Mass for Virginia Tech provides consolation, hope

Students, community members fill Basilica

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

Only a week after Easter, the Notre Dame community once again "finds [itself] at the foot of the Cross," said Father Pete McCormick during his homily at a memorial Mass for the Virginia Tech community Tuesday night at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

“We always have the Cross in our life, but we do not grieve without hope,” said McCormick, the assistant rector of Dillon Hall, who was just ordained on Saturday. The Mass, presided over by Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman, was organized Monday after news of the 33-person massacre at Virginia Tech broke. Students were informed of the Mass by an urgent IrishLink email from Poorman late Monday.

The Basilica was packed to a standing room only capacity, with the entire rear lobby of the church completely full. The Mass drew more people than last fall’s 9/11 five-year

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Leaders consider responses to tragedy

By SONIA RAO
News Writer

In light of the Virginia Tech shooting tragedy Monday, student body president Liz Brown asked members of the Council of Representatives (COR) for input Tuesday on how the Notre Dame student body could show its support to the campus located in Blacksburg, Va.

"Immediately after this happened, I saw student body vice president Mario [Braun] and started talking about what we should send as a student body," Brown said. "We just want to get as many signatures of support as possible to send in one package. We could also have blank cards at those sites that people could write messages on.

Braun said she looked on Virginia Tech’s Web site and saw the school was observing National Maroon and Gold Day.

"I think that it would be a really cool thing if we could get Notre Dame students to observe this day sometime next week or something... maybe notify them through COR," Brown said.

South Bend eyes role in Olympics

By ROHAN ANAND
News Writer

With Chicago aiming to play host to the 2016 summer Olympics, city leaders of South Bend have pondered appropri­ate roles they could play to enhance Chicago’s plans to win the international bidding war — though Notre Dame’s contribution to the effort remains uncertain.

The official application for host city is due to the International Olympic commit­tee in September, and the IOC will announce its decision in October 2009. Until then, said Greg Ayers, executive director of the South Bend/Mishawaka

Africa Week celebrates cultural past, future goals

Events focus on both problems, positives

By JENN METZ
News Writer

Notre Dame and the Congregation of Holy Cross have long histories with the African continent — and this week’s Africa Week events are intended to both reflect on these histories and look toward the future.

The week features events including an African Mass, a panel dis­cussion on microfinance in Africa, a Theology on Tap about the Church in Africa, a lecture by the deputy ambassador of Ghana to the U.S. and a commemoration of the Rwandan genocide — along with several oppor­tunities to enjoy African food, dance and music.

Africa Week is designed to offer a more positive view of the continent as one that is changing and developing, and to also raise awareness of its cur­rent problems.

"Certainly, Africa has more than its fair share of struggles," said Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative Director Father Bob Dowd. "However, the media often reports only the bad news out of Africa, and this often

Panel examines microfinance in Africa

By JOHN-Paul WITT
News Writer

Microfinance is one of the most promising ways to help the developing world, said panelists at Tuesday’s "Microfinance in Africa" presentation.

Students filled a class­room in DeBartolo Hall for the discussion, which con­tinued the work of "Africa Week" with an examination of strategies used to help poor Africans start their own businesses.

Microfinance entails pro­viding loans in amounts as little as $50 to the working poor in Africa to enable them to take advantage of otherwise impossible busi­ness opportunities, said professor Frank Belafi of the Mendoza College of Business, who was joined on the panel by several business students.

While microfinance has been practiced since the 1970s, the award of this year’s Nobel Peace Prize to Muhammad Yunus, who founded a bank to provide loans to impoverished resi­dents of Bangladesh, has spurred more interest in the concept from the corpo­rate world.

"What got Yunus excited was the capacity to help the poor with loans — now," said Panel/issue 4
INSIDE COLUMN
Reflections on VT

They say God is everywhere, in the sands and in the churches and in war and in peace. So I want to think God was there in that French class at Virginia Tech, when students were still tired and blinking from not getting enough sleep the night before. Allison Ambrose, probably wishing it was still the weekend and replaying stories of their drunk friends in their heads — maybe planning who they would go to lunch with that day or when they would go running that afternoon.

"I'm sure God was there in the seconds before the first shots rang out. Maybe some teachers joked around and tried to keep their students' tears from running down their faces. I have no idea what it was like to keep going in the midst of a mass murder. To do what they did, that I wouldn't be able to do.

I know beyond the shadow of a doubt that God was there as the Holocaust survivor who blocked the way into his classroom with his body and was thus killed as his terrified students leaped out the windows, and also when a student had the presence of mind to prevent twelve more deaths by shoving a table against the classroom door.

But then Cho lined up and executed the students and teachers. He entered classroom after classroom. He knew exactly what he was doing and must have considered his mission accomplished as he turned the gun around on himself. And then I start to wonder about God.

There's plenty to be said about the Virginia Tech's lack of response after the first attack, and I did think that Notre Dame would act faster and more efficiently. I would want ND to swarming the campus, classes canceled, dorms locked down — more, certainly, than an e-mail.

I want to think that rampamp and South Bend police would be coming Downtown all day long, that my rector would come to my room to make sure I was safe and that I could call home to reassure my mother that I wouldn't be coming home early this year in a long wooden box.

I don't want to picture prayer services in the Basilika and at the Grotto, packed with students whose tears run down their faces as they shine in the candlelight. I never want to see the Bong swept away or the headline "MASSACRE" running across the top of the New York Times. I haven't wanted to numbly wander downstairs to the chapel to pray with other mourning students. I don't want to read the thoughts and unbound reports to re-read a list of people whose faces I'd be attending next week. I can't imagine my life screaming to a halt like that. But I can't imagine that God wouldn't be there, too.

I want to think that I'd have the strength to keep going after my classmates were gunned down, albeit with a terribly sad, tired, and heavy feeling of pain. I don't think the things in Cho's head, the last emotions of the victims and the dread bubbling up in the hearts of the parents who received calls from Virginia Tech administrators yesterday, I have no idea what it would be like.

But, damn — I can't ask for anything more than to be left in that kind of oblivion.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Allison Ambrose at ambrose@nd.edu

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SUMMER OLYMPICS SPORT?

Matt Casanova, junior, Keenan
"Pole vaulting. They go high.

Kelly Doneley, sophomore, Breen-Phillips
"Equestrian. I'm from Kentucky.

Kelly Kanavy, freshman, Lyons
"Gymnastics, because I did gymnastics for a long time.

Louise Eich, freshman, Lyons
"Swimming. Michael Phelps is the man!"

Morgan Schultz, sophomore, Howard
"Gymnastics. It's just fascinating to watch them, and I did it for seven years."

Andrew Masak, sophomore, Dillon
"Ultimate Frisbee. I love those flying discs and torn ACLs."

Students gather outside LaFortune Tuesday afternoon while firefighters investigate a fire alarm that went off inside the building at approximately 3 p.m.

OFFBEAT
Law hinders police in word library case
NEENAH, Wis. — A law protecting library records' confidentiality has ham­pering officials pursuing a man who reportedly mastur­bated among the books at the Neenah Public Library earlier this month. City Attorney James Godlewski said the library can't turn a surveillance video of the man over to police without a court order.

"That is state law," Godlewski said Monday. "The library is merely fol­lowing what state law says." The Wisconsin attorney general's office said in a Nov. 27 opinion that library surveil­lance videos fall under the state's public library records confidentiality law. The law prevents libraries from releasing records that indicate a library user's iden­tity, anything about someone's life or safety as at risk.

NYC couple complete 2,500-mile cab ride
PHOENIX — A retired New York couple who hailed a taxi for their 2,500-mile move to northern Arizona arrived with their two cats at their destination on Monday.

Neither Besty nor Bob Main drive and they wanted to spare their cats, Pretty Face and Cleopatra, a trip on an airplane to their retire­ment home about 90 miles north of Phoenix. They left the couple's Queens neighborhood April 10 in Douglas Goldstein's canary-colored Ford SUV and traveled about 10 hours a day for a $3,000 flat rate plus gas, meals and lodging. The SUV is a hybrid­ electric vehicle, which helped lessen the cost of fuel.

"I'm pretty tired, for my wife especially," said Bob Tamas, 72, a former audio and video engineer for advertising agencies. "We're happy that we are. We're happy and that's it."

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IN BRIEF

As part of the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, CSC Lectures on Ethics and Public Policy, former under-secretary-general of the United Nations Shashi Tharoor will speak about "The Future of the United Nations" today at 12:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

Notre Dame women's softball will play Ball State today at 5 p.m. at Avy Field. Admission is free.

The ROTC Parade and Ceremony: Presidential Pass in Review will take place today at 5:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center fieldhouse. Cadets and midship­men of Notre Dame's ROTC pro­grams will participate in a for­mal ceremony of precision drilling, awards to top cadets and midshipman and a parade in honor of University officials and Commanding Officers.

University President Father John Jenkins will award this year's winning branch the Notre Dame Commander's Cup.

The Ballroom Dance Club will host "Merengue with Ramzi Balian" today from 8 to 10:30 p.m. at 205 Rocke. Dancers of all skill levels are invited. Beginners are asked to come from 8 to 9, social dancing from 9 to 9:30 and advanced from 9:30 to 10:30. The cost is $4 for the night or $35 for the semester. The club is open to all Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students, faculty and staff.

"The Shirt" will be unveiled at 6 p.m. Friday at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed infor­mation about an event to ohnews@nd.edu
Author faces ‘life without ED’
Lecture focuses on the road to recovering from an eating disorder

By MANDI STIRONE
News Writer

Singer, songwriter and author of “Life Without ED” Jenni Schaefer spoke to Saint Mary’s students about her experience with an eating disorder Tuesday night in the Stapleton Lounge of LeMans Hall.

“After going through years and years and years of eating disorder, I actually love my body today,” she said.

She explained that an “ideal body weight” is not a specific number, but the weight at which a person is strong, energetic and able to live a healthy life.

Schaefer told how her therapist had her view her eating disorder as an abusive relationship with a person named Ed, standing for “Eating Disorder.” She said this method helped her isolate the self-destructive thoughts of her eating disorder from the other underlying issues.

Schaefer said that her eating disorder started very early, showing the audience her dance costume from when she was four, and telling them that at the time, she thought she was fat. She also pointed to Barbie dolls and the media in general as contributors to her problem, but was careful to say that she doesn’t hate the media.

She also explained how her disorder progressed over the years. She hit a whole new level of her eating disorder in high school because she became a perfectionist. By doing so, she didn’t have any fun or friends, she said.

She became clinically anorexic when she got to Texas A & M because Ed convinced her to lose 15 pounds before she gained the “Freshman 15,” she said.

Schaefer did not hit rock bottom until after college when she moved to Nashville, Tenn., she said. While there she finally realized that she had a problem and was able to tell her boyfriend at the time.

When she finally got help, it was an uphill battle, she explained. She learned intuitive eating, where food is neither good nor bad.

“Being bad is not cheesecake,” she said. “Stealing from a grocery store is bad.”

Jenni Schaefer, author and singer

She said the average recovery for an eating dis­order takes five to seven years, and it is not uncommon at all for people to relapse.

“Thats why I’m here, because it gets better, completely better, full recovery,” Schaefer said.

She then handed out some pamphlets and indi­cated a table in the entrance­way that had information on support groups, contact information for help and general information on eating disorders.

“I believe if you never, never give up you will make it,” she said.

Schaefer ended with a song she wrote entitled “Life without Ed” and took questions from the audience before beginning a small group discussion.

The presentation was sponsored by the Residence Hall Association (RHA), the Counseling Center, the Inn at Saint Mary’s and the Freedom Revolution.

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE
Group awards $500 to SMC Dance Marathon

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Saint Mary’s Board of Governance (BOG) members voted for a $500 co-sponsorship for the College’s upcoming Dance Marathon at their meeting Monday night, before new student body president Kim Hodges discussed what she expects of BOG in the upcoming year.

Dance Marathon entertainment co-chairs Anne Cusak and Catherine Wagner asked for the donation from BOG to help finance the “blow-up” activities available for dancers.

“We think it’s important, it’s going to get everybody pumped up to have a good night,” Wagner said.

“We’re almost doubling the number of dancers,” Cusak said. “The co-sponsorship will affect probably about 300 Saint Mary’s students.”

After approving the co-sponsorship, executive secretary Annie Fowlkes motioned to give a $500 donation from BOG that will go straight to Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis, Ind., which the board passed.

Hodges began her first executive report by announcing the election of Cate Cetta to be the student trustee for the 2007-08 school year.

Cetta, a junior political science and history double major, was the off-campus commissioner for BOG — a position junior Val Petkovska will take over while Hodges and student body vice president will appoint someone to fill the campus club commissioner position.

Hodges also announced that she wants all of BOG to actively participate in the meetings throughout the coming year.

“I’ve heard rumors that people don’t attend because they don’t have to report,” Hodges said. “We’re here for the policy making of the college. We can’t pass pol­icies, and we can’t communicate about what’s pertinent to the college if everyone is not here.”

In other BOG news:

− Technology commissioner Erin Scott said Regina Hall and McClainless Hall will have wireless by the beginning of the next school year, according to Chief Information Officer Keith Fowlkes. Due to complications installing wireless, LeMans Hall and Holy Cross Hall will not have wireless installed until after the other two forms.

− The 2007 Madeleva Lecture will take place Thursday. This year’s topic will be “The Subversive Power of Love: The Vision of Henriette DeLille M.” presented by Boston College theolo­gy professor Shawn Copeland.

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The Observer is now accepting applications for
Controller, Web Designer and Systems Manager for
2007-08.

The Controller position, which provides great accounting experience, is open to rising juniors. It is a two-year position; the 2007-08 Controller will become the 2008-09 Business Manager.

The Web Designer position is open to any student with advanced scripting skills. Systems Manager applicants should be highly adept at computer troubleshooting.

Please contact Maddie Hanna at 631-4542 or mhanna1@nd.edu if interested.
Author calls Enron a 'human tragedy'

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

Although the collapse of the Enron Corporation seems like just a story about numbers, it is more about the people who manipulated the system. According to Bethany McLean, a Fortune Magazine reporter and the author of "The Smartest Guys in the Room: The Amazing Rise and Scandalous Fall of Enron," Enron was "about the people who went wrong, and your life is on the line, the fact that someone told you to do it isn't going to be any help whatsoever," she said.

McLean told the story of her investigative reporting into Enron, a company that fell from selling stock at $85 a share in early 2001 to bankruptcy in December of that year. By the end of the year after further investigation came to light, massive corporate fraud had been revealed. When she started looking into the company, McLean said, it was an "in-stock"—nearly every stock analyst was telling investors to invest in Enron. On the surface, Enron was a great story, she said. It was accounting the way business was done. Fortune magazine—the magazine she worked for—had even proclaimed it "America's Most Innovative Company" for six consecutive years.

"Something wasn't right and your life is on the line, the fact that someone told you to do it isn't going to be any help whatsoever," she said.

McLean reported a story told to her by a former Enron executive. He told her he needed to use a corporate credit card to pay for gas. He said that he had called the bank for these cash advances and was told that all three banks that provided the cash to Enron were "out of cash"—unethical, he said.

However, Africans who need small amounts of money, such as $500, will "pay anything for it later on," and "aren't bothered by high interest rates," Kempf said. But, he said, "Interest rates are coming down."

Not all students have been able to practice microfinance as easily. Calculo encountered a manager engaged in "illegal" practices in the microfinance institute he worked for in Uganda last summer.

"The manager said he was having trouble paying for his rent, so he took another job illegally and was brought to the [institute] by police," Kempf said. Upon learning of the illegal activities, Kempf said, Calculo became involved with microfinance on its own.

Kempf is an officer of the Student International Business Council and has coordinator of Notre Dame's microfinance programs in Ghana to help_residents there.

Kempf credits his inspiration for microfinance to time spent with Notre Dame's student organizations looking to bring ND into the microfinance industry. He said, "We discovered that there's a bank's window in the village that had $1,000 borrowers and $30,000 in capital." Kempf said that these cashes led to Enron downfall. They turned Enron into a company with a culture of self-deception where excess spending was allowed, she said.

"They were basically a manager doing in a culture of self-deception where excess spending was allowed, she said.

Kevin repeated a story told to her by a former Enron executive. He told her he needed to use a corporate credit card to pay for gas. He said that he had called the bank for these cash advances and was told that all three banks that provided the cash to Enron were "out of cash"—unethical, he said.

But, McLean said, this was a culture of "reporting profits, not actually making money."

"They basically stole from the future until there was nothing left," she said.

The lecture was sponsored by the O'Brien-Smith Financial Programming Program.

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Japanese mayor killed by gang chief

Ito was born in Nagasaki just two weeks after World War II. Japanese mayor killed by gang chief he compensate him after his car was damaged at a public works construction site. The shooting was rare in a country where handguns are strictly banned and only five politicians are known to have been killed since World War II. It was the second attack in the last 20 years against a mayor of Nagasaki, whose leaders have actively campaigned against militarism.

Sudan to let peacekeepers in Darfur

N Yam. Sudan — Sudan’s surprise decision to allow 3,000 U.N. peacekeepers into Darfur was due to pressure from the U.S. and Khartoum’s top ally, China. But questions remain whether Sudan will honor the deal and whether major countries will step forward with enough troops. The Sudanese government agreed Monday after five months of sealing to accept the deployment of the peacekeepers, along with six U.N. attack helicopters, to help 7.5 million troops to try to halt the violence in the desert region. It’s a major step toward coping with a humanitarian crisis that has claimed more than 200,000 lives and forced 2.5 million people from their homes since 2003.

New Jersey gov. injured in car crash

TRENTON — