Minority decision causes diverse reactions

Last week's Student Senate vote against making ad-hoc MAC a recognized part of student government anger, prompts action

By KAITLYNN RIELY
New Writer

Kristin, a Notre Dame sophomore living on campus who has asked that her last name not be disclosed, felt her privacy had been violated after she was approached by members of her dorm's hall staff concerning a Facebook.com group she belonged entitled "Shower Power Hour" -- a group centered drinking in the dorm showers.

Kristin and other members of the group were reprimanded by their deans for being in the club and told to remove the profile from Facebook. No pictures of any

Students find Facebook insecure for postings

By LIZ HARTER and MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writers

In early March, Saint Mary's senior Angela Rizzo posted the following message on her Facebook.com profile.

"To my nursing faculty secretly trying to spy on us... posting as students on Facebook... ya found me!! I'm not as interesting as you'd think... No secrets here!! You guys should start asking us to be your friends... make it into a joke, please..."

"The disclaimer came in response to a lecture she and fellow nursing majors received from nursing department chair Linda Zoeller early this semester on unacceptable Internet postings. Rizzo said staff members specifically, but she and her classmates immediately thought of the popular Web site.

"I had no idea professors could be on Facebook at all... that was a real shock to me," Rizzo said.

Rizzo said the lecture left her feeling guilty. She logged on to her profile to check if it contained any postings or photographs that could be deemed inappropriate and activated the site's option to restrict who could view it. She discovered that Zoeller and several other professors were listed, some as undergraduates.

"The first week everyone was mad... I know of girls who took all of their pictures off Facebook. It kind of ruined it because facebook was a fun way to keep in contact with friends," Rizzo said.

Raymond lectures on Catholics in Tinseltown

By ADRIENNE RUFFNER
News Writer

Hollywood -- a town known for its scandals, sex and violence -- is being made safe for Catholics.

In a lecture titled "Young Catholic Hollywood," Rev. Willie Raymond, national director of Family Theater Productions, told a group of about two dozen students, faculty and community members in the Hayes-Healy Center Tuesday night how Catholic newcomers to Hollywood can embrace popular filmmaking without sacrificing their spiritual values.

"Young people, because they are artists and think a lot about the important things, are more open to expressing their faith in film," Raymond said.

According to Raymond, Family Theater is a production company helps young filmmakers settle in Hollywood and allows them to make films that present moral values -- enhancing Hollywood's tendency to make movies rife with sex and violence.

"So much of what is out there is driven by money, power, trying to be edgy and impressing peers," Raymond said. "I'm not standing outside Hollywood throwing a grenade and condemning all of it, because there are artists and think a lot about the important things, are more open to expressing their faith in film," Raymond said.
INSIDE COLUMN

Oh, how the time flies

People say that the older you get the faster time passes, and I’m starting to believe them. As of today we only have one month left before this school year draws to a close. It feels like move-in day was only last week, but shortly we’ll all have to start worrying about leaving.

When I first started applying to colleges, Saint Mary’s was the last place on Earth I thought I would end up. I didn’t even consider it an option until the school I had planned on attending sent me a letter saying they had mistakenly accepted too many freshmen and had randomly selected me as one of the “lucky” students being asked to find another school.

After waging a battle to be reimbursed for my room deposit, reality struck. As of today, we will all have to start worrying about leaving.

Family members encouraged me to apply to Saint Mary’s, and because we had no other choices, I relented. My application was turned in and processed with record speed, and a soon-to-be female roommate agreed to arrange classes for the fall. Despite her kindness and my first campus visit, I was still less than thrilled to know I would be spending four years of my life in South Bend.

Some days, when the weather is ridiculously awful or I’m just in a grumpy mood, I still curse myself for not going to school somewhere else. The thing is, though, as the end of my junior year gets closer, I find myself thinking about next year and how much I will miss Saint Mary’s.

I don’t want to have to grow up and leave the real world. Finding a job and paying bills just seems like sleeping in a loft. Never again will I have the opportunity to meet and to make some of my best friends.

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Sparks' initiative helps authors get published

By NICOLE HART

Sparks’ initiative helps something of a household name.

Sparks' initiative has inspired others to emulate his success.

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SMC Tostal to feature popular band

By KATIE KOHLER

SMC Tostal will headline Saint Mary's largest annual social event.

SMC Tostal will feature Phantom Planet.

Cassie Callon will be the co-chair of SMC Tostal.

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Leadership Team (CoLT) on sexuality, Mascotte, Hank McCarley, and Tony Garascia shared their experiences of being gay in a Christian environment or sibling of a Christian individual. Nancy Mascotte said she worried her son’s sexuality would be a strain on their relationship with their parents and grandparents. With the help of the counseling center at Notre Dame, she began educating herself on homosexuality. She was determined to find “healthy” role models — gay people she would like her son to associate with.

“I began to educate myself and I had realized I had always respected people of culture, many myths about homosexuality are just lies,” Nancy Mascotte said.

As she learned more, Nancy Mascotte grew angry at the difficult realities gays and lesbians face in society — and she began taking action. She founded the first support group for HIV positive people in South Bend. Since then, members of the group have told her their families were well-informed about them and their illnesses. As the group grew, she decided to stop working with the group because it had become too emotionally painful.

That didn’t stop her from continuing her support of homophiles, and she lived in the South Bend area. Six years ago, she founded the South Bend chapter of Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). PFLAG is a national organization that seeks to support, educate and advocate for the families of gay and lesbian individuals. Nancy Mascotte, also a member of PFLAG, said they suspected their son might be gay since he was in high school. As a college freshman, he came out to one of his sisters, and then later to his parents over the telephone. They were not surprised, Beth Garascia said.

A more recent announcement was unexpected, however. Our youngest daughter just actually told us a couple of weeks ago that she was dating a girl and that was a little bit more of a surprise,” Beth Garascia said.

When a child comes out, Tony Garascia said, the parents must go through a coming out process of their own. PFLAG provides the context in which they can both receive and give support, he said.

“I really love our three children and we will continue to do so,” Tony Garascia said. “We are all mysteries in a sense and we continue to learn as we go.”

A priest in the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese told Nancy and Hank McCarley that religion could be a difficult obstacle for family members to overcome in accepting gay children of siblings.

Beth Garascia said she and her husband experienced feelings of fear and anxiety about their son’s homosexuality.

“Yes and I both wonder and hope something will go wrong,” Beth Garascia said.

The acceptance process can be long and trying, Nancy Mascotte said.

“The thing that I have found with the young people that come out is that it is hard for them to really feel that it is a process and not an event. It can take 15 or 20 years,” she said.

Nancy Mascotte PFLAG member

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Tony Garascia PFLAG member

Mascotte said the hardest part of the coming out process is the parent has the opportunity to grow, she said.

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2006 is a good year for mushrooms

Last year’s mild wildfire season brought good crop for hobbyist hunters

Associated Press

HOISE, Idaho — Last year’s mild wildfire season in the Northwest may be bad news for commercial mushroom hunters, but for hobbyists, it’s a bonanza. Mushrooms are already salivating at the thought of spring morels. Morels are the most valuable species of mushrooms in the world, worth more than $1,000 per pound, Miller said. But many of last year’s fires were in the North Cascades, away from prime mushroom growing areas.

“Mushrooms grow in any kind of woods, where the mushrooms are most often found,” Miller said. “Sunflowers follow the burns, because at peak season they can make $1,000 a day. And it’s like Miller Jr., a prominent mycologist who lives near Leavenworth, said: “I think there’ll probably be in other states this year.”

However, hobbyists — who hunt mushrooms for fun and perhaps some extra for drying — will likely be in luck, Miller said.

“This year looks particularly good because we got quite a bit of moisture in the soil before the fires, and then that really gives the morels a chance to grow,” he said.

Mushrooms are an aromatic fungus with a distinctive cap that looks a bit like a fungus frozen in a potato or pineapple. They are highly sought after for gourmet cooks, who can fetch $30 a pound or more for pickling.

The high prices have led to a competitive commercial picking industry, largely made up of traveling outfits that go from site to site. Site for mushroom hunters, nothing is more frustrating than arriving at a favorite mushroom site only to find it’s already been picked clean by a commercial outfitter.

“The mushroom industry in general, this should be a good year because the commercial picking may be concentrated to a few very small burn areas,” said Gendie Steinert with the Southern Idaho Mycological Association.

Marjie Millard, owner of Millard Family Mushrooms in Waldport, Ore., used to travel to burn sites throughout the Northwest to ensure a good spring harvest. But these days she is too busy trying to keep up with the demand.

“We had a ton of wildfires up there. People have talked to me about their plan on staying closer to home, maybe in Oregon or Washington,” Millard said.

The Northwest is home to one of the leading mycologists at Washington State University in Pullman, said the mushrooms are believed to be edible, but some species contain a substance that can cause a reaction in some people.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Shiite leader refuses call to step aside

BAGDAD — An Iraqi vice president called Tuesday for the indicted Shiite prime minister to step aside so a new government can be formed, but officials said the most senior and influential publicly to endorse demands for a leadership change to halt the slide toward civil war.

Vice President Adil Abdul-Mahdi helped helm the British Broadcasting Corp., that he met with Prime Minister Ayad al-Jaafari Monday and urged him to give up the nomination for a second term because he had lost the confidence of the Sunni and Kurds.

But Abdul-Mahdi said al-Jaafari refused, insisting he wanted to take his case to parliament, which must approve the new prime minister and his Cabinet by a majority vote.

Asked whether al-Jaafari should withdraw his nomination, Abdul-Mahdi said: "Yes, after such a name of naming him, not getting approval from parliamentors now in U.S. (the dominant Shiite political bloc), there is some rejection so I think he should step aside.

Violence mars French job law protests

PARIS — Rioting youths swarmed across a downtown Paris plaza, ripping up street signs and park benches and hurling stones and charred government at police at the end of the largest of massive but mostly peaceful protests Tuesday across France against a new jobs law.

 Riot police fired tear gas and rubber pellets and made repeated charges into the crowds of several hundred youths at Place d’Italie on the Left Bank, carrying away those they arrested.

Those youths, as more than 3 million people poured into the streets across the country, including 84,000 in Paris, according to police. Union organizers put the figure in the capital at 700,000 — and 3 million nationwide.

NATIONAL NEWS

Mass. passes health insurance bill

BOSTON — Lawmakers overwhelmingly approved a bill Tuesday that would make Massachusetts the first state to require that all its citizens have some form of health insurance.

The measure — approved just 24 hours after the final details were released — would use a combination of financial incentives and penalties to dramatically expand access to health care over the next three years and extend coverage to the state’s estimated 500,000 uninsured.

If all goes as planned, poor people will be offered state-funded health care subsidies, and those already insured will see a modest drop in their premium.

