Jenkins responds, leaves CLAP unsatisfied

Members continue to fight for living wage

By JOE PIRULLI
News Writer

At 10 a.m. Tuesday, approximately a dozen members of the Campus Labor Action Project made their way to University President Father John Jenkins' office in the Main Building - where several stayed until 5 p.m. - to present petitions signed by more than 1,300 supporters requesting a task force be formed to evaluate the University's wage policies.

But the group's demands for change were met by a response from Jenkins affirming Notre Dame's current practices - noting that University administrators have met with CLAP members five times already this year.

"For the most part, these have been amicable, productive meetings," Jenkins said in the statement. "Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves and Associate Vice President for Human Resources Robert McCuaide have been "enthusiastic representatives for this issue," Jenkins said. "I am confident of their skill, their good faith and their concern for the well being of our employees and the university as a whole."

The response left CLAP lead

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Dean Woo dines with Bush, Chinese president

By MEGHAN WONS
News Writer

Carolyn Woo, dean of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business since 1997, dined with world leaders last Thursday at a luncheon party in the White House - hosted by President George W. Bush and Mrs. Bush in honor of Chinese President Hu Jintao's first official visit to the United States.

Woo said she was one of approximately 180 guests, and estimated that 40 of those in attendance were Asian Americans. According to the Mendoza College of Business's Web site, Dean Woo has an incredible breadth and depth of experience as a leader in the business world and has been honored by various organizations for her achievements.

But regardless of that achievement, she was surprised to be included in the event, which she attended with her husband.

"We did not know why we were invited, but went out of curiosity and the desire for an experience," Woo said.

Woo has also been a member of the Committee of 100 - an organization of Chinese-American leaders devoted to enhancing relations between the United States and China and the full participation of Chinese-Americans in American life - since 2001.

Woo said her acquaintance and retired General John Fugh - the highest ranking Chinese-American General when he was in office - made her and her husband feel comfortable in the White House from the moment they arrived. Fugh is also the incoming chair of the Committee of 100.

"General Fugh and I were the only representatives invited from the Committee of 100," Woo said. "He knew everyone on the menu that I was properly introduced and kept hanging pictures of me in front of different presidential portraits."

The luncheon started at 11:30 a.m. and was held in various rooms in the East Wing of the White House.

"My favorite room was the yellow room - the sitting room for the Ladies' bathroom and where portraits of the First Ladies were hung," Woo said.

S M C update gives optimistic analysis

Budget, identity, building addressed

By LAURA BAUMGARTNER
News Writer

The Saint Mary's community experienced a resurgence of optimism Tuesday following three sessions of joint presentations, which provided updates on the College's budget, identity initiative and new academic building.

Vice President of Finance Laurie Stickelmaier began each of the presentations with a somber recollection of past years' budget projections.

"When we had the September 2004 budget conversation, things were not in real good shape," she said.

Stickelmaier said at that time the College had finished the last two years with deficits - a trend that was projected to continue into the near future.

"We had projected, at that time, deficits for the years to come reaching from two to three million dollars," she said.

In order to deal with - and possibly reverse - this downward trend, Stickelmaier said the College considered many areas where budget cuts could be made.

Almost two years later - after a $4 million transfer of Plant Fund Reserves to an quasi-endowment fund, reductions of non-salary expenditures, a decrease in costs of employee benefits, reductions in employee positions through attrition, retirement and restructur ing, and leaving vacant positions open for longer periods of time - Stickelmaier said
**INSIDE COLUMN**

The Churchill Down Low

It's that time of year again, the time when all inside columns begin with that same trite truism, as we all prepare to have our critical capacities tested.

By the end of this week, after tirelessly studying for every possible outcome, we invariably ask ourselves: is the money we spend worth it? Tulistr? Hell no! Gambling.

The 132nd Kentucky Derby is Saturday and the only book those eyes are going to see is my Booke. So whether you're racing down to Louisville or plucking off-track tickets, I humbly offer you some words of advice from a perennial Derby disbeliever. (Not a connoisseur—that's just another word for an addict.)

First things first, ignore the animal—namely Secretariat, the 2004 Derby's speedball and Secretariat's Auntie. The favorite never wins—that is unless he's the underdog.

Onn~ seriously. Some betting. Since 1979, only two race-day favorites have won, Smarty Jones (2004) and Fusaiehi Pega'ius (2001); one almost died as a Saal and the other was Japanese.

Instead focus on horses two through four and get yourself a racing book that contains all the horses' past performances—place, distance, track condition, and speed rating. Pay attention to speed ratings (it is the Greatest Two Minutes in Sports), which give a good indication of the horses' top ability as it faces the toughest competition in the world down in Kentucky, where they take greater effort to breed their horses than they do their people.

Once you've narrowed it down to a few contenders, here comes the most important part. Two girls will like it, that and the hats; pick the one with the best name. Seriously, some find that a bit unscientific, but think about it, when a breeder thinks he has a great horse, he's going to honor it with a dam-name fancy — one that rolls off the front of the tongue like a mint julep down the back of it.

Since 1990, the champion at tradition-steeped Churchill Downs has had a name like Unbridled, Silver Charm, Charismatic, War Emblem, and omg, pick the most awe-inspiring name—it behooves you.

Now comes the most essential part, betting. Don't bet too win, place or show, it's safe, spineless, and stupid if you want to win money. The combo bets are the key. A tri-box, for example, is a trifecta but two in order. Or try the trifecta exacta: bet a horse and a horse in a couple of boxes is the same as a quinella or a tri-box your horse can finish in those positions in any order.

The secret of horses is the key. A trifecta exacta-by what you want. Pick the exacta (top two in order). Or try the trifecta exacta (top in order) and if you're watching the race on TV with your ticket in order, the winners sandwich in the other, you're only a filly away from trifecta.

Or, ironically, you can box your horses to open up your chances, so that said an exacta-box (quadrilla or a tri-box your horses can finish in those positions in any order). The secret of horses is the key. A tri-box, which I strongly recommend, makes you pick the winner and then choose three other horses to finish second and third in any order. So you get one extra pick and it pays off between the value of a trifecta and a tri-box. I don't want to brag or anything (that's a bald-faced liar, but I make $500 on a $2 bet this way in the 2004 Derby, $500 on a $2 bet this way in the 2004 Derby taking Smarty Jones on top that means to win with Lin's Horse (finished second), Impertinence (finished third) and Limehouse (did not finish in the money). Note that Lin's Horse and Impertinence aren't exactly summer camp horseback riding names.)

If all else fails, get buddies to throw in five grand each like 2003 champion Funny Cide's owners) and buy a Derby winner yourself. Anything to horse around before finals.

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

**QUESTION OF THE DAY: HOW WILL YOU BE SPENDING YOUR STUDY DAYS?**

Paul Switaj senior off-campus

"Figuring out how to be more like Jed Eide."

Tim Dougerty Sports Writer

Tom Johnson senior off-campus

"Competing not only for the pride of my horse, but $1,000 cash money."

Megan LaDuere freshman Cavanaugh

"Figuring out how to propose to the love of my life—Meghan Johnson."

Leah Miller freshman Lewis

"Eating the fruit my parents sent me in my fruit basket."

**OFFBEAT**

Age is not an apparent issue for Malaysian odd couple

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — A 23-year-old man in northern Malaysia has married a 104-year-old woman, saying mutual respect and friendship had turned to love, a news report said Tuesday.

It was Muhamad Noor Che Musa's first marriage and his wife's 21st, according to The Star newspaper which cited a report in the Malay-language Harian Metro tabloid.

Muhamad, an ex-army serviceman said he found peace and a sense of belonging after meeting Wook, Kundor, whom he said he initially sympathized with because she was childless, old and alone, the report said.

"I am not after her money, as she is poor," Muhamad reportedly said. "Before meeting Wook, I never stayed in one place for long."

He said he hoped to help his new bride to master Roman script while she taught him Islamic religious knowledge.

The report did not say if any of Wook's previous 20 husbands are still alive.

Man found gassed to death in Maryland Wal-Mart

SALESURY, Md. — A 20-year-old was found by a Wal-Mart employee in the bathroom Sunday night after he sat down and was glued to the toilet seat.

The man, whose name was not released by police, was taken to the hospital late Sunday night, said Lt. Cheryl Rantz of the Salisbury Police Department.

"The man had gone into the bathroom and sat down," he said. "He was banging on the wall when the employee came in."

Rantz said the man was treated and released.

IN BRIEF

The End of The School Year Gospel Bash will take place tonight at 7 p.m. in Washington Hall. The event costs $4 for students and $5 for the general public.

Collegium Musicum, a small vocal ensemble from the Notre Dame community specializing in sacred and secular music from the Medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque eras, is performing tonight at 7 and 8:30 p.m. in the Reyes Organ and Choral Hall, Bell Zeidler Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $3 for all seats.

The Saint Mary’s music department will host a spring choral concert Thursday from 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. in the Little Theater in the Moreau Center for the Arts. The concert will feature performances by the Collegiate Choir, Bellacapella and the Women’s Choir.

The Irish baseball team will play Louisville at 6:00 p.m. Friday at Eck Stadium.

