Mendoza ranked by BusinessWeek
Undergraduate business school listed seventh among top programs, drops four spots

By EVA BINDA
News Writer

A new BusinessWeek ranking puts Notre Dame’s Mendoza College of Business seventh among all undergraduate business schools — a drop from last year’s No. 3 ranking, but still ahead of 86 other programs.

Dean of the Mendoza College of Business Carolyn Woo emphasized that the ranking of 93 schools — included in Monday’s edition of BusinessWeek but released to the University March 8 — wasn’t the program’s most important accomplishment.

“It’s great to have national recognition, but it is more important to focus on doing the best job we can to prepare students for their careers,” Woo said.

Woo said she believes the best preparation for business students includes professional excellence, integrity and care for the common good.

Notre Dame’s seventh-place ranking put it just behind Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s Sloan School of Business. Notre Dame was the highest-ranked Catholic institution with Georgetown and Villanova in the 11th and 12th spots, respectively.

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Hall

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TOP 10 UNDERGRADUATE BUSINESS PROGRAMS

1. University of Pennsylvania (Wharton)
2. University of Virginia (McIntire)
3. UC Berkeley (Haas)
4. Emory University (Goizueta)
5. University of Michigan (Ross)
6. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Sloan)
7. NOTRE DAME (MENDOZA)
8. Brigham Young University (Marriott)
9. New York University (Stern)
10. Cornell University

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Forum hosts three-day series on global health

By BECKY HOGAN
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After last fall’s Notre Dame Forum on the global health crisis generated significant campus interest, the University decided to continue the initiative by hosting a three-day series of meetings for the Notre Dame community to further discuss its role in addressing those issues.

“I think when the global health forum happened on Sept. 14, it catalyzed a lot of conversations on campus about what we are as a University are doing to impact global health,” Vice President and Associate Provost Dennis Jacobs said. “No one on this campus knew all that was going on.

There were a lot of initiatives happening on one side of the University that the other side didn’t know about.”

The meetings started Tuesday, focusing on the University’s large project initiatives such as the Center for Global Health and Infectious Diseases, the Haiti Project and the Millennium Village Project. Today’s meeting will address research initiatives on global health issues and Thursday’s discussion will focus on service learning projects and outreach in developing countries.

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Lecture examines public schools

By BRIDGID FENLON
News Writer

Cecilia Rouse, economist and professor at Princeton University, delivered the Provost Distinguished Women’s Lecture last night. Her speech, “Making Schools Accountable: Effects on Students and Schools,” discussed the two dominant methods for improving public school systems in a more efficient manner.

“These two basic flavors of school accountability,” Rouse said, refer to test-based and market-based systems. These models intend to provide families with the appropriate information in order to make informed decisions about the best schooling for their children.

The test-based model, “holds the institution accountable and heavily considers test scores as a means of...”

Economist Cecilia Rouse spoke Tuesday about improving the public school system and its effects on students.
INSIDE COLUMN

Pick fantasy baseball

As I go to outline what I'm going to write for this column on a piece of scrap paper, I see last year's statistics for pitchers Jeremy Sowers and Iwao Davis on the other side. It makes me wonder, am I obsessed with fantasy baseball? For me, fantasy baseball is a good way to stay in touch with old friends and win respect from new ones. I remember my roommate always on the phone consulting with his dad or brother about his family's league during our first days on campus.

A number of Web sites, like Yahoo, offer free fantasy sports leagues. For all you amateurs, fantasy sports include football, baseball, basketball and hockey. In most fantasy leagues, the game play is either "head-to-head," with pairs of managers competing in various statistical categories, or "rotisserie," where all the managers compete for rankings in the various statistical categories. At the start of the season there is a draft, and throughout the season the managers can dump slaters, pick-up, and chatting on message boards.

Coming from Connecticut, the border is still between Red Sox nation and Yankee country runs right through my home state. This gave rise to heated online debates last year, particularly over the destination of Roger Clemens. With one of the other managers destined for the University of Michigan next year, I'm sure collegiate football will be thrown into the mix. We're already debating this weekend's hockey tournament.

The popularity of fantasy sports is apparent. Currently ESPN is advertising their free online fantasy baseball game with the slogan "It's free. And it rocks."

In the past, fantasy football has been marketed with reigning NFL MVP LaDainian Tomlinson. Another commercial featured a group of guys around the TV upset by a play while one ambivalent person exclaimed, "That's why I play fantasy football!"

At times in past seasons, what's best for my fantasy team has been at odds with what's best for my favorite team. When all the teams are jocking for the top, and I have a majority of them in my league, I probably have most of the teams divided amongst Yahoo, ESPN and M.B.B.com. Between all those teams, I probably have most of the top 150 fantasy players on some team or another.

Am I obsessed with fantasy baseball? Well, you are positioned in a baseball organization as a player or an executive in five, 10, 15 years or so, I would love it if you contacted me with any inside information. My message for you is this: cast aside your now defunct March Madness brackets (courtesy of Winthrop) and throw yourself in a fantasy baseball league today.

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

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: DO YOU THINK HIGH SCHOOLS SHOULD BE ABLE TO USE THE LEPRECHAUN LOGO?

Sara Devore
freshman
Welsh Family

Adam Mathews
freshman
Siegfried

Dan Dierscher
freshman
Sorin

Kelly Kappishandy
sophomore
Howard

Adam McGinn
freshman
O'Neil

Joey Curcio
sophomore
Knot

"I think they should be allowed because everyone still recognizes it's the Notre Dame Leprechaun."

"I think so, because no one's going to confuse those high schools for the real Notre Dame."

"No, because they're always after me lucky charms."

"The mascot is ours. Hands off."

"I don't have a problem with using the name, but the logo is totally different."

OFBRETT

Team stranded on ice chunk in Mississippi River ANOKA, Minn. — A teenager got an unexpected, terrifying ride down the Mississippi River on a giant slab of ice that broke off as he stood along the shoreline.

Amos Benjamin Cohen, 19, stood frozen with four as the six foot by 15 foot ice chunk swirled in the water, floating toward shore then drifting back to the middle of the river, witnesses and rescuers said.

"He stood there so still," like the Statue of Liberty, said Sue Hillberg who spotted him from her mother's kitchen window. Ellie Glaston said she yelled to the boy that she was calling 911, then hopped in her car to see if he would get out all right.

A rescue team from the Anoka-Champlin Fire Department sent three firefighters in survival suits into the water. As Cohen approached, one of the firefighters managed to hop up onto the ice with him. The other two pulled them to safety, Fire Chief Charlie Thompson said.

"We were able to get them out alive," said Craftsman, one of four Democrats seeking three open council seats in the May primary. Wonder, 66, a Sister of Mercy, said she sought permission from her order and from the Archdiocese to run for the office.

"He says, 'This is your decision, I'm with you and holding you in the palm of my hand,'" Wemmm said.

"I don't even understand the question."

IN BRIEF

Registration for Summer Session at Notre Dame begins today. Students interested in taking classes during the summer can register through insideND.

A screening of the film "Sometimes in April" will be held in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium tonight at 7 p.m. The screening is sponsored by B3W3A, an organization made up of survivors of the 1994 Rwandan genocide and the Kellogg Institute for International Studies.

The Notre Dame Chamber Players will perform with guest violinist Nokuthula Ngwenyama at 8 p.m. tonight in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $10; $8 for faculty and staff, $6 for seniors and $3 for students.

The Ballroom Dance Club invites dancers of all skill levels to join them in 205 Rockne Memorial for a night of mambots and fox trot tonight from 8 p.m. to 10. The cost for a night of dancing is $4.

Dennis Jacobs, vice president and associate provost, and William Ramsey, associate professor of philosophy, will speak at Theology on Tap tonight at 9 p.m. The subject of the April event will be "To Catch or Not to Catch? The Academic Honor Code."