Bush’s AIDS efforts under scrutiny

WASHING­TON — The Bush administration’s $15 billion global AIDS initiative is emphasizing sexual abstinence and fidelity more than Congress intended, and that is undermining prevention efforts in poor countries, congressional investigators said Tuesday.

U.S. aid on the ground in Africa and other poor areas told Congress’ Government Accountability Office that the requirement that they spend at least 1 percent of their money on abstinence is hurting some efforts to tailor prevention programs to countries’ needs.

LOCAL NEWS

Dem. party chooses new Gary mayor

GARY, Ind. — Democratic Party committeemen joined Newt Gingrich in helping to lead the new case against Saddam Hussein on Wednesday, April 5, 2006, and urged him to give up the nomination for a second term because he had lost the confidence of the Bush administration had used to justify the war in Iraq.

BAGDAD — Iraqi authori­ties filed genocide charges against Saddam Hussein on Tuesday, accusing the ousted ruler and six others in a 1989 crackdown that killed an estimated 100,000 Kurds in northern Iraq.

In alleging Saddam sought to exterminate the Kurds, the prosecutors are for the first time accusing him of the sort of far-reaching crimes that the Bush administration had used to justify the war in Iraq.

The Iraqi former president returns to court Wednesday in his current six-month-old trial, but a possible death sentence if convicted in the killings of more than 140 Shiites. Defense lawyer Khamis al-Obedi said Saddam is expected to make a statement to the court.

But that case involves a relatively small number of victims, and the scope of the allegation pales in compari­son to the razing of the Kurds and the suppression of the Shiites uprising in Saudi Arabia in 1991.

In Baghdad, a judge sighted return of the old case against Saddam and the others to the Iraqi High Tribunal — a legal step that earlier dated back to a 1991 indictment against Saddam of genocide.

"When I last saw my sons, it was as if had lost the light of my life," he said. "It was a terrible day when they were taken away. They don’t need to hear from any witnesses. Just come here and see the thousands of civilians who never knew their parents and the widows who lost their husbands."

The operations against the Kurds included the March 1988 gas attack on the village of Halabjah in which 5,000 people, including women and children, died. However, Sulaimanjah, 72, said he lost two sons and 26 other relatives in Anfal.

Saddam Hussein speaks at his trial in Baghdad in this March 1 file photo. The Iraqi tribu­nal on Tuesday announced new criminal charges against Hussein and six others.

"It’s hard to believe that in just 12 years, Republicans could end up in the same situation that it took Democrats 40 years to get to," said Republican strategist Frank Luntz.

Luntz, who was once Gingrich’s poll­ster and who helped orchestrate the 1994 “Contract With America,” a set of unfriendly GOP policy initiatives, said the GOP majority now sees "tired" and those speaking out for change and inno­vation "are just not being noticed."

Republicans hold 231 of the 435 House seats. Democrats have 201. There is one independent and two vacancies.

DeLay said Tuesday he would resign from Congress rather than seek a 12th term so as not to hurt Republican chances. He acknowledged his re-dec­ tion prospects were threatened.

The district “deserve a campaign about the vital national issues that they care most about and that affect their lives every day, and not a campaign focused solely as a referendum on me,” DeLay said.

He had stepped aside as House major­ity leader last fall after a grand jury in Texas indicted him, accusing him of fun­neling illegal corporate contributions into state legislative races. In January, he decided against trying to get the leadership post back amid a spreading election-year corruption scandal.

DeLay departs from an uneasy GOP
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Shappell said the amend­ment's defeat was likely due to the Senate's experience with the problems caused by unclear committee definitions.
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IBM supports teaching careers

Company helps interested employees move from Big Blue into the classroom

Associated Press

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C. — After more than three decades at IBM, Larry Leise and Susan Luehr could be planning a leisurely retirement. Instead, the married couple are headed back to college, with their careers in retirement as high school science teachers.

"Seeing the proverbial light at the end of a tunnel, there is no better feeling," said Luehr, 54. "It's a way to give back."

And their bosses at International Business Machines Corp. are too happy to help. Leise and Luehr, 58, are among the first batch of IBM employees taking the company up on its offer to pay for the college classes needed to leave Big Blue, behind for a math or science classroom, where a shortage of qualified teachers concerns a company that thrives on high-tech innovation.

"We're only as successful as our innovation is and we have to have future talent that will bring that kind of innovative thinking and help us as future employers," said Rick Prioleau, a community relations manager at IBM. The company believes it is the first to help workers make the switch into a teaching career.

So far, hundreds of employees at Armonk, N.Y.-based IBM have expressed interest in the program, through which the company will financially support employees as they earn teaching credentials.

Employees will continue to work for IBM while taking classes part-time, with a leave of absence for time spent student teaching, supported by up to $15,000 in tuition reimbursements and stipends.

About 65 IBM employees have been picked so far for the 100 spots in the pilot program. All must have worked at IBM for ten years and ideally would have had to have a bachelor’s degree in math, science or a higher degree in a related field.

"The IBM program is designed to attract high-performers," Falknor said. "We want people that are valuable to the company to participate because we know that those are the same people who will be valuable in schools."

Such a commitment from business and industry can really make a positive impact on schools, especially as the nation’s schools continue to struggle with a shortage of math and science teachers, said Cathy Seeley, president of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. The shortage is growing because students are headed for careers and science teachers by 2008.

"If you are a math and science teacher in this country, you can choose many different places where you can go teach," Seeley said.

Clearly, it’s not about the money. The average teacher’s salary was $47,808 last year, according to the National Association of Educators.

Ameristar offers cash bid for Aztar

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Ameristar Casinos Inc. Monday said it has offered about $1.5 billion for Aztar Corp., a Phoenix-based casino operator, trumping previous offers from Pinnacle Gaming Group Inc. and Colony Capital LLC.

Ameristar said the move would give it prime real estate in the nation’s top gambling markets in Las Vegas and Atlantic City, and make it from the ninth-largest publicly traded U.S. casino company in fifth.

"Ameristar’s proposal is clearly superior to all previous proposals," the company’s chief executive, Craig Neilson, said in a conference call Monday. "We are looking at this as a very strategic move." Las Vegas-based Ameristar Casino said it bid $42 a share for Aztar, which owns the Tropicana casino hotels in Las Vegas and Atlantic City. Including debt, the bid values Aztar at about $2.25 billion and tops the reported offer from real estate investment fund Colony by $1 a share.

Aztar’s holdings include Casino Aztar in Terre Haute, Ind., and Riverboat on the Ohio River at Evansville, Ind. Aztar owns the Belle silver Casino at Vevay in southeastern Indiana.

Aztar said in a statement late Monday that its board approved negotiations with Ameristar and Colony. Those talks put in jeopardy a March 13 deal it made to be bought by Las Vegas-based Pinnacle for $38 a share.

"Each of the unsolicited proposals ... is, or is reasonably likely to result in, a superior proposal," Aztar said.

Aztar shares rose $2.61, or 6.2 percent, to close at $44.60 Monday on the New York Stock Exchange, a sign that market players expect the bidding will continue higher.

Ameristar Casinos shares lost $1.78, or 6.9 percent, to $24.01 on the Nasdaq Stock Market on concerns a three-way bidding war could make the final buyer pay too steep a price.

"I think the concern is that, in order to actually close on the acquisition, they might have to come in with a higher bid," said analyst Ryan Worst of Brent Murray, Carret & Co.

Colonel said it has seen the value of its Aztar holdings increase.

"Colonel is almost a significant stakeholder in the company and welcomes the additional interest," a company spokesperson said.

Ameristar run seven casinos in Missouri, Iowa, Colorado, Nevada and Mississippi. The proposed merger, or would double its revenue to some $1.9 billion annually and expand its presence from six markets to 11. The new company would operate roughly 21,000 slot machines, 650 table games and 7,000 hotel rooms.
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her intention, Zoeller said in an e-mail Tuesday, was to alert students to the fact that sites such as Facebook and Myspace.com are easily accessible.

"For example, some of the senior nursing students are applying for graduate school and others are applying for professional nursing positions throughout the country," Zoeller said. "It was important to let them know that Facebook and Myspace are essentially open to that audience, including their potential grad school or their next employer."

Students were encouraged to reexamine what sorts of personal information and images they displayed on the Internet, Zoeller said, and whether it made them vulnerable to predators.

"I have to believe that some of the students really had not thought about it this way," Zoeller said. "Now they have another perspective from someone who cares about them as individuals and about their safety."

Junior Irene Bayudan first heard some professors were accessing student's profiles from a friend. Although she does not feel she is being targeted in any way, Bayudan said, she nevertheless views it as an invasion of privacy.

"I'm contemplating pulling my profile now because it's reaching the extent that it is," Bayudan said. "It's not funny anymore. To know that employers are looking at it and people are making judgments on you based on your pictures."

Students' concerns about faculty and staff members' use of Facebook has caught the attention of student government officers. It was briefly discussed at the Feb. 27 Board of Governance meetings and was addressed directly this past weekend at the student government retreat.

Student activities director George Rosenbush said Monday he does not have time to browse Facebook but is aware of the sort of content some students choose to upload. He advised those on the retest to be cautious with the information and images they make available on the Internet.

"Students are "misleading themselves" if they believe Facebook is a secure forum, Rosenbush said. Further, they are taking "a risk" when they include inappropriate content by opening up future employment opportunity.

"I want them to be careful to present themselves in the light they want, and to be careful," Rosenbush said.

Senior Alicia Heimann said she was not surprised that non-students were accessing student profiles because anyone with an "edu" address can register on Facebook. She said she has nothing to hide from her professors and was not overly concerned about their use of the site.

"I don't think they're doing it for punishment reasons. I think they're doing it overall as concern for us as a person... that and curiosity," Heimann said.

What she found most disturbing was the lack of interest to her professors, freshman Lauren Mangiaforte said. She also does not want to know how they spend their time.

"I feel like Facebook is more of a social network than it should be a phonebook and I don't want to Facebook my professors," Mangiaforte said.

Facebook can't be taken too seriously, freshman Lauren Montenne said.

"You can't make judgments on what you see on Facebook because a lot of it's like a joke," she said.

Junior Nicole Korte is relatively unconcerned that professors or future employers may attempt to look her up on the Internet.

"I think it is ridiculous. People need to find something better to do. I'm not really concerned about it," Korte said.

Rizzo said she found it ironic that employers are prohibited from asking questions about religion or family in interviews, but can scope out future employees on sites such as Facebook.

She called this a "huge invasion of privacy." She and classmates originally thought faculty members had accessed Facebook only once. Rizzo said, but later realized they have logged on multiple times — some as recently as two weeks ago. Students respect faculty members who have chosen not to create profiles, she said.

"[Professors] should not make comments to students and they should not make judgments on students based on Facebook," Rizzo said.

