookstore Basketball

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nated marketing, team registration, ranking the top 32 teams and placing each entry into a bracket.

In addition to the fan of the tournament, there is a loot goal — raising money for the charity JumpBall.

"For the last few years in Bookstore Basketball, all the proceeds, the profits from the tournament have gone towards the JumpBall tournament," Maher said. "It's a charity organization in Jamaica which holds camps for underprivileged youth in the Jamaica area, mainly Kingston ... it gives kids an opportunity to build character, learn to play on a team, learn to be good solid leaders — dedication and commitment."

This year's tournament features a familiar top team: U Got A Bad Draw, captained by Eric Laumann and led by Irish quarterback Brady Quinn and safety Chinedum Ndukwe. The team feels confident about its chances this year, having never lost a game against competition, Quinn said.

"We feel as if we are by far the best team in the tournament," Quinn said. "Last year the tournament was tainted, and this year we are going for blood."

The team has talent in all aspects of the game, especially size and speed. It boasts three Irish football players, with offensive lineman David Fitzgerald joining Ndukwe and Quinn as the three non-basketball athletes on the team. "Me and Chinedum go way back, and we knew we just wanted a big body in the post, and that ended up being David (Fitzgerald)," Quinn said explaining his decision to choose Fitzgerald. Rounding out the squad are Chris Devitt and Eric Laumann, two non-varsity athletes who Quinn lauds as the best in the school.

Devitt and Laumann should not take their selection to U Got A Bad Draw lightly, as being the non-varsity athletes has spelled good things in the past. The most successful former Bookstore Basketball teammate of Quinn was Chris Murphy, now a walk-on player for the Notre Dame men's basketball team.

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because I wanted to experience that one shining moment," freshman Nick Trapp, captain of "The Saints of Fort Washington" said.

But despite hope for his team's success, Trapp remains realistic about the Saints' chances this year facing such a huge field.

"We have a lot of athleticism, but once we get into the later rounds I think our lack of size will end up hurting us against the better teams," he said.

Kate Gales also contributed to this report.

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Funniest Names of Bookstore Basketball

- Pop culture, movie quotes, self-deprecation and everything in between
- We Shoot Like Dick Cheney (you should wear orange)
- Don't Cha Wish Your Girlfriend Was Hot Like Us
- We Lost A Lot Of Good Men Out There
- Shawn Kemp Is My Daddy ... and his daddy ... and his daddy ... and his daddy ...
- We Always Make It To Oregon Before You
- Trying To Outscore Vince Young's Wonderlic Test
- Sending Kids To BC since 1842
- WE GOT A BAD DRAW
- Adam Morrison's Mustache
- We Don't Pay 40 G's a Year To Lose In Bookstore Basketball
- We Could Go .500 in the Missouri Valley Conference
- Top 5 Reasons Why Admissions Is Flawed
- Google Maps are the best, true that, double true
- Picked Last In Grade School

Irish Softball

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10 to raise their record to 16-13. The Eastern Michigan offense is led by Ashley Strauss, who is hitting .283 with 19 RBIs. Strauss was named the MAC West’s Player of the Week last week after belting three home runs, including a game-winning two run shot in extra innings with 19.

"This year the team plays with a lot of intensity and fire," Notre Dame’s Stephanie Brown said. "We have an extreme amount of talent."

The Irish pitching staff will have its hands full with the Eagles’ offense, but starters Heather Booth and Brittnay Bargar have effectively shut down their competition so far this season. Bargar was named the Big East’s Pitcher of the Week this week after recording a no-hitter against Connecticut Saturday. The eight-inning shutout was the first recorded in Notre Dame’s history. "She is a fighter and she worked hard out there," said Booth, who raised her record to 7-6 on the season. The Irish offense is coming off a strong weekend performance at Ivy Field. The sluggers have put up 23 runs in their last four games including a 9-0 win against Connecticut and an 8-0 win over Providence.

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Stephanie Brown
Irish second baseman

"This year the team plays with a lot of intensity and fire."

We come to practice and continue to stay fresh on offense and defense," infielder Sara Schooanenart said. "I think right now things are really gelling for us and we are having a lot of fun out there."

Brown, Notre Dame’s lead-off hitter, has been unstoppable at home this season. The team had seven hits in 13 at bats including three home runs.

The team will continue to look to the top of its batting order as well as a stingy defense to overcome the Eagles and move its home winning streak to seven. The streak dates back to a 7-3 win over Syracuse on May 1 of last season.

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DENVER — For 59 minutes, the Colorado Avalanche were on their way to a bad loss. The final 58 seconds of regulation changed all that.

Dan Hinote and Rob Blake scored in the last minute, and the Avalanche moved within three points of the Northwest Division lead with a victory over the Chicago Blackhawks Monday night.

"This was big because we needed these points," Blake said. "I got a power play at the end and Danny made a strong move down the wall, put the puck to the net and it went in."

Blake scored two goals and became the 17th NHL defenseman to score 200. Andrew Brunette added a goal, and Joe Sakic had three assists.

Calgary lost one point off its division lead by falling in a shootout to Detroit at home Monday. Both the Flames and Avalanche have seven games remaining. Colorado will play its final three games on the road.

"It was a tremendous sense of relief to see the last goal go in," Colorado coach Joel Quenneville said. "We were thinking before if we could get it to overtime, then we got a free point and then we got a really lucky break after that."

Curtis Brown, Patrick Sharp and Rene Bourque had goals for the Blackhawks, who are out of playoff contention.

"We made a generous gift to them," goalie Nikolai Khabibulin said. "They really needed one and we gave it to them."

Brown gave Chicago a 3-2 lead with 2:21 left in the third when he took a centering pass from Bourque from behind the net and sent a backhander over goalie Peter Budaj’s glove.

But with 2:03 remaining, Michal Barinka was sent off for cross-checking. Blake tied it 3-3 at 19:03, sending the puck through a pileup in front of the net and past Khabibulin.

Hinote scored from a tough angle after Sakic had dumped the puck into Chicago’s zone. Hinote skated along the right boards and sent a shot off the back of Khabibulin’s right pad and into the net with 12 seconds left.

"I only get the lucky ones," Hinote said. "I knew there was about 15 seconds left so I just wanted to throw it to the net and maybe get a faceoff down there. I wasn’t trying to score from there."

"He’s right," Khabibulin said of Hinote’s goal. "That puck shouldn’t go in. I’ll take the blame for that one."

Chicago outshot Colorado 9-6 in the first period and showed some grit after Khabibulin gave up a rebound goal to Blake at 2:09. Sakic’s wrist shot was stopped but the puck bounded right to Blake, who tapped it in for his first of the night.

END
Streak
continued from page 24 against the Cougars Tuesday.
"We might make a couple of changes and give some guys a chance to play, not because we're taking an opponent likely, but more because some of our guys have some nicks and bruises and we want to rest them up," he said.

One of those changes will be to start freshman Jeremy Barnes at shortstop instead of senior Greg Lopez. Barnes started at designated hitter Sunday against the Panthers and drove in the winning run in the ninth inning.
Mainieri said that Lopez's starting spot is not in jeopardy, but he wants to get Barnes' bat into the lineup any way possible.
"Lopez is a little sore and we want to rest him a little bit," Mainieri said. "I always felt that Barnes was a starting player and had the capability to be one of our best hitters and all-around players. The problem is that we had a full starting infield coming back and they're all good players."

The Irish pitching staff has been a catalyst in Notre Dame's winning streak, throwing two shutouts and allowing a little over two runs per game over the seven contests.
"When you look at our three weekend starters, Samardzija, Manship, and Thornton, I'd put them up against anyone in the country," Mainieri said. "Then Wade Korpri has really emerged as a solid fourth starter."
"I also like what I've seen out of our bullpen."
The Cougars have struggled this season, going just 3-17, but almost upset Kansas State on the road March 28, falling 8-7.
"Kansas State is one of the best teams in the country," Mainieri said. "(Chicago State) could be a very tough game."