Men's baseball will play South Florida Friday at 5:05 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium. For tickets, call the Athletic Department's ticket office at 631-7536.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer@nd.edu

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RA selection begins at SMC

By BRIGID FENLON News Writer

With the room selection process only days away, Saint Mary's students are choosing their new roommates. Many other students, however, have filled out applications and interviewed to become a part of the Residence Life staff, which was chosen just days before spring break.

The Saint Mary's resident assistant selection involves a three-part evaluation, which includes a written application, a group process interview and an individual interview. Saint Mary’s expected to hire 42 RAs just before break, but the number could still change, depending on who or what may be present for the students' section events, and acts as an adviser for a student with a crisis.

"The RA job allows a student to work with their peers in a way most campus jobs don't," said Russell. "The RA not only plans section events, but acts as an adviser for a student with a simple problem or serious crisis situations," said Russell. "The RAs receive valuable training in conflict resolution and intervention. They are great resources and role models." RAs are not only expected to be present for the students in their section but also to devote many additional hours to working with the hall staff on administrative tasks.

Russell said, "It can be stressful if the RA doesn't manage her time well," she said.

Junior Brittany Taylor, who is currently an RA in McCandless Hall, has both enjoyed and learned from her experiences.

"Being an RA at Saint Mary's has been one of the best growing experiences for me. I have been able to work with some great women here at SMC," she said.

Taylor, whose hall is mainly composed of freshmen, said she understands the importance of RAs in supporting first-year students. "There is excitement and energy among the first years that makes my job enjoyable," she said. "They are always willing to step up and participate in section events, and hall programming."

The Residence Life staff attempts to place RAs in the dorm most suitable for them after they are selected, Russell said. "The pro-staff knew that my personality would work well within the dynamics of the McCandless hall and staff," Taylor said. "They knew what was best.

Applicants are asked to rank their dorm choices, although their first choice is not guaranteed. For Taylor, McCandless was her third choice.

"I am grateful for being placed in McCandless, even though it was not my first choice," she said.

While the evaluation and application process is difficult, it has not changed much over the years, Russell said. Students, too, recognize the need for a rigid selection process.

"The RA process is tough, and I think it weeds out people who don't care either way if they would be an RA or not," said sophomore Andrea Krebs, a current RA in McCandless.

The majority of RAs said the biggest benefit of the job are the people they meet.

"The other RAs are amazing — not just on Holy Cross staff, but in the other residence halls as well," said Kathleen Dudek, a sophomore RA in Holy Cross Hall. "The biggest benefit has to be the people you meet. The girls and hall staff that I have become close with have made this year phenomenal.

"At times it is stressful and tiring," she said, "but in the end it is all worth it."

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in the fall with the hope of carrying the discussion into the spring semester, Jacobs said.

"I think what happened short-ly after the forum — a few weeks after — was that students, faculty and staff said, 'This is a big issue, what can I do?' We didn't have to offer at that time, we were a vision of what the campus was doing," Jacobs said. "There were a number of individuals that wanted to participate, but there was no forum to allow them to do so.

Jacobs said the meetings are one way the University hopes to facilitate individual participation in dealing with the global health crisis.

"This week will create a mechanism for a set of opportunities, which is likely to draw more participation — the interest level is already there," he said.

Stephen Silliman, a civil engineering and geological sciences professor who is in charge of the committee responsible for this week's events, said the structure will be similar for all three meetings. Each meeting will introduce introductions of the overall projects, small group discussions and an examination of campus activities currently in place.

Silliman said the meetings would attempt to determine whether there are any "roadblocks" to pursuing solutions on issues of global health, and Jacobs said the conversations will focus on "how we as a community respond."

("These events are much more in the mode of action — they're about what can we do and what are we doing," Jacobs said. ". . . What I particularly like about this set of 'town hall meetings' is that they are really at the grassroots level — it is completely organized by individuals who are passionate about this cause."

Although next year's forum will focus on immigration, Jacobs said the University will continue its efforts to improve global health.

"In no way do we want to imply that we've solved the problem or that after one year there's no concern for global health now that we've moved onto immigration," Jacobs said. "I would hope that we don't just deal with an issue on an intellectual level but that we put into action what we value and believe — those kinds of initiatives always live on more than a one-year cycle."

The planning committee, which was formed in October, includes students, faculty and staff members of the University who were interested in the issues raised by the Forum. Undergraduate students were instrumental in advertising the week's events, Silliman said, and several faculty members have contributed to the development of questions that will be addressed at the meetings.

"By putting our ideas together we can find more effective solutions to the global health crisis and create a great model for the University on how to solve problems, and this requires expertise from the entire University," Jacobs said. Contact Becky Hogan at bhogan20@nd.edu
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graduate business schools ranked Mendoza third behind University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School and University of Virginia's McIntire School of Commerce. Both of these schools hold on to their top spots in this year's list.

A "critical factor" in the ranking drop was due to a change in the rules regarding faculty ratio, Woo said. For 2007, only faculty members who taught in the undergraduate program in the last academic year could be counted. Mendoza received an A-plus in the areas of teaching quality, facilities, services and job placement.

The rankings relied on a survey of 77,000 graduating seniors from the 123 institutions eligible for ranking — including students from the only institution that declined to participate, University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School — as well as a survey of corporate recruiters.

In addition to the surveys, BusinessWeek looked at factors such as the median starting salary for graduates and the amount of graduates attending Top-35 MBA programs. An academic quality gauge included four measures: ratio of full-time faculty to students, average class size, percentage of business majors with internships and the amount of hours students spend working every week on coursework.

Many Mendoza students said they were satisfied with Notre Dame's undergraduate program.

"This trust corpus grows, the University will benefit and so can the income beneficiary," Gorman said. If the trust corpus grows, the University could benefit as well.

The Notre Dame endowment consists of an assortment of endowment corpus in the University's own national markets, ownership equities, real estate and other types of securities rarely available to smaller investors, a press release from the Office of News and Information said.

As a result, University President Father John Jenkins echoed Gorman's enthusiasm about the ruling, saying the option to invest the trust's corpus in the Notre Dame endowment could serve as an incentive to increase Planned Giving programs, which are popular among business majors with internships and museums across the nation.

"This option may be attractive to our benefactors from a financial planning perspective," Jenkins said in the press release.

Planned Giving contracts between the donors and their appointed trustees are regulated under the United States Congress and the IRS, the National Committee on Planned Giving Web site said.

Gorman said another benefit from the endowment is the potential increase in the portion of the trusts' capital that may be presented to Notre Dame at the end of the trusts' lifespan.

"If the corpora of the trusts grow, then a larger remainder amount will be available for Notre Dame," she said.

Walsh said the footnotes of Harvard University three years ago, Notre Dame submited an application to the IRS to get the green light to invest, as a trustee, the trust's corpus in the University's endowment — a privilege also given recently to Stanford University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Gorman said.

"This would definitely say that having attended Notre Dame and Mendoza will be beneficial in getting a job in the future," Walsh said.

"Gorman expressed disappointment with the college's recent drop to seventh place, but said other circumstances played into the shift.

Walsh said Mendoza's rank was "still respectable."

"Third would be better, but seventh is nothing to look down on," he said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Russian nursing home fire kills 62

KAMYSHEVATSKAYA, Russia - Flames engulfed a nursing home in this village without a fire station Tuesday, killing 62 frail and elderly residents after the night watchman ignored two alarms and emergency teams took nearly an hour to arrive. At least 30 people were injured.

Coming a day after a gas explosion that killed more than 100 coal miners in Siberia, the fire could undermine Kremlin contentions that conditions are improving in newly prosperous Russia.

Angry residents berated accusations of negligence at the regional envoy of President Vladimir Putin, who announced that Wednesday would be a national day of mourning for those killed in the fire and mine catastrophe as well as a plane crash Saturday that killed six.

Authorities blamed the nursing home disaster on safety violations at the home, toxic building materials used in a renovation, negligence by the staff and the nearest firehouse being about 30 miles from Kamyshhevatskaya, a town on the Azov Sea in southern Russia.

Referendum creates controversy

AHO - The Egyptian president on Tuesday scheduled a referendum next week on constitutional amendments that would limit the country's largest opposition movement, drawing accusations from the government that it was opening up the process to avoid debate.

The government says the changes will help increase democracy in a country where President Hosni Mubarak has ruled unchallenged for four decades. But the opposition says the amendments are part of a plan to ensure the 78-year-old president's son succeeds him in a future election.

NATIONAL NEWS

Purdue officials to investigate death

WEST LAFAYETTE — The discovery of the body of a missing Purdue University student in a dormitory's high-voltage utility room has school officials and his family wondering how a door to such a dangerous area was left unlocked.

School officials Tuesday said they would investigate why a door that opens to the outdoor passageway was left unlocked.

Purdue said Wednesday it is looking to avoid a confrontation with American troops.

The number of execution-style deaths was notable, however, because the toll had fallen as low as seven a day, prompting American and Iraqi officials to express concern that the minimum casualties and the continued violence was ebbing.

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Associated Press

IRAQ

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Madden's lecture was part of the Progressive Student Alliance's "Week of Action."

Michael Angula, vice president of the PCA, and Professor David Gorter, a research fellow at the Krue Institute, both reflected briefly on the war and the importance of voicing dissent.

Gorter became a member of the GI peace movement after he experienced a "crisis of consensus" when he was drafted for the Vietnam War after his graduation from Notre Dame in 1966, he said. Gorter met Madden in Norfolk, Virginia, after an active duty sailor contacted Gorter to speak to a group of sailors who had read his book. "Soldiers in Service: GI Resistance During the Vietnam War," and wanted to know what it meant for them as active duty soldiers during the war.

Ultimately, Madden said Gorter started a discussion that sparked the creation of the Appeal for Redress.

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measuring a schools' success and merit," Rose said.

The market-based method, conversely "allows the marketplace to decide which schools are most successful and improves efficiency based on popular demand." Despite the different frameworks from which each method stems, the two have many similarities, including standardized testing, the public release of school-level test scores, rewards for high-performing schools and sanctions for low-performing schools, Rose said.

Rose addressed some of the hypothesized effects of test-based school accountability systems.

"Efficiency of all schools will increase, and, in turn, the outcomes and degree of achievement will improve for all students," she said.

"Market-based accountability systems, on the other hand, involve greater parental choice through school vouchers or public school choice," Rose emphasized that this "increase in parental choice within the system improves efficiency of the school because the schools are afraid of losing students."

In order to make higher-quality schools available to all students of varying economic backgrounds, vouchers often serve as an effective and appealing option, Rose said. Rose illustrated their direct and indirect effects. Vouchers enable students to attend better, safer schools and allow for higher family satisfaction with their educational choices.

"Vouchers directly improve the outcomes for a student's education and indirectly improve the outcomes of non-voucher students by increasing the efficiency of public schools," she said.

With more efficient schools, comes an increase in the desire to attend these schools. The goal of this healthy competition, Rose said, is to stimulate the improvement of all schools, providing a variety of options for children.

This competition, however, is dependent on paternal decisions. "If parents chose a school for their children based on location or convenience, rather than academic strength, we will not see any significant improvement in the school system at large," she said.

Rose also referred to the Bush administration and its emphasis on educational opportunities nationwide. The No Child Left Behind Act, which reflects the test-based method, was implemented to improve schools and close the achievement gap between minority and others.

"Bush claims that the No Child Left Behind Act has resulted in improvements in all students, particularly those of minority races," she said.

The results of the act, Rose said, are based in the National Association of Educational Progress (NAEP), which takes into account the test scores of college-bound students, but fails to measure the achievement levels of those students who are not planning on higher education.

"Everyone in the country was subject to this law, so we lack a counterfactual to see if it was due to 'The No Child Left Behind Act,' or other strict rules that were put into place," Rose said.

While both the test-based and market-based methods should work in theory, each have pitfalls and "mixed-empirical support," she said. Therefore, it is exceptionally important to hold schools accountable for their success by implementing standards, incentives and sanctions.

"At the heart of the matter is the need for good teachers," she said.

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Housing rebounds, faces trouble

Construction recovers in February; building permit decline indicates future setbacks

WASHINGTON

Construction of new homes rebounded in February after a big decline in the previous month, but building permits slid further, indicating more problems down the road for the troubled housing industry.

The Commerce Department reported that construction of new homes and apartments rose by 9 percent in February to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.525 million units. That represented a better-than-expected rebound after construction activity had plunged by 14.3 percent in January to the slowest pace in more than nine years.

But builders' applications for new permits, considered a more reliable gauge of future activity, continued falling in February, dropping by 2.5 percent to an annual rate of 1.533 million units. That marked the 12th decline in the past 13 months in building permits and underscored the construction industry's steep slump.

The 9 percent rebound in housing, in February, had been expected given that construction had fallen so much in January, but when a return to normal winter weather had pushed construction activity lower after an unusually warm December.

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Fed expected to leave rates on hold

NEW YORK — Wall Street advanced for a second straight session Tuesday as investors placed bets that the Federal Reserve won’t indicate that it’s leaning toward an interest rate hike.

Market watchers are anticipating that the Fed on Tuesday will leave its benchmark rate on hold and say that economic growth is cooling while inflation remains a concern. The central bank has maintained this general stance for several months now, suggesting that rates are staying put.

Investors would ideally prefer a shift in position toward cutting rates, but not enough to be a problem for the housing market, which is showing signs of improvement.

Construction on neighborhoods like this Ashland, Mass. development rose last month, but the housing slump is still lingering.

State considers ‘raw milk’ demand

Associated Press

WESTMINSTER, Md. — It may look just like milk at the grocery store, but dairy farmer Donald Dell says his product is superior.

It hasn’t been pasteurized.

As a growing number of people seek so-called "raw milk," some legislatures are considering a law allowing the state’s embattled dairy farmers to sell milk straight from the cow to niche customers.

"The milk you buy at the store is hardly milk," said Dell’s grandson, Gary Dell, who oversees operations at the family’s 470-acre Cranberry Meadows dairy farm just outside Westminster. "It’s been heat, washed up, torn up and mixed back up again.

Gary Dell told The Baltimore Sun he’d be happy to sell raw milk, even though pasteurization can prevent some bacteria from reaching consumers.

The change is needed, Gary Dell said, for a dairy industry in sharp decline.

The industry “can’t get any worse than it already is today,” he told the newspaper.

Not everyone thinks that allowing raw milk sales is a great idea. Earlier this month two people in Pennsylvania were sickened from drinking raw milk, leading to a warning from that state’s health department.

Twenty-eight states allow raw milk sales, The Sun reported. Some others, including Virginia, allow multiple owners to buy a cow and share its milk.

Despite an apparent market for old-time milk, the Maryland Farm Bureau and the state Health Department opposes the legalization of raw milk sales.

"We don’t need to open up or expose people to a risk we know is dangerous, for whatever benefits," said Ted Elkin, head of the state’s division of milk control. "When you have an outbreak, children are often affected. Their immune systems are not completely intact."
WASHINGTON — Terror detainees once held in the CIA’s secret prisons were kept and questioned under highly abusive conditions, the Senate Intelligence Committee said in a report published Monday.

The committee was asked to investigate by the Senate in July 2002, after the Associated Press reported the CIA’s secret prisons. The Senate Intelligence Committee, which has jurisdiction over the CIA, said the report would focus on allegations made by terror suspects about their treatment at the secret prisons.

The report, which was released Monday, said the CIA had kept at least 14 prisoners, most of them captured in Afghanistan, in secret prisons in Europe, Asia and South America. The prisoners were held in conditions that violated international law and human rights standards, the report said.