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member of the group drinking in the shower appeared in the group profile or on the rest of the website.

Kristin said the actions of her hall staff invaded her personal space and strained her relationship with them this year.

"The fact that they're going through my profiles and looking at all of this stuff and kind of going into our personal space... made me feel attacked, almost," she said.

Since the girls removed the group from Facebook, the incident stayed within the dorm and was not sent to ResLife.

"I almost wanted to challenge them and tell them to bring it to ResLife, because I want to know how this group proves that we did anything wrong," Kristin said.

Occurrences like Kristin's are becoming increasingly common as college and university administrators across the nation are starting to take note of the site and its potential implications.

The Shower Power Hour Facebook group was not created as a joke the previous week, it was said, and she had not given it much thought since its creation.

"It was very innocent, and the entire situation was just misconstrued and blown way out of proportion," Kristin said.

After this incident, Kristin and the other members of the group tightened the security on their accounts to prevent administrators and graduate students from seeing information and pictures on their profiles.

"Now it's only my friends that can see it," Kristin said.

"After the article I was like, I'm not even taking any more chances, this is happening everywhere."

Freshman Kim Mering said she was not surprised to read in a March 29 Observer article that both the Office of Residence Life and some rectors maintain Facebook accounts.

"It seems pretty expected actually," Mering said. "I think sites like Facebook are easily accessible and they're able to provide security settings to students, like their profile name, address, and pictures available to only their friends, only making sure people they trust know are not able to view their personal information."

"I'm more worried about the outside people than I am about ResLife," Mering said.

Sophomore Luke Cieslewicz just recently became a Facebook member and was disappointed to discover that the site is more than a way to exchange information with friends.

"He said even though students post their pictures and information on a fairly public website, it is a "low blow" that ResLife and rectors use the site to keep tabs on students.

"It seems like the one hand these people do have to realize these are images that other people are going to see, but on the other hand they're making such kind of shady dealings to have these administra­ tation accounts, Cieslewicz said.

Junior Tim Masterton also called the use of ResLife "intrusive," but says he can understand why ResLife "infringes" because they are concerned about the use of Facebook. He said he thinks students can avoid the kinds of intrusions through Facebook by exercising the security settings.

"I would say it just seems like Facebook, because you do have to incriminate students, the site visible to only your friends and there's a reason for students to save information and pictures on their profiles.

"I'm not saying that Kristin was just being out for the public to see, but you can control who sees it," Masterton said.

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*Denny Moore Award for Excellence in Journalism*
Deportation flights cost U.S. millions

Immigration department struggles to send back illegal immigrants

Associated Press

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — U.S.marshals and immigration enforcers are đẩying the prisoners' leg shackles, body chains and nose clips back into the green jungle and turquoise sea come close view.

As the U.S. government's MD-83 airliner bumpered the tarmac, the small San Salvador airport, the 44 men and five women deporting to the United States. The man bolts out a few bars of a reggae song: "I'm free..."

For a growing number of migrants picked up in the United States for immigration violations or criminal offenses, this is the way their American experience ends: a free flight home.

As Congress debates how to overhaul its national immigration system, the U.S. government is spending about $26 million to fly illegal immigrants home or to new locations within the United States.

Last year, the government flew 60,000 people — mostly Central America and South America — to their home countries for about $600 per person. An additional 14,000 were moved inside the U.S., mostly to be close to border crossing points in preparation for deportation.

Officials want to double the deportations in the next year as the U.S. ends its practice of freeing some illegal immigrants until they can be returned to their native countries.

Less than an hour after arriving in San Salvador, the men and women on this flight were bustling, a striking into the tropical sunshine.

At the back of the line, two young men glanced around with curious expressions. They were the 14-year-old twins who they left El Salvador. A decade later, their home country is now just a memory. Family members have grown, died or moved to the U.S.

In an interview the day before in a Florence, Ariz., detention center, one of the men, Antonen Medina, 28, recounted the story of his life: "I don't know what I'll do when I get there," he said through a translator. He said he wants to get in El Salvador. I'll decide.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials have collaborated since 1998 with the Justice Department, which flies U.S. prisoners throughout the country. But immigration officials are stepping up the number of flights as they come under increasing pressure to ensure all illegal immigrants caught in the U.S. are deported. An estimation of 11 million illegal immigrants live in the U.S. illegally.

Hundreds of captured immigrants are released each week and asked to return for a court hearing, a request many ignore.

The government hopes to end that practice on the Southwest border by Oct. 1 and across the rest of the country by next year. To do that, officials have been stepping up the timetable to deport foreigners who arrive without papers.

Scores of non-Mexican immigrants now need to be sent out of the country each week. Almost all Mexicans caught without papers in the U.S. are given to the border by immigration officials. Some are dropped off last year, that was almost 1 million people.

This plane on this flight were caught because they committed crimes in the U.S.

Medina fought with his girlfriend and was arrested for drug possession and other crimes. The government doesn't keep statistics on how many of the deported immigrants labor in the United States. There's almost no way of knowing unless they are picked up again, but officials guess there are many.

A young man on the El Salvador flight told a guard he was on his third trip home this year. He earns $24 an hour working as a carpenter in the U.S., earning in one hour a little more than 1 percent of the average national per-capita income in El Salvador.

Many immigrants build lives in the U.S., and have children to return. Medina, for example, was injured on the job in California. He still has a claim against his employer and needs surgery to repair his knee.

A couple of years ago, he was picked up by immigration and deported for not having papers. He told officials he was Mexican, so they dropped him off across the border in Tijuana, south of San Diego. Within a year, he had found his way back into the United States.

Asked if he thinks he can come back illegally, Medina said in Spanish, "Es possible.

It's possible.

John Torres, acting director of the immigration agency's office of detention and removal, said that for now the best way to deal with the almost 1.2 million people who are caught in the U.S. illegally each year is to send them back as quickly as possible, as most are.

"The more people we arrest and the more people we return to their country serves as a deterrent to others thinking of coming," he said.

The Department of Homeland Security is pushing several countries to take back thousands of their citizens, with department Secretary Michael Chertoff saying Tuesday that a deal with China was near.

But some fear the government is denying migrants their rights in its rush to deal a backlog of immigrants.

Immigrant advocates say some government screeners are not following regulations, and that some people with legitimate claims for asylum in the U.S. may be deported.

Foreign governments also stand in the way of hundreds of their own citizens. In El Salvador, returning migrants are placed in a "Welcome Home" program to help them find family and — if possible — a job.

Police, army involved in Columbia drug ring

Group flew cocaine shipments into U.S.

Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia — Active and retired police and army officers working for one of Colombia's largest cocaine cartels used commercial cargo planes to ship drugs to the United States, authorities said Tuesday in announcing seven arrests.

U.S. officials, who are seeking the extradition of the seven, said the case illustrates the reach of Colombia's notorious drug rings and the danger posed by corruption among the country's security and transportation workers.

Among those arrested are a retired police major and captain, a former army lieutenant, two police officers and an employee of Colombia's national airline, Avianca. The seventh suspect was described as a liaison between the active and former police officials and the Norte del Valle cartel, one of Colombia's largest drug traffickers.

Police said the cartel used Avianca's cargo plans to transport the drugs.

"There is a national security concern," said Boyd Johnson, chief of the international narcotics trafficking unit at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Manhattan.

Authorities said the seven would be extradited to New York to stand trial on charges they smuggled more than 900 pounds of cocaine into the United States. Police said they seized 1,200 pounds of cocaine linked to the cartel in a warehouse in northern Bogota on Monday.

The arrests, beginning Monday night, were based on a U.S. indictment in New York that alleges the Norte del Valle cartel recruited the airline worker and police involved with security at El Dorado Airport.

It alleges the ring shipped the cocaine in October through Avianca's cargo facility after an airline employee approved false paperwork. The drugs were allegedly destined for the United States via Mexico.

Two patrolmen let the shipment go through security and guarded it for three days at the airline cargo area, the indictment alleges.

The cocaine noted in the indictment was seized in Mexico City by Mexican law enforcement agencies on Oct. 17, it added.

If convicted, the defendants could face anywhere from 10 years to life in prison, though the United States has assured Colombia that it will not seek life sentences for defendants extradited from there.

Colombia is the world's largest producer of cocaine. In the last four years, nearly 350 Colombians have been extradited to the United States to stand trial on drug trafficking charges.

The Norte del Valle cocaine ring is believed to be one of the largest mafias operating in Colombia. One of its leaders, Diego Montoya, sits alongside Osama Bin Laden on the FBI's ten-most-wanted list.
Intelligence officers discuss Iraq's future

Arab countries, Turkey make civil war plans

Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — Top intelligence officers from several Arab countries and Turkey have met to coordinate their govern­ments' efforts to stop the civil war erupting in Iraq and in an attempt to block Iran's interference in the war-scarred nation, Arab diplomats said Tuesday.

The meetings came after several Arab leaders voiced concerns about possible Shiite domination of Iraq and their alliance with Iran.

The four diplomats said intelligence chiefs from Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and non-Arab Turkey held a series of meetings over the last few weeks to assess the situation in Iraq and work out plans to avoid any regional backlash that may result from sectarian conflict in Iraq.

The diplomats in several Middle Eastern capitals, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue, said Iran and Syria have been excluded from the talks.

One diplomat whose country is involved in the talks said the officials are focusing on the grouped U.S.-Iranian dialogue on Iraq and Sunni-dominated Iraq and non-Arab Arabs and Turkey of any "American-Iranian deal."

"Government officials in Egypt and Jordan declined to answer questions on the meetings."

Reports in the Arab press have suggested that any agreement between Washington and Tehran will be the price of Arab recognition.

Arab nations, mostly Sunni and traditionally suspicious of Iran, are deeply concerned about what they see as Iran's growing influence in Iraq. Turkey, also a key Sunni Muslim nation, is worried about Iraq's split into sectarian and ethnic entities that will give rise to Kurdish ambitions for independence.

Last year, Jordan's King Abdullah informed Shiite­dominated Iran of his intention to try to influence events in Iraq. He warned that Iran was seeking to create a "Shiite cres­cent" that would disrupt the balance of power in the region.

Saud Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal made similar warnings.

Before Iraqis voted on their new constitution last year, both Arab League Secretary-General Amr Moussa and Abdul Rahman al-Attiya, head of the Gulf Cooperation Council, lobbied to include a clear reference about Iraq's "Arab identity" in the document.

Elections held in January produced a parliament dom­inated by Shiites and Kurds, and a ruling coalition by both groups is bound to alienate close ties to Persian and Shiite Iran.

Many Arab governments say that sideline­ning the Sunnis would increase Iran's influence in Iraq and that the whole region — anathema for Sunni Arabs and a night­mare for many Washington policy-makers.

