Students take leave to go abroad

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

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SMC printing clusters to charge fees

Print quotas will put limits on paper use

By EMILY LAVELLE
News Writer

Saint Mary’s students used to free printing in campus com-
puter clusters will be confront-
ed with a “pay-to-print” system to be implemented by Information Technology this fall.

The transition from a free printing system to a payment program has been underway for a long time, chief informa-
tion officer Keith Fowlkes said. Fowlkes assisted in making the decision to adopt such a sys-
tem in 1990s. “It’s a complicated sys-
tem that gives graduates the

Honorary degrees announced

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Editor

Joining the more than 2,000 undergraduate and advanced degree candidates receiving diplo-
mas at Notre Dame’s 161st Commencement exercises May 21 will be 12 prominent vis-
or — including
Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Harper Lee, the university announces in a statement Tuesday.

Along with k e y n o t e
speaker Irish President Mary McAleese, the recipients — three women and 10 men, including McAleese — will be awarded hon-
orary degrees from the University acknowleding their work in a wide spectrum of professional fields.

Honorary degrees are conferred in recognition of the accomplish-
ments of various individuals. Students, faculty and staff mem-
bers are all allowed to nominate a person for an honorary degree.

University officers, including University President Father John Jenkins, narrow down the pool. Honorees do not necessarily need a connection to the University.

Landrum Roling, a leader in higher education whose many former roles include president and chairman of the board of Lilly Endowment Inc., chairman and chief executive officer of the

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Maturity, personalized

I'm 22 years old, and even though I don't act like it 90 percent of the time I've always managed to see things for what they are. I tend to be laid back, level headed, and unaffected by stress.

This is not magic, its maturity. If you know me, you're laughing, but please read on.

Now what does maturity have to do with anything? It's college right? Yeah, college, the place where we can pretty much do whatever we want (for a 24 hour period) while developing into responsible, young adults who will get jobs, raise families and contribute at least three years to stay eligible for football tickets.

I digress. My point is we're all supposed to be mindful of our surroundings as we tumble around in the lottery barrel of life waiting for our time to be plucked out of our drunken stupor and placed into the real world.

Today I'm asking you all to think about where you are as we approach that moment.

I've read countless Viewpoints and entertained hundreds of conversations full of complaints about other people's actions and thoughts. I've even written some and done some complaining myself.

What bothers me the most is the continual disregard for originality and creativity. By today's standards of political correctness, we can't even go into a bathroom without offending someone.

Think about it for a second. No one can really do anything without offending someone. Politics, university life, sports, love, eating, dating, sleeping, having sex, driving a car, making a joke or drawing a comic — it doesn't matter what you do in life, someone, somewhere is going to be offended by it so the point that they demand that you stop.

Here's the crass part. All of these things that we do, that may offend someone, are what makes life real. These are the things that we're passionate about doing, and at the end of the day you have to be confident enough to tune out objection and do what you love doing. You have to be your own cheerleader.

Don't confuse my stance with hedonism, there are always lines that shouldn't be crossed and the moment will always be wrong. My point is, let things greater than people and society determine what you will or won't do. Everyone has a different reason for getting up every morning — be it faith, love, humor, work — and no one can tell you that it's a bad reason.

There may be a trick to this kind of maturity after all. It's some weird combination of confidence and fear reinforced by people and things that you value. So do whatever you want, but when you have to grow up remember that it's quite possible the person next to you to get up today for an entirely different reason and it isn't your role to judge.

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Jay Branham  
freshman Alumni

I want an Alumni 2."

Ryan Crane  
freshman Alumni

I'll take a Notre Dame-themed amusement park.

Andy Ostrowski  
sophomore Dillon

"Two Denny's.

Andy Helmuth  
sophomore Dillon

"As long as there's a Discovery Zone I'll be happy."

Nick Weiland  
sophomore Dillon

"As long as I don't run into Andy Helmuth."

Laura Rings  
sophomore Welsh Family

"I just want Chipotle."

The cancer awareness and survivor tree, dedicated by black Notre Dame alumni, was decorated with ribbons Tuesday. Each colored ribbon represents a different type of cancer. Ribbons are available at the Eck Center.

OFFBEAT

Burglar steals cameras, forgets tape

ELKO, Nev. — A man accused of burglarizing a laundromat in Elko figured he made a clean escape over the weekend when he took off with the store's six video surveillance cameras.

But it turns out he left some rather compelling evidence behind — the video machine and videotape that recorded his face each time he stood in front of the cameras at the Southside Laundry.

Elko police said they came away with several close-ups of the suspect, Robert Lynn White, 52, Elko.

And even if the portraits were a little fuzzy, police said they would have been able to easily identify him because he was wearing cowboy chaps and a trench coat, the usual attire he wears around town.

Teen goes on 911-dialing spree

BUFFALO, N.Y. — A teenage girl acknowledged making about 1,000 fake 911 calls from her cell phone, laughing, taunting and saying, "You can't catch me," police said Monday.

Police said some of the calls made this month lasted several minutes, and one lasted an hour.

The girl was charged over the weekend with two counts of misdemeanor falsely reporting an incident for allegedly making six fake 911 calls from a local church phone Saturday.

"She didn't give us a reason for doing this," Chief of Detectives Dennis Richards said. "She was very disrespectful, and she said that she was going to keep calling 911." Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Today from 11-11:30 p.m. the Asian American Association will host a Night Grotto visit today. Meet in front of Bond Hall.

Notre Dame baseball will take on Manchester at 5:05 p.m. today at Frank Eck Stadium.

Notre Dame political science professor John Griffin will give a lecture titled “Race and Political Influence in America” today at 4 p.m. in the Law School Courtroom.

Acoustic Cafe will take place at 10 p.m. Thursday in the LaFortune basement.

A Teenbreak Service will take place Thursday at 11 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

"Ben Hur", the 1959 film starring Charlton Heston, will be shown at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Browing Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

Notre Dame softball will play a doubleheader against DePaul Thursday starting at 4 p.m. at Ivy Field.

Notre Dame men's tennis will face Louisville Thursday at 3:30 p.m. at the Courtenay Tennis Center.

Notre Dame baseball will take on St. John's at 12:05 p.m. Saturday at Frank Eck Stadium.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observers@nd.edu
Women's teams drew large crowds during World War II years.

By NICOLE ZOOK Senior Staff Writer

They may have looked unassuming with their glasses and walkers, but the three older women in the Saint Mary's Student Center on April 2, are all local to the South Bend area.

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"It was interesting to go to each town and read the articles in the newspapers," Janssen said. "Usually, men's sportswriters would write about these ladys coming in own to play baseball... usually they had some smart headlines, but a lot of fans came to see the games." Women's baseball — and the AAGPBL — has been experiencing a resurgence in popularity since "A League of Their Own" was released in 1992. The three women credited its director Penny Marshall, an avid AAGPBL memorabilia collector, for breathing new life into the sport.

"We were unknown until the movie started," Jochum said. "Otherwise, we never talked about the league."

"Despite a few inaccuracies the movie depicted like players living in fan's homes and chauffeuring never entering the dressing rooms, Sears said it was an accurate portrayal of the AAGPBL experience.

"The movie was quite good, I thought," she said. "I thought it captured the basic structure of the whole league."

One audience member asked Sears if the players actually had the AAGPBL some league's 1988 induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame "like at the end of the movie.

"Oh yeah, that's our song!" Sears said. "I tell you what. if you call me your name up on that list at Cooperstown... I got tears.

The women said the players still remain in contact, and 438 attended the league's 50th reunion a few years back to reminisce about their days in the AAGPBL and how much playing baseball has affected their lives.

"It was the experience of a lifetime, really, especially for 1943," Sears said.

Jochum said. "It was expected, but the uniforms were as part of their ladylike uniforms and faced a fair amount of discrimination from men who thought women shouldn't be playing baseball.

"I liked the uniforms" except for sliding," Jochum said. "It was especially bad in South Bend because there were no places to bat."
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dedicate themselves to service. Each associate serves a one-year term, receives health insurance and is eligible for an Annapolis grant of more than $4,000.

Kuczora works in Coachella, Calif. for the Coachella Valley Housing Coalition, a non-profit housing developer that has built more than 2,700 homes for low-income families.

"With a serious somber, year-round warm weather and a tremendous wealth, the Coachella Valley is also home to some of the poorest communities in the counties all within about 30 miles of each other," Kuczora said.

Kuczora said he works on the "structural side of service," He writes grants and researches housing trends for legislation. An accountancy major at Notre Dame, he said he was especially prepared for this position because he learned business skills that have proved crucial to his new job.

"Business majors can do a year of service," Kuczora said. "Actually, having a business degree of any type is valuable in the non-profit world much sought after after.

Fernandes is involved with Catholic Charities in Phoenix, where she works for a referral program. "I do not have any specific day-to-day duties, but I get lots of direct client contact and have learned quite a bit about adjustment to life in the United States as a refugee and a lot about basic human need," she said.

HCA's mission stands upon four pillars: service, spirituality, community and simple lifestyle. Associates embrace these pillars in their work, social lives and living arrangements.

"I wanted an experience that would incorporate different aspects of my life into the daily service work that I wanted to do," Kuczora said. "I found the simple living in a spiritual community to be a unique aspect that wasn't part of many other service programs."

Kuczora said he chose HCA over other post-graduation service organizations because he was attracted to HCA's dedication to faith. Fernandes said HCA has a good foundation for a life committed to social justice.

HCA has received 21 applications for the 2005-06 year. Fernandes said although there was still time until mid-May to apply, he said, although the priority due date is April 12. In addition to filling an application, applicants must supply three references, which Fernandes said he would incorporate different aspects of my life into the daily service work that I wanted to do.

"The structural side of service is not the traditional idea of a year of service but it can be as rewarding."

Matt Kuczora 2005 graduate

Absences

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"These kinds of leaves of absence should be extraordinary and the cases should be compelling or strong," Jacobs said. "The reasons for study abroad are not just I want to be in a country that's interesting, warm or fun, but involves a set of courses that they couldn't find in any of the other programs."

To study abroad in an outside program during the academic year, a student takes a leave of absence from college. The dean of the college must approve the leave of absence, and then the request is sent to the registrar's office. During the 2005-06 academic year, a total of 74 students took an approved leave of absence for medical, personal or study reasons.

Of those 74, 16 received study leaves of absence, said Annie Brackete, Gradating and Academic Registrar Specialist for the College of Arts and Letters. "When a student asks me about it, there has to be a significant academic component... that could be an exception," Gaglio said.

In the architecture and engineering colleges, the instance of study leaves of absence is much less frequent. John Uhran, senior associate dean in the College of Engineering, said during the past three years only one student has taken a study leave of absence.

"It is not an issue in the College of Engineering," Uhran said.

"In the rare case that a student does study abroad, Uhran researches the prospective school's reputation, the courses offered and the course syllabus to ensure "quality control."

Uhran said it is the College's goal to graduate its students in four years, pointing out that many of the approximately 40 percent of each class of engineering students who go abroad at some point.

The School of Architecture is unique in that a study abroad program is built into the curricula — third year students normally study abroad in two semester programs in Rome. Assistant Dean Father Richard Bullene said he has never been approached by an architecture student asking for a leave of absence.

"Theoretically, we would entertain the thought of if someone has a grand idea," Bullene said. "I suppose I could imagine it, but it has never happened."

Assistant Dean Jennifer Nemecek in the College of Arts and Letters said leaves of absence are a great option for students who fail to find a program that suits their needs in the standard study abroad offerings.

"It's a wonderful program to give a student an opportunity to study abroad," Nemecek said. This year, Arts and Letters students took leaves of absence to countries including Argentina, Switzerland and the Netherlands.

For Ching, a leave of absence has given him a chance to study abroad while continuing his academic course and seminary training.

"There is a much broader and greater variety of views and it gives the chance to meet other seminarians who are studying theology给了我一个机会，让我在理解我自己的理解，真正地研究我的学习的课程。" Ching said.

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Suicide bomber kills 41 in public park

KARACHI, Pakistan — A suicide attacker detonated a bomb during an outdoor Sunni Muslim prayer service Tuesday, killing at least 41 people and wounding dozens. In the mayhem that followed, angry rocks rained on and hurled rocks at police, who fired warning shots in the air.

The attacker blew himself up near leaders of the Sufi Tarek religious group, which helped organize the prayer service at a downtown Karachi park, police chief Niaz Siddiqui said.

The attackers were sitting near a stage erected in front of the thousands of Sunni Muslims marking the birth of Islam’s Prophet Muhammad. Several leaders were killed.

"The bomber used about 5 kilograms (11 pounds) of explosives to obtain the bomb," Siddiqui told The Associated Press.

Prodi narrowly wins Italian election

Rome — Italy’s economy minister, Romano Prodi, emerged the winner of Italy’s election by a razor-thin margin Tuesday, promising to form a government able to reunite an deeply divided country mired in economic stagnation. But Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi claimed voting irregularities and demanded a recount.

The result could usher in a period of uncertainty over the results, a process which could take weeks. The outcome of the election must be approved by Italy’s highest court, and it is up to the president to give the head of the winning coalition a mandate to form a government.

Even if confirmed, a possible cabinet that includes 41 people of a stable government under Prodi looks cloudy at best. Many fear a return to the political chaos that has characterized Italian history since the end of World War II. There have been 60 governments in about as many years.

Rumsfeld defends Iraq war policies

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, who ordered top military leaders on Tuesday to issue their strongest rebuttal to date of recent comments by rivals critical of Iraq war planning and riling on Rumsfeld to resign.

In particular, Rumsfeld said he didn’t recall retired Lt. Gen. Gregory Newbold raising any objections to the war planning when he was working in the Pentagon for the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"I do not recall General Newbold raising any objection to the war planning, to my knowledge," he said Tuesday.

"An awful lot of people around here were not shy about expressing their views. ... But in terms of why he would come up with this now, I just can’t speak to that.

Disaster reform to be ready June 1

Wilmington, Delaware — Federal back supervisors, aid victims and deliver quick information to all comments by retired generals criticizing Iraq war officials work with Washington and have their terms of why he did not comply, the Security Council will revisit the issue.

"The Iranian enrichment announcement is not particularly helpful," it said. "Uranium enrichment can produce either fuel for a nuclear energy reactor — as Iran says it seeks — or the material needed for an atomic warhead.

"We do not mean Iran is immediately capable of doing either. So far it has succeeded only in getting a series of 164 centrifuges to work in the enrichment process. Thousands of centrifuges are needed for a nuclear reactor.

"But successfully carrying out the highly complicated and delicate process even on a small scale would be a breakthrough, and Iran’s nuclear chief said the program would be expanded to 3,000 centrifuges by the end of the year."

"Ahmadinejad announced it at a nationally televised ceremony clearly aimed at drumming up popular Iranian support for the nuclear program. He addressed an audience that included top military commanders and clerics in an ornate hall in one of Iran’s holiest cities, Mashhad.

"Before he spoke, screens on the stage showed footage of nuclear facilities and scientists at work."

"At this historic moment, with the blessings of God Almighty and the efforts made by our scientists, I declare here that the laboratory-scale nuclear fuel cycle has been completed and young scientists produced enriched uranium needed to the degree for nuclear power plants Sunday," Ahmadinejad said. "I formally declare that Iran has joined the club of nuclear countries," he said.

The crowd broke into cheers of "Allahu akbar," or "God is great."

As part of the ceremony, costumed dancers performed on the stage, holding aloft vials of raw uranium and also chanting "Allahu akbar."

Moussaoui jury shown 9/11 photos

LEXINGTON, Mass. — Jurors weighing the fate of Sept. 11 conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui were shown graphic photographs Tuesday of bodies burned inside the Pentagon and heard from five gastrointestinal doctors who crawled almost blindly through falling debris and choking smoke and fear.

Despite Judge Leonie Brinkema’s warning that the graphic images would enflame the jury, the defense showed two videos of the attack.

A after-a-minute bench confer­ence to argue with the defense over what could be shown, prosecutors displayed photos of a charred body on a blue stretcher, another charred body sitting upright inside a wrecked Pentagon office, several charred bodies piled together inside another destroyed office and a small torso covered with ash on a blue stretcher. The mostly intact bodies had barely discernible facial features.

Each picture was displayed for a few seconds. Within minutes, the jury left for lunch.

Moments later with judge and jury gone, Moussaoui defiantly shouted to spectators as he was led out: "Burn all the Pentagon next time.

Jurors also heard from two officers who may have been saved by their military training, Lt. Col. John Thurman, who was a major working on Army promotion policies on the Pentagon’s second floor on 9/11, and Lt. Nancy McKewen, who was working on the first floor as chief weather forecaster for the Navy’s top brass.
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cover narcotics officer.
She also has previous ties to Saint Mary's. Dave Chapman, head of security, was her road patrol supervi-
 sor under then-St. Louis Villere.
Villere also worked as a drill instructor at a boot camp for juvenile delinquents in Tallahassee, Fla., as well as an officer in southern Florida and New Orleans.
Villere and her husband arrived in New Orleans two weeks before Hurricane Katrina made landfall.
"It's great to be back in my home town [South Bend] considering I'm a family and friend," Villere said.
Villere described her position as new Security Investigator and Program Coordinator as tri-fold. The first aspect involved typical security office duties — locking and unlocking buildings, patrolling the campus, enforcing traffic and parking regulations and responding to emergency and non-emergency calls.
"My responsibility in that regard is to assist the victim with receiving medical atten-
tion, assisting her in contacting someone if she requests, and securing any evidence," she said.
Villere also is responsible for ensuring that the student body is made aware of haz-
ardous areas and items in Tallahassee so they can be conscious of their surroundings and the safety of their belongings.
Villere's final role is that of program coordinator.
"It is my responsibility to organize and present pro-
grams to Saint Mary's students, to make them more aware of their personal safe-
ty," she said.
Villere said she is looking forward to growing into the position.
"While accepting this position at the end of a school year has its disadvantages, I am looking forward to using the time to research more about programs such as Prokofiev, Brubeck will be awarded the
le, author of widely-read and influential novel "To Kill a Mockingbird," which won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1961, will receive a doctor of humane letters. Gil Loescher, political science professor emeritus at Notre Dame, who received the August 2003 bombing of the United Nations headquarters in Baghdad, which left him badly-
injured, will receive a doctor of laws.
Francis Oakley, the president emeritus of Williams College and prominent medieval scholar, will also receive a doctor of laws. Karen Ravenhorst, a Minneapolis-area community leader and philanthropist who serves on the boards of several Catholic charities and heads the Mark and Karen Ravenhorst Family Foundation with husband Mark, will also receive a doctor of laws.
John Sandner, the retired chair of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and a chief of new futures group of E*trade, will also receive a doctor of laws.
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Notre Dame Council on Foundations and president and rector of the Notre Dame-founded Ecumenical University, and will receive a doctor of laws.
Kevin Gallagher, an expert on tropical medicine who worked internationally in disaster and crisis areas and treated Pope John Paul II after the assassina-
tion attempt in 1981, will receive a doctor of science.
Anthony Earley Jr., chairman of the board, chief executive offi-
cer, chief operating officer and president of DTE Energy, who has worked internationally in disaster and engineering, will receive a doctor of science.
Norman Francis, president of the nation's only black Catholic college, Xavier University in New Orleans, who has worked to rebuild the institution since the destruction of Hurricane Katrina, will receive a doctor of humani-
ties.

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Villere's other aspirations include motivating students to get more involved in the community.
Villere said she wants her work to affect more than just those who are part of the Saint Mary's community and hopes this summer will help her orient herself to the cam-
pus setting.
"I look forward to growing and advancing my position here and being part of the Saint Mary's community for many years," she said.
Bolons said she will remain on call at both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.
"I hope I have good impress-
ion and was able to mend bridges and work well with the students," she said.
"I miss Saint Mary's, but I think Villere will do a good job."

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**Skilling testifies in Enron trial**

Former CEO proclaims ‘absolute’ innocence on stand during questioning

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Former Enron CEO Jeffrey Skilling told jurors in his fraud and conspiracy trial Monday that he abruptly resigned from the energy trading company a few months before it collapsed because he was worn out and embroiled by its faltering share price — not because he knew disaster loomed.

"I am absolutely innocent," Skilling said right after he swore to tell the truth while testifying in his own defense Monday.

Then he let jurors know what’s at stake for him: "I guess in some ways my life is on the line, so I'm a little nervous."

As he testified, he became more relaxed and conversational, with no hint of the swaggering bravado for which he was known when he ran what was once the nation’s seventh-largest company. Known for his plain-spoken manner as he led Enron’s transformation from a staid pipeline company into an energy giant, Skilling addressed jurors directly, his eyebrows raised slightly, looking earnest and alert.

At times he appeared self-deprecating, even telling jurors that he was "the first to admit to Harvard Business School "by some huge mistake." Later, he sounded like a business professor, giving jurors a mini-seminar on Enron’s businesses and gas and electricity marketers.

He repeated what he said twice before coming before the panels in 2002, that Enron was "in very good condition in the mid-August 2001 when I left."

His lawyer, Daniel Petrocelli, asked if he had had any clue that Enron would flounce out in scandal less than four months later.

"Not in my wildest dreams, no. It’s almost inconceivable now what happened," the ex-CEO said.

"Would you have left if you thought the company was going to experience the events that later transpired?" Petrocelli asked.

"No," Skilling replied matter-of-factly.

The 52-year-old ex-CEO’s testimony kicked off the 11th week of the federal trial. His co-defendant, Enron founder Kenneth Lay, aims to testify later this month.

Both are accused of repeatedly lying to investors and employees about Enron’s financial health when they allegedly knew fraudulent accounting propped up a facade of success.

Lay cared into bankruptcy proceedings in December 2001, six weeks after announcing unprecend­ented losses and a mass­ive equity writedown that generated intense scrutiny from once-adoring Wall Street and regulators.

The two men say there was no fraud at Enron other than that committed by former Chief Financial Officer Andrew Fastow and a few others, who skimmed millions from secret schemes, and that bad pub­licity coupled with lost mar­ket confidence sank the company. "I know of no reason Enron would have to resort to fraud," Skilling said.

China agrees to copyright legalities

WASHINGTON — The Bush administra­tion, seeking to shrink a soaring trade deficit with China, won agreements Tuesday that the Chinese government will lift a ban on American beef, crack down on copyright piracy and move toward opening up its govern­ment bidding process to American firms.

The exact timetable for lifting the beef ban was left open, however, pending further negotiations over details governing the standards that will be applied to beef shipped to China. Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns predicted, such negotiations would resume sometime this year.

China halted U.S. beef shipments after mad cow disease was discovered in the United States in December 2003.

The announcement on beef and the pledge for a greater crackdown on piracy of American computer software and other copyrighted products came after a day of high-level economic talks the Bush administration hopes will reduce growing anger in Congress over a trade deficit with China that hit a record $292 billion last year.

The discussions were being held in advance of a Washington visit next week by Chinese President Hu Jintao.

"One meeting is not going to solve all of our outstanding trade issues with China," U.S. Trade Representative Rob Portman said at a joint news confer­ence with the Chinese. "But in our dis­cussions today, which were very frank and positive, we were able to solve some problems."

Chinese Vice Premier Wu Yi, who led the Chinese delegation, said her coun­try has been "earnestly implementing the directions of China’s top leaders to boost imports from the United States."

She said the annual meeting Tuesday of the Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade, designed to smooth eco­nomic relations between the two coun­tries, had "demonstrated the good will of both sides to properly resolve prob­lems through equal consultation."

Wu noted that despite a delegation of more than 200 Chinese business executives with an esper­ation that they will sign 107 contracts to buy $16.2 billion in U.S. products.

Included in that is a deal to purchase 80 commercial jetliners from Boeing Co., at a list price of $4.6 billion. This agreement, signed Tuesday, completes a commitment China made last November, during a visit by President Bush, to buy a total of 150 Boeing jet­liners.

In the area of piracy, the Chinese agreed to require that computers use legal software and to step up enfor­ce ment of intellectual property rights. They also pledged to close Chinese opti­cal disk plants that are producing pirated CDs and DVDs.

In her comments, Wu said regula­tions would be issued stipulating that all computers sold in China must have legal operating systems.
FRANCE

Chirac backs down on youth labor law

Students participate in thinned-out protests

Associated Press

PARIS — Nationwide protests of the French government's labor law finally began to subside Tuesday after President Jacques Chirac moved in to procedure and questioned his pro-

F p m i c e r y employment law.

Chirac said a series of eight major weekends and school vacations that began this week, appeared to have destroyed the planned full-blown marches aimed at sending the momentum from massive recent protests to force the government to withdraw other reforms.

Some 2,300 students met in Place de la Concorde in front of the French parliament, according to police — far fewer than the 84,000 protesters who turned out in the capital in protests last week. That mobilization demonstrated a nationwide divide against the measure a week ago.

The students were minor scuffles in Paris, where policeMy turned back about 60 marchers trying to turn off the main route. But those tanks so thin, the demonstration lasted only a few hours and ended peacefully.

Hundreds of protesters also turned out on routes to the southwest, Rennes in western France and Grenoble in the southeast — places where thousands had marched a week earlier.

In southwestern Toulouse, several dozen students blocked an avenue on Sunday night. In Rouen, students had to be sent a later of 2,500 students was peaceful. Some acknowledged the protest movement would now fade.

"I came out today to give a happy ending to our movement," said Jacques Loscautey, a 22-year-old history student at the Sorbonne University in Paris, which has been shut down since mid-March because of the protests. "We won, but I wanted to go out with a bang."

The rejected measure was part of a broad equal-opportuni-

ty law aimed at youths from the suburbs, where nearly one

two children have two or more jobs in some areas. The law would have allowed employers to fire

workers under age 26 at any time during a two-year trial period without payment.

Chirac said the measure, meant to reduce a 22 percent youth unemployment rate, would be replaced by one directed specifically at unem-

piled youths — many from poor, mainly immigrant,

suburbs.

He retreated after weighing the level of talks between presi-

dents and unions, the possible political fallout for the right and the sensitivity, during student protests on rail-

road tracks and highways. In parliament, Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin, the main proponent of the job law, said he backed down after two months of holding firm amid street protests because "we had to get out of the crisis." Villepin said the safety of young protesters and year-end school exams were at risk. "In the face of blockades, we had to find a solution," he said.

Villepin said the measure would be replaced.

Students welcomed Chirac's decision, but now want the gov-

ernment to throw out the entire law — not just the article that would have created the youth job contract.

"We will stay in the streets until the government agrees to scrap the entire law," said Irene Morinirone, 14, at the Paris march.

Villepin, Chirac's top protege, had argued that the measure would prime the economy for the challenges of globalization, but critics said it was badly designed and would erode treasurized labor protections.

Villepin and other governing conservative lawmakers sought to piece their flawed camp back togeth-

er, and renewed calls for reforms of the rigid labor market.

"The only question counts at this hour is: What do we do to fight against unemployment of youths in this country?"

Dominique de Villepin

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France

SPAIN

Judge charges Madrid bombers

Detailed indictment describes birth of terrorist cell and violent plans

Associated Press

MADRID — A Spanish judge issued the first indictment in the 2004 Madrid train bomb-

ings, charging 29 people Tuesday with terrorism or other crimes after a probe of the separatist movement's nest of Islamic militant but no apparent link to al-

Qaeda.

In a minutely detailed indictment spanning 30 pages, Juan de Olmo, the investiga-

tive magistrate spearheading the probe, described birth and workings of a cell of long-

time residents, most of them from Morocco and Syria.

Inspired by extremist Islamic doctrine, they are said to have risen up against their adopted homeland to kill 191 people and wound more than 1,700 in the coordinated attacks.

Three of the nine suspects indicted were charged with 191 counts of murder and 1,755 counts of attempted murder, and three others with conspiracy to commit those crimes.

The first three include Jamal Zougam, a Moroccan mer-

cier who allegedly supplied cell phones used as detonators in the 10 backpack bombs that ripped through four crowded commuter trains on the morn-

ing of March 11, 2004. When he was arrested two days after the attacks, Zougam said he was in bed asleep when the bombs went off and had noth-

ing to do with the plot.

The other two are Emilio Suarez Trashorras, a Spaniard accused of supplying the dyna-

mite used in the attacks, and Abdelmajid Bouchar, a Moroccan.

Zougam, an Egyptian who claimed the attacks were his idea, is among the three others highly qualified, she said.

The indictment says the cell spent about $120,000 to stage the attacks — everything from buying explosives to renting safe-houses — and caused material damage and civil liability of more than $26 million.

It said the central figure in the financing, planning and execution of the attacks was a Moroccan named Jamal Ahmadin. He and six other alleged ringleaders — including its ideological mastermind, Tunisian Serhan Ben Abdelmajid Fakhett — blew themselves up three weeks after the massacre as police moved in on their apartment hideout in the Madrid suburb of Leganes. One policeman died in that explosion.

Bourchar, who detected the police presence that day when he went down to empty the garbage, screamed out to warn his colleagues and took off running, eluding police who chased him. He was arrested last year in Serbia.

While he was a fugitive, police who had chased Bourchar identified him as having been at the Leganes apart-

ment.

The cell financed itself with-

Spain. Officials turned up no evidence it received any outside money, nor was there a stage to the attack, Del Olmo wrote.

The bombings were Spain's worst terrorist attack and are seen as having brought down a Basque separatist government that backed the U.S.-led war in Iraq.

Shortly after the attacks, Islamic militants claimed responsibility on behalf of al-

Qaida and said they acted to avenge the presence of Span-

ish troops in Iraq in 2003 by then prime minister Jose

Maria Aznar.

Aznar's government blamed Basque separatists for the attacks even after evidence of an Islamic link emerged.

Voters punished his party at the polls in elections three days after the bombings. The victorious Socialists quickly fulfilled a campaign promise and brought the troops home from Iraq.

Del Olmo's indictment said computer equipment found at sites including the Leganes apartment showed the cell had access to restricted e-mail traffic from Global Islamic Media, an al-Qaida mouthpiece which in 2003 urged Islamic militants to attack Spanish soldiers in Iraq ahead of the Spanish elec-

tion in March 2004.

Del Olmo did not say whether he believed the cell was influenced by this appeal, and in the end, the group's tar-

get was inside Spain.
ITALY

Police capture major mafia boss Bernardo Provenzano

The arrest of Italy's number one fugitive comes after 40 years of spurning authorities and hiding in secret locals

Associated Press

PALERMO, Sicily — Italy's No. 1 fugitive and reputed Mafia "boss of bosses" practically thumbed his nose at authorities for more than 40 years.

He counted on Sicilians' centuries-old mistrust of the state to help him on the run, sleeping in islanders' homes, having his children born at local hospitals, even sending the public health care system a bill for prostate treatment abroad under a false name.

But police finally caught up with Bernardo "The Tractor" Provenzano on Tuesday in a farmhouse outside his power base, Corleone — the town that inspired the family name in "The Godfather."

In the end, Provenzano was done in not by an informer or a rival gangster, but by a delivery of clean laundry. Police tracked the package to his hideout and closed in when they saw his hand peek out of the door to take it.

Provenzano had escaped capture so often since going into hiding in 1963 that he earned a place in the Italian imagination as "The Phantom of Corleone." He got his nickname "The Tractor" for the determination he displayed in a mob career that began as a hitman.

He is believed to have taken leadership of the Sicilian Mafia following the 1993 arrest of former boss Salvatore "Toto" Riina. During his years on the run, Provenzano was convicted in absentia and given life sentences for more than a dozen murders of mobsters and investigators.

"Bastard! Murderer!" a crowd shouted at the 73-year-old Provenzano as he was driven from a crowded courthouse in Palermo after driving him from the courtroom.

Wearing tinted glasses and a wind-breaker, the gray-haired Provenzano held up his hands while being driven from the courthouse.

Investigators described an extensive operation to track down the mobster. They said cameras that can see up to a mile were trained on suspected accomplices as well as the Corleone home where Provenzano's wife and children live.

A few days ago, police noticed a package leave the wife's house, then get delivered by car to a series of other homes. On Tuesday morning, the package left Corleone and was driven to the farmhouse where Provenzano was found staying with a shepherd who doubted as a housekeeper.

"This morning he reached out with a hand to grab the package and that's when we decided to move in," said Nicola Cavallero, a top police official in Rome.

Italy's national anti-Mafia prosecutor, Piero Grasso, told reporters in Rome that Provenzano was "impasive" and "didn't say a word" when arrested, but later acknowledged his identity.

The last photos that investigators had of the mobster showed him as a young man, but police gave the fugitive a "new face" last year — issuing a composite picture drawn with help from a Mafia turncoat in 2001 that depicted him with white hair and hollow cheeks.

That effort also was helped by descriptions from personnel at a clinic in Marseilles, France, where investigators say Provenzano sought treatment for a prostate tumor two years ago.

Turncoats had told investigators that Provenzano slept in different farmhouses every few nights across Sicily, an island where organized crime has held sway for decades.

He allegedly gave orders with written notes — not trusting cell phone conversations for fear of being monitored by police. Grasso said investigators were studying notes found at the farmhouse, along with a typewriter Provenzano apparently used for writing them.

After taking over the top leadership, Provenzano helped the Mafia spread its tentacles into the lucrative world of public works contracts in Sicily, turning the mob into more of a white-collar industry of illegal activity — with less dependence on traditional operations like drug trafficking and extortion, investigators have said.

During the years when Riina was the Mafia chieftain, mourners bloodied Sicily. Mob rivals, police, prosecutors and their bodyguards, and sometimes bystanders, were cut down by bombings and drive-by shootings.

Then the bomb assassinations in Sicily of Italy's two top anti-Mafia fighters, magistrates Giovanni Falcone and Paolo Borsellino, two months apart in 1992 galvanized many Sicilians against the mob, helping chip away at the centuries-old "omerta" — the island's code of silence and mistrust of authorities.

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When I investigated the following topic, I fell back on research on eating and other related physical and psychological disorders in women and men. In two weeks, through interviews and comments from you, I want to try to give a picture of how these issues impact themselves here, what treatment is available and where we all can do better to address people struggling with eating disorders and body image issues.

Around last Easter season, the media was aflame with coverage of Terri Schiavo. The conversation surround whether her feeding tube should be removed in her comatose state. The situation was immediately swept in the discussion of the "sanctity of life," which it should have been — however not solely about euthanasia. The media and political focus on the decision of Schiavo's passing, after being on life-assurance since 1990, left out the reason she was in the coma. Schiavo had bulimia nervosa and collapsed and fell 800-word piece would not do it justice. My want to try to give a picture of how these issues impact themselves here, what treatment is available and where we all can do better to address people struggling with eating disorders and body image issues. Around last Easter season, the media was aflame with coverage of Terri Schiavo. The conversation surrounded whether her feeding tube should be removed in her comatose state. The situation was immediately swept in the discussion of the "sanctity of life," which it should have been — however not solely about euthanasia. The media and political focus on the decision of Schiavo's passing, after being on life-assurance since 1990, left out the reason she was in the coma. Schiavo had bulimia nervosa and collapsed and fell out of comatose state during a purging of a normal eating style. Eating disorders and negative body image issues should be thought of as a life issue. We are taught we are all made in the image of God, yet people who suffer from eating disorders see themselves as distorted, unwanted and imperfect people. In the mirror they see negative — too fat or too thin. Their actions — eating, exercising, etc. — are taken in response to fear of being overweight, not muscular, not attractive and not the ideal weight. The images of others, media, toys, fashion and desire a body weight proportional to height and body image.

Anorexia nervosa involves, according to ANAB, a refusal by the patient to maintain a body weight proportional to height and age. Usually 15 percent below what physicians would consider appropriate, people suffering from anorexia nervosa employ different tactics to slim down out of "an intense fear of gaining weight or becoming fat." The tactics, which ANAB list errant from starvation to becoming vegetarian, do not seem as crucial as the psychological motivation behind it — a desire to look different, fear of getting fat and distorted view of one's weight. The death rate for anorexia is the highest of all psychiatric illnesses. Bulimia nervosa involves a cycle of uncontrolled binge eating, depressed feelings, motivated by over-indulging on weight and purging food through a variety of methods. Bulimics may be under- or over-weight, yet to them their bodies are not good enough. Both illnesses result in serious health and psychological problems that can seep through all areas of one's life. Bulimic eating disorder (BED) involves eating more than would or should in a short period of time. The patient feels out of control when they eat. Usually done in secret, BED sufferers may not feel the taste of the food. The eating pattern and emotional stress in bingeing mirrors bulimia, yet BED sufferers do not purge. An often forgotten disorder, mainly experienced by males, is muscular dysmorphia. Instead of shedding pounds, males with this illness over-exercise, lift weights, control diet and may use steroids to build muscle. Like in anorexia, muscular dysmorphia involves a distorted body image and desire to look a certain way. Men with this illness are obsessed with their body image, however they may not want themselves to be seen in public and hide their bodies in bulky clothes.

Learning the tactics to changing body weight can fuel these disorders. So, I am hoping to hear from you on how we can better address these issues here at Notre Dame. Your feedback will be the content for my next and final column.

Kamaria Porter is a senior history major and demands unanswer since Michael Rosman's scooter to return it. Please give her feedback at kporter@nd.edu.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

‘Joke’ reveals ignorance

A stereotype is a common thought circulated to a large amount of people that is often untrue. Many stereotypes have specific facts that apply to all of the students in the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s campuses, although most are ironic and completely false. The women of Saint Mary’s are intelligent, confident and funny, with a host of great meanings to both the men and women of Notre Dame. They can take a joke.

A joke is defined as something that is funny and makes others laugh. Sometimes, stereotypes can often be misused as jokes and make the teller of the joke seem ignorant and foolish. Therefore, the Board of Governance at Saint Mary’s is sending this plea to all those who do use humor and stereotypes types of both institutions to only tell funny jokes and refrain from making yourself often untrue. Many stereotypes have with as good of a sense of humor as the Saint

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Having noticed the barrage of Viewpoint letters addressing the offensive nature of a recent “Jocker” comic strip, I feel the need to voice my opinion. Many readers have been genuinely upset with the cartoon because it portrayed Saint Mary’s students as the pawns of Notre Dame’s host cell. Although these people may be justified in their discontent, they are all missing the bigger issue which should be obvious when they read The Observer’s comics section. Plain and simple, Adam Fairholm’s “CroissantWorld” is not offensive enough. Let’s analyze the strip any approach in the Black edition of the paper to see where he’s going wrong.

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U-WIRE

Dangerous love games

Don’t hate the player, hate the game. In 2005, U.S. computer and video game software sales grew to seven billion dollars, doubling the industry sales since 1999, according to the Entertainment Software Association.

In real life, we’re used to tales of violence, instead of love. In online gaming, however, we’re treated to typing love letters to loved ones, or in a “public sex zone” built into the cyber scene.

And millions of people will be playing with it. The ironically named “Safe Escape Studios” will release the first game in what it calls a new genre of online chat and exploitation, dubbed “Naughty America: The Game,” which will be asking potential players, “Why don’t we do it in the Information Superhighway?”

“Naughty America,” touts itself as the “evolution of online dating,” where players can log in to a simulated computer world as a voluptuous cartoon character with the mission of birthing and finding love with benefits. The players have the eventual goal of spending the virtual night together at their own online home or, in a “public sex zone” built into the cyber scene.

If this is the evolution of online dating, then it’s time to turn off the computers. At least with online dating there is the notion that eventually the two parties will meet in person and, at least with online dating, offer a sex life acted out vicariously through animated cartoon characters, so you never have to do the real thing.

For years, video games have allowed us to take on the role of Major League Baseball players, celebrities, and even the very rich and powerful. Online games offer a sex life acted out vicariously through animated cartoon characters, so you never have to do the real thing.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reasoning opinions

In response to Professor Miscamble’s lengthy and vicious open letter to University President Father John Jenkins in yesterday’s paper, I would just like to make one point, showing that this entire controversy and start focusing on the real issues.

Setting the merits of “The Vagina Monologues” aside, I take issue with your attempt at lambasting Jenkins for changing his mind on this topic. You tear into him for, as you say, “backing down” and assert that it is, “hard to understand it in any other terms.” This comes as a surprise to me. On a daily basis, you teach hundreds of students in an attempt to help them round out their general knowledge and various topics. I’m guessing that on numerous occasions, you have influenced a student to change their opinion on one of these topics. As a student I can say that my personal experience that I have done countless times over the past 17 years of my life. (Kindergarten was particularly grueling.) I have never once thought that the reason I did this was because I was long will, or that I was seeking to gain popularity with those attempting to influence me.

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Pop singer Britney Spears, left, made her foray into the wide world of film with the 2002 release of "Crossroads." Starring opposite Anson Mount, right, Spears was met with critical disdain.

Kate Beckinsale, left, plays a werewolf-hunting vampire who has fallen in love with Scott Speedman in "Underworld." Surprisingly enough, the action film has developed a cult following among female viewers.

The copy of "Crossroads: the Collector's Edition" you keep carefully tucked in the back of your movie bin; the "Best of Vanessa Carlton" concert DVD that the varsity basketball player stealthily hides in the "Rush Hour 2" case; the "Mystery Science Theater: 3000" collection that leaves its Podo­clad owner’s bottom drawer once every full moon — these are the films that shame us, the ones we just can’t let die, our best worst guilty pleasures.

No jock will admit it, but undoubtedly among his film library is an old school Disney classic. Even the prissiest of girly girls has a well-worn and tattered copy of "Pee-Wee’s Big Adventure." Through the synchronized mambo skill and chemistry, they find "the time of their lives." "Dirty Dancing" has it all — a great male lead for the women, irresistible dancing and drama, and Disney’s Lumiere himself, the handsome dance instructor with a shady past.

Cinema dogma insists these two be together, and the audience has no objection, especially with multiple dance sequences and the cheesiest (thereby the best dia­logue in the business). Through their synchronized mamba skill and chemistry, they find "the time of their lives."

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"Underworld" is the sequen­ce in favor of a "serious" kind of girl. Elle, determined to win him back, follows him to Cambridge and becomes a successful lawyer in her own right.

What makes "Legally Blonde" the guilty pleasure that it has become for so many is the film’s semblance of just enough realism to feel plausible in the kind of world where the material of choice for a toilet seat cover is faux fur. Elle wins a major murder case using her intuition and a unique brand of smarts, uncovering the true murderer with the chemical equation for a successful perm. If Elle Woods can succeed at Harvard, and land cute lawyer Luke Wilson in the process, then so can the scrubby-sweet­pants-clad Notre Dame or Saint Mary’s girl watching her on screen.

"Crossroads" (2002)

Its undeniable position at number 98 on IMDB.com’s "Bottom 100 Films" list cemented the reputation of "Crossroads" as an ultimate guilty pleasure flick. Britney Spears’ sole venture into cinema (to date...), "Crossroads" is a road trip flick involving an epic mul­tity war between vampires, werewolves, or “Lycans.” The sleeping beauty, vampire Princess Lestat (Cornelia Wallis) is a leading lady, and a young Orlando Bloom is a leading villain.

"Legally Blonde" (2001)

"Legally Blonde" is a coming-of-age tale with a talented but oblivious blonde bombshell in "Legally Blonde." In the tradition of the movie "Clueless," Witherspoon takes her antics to law school.

"Crossroads": the Collector’s Edition

"Crossroads" (2001) is a rival to Disney’s "Pee-Wee’s Big Adventure." It offers the same comedic premise: a group of friends (Taryn Manning, Taryn Manning) go on a road trip that involves an epic mul­tity war between vampires, werewolves, or “Lycans.” The sleeping beauty, vampire Princess Lestat (Cornelia Wallis) is a leading lady, and a young Orlando Bloom is a leading villain.

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**What Makes a Guilty Pleasure?**

By Analise Lipari

Aside from overall cheese factor, guilty pleasures all have some things in common. They’re bad, they’re good, even if they’re awesomely bad. Here are some basic guidelines to go by when trying to figure out if your favorite film is a guilty pleasure.

1. **Nostalgia over quality?** You refuse to admit just how bad it is because you had it a few times when you were young.

2. **Embrarrassment factor.** You wouldn’t admit that it’s your favorite film to a stranger, and your friends cringe every time you mention it.

3. **Bad but quotable dialogue.** You can be forgiven for saying things like these:

4. **Sweet montages.** Because nothing says “ineptness” like a few shots (or even worse, 10 seconds) of morose love songs from the era, set to the tune of “Raining in My Heart.”

5. **Bad acting.** Even if most of the performances are blithely bad, they still help make the film watchable. The good ones play off the bad with a comic edge and the bad ones are just so ridiculous that they hold your attention even if the acting is terrible.

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**Shame (1) Guilty Pleasures**

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That lower form of humor was not only enjoyed by the audience in the movie, but also by the creators themselves. The writers and filmmakers intentionally allowed for some goofy moments, knowing that their target audience would appreciate the lightheartedness.

In summary, "Ice Age: The Meltdown" is a film that successfully balances humor with heartwarming moments, appealing to both children and adults. It is a fun and entertaining adventure that is sure to make anyone laugh and enjoy the journey of its main characters, Manny, Sid, Diego, and Scrat as they navigate through a world of prehistoric dangers and hilarity.

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Shaq, Heat burn Raptors with 106-97 victory

O’Neal records second career triple-double with 15 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists; Walker tallies 32 points

Associated Press

MIAMI — Shaquille O’Neal called it “simple basketball,” and he certainly made it look that way.

O’Neal had his second career triple-double — a 15-point, 11-rebound and 10-assist effort in 29 minutes — and Antoine Walker hoisted a jumper with one hand on his season-high 32 points as the Miami Heat overcame Dwyane Wade’s absence to beat the Toronto Raptors Tuesday night and send the Raptors to their ninth straight loss.

“I’ve been a very unselfish player,” O’Neal said. “I knew they were going to double, so I just wanted to keep my guys involved. I learned a long time ago that if I can keep my other guys involved, it’ll be an easier game for me. I just kept making the good passes and my teammates made me look good.

Wade, fifth in the NBA with 27.5 points per game, stayed at home to continue fighting a flare-up of the right foot that has hampered him for several days.

He missed a perfect right for the triple-double, and a dunk, after Saw their magic number for elimination in the No. 2 seed in Eastern Conference playoffs drop to two after New Jersey lost Monday night. "Obviously, I’m very happy," Heat coach Stan Van Gundy said.

The Raptors double-teamed O’Neal nearly every time he touched the ball, so he had to rely on his half center relied on brain over brawn and simply found the open teammates.

He set up two for layups, and a dunk, found Udonis Haslem for two layups, set up Shandon Anderson twice for dunks, and as a Heat for a jumper and connected with Dwyane Wade for a 3-pointer before the half, half 3-pointers that stopped a Raptors’ rally.

“Said O’Neal in a meeting with Wade, "I have the willingness to do that," said Derek Anderson, who had 17 points for Miami. "That’s what people don’t understand. A lot of guys in this league are selfish — they’re in the half regardless of what happens. And when he’s willing to do this, he gives us confidence to make plays and make shots. That’s what you need to win games.”

While the Rapters remained torrid for the Heat. He scored 32 points, his fourth straight game cracking the 30-point mark, and Morris Peterson added 23 for Toronto — which stayed close by hitting 13 3-pointers.

James ran over to congratu- late O’Neal when the game ended, and the Raptors kept giving him biggest hug of the way afterward.

“You double him, and he shows what he can do passing-wise," Peterson said. "That’s why he’s a Hall of Famer. He’s a guy who gets the job done. He picked O’Neal’s only other triple-dou- ble was Nov. 20, 1993 — when he scored 24 points, grabbed 22 rebounds and blocked 15 shots for the Orlando Magic in a win over the New Jersey Nets. His big night took some luster off Walker’s best performance in a Heat uniform.

Walker was shooting only 20 percent and averaging eight points per game in April, at 3:42-5-4-0-9-8-9-3-2-4-5 and but connected on 13 of 26 shots, plus added eight rebounds and five assists.

“If Antoine can play like that, we can win the whole thing," O’Neal said.

Toronto was within three points in the third quarter before the Heat pulled away, with Walker’s 3-pointer with 5:16 remaining followed by a kiss of his hands, which he raised skyward after giving Miami a 101-86 lead. The Raptors did- n’t get closer than 10 again until the final seconds, with the outcome the deciding.

“I thought Dwyane’s out, I was going to have to be more aggressive," Walker said. "The last couple games, I hadn’t been looking for my shot. I’d been kind of passive. So I wanted to come out with more and take some of the pressure off, and he had a terrific job finding guys.

Haslem had 15 points and nine rebounds in his first game since Payton added 15 points for the Heat.

Walker led the Heat with 24 points and 10 assists; Payton tallied 15 points and added 13 points, and the Grizzlies beat the injury-deplet- ed Timberwolves on Tuesday night.

“It’s very difficult," Timberwolves coach Dwane Casey said of taking his young players against the Grizzlies.

“You know we’re coming here against a veteran team like Memphis who is playoff ready, they are playoff tough," he said. "To come in here for our young guys and compete the way they did, it’s a tough task. But this gives our young guys a taste of what playoff basketball and playoff-ready teams are about.

Memphis won for the fourth time in five games and moved a half-game ahead of the idle Los Angeles Clippers for the fifth playoff spot in the Western Conference.

Bobby Jackson finished with 16 points for the Grizzlies, Lake James hit a game-winning 3-pointer, and Mike Miller scored 10. Gasol added six assists.

Besides missing All-Star Garnett and Davis, the team’s second-leading scorer, Minnesota was also without guards Anthony Carter and Troy Hudson. That’s an average of 54 points and almost 20 rebounds a game that didn’t make the trip to Memphis.

“I really admire what Casey is doing," Memphis coach Mike Fratello said. "When you take guys out of your lineup like Ricky Davis and KG, it makes it very difficult to play at this level.

The absences gave Minnesota adequate reasons to continue giving younger players extra minutes.

Justin Reed led the Timberwolves with 14 points on 7-of-11 from the field, forward Rasheed McCants scored 13 points and Marcus Banks added 10.

The Timberwolves have lost over four of five overall and 14 straight on the road. Minnesota has not won at home since Feb. 6.

Memphis built its 18-point first-half lead as Atkins hit his first four shots, all from outside the arc. The Grizzlies connected on seven of their first 11 from long range.

“A team like that, you want to jump on them early so they don’t get any confidence," Atkins said. "If you let them linger around and linger around, they get confident, then they are tough to beat. We wanted to come out and put the heat on them right away and let them know we weren’t going to play around.

“A team like that, if you jump on them like we did, they tend to give up because they are just trying to get the season over right now.

Memphis carried a 44-29 lead in halftime as Atkins scored 14 and Gasol added 12 points. Banks had all 10 of his points for the Timberwolves in the first half.

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Mets spoil Nationals home opener with 7-1 win

Rookie Bannister records first major league victory with three hits and one earned run in seven innings of work

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — No brawls, beanballs or even brushbacks Tuesday between the Nationals and Mets.

No sellout and no bunting stands, either, at Washington's home opener, which was much more low key in just about every way than last season, when big league baseball returned after a 34-year absence to plenty of fanfare.

The announced crowd of 40,530 — more than 5,000 shy of capacity — didn't have much reason to root, root, root for the home team. Rookie Brian Bannister shut down Washington's struggling offense without a walk over seven innings. The lone run he allowed was on Alfonso Soriano's homer in the seventh; Soriano's two-out solo homer in the second and a three-run shot in the sixth, giving him four homers this season and a share of the NL lead with four others, including St. Louis slugger Albert Pujols.

"I don't expect to be at the top at the end of the year," Greene said. "When I hit home runs, they tend to come in bunches. I've gone a long time without hitting any homers."

Greene, who grew up in Key West, Fla., has four of the Padres' six home runs after hitting 15 each of the past two seasons.

"He's got some pop," Padres manager Bruce Bochy said. "Khalil is going to be an offensive shortstop. He's going to supply some power."

Woody Williams (1-0) won in his first start as a replacement for Shawn Estes, sidelined by a strained elbow. Williams allowed three runs in five-plus innings.

"I know they had to dig deep in the well to throw me out there," Williams joked.

Reds 9, Cubs 2

Here's what Broncos Arroyo has shown the Cincinnati Reds since joining them less than a month ago: He can beat the Chicago Cubs and he can hit home runs off Glendon Rusch.

Arroyo, with no home runs in his first six major league seasons, hit his second off Rusch in six days Tuesday, one of six long balls by the Reds as they routed the Cubs on a windy day at Wrigley Field.

"Got lucky again. Just kept hacking," Arroyo said after throwing seven shutout innings and hitting a ball over the left-field bleachers that landed on Waveland Ave.

"I really just couldn't believe where the pitch was because it was almost identical to last time ... I was a little surprised," he added. "I knew the wind was going out. I got it right like I did last time. I figured that it wasn't going to land anywhere in the park.

Adam Dunn hit a pair of solo shots and Ken Griffey Jr. and Arroyo had one each off Rusch in the first four innings. Edwin Encarnacion hit his first career grand slam and Austin Kearns followed with another homer, both off Will Ohman in the sixth.

"He's got more homers than Why Me already," Dunn said of Arroyo, who was traded from the Red Sox on March 20 for Willy Mo Pena.

"He's got a good swing. That's impressive. He's shown me two tools so far," Arroyo, who hit his first homer since high school off Rusch on April 5 at Great American Ball Park, connected for the Reds' third of the game leading off the third. Arroyo's homer last week was his first hit since 2001.

"I don't have anything for you," Rusch said, unable to explain how he could give up two homerers to the same previously light-hitting pitcher in less than a week.

MLB
PHILADELPHIA — Though they played better on the road, the Philadelphia Flyers are desperately trying to earn home-ice advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

With four games remaining, it's simple for Philadelphia: Win out and secure the No. 3 seed in the Eastern Conference.

Jeff Carter's power-play goal within the first 3:30 of the third period lifted the Flyers to a 4-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Tuesday night.

The Flyers wasted a 3-0 lead, but earned the victory to move within three points of the Atlantic Division-leading New York Rangers. The Rangers have just three games left, including one meeting between the teams. Philadelphia is fifth in the East, two points ahead of New Jersey with two road games left against the Devils.

"I've seen our fans just will us in playoff games," coach Ken Hitchcock said. "I think home-ice is something you need. It's important. It's real difficult when you constantly have to win road games in the playoffs."

The Flyers are 21-13-6 at the Wachovia Center with only Saturday's game against the Rangers left at home. They are 22-5-5 on the road.

Simon Gagne scored his 45th goal and Jiri Pinak and Brian Savage also scored for the Flyers, who were without star center Peter Forsberg for the third straight game because of a groin injury.

"It's a big win for us because we have a chance to win the division," Pinak said. "We've had a tough time at home. Maybe we feel a little more pressure if you're going to win in the playoffs, you have to win both (home and away)."

Michel Dubellet, Ryan Whitney and Sidney Crosby scored for Pittsburgh, which already secured the worst record in the conference.

After giving up three straight goals, the Flyers went ahead when Wes Johnson jammed the puck in for his 22nd goal to tie the Flyers a one-goal lead.

"It was kind of bouncing around out there," Carter said. Robert Esche preserved it with several outstanding saves in a frantic final minute. Esche made 23 saves in his fourth start in five games for the Flyers, though Hitchcock hasn't announced whether Esche or Antero Nittymaki will be the playoff starter.

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The Penguins closed to 3-2 when Whitney scored just 92 seconds into the third period. Whitney took a behind-the-net pass from Crosby and lifted it just under the crossbar.

Five seconds after failing to score on a power play, the Penguins tied it at 3 on Crosby's 37th goal 8:16 into the third.

"We've been there a lot this year. We've fallen behind and climbed our way back, but it seems like one mistake we make and sometimes it costs us," Crosby said.

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CARTER's power-play tally late in the third breaks 3-3 deadlock

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Jeff Capel, right, was introduced as the Oklahoma head basketball coach Tuesday after former coach Kelvin Sampson left the program March 29. Capel coached at Virginia Commonwealth the last four seasons.

Capel named Oklahoma head coach

Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Jeff Capel was hired as Oklahoma’s basketball coach Tuesday, resigning at Virginia Commonwealth to replace Kelvin Sampson and take over a program under NCAA investigation.
VCU confirmed Capel’s move in a statement from president Eugene Trani and athletic director Richard Sander. The Sooners scheduled an afternoon news conference on campus to introduce Capel.

“We are both sad and happy with Jeff’s announcement that he is going to Oklahoma,” Sander said. “He did a great job here, and we know he will do a great job there.”
The 31-year-old Capel is a former Duke player who was 79-41 in four seasons as coach at VCU. He signed a two-year contract extension last month to keep him at the Richmond school through 2012.

Instead, he will replace Sampson, hired as Indiana’s coach March 29. The Sooners are awaiting a decision from the NCAA in a case involving more than 550 improper recruiting phone calls by Sampson and his staff.
The accusations against Oklahoma include “lack of institutional control,” one of the NCAA’s most serious findings.

Oklahoma has argued for a lesser “failure in monitoring” finding and instituted self-imposed sanctions including probation and recruiting cutbacks. A hearing is scheduled April 21 in Utah.

Capel, whose father is an assistant coach for the Charlotte Bobcats, led VCU to the Colonial Athletic Association title and an NCAA tournament berth in 2004 and then to the NIT in 2005, the school’s first consecutive postseason berths since 1985.
His Rams finished this season 19-19 and did not make the postseason after losing to Hofstra in the conference tournament quarterfinals.

The signature of his VCU teams was defense. This season, the Rams allowed 62.4 points a game. On offense, they averaged only 12.5 turnovers and made nearly eight 3-pointers a game.

Sampson inherits an Oklahoma team that loses three of its top four scorers in seniors TAJ Gray, Terrell Everett and Kevin Bookout.

District Attorney vows to pursue Duke rape case

DURHAM, N.C. — Standing before a mostly black audience, the district attorney in charge of the Duke University rape investigation said Tuesday he does not need DNA to bring charges and vowed, “This case is not going away.”

District Attorney Mike Nifong spoke one day after defense attorneys said DNA testing failed to connect any of Duke’s lacrosse players to the alleged attack on a black stripper said she was raped by members of the nearly all-white 47-man team.

Nifong stopped short of confirming the defense assessment of the DNA results, but said the case would not be hampered by a lack of DNA evidence.

“It doesn’t mean nothing happened,” Nifong said at North Carolina Central University, where the 27-year-old alleged victim is a student. “It just means nothing was left behind.”

University of Alabama booster killed in home invasion

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — An Alabama booster convicted of bribing a high school coach to get a top recruit for the Crimson Tide was killed in his home, police said Tuesday.

Police and his defense attorney confirmed the death of Logan Young, 61, not saying how he was killed.

Investigators found “a lot of blood,” police Sgt. Vince Higgins said. “The nature of the attack was brutal.”

Higgins said there were signs of a struggle in the house, a two-story home in one of Memphis’ most exclusive country club neighborhoods.

Investigators don’t know a motive or if the attack was related to Young’s federal conviction, Higgins said.

Police haven’t determined how his home was entered or how many attackers there might have been.

While police waited for fingerprints to identify the body, Nashville defense attorney Jim Neil confirmed the victim was Young.

Adidas ink 11-year deal with the NBA

FRANKFURT, Germany — Adidas signed an 11-year deal with the NBA on Tuesday, making the German athletic shoe company the official uniform and apparel provider for the league.

The company said the deal includes providing uniforms and other products for the WNBA and the NBA’s development league starting with the 2006-07 season.

Adidas, a marketing partner with the NBA since 2002, said the deal came as a result of last year’s acquisition of Reebok International Ltd. The value of the deal wasn’t immediately disclosed by Adidas or the NBA, but shares of Adidas were up more than 2.9 percent to over $208 in Frankfurt trading after it was announced.

Reebok will continue to be a global marketing partner of the NBA and will keep its ability to create NBA branded footwear.
An Irish player accelerates toward third base during Notre Dame's 6-0 win over Ball State Tuesday at Ivy Field.

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"We had a lot of crazy things happen out there today," said Gumpf.
Freshman Brittany Glynn hit in two innings. The blow required stitches and she was forced to join Brown in the dugout. "We had a lot of crazy things happen out there today," said Gumpf. Glynn came in the game in the fourth inning, replacing Irish junior Stephanie Brown — who came out of the game due to a shoulder injury she sustained in the dugout from a foul ball off the bat of Irish junior Carissa Jaquish. In her next at-bat, Jaquish hit another fluke foul ball, this time hitting herself in the lip. The blow required stitches and she was forced to join Brown in the dugout.

Notre Dame junior Kenya Fuemmeler replaced Booth and continued right where the senior left off. Fuemmeler kept the Cardinals off the scoreboard and allowed only one hit in two innings. Gumpf said she made the change so Fuemmeler could get back on her feet after suffering from the flu earlier in the week. Freshman Brittany Bargar replaced Fuemmeler in the seventh to close out the game.

"Kenya, Bargar and I just seemed to be in a good rhythm as a staff keeping Ball State's batters off balance," said Booth. "The only Irish runs after three in the first inning came in the sixth. Notre Dame sophomore Brittany Glynn crushed a two-run homer down the left field line in her fourth at bat of the season. It was the first hit of her collegiate career. Glynn came into the game in the fourth inning, replacing Irish junior Stephanie Brown — who came out of the game due to a shoulder injury she sustained in the dugout from a foul ball off the bat of Irish junior Carissa Jaquish.

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Freshman Brittany Glynn will host DePaul Thursday in a doubleheader.
The first game will start at 4 p.m.

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Touched a Basketball and One Guy Who Probably Shouldn’t

Touched a Basketball and One Guy Who Probably Shouldn’t and Team 21-15 in an hour-long game played in dreary conditions.

Both teams watched numerous shots sail off-target in the breeze. Unable to hit jump shots with any regularity, the squads adjusted their game plans and utilized their post players—which gave a significant advantage to the taller Europeans.

The Bookstore team also suffered from their players midway through the second half.

"They played a lot more physical than we did, they controlled the boards," the Bookstore team said in a joint statement after the game. "They played at a tempo that they were comfortable with." The European team said they planned to stay true to their roots and party like they do at home. "This was a good win," they said. "We’re going to go out for some gyros, maybe some crepes, to celebrate in real Ireland style."
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The Golden Grizzlies committed eight errors, including two in the first inning alone.

Notre Dame third baseman Jereme Bergeron hit a two-run double for the Irish by knocking in first baseman Craig Cooper, who led off the game with a double. Oakland shortstop Ryan Heith misplayed Barnes' hard-hit ground ball, and Golden Grizzlies left fielder Tim Doig committed an error backing up Heith to allow Barnes to advance to third base on the error.

"They struggled defensively," Barnes said. "It was really windy and our field was a little dry, so it was playing rough."

Notre Dame second baseman Ross Brezovsky followed Barnes with an ill-fated groundout to second base to give the Irish a 2-0 lead. Bransfield then hit the first of his homers on a 1-0 count against Oakland starter Kevin Hale. Notre Dame catcher Sean Gaston sent Hale's next pitch over the fence in right center to give the Irish a quick 4-0 lead.

"You kind of take away some of the hope some of the teams come in here having with big innings," Matt Bransfield said.

"I give our pitcher some comfort in going out there and pitching with the lead." Bransfield's second homer capped Notre Dame's nine-run fourth inning. With two men aboard and five runs already scored in the frame, Bransfield connected on his first pitch from Golden Grizzlies reliever Brian Bernatowicz to give Notre Dame a 12-0 advantage.

After Sean Gaston grounded out, Irish center fielder Alex Netty hit a homer off Bernatowicz down the left field line to extend the lead to 13-0. Bransfield said Netty and Gaston hit their homers harder than he hit his two.

"They were the only legitimate home runs," he said. "They just crushed them." Irish backup third baseman Eddy Mendoza delivered a two-run single in the fifth to put Notre Dame ahead 15-0. Kopp struck out eight and walked only one in his five innings of work.

"Korpi pitched with a lot of confidence. He's just starting to pull it all together," Notre Dame right-hander Jay Williams pitched a perfect ninth to close out the game for the Irish.

The Golden Grizzlies avoided the shutout with a lone run in the eighth inning.

Notre Dame faces Division-III Manchester today at 5:05 at Eck Stadium. Irish freshman right-hander David Phelps will likely start for the Irish.

Phelps is 1-0 with an 8.78 ERA in seven appearances (two starts).

He has struck out 12 and walked seven in 13 1-3 innings.

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Kristen Amram said. "Our team couldn't give up, we never give up."

Saint Mary's carried the momentum of their first win into the second game of the doubleheader.

Sullivan said Calvin seemed to be fading after losing the first game and Amram said the Belles stayed focused. Amram pitched and only allowed one hit in the second game.

"We tried to keep our mental game up," Amram said. "We tried to stay cool and keep fighting."

Saint Mary's senior Audrey Gajjar singled in the top of the third giving the Belles a 2-0 lead and then got another RBI single in the top of the fifth to secure the 3-0 win.

The doubleheader against Calvin was the end to a four-day run of eight games for Saint Mary's. The Belles went 7-1 — exceeding Sullivan's hope of a .500 run.

"We are going to go easy and go over the little things (in the next few days)," Sullivan said. "Take that time to relax and get mentally ready."

Saint Mary's record now stands at 21-7 overall and 7-1 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA). The 21 wins are the highest the Belles have seen since joining the MIAA.

"They're very aggressive and intimidating team," Kristen Palombo Belles senior said.

We hope to get a victory," Belles co-captain Kelly Mehaffey compared Kalamazoo to Hope, the only team to beat Saint Mary's so far in MIAA play.

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"It's definitely a big match for us," Belles co-captain Kristen Palombo said. "Sullivan would give our team so much confidence for the rest of our conference matches."

Kalamazoo is coming off a loss in its last MIAA game. The Hornets fell victim to first place Albion 7-2 last Tuesday. The Britons are currently first in the conference with a 5-0 record.

"We're definitely expecting Wednesday to be a tough match," Palombo said. "They're a very aggressive and intimidating team, but we can't let that bother us if we hope to get a victory."

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2. Five Backguards
3. Carolinian
4. Colonel neighbor
5. From the top
6. Humdrum
7. Lower 10
8. Oven window
9. Like a tumbler
10. Get away from the director of
"Lord of the Rings"
12. Mined soda
bottle
13. Letter from Greece
14. "No kidding!"
15. Top greengrocer
16. Fowl place
17. Repeat

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1. Requirement in a dealer's choice
2. Sun Art colony
3. Fuel grill
4. Big buste
5. Toted
6. 20 Questions
7. Technical prefix
8. Dominon
9. Mother-of-pearl source
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13. At the ready
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20. Skirt
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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Moshack Taylor, 59; Joel Grey, 74; Mandy Blocker, 51; Kirk Douglas, 22

Happy Birthday: You have more discipline than you give yourself credit for. Stay on track about the possibilities and push yourself to reach the highest point. Travel for discovery or business opportunities appears to be prominent. Your numbers are 5, 16, 25, 32, 37

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): You will need to deal with complex situations today. Visit a friend who can add some light on your future situation. 3 stars

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): An older relative is likely to have some problems that require your attention. Deal with restrictions that can help resolve issues. 3 stars

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): You may be questioned about something you have been doing. Someone who thought you could count on will try to fool you. 2 stars

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**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Everything willl be up in the air and difficult to decipher. 4 stars

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): An opportunity is looking you in the face. Don't be afraid to find out more about future prospects. 3 stars

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Do your own follow up and you will sail through today with ease. So many things are going your way that you may be too busy to notice. You can do others to have to live by today so speak up. 4 stars

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SMC SOFTBALL

Saint Mary’s sweeps home doubleheader with Calvin

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Calvin held a 5-0 lead in the top of the second inning Tuesday, but it was all downhill from there as Saint Mary’s swept the Bobcats out of town with a thrilling 9-5 victory in the second game.

“They're a tough team to play against,” Saint Mary’s head coach Erin Sullivan said. “We didn’t panic and just took it one hit at a time.”

Trailing by five runs, Saint Mary’s (21-7, 7-1 in the MIAA) cut the lead to three when third baseman Laura Helmin hit a two-run homer in the second inning.

Calvin (4-3, 7-13 in the MIAA) responded and built upon its lead with two runs in the top of the third on RBI singles by left fielder Erin Conrad and shortstop Jeanne Cole.

The Belles bounced right back, scoring three runs in the bottom half of the inning. Shortstop Sara Minkel singled in a run, and then scored on a two-run error along with catcher Ashley Fescian.

Saint Mary’s tied the game in the top of the sixth. Belles sophomore McKenzie Corrigan hit an RBI single and Katie Rushid scored a run on an error. Minkel gave the Belles the lead in the bottom of the seventh, singling to drive in the winning run.

Saint Mary’s right-hander Bridget Graf started on the mound but struggled as she battled a cold. Freshman Cali DiVincenzo took over on the mound in the top of the fourth.

“We wanted to back her up and help her out,” Belles left fielder shift to right field Laura Helmin said. “We’re ready to.”

ND SOFTBALL

Ball game over

Squad shuts out Ball State at home to earn fourth straight win

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame shortstop Katie Laing’s two-run triple in the bottom of the first inning Tuesday drove in one more run than the team needed.

The Irish defeated Ball State 9-7, 1-3 in the MAC 6-0 at Ivy Field moving their record to 28-14 (7-1 in the Big East). The entire team looked sharp out of the gates even though it was playing a non-conference opponent.

“I think after the 4-2 loss to Akron (April 5) they realized when they aren’t focused or intense stuff like that will happen, so we were ready to

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXV

Close games highlight second round action

By FRAN TOLAN and TIM KAISER
Sports Writers

Mendoza Line cruised to third round; Justice leagues wins in OT

“Don’t even need to know their names,” Mendoza player Mike Girtz said of future challenges. “Right now, we’re just five guys with a dream.”

The relatively easy second round game also allowed the team to truly enjoy its accomplishment.

“We’re definitely happy to advance to the round of 256, said Mendoza’s Rob Michalski, unannounced chosen as the game’s MVP by his teammates.

But the team also realized that with its fate comes recognition

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BASEBALL

Irish blast Oakland, 15-1

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame designated hitter Matt Bransfield hit two home runs and Irish left-hander Wade Korpi threw five shutout innings as Notre Dame beat Oakland 15-1 Tuesday at Frank Eck Stadium.

“The wind was gusting out to left, so I was just trying to put a few into the wind and they ended up leaving the ball yard,” Bransfield said of his home runs.

The other story of the game was Oakland’s defensive lapses

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