Household and miscellaneous items will be for sale to students and general public at the ND-Plus sale on Saturday from 8 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at 925 N. Eddy Street (next to the Robinson Center). The Irish women's lacrosse team will close out its regular season against Vanguard at 12 p.m. Sunday in Mouse Krause Stadium.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.
NDSurplus recycles used office supplies

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

Rather than throwing away desks that are in good condition or keeping extra filing cabinets that will never be used, University Procurement Services — through its three-year-old NDSurplus program — gathers superfluous equipment and supplies throughout the campus and makes them easily available to other departments, students, faculty and staff, Gibney said.

"We have computers, desks, chairs, wardrobes — anything you can think of that is out on campus is there," said Tim Gibney, vice president of business operations. "We have everything from coffee makers to computer peripherals."

Gibney described NDSurplus as a program that "takes all Notre Dame products that have been used by someone and — rather than going and being thrown in the dump — having it go to 925 North Eddy Street Thursdays, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. to purchase reused products that depart­ments do not want. Quarterly Saturday sales are open to the public, students, faculty and staff, Gibney said."

The next Saturday sale will be this weekend from 8:00 a.m. - noon, according to the NDSurplus Web site. The Web site also includes a real-time list of surplus inventory to help people find what they need.

Gibney said NDSurplus also promotes and offers surplus properties to non-profits, including churches and schools.

As a "not for profit exercise," Gibney said the program is "really to get surplus out for additional use or to recycle." Proceeds from the sales go toward paying the recycler to recycle the product.

"We're not putting into the waste stream as far as dumping products — we're paying for a recycler to basically recycle it," said Gibney.

Gibney said the program, designed to save money rather than make money, created a savings "in the $300,000 range" in the past year.

"When students see things being replaced, you can bet that the old product is going down to NDSurplus," he said.

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Professor stirs nuclear discussion

Lieber predicts U.S. will return to primacy

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

With one sentence, a Notre Dame professor has made some very big waves.

"The United States is on the verge of escaping a MAD (Mutual Assured Destruction) world," assistant professor of political science Keir Lieber said in a recent article, entitled "The Rise of U.S. Nuclear Primacy.

From Web logs to statements from Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, the comment elicited huge responses from the international community — most notably from Russia.

Lieber, together with University of Pennsylvania professor Daryl Press, wrote the article, which appeared in the March/April 2006 edition of Foreign Affairs Magazine.

"We did anticipate controversy from the article, but we did not anticipate the nature of the response," Lieber said.

Lieber and Press' chief claim was that the United States "stands on the verge of attaining nuclear primacy" and that it may be possible "for the United states to destroy large-scale nuclear arsenals of Russia and China with a first strike," in other words, the United States may have first-strike capabilities without the threat of a counter-attack.

Since the Cold War era, scholars have argued that the most powerful nations with nuclear capabilities were equally vulnera­ble to attack — something that kept the world relatively peaceful.

"Nuclear war was tantamount to suicide," Lieber said. "Neither side dared to attack the other."

From computer models, Lieber and Press determined that the United States has surpassed Russia and China in developing its nuclear technologies.

"We've taken traditional models of nuclear attacks using calculations similar to those used during the Cold War," Lieber said.

Lieber said though he believes war with Russia is highly implau­sible — be and Press compared the United States nuclear arsenal to Russia's because Russia is the next strongest nuclear state, provid­ing the hardest case against their claim of U.S. nuclear primacy.

The responses from Russian cit­izens and officials indicate that there may indeed be weaknesses in the Russian nuclear arms pro­gram. According to several press accounts, the article had wide­spread influence in Russia and forced top political and military leaders to respond, including Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, the former Russian Prime Minister Yegor Gaidar and Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov.

"No serious analyst of the Russian nuclear force would dis­pute how much Russia's nuclear arsenal has decayed," Lieber said.

The article said that while Russia's nuclear program seems to have "decayed," China's nuclear program has continued to develop — albeit at an extremely slow pace. In addition, some reactions in Russia question whether the arti­cle is a warning signal from the United States government.

Foreign Affairs managing editor Gideon Rose told The Observer that it was ridiculous to assume that the article was a deliberate attempt to coerce Russia.

"The reason that it struck a cord in Russia was that it made public in a very provocative way something that many security experts understood, but that Russian citizens may not have understood," Rose said. "We thought it would provoke a response, but even we were surprised by just how strong the response was in Russia."

Lieber and Press expected the American government would deny attempting to gain a nuclear advantage as the article proposes, however no such state­ments have been issued.

"The focus on Iran and Iraq, while justified, has allowed us to miss what could be an equally significant — and potentially very troubling — nuclear develop­ment," Lieber said.

Although Lieber and Press said the United States has "nuclear primacy" for now, the issue could lead to a nuclear arms race if China and Russia choose to respond by building more nuclear weapons.

Lieber and Press began compil­ing data for the article about two years ago. Press said that he was motivated to study the issue because he felt it was important to open up debate about U.S. nuclear policy.

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Old to Gold prepares sale

Yearly event recycles items to aid charities

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iran threatens Israel if U.S. attacks
TEHRAN, Iran — A Revolutionary Guards commander said Tuesday that Israel would be "in serious trouble" if the United States attacked Iran, a provocative threat that reinforced the Israeli president's past call for Israel to be "wiped off the map."

"We have announced that wherever (in Iran) America decides to attack us, the very moment we target will be Iran," the Iranian Student News Agency quoted Gen. Mohammad Ibrahim Dehghan as saying.

Dehghan, a top commander of the elite Revolutionary Guard, said Iran was not preparing to go to war against Iran.

Official confirms terrorist's capture
KABUL, Afghanistan — A top al-Qaida strategist with a $5 million bounty on his head was captured Tuesday as mine safety regulators opened an emotional public hearing on questions still surrounding the January disaster that left 12 miners dead and two injured. They did not specify where he was taken.

Terror analysts said Nasar's capture has dealt a blow to al-Qaida and other militant movements by removing his major anti-Western writings and weapons training.

His capture was announced by their bosses, the government of President Hamid Karzai, the U.S., Iran, Iraq, and Syria, and two European capitals.

NATIONAL NEWS

Sago Mine hearing raises questions
BUCKHANNON, W.Va. — "Did your dad have to die?" Peggy Cohen wanted to know Tuesday as mine safety regulators opened an emotional public hearing on questions still surrounding the January disaster that left 12 miners dead and two injured. They did not specify where he was taken.

"wiped oil"

"We assure you, Mr. Politicians, that we're not going to let this rest," said John Groves, whose heart struck Groves was among the victims. "We know in our hearts that this can be corrected. It needs to be done immediately, if not sooner."

GOP leaders agree to extend tax cuts
WASHINGTON — Majority Republicans have reached agreement in principle on legislation to extend tax breaks for capital gains and dividends for two years and keep 15 million middle-income taxpayers from getting hit with a tax designed for the wealthy, GOP aides said late Tuesday.

"We asked him [Zoellick] to put pressure on the government side so that we can have a balanced paper — and that we can sign it," said Ahmed Hussein, a spokesman for the Justice and Equality Movement, one of the Darfur rebel factions.

President Bush called Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir on Monday night about the importance of peace in Darfur, and he has met recently with the opposition, including the government. Bush has described government-backed attacks on civilians in Darfur as genocide.

During the call, Bush urged al-Bashir to send his Vice President Ali Osman Mohammed Taha, who left Abuja Monday, back to the peace talks, White House press secretary Scott McClellan said. The president told al-Bashir to accept a U.N. peacekeeping mission backed by NATO logistics and training for Darfur.

Two main rebel groups both accuse the central government of neglecting impoverished Darfur, though they also have battled each other for territory and at least one has developed its own internal factions.

The Justice and Equality Movement is closely linked to Islamic fundamentalism. Decades of low-level tribal clashes over land and water in Darfur erupted into large-scale violence in early 2003. The central government is accused of responding by unleashing Arab tribal militias known as Janjaweed upon civilians. Sudan denies backing the Janjaweed.

Darfur has been a staging ground for Chadian rebels, who have risen up against the government there, and Sudan accuses Chad of supporting Darfur rebels. The violence-threatens to escalate further, because this is an issue of U.S. policy.

The African Union had originally set a Sunday deadline for the end to peace talks, but extended it for by 48 hours when the rebels rejected the AU-drafted proposed peace agreement. The African Union has also selected five African heads of state to help ensure that any agreement on Darfur is accepted by all parties, said the Republic of Congo's U.N. Ambassador Basile Khoube, whose country is the current chair of the 33-nation bloc.

LOCAL NEWS

Trial seeks a non-Allen County jury
FORT WAYNE, Ind. — Jurors will be chosen from outside Allen County in the capital murder trial of a man accused of killing his wife and three daughters, a judge ruled Tuesday.

Attorneys for Simon Rios argued that potential jurors in Allen County would not be impartial. They say Rios' family has a history of violence against women.

Prosecutors announced Monday they would seek the death penalty in the case.

Debate delays interrogation policy
WASHINGTON — A debate over whether to keep certain interrogation techniques secret is holding up the release of a long-awaited military manual on the treatment of detainees.

Coming more than two years after photographs surfaced showing U.S. troops abusing prisoners, the debate has been going on for years. Senate members have been reviewing a draft of the manual for months, but it has not yet been made public.