At least one meeting of the intelligence chiefs was held in Cairo in late March, shortly after the U.S. admin­istration said it wanted to open contacts with Tehran about Iraq, the diplomats said.

They said further meet­ings are planned, including at least one in Cairo this month to finalize the strategy.

Since the ousting of Saddam Hussein three years ago, officials from Iraq's neighbors have held scores of meetings on Iraq but the discussions have not yielded concrete efforts to help restoring stability to the beleaguered nation.

Exposed British spy killed

Secret agent served as Sinn Fein legislative chief in Northern Ireland

Associated Press

DUBLIN, Ireland — A former Sinn Fein official recently identified as a British spy was found fatally shot Tuesday after apparently being tortured, police said — a slaying certain to send shock waves through Northern Ireland's peace process.

Denis Donaldson was Sinn Fein's former legislative chief in the failed power-sharing govern­ment of Northern Ireland. He admitted in December he had been on the payroll of the British secret service and the province's anti-terrorism police for two decades. He went into hiding because the traditional Irish Republican Army punish­ment for informing is death.

But the IRA denied responsi­bility in a one-line statement. "The IRA had no involvement whatsoever in the death of Denis Donaldson, " the outlawed group said.

Irish Justice Minister Michael McDowell said the 55-year-old Donaldson had been tortured before being killed — apparently with one or two shotgun blasts to his head — inside his isolated home near Glenties, County Donegal, in northwest Ireland.

He was last seen alive Monday while walking in the village, McDowell said.

"He was shielded from the public view. This was a sensitive operation and it's important that people understand this, " he said.

"But for me this is an outrage. I feel very deeply about it."

Donaldson had been tortured and then killed, police said Thursday.

He was shot in the head and mutila­tion was done to his body. "It's a murder we're dealing with, " said Detective Chief Constable John O'Donnell.

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern and British Prime Minister Tony Blair both con­denmed the murder.

The killing comes at a pivotal moment in Northern Ireland's 13-year-old peace process.

On Thursday, Blair and Ahern are to travel to Northern Ireland to reveal a new blueprint for ending the Protest­ant-Catholic administration, the intended cornerstone of the province's 1998 peace accord.

The plan — 3 1/2 years of diplo­macy in the making — would call for Northern Ireland's parliament to remain in rive­ning until late May and a Nov. 24 deadline to elect an administration.

"The killing appeared certain to harden Protestant opinion against cooperating with Sinn Fein, the IRA-linked party that represents most Catholics in Northern Ireland. But officials in both governments said Thursday's announcement would go ahead anyway.

Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams — who in December initially defended Donaldson as an inno­cent man, then ousted him as a British spy — said he did not know who killed him. But he suggested it might have been the work of IRA dissidents opposed to Sinn Fein's peace-making efforts.

"It is likely that his death at this time is intended to under­mine current efforts to make political progress, " Adams said.

"Those who carried out this murder are clearly opposed to the peace process."

But Ian Paisley, whose Democratic Unionist Party rep­resents most of Northern Ireland's British Protestant majority, said someone within IRA ranks was the most likely culprit. "There is a finger-point­ing tonight at IRA-Sinn Fein, " he said.

A Catholic-Protestant admin­istration from Northern Ireland fell apart in October 2002 because of an IRA spying scandal involv­ing Donaldson. Donaldson and two others were charged with pilfered doc­uments that identified the per­sonal details of thousands of potential IRA targets.

Protestants accused the IRA of plotting a potential resumption of its violent campaign to oust Northern Ireland from the United Kingdom.

But British prosecutors mysteri­ously dropped all charges in early December. A week later, Adams announced that Donaldson had confessed to being a paid British spy. Within hours, Donaldson admitted the same in a television interview.

During its 27-year campaign, the IRA's internal security unit tortured scores of IRA members suspected of passing information to British intelligence. Typical IRA methods included drowning the interrogation victim in a bathtub, applying electric shocks, and administering ciga­rette burns.

Those who admitted informing had their confessions audiotaped before being shot in the head; their bodies were usually dumped on rural roadsides.

The IRA last year declared it was renouncing violence for political purposes and backed the pledge by handing over its weapons stockpile — moves supposed to spur a revival of power-sharing involving Sinn Fein.

But Paisley has refused to cooperate with Sinn Fein, citing the IRA's refusal to disband and its alleged involvement in crim­inal activities.

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Senators add money to Iraq bill

Senators added an amendment to a military spending bill that would allocate $107 billion in additional funding for the war in Iraq. The amendment was introduced by Senator Richard Shelby, a Republican from Alabama, and would increase the total military spending to $674 billion for the fiscal year 2006. The Senate was considering the bill on the day the amendment was introduced, and it was expected to be voted on later in the week.

The amendment would provide $107 billion to the Department of Defense, $60 billion to the Department of Homeland Security, and $40 billion to the Department of Veterans Affairs. It would also include $3 billion for disaster relief and $1 billion for border security.

The move was seen as an attempt by the Republican-controlled Senate to meet the demands of the military and the administration. The Senate had previously approved a $500 billion war supplemental bill in May, but the House had not acted on it.

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Musicians displaced by hurricane ‘sing back’ to city

AUSTIN — The music of New Orleans is huddled in an old Austin recording studio. Sonny Weems, a Crescent City’s musical landmarks have returned to channel their raw emotions, they reconvened. To their ravaged hometown.

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LOS ANGELES — Mel Brooks would love to see a run on the Los Angeles Civic. Fellow ’50s comedians will know to pro­duce "The Producers" into a Broadway show, and the film for fame, among them Neil Uebman, William Haney, and Don Rickles. The movie has over­come the Mary Shelley novel, "Frankenstein," we knew we had made him part of the project as well, and his uncle Weber says he’s in the running for Best Costume at this month’s Academy Awards. As much of the album proves, "Fortunate Son." It’s been a long time since the release of "Fortunate Son," and the song has been a hit in the music industry. Many have died protecting the city and his people, and expresses his pride, for me to go second slot, Cyril Neville (brother to George "Porter, Jr." and his uncle, Ivan Neville) plays "Fortunate Son." Members of the New Orleans Social Club, including George Porter Jr., Dr. John and Ivan Neville and his uncle Cyril Neville rehearse outside the flood-damaged city after the storm.

Brooks releases DVD collection

Director discusses the eight comedies included in his $100 box set

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Everyone in the band is con­vinced that the culture of New Orleans will never come back, even if the city does. Over 250,000 residents of more than half the pre-hurricane population, many of them black — remain scattered all over the city. It’s never going to be the same because a lot of the poorest people who had to leave are not going to be able to make it back,” says Ivan Neville. "We need to keep her in a major part of the heart and soul of the city: the people."
A marriage question

It has been observed by some well-known public columnists and bloggers that members of the neo-conservative right, which is famously fond of denouncing traditional marriage and civil rights for gay and lesbian couples and families, rarely, if ever, pay what rights and social structures they favor for them to provide the support given by these proven institutions. Yet the fact of the matter is, according to the Urban Institute, there are at least 250,000 same-sex families raising children across the nation. Some of these children are the product of legal adoption in those states that permit it, like California and Massachusetts. Others are born through artificial insemination (possibly carried by a willing-surrogacy mother) or are "Brokeback Mountain" cases where a gay parent retains child-custody after legal separation.

It is odd, and more than a little distressing, that the defenders of "family values" and the coiners of the phrase "no child left behind" have remained entirely closemouthed about their policy toward this growing segment of the population. It makes me wonder if they really do believe that the children raised in gay homes lack parental support. If so, in what way is their perspective any different from that of the same-sex couples who have been raising their children for years? Of course, it’s also possible that these couples simply lack the political clout to make their case heard in the current political climate.

Meanwhile, everyone else is controlling their bladder and trying not to giggle while the old prist from "The Prince" rambles on about "Marwahge." What we have lost sight of is the reality that what ultimately suffers from all of this neo-conservative rhetoric is marriage itself, along with its lofty goals and all those who have come to depend upon it. The Observer is an independent, non-profit organization that seeks to provide a platform for voices that are often silenced or excluded from mainstream discourse.

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As a member who comes from Irish ancestry, I feel compelled to stand up to those who are claiming that the nickname Fighting Irish is offensive — I do not find it offensive one bit. This website has written the history of the Fighting Irish nickname. The website states that although there may be some who believe the nickname came about, most seem to center around the Notre Dame football team in the early 20th century and how the team was comprised of many Irish Catholics. The nickname was drawn from opposing fans who referred to the Notre Dame football team as the Fighting Irish. Before that, the team was known as the terriers, with an Irish terrier named Cashmere as the mascot. Then University president Rev. Matthew Walsh, an Irish-Catholic priest, officially adopted “Fighting Irish” as the Notre Dame nickname in 1927 mainly because the sports team that Notre Dame was known for, football, had earned a reputation as Irish-Catholic college students who could play football very well.

If either of the previous two writers had bothered to do any research in regards to the “Fighting Irish” nickname, they would have found that it had nothing to do with the University allowing us to play schools like Catholic, who also sports a mascot that is a mythological creature? The next thing I am hoping for is for guys with beards to start writing into The Observer complaining that the bepauchan unfairly represents their beards.

Finally I had a problem with Howley stating that the United States is essentially using the country of Ireland and that the United States has great control over the tourism industry and economy of Ireland. Mr. Howley, did you know that Ireland has been reported to have the second highest per capita income of any country in the European Union next to Luxembourg, the fourth highest in the world? Did you also know that during the Celtic Tiger period of economic success in Ireland that Ireland’s historic trend of emigration was stopped and Ireland even started to become a destination for many immigrants? Did you also know that many worldwide countries began to build their economies in Ireland because of its economic success? Finally, did you know that unemployment in Ireland fell from 18 percent in the late 1980s to 4.9 percent by the end of the Celtic Tiger period? If Ireland is so dependent on American money, then how do you account for the areas in jobs, the economy and the livelihood of the Republic of Ireland? Ireland’s economy is one of the best in Europe, I hardly doubt that one of the best economies in Europe is solely dependent on American money.

This argument, while intellectually stimulating and interesting enough to stir up conversation, is pointless if the people complaining about it do not fully understand the meaning. Fighting Irish is tradition, it is who Notre Dame is. Nobody before the 1900s ever heard of Notre Dame, but our football opponents put us on the map by referring to us as a bunch of “Fighting Irish.” It has nothing to do with Ireland’s nation as a whole nor does it have to do with Irish history. It has to do with the fact that the football team was primarily composed of Irish Catholics from the Chicago area. If you find it offensive, then that is fine, you have that right, but do not argue that it is offensive without understanding its meaning. I do not find it offensive, I understand that it is tradition, and I urge all students of Notre Dame to say loudly and proudly with me, “Go Irish!”