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Boy Scout rescued in North Carolina wilderness

12-year-old Michael Auberry wanders away from troop, found after intensive four-day search in wooded mountains

Associated Press

McGRADY, N.C. — A 12-year-old Boy Scout whose favorite book was about a youngster lost in the wilderness now has his own harrowing survival tale to tell after rescuers found him Tuesday, dehydrated and disoriented from four days in the wooded mountains of North Carolina.

A rescue dog picked up Michael Auberry's scent less than a mile from the campsite where he had wandered away from his troop Saturday. The boy's father speculated he was simply homesick and wanted to hitchhike home. The disappearance touched off an intensive search involving bloodhounds, heat-seeking helicopters and dozens of volunteers on foot.

"We saw the helicopters and heard people calling him, but he yelled back and they didn't hear him," said his father, Kent Auberry. "He's very tired. He's very dehydrated. But he came through this in unbelievable fashion."

With tears in his eyes, Auberry added: "To have our son back is a tremendous blessing."

It was not immediately clear exactly how the boy was able to survive or whether he put any of his Scout wilderness training to use. A few hours after an emotional reunion, Kent Auberry said he still didn't know much about his son's ordeal, mostly because he decided not to ask too many questions.

"What he tells us he is on the move," Auberry said. "He slept in tree branches. He curled up under rocks."

Michael had worn two jackets, one of them fleece, and was believed to have a mess kit and potato chips with him when he disappeared. He told the rescue team he had been drinking water from streams, and lost his hat and glasses in the woods.

Searchers spotted Michael walking along a stream before he saw them.

"They called his name. He didn't respond. ... Once they said 'We're here to rescue you,' the first thing he said is he wanted a helicopter ride out of there," said Blue Ridge Parkway ranger David Bauer.

Aside from a few cuts and scratches, Michael was in good health and could walk and talk. But he had been without food and water, he was carried on a stretcher to a nearby road and then taken to see his parents. "A lot of tears, a lot of hugs," said Tina White, spokeswoman for the National Park Service.

Later, Michael went by ambulance to a medical center. Along the way, he received IV fluids to help him rehydrate and told his father he wanted to sleep, said ambulance driver Bud Lane.

Hours earlier, the boy's father had talked about one of Michael's favorite books when he was younger, a story titled "Hatchet" about a boy whose plane crashes in the Alaskan wilderness and how the boy survives on his own.

"I think he's got some of that book in his mind," said Kent Auberry, whose son had camped overnight several times. "They do a great job in the Scouts of educating the kids of what to beware of and tips. I'm hopeful that Michael has taken those to heart," Bauer said as many as 100 people searched for Auberry on Tuesday, including Misha Marshall, whose dog Gandalf picked up the boy's scent.

The black 2-year-old Shiloh Shepherd "popped his head three times" — and there was Michael, he said.

"He was a little dazed," Marshall said. "You are totally overwhelmed. You at first don't believe he's the person you're looking for."

The girl, Dannielynn Hope Auberry, was the daughter of Smith's ex-husband, Arthur Bauer, a Texas oil tycoon J. Howard Marshall II.

The Bahamas courts have listed as the father on the girl's birth certificate the woman who is believed to be the mother. The girl's name was not immediately available. She was taken to see her parents Tuesday, including Misha Marshall, whose dog Gandalf picked up the boy's scent.

The ex-husband, Kent Auberry said. "He started walking. He then took the road and hitchhike home."

Searchers found his mess kit within a mile of the camp site a few hours after he disappeared.

"He wasn't sure what he was being rescued," Bauer said. "He was very tired, very hungry. He wasn't necessarily looking to be rescued, he was looking for his Boy Scout troop."

DNA test ordered on daughter of Anna Nicole Smith

Associated Press

NASSAU, Bahamas — A Bahamian judge ordered a DNA test Tuesday on Anna Nicole Smith's 6-month-old daughter, seeking new evidence in a custody dispute with her late husband's family.

It was not immediately clear whether the test would be performed in the Bahamas or in the United States. The girl's father, Larry Birkhead, an ex-boyfriend of the Playboy playmate, has said she is his child.

"It's a good day in court for me," he told reporters. Asked if he thought he would be the girl's father, he only smiled and winked.

"We're really happy," said Kent Auberry, referring to his son's rescue. "They really did a good job in the Scouts of educating the kids of what to beware of and tips. I'm hopeful that Michael has taken those to heart," Bauer said. "The whole family has got to get some sleep," Kent Auberry said.

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Frederic von Anhalt, the husband of Zsa Zsa Gabor, also says he may be Dannielynn's father. Last week, he filed legal documents seeking a DNA test to determine if he is the father.

Please visit our web site for more information.
Remember back in grade school, during city-league soccer, how every team would get a trophy and a pizza party at the end of the season? Whether your team went undefeated or only scored two goals the entire season, each player went home with some hardware and a pat on the back from either your dad or your best friend’s dad, clearly dis­guised as the team’s head coach. Or what about on elementary school exams? Remember how everyone received a sticker at the top of their paper, either for earning an A plus or for a “good effort” when half the page was filled with red check marks? I don’t know about you, but I have boxes full of trophies stacked in my basement from my grade school days, and I wasn’t exactly the athletic type. But I was proud of those trophies, and my parents were proud of me for always “trying my best” and often told me I was the best player on the team. But back then, who wasn’t?

Unfortunately, a recent study now shows that all those trophies and inflated accolades are hurting my generation and causing our society to suf­fer. The study states that because we were surrounded by such exaggerated support and confidence during our adolescence, my generation now suf­fers from an extreme case of narcis­sism. The study projects this narcissistic generation — or “Generation Me” — will result in a society full of self-cen­tered, temperamental individuals who are unable to build or keep strong relationships with others.

Being a part of the newly dubbed “Generation Me,” I cannot help but find truth in this new study. Throughout the country, high school and college stu­dents are constantly trying to build their resumes and make connections so that they may one day have the most lucrative jobs and luxurious lifestyles. Students are volunteering now more than ever and participating in commu­nity service activities on a regular basis. One cannot help but ask him or her­self if the surge in volunteering is a result of compassion or of competition.

As college students, we all know what it takes to get in to prestigious schools and how to secure those com­petitive internships. We understand that it takes hard work and more than just straight As to make it in today’s world. However, for too many of us, we have focused too much on “making it” and measuring success based on finan­cial wealth and status instead of what we have contributed to the world.

While there are many students on this campus — as well as others throughout the country — that are genuinely concerned about the well­being of others and hope to one day have their talents and education for the betterment of society, the majority of my generation is focused on looking good on paper so that it may one day achieve personal success. Because my generation has been brought up with inflated positive self-esteem and a “you are the best” mentality, the focus of “Generation Me” lives has been skewed. Instead of cherishing relation­ships, caring about society, and enlightening and educating ourselves about the world and its inhabitants like previous generations, many members of my generation have devoted their lives to gaining financial success and an impressive job title, leaving their relationships with family and friends by the wayside.

But is never too late to change. One does not need to give up his or her goals or self-confidence to shed the “Generation Me” title, as long as we realize we are not always going to be the best. We can, and should, still strive to become successful in our careers, and it is not wrong to want a luxurious lifestyle. We just cannot ignore the people we meet along the way. The relationships we make on our journey to success should not be taken for granted. While members of “Generation Me” have been accused of taking advantage of people and using community service not as a means of serving the community but rather as a way to climb the ladder of suc­cess, the rest of us must realize that we need to serve out of the goodness of our hearts and cherish the relations­ships we have with others and our community — for that is the true measure­ment of success.

While it is said that it can be lonely at the top, it doesn’t have to be. For many victims of “Generation Me,” that saying will prove to be true. For the rest of us, however, let’s prove these studies wrong and have a party at the top once we get there.

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"Four Years Old Already?" By: The Grow Up So Fast! It Seems Like Only Yesterday We Were Going to a Car_KEYS AND..."

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"The amount of noise which anyone can bear undisturbed stands in inverse proportion to his mental capacity." — Arthur Schopenhauer, German philosopher

**EDITORIAL POLL**

How far will Notre Dame go in the NCAA hockey tournament?