The classified section was planned to provide detailed guidelines on what can and cannot be done to detainees — for example, how long they can be held without being allowed to receive family visits. The Pentagon and the Army have been reviewing a draft of the manual for more than a year and were about to release a final version last week when debate over it intensified. The Bush administration is treating carefully on the issue, mindful that detainee treatment has the potential to become a high-profile controversy once again.

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Associated Press

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But as time ticked away, there was no word on even an extension, AU on an agreement with House Republicans over the legislation extending tax breaks for capital gains and dividends with quick approval by the full House and Senate.

Associated Press

U.S. envoy reports African Union will extend Sudan's peace pact deadline
Sudanese tribal leaders attend the Darfur talks Tuesday at the venue of the Darfur peace talks in Abuja, Nigeria. The U.S. and Britain pressed for the deadline to be met.

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But as time ticked away, there was no word on even an extension, AU on an agreement with House Republicans over the legislation extending tax breaks for capital gains and dividends with quick approval by the full House and Senate.

Associated Press

U.S. envoy reports African Union will extend Sudan's peace pact deadline
Sudanese tribal leaders attend the Darfur talks Tuesday at the venue of the Darfur peace talks in Abuja, Nigeria. The U.S. and Britain pressed for the deadline to be met.
Meals
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als and fruit. Each item is assigned a different number of points and students are rewarded with points when they achieve the seven points worth of food or beverage items.

Student Government plans to administer surveys sometime this week to measure current student satisfaction with the system and to get back to them they can share with Notre Dame's Food Services, student government, and president Bill Andrichik. "We have experimented with on-line options but will ultimately be using a paper survey with pick-up and collection sites located in the dining halls and in LaFortune," Andrichik said. "The collection process will probably take place over four days, giving the first couple days of final exams.

Andrichik said all of the items that have been surveyed are being tracked. "We are suggesting some items that are more traditional snacks, some heated options and some items that are a little easier to bring back to the dorm and keep for a couple of days without having to use them right away," he said. "There will be nine or ten items in total on the survey and about three or four will be chosen based upon student response.

He said both Student Government and Food Services have approved Banem, Easy Mac and microwave popcorn as a few of the feasible items.

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BOLIVIA
Leaders aim for more control
Leftist government plans to regulate mining, forestry as well as natural gas industry

Associated Press
LA PAZ — Bolivia's leftist government Tuesday said it would embark on a campaign over mining, forestry and other sectors of the economy.

President Luis Inacio Lula da Silva of Brazil held an emergency Cabinet meeting to assess the impact on his nation — the biggest buyer of Bolivian gas and the owner of Petroleos Braziļeros SA, one of Bolivia's biggest gas producers.

"With this move, he risks alienating natural and other sympathetic partners like Brazil and Spain," said Michael Shifter, a Latin American analyst at the Inter-American Dialogue think tank in Washington. "Ordering the military to seize the natural gas fields is unnecessarily confrontational and antagonistic."

Bolivians ride bicyles past a disused gas station guarded by military officers in the city of Patacamaya, some 100 kilometers south of La Paz, Bolivia on Tuesday.

Lay finishes testifying at Enron trial

Associated Press
HOUSTON — After exchanging some parting shots with his prosecutor, Kenneth Lay finished six days of testimony at his federal fraud and conspiracy trial Tuesday by professing his love for Enron, the company he founded, and the people who worked there.

"I loved Enron very much," Lay said in a brief response to the final question from his lawyer, George Fried, and I loved Enron's employees very much. I spent half my time working for Enron. I think we built a great company. We changed energy markets around the world."

"I think the most painful thing in my life was watching Enron finally have to go into bankruptcy."

The comment was similar to his statement at the opening of his testimony last week. And as he has during more than a week on the witness stand, Lay jeouted with prosecutor John Hueston, this time over taking responsibility for the implosion of the once-giant energy trading company.

An accounting professor from the University of Southern California hired by the defense testified that Enron's accounting was sound.

Jerry Arthur spent much of Tuesday afternoon on the stand discussing accounting regulations in minute detail and offering an analysis of Enron's financial reporting. He focused on the third quarter of 2001 when Enron reported $638 million in losses and a $1.2 billion reduction in shareholder equity related to failed broadband and water-trading ventures as well as the unwinding of so-called Raptors, off-the-books financial structures bucked by falling Enron stock.

The government alleges Lay knew many Enron assets were overvalued, that losses were coming and misrepresented this to the public.

Arnold, who was to return to the stand Wednesday, said Enron accounting and financial reporting was proper.

He acknowledged that he was paid more than $1 million for his work.

"I'm here to provide my expertise on facts and circumstances," he said, defending the expenses. "I'm not here, you'll excuse the expression, to be a hired gun."

Earlier, Lay continued to cite deceit by former Chief Financial Officer Andrew Fastow as being "at the heart" of Enron's collapse.

"Your list of people to blame and their actions to blame did not include yourself, did it, sir?" Hueston asked him.

"Did I make mistakes?" Lay replied. "I'm sure I did. Mr. Hueston, I had to make real-time decisions based on the information I had at the time."
**MEXICO**

**Migrants will have hot journeys**

Border Patrol predicts new laws will force illegals to change routes

**Associated Press**

SABINE — Wearing tight jeans and a galatine "bebe" T-shirt, the 17-year-old scrambled out of a packed van as the temperature edged toward 90 degrees in this barren stretch of the U.S.-Mexican border.

Carrying no hat or sun-screen, the teenager who called herself Adriana Brenda said the longest hike she'd taken was through a shopping mall. But here she was, ready for a three-day trek across the desert.

She carried two gallons of water — enough, experts say, to keep her hydrated for two hours.

As temperatures rise, the U.S. Border Patrol and aid groups are gearing up for what they fear could be one of the deadliest summers for migrants sneaking into the United States.

The U.S. Senate is debating a bill that could lock the border tighter than ever, and activists fear the flow of migrants is moving to an even hotter and more remote section of desert than the current favorite, an area south of Tucson, Ariz., where hundreds of people have died since 1994.

The desert area around Tucson is crawling with 2,400 U.S. Border Patrol agents. Rifle-bearing civilians known as Minutemen are also keeping watch.

In response, many migrants are crossing closer to Yuma, Ariz., where day-time temperatures can hover around 120 degrees — 10-15 degrees cooler than around Tucson.

Migrant deaths for the year hit a record 31 in 2005, up from 36 in 2004 and 15 in 2003, according to the Border Patrol.

Migrants on their way to the U.S. have jumped 16 percent for the region — with 89,336 people caught from October through April, said Richard Hays, a spokesman for the Border Patrol in Yuma.

"We are already anticipating this shift in traffic and are working to ensure the safety of those who are determined to get into the United States in violation of the law," Hays said.

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Associated Press

**U.S.**

**Ice on wings caused Ebersol plane crash**

**Safety board advises cold weather safety guidelines**

WASHINGTON — A pilot's decision to visually inspect, but not to feel, the wings of his plane to check for ice caused a 2004 airplane crash in Colorado that killed the son of NBC Sports executive Dick Ebersol and two others, National Transportation Safety Board members concluded Tuesday.

NTSB members said they could not determine why the pilot, and a flight attendant, did not feel the wings of the twin-engine Canadian jet. According to the cockpit recorder, the pilot said "Looks clear to me."

Investigators have sifted through wreckage, examined pictures, transcripts and interviews of witnesses and passengers.

According to a preliminary report released earlier this year, Dick and Charlie Ebersol — another son, who survived the crash — reported seeing liquid or slush on the plane before takeoff.

The Ebersols were on their way from the airport near the ski community of Telluride, Colo., to South Bend, Ind., to take Charlie Ebersol back to college.

The plane skidded across the runway, ripped apart and burst into flames. Dick and Charlie Ebersol and the first officer were seriously injured.
Police find kidnapped teenager barely alive

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Ashley Reeves had been lying in the woods for more than 30 hours by the time searchers spotted her through the driving rain. The 17-year-old was covered with insect bites, her back was broken, and investigators were sure she was dead — until she took a breath.

A day earlier, authorities now believe, a high school teacher tried to kill her.

"It was almost disbelief that she was still alive," investigator Dave Johnson of the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department, recalled Tuesday.

They had to clear brush and trees to get to a strecher to the girl, then rushed her to Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital in St. Louis, where she was in serious condition Tuesday.

Johnson is now helping build a case against the 26-year-old teacher and wrestling coach Samson Shelton, who attended a different high school in St. Louis, where she lived before.

"It's a heinous story," Johnson said, "especially when you think about the circumstances."

Shelton was a driver's education teacher by day in tiny Freeburg, Ill., and a pro wrestler and country line dancer by night, authorities said.

No phone listing could be found for him in Smithton, Ill., listed as his home. He has declined a public defender and has fired his attorney, though there was none of record as of Tuesday, a St. Clair County Circuit Court clerk said. His arraignment could come later this week, authorities said.

Johnson suggested that it might be difficult to determine what led the man to strangle Ashley with a belt and, according to the criminal complaint, use "his forearm with such force as to break the neck."

"With any human being, there's a lot to anyone. You can never predict human nature," Johnson said. When it comes to scouring Shelton's background, "we're definitely looking into it."

Ashley's family has declined to comment. No further information about her injuries or chances for recovery has been released.

Johnson said he hopes the details of what happened to the girl and why surface more quickly than the long and frustrating search to find her.