Patrick Rigney
Segff Hall
March 27

Why you should care about Darfur

Since 2003, the Sudanese government has been waging a campaign of genocide against the African tribes in Darfur in Sept. 2004. It has yet to take the necessary steps to stop the violence. The United Nations continues to talk about supporting militias instead of trying to stop the violence. Meanwhile, 500,000 people continue to die every day.

I thought it was important to take action on this genocide and on all injustices and hatred in the world. We need people to fight injustice because it is those people who have been changing the world for the better throughout history. There’s always an alarmist notion that society is going downhill, but the opposite is true. Think of how far our own country has come since our own genocide and the enslavement of our brothers and sisters. Our progress is the direct result of the hard work of millions of dedicated people who refused to give up.

We need people who triumph over hatred with love. We need individuals who, in passion within their actions and beliefs, are willing to take risks. We need people who understand that love is the only way to change the world. We need people who, in the face of a world that may never see a day when hatred doesn’t exist, drive them to keep going when they fall over and over again. We need people who live on their own terms, even when the world calls for their crucifixion.

We can all be one of these people. It requires a conscious decision to strive for what others and ourselves have failed to do. It requires a commitment to continue fighting hatred with love any way that we can until our death. It takes practice, patience, persistence and sacrifice. There will always be the temptation to give up. It is never easy, but it is always worth it.

April 6 will mark the 12th anniversary of the Rwandan genocide. More than 900,000 people were slaughtered and 2 million people have been displaced. A lot of people have actually looked on and did nothing. The world needed people to step up — but few did.

Genocide is happening again, but you can step up.

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When "The Sopranos" debuted on Jan. 10, 1999, Tony Soprano — the show's urbane, amoral, comic hero — did more than just get himself a gun. He became the stone cold revealer of HBO's cable template, helping the company whisk its competition en route to instant cult-hero status, blockbuster ratings and 17 Emmys over the next five years.

Along the way, Tony and his crew joined a long lineage of notable Mafia families, gangsters who've been immortalized in pop culture lore. Names like Capone, Gutti and Corleone — some fictional, others not — have become inseparable from the public's fascination with the dangerous, but enticing, world of organized crime.

Hollywood is no different. Mob stories have been popular destinations for Hollywood's creative dreams since the 1940s, when the crime noir genre of black and white films rose in popularity following World War II. Over the next few decades, Western outlaws outfitted with cowboy hats and six-shooters were slowly replaced by Tommy guns and trench coats in audience imaginations. The new folk anti-heroes had arrived — members of "La Cosa Nostra."

Arguably the most influential depiction of the Mafia in popular culture is director Francis Ford Coppola's "The Godfather" trilogy, based on works by author Mario Puzo. Populated by colorful characters, Coppola's filmic glimpse at the Corleone crime family — about as close to privileged Mafia royalty as they come — has withstood the test of time and continues to be one of the most revered American films ever made.

Following Coppola's crime opus is essentially the story of Michael Corleone — the promising college graduate and World War II veteran who is initially sheltered from the family business — the most complex and beloved character is his father, Vito. With his strong moral code and an unwavering devotion to his clan, the Corleone family patriarch shone in every second of his considerable screen time. As regal as he was resourceful, Vito did more than just command fear and respect from his New York crime kingdom. He laid the tracks for Tony Soprano as a devoted family man and a charismatic friend, inspiring loyalty from both his family and criminal peers.

Played by two different screen giants — Marlon Brando and Robert De Niro — Vito was the heart and soul of the first two installments of the trilogy. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences apparently agreed, awarding both Brando and De Niro respective acting Oscars for their efforts — the only time two actors have won separate Oscars for playing the same character.

"The Sopranos" is replete with loving references to Coppola's classics. Aside from spotting classic lines from the trilogy several times a season, Tony and his crew have entered into passionate discussions about each film's merits. During one such occasion, Tony reveals that he prefers "Part II" — pointing to the segment where Vito goes back to Don Corleone's villa in Sicily as his favorite scene from the trilogy.

In that same episode, Tony's crew gathers around a TV set to test out an advance bootlegged copy of "The Godfather." Despite the DVD's shortcomings, the image is clear. The show's people are enthralled by the footage, which includes a glimpse at the family's early days. Tony and Vito's relationship is the focus of the scene. As the two men talk, we see a black-and-white photo of Vito as a young man walking down a street in New York City.

If "The Godfather" glamorized Don Corleone's white collar operation, director Martin Scorsese took his view of crime directly to street level in "Goodfellas." Released in 1990, the film follows the exploits of Jimmy Conway (De Niro, proving himself once more to be the yardstick by which all other fictional gangsters are measured), Henry Hill (Ray Liotta) and Tommy DeVito (Joe Pesci), a triumvirate of New York mobsters who rise from low level hoods to become mafioso in the '70s and '80s. For the first time, a film showed how working class mobsters operated, including a peek into the drug trafficking and money laundering that launched their fortunes.

While the stately Corleones are the mob family Tony and his soldiers aspire to be, the film's in "Goodfellas" are their most direct ancestors. In fact, "The Sopranos" and "Goodfellas" share more than a few commonalities. Besides the common blue-collar crime tropes of both dramas, "Sopranos" lifers Christopher Moltisanti and Dr. Jennifer Melfi are played by former "Goodfellas" cast members Michael Imperioli and Lorraine Bracco, respectively — a coincidence that the HBO drama exploits with comical repercussions.

Midway through Scorsese's film, the Imporlioni — who plays an ill-fated harlot named Spider — gets a bullet in the foot from an irked Pesci for being slow with the drinks. Almost a decade later, Imperioli enjoys the favor in a season episode of "The Sopranos," shooting a bakery clerk in the foot due to a perceived slight — a shoe-cut homage to Scorsese's Mafia classic. That style of dark humor — prevalent in many of Scorsese's films, but especially in "Goodfellas" — is echoed in many "Sopranos" episodes.

Mob stories are never in short supply in Hollywood, and every decade boasts a Mafia gem of its own. While films like "The Godfather" romanticized the seedy, yet tight-knit, underworld of crime, others — 1983's "Scarface," 1987's "The French Connection," and 2002's "Road to Perdition" — come to mind and have painted this same world in blood-red hues that belie the respectful kissees and affectionate epitaphs of gangster solidarity.

Into this lineage steps "The Sopranos." At once alluring, provocative and disturbing, the series represents an evolution of the genre as much as a vivid new interpretation. When Tony says to his nephew, "Once you're into this family, there's no getting out," he voices his binding prowess to the Mafia's past and future.

Fortunately for Vito, Michael, Henry and the rest of their cadre, the future of La Cosa Nostra in the media is assured — it lies in Tony's burlly hands, tapering down to the gun barrel nestled between his fingers.
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SEASON SIX PREVIEW

The last time audiences saw Tony Soprano, he was fleeing from FBI agents on foot through an icy patch of New Jersey woodlands. Not exactly the most dignified image of one of the most feared mafiosos in the imaginative world of "The Sopranos." "Be of good cheer," advises Neil Mink, Tony's lawyer, for the hulking mobster had skirted his way past more than jail time—fortuitously, he hadn't even been named in an indictment sting that landed one of Tony's colleagues, "in prison.

For once, a "Sopranos" season finale ended more with a whimper than a bang. as Tony gingerly trod through the snow. Fifteen months late, the highly anticipated sixth—and final—season of the HBO drama is here, and the excruciating wait is over. As if culminating the legend of Tony Soprano—one of the most charismatic, dangerous and formidable mob bosses to ever extort fiction—this season isn't being heralded with the same fanfare that, has accompanied the show. Tony and his crew... become larger than life pop culture icons; as closely linked to television in the past decade as "The Godfather" was to Hollywood in the 1970s. With the sun shining down on the crown jewel of HBO original programming, it's a sure bet that this season will push the boundaries past anything that's come before. If the cast and crew manage to pull this off, it will be a narrative coup for the ages—a singularly identifiable as the blood-soaked conclusions to "The Godfather" and "Scarface." At least that's where Tony's dark path is heading, based on the events of the last season. Season five of "The Sopranos" was a milestone for the series. In an era when shows average only a season or two before being swept under the rug, "The Sopranos" looked itself in the mirror and refused to yield to a creative mid-life crisis—a period marked by characters hardening and losing their appeal, and stories running dry while meandering over beaten paths. Instead, the show's creators slipped another magazine into their Glock 23 and came out firing.

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The Godfather
PS2, Xbox, Gamecube
Electronic Arts

By TAE ANDREWS and CHRIS McGRADY
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Tae: Prior to the video game release of "The Godfather," fan speculation about its quality was high — would it do justice to the film, or was it just a money-making addendum to the film series, in pursuit of the almighty dollar? After a March 21, 2006 release, the final verdict is out: justice is served, although the game is hardly a masterpiece.

The game's video game rendition of the classic film follows the precedent set by the Rockstar Games hit series, "Grand Theft Auto." Based primarily on the "GTA" format, the player has virtually unlimited free reign to explore the city map of 1940s New York.

However, the game's strength lies in its storyline missions. Players can name and create their own characters, then pummel them out with customizable features such as mustaches, fedora hats and fine Italian suits. Perhaps the most hilarious part of the game is hearing a college dorm room packed with heterosexual guys arguing the finer points of a created gangster's wardrobe and hearing lines such as, "Pick the tux, it goes better with his shoe!"

The caricatured character is peripherally woven into the plot of the film version of "The Godfather." For example, when Michael Corleone uses a planted pistol to knock off some mob leaders in a restaurant, the player is responsible for stitching said assassination weapon. In addition, the film's cut scenes are excellent. The pixelated versions of the film's characters are for the most part very good, with the exception of Michael Corleone's video game self, who falls utterly to look or sound like Al Pacino. Especially well-rendered are the hot-headed Sonny and the Godfather himself, Don Corleone. The video game Corleone resembles late actor Marlon Brando down to a T, with that same dead stare, prepossessing jowls and rumple mummy.

While it remains faithful to the film, the game's true fun lies in allowing the player to embrace his or her inner gangster. Tired of being a "button" for the powers-that-be? Feel free to take to the streets and dodge the coppers on route to achieving capo status. Again, like "Grand Theft Auto," "The Godfather" encourages players to rob both their way down and shoot their way up to the top of the criminal food chain.

While piloting his or her self-created Slim Shady around town, the player is required to earn or his or her dishonest living by shaking down local businesses for their hard-earned cash. Having the freedom to rule with an iron fist quickly goes to the player's head, as he or she hustles, extorts and intimidates the various denizens of New York City.

Should the locals refuse to comply with diplomacy, do as any true Godfather fan would — simply make them an offer they can't refuse. Like Don Corleone, it helps in the game to speak softly but carry a big stick. Or a tommy gun. To rustle up some cash, a veritable armory for use in battle is available for use as instruments of destruction. However, if gamers get tired of using the tools of the trade, they can simply lose the jackets, roll up those sleeves, and get their hands dirty with an innovative fist-fighting system. Remember, spare the rod, spoil the child.