Vote by Thursday at 5 p.m. at www.ndsmcoobserver.com.
I think we should burned the chair.

This comment, made by a colleague many years ago, is not the sort of thing that usually comes from the mouth of a professor of philosophy. We’re more inclined to pursue what are (to normal people) curious inquiries into, say, the relationship between the chair and the funk of wood of which it’s made. Mundane practical activities, such as burning chairs, we leave to others.

What occasioned this remarkable outburst by my colleague? We had just concluded listening to testimony in an honesty committee hearing. The student under suspicion of violating our honor code had been caught red-handed submitting a paper that had been cobbled together from a number of internet sources. Rather than confess, this free young man insisted that he should be commended for having found all these Web sites and for putting the material together so effectively. Duplicity and arrogance what are between the stream of his every pore and sated submitting a paper that had been chanced, we leave to others.

Many years ago, is not the sort of thing that a student has come to regret his academic integrity revealed. Two years ago, a survey of our honor code. Two years ago might say, it’s a burning issue. My colleague Bill Ramsey, a colleague of philosophy’s honesty committee, will address (surprise) the philosophical conceptions of academic honesty. And senior Sarah Glatt will offer a student’s perspective. It promises to be a leg- en­…

Whether or not you attend the Theology on Tap meeting, I hope you’ll take a moment to reflect on your own sense of academic integrity that Notre Dame tries to promote by having an honor code, and of how you as an individual and we as a community might do a better job of liv­…

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No consensus on climate change

Last month, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change provided a report to the United Nations that explains the answer to all of our problems. Why did we have seven huge snowstorms this past winter? Global warming. Why is it? Tuesday? Global warming. Why was Dale Layer fired? Global warming. It’s about time we have an answer to all the questions that life has us.

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Regardless, the panel had its agenda, and that was that. This doesn’t sound like a "consensus" on global warming like Al Gore and friends have been telling us, does it?

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While we could sit here and go back and forth with arguments for or against man-made global warming, only one thing can be concluded — there is no consensus on the issue of global warming. This bespeaks reasoning why should we proceed to change our way of life for something that may or may not be true? Why should we condemn the businesses that keep this country running when we don’t truly know they are causing any harm in the first place? Remember, it was the honor­able Bill Clinton and a unanimous U.S. Senate vote that shot down the Kyoto Protocol, not George Bush and the evil Republicans. They did so because even they knew that signing the Kyoto Protocol would lead to economic disaster.

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Unfortunately, while “300” is huge on razzle-dazzle, flash and flare, it falls short on substance. Unlike the beefcake Spartans, there’s not a whole lot of meat on these cinematic bones. Visually, “300” is a spectacle, although the film lacks emotional resonance. As the body count nears the triple century mark, the audience is more likely to be dropping jaws than shedding tears for the fallen heroes.

Even so, “300” delivers on what it does best — action, action and more action. The film’s combat scenes are way cool — “300” is filled with tons of sweet slow-motion shots, in addition to a stop-and-go pacing technique which showcases every back, thrust and parry in exquisite detail. The film’s cinematography is more than enough to let the audience appreciate all of it’s battlefield butchery as Leonidas and Co. try to storm the Persian advance in the bottleneck of the Hot Gates.

More than “Rudy,” more than “Little Giants,” “300” is in the ultimate underdog tale — a paltry three hundred soldiers versus an army of Persians numbering in the bajillions. It’s an easy tale of good versus evil — the good guys are buff dudes with spears, and the bad guys are ninjas, monsters, elephants and magicians wielding grenades (oh my!)

To their credit, the ensemble cast of “300” is seriously jacked. In the words of pop star Fergie, you could probably catch the Spartans “up in the gym, just working on their fitness” in their free time, although with all the rippling abs on display, apparently the Spartans spend as much time on Pilates as they do on the bench press. Much like our own armed forces, the Spartan military must have a “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy, as a sense of vague homoeroticism pervades the entire film.

It should be mentioned that amid all the silliness, actor Gerard Butler manages to distinguish himself from a mostly mediocre cast. Butler cuts an imposing figure as King Leonidas and brings regal gravitas to the role. Perhaps more impressively, he manages to not look completely absurd despite strutting around in little more than a shield, spear and leather Speedo for the whole film.

If the film feels like it’s straight out of a comic book, that’s because it is. Much like director Robert Rodriguez did on “Sin City” another film based off of a Frank Miller book, “300” writer/director Zack Snyder does an excellent job of translating the panels of the graphic novel to the frame of the film, to the point where some of Miller’s visuals literally leap to life on the silver screen.

Unfortunately, Snyder strays from the original material with an unnecessary and extraneous subplot that detracts from the concise nature of the original story. In doing so, Snyder puts a modern twist on “300,” likening it to the current war on terror in the Middle East. At one point, King Leonidas’ wife Queen Gorgo (Lena Headey) even drops the horrendous line, “Freedom isn’t free,” which makes the whole affair come across as a parable for the war on terror. This makes the film feel like a parody of itself and sfidets any of its remaining credibility.

However, even though it has a run time of more than two hours, the film doesn’t feel bogged down — an impressive feat considering that the graphic novel it is based on is only 88 pages long.

Despite its silliness, simplicity and other shortcomings, “300” can and should still be appreciated for what it is — bloody good fun.

Rama: The first thing we notice about the world of “300” is how golden it looks. Apart from an occasional dip into the ink blacks of nightfall, this story is told under the hot aurora skies of Sparta, which begs the following question: why Ancient Greece ever this vibrant, the perfect backdrop.

The answer, of course, is no. Still, if hard to fault director Zack Snyder and his cadre of digital effects wizards if wanting to pretty up the landscape (even their epic fail). It’s just one stylistic choice among many in a gorgeous crafted film that astounds the senses, not the brain.

“300” is not a thinking man’s movie and never pretends to be. It’s a meatball, one that never strays far from its central themes — duty, honor, a vendetta. We’ve seen these themes splashed in red across the battlefields of “Gladiator,” “Kingdom of Heaven” and “ Troy” — but never quite like this.

Narrated by Dilios (David Wenham), Spartan soldier with the all-too-earthy gift of oration, the story begins with the origin of “300” — the battle of Thermopylae, one that never strays far from its three central themes — duty, honor and a vendetta. As a boy, young Leonidas, whose training includes being literally thrown to the wolves, is tried by fire which takes away fear and weakness, replacing it with a focused rage.

Bloodshed is a Spartan’s birthright, an integral part of his life’s purpose.

So when foreign emissaries come to

300

Director: Zack Snyder
Writers: Zack Snyder (screenplay) and Frank Miller (graphic novel)
Starring: Gerard Butler, Rodrigo Santoro, Lena Headey and David Wenham

For their rite of passage, Spartan children are turned into wolves in order to prove themselves as worthy warriors. The film’s combat in this he-man epic.

TERONE THAN PLASMA GETS SPRAYED AROUND IN THIS HO-MAN EPIC.

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Collide in Zach Snyder's Spartan Epic

Sparta's gates demanding submission to the Persian king Xerxes (Rodrigo Santoro), Butler's Leonidas is predictably enraged. In one of the movie's many memorable one-liners, he enunciates his next words with a menacing, guttural snarl. "This. Is. Sparta!" he bellows before slaughtering the Persian messengers. Wanting no time, he then rallies 300 of his finest soldiers for war.

Inspired by Frank Miller's 1998 graphic novel, "300" follows in the pulpy footsteps of "Sin City," another Miller creation. Spearheaded by Robert Rodriguez, the 2005 picture set the new standard for movies adapted from comic books. Each of Miller's comic book panels was painstakingly transmuted into ceaselessly stylish cinema.

Much of the "Sin City" charm came from its rich cast of characters and their dark, gruff sense of humor. "300" is a different beast entirely. Even if Snyder had stripped away all the angry speeches and blood-curdling war cries, not much would change. We'd still marvel at the movie's boundless energy and its striking visuals, which rivals most impressionistic paintings.