Teams with dogs in helicopters searched for hours but couldn't locate the girl, and even before Johnson and other searchers entered Citizen's Park with Shelton in tow, Johnson said, "we all believed he was deceased."

Mississippi politician Ike Brown, above, faces allegations of discrimination against whites under the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

Politician accused of racism

U.S. Justice Department alleged Ike Brown discriminated against whites

Associated Press

MACON, Miss. — Ike Brown is a legend in Mississippi politics, a fast-talking operative both loved and hated for his ability to turn out black voters and get his candidates into office.

That success has also landed him at the heart of a federal lawsuit that's about to turn the Voting Rights Act on its end.

The Department of Justice is using the 1965 law to allege racial discrimination against whites, Brown, head of the Democratic Party in Mississippi's rural Noxubee County, is accused of waging a campaign to defeat white voters and candidates with tactics including intimidation and coercion.

A lawyer in the lawsuit is Circuit Clerk Carl Mickens, who has agreed to refrain from rejecting white voters' absentee ballots considered defective while accepting similar ballots from black voters.

Brown shakes off the allegations.

"I've been trying to target me for years," the attorney general and all them, because we're so successful," the 52-year-old says. "Hey, if you're a failure, nobody will mess with you. But we're successful in east Mississippi."

The Justice Department complaint says Brown and those working with him "participated in numerous racial appeals during primary and general campaigns and have criticized black citizens for supporting candidates opposed for forming biracial political coalitions with white candidates."

Noxubee County — a rural area along the Alabama line named for a Choctaw word meaning "stinking water" — has a population of 30,690, 69 percent black and 30 percent white.

Whites once dominated county politics here, but now one white person holds countywide office, and he says Brown tried to recruit an out-of-county black candidate to run against him three years ago.

The federal case against Brown, scheduled for trial this fall, represents a change in direction in the use of the Voting Rights Act, says Jon Greenbaum, director of the voting rights project for the Washington-based Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

"The law was written to protect racial minorities in the 1960s when Mississippi and other Southern states strictly enforced segregation."

"The main concern we have in the civil rights community isn't necessarily that that D.O. brought this case," Greenbaum says. "It's that the department is not bringing meritorious cases on behalf of African-American and Native American voters."

Justice Department records show the department's last voting-rights case alleging discrimination against black voters was filed in 2001. Since then, six cases have been brought on behalf of voters of Hispanic or Asian descent in five states — plus the case involving white voters in Mississippi.

Justice Department spokesman Eric Holland would not comment on the case, but provided stacks of documents. Including a consent decree signed by Mickens, Noxubee County's chief elections officer.

Brown, a former tax preparer, served 21 months in prison in the 1990s on a felony conviction of preparing fraudulent federal income-tax returns. He retained his right to vote. The same federal judge who handed his earlier trial is now overseeing the Justice Department case.

"This case is real simple," Brown says, stretching back in a maroon chair during an interview in Mickens' office, where voter-registration records are kept. "Find me one white person that was discriminated against."

The main white person who makes the claim is Ricky Walker, the county prosecuting attorney who believes Brown recruited an opponent for him simply because he's white, an action Walker called "racist."

Walker says that when he qualified to run again in 2003, Brown hired a political consultant while Walker had not establisned residency, and Thompson was not allowed on the ballot.

"I think Ike does play race politics," Colon says. "He is a black political leader who fights the fight like we were still in the 1970s. He doesn't recognize the progress that we have made.

But Colon criticizes the Justice Department for filing a complaint against a black political consultant while ignoring similar behavior by white politicians around the state and country.

"It has overtones of politics and that's the wrong road for Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department," the attorney says. "It's going to destroy their credibility the next time they ask black people to listen to them."
Letter to the Editor

I am writing a letter in light of the recent publication of the 2006 "Dome" yearbook. As a member of the men's cross country team, I feel I can speak for my teammates as well as the entire women's cross country team in saying how extremely disappointed I am that the yearbook staff decided to include us in this year's publication.

Now I know that most likely the only people who noticed this oversight are the members of each respective team. "Some might even be thinking, "What are the women's cross country team?" Things like that I'm fine with. After all, those that run cross country have never been into the sport for the glitz and glamour or fame and fortune. These perks are reserved for other sports. But what I'm really being shot at is that women's cross country teams in the yearbook — especially when the yearbook is supposed to recognize all the accomplishments and great moments that have happened as well as the highest point total (185) of any other team at Notre Dame this year for the NCAA Directors' Cup (merely the Sears Cup — an annual award that goes to the best all-around college sports program in each division). As a sport that rarely gets recognized, the "Dome" yearbook is one of the few things we can count on for being honored. But it's not even the recognition we are yearning for. What we really want is to have this yearbook be able to turn to our section in the future and appreciate the time we spent at Notre Dame.

Unfortunately the "Dome" yearbook has forever deprived us of this ability. So I ask Editor-in-Chief Moira Madden and Sports Editor Mike Kim simply, how did this oversight occur? Every year in the past the yearbook has managed to include a section for both men's and women's cross-country teams. I hope as a staff you have learned from this mistake and will ensure that it never happens again to anyone.

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Senior
Off-Campus Newsletter Reporter

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Viewpoint

Copyright and its discontent

This situation is patently unconstitutional, because it amounts to the fed-

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Copyright and its discontents — as the only acceptable version.

This has a long-

term damaging impact on the natural spread and reinterpretation of ideas that is essential for the functioning of a free society, and it depresses the expression of the essential nature of humanism.

Fortunately there are ways to fix this problem and to rise up as sup-

porters of the free exchange of ideas. If you visit my Web site, you will find a copy of this article and many others that I have written. All of these have been perpetually released under a Creative Commons License. This means that you can copy them, you can distribute them, you can perform them and you can create new works based upon them. You may use them to mock me, to praise me, to disagree with me — for the things that I agree with or to promote things for which I have the deepest disg.

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quote of the day

"The ancient Greek definition of happiness was the full use of our powers for [a] life of excellence."

John F. Kennedy
Former U.S. president

May 2
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"Common Proposal must be followed"

I was very heartened by University President Father John Jenkins’ Jan. 23 address to the faculty on academic freedom and the Catholic character of Notre Dame, and while disappointed by his "Closing Statement" in which I thought he took a large step back, I finally concluded that the presentations counter to Catholic belief on campus were balanced by explanations of Catholic thought and tradition, as is the "Common Proposal" that accompanied the "Closing Statement," and one such event might indeed have some value. These explanations of Catholic thought would present students and faculty ignorant of them insights and information they might otherwise lack in theology and philosophy curriculum. But while disappointed with the "Common Proposal," I think many aspects of the article and accompanying "viewpoints" in The Observer that accompanied it, particularly those of the student panelists (as reported in The Observer, April 24), may provide an opportunity to repopulate the Catholic Church with thoughtful positions here at Notre Dame. (As to the preparation of the faculty in Catholic thought, I leave that to the Administration, and to the faculty in theology and philosophy curriculum. This sort of preparation is not at issue in the current debate, nor do I expect it to be an issue in the future.)

However, I think many aspects of the article regarding the "Common Proposal" and its responses - either for or against - need to be clarified, and many others questions need to be asked.

First off, NDPF does not seek to "offend" any members of the community. It was not the intention of Jenkins or the other panelists pursued their own agendas, indeed did find "The Vagina Monologues" to be "overt and insistent in its contempt for their values and sensibilities." Jenkins’ assertion that the play was not at issue with the values and sensibilities of a large portion of the community simply mystifies me. Rather than to simply assert this, it would have been useful had he explained how he arrived at this conclusion, and I hereby invite him to do so publicly.

Second, I have seen practically nothing in The Observer or elsewhere on how the panels that followed presentations of "The Vagina Monologues" appropriately presented Catholic thought as called for in Jenkins’ closing statement. Indeed, with the exception of Fr. Paulinus Odozor’s comments at the panel on the evening of Feb. 14, the other panel participants were quite supportive of the presentation and dismissive of Catholic thought which as set forth in the statements of Bishop D’Arcy, Frs. Bill Miscamble and John Coughlin, David Solomon and many others who have commented on the presentations.

I have not changed my mind about the opportunities for education and enlightenment of students and faculty that presentation of materials counter to Catholicism might offer. However, Jenkins needs to step forward now and ensure that the tenets of the "Common Proposal" are adhered to fully and, if they are not, to take appropriate action.

Given the statements of professors Robin Darling Young, Cathleen Kaveny, Jackie Smith, Carolyn Nordstrum, Mary Doak, Jean Porter and Mary Rose D’Angelo that followed the presentations of the play (as reported in The Observer), I am not at all confident that some faculty members, perhaps even a good number, plan to follow the "Common Proposal" in good faith. Five of the panelists named above are members of the Theology department and all but Odozor defended the presentation. How could they defend in the context of Catholic teaching this vile piece of pornography that so debases women? And how could they justify its sexual violence as serving to defend women from sexual violence? These panelists pursued their own agendas, and to me I would suggest that there are a good number of secular universitarians who would no doubt welcome their applications, having thus so clearly demonstrated their contempt for the Catholic Church. This would also offer an opportunity to repopulate the Catholic Church with theologians who believe in and defend the faith.