Unfortunately, despite all its fun, the game has definite drawbacks. The game's playing aesthetic has a knack for the arcade — after special gangland-style executions, different catchphrases flash on-screen. For example, after whacking a guy with a baseball bat, the player is rewarded with the words "Grand Slam Execution" flashing onscreen. Also, when instructions advising players to "Press Triangle to Extort" and "Press R2 for Execution," while humorous, fail to capture the grave and somber nature of the classic film.

While the game has good graphics, it recycles the same character models and building interiors over and over again, to the point where wandering around feels like the film "Groundhog Day" — every backdoor gambling ring and back alley hustler on the street looks identical.

Despite its shortcomings, "The Godfather" video game is a solid enough effort for fans of the film series to reaffirm a lesson worth learning from the film's "Office Space" — damn, it feels good to be a gangster.

Chris: Here's a simple rule: tread with caution when remaking a classic film. Rule number two: be even more careful when remaking said classic film into a video game. However, Electronic Arts does a sincerely impressive job of just this task in its video game "remake" of "The Godfather." Although any avid — or even novice — "Godfather" fan can tell that the game strays from the plotline of the original film, there are similarities that are poignant and necessary. Don Corleone looks very similar to Marlon Brando and sounds almost exactly like him, the cut scenes are nearly identical to the film in some cases and the general feel of the game is very much like the movies. However, Electronic Arts (EA) did not strive to make a replica of the movie, but rather a game based on the general premise of the film. While this may irk the "Godfather" fanatics, the game is still beyond entertaining.

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**Duke center Chante Black, left, and Maryland center Lauren Harper fight for a loose ball during the second half of the NCAA women's championship game. Maryland won 78-75 in overtime.**

### Lady Terrapins capture their first title

**Associated Press**

**BOSTON — Overtime belongs to Maryland. So does the NCAA championship.**

Freshman Kristi Toliver hit a 3-pointer at the end of regulation to cap a 13-point comeback, then made two free throws with 35 seconds left in overtime Tuesday night to give the Terrapins their first NCAA women's basketball title with a 78-75 victory over Duke.

Maryland (34-4) is 6-0 in overtime games this season — the first five on the road and the last in the championship to complete the second-largest comeback in a women's final. It was the first time the title was determined in overtime since Tennessee beat Virginia in 1991.

The Maryland players stormed the court twice — once after Toliver's basket forced overtime and again when Blue Devils guard Jessica Foley's desperation, well-covered 3-point attempt nicked the front of the rim at the overtime buzzer.

Piling up on the court, hugging and bumping chests, the Terrapins revelled in the youth that had been the biggest doubt surrounding them coming into the tournament.

"Age is just a number," Maryland coach Brenda Frese said. "When you get kids that believe and they believe in each other and they got that kind of confidence, you can accomplish anything as a team."

Foley made two free throws with 18 seconds left in regulation to give Duke a 76-67 lead, then Frese called timeout to set up a play.

Toliver, who had 12 turnovers in the semifinal victory over North Carolina, brought the ball down and veered over to the right before putting through the 3 with 6.1 seconds left and Duke's Alison Bates in her face.

"And I even felt her fingers tip as I was holding my follow-through," Toliver said. "So, she did a great job contesting, I just had a lot of confidence. And I knew I wanted to take the big shot so I just took it."

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### In Brief

**Dodgers place Nomar on 15-day disabled list**

**LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Dodgers placed first baseman Nomar Garciaparra on the 15-day disabled list Monday and recalled James Loney from Triple-A Las Vegas.**

The 21-year-old Loney was in the lineup Tuesday night against Atlanta, batting fifth and playing first. His big league debut, however, was in jeopardy because of daylong rain.

The 32-year-old Garciaparra, signed as a free agent during the off-season, was injured while swinging in his first-at-bat Sunday in the Dodgers' exhibition finale against the Los Angeles Angels in Anaheim.

When Garciaparra returns he will be playing first base for the first time, having been a shortstop most of his career.

"I believe it's only going to be a two-week thing," Garciaparra said. "Let's get this right so we can put this behind us."

**Ratings for title game slip 25 percent from last year**

**NEW YORK — The NCAA tournament championship game between Florida and UCLA drew an 11.2 Nielsen rating for CBS Monday. That figure was down 25 percent from last year's final.**

Florida's 73-57 victory over UCLA on Monday at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis was watched by 12.31 million households. Last season, North Carolina beat Illinois in the final and the game drew a 15.0 rating.

But the Gators and Bruins did slightly better than the 2004 championship game, when Connecticut's victory over Georgia Tech drew an 11.0 rating.

CBS's 26 tournament telecasts averaged a 6.3 rating — with an average of 6.595 million households watching — down 9 percent from last season (6.9), but up 2 percent from 2004.

**White Sox receive World Series rings**

**CHICAGO — The Chicago White Sox received their World Series rings Tuesday in a pre-game ceremony, and the loudest ovation went to a player no longer on the team.**

Aaron Rowand, the popular center fielder traded in the offseason to the Philadelphia Phillies for Jim Thome, got a roaring greeting as he walked onto U.S. Cellular Field in a suit and tie to get his ring.

Rowand waved to the crowd as he approached the area between the mound and plate where commissioner Bud Selig assisted White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf and general manager Kenny Williams in passing out the rings.

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Culpepper cleared of charges

**Associated Press**

MINNEAPOLIS — Quarterback Daunte Culpepper was cleared Tuesday of misdemeanor charges stemming from a boat party sex scandal. A judge ruled there wasn't probable cause to determine a crime was committed by Culpepper, one of four Minnesota Vikings accused of misdemeanor lewd conduct during the cruise last fall on a suburban lake. Culpepper has since been traded to the Miami Dolphins last month.

Culpepper issued a statement through the Dolphins saying he was "delighted" at the ruling. "I was confident when the legal process began that the truth would come out, and I am glad that my innocence has been proven," he said.

Culpepper testified last month that he merely played dice on the cruise. That, plus backing testimony from a friend, was enough to convince a judge to toss out the charges.

"Since no evidence was presented to refute this testimony, this Court is compelled to find" lack of probable cause, Hennepin County District Judge Kevin Burke ruled.

"I greatly appreciate Judge Burke's sensitivity to the damage that can be done to a person's reputation when they are wrongly charged," Culpepper said.

His attorney, Earl Gray, said, "It vindicates him from being involved in any sexual misconduct on the boat."

Prosecutor Steve Tallen said he thought Burke had "applied things wrong," but said he hadn't had time to fully digest the ruling. He said it was possible he might re-file the case.

Burke denied a motion to dismiss charges against running back Moe Williams. His trial is scheduled for April 18. The other two players charged, cornerback Fred Smoot and tackle Bryant McKinnie, weren't part of Tuesday's ruling.

Their next hearings were scheduled for Thursday. Williams' attorney, Joe Friedberg, said he was disappointed. "I disagree with him, but that's what makes horse racing," Friedberg said.

Both Culpepper and Williams had denied any improper conduct in a hearing before Burke last month. Culpepper, who was accused of touching a dancer's buttocks, testified that he spent the cruise playing a dice game in the back of a boat and rejected offers from several women.

Wooden scheduled for release from hospital

**Associated Press**

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NCAA BASKETBALL

**Associated Press**

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Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Holy Week 2006

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, April 9
5:00 pm (Saturday) Vigil Mass
*9:45 am Solemn Mass
*12:00 noon Sunday Mass
*Special Mass times for Palm Sunday only

Tuesday, April 11
7:00 pm Campus-wide Stations of the Cross
9:15 pm Opportunity for individual confession follows Stations in the Basilica

Holy Thursday, April 13
9:00 am Morning Prayer
5:00 pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
*6:30 pm Adoration in the Lady Chapel
11:00 pm Tenebrae
*Basilica of the Sacred Heart will remain open from 6:30 pm until 12:30 am

Good Friday, April 14
9:00 am Morning Prayer
12:00 noon-3:00 pm Silent Hours of Prayer
3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7:15 pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 15
9:00 am Morning Prayer
9:00 pm The Paschal Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 16
+8:00 am Easter Sunday Mass
10:00 am Solemn Mass
12:00 noon Easter Sunday Mass
7:15 pm Solemn Easter Vespers
+This is an additional Mass only for Easter Sunday.

Confessions during Holy Week
Monday 11:00 am, 4:45 pm & 7:00 pm
Tuesday 11:00 am, 4:45 pm, 7:00 pm & 9:15 pm
Wednesday 11:00 am, 4:45 pm & 7:00 pm
Holy Thursday 11:00 am to Noon & 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Good Friday 11:00 am to 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Holy Saturday 11:00 am to Noon & 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm
McNair sent home as contract is reworked

Tennessee Titans owe franchise quarterback $9 million for 2006

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans told Steve McNair they don’t want him working out in their building until his contract is reworked, the quarterback’s agent said Tuesday.

McNair was told to go home Monday when he showed up at the team’s headquarters for the start of the third week in the Titans’ offseason conditioning program. The team’s general counsel had called agent Bus Cook earlier Monday and informed him McNair would be told to leave.

A team trainer told the 11-year veteran to leave, Cook said.

“You tell the guy who’s the mainstay of the organization, the leader, to get out, that’s not wanted, that’s pretty rough,” Cook said. “I don’t know what Steve will do or won’t do. I imagine he would have a hard time going back there.”

McNair, the NFL’s 2003 co-MVP, is due $5 million in salary in 2006 — but his salary cap number is $25.46 million.

The Titans declined last month to pick up a $50 million option to stretch the deal through 2009, leaving McNair with nearly a quarter of their cap space.

“We have no choice but to protect the club and its future from the possibility of having a significant amount of our salary cap at risk in a single player should he sustain a major injury,” the team said in a statement. “This is entirely a risk management problem.”

Cook said the Titans’ general counsel told him the team doesn’t want McNair working out on team property until his contract is reworked.

General manager Floyd Reese and coach Jeff Fisher were in Los Angeles following a private workout of Southern California quarterback Matt Leinart. The Titans said in a statement that they look forward to McNair returning once his contract is resolved.

It was unfortunate the way this played out yesterday, but we think both Steve and Bus understand the team’s position, the Titans said. “Other clubs facing the same dilemma have arrived at the same conclusion we did.”

McNair is the franchise’s winningest quarterback with a record of 81-59. He started 15 games in 2005 and threw for 3,161 yards.

Shapiro said, “Part of the ability to be a championship team is how you deal with setbacks during a 162-game season. ... It’s part of the deal.”

Indians trainer Lonnie Soloff said Sabathia’s weight is not a problem, and Shapiro noted that Sabathia had made at least 30 starts for five straight seasons. It is just Sabathia’s second trip to the DL in a major league career that began in 2001.