"300" is a movie made to be absorbed, not questioned - and Snyder keeps us nicely occupied with his visual panache. One battle sequence in particular is stunningly crafted. Snyder tracks the camera and follows Leonidas as he cuts a swath through a gang of Persian soldiers. In a masterful, balletic sequence, the action fluidly ramps from normal speed to slow-motion, zooming in to reveal each one of the Spartan king's precise killing strokes.

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"Sparta is all chasing a morbid dream," Dilios lets us in on their secret. "We Spartans are descended from Hercules himself," he says proudly of his countrymen. "Taught that death on the battlefield is the greatest glory he could achieve in his life." From the very beginning, Snyder seems to have realized a crucial fact. Like Maximus, these 300 men would never be content to quietly die on their knees. Instead, Snyder gives them what they want, and he doesn't worry about much else, including the film's simple plot.

Spartan warrior Stelios (Michael Fassbender) shields himself from a high-octane Persian attack in this epic film.
**Miller’s style catapults from panels to frames**

By TAE ANDREWS

Frank Miller is a man of few words. He’s written thousands of them, but Miller uses words like a sniper uses bullets — his prose is streamlined and without wasting ammo. His succinct writing style wastes no time and gets straight to the point.

However, Miller is an artist as adept with the drawing pen as with the written word. His inimitably distinctive style — with style and panache, whose energetically applied grittiness is as visually stunning and as unique as his words — is pointillistic. Known for his down-and-dirty film noir and dark themes, Miller puts the R-rated in graphic novel. Only when taken altogether can fans appreciate Miller for what he is: a revolutionary artist and a man who continues to redefine what makes Miller’s inimitably distinctive style. The old saying is that a picture is worth a thousand words — at least Miller’s are.

This may not be entirely true (the actual count may be just a few hundred) but Miller has applied his trademark gritty style to several different comic book franchises over the years, rehosting failed franchises and spawning new ones. Miller is the artist who created the character Elektra while working on a series of “Daredevil” comics in the early 1980s. Toward the end of the decade, Miller turned his talents towards Batman, writing the critically acclaimed

“Batman: The Dark Knight Returns” and “Batman: Year One,” which loosely formed the basis for “Batman Begins.” Actor Christian Bale and Batman fans “everywhere can thank Miller for laying the foundations for that film, which pumped some badly needed life into the franchise that had spiraled into the cinematic equivalent of the circus freak show.

Unfortunately, after the cinematic fixation of the character Elektra to the box office (with Miller having zero creative control over the project), Miller renounced the world of Hollywood, disgusted that his artwork had been corrupted into a nauseating farce. However, when film director Robert Rodriguez approached Miller with a short film based on his “Sin City” graphic novels, the deal was simple: if Miller didn’t like what he saw, then the film would end up as scrap reel on the cutting room floor never to be seen again.

He did like it, however, and “Sin City” made its nationwide debut on April 1, 2005. If Miller’s gritty and graphic tales of a dark urban dystopia feel like they spring straight from a comic book, it’s because they do. Rodriguez literally used the panels of the graphic novels as storyboards for the feature film. It also helped that Rodriguez insisted on listing Miller as a co-director for the film — a move which forced Rodriguez to resign from the Director’s Guild of America. As a result, Miller’s vision literally leaps from the page to the screen and still stands as Miller’s best graphic novel-turned-film pursuit to date.

**Director Feature**

**Snyder finds success, promise with visceral ‘300’**

By BRIAN DOXTADER

By 2005, the state of the film project “Watchmen” — based on Alan Moore’s mammoth graphic novel — was in disarray. Once sought by former Monty Python and “Brazil” director Terry Gilliam, the project had gone through a series of directors, studios and screenplay incarnations. When writer David S. Goyer was most recently attached to Darren Aronofsky, the “Requiem for a Dream” director decided to bow out due to scheduling conflicts. It seemed as though “Watchmen” was written off, and a screen version of Moore’s masterpiece would never see the light of day.

Then, in 2006, a young and relatively unknown filmmaker named Zack Snyder became attached to “Watchmen,” when Warner Bros. confirmed that he would be, at last, the man who would bring the project to cinematic life.

This caused a massive media frenzy and helped to establish on the Hollywood block, Snyder as a director to watch. The film’s 2009 release date was much to determine the future of Snyder’s career. For instance, he said, “I’m looking to make a movie that looks more like ‘Taxi Driver’ than ‘Dirk Tracy.’ ” He says he’ll go ahead with a movie version of his graphic novel “300,” which chronicles the epic Battle of Thermopylae, and two more “Sin City” films are in the works.

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Marietta its spring training camp in Miami, finishing behind George Washington losing 13-14, but then defeated W shoeworkers 13-11.

The squad showed great potential against Indiana, but it was not enough as the Irish squad lost and sold 11-9. In its next matchup against Michigan, Notre Dame fell behind early and lost, 15-10, before succumbing to William and Mary 13-8 Sunday.

The next game was against Swarthmore, and the Irish closed the tournament with a 13-6 victory.

The Irish were seeded No. 19 in a field of 32 at the Southerners. The first game on Saturday was against No. 3 Georgia Tech, Notre Dame came out fired up and led 6-4 at halftime, but after that took a licking from Georgia Tech team. The game continued with each team trading points and ultimately was ended in the first half with a 12-9 loss.

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LSU’s Big Baby to enter NBA draft

Associated Press

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IN BRIEF

UNC football coach Davis to undergo chemotherapy

Chapel Hill — North Carolina football coach Butch Davis is undergoing chemotherapy after a dentist removed a cancerous growth from his mouth.

“I know people are going to be concerned and everything, but it’s going to be OK,” Davis said Tuesday. “We’re going to get through this and we’re going to have to go for a great season next fall.”

The 55-year-old coach said he wasn’t even aware he had a growth when he saw his dentist late last month in Cleveland for a routine cleaning. After the growth was removed, a biopsy diagnosed it as non-Hodgkins lymphoma.

The coach said his first two-hour session last week, and will have between three and six more UNC Hospitals at Chapel Hill, at two-week intervals.

Sutton swims to 28th place in 10k at world championships

Melbourne — Chloe Sutton emerged from the water a trembling, teary mess, wondering what happened to her goggles. Angela Maurer buried her head in a coach’s chest, knowing what it must have felt like to go 12 rounds with Mike Tyson in his prime.

Well, just another day of open water swimming.

Russia’s Larisa Lichenco claimed her second gold medal of the world championships Tuesday, winning a sprint to the finish with British up-and-comer Cassandra Patten in the 10-kilometer race.

Then again, no one really looked like a winner when it was over. They staggered onto dry land, just glad to have survived 6.2 miles of cool waters, rough tactics and all those nasty creatures lurking beneath the surface of Port Phillip Bay.

UEcker stalker asked to leave spring training game

Milwaukee — A woman once charged with stalking announcer Bob Uecker was asked to leave a Milwaukee Brewers spring training game.

The baseball team notified the Phoenix police that Ann E. Ladd was at Monday’s game. Police Sgt. Joel Tranter said Tuesday. A restraining order issued in September bars Ladd from games. Uecker is announcing and requires her to stay at least 500 feet away from him.

Uecker was not announcing the Brewers’ game against the Mets. The Brewers would not say whether he was at the ballpark in Phoenix when asked, Tranter said.

“She was peaceful and had a ticket to the game,” he said. “We were asked to escort her away. She’s no longer welcome back.”

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Baton Rouge, La. — The NBA center Glen "Big Baby" Davis is moving on to the next stage of his basketball life.

The 6-foot-9, 290-pound junior said Tuesday he will skip his senior year to enter the NBA draft.

"After my toughest year, I now feel I am physically and mentally ready for the NBA," Davis said at a news conference. "In my mind and in my heart, I felt that it was time for me to move on."

He has signed with agent John Hamilton of Performance Sports Management but will remain enrolled at LSU for the end of the semester. The NBA's predraft camp is May 28-June 5 in Orlando, Fla., and Davis expects to be there.

Davis averaged 17.7 points and 10.4 rebounds this season, missing several games late in the year because of a strained quadriceps. He is the only LSU player other than Shaquelle O'Neal with career totals surpassing 1,500 points, 900 rebounds and 100 blocks.

Davis was an AP second team All-America selection during the 2005-06 season, when LSU went to the Final Four.

"Last year, the team had great success. I was part of only four LSU teams to make it to the Final Four," Davis said. "I decided to stay and hoped to build on that this year. Unfortunately that didn't happen."

Coach John Brady said he advised Davis to turn pro unless he was fully committed to returning to LSU for his senior year. The coach said Davis is going to base his decision purely on projections about how high he will go in the draft.

"I told him two weeks ago that he needs to go where his heart moves him to go, not where someone tells him he'll go (in the draft)." Brady said. "I told him he had three years at LSU. I watched him grow. ... He'll do well."

Davis said he's been told he could be selected anywhere from the middle of the first round to early in the second. First-round picks get guaranteed three-year contracts. Second-rounders do not, and many get cut in training camp. In rare cases, however, being picked in the second round can be a financial boon to players who perform well since they can enter the league under shorter contracts and become free agents sooner.

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Law restores order for title-contending A&M

**Guard leads Aggies from cellar to Sweet 16**

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — Moments after Texas A&M defeated Louisville to reach the regional semifinals, Acie Law was crying with joy. Aggies coach Billy Gillispie walked up to his star point guard and said, "Didn't you believe me?"

When Gillispie took over at A&M three years ago, he told Law the Aggies were going to win sooner than anyone expected.

A victory over Memphis (32-3) in San Antonio on Thursday will send the Aggies (32-6) to their first regional final, a step no one saw coming after A&M went 0-16 in the Big 12 in 2003-04. Least of all Law, a freshman that season.

He was skeptical of Gillispie’s vision and initially had second thoughts when the new coach implemented workouts that resembled boot camp. But Law stuck it out, and ultimately realized his demanding coach was right.

"This season is something he promised me," the 6-foot-3 senior said.

Along the way, Law understood that Gillispie had a plan for him, too — to make him the cornerstone of a resurgent team.

Law is a finalist for the Wooden and Naismith awards, given to college basketball’s best player. He led the Aggies in scoring, assists and steals this season, but he gets no special favors from Gillispie.

"I like the fact that he treats me like one of the guys and he doesn’t make it easy for me," Law said. "He believes that even though I’m getting all this attention, that I can go further. You feel good inside when you play for a person who believes in you and continues to push you to get better."

Law has taken Gillispie’s tough love and produced all year, especially late in close games. A player from Penn, the team A&M ousted in the first round, called him "Captain Clutch."

Law averaged 6.9 points in the last four minutes of Big 12 games. He sank a 3-pointer and two free throws in the last 24 seconds of A&M’s 69-66 win at Kansas on Feb. 3. Three weeks later, Law hit a 3-pointer to force overtime and another to force double overtime in a 98-96 loss at Texas.

"He’s developed a great talent," Gillispie said. "People ask how guys perform like that in the clutch. First of all, you have to be a really good player to do it time and time again. A bad or mediocre player might do it once, but not over and over."

"A guy like Acie, you have to be very talented and you have to have great confidence. He has both of those things."

Melvin Watkins, Gillispie’s predecessor at A&M, said that when Law played for Kimball High School in Dallas, he already had a natural feel for the game.

"He had a calming presence whenever he had the ball," said Watkins, who resigned after the Aggies went 7-21 in 2003-04. "But you also had the feeling that when he had the ball, something special might be about to happen."

"He could make plays you can’t teach," said Watkins, now a Missouri assistant. "If you could, you’d teach all your kids to make those."

Gillispie immediately saw Law’s talent, but he wanted him to be more vocal. Now, Law’s voice is often the loudest in huddles.

"I made him the point guard," Gillispie said. "I’ve got a point guard and said, ‘I can’t get rattled or show that I’m kind of scared or panicking because everybody looks up to me. If I show that leadership, if I show that I’m not afraid, then the team will be at ease and we should be fine."

The Aggies have been following his lead well before he started drawing national recognition.

"We see it every day in practice," junior forward Joseph Jones said. "Right now, everything is just clicking for him and he’s going great. And because of that, everything’s going great for us."
Tough test awaits Tigers in Sweet 16 matchup

Soft schedule boosted Memphis to win streak

Associated Press

MEMPHIS — A 24-game winning streak hasn't convinced everyone that Memphis is a legitimate national championship contender.

After all, the second-seeded Tigers didn't get much of a challenge from their Conference USA rivals, none of which made the NCAA tournament. Counting North Texas and Nevada, the two teams Memphis beat to get to the South Regional semifinals, the Tigers have defeated five teams that made the NCAA's field of 65.

It's safe to say that Thursday's game in San Antonio against Texas A&M will be the Tigers' toughest test in months. And Memphis could be without leading scorer Chris Douglas-Roberts, who is nursing a sprained left ankle. Coach John Calipari said he wasn't positive Douglas-Roberts would play.

"But I think he will," Calipari said after his weekly radio show Monday before a packed house of Tiger fans at a Memphis restaurant.

Decked out in Tiger blue T-shirts and caps, the fans cheered Calipari to a standing ovation as he arrived for the show held in a strip of taverns and restaurants just off the university campus.

Douglas-Roberts missed the last eight minutes of Sunday's game, but the Tigers dominated down the stretch without him, shutting out Nevada for more than six minutes.

"Let's hope that Chris is healthy. If he's not, we'll figure it out and we'll play without him," Calipari said. "Let's go in with one thing in mind. We're going after people."

Memphis (22-3) is powered by its pressure defense and transition offense. Depth is also a strength. The Tigers have nine players who average at least 10 minutes per game and seven who are over 20. Douglas-Roberts averages 15.4 points per game, but Jeremy Hunt (13.6), Robert Dozier (9.8), Joey Dorsey (8.7) and Antonio Anderson (8.0) can all contribute offensively.

The Tigers ran roughshod over C-USA teams such as East Carolina, Marshall and Rice, on their way to regular season and conference tournament championships.

"They did what they were supposed to do, as far as playing against mediocre talent," said Memphis fan David Harp, one of the faithful out to salute Calipari. "They won big."

This is the second season since Conference USA bid farewell to powerful teams such as Louisville, Cincinnati and Marquette, all of which were scrapped up by the Big East.

But Calipari said the league is getting better.

"Our league is stronger. Maybe we're just better. Nobody think of that?" he said. "Maybe we're better than we were a year ago. I don't know."

The Tigers' other big wins were against Kentucky and Gonzaga, neither of which survived the first weekend of the tournament. Meanwhile, the Aggies (27-6) went 13-3 in the much tougher Big 12 conference, with signature wins over Kansas and Texas. They're the No. 3 seed, but the odds makers have made them a three-point favorite.

Calipari said such talk doesn't interest him, either.

"Any game we lose from here on out will be because of our league. That's what everybody will say, so it doesn't matter," Calipari said.

A year ago, Memphis had a No. 1 seed but lost to UCLA 50-45 in the regional finals. The Tigers haven't been to the Final Four since 1985, back when the school was still known as Memphis State.

But Memphis fans are ready for a return, hoping the Tigers can stretch their winning streak out four more games.

"We're in the Sweet 16. That's what everybody will tell you. We're ready," longtime fan Carolyn Bridges said.
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Syracuse received huge offensive contributions from senior Ashley Pike (five goals) and junior Bridget Looney (four goals.) The Orange outshot the Irish 37-24 for the game.

"After that loss, we're really trying to control the tempo and get out to a faster start against Ohio State" Coyne said.