William A. Sigler alumnus of \1958 April 24

In an April 26 Viewpoint article, Clare Feeney wrote on the decision of Notre Dame Catholic Festival to refrain from entering this year’s ROTC Pass in Review. Instead, Feeney offered a forum for dialogue between ROTC and Notre Dame. (As to the preparation of the faculty in Catholic thought, I leave that to the Administration, and to the faculty in theology and philosophy curriculum. This sort of preparation is not at issue in the current debate, nor do I expect it to be an issue in the future.) Feeney offered a forum for dialogue between ROTC and Notre Dame. (As to the preparation of the faculty in Catholic thought, I leave that to the Administration, and to the faculty in theology and philosophy curriculum. This sort of preparation is not at issue in the current debate, nor do I expect it to be an issue in the future.)

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I am still gripped by a state of ambivalence on the issue. I have re-read the viewpoints; likewise, I’ve dialogued with members of the administration, faculty, alumni and fellow Catholics. I have considered "too Catholic" by academics in the intellectual community - a bastardization of community, corps values and sensibilities. It is my impression that Jenkins’ course of action will not change that impression.

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As one administration official explained to me, "Notre Dame’s BHAG (Big Hairy Audacious Goal) is to be an elite academic institution while maintaining the core values of the Catholic Church." Initially I thought that Jenkins was submitting to political pressure for fear of being perceived as unpopular. However, I now believe that Jenkins’ statement was driven by a "head but not break" mentality. In considering the life of President Emeritus Theodore Hesburgh, one realizes many did not always consider his progressive outlook to be exactly aligned with the Catholic Church. Nevertheless, history proved his detractors wrong, and Notre Dame was both empowered and blessed to have had such an extraordinary leader at the helm for over three decades.

According to Aquinas once said, "Virtue lies in the middle." I am not implying that Jenkins compromised the integrity of the Catholic Church and sold out to the secular crowd. Throwing a dovetail and more importantly, leader of the Catholic Church does not always entail acquiescing to the status quo. Rather, it involves seeking and challenging the greater truths of
MAY

Mission: Impossible III (May 5)
The plot: Secret agent Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) returns for more highly improbable antics in the third installment of the franchise. After a ruthless arms dealer (Philip Seymour Hoffman) threatens Hunt's girlfriend, Hunt must assemble his old crew, including Ving Rhames (Ving Rhames) in order to take down his most dangerous threat yet.

The buzz: Cruise has proven himself as Hunt, and will Philip Seymour Hoffman be a convincing bad guy? Despite his recent Oscar win for "Capote," Seymour Hoffman is still remembered by many for his goofy role in "Along Came Polly." As always, Ving Rhames should be solid, but is this the right cast to breathe new life into the series?

The bottom line: Where the first "Mission: Impossible" confused audiences with its fast-paced story arcs, the second involved intelligence with a simplification plot line and oversuse of the "fake face" mask trick. With the new preview trailer seems to promise top-notch explosions, will MI3 find a happy medium between its predecessors, or is it just a "three-quel" cash cow?

JUNE

Cars (June 9)
The plot: In a world populated by cars that steer themselves, rookie race car Lightning McQueen (voiced by Owen Wilson) has the cocky swagger to complement his shiny exterior. But no route to the race track of Radiator Springs, rural Rust-never-Springs, forcing him to take an introspective pit stop amongst the cul de sacs of the townfolk.

The buzz: As Pixar's first theatrical effort since merging with Disney in a $7.4 billion coup, "Cars" has a lot of torque riding down on its tires. But if Pixar manages to keep their ingratiating script of animated blockbusters alive, the company will continue to produce the road拓宽 immortalized by the legendary Walt Disney decades ago.

The bottom line: "Cars" was shifted back six months from its original November 2005 release date — enough time to raise eyebrows from cynics. Fortunately, Pixar wunderkind John Lasseter was behind the directing wheel of the first time since "Toy Story 2," replete enough to give the Pixar faithful hope for critical appeal and box office bullion.

Pirates of the Caribbean 2: Dead Man's Chest (July 7)
The plot: The second installment in the Pirates franchise follows Captain Jack Sparrow as he repays a blood debt to his long-dead Davy Jones and his motley crew of sea monsters. All of the original cast favorites, plus some new additions, return to cavort around the Caribbean in another swashbuckling adventure on the high seas.

The buzz: Disney's plan to shoot two sequels back-to-back indicates a clear vision and urgency for the series, which is a good sign for "Pirates" fans. In addition, director Gore Verbinski and the original "Pirates" writers return, which promises that this blockbuster will maintain the distinct style of the first.

The bottom line: The huge popularity of the first film and a massive marketing campaign will ensure that this one makes hundreds of millions at the box office, but the talent of Johnny Depp and Gore Verbinski is what promises to make "Pirates of the Caribbean 2" well worth the price of admission.

AUGUST

World Trade Center (August 11)
The plot: "World Trade Center" takes place in the immediate aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. It tells the true story of John McLoughlin and William J. Zodowski, who were the last two Port Authority of New York employees pulled down by the rubble of Ground Zero.

The buzz: Boasting a cast that includes Nicholas Cage, Marky Mark and Maggie Gyllenhaal, with Oliver Stone as its director, "World Trade Center" has generated a fair amount of buzz. The recent release of the critically acclaimed "United 93" could prove to be either a plus or a minus for this film. On one hand, an acceptance proved John Longworth is ready for film honors. On the other hand, it could lose the interest of audiences since it has a much later release date.

The bottom line: If "World Trade Center" lives up to the potential of its cast and director, it could easily be as well-received as "United 93." If not, it could just as easily be forgotten in the midst of this summer's heavily competitive movie season.

Snake on a Plane (August 15)
The plot: It's makeup on a plane! Young Paul Giamatti as an escaped computer killer, Isla Fisher as the woman he kidnaps, a woman who thinks he's a young woman from the good good-plot of his film, Giamatti gated, well, it's a twin.

The buzz: After his last movie, the Birthday is hit, no problem from the box office, Isla Fisher switched from the Brothers. Fans are cautiously optimistic about "Lady in the Water." Will restore the bottom line. With a lead actor it's well acted and will accordingly receive good reviews. Whole turn out to be good or bad, it will thanks to the hype and mystery that all movies.

STORIES BY RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA, MOLLY
**The Observer Scene**

Wednesday, May 3, 2006

**STER HEAT WAVE in scorcher of a season**

**GRIFFIN, TAE ANDREWS & SEAN SWEANY**

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Man." Howard's latest collaboration

utes the film "Apollo 13") should be a

**X Men III (May 26)**

The plot: After a care for mutation is found, Professor X and the X-Men pair off against Magneto and his gang of baddie friends in a war to save humanity. Also thickening the plot is the return of Jean Grey, whose recently revamped powers as the Dark Phoenix threaten the very future of the world itself.

The buzz: After Bryan Singer, the director of the first two X-Men installments, left the franchise to helm the upcoming "Superman Returns" film, X-Men fans were left wondering who would take the reins. Newcomer Brett Ratner has assumed the role of director, but is he the right man to bring the trilogy to a satisfying conclusion?

**Superman Returns (June 30)**

The plot: The latest installment in the Superman saga picks up when the Man of Steel (Brandon Routh) returns to his adopted home of Metropolis several years after mysteriously absconding. Unfortunately, the loss of his life, Lois Lane (Kate Bosworth), seems to have moved on with another man, and arch-nemesis Lex Luthor (Kevin Spacey) is plotting his destruction once more.

The buzz: When director Bryan Singer left "X-Men" for DC's flagship franchise, he inherited a film timed for production hell for the better part of a decade. Still, a robust $200 million budget and the support of a still himself telling to rekindle creative control to a filmmaker of Singer's caliber has paved the way for Warner Bros.' tent-pole summer film.

**Miami Vice (July 28)**

The plot: Based on the 1980s TV series, this film centers on the actions of vice detectives James Crockett (Colin Farrell) and Ricardo Tubbs (Ray Liotta/ Foxx) as they battle Miami drug lords. Directed by Michael Mann, the complex plot involves undercover police work and double-crosses, as any movie worth its salt.

The buzz: Reports of unhappy stars and budget problems have plagued this picture throughout its production, regardless of the quality of the final film, the sheer amount of star power present in the film is expected to draw audiences in the manner of movies like "STAR WARS" and "CEREBUS."

**Clarks II: The Passion of the Clarks (August 18)**

The plot: The sequel to the cult hit "Clarks" picks up 10 years after the original movie left off. After problems plague their shops, Dante (Brian O'Halloran) and Randall (Jeff Anderson) are forced to work at Mooby's, a McDonald's-like restaurant. Dante begins to break free of his rut, but Randall finds changing to be somewhat more difficult.

The buzz: "Clarks" was director Kevin Smith's first effort, and it turned him into an indie movie star. While "Clarks" has a big cult following, the fact that the original came out so long ago makes the buzz around the film fairly small. Generally speaking, the film has been flying under the radar, especially in a field with as many blockbusters.