“The fact that it has happened back-to-back years is a cause for some concern at a low-level,” Soloff said. “But once again, he’s a rotational athlete and he generates some pretty intense torque around his front side. His rotational velocities are probably the highest in the game, just from his height and his size.”

“I would say that his size plays into that, not his weight. We are comfortable where he is from a weight standpoint.”

Sabathia said he’s been steadfast with his conditioning. He pulled out of pitching for the U.S. team in the World Baseball Classic so he would be ready for the season, another sign of his resolve to be the Indians’ No. 1 starter.

“I’m working hard and doing everything I can to stay on top of that, I have been for the past two years,” he said.

“C.C. has always been an important part of C.C.’s game, mainly more than most because he’s such a big guy,” manager Eric Wedge said. “He’s been consistent with it and as strong as he’s ever been. ... As electric as it was other night, he probably tried to reach back and do a little more and tweaked it.”

Soloff said that Sabathia’s arm should be ready to respond from the layoff sooner than a year ago because he pitched in spring training. In 2005 he was hurt warming up prior to his first spring start on March 6 and wasn’t activated until April 16.

The Indians called up 6-foot-6 reliever Jason Davis to take Sabathia’s roster spot. Cleveland doesn’t need a fifth starter until April 15 because of off days so will get by with four starters until then and then find a spot starter. The rest of the rotation is Jake Westbrook, Cliff Lee, Jason Johnson and Paul Byrd.

Sabathia felt the muscle grab when he delivered a pitch to Tadahito Iuchi in the third inning Sunday. He tried some warmup pitches but had to leave the game after just 2 1/3 innings.

“I was watching the game in the clubhouse, just watching video and I was throwing the ball harder than I thought I was,” he said. “I was going up there trying to throw nice and easy, go 90, 91 and it was more like 90. 94. It got us just being pumped up, I guess, because of the circumstances in the game.”

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**Rollins’ hit partly due to Cards coach**

*With 3-0 count in last at bat, LaRussa made reliever throw strike*

"If he had thrown a ball and I couldn't get to it, I wouldn't have swung," Rollins said.

Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said they were discussing things about Rollins swinging ahead of 3-0 in the count.

"You usually don't have to give Jimmy the sign if we're losing," Manuel said. "I wanted to see him have every chance. He got a good ball and he hit it. But the question will always be there about swinging 3-0.

Wainwright had no problem challenging Rollins.

"This guy who plays as hard as he does and gets a strike going like that, I respect that," Wainwright said. "It's kind of a pitcher's duty if a guy has something going to give him a chance at it."

A three-time All-Star shortstop, Rollins ended the 2005 season with a 36-game hitting streak, the ninth longest over one season in big league history, and the longest in the majors since 1987 when Paul Molitor hit safely in 39 consecutive games.

Rollins’ pursuit of Joe DiMaggio’s major league record 56-game hitting streak has a catch, however. DiMaggio accomplished his feat in the same season in 1941. The major league marks for longest hitting streak spanning two seasons are separation.

DiMaggio holds both his 56-game streak in 1941, but there is a difference in the NL records. Pete Rose (1978) and Willie Keeler (1897) share the NL mark at 44 games. However, Keeler got a hit in his final game of 1896, so his run of 45 games overall is the first record Rollins is chasing.

The previous Phillies franchise record of 31 was set by Ed Delahanty in 1899.

Rollins is a notoriously slow starter, and he got a bad swing against reigning NL Cy Young Award winner Chris Carpenter and relievers Randy Flores and Wainwright in his first game.

"You don't get rewarded for good swings," Rollins said. "As long as my swing is there, I know I'll get a hit somewhere."

Rollins lines for 38 on Wednesday against tough lefty Todd Eiland. If he keeps going, Rollins could tie Keeler at 45 next Thursday in Atlanta.
SMC SOFTBALL

Belles take one of two from Eagles

Team captures first game 5-2 before dropping nightcap 6-1

By DIERDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's split a home doubleheader with Robert Morris Tuesday, winning the first game, 5-2, before dropping the second 6-1.

"Our intensity going into the first game was excellent," Belles head coach Erin Sullivan said. "We were relaxed going into the second. We didn't have enough time to come back.

Saint Mary's took an early lead in the first game, capitalizing on an error by Robert Morris shortstop Nate Rice. Sarah Miesle reached second on the miscue and third baseman McMenna Corrigan drove her in with an RBI double.

Belles right fielder Callie Davison and center fielder Audrey Gajor made it 3-0 in the third inning with a pair of RBI singles. Saint Mary's freshman Kristen Amram strong off the mound in the opener. She struck out 11 and allowed six hits. The win was Amram's seventh of the season.

"We pulled together at the clutch time," said Amram. "We still when we needed to hit.

Saint Mary's infielder Megan Jaronovic added an RBI double in the fourth and Davison scored on a fielding error by Robert Morris second baseman Katelyn Contreras in the fifth to give the Belles a 5-0 lead.

The Lady Eagles cut into the lead in the sixth when right fielder Jesse Ramirez's sacrifice fly and third baseman Jen Long's RBI single. But that was all Robert Morris could muster, as Amram pitched a perfect seventh to secure the win.

In the second game, powerful left-handed pitcher Bethany Toyias kept the Belles in check en route to a 6-1 Robert Morris victory. Toyias struck out 11 from the mound in the complete game. Long went 2-for-4, scoring two runs and designated player Shauna Robertson drove in two.

Miesle knocked in the only run for Saint Mary's in the sixth with an RBI single that scored Davison from second. Saint Mary's committed four errors in the loss, and all but one of the five runs Belles senior Bridget Grall surrendered was unearned.

We had much better defense in the first [game]," Sullivan said. "We made too many mental errors in the second."

Robert Morris finished off the series in the seventh inning with a four-run barrage to put the game out of reach at the decisive score of 6-1.

Saint Mary's plays Hope in a home game today at 3:30 p.m.

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Selig stands by Mitchell decision

Commissioner defends choice to head baseball steroid investigation

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Commissioner Bud Selig defended his choice of George Mitchell to head baseball's steroid investigation, saying the former Senate Majority Leader has independence.

Selig brushed off criticism that Mitchell is too much of an insider for the job — Mitchell is a director of the Boston Red Sox and San Francisco Giants, and owns a Disney Co., which owns ESPN — a national broadcaster of baseball and the network airing Barry Bonds' new reality show.

"It's important for somebody who understands what I call the mores of culture of this sport as well as he does. That helps in the investigation. That doesn't hurt it," Selig said Tuesday after the league's annual World Series rings to the Chicago White Sox.

"He has complete autonomy. He wouldn't have taken this without complete autonomy. I mean the fact that we're friends had nothing to do with it. ... He doesn't come back and talk to me. I don't want to hear from him. And he can do whatever he wants with whomever he wants. So I don't know how anybody could have more independence than Sen. Mitchell," he said.

The investigation is already under way and has no time limit. It was launched after a baseball detailing allegations that Bonds, who is approaching Hank Aaron's career home run record, used performance-enhancing drugs for five years starting in 1998. The probe will be limited to events since September 2002, when baseball banned steroids, but Mitchell can expand the investigation if he feels it is necessary.

"What I said to Sen. Mitchell was that, 'Look, we've done now everything we can do.' We have a drug program in American sports. We've banned amphetamine, which I think a lot of people don't understand the significance of that," Selig said.

"And while the book triggered, as I said last week, some of this because of the specificity of things, I think it's fair — and I've thought a lot about it since — that we've taken care of the present, we've taken care of the future and now I think it's important that we get on past the past," he added. "We'll see what happens. ... There's no sense in me speculating.

Selig emphasized that Mitchell was not looking into just Bonds. He's looking at the entire game.

"For anybody who thinks this is just a singular investigation is just wrong," Selig said. "It's incorrect. I don't know how much clearer I can be.

"I'm not doing this because of the fans' response to Bonds in San Diego on Monday night, when a string was tied in the direction of the Giants' left fielder.

"And then some of this is unexpected. I'm saddened by it in the sense that Opening Day was such a good, positive day," Selig said. "Every game was sold out. It was really a great baseball day. But controversy will spawn with that type of activity, when it happens.

Bonds began the season with 708 home runs and trails only Babe Ruth (714) and Aaron (755) on the career list. Selig said baseball currently has not made plans for a celebration should Bonds move past Ruth's mark but could do so in coming weeks.

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the team's cohesive play was enough to knock off its first foe.

"We were the ninth-to-last rated team, so we have a lot to prove in this tournament," Unfortunato draw captain Fritz Shadley said.

Team 161 captain Pat O'Brien was not surprised by the game's outcome, as he thought going in his team was outmatched.

"We were hoping to play a girls team that wasn't taking it seri­ously," O'Brien said.

After an early 1-1 tie, Unfortunato ripped off seven straight points on route to an 11-3 halftime lead. The team used its strength and athleticism to create second-chance opportu­nities with offensive rebounds. The chairmen of the boards were captain Fritz Shadley and Fritz "The One Who Goes by Champion," Leroy Bonner, who both fed outlet passes to teammates for fast-break points.

The Champion did everything. Wisconsin t-shirt and shorts, Wisconsin game-high six points, badgering Team 61's defense with a shot that was a hybrid Karas-Dun and one-handed toss. Every player on Unfortunato seemed to have three possessions on the court.

Shadley said the tournament is a personal mission for him."I feel like I'm going to have to stand up for people named Fritz everywhere," he said. "Cause we run play basketball.""2007 All European Team 21.

Dem Keenan 9

An endless array of Euro-fab­ulousness was too foreign for the ethnically confined "Boyz" of Keenan's team.

Dem Keenen Boyz suffered sudden culture shock, as All Euro opened up with a 21-2 loss their opponent never came back from.

All Euro's Ben Chupp said his team had to replace its original starting lineup of former Bulls forward Tony Kucec, Hornets center Vlade Divac, Illini center Arvydas Sabonis, Celtics guard Dino Radja and Sonics forward Defol Schremph due to the fact they had no affili­ation with Notre Dame.

But Chupp changed with the line­up changes and tied a game high with six points, a feat matched by teammate Anthony O'Connell.

Both Chupp and Oberring played physical games reflecting a style more American than Euroean, as Chupp's Grant Hill jersey suggested.

Chupp complimented Oberring's play.

"We used our big man pretty well," Chupp said. "Everything kind of went through him. He was a dominating force.

On defense, Chupp disrupted Dem Keenen Boyz' offensive flow by getting in the passing lanes and forcing turnovers.

Five Hot Girls Who Will Possibly Lose In the First Round But Are Hoping to Get Lucky 21. Fluris 15

Defying the team name, Five Hot Girls used advantages in size and quickness to defeat Fluris 21-15 Tuesday at McElhinney Courts.