Ball State is 14-11 this year and 3-1 in the MAC. The Cardinals beat the Irish last year, 14-5, at Frank Eck Stadium.
After the midweek games, Notre Dame will travel to Tampa, Fla., for a three-game Big East series against South Florida. The Bulls are new to the conference this season, and the Irish have only faced them once before, in South Bend in 2001. South Florida won that game, 6-1.
"We know they're going to be tough, especially at home," Mainieri said of the Bulls. "They're a Florida school and they've got good players and a good coach."

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**BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXV**

**Hoping for history**

The world's largest outdoor five-on-five basketball tournament tips off today

By JAY FITZPATRICK

Sports Writer

The coming of spring in South Bend has brought the return of a unique Notre Dame tradition — Bookstore Basketball. The tournament this year features 56A teams, a drop from last year's field of over 600 in the largest 5-on-5 tournament in the world. Executive commissioner Luke Maher attributed this drop in large event to the logistical challenges of such a large event. With executive board members Dan Carey, Christine Hedge, Brandon McLeod, Jim Rodgers, Patrick Schafer and Mary Sullivan, he has coordi-

**BASEBALL**

**Non-conference foes loom for Irish**

Squad can continue seven-game streak

By CHRIS KHOREY

Associate Sports Editor

The Irish will try to extend their seven-game winning streak this week with non-conference games against Chicago State today and Ball State Wednesday at Frank Eck Stadium.

Notre Dame (17-8, 5-1 Big East) is coming off a three-game sweep of Pittsburgh at home last weekend and hasn't lost since March 25 at Georgetown.

"It sure is a lot more fun to win than lose," Notre Dame coach Paul Mainieri said. "I'm sure the players are aware that we've won several games in a row and I'm all for thinking about it, but you can't rest on your laurels. Just because you won the last game doesn't mean you'll win the next one." Mainieri said he will make some lineup changes for the midweek games, especially against conference foe Robert Morris in a rescheduled doubleheader today.

By KEN FOWLER

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Saint Mary's Director of Public Information Melanie McDonald said Monday that the College could not comment on the specifics of the decision not to renew the contract of first-year head coach Steve Bender.

"This is entirely a personnel manner," she said. The Observer reported in Monday's edition that Bender was unavailable for comment Monday, and phone calls made to players remained unreturned.

"Our athletic director, Lynn Kachmarik, has always picked up where ever anything has left off, so I'm sure she is in complete control of the situation," McDonald said. "And this will not be a major detriment to Saint Mary's or to the basketball team. Bender led Saint Mary's to an 11-15 record this season and a 9-7 mark in Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) play. Bender was unavailable for comment Monday, and tele-

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**SMC BASKETBALL**

**SMC won't speak on Bender issue**

Players met with Monday evening

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**SPORTS AT A GLANCE**

SMC BASEBALL

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SMC TENNIS

Saint Mary's 8
Alma 1

Nearly flawless play against conference foe Alma puts the Belles at 8-6 (3-1 MIAA).

FINAL FOUR

Florida 73
UCLA 57

The Gators, led by Joachim Noah, won their first national title Monday night.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Irish win two of three games

The Irish split a pair of contests with Northwestern and beat the Chicago Frozen Snappers.

**MLB — NL**

Cubs 16
Reds 7

Todd Walker went 3-for-4 with three RBIs in Chicago's home opener.

**MLB — AL**

Angels 5
Mariners 4

Orlando Cabrera's two-run single in the ninth gave the Angels an Opening Day win.

**BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXV**

**Streaking Eagles to face Irish**

By DAN MURPHY

Sports Writer

Notre Dame continues its home schedule tonight with a doubleheader against Eastern Michigan. The Irish are undefeated at home after a 4-0 start, and hope to maintain their perfect record this weekend against conference foes Connecticut and Providence.

Two teams come into South Bend red hot, having won nine of their last 10 contests.