The Buckeyes enter the game after a strong defensive performance Sunday against Davidson. Ohio State defeated the Wildcats 8-4 and was in control the entire game.

The Irish will look to slow down Buckeye junior Kristin Slahor, a midfielder who leads the team in assists. Junior attack Jessica Patane leads Ohio State in points and will likely draw the focus of the Notre Dame defense most of the game.

"It's a rivalry that goes back a long way, and it's always an important game to us," Coyne said. "Today was a good game." Notre Dame junior goalkeeper Joey Kemp said. "We made it a point to win every ground ball. We did not do this in the previous games that we lost."

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those frames but allowed the Vikings to stay in the game. In the third, the Irish had the bases loaded with one out, having already plated one. But junior designated hitter Ross Brezovsky, who had already knocked in a run, rapped into a 4-6-3 double play to end the threat.

The Irish also wasted chances to put the game out of reach in the fourth and fifth, failing to score after putting the leadoff man on base in each inning. But the Irish pitching staff held on to the early lead, scattering eight hits and getting out of the few jams they encountered. Junior Joey Williamson struck out three and surrendered one run in two innings after coming on to relieve Maust.

Senior Jess Stewart and sophomore Kyle Weiland also worked an inning in relief. Weiland, who closed out 16 games last season, recorded his first save of this campaign.

"Our pitching's going to feel more relaxed after getting its first win at Eck Stadium this season," Irish coach Dave Schrage said. "We had some of the first game jitters, but our defense and relief pitching rallied as we played excellent chemistry, racking up five wins against the competition. The other teams of the Sunshine State. Stevenson said McDavitt's work ethic and leadership embodies the team. "Kelly is one of the hardest working players that I have coached. She will set the tone each match for the rest of the team." Stevenson said. "She will also be looked upon to provide leadership both on and off the court."
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playing with enough energy." Tar Heels' point guard LaToya Pringle felt the comeback had a lot to do with her coach. "The time out that [Coach Hatchell] called really made a difference. She said we wasn't playing hard," Pringle said. "We buckled down and did what we had to do on the offensive end." On that run, North Carolina forced the Irish post players into foul trouble, as center Melissa D'Amico committed her fourth personal foul with center Erica Williamson already sitting on three.

Notre Dame's centers weren't the only Irish players in foul trouble down the stretch. Although both teams were called for 13 fouls in the first half, the Irish were called for 11 fouls in the second. Three Irish players finished with four fouls (D'Amico, Williamson and Gaines) while guard Melissa Lechlitner finished with three.

The Tar Heels used the foul discrepancy to their advantage in the second half, capitalizing on the bonus free throws to extend the final lead.

Notre Dame seemed poised for another run after Allen used a high screen on the left wing to sink a 3-pointer with 1:17 to play that cut the lead to three. But a Gaines foul on Tar Heels point guard Ivory Latta stopped the Irish momentum and extended the lead back to two possessions at 54-49.

"I always feel confident in my team," Allen said. "I knew even though we were down, I knew we’d come back and make a run. Unfortunately we didn’t come out on top."

On that night, Notre Dame’s defense focused on shutting down Latta. "Our only problem (with the box-and-one) was the fouls," McGraw said. "Three-point game with just over a minute, and we gave [Latta] two free throws, and she’s a great free throw shooter."

The Irish were then forced to foul as the game slowly ended, sending North Carolina back to the line six more times — where they failed to miss — in the final 30 seconds.

Allen was the lone bright spot for Notre Dame against the Tar Heels. The junior finished with 21 points on 7-of-16 shooting with four rebounds. Allen was the only Irish player in double figures despite being guarded by the Tar Heels’ best defender — forward Camille Parker — all night.

"Allen is an incredible player," Hatchell said. "She’s just a really, really tough player — very intelligent, got great skills, makes great reads."

Although it fell short in the end, Notre Dame started out the second half with a 10-2 run in the opening 6:45 minutes to gain a 38-31 lead. Post play proved important for the Irish as D’Amico and forward Crystal Erwin led the charge. Williamson added to the effort by grabbing offensive rebounds and forcing the Tar Heels to foul her inside.

"I thought we executed our game plan almost to perfection," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I’m really proud of the effort and the focus, the intensity."

The Irish ran effectively with the Tar Heels for the first half and went into the locker room down only one point. The Irish fell behind by four early in the game — the largest lead for either team — but Breena Gray rejuvenated the Irish offense with a three from the corner to bring the score to 6-5.

The teams traded leads eight times in the first half, mostly behind their inside play.

Notre Dame was mostly able to keep the game close against North Carolina with its defense.

The Irish not only did a good job preventing North Carolina from taking foul shots — the Heels only shot 40 percent from the floor in the first half — they also grabbed key defensive rebounds to prevent the Tar Heels from going on sustained runs to extend their lead.

Even though Notre Dame’s season is now over, McGraw is content with her team’s performance this year.

“We had a great year. We overachieved, and we’re disappointed that we weren’t able to finish this game,” she said. "When we look back on this year, we will be really pleased and proud of what this team has accomplished."

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Carolina blues

15-0 run sparks Tar Heels to close victory

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — Leading 41-33 in the second half, Notre Dame seemed in control of its second-round game over North Carolina — but the Tar Heels had other ideas. North Carolina refused to go down quietly, going on a 15-0 run to give it a 48-41 lead with 6:30 to play.

By the time Irish guard Taya Reimer regained her composure, the game was out of reach for Notre Dame. The Fighting Irish fell 60-51 in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

North Carolina coach Sylvia Hatchell credited the explosive run with a defensive change when she placed guard Alex Miller in charge of defending the Irish point guards.

"I just kept telling my players to keep encouraging one another. We just seemed to keep encouraging one another," Hatchell said. "We were not to win a lot of ballgames." 

Addison, meanwhile, had just one hit in his first 15 at-bats of the season before going 2-for-4 with a double and two RBIs Tuesday. 

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Danny Dressman and a breakdown game by freshman right fielder Brayden Ashdown gave Notre Dame enough offense to earn the win, allowing just one earned run on six hits.

"It feels really good to get your first win at home out of the way," said Maust, who was the first Irish freshman to start a home opener for the team since 2003. "Hopefully, we can start a winning streak."

Despite squandering several opportunities to break the game open early, the continued hot hitting of senior center fielder Dannady Dressman and a breakdown game by freshman right fielder Brayden Ashdown gave Norte Dame enough offense to earn the win.

Dressman, who was named to the Big East Weekly Honor Roll, went 2-for-4 with an RBI, giving him 13 hits in his last 24 at-bats.

"Hitting's contagious," Dressman said. "If we can do it early and sustain it, we're going to win a lot of ballgames."

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The Irish (5-2) will face the Buckeyes (3-1) after playing four matches away from home, with three coming in the snowy northeast.

"We're so glad to be coming back home after all the problems we had on the road," Notre Dame coach Tracy Coyne said.

On more than one occasion the Irish had games rescheduled due to inclement weather and at an earlier stage that forced the team to arrive just before game time. Before the team's last game at Syracuse, goallie Erin Goodman's equipment was misplaced, and the sophomore was forced to play the game with borrowed gear.

Over the break the Irish went 2-1, taking crucial games over Canisius and Yale before dropping their Big East opener Sunday to Syracuse.

After falling behind early 4-0 to the Orange, the Irish rallied to cut the halftime deficit to 7-6. Notre Dame tied the game at 13 with just over 10 minutes remaining, but failed to score while yielding three goals in the last stretch of the match.

Irish junior attack Caitlin McKinney tallied four goals and two assists in the loss, and sophomore attack Jillian Byers continued her three goals. Senior attack Megan Murphy also had her strongest offensive performance of the season with three goals.

Irish center Melissa D'Amico, right, tries to steal the ball from North Carolina forward Rashanda McCants during Notre Dame's 60-51 loss Tuesday in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

Irish middlefielder Michael Podgajny turns upfield in Notre Dame's 11-3 win Thursday over Bellarmine.