"We have some quick big guys that really helped out on the fast break," Hot Girl junior Joe O'Connell said.

Five Hot Girls used its transi­tion offense to seal the contest towards the end. The game was neck-and-neck through the first half, as Fluris employed a 2-3 zone, often doubling Five Hot Girls' big men underneath. The Hot Girls led 11-10 when the teams switched ends.

"We tried to limit their shots inside with the zone, but they got some put-backs and easy transi­tion buckets," O'Connell said.

While Hot Girls had three players that were taller than the tallest Fluris member, the 2-3 zone kept Fluris in the game. But Hot Girls began hitting their midrange jumpers after the half and increased its lead to 16-13.

"We tried to attack the open spots and get the closest shot as possible, then use our size to get put-backs," O'Connell said.

The Hot Girls pulled away using fast break opportunities created by an aggressive man-to­man defense to seal the victory.

Team 50 21, Fetching Fivesome 2

Despite eccentric clothing, the Fetching Fivesome could not overcome the wind, a talent dis­advantage and an "inert" coach­ing staff in a 21-12 loss to Team 50 Tuesday.

"I think our lack of ability stems from our coaching," Fivesome member Maureen Sefton said.

Using a coach-designed offen­sive strategy, Fetching Fivesome had more than 30 passes inter­cepted by Team 50 near the half­court line.

"In our defense, we did score twice," Fivesome coach Meg Ditsworth said. "To be honest though, we're in it for the money.

Fetching Fivesome's tactic of wearing distractingly bright undergarments over regular clothes worked wonders on the defensive end of the court. Team 50 missed more than a dozen layups.

We caused them to miss all those lay-ups," Sefton said. "But the redshirts were just too lazy to get back down there and rebound."
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1 after sweeping the doubles matches and earning three wins in singles. Irish junior Christian Thompson attributed the victory to the collective efforts of the team.
"The strength of our team comes from the depths of our hearts," Thompson said. "And it's only going to get stronger as we get closer to the NCAA Tournament."

The nationally ranked No. 3 doubles pairing of Thompson and Irish junior Katrina Thompson downed Purdue's Brooke Beier and Mallory Voelker 8-2 at No. 1 Sunday. The Thompsons were followed by the seniors Lauren Connelly and Kiki Stastny when they beat Anna Patane and Kelcy Tefft, who were ranked No. 10 in the nation.

But the Irish are looking to continue to mount offensive attacks.

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powered offense will continue to produce against Ohio State. The Irish have already surpassed last year's season total of goals scored (145) with 158 goals in 10 games for an average of 15.8 per game, good for second in the nation.

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Foote, who was named Big East player of the week for the third time this year Tuesday, has 41 goals and 20 assists.

Despite an overall losing record, the Irish have fought well against Ohio State recently. Notre Dame has won three out of its last four games against Ohio State. In 2002, Notre Dame's first NCAA Tournament appearance in program history, the Irish were defeated by Ohio State in regular season play before beating the Buckeyes in their post-season run.

Ohio State dropped its first eight games of the season before beating Davidson 16-5 at home Sunday.

Buckeyes senior midfielder KC Carter and sophomore attack Jessica Patane lead the Ohio State offense with 21 and 17 points, respectively.

Ohio State sophomore attack Kristen Shalor is the team's most efficient threat in the starting lineup. Shalor has eight goals on 15 shots and has added seven assists in nine games.

Buckeyes freshman Kristen Giliwee leads Ohio State in the net with a 10.34 goals against average.

In the next few weeks, the Irish face a gauntlet of tough opponents. Duke, Georgetown, Vanderbilt and Syracuse are all ranked and noble opponents to the resurgent Notre Dame squad.

Notre Dame and Duke clash Sunday at 1 p.m. at Koskinen Stadium in Durham, N.C.

Georgetown hosts the Irish April 15 in Washington, D.C., and Notre Dame ends its regular season at home against Vanderbilt May 7.

The Observer was unable to contact tenth-year Irish head coach Tracy Cook Tuesday.

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"Heather's changeup was on fire and Britteny's curve was mucho," Mainieri said of Weiland. The pitching staff's dominance was especially important in Tuesday's doubleheader, since the offense couldn't muster just three runs on ten total hits in both games.

The Eagles pitching shut down Notre Dame's hitters, and the Irish drew no walks in the first game and two in the second.

"I don't think we really lacked offensive production today, the hits just weren't going where we needed them to go," Irish center fielder Alexandra Kotteff said. But when the hits did land, where the Irish needed them, good things happened for Notre Dame.

In the first game, Irish second baseman Katie Laing led off the bottom of the second with a triple to the wall in centerfield. Notre Dame shortstop Sara Schoonaert drove in Laing in the team's first run against Ball State.

With two outs in the fourth, Irish first baseman Lynn Kohkan knocked a 1-2 pitch to the gap in right for a double. Notre Dame second baseman Heather Giroux lofted a sacrifice fly off the top of the second and drove in Kotteff for the second run.

The biggest hit of the second game came in the bottom of the sixth inning with neither team on the scoreboard. Kotteff led off the inning with a double to center and then moved over to third on a sacrifice fly hit by Irish senior catcher mallorie Lenn. Notre Dame third baseman Meagan Ruthrauff then stepped up and drove in Kotteff for the win.

Ruthrauff, who was 2-for-3 in the game before Sarah Smith pinch ran for her, said the Irish lacked a certain intensity on offense. "We had some intensity, but we couldn't bring a lot more," Ruthrauff said. "If we would have done that, we would have been able to score a lot more runs."

With slim leads in each game, the defense stepped up to provide Blish and Bargart with support. Notre Dame's infield played well, preventing potential hits from getting through the infield.

"We had very solid defense today," Ruthrauff said. "Laing in particular was flawless, showing her range not only to the hole but also to her left." The outfield also showed its range, not allowing an extra-base hit.

The sweep of Eastern Michigan was the Irish's eighth and ninth consecutive wins, during which they have allowed only three runs to opposing hitters — including three consecutive shutouts and two no-hitters.

Notre Dame next faces Akron today at 4 p.m. at Ivy Field. The Zips (11-14) are lead by freshman outfielder Cal Straton, who enters the contest with a .259 batting average, one homer and seven RBIs. Akron freshman pitcher julie Boyes is batting .284 with one home run and nine RBIs.

Gump feels the Irish can beat Akron. "We definitely have to pick it up a notch," Gump said. "They'll bring it and we have to be ready."

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Cooper’s double ignites Notre Dame offense in victory

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame first baseman Craig Cooper pulled two doubles down the left field line and ignited a first-inning rally to propel Notre Dame (13-8) over Chicago State (3-17) 6-4 Tuesday at Frank Eck Stadium, winning Cooper’s double to open the game sparked a four-run Notre Dame first inning. He followed it up in the sixth with an RBI line drive off the glove of diving Chicago State third baseman Randy Bernosky to extend Notre Dame’s lead to 5-3. It was Cooper’s 40th career double.

With Cooper’s first inning double, he reached base safely for the 14th time in 17 leadoff at-bats this season (.823 on-base percentage). He is hitting .769 at the top of the order with five doubles, one home run, three walks and a hit by pitch.

“I’ve always liked a hitter in the leadoff spot that was a slugger,” Irish head coach Paul Mainieri said of Cooper. “Because if he leads off the game with a double or a home run or something, right away it puts pressure on the other team. “It kind of sets a tone for the game that you’ve got an aggressive team that’s going to attack the opposition.”

Notre Dame freshman Brett Graggy earned his first career win after 5 1-3 innings of work in relief of lefty starter David Gruneter.

Graggy entered the game in the top of the third inning two outs and runners on first and second as Notre Dame held to a 4-3 lead. He allowed one run in the relief appearance.

Graggy worked out of the jam by forcing Cougars left fielder Chris Freshour to fly out to Notre Dame right fielder Danny Dressman. Mainieri originally planned to pitch Graggy for three innings and give Graggy the same workload before going to David — see COOPER/page 30

BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXV

Opening tips

Annual spring games started Tuesday on courts across campus

By TIM DOUGHERTY, CHRIS HINE and FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writers

The 35th edition of Bookstore Basketball tipped off Tuesday on the pavement of the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore and two other sets of courts as teams battled in the preliminary round of the tournament.

You Surely Received an Unfortunate Draw began its tournament with a 21-5 victory over Team 161. Unfortunate Draw’s name is a reference to past champions and 2006 No. 1 seed U Got a Bad Draw, though the spin-off team lacks a starting quarterback.

At left, a member of Fetching FiveSome makes a pass during the team’s 21-2 loss to Team 10. At right, a player on Rule No. 76 takes a shot in the team’s 21-16 loss to At left, a member of Fetching FiveSome makes a pass during the team’s 21-2 loss to Team 10. At right, a player on Rule No. 76 takes a shot in the team’s 21-16 loss to Team 161.

ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Courtney to host top-10 showdown

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

After a 4-3 road victory over Purdue Sunday, Notre Dame returns home to face No. 9 Northwestern at the Courtney Tennis Center at 3:30 p.m. today. Despite facing one of the nation’s top teams, the Irish are not allowing the pressure to get the best of them.

“This (match) is different than most because they are an incredibly tough team,” Notre Dame sophomore Brook Buck said. “But we are going into the match with the same mindset (as any other match).”

“Booth and Bargard showed up more than anybody else tonight,” Irish head coach Deanna Gumpf said. “I was very proud of both of them.”

But for the win over Purdue, Notre Dame improved its record to 18-8.

seven hits in the two shutouts. Booth was able to work all her pitches in the first game— forcing hitters to chase after her fastball while fooling them with the changeup. Bargard dominated the Eagles lineup in game two, striking out 11 batters with her overpowering fastball and baffling curve.

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ND SOFTBALL

Booth and Bargard shoot down Eagles

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame starting pitchers Heather Booth and Brittney Bargard led the Irish to two shutout victories Tuesday as Notre Dame swept a doubleheader against the Eastern Michigan Eagles with 2-0 and 1-0 wins at Ivy Field.

Booth and Bargard each pitched complete game gems, combining for seventeen strikeouts while giving up only

WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Irish and Bucks to tangle in Ohio

No. 10 Notre Dame faces OSU today before traveling to No. 4 Duke

By CHRIS WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

No. 10 Notre Dame meets a familiar opponent today as the Irish (9-1) travel to Columbus, Ohio, to take on the struggling Buckeyes (1-8) at Jesse Owens Memorial Field, in Columbus, Ohio.

It will be the 11th match between the two programs — a Notre Dame team record. Ohio State has won six of the previous 10 meetings.

Notre Dame hopes its high

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Irish ophomore midfielder Mary Carpenter intercepts a pass during Notre Dame’s 17-15 victory over Cornell March 5.

MD SOFTBALL

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