The bottom line: While Smith was known for making slacker classics like "Clerks" and "Mallrats," his latest efforts, most notably the punchless "Jersey Girl," have found him somewhat off of his directorial game. "Clarks II The Passion of the Clarks" could either boost Smith's career and his career, or it could be just another flop on his record.
A FILM "UNITED"
9/11 MOVIE A BRAVE, BOLD ACHIEVEMENT

By BRIAN DOXTATER and ERIN MAGNAN

Scree Crise

Paul Greengrass' "United 93" is not a lot of things. It is not a film that tries to answer tough, ever-lingeri ng questions. It is not a film that tries to explain the scope of the events of Sept. 11. 2001. It is a film that tries to examine the bigger picture.

Yet these traits for lack thereof make it a stronger and better picture, and make its impact and conviction resonant that much more.

What "United 93" does accomplish is putting the audience in a front-row seat to watch the events unfold. Critics and detractors have asked why this is being done now — everyone saw the events unfold in great detail on every television across the country (if not immediately, then soon after).

However, one of the movie's great strengths is that it removes (rather than adds to) the gloss of reporting that networks like CNN and FOX news create. The audience is there — on the plane, in the aircraft control rooms, in the military centers — seeing the confusion, frustration and emotion of everyone involved.

The plot follows the real people involved in these events, both on the ground and in the air. In fact, many of the air control personnel, such as Ben Sliney, and military officers, such as Major James Fox, actually portray themselves in the film.

Greengrass also received permission from the family members involved in the United 93 victims and thoroughly researched each person on the flight. Greengrass' typical use of a stripped-down, faux-documentary cinematic approach in Hollywood gloss and allows the audience to connect more easily with the on-screen action.

"United 93" is basically a minute-by-minute account of everything that happened on the ground as well as what happened on the flight itself. One of the hardest things about this movie is remembering what it was like before that day. There are scenes of question able airport security and general relaxation, which shock the post-9/11 viewers. When Ben Sliney, head of air traffic control 9/11 was his first day on the job, the first person to get the FAA or with a member of the executive branch. The military, in fact, was not even aware of the whole situation until they watched the first plane go down.

There are several moments in which both the air traffic control and military personnel were completely clueless — when the World Trade Center went up in flames, it did not dawn on them that it was one of the commercial flights that were suspected hijackings. The film emphasizes the system-wide failure, leaving the audience to wonder if tragedy could have been averted had just one piece of the chain worked properly.

While all of this ground activity is going on, the passengers on United 93 remain unaware, until one of the terrorists gets anxious and jumps the gun. Instead of waiting until they were closer to DC, the terrorists took over the plane too early — they then quickly realized they had to be able to hold everyone in control for two hours instead of 30 minutes.

Eventually some of the passengers take the risk to call their families — upon learning about the towers, they realize that they are part of the terrorist plot and decide that to take action against the hijackers who hav taken control of their plane.

While it is hard not to sympathize with the members of the plane, Greengrass does not really give a portrait of who these people are/were. Instead, the passengers on the plane are mostly nameless — the audience feels their emotions as they go through this traumatic experience, but do not get to know any of them as individuals.

This anonymity is a little troubling, since the film is ostensibly about people — without the connection to the characters, the emotional power of the denouement is diminished, albeit only slightly. The "cinema verite" editing and cinematography (a particularly modern and stylish approach) certainly evokes the "you-are-there" feeling that the filmmakers obviously wanted, but it also makes some of the events confusing and sometimes difficult to follow.

Greengrass' methodology and obvious respect for the material is a good fit — his reverent, powerful "Bloody Sunday" was sharp and insightful, and "The Bourne Supremacy" was a slick, well made Hollywood blockbuster. "United 93" falls somewhere in between, cast ing a professional Hollywood sheen over the serious and socially aware subject matter.

An accomplished director, Greengrass' ability to veer from politically charged drama to spy thrillers meshes well with the inevitable emotional undercurrent that surrounds "United 93." At once sympathetically passionate and clearly and objectively professional, the film walks a tightrope of balancing truth, entertainment, respect and understanding. "United 93" does it all, if not perfectly, then very well.

Ultimately, "United 93" is a straight-forward, stripped down retelling of the momentous events which occurred on Sept. 11. The love and care that went into making the picture is obvious from the beginning. Greengrass knows what he really wants to remember. But what the detractors of "United 93" fail to see, is that he doesn't want us to remember. He wants us to never forget.

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To increase authenticity, some of the actual people involved in the September 11, 2001 tragedy play themselves, such as FAA operations manager Ben Sliney.

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**United 93**

Director: Paul Greengrass
Writer: Paul Greengrass
Starring: Kate Jennings Grant, Opal Alladin, Lisa Colon-Zayen, and Omar Boudjendi

Saeed Al Ghamdi (Lewis Alsamari), left, and Ahmed Al Nami (Jamie Harding), portray two of the terrorists on the failed suicide bombing in "United 93."
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PHOENIX — The NBA's most improved player kept the Phoenix Suns alive in the playoffs.

Kobe Bryant went out of his way even around to see the finish.

Bryant scored with the must-improved trophy before the game — had 25 points and six assists, and the Suns rolled to a 116-112 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Tuesday night.

The Lakers still lead the best-of-seven series 3-2 with Game 6 Thursday night in Los Angeles.

Bryant, who scored 29 points, was thrown out after drawing his second technical foul with 3:11 to play. His nemesis, Rajon Rondo, was tossed after fighting with him for the floor for his second technical with 7:19 left.

The two had been called for a double-technical in the second quarter.

Kwame Brown scored 14 points to go with a clutch buzzer-beating free throw for the Lakers, but was plagued by foul trouble. He started the night with more fouls than points before being investigated for a possible sexual assault.

Before the game Brown issued a statement through the team office saying he was "completely innocent of any wrongdoing."

Steve Nash scored 22 points and Shawn Marion 21 for the Suns in their highest-scoring game of the series.

Brown had added 13 and Leonado Barbosa 11. Lamar Odom added 18 for the Lakers.

Spurs 105, Kings 98

The San Antonio Spurs refused to be swayed by an injury to Tony Parker on Wednesday afternoon.

Parker helped the Spurs overcome a 62 points from Wells and Aldridge to give the Spurs a 105-98 win.

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It’s not so much the type of shot that gave the Lakers the momentum, but the importance of that shot, the Suns forward Richard Jefferson, who scored 24 points, including a clutch 3-pointer with 1:22 to go to give New Jersey 89-87 lead.

"Vince has hit some of the craziest shots in the history of this league," Jefferson added.

"But the importance of that shot is what I am most proud of for him."

"It’s a big basket was needed," said Parker.

"If we don’t make it, it would give them the opportunity to tie it or cut it to one. I just want to be patient and take what I could get,"

"Thad started a step up, got down and brought down the house at the Continental Airlines Arena and the Pacers all in one high-flying swoop.

"Maurice Jones is in there, added 18-2 points a minute later, and the big shot was made.

"If the Suns don’t win, it will be a Game 7 on Flyers' territory. If the Suns win, we get a Game 7 on Pacers territory."

"No one can do anything to stop us if we win the game," said Parker, who had 29 points.

"It wasn’t the return for Game 6 on Flyers’ territory. It was the return for Game 7 on Pacers territory."

Nets 92, Pacers 86

The Nets are 2-0 in the best-of-seven series, including a spectacular last-minute, head-butted dunk by Vince Carter with the game won.

All that, and New Jersey still barely managed to beat Indiana on Tuesday, pushing the Pacers to the brink of playoff elimination.

Carter had 34 points, 15 rebounds and a game-winning 3-pointer from 20 feet, or 1.5-seconds left on the clock.

"We had a big lead, and all of a sudden, they came back," Carter said of the Pacers. "But I was ready for it."

NBA PLAYOFFS

Spurs ride late run to go up 3-2 on Sacramento; Wade scores 28 as Miami wins; Carter leads Nets over Pacers

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Los Angeles hopes for new NFL team

Associated Press

GRAPEVINE, Texas — Arnold Schwarzenegger doesn’t want one NFL team in Los Angeles. He wants two.

The California governor will probably have to be satisfied with half of his wish — at least in the near future.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue and a committee of 11 owners heard presentations Tuesday from officials representing Los Angeles, Anaheim and Pasadena, three cities that want a team. The area has been without an NFL franchise for more than a decade.

Schwarzenegger went first. After meeting with the owners, the actor-turned-politician explained why they were there to make sure “we’re getting not only one NFL team to the Los Angeles area, Southern California, but to actually get two teams. That’s why I came. Why limit it?”

New York Giants chairman Steve Tisch, a longtime Los Angeles resident who is on the committee, said that was highly unlikely.

“I’d be shocked if the suggestion internally to recommend two teams ever comes up. I think the numbers are too big. I think it would be an overwhelming suggestion,” Tisch said.

Added Tagliabue: “One team is our immediate goal. Long term, I think two is a realistic goal.”

The 11 owners spent six hours listening to California politicians and deemed it a significant step in getting the NFL back to the nation’s second-largest television market. Tagliabue has made that a priority since both the Rams and Raiders left after the 1994 season.

“The fact that we’re here and doing what we’re doing is better than anything I could say,” Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. “This is the strongest effort I’ve seen on the league’s part.”

Los Angeles plans to construct a stadium within the shell of the existing Los Angeles Coliseum. Anaheim is offering a 31-acre tract of land for the stadium and economic development. Pasadena, considered a longshot, provided an update on the Rose Bowl.

“Everybody came away feeling it was some of the best time they’ve spent on NFL business in recent months,” Tagliabue said.

IN BRIEF

Damon takes Fenway bows lightly in Yankee uniform

BOSTON — Johnny Damon still flashed his endearing smile. He still showed his sense of humor. And he stood patiently at his Yankee’s bopper, reeling the ball from his former fans.

One day after being jeered on every at-bat during his return to Fenway Park in the hated pinstripes, the happy-go-lucky Damon took it all in stride.

“You kind of just sit back and smile and say, ‘Whatever you want to do, you’re not going to break me or my character,’ Damon said Tuesday night before the second and final game of the series was postponed by rain. “I’m very happy with the person that I am, the way I play this game.”

Boston fans cheered his effort and passion the past four seasons when he played center field for the Red Sox but turned against him Monday. They were ready again on Tuesday before the game was called.

Nifong facing tough challenge in re-election campaign

DURHAM, N.C. — The district attorney prosecuting the Duke University rape case faced two challenges in the Democratic primary Tuesday as voters weighed his performance in handling the headline-grabbing case. The allegations against three team members have turned what might have been a low-key election into a referendum on Mike Nifong’s performance.

“I don’t think he did his job,” said Antonia Weeks, a writer who has lived in Durham for 29 years. “I don’t know who did what, and I’m not pretending to know, but I’ve seen a lot of cases handled in this community, and I’ve never seen one handled this way before.”

The winner of Tuesday’s Democratic primary vote among Nifong, Freda Black and Keith Bishop will likely be the next district attorney since no Republicans are running.

Lakers forward Brown to be investigated on assault charges

LOS ANGELES — Police Tuesday were investigating a report of a sexual assault involving Lakers center Kwame Brown.

The alleged assault occurred early Saturday, hours after the Lakers beat the Phoenix Suns in Game 3 of their NBA playoff series, Los Angeles Police Department spokesman Jason Lee said.

“The Los Angeles County district attorney’s office has been made aware of the investigation,” said Lee, who declined to provide further details. The case is under investigation by the department’s Robbery Homicide Division.

The Lakers were in Phoenix to play the Suns in Game 5 of their Western Conference playoff series Tuesday night. Lakers spokesman John Black said the 24-year-old Brown was with the team but wouldn’t comment further.
SMC Softball

Third seeded Belles look for MIAA title

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's enters the MIAA Tournament as the No. 3 seed after posting an 11-5 league record, and will face off against No. 2 seed Alma on Friday at 11 a.m. Alma (12-4) fell to the Belles, 9-1 and 8-1, on April 8.

The Scots' only other two losses came against No. 1 seed Hope College on April 15. Hope swept Alma 5-0 and 12-1.

The second game of the day takes place between Hope and No. 4 seed Olivet.

Olivet enters the tournament with a 10-6 record. Olivet swept St. Mary's 2-1 and 6-4 on April 22.

Even though the Belles fell to Olivet, senior pitcher and outfielder Bridget Grall does not feel that this should be a problem for the team.

"We are going in starting all over," Grall said. "Starting back at the basics and perfecting things." Grall said the team hopes to focus on improving their already successful season. In order for this to happen, Saint Mary's will have to continue to play loose and not be distracted.

Grall also said the Belles' motivation all season has to be fun. If the team is not having fun, then they do not play well.

Grall, along with fellow seniors Audrey Gajor and Meghan Marenkovic, play on Friday with the hope that their game against Alma will not be their last.

"I think it is easier as a senior to get fired up [for the tournament] than it is for the underclassmen," Grall said. "They have years ahead of them."

Belles coach Erin Sullivan said the team wants to continue far into the post-season, to ensure that Friday will not be the last time the underclassmen walk onto the field with the senior class.

"We really want to win that tournament [MIAA tournament] and advance to Regionals," Sullivan said. "That has been our goal all season long."

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ND Women's Lacrosse

Team will face Vandy as NCAAs loom

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will look to earn its best record in team history Sunday in a 12 p.m. game at Moose Krause Stadium against Vanderbilt.
The Irish (12-3, 4-1 Big East) are coming off an 11-10 victory against No. 13 Syracuse with a last second Stadium earns its best record in team history.

As always for the Irish, head coach Tracy Coyne said, "At this stage, we are playing mainly for seeding and home field advantage," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "We just need to bring our game." As always for the Irish, Coyne said the goal in the days leading up to a contest is to perfect various aspects of play in order to continue developing on the field on a game-by-game basis.

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This week is a little different for Notre Dame, as Coyne is preparing her team not only for the Vanderbilt game, but also for the NCAA Tournament.
"We want to win it all," Coyne said. "We are just five games away from playing in the championship game and we feel that if we keep playing our game we can do it." A win for the Irish would do more than just give them good positioning in the postseason tournament. It would also give them the best record in school history. Coyne said she is very proud of her team for accomplishing this year's team has already won nine more games than last season — in no small part to the addition of freshman Jill Byers and especially the outstanding play of senior attack Cristi Foote.
Byers has 41 goals and 20 assists going into Sunday's game. She has also provided a passing option for Foote, leaving her frontliners more space and less attention from opposing defenses so either can be a threat to score. Foote has 60 goals, 29 assists, and 41 draw controls — all records for the Irish.
"Crysti is leaving as the best player ever to wear a Notre Dame lacrosse jersey," Coyne said. "Her success is unparalleled — she has earned the right to be that player."
Her incredible statistical effort combined with her fearless play and strong leadership off and on the field earned her a Tewaaraton award nomination this year. Coyne said she believes Byers should be a finalist for the award due to not only her play in college, but the fact that she is one of the few international-level players at the college level.
Byers played for Coyne as part of the Canadian World Cup team last year, leading Team Canada to a fourth place finish at the event.
"Foote is probably the most underrated player named for the Tewaaraton trophy this year," Coyne said. "It will be very competitive, but I believe the number speak for themselves."
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Track and Field

Irish take on beasts of the East

Squads aims to take yet another title in Storrs, Connecticut

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame feels well prepared as it heads to Storrs. coach John Millar said.
"At this point, we're as ready as we're going to get [for the Big East]." Irish sprinters coach John Millar said.

Last weekend, at the Hillsdale "Gina" Relays and the Drake Relays, the Irish added seven more Big East qualifying marks to their already strong outdoor record.

Notre Dame looks to reclaim their conference title after finishing in second place last year, and winning in 2003 and 2004. The men's team is excited as it prepares for tough conference foes, including Louisville and tournament host Connecticut.

"We've been training really hard all season and we're definitely looking for a win," Notre Dame junior Geoff Bennett said.

Bennett qualified for the 110-meter hurdles last weekend at the "Gina" Relays in Hillsdale, Michigan.

Meanwhile, the women are in position to record an impressive Big East "triple crown" this year with titles already in hand at the indoor track and field.

The last conference season to do that on the women's side was Villanova in 1987-88, prior to Notre Dame's entry into the Big East.
The women's team will be up against stiff competition, including a tough Pittsburgh unit that won last year's Big East Championship in Piscataway, N.J.

Coach Millar called this event the one that the Irish put the most emphasis on from a team perspective.

The NCAAs are more about individual goals, but we ask a lot out of the athletes at the Big East," Millar said.

Millar pointed out that, in order to help the team, some athletes are asked to compete in more events than they are typically used to.

"We really just want to rack up as many points as we can and, hopefully, it's more than anyone else bar," Millar said.

The meet will be held this Friday through Sunday at the George J. Sherman Family Sports Complex in Storrs, Connecticut.

"The last week has given (the athletes) one opportunity to fine-tune," Millar said. "I think we're well-prepared."

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Bargar came into the game with a 4-2 lead, but found herself in a first inning jam after surrendering two singles and a walk. But the Irish pitcher recovered after a runner was caught stealing and a pop-up to left.

Bargar would not be so lucky in the next two innings, giving up two runs in each of the sixth and seventh innings.

"I believed in Bargar and thought she could beat these guys," Irish head coach Deanna Gumpf said. "She just couldn't get it done." In the sixth, mental errors hurt the Irish. Two of the Rambler's three hits were bunt singles, including one single in which catcher Erin Glesco and first baseman Linda Kohan ran into each other, allowing all runners to advance without an out being made.

"There was absolutely no communication," Gumpf said. "Everyone was waiting for someone else to lead the team." Bargar's performance wasted a strong outing by starter Heather Booth, who pitched four innings, gave up two runs, two hits and struck out three. But Barger had little run support after she entered the game, as the Irish had only three of their nine hits after the fourth inning. The offense was also unable to drive in runners in scoring position in the final three innings of the game.

"I think we just didn't come out with an intense attitude," Irish third baseman Meagan Ruthrauff said. "We've been playing on our heels a lot and that's become a trend for us lately."

With only four games left this season—a pair of doubleheaders this weekend against Seton Hall and St. John's—Notre Dame will need to rebound quickly to get back to its winning ways before the Big East championships start May 11.

The final four Big East games will be crucial for the Irish to build momentum heading into the postseason.

This weekend hugely affects us for the postseason," Gumpf said. "If you are set to play us in the postseason, you are looking at us and thinking we are tanking at the wrong time of the season."

As for the postseason itself, the team cannot start to get ready for the Big East tournament because getting back on the right track is more important at this point.

"We need to get four wins out of this weekend," Ruthrauff said. "It is crucial for our morale to turn it up a notch."

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The Professional Development Committee of the University Libraries would like to invite you to a lecture by Judith Krug, director of the American Library Association's Freedom to Read Foundation and Banned Books Week in order to raise awareness about censorship. She is also the author of numerous books on intellectual freedom, having directed the ALA's Freedom since its founding in 1968. She helped to found both the Freedom to Read Foundation and Banned Books Week in order to raise awareness about censorship. She is also the author of numerous books and articles on intellectual freedom, censorship, and patron privacy in libraries.

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Irish attack John Greaney follows the play with Ohio State captain Jason Bloom in pursuit during Saturday's 10-8 victory over the Buckeyes.

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making the NCAA Tournament, that ranking may not be enough for the Irish.

"I'm not worried about the polls right now, but things are going to have to fall just right for that ranking may not be enough making the NCAA Tournament, us to get polls right now, but things are going to conference champions and in is to get into the top ten in the

contacts. The best because the committee doesn't go by the polls, Corrigan said. "The only way to be certain to get in is to get into the top ten in the eyes of the committee." Getting into the top ten in the country might be a bit of a stretch for the No. 15/18 Irish, but there are some teams in reach. No. 16/15 Peno State (8-4) plays No. 5/5 Georgetown this weekend for the championship of the East Coast Athletic Conference (ECAC). With a loss, the Nittany Lions would miss out on the ECAC's automatic bid and finish with a worse record than the Irish.

Another team that Notre Dame could pass is No. 11/12 Towson. The Tigers (8-5) play Delaware (11-4) in the semifinals of the Colonial Athletic Association on Wednesday night. A loss would deprive Towson of their fourth consecutiveCAA championship and would guarantee it finishes with a worse record than Notre Dame.

But Coach Corrigan knows that all his team can do is try turn in an impressive performance this Saturday against Quinnipiac, and he sees it as a last chance opportunity to make a statement to the committee.

Quinnipiac (17-5, 1-3 in theGWLL) is coming off an impressive 12-9 win over conference rival Butler.

"It's the only thing we can control," Corrigan said. "The biggest statement we can make is to beat them. I'm not going to worry about the margin because we need to focus on winning the game."

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Vikings

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Jeremy Barnes drove in three of the runs with his second home run of the season. Long pitched three 1-3 innings, allowed nine runs on eight hits and walked four.

Notre Dame starting pitcher David Greener threw just one inning, giving up two hits in a scoreless first. He was replaced by senior left-hander Tom Thornton, who threw two scoreless innings, allowing no hits and striking out one.

Thornton, who usually starts for the Irish on Sundays, missed the final game of the Connecticut series with a leg injury. Mainieri said he hasn't decided if Thornton will start this coming Sunday against Louisville or if sophomore lefthander Wade Korpi, who pitched against the Huskies, will replace him.

"The test is going to be tomorrow, if his knee swells up and how he feels," Mainieri said.

Four other pitchers, sophomore Joey Williamson and freshmen Brett Graffy, David Phelps and Sam Ram, combined to pitch the last six innings for Notre Dame. The four combined to allow one run on one hit and struck out seven Vikings.

Graffy (2-1) was credited with the win.

Cleveland State scored its lone run in the fifth inning. Designated hitter Sam Clyde walked to start the inning, advanced to second on a walk by center fielder John Westra, took third on a wild pitch and scored on a groundout by shortstop Bobby Cash. Irish rallies in the first, second and third innings were cut short by base running mistakes. In the first, right fielder Danny Dressman was doubled up on second on a fly-out to center. In the second, first baseman Craig Cooper was thrown out trying to stretch a single into a double, and, in the third, second baseman Ross Brosznowsky was doubled up on second after a line drive out.

"I watch big-league games and the same things happen," Mainieri said of the baserunning errors. "Sometimes we want those kids to be perfect, but they make mistakes here and there. The important thing is they learned from it." Notes: Mainieri was able to empty his bench late in the game, giving at bats to seniors Steve Andres and Eddie Smith, juniors Mike Dury and John Seabough, sophomore Chris Soriano and freshmen Eddie Mendidio and Evan Sharpley. In total, 23 Irish players saw playing time.

"It's good to be able to get guys into the game that are practicing just as hard as the starters but don't always get a chance to play," Mainieri said.

Starting catcher Sean Gaston did not play Sunday due to stomach discomfort. Mainieri said he did not expect the illness to keep the junior out of any more games.

The Irish will be in action again Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Frank Eck Stadium in a conference series against Louisville. Friday's game will start at 6:05 p.m., Saturday's game will begin at 1:05 p.m. and Sunday's first pitch will be thrown 12:05 p.m.

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which brought the seniors this year to
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titles (during their collegiate
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special, Christian
Thompson stated.

"Before this season's (Big East
championships, Louderback) read
us a printed article that said
South Florida was going to walk
away with the title and this really
inspired us to prove them
wrong." After earning the title, the
Irish are focused on the
NCAA Tournament. The first
two rounds will be played on
campus sites from May 12-13
and the final four will be held
at Stanford from May 18-21.

The NCAA pairings will be
held at 8:30 p.m. with the
Irish hoping to be one of the four
initial sites for the first
rounds of the tournament.

"We have had a great sea­son
and hope it will help us
to be able to play at home
during the first two rounds," Christian
Thompson said.

"This week we are working
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Irish belt out 16 hits in their 12-1 victory over Cleveland State

By CHRIS KHOREY
Assistant Sports Editor

Notre Dame bunted out 16 hits Tuesday, cruising to a 12-1 victory over Cleveland State at Frank Eck Stadium.

The Irish (36-9-1, 16-1-1 in the Big East) scored in six of their eight innings. The Vikings (10-30, 4-14 in the Horizon League), though, managed only three hits for the game and just one after the first inning.

"It's always good for my heart to have a game like today when we win a game pretty handily," Notre Dame coach Paul Mainieri said.

Already leading 4-0, Notre Dame blew the game wide open in the fourth, scoring five runs on three hits.

Irish pitcher Brett Graffy tags out a Cleveland State runner while first baseman Craig Cooper looks on during Notre Dame's 12-1 win Tuesday. The Irish used six pitchers in the victory.

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Big East champions prepare for title run

NCAA tournament commences May 13

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

The newly crowned Big East champion Notre Dame will head into the NCAA tournament starting May 13 with high expectations in the national title.

Not only did the No. 2 Irish earn the conference

named a host site as a top-16 seed.

"An interesting wrinkle has come up," Notre Dame coach Bobby Bayliss said. "[No. 8] Illinois is not going to be allowed to host ... that's one of the penalties the NCAA has if you didn't get rid of your Native American mascots."

No. 17 Florida State is just 0.55 points ahead of the Irish in the computer rankings. Notre Dame beat Florida State 4-3 in a head-to-head match on March 14. "There's still a very slight chance that we would host, but I doubt it," Bayliss said.

The team is unable to start preparing for specific matchups, but they have been training hard nonetheless.

"We don't know whether we'll be here or somewhere else," Bayliss said. "I've gotten a number of phone calls from coaches all over the country who are trying to figure it out.

"I haven't wasted one bit of sleep over it or given it one bit of thought ... it's something I have no control over."

Because of the long break between the Big East tournament — which ended with an Irish loss to Louisville in the national title game in Tampa, Fla. April 23, they excelled on the individual level as well. Irish coach Jay Louderback earned his sixth Big East Coach-of-the-Year Award, and junior Catrina Thompson repeated as the tournament's MVP.

"It was great to repeat the Big East victory because the conditions were extremely tough and playing on South Florida's home turf [in the finals] was definitely to see CHAMPS/page 22

ND SOFTBALL

Diamond woes prolonged

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Loyola-Chicago left fielder Nora Schuler drove a 2-run pitch from Irish right-hander Britney Bargor to the gap in left-center field for the go-ahead runs in the Ramblers' 6-4 win against Notre Dame Tuesday.

The loss to Loyola-Chicago (16-37, 8-8 Horizon) was Notre Dame's (34-18, 14-4 Big East) fourth in a row. It was especially tough for Bargor, who said.

Irish first baseman Linda Kohan snags a putout throw at first base during Tuesday's 6-4 loss to Loyola-Chicago.

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WOMEN'S LAX

Vanderbilt at Notre Dame

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The Irish end the regular season against the Commodores.

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No. 2 seed Saint Mary's will play Alma in the first round of the MIAA tournament Friday in Holland, Mich.

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SMC SOFTBALL

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San Francisco outfielder Barry Bonds hits home run No. 712.

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Cleveland pitcher C.C. Sabathia picked up his first win of the year.

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Pirates 8 Cubs 0

Pirates pitcher Zach Duke continues his domination of the Cubs with win.

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Irish hope for best in postseason

Quinnipiac comes to Moose Krause Stadium for Saturday matchup

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

The Irish know they control the outcome against Quinnipiac in their final regular season game this Saturday, but a few extra trips to the Garden this week can't hurt.

Notre Dame will learn between Wednesday and Saturday if they have a realistic chance to make the NCAA Tournament. The team is 9-4 (2-2 in the Greater Western Lacrosse League) and ranked No. 15 by the Inside Lacrosse Men's Media Poll and No. 18 by the STX Coaches Poll. With only 16 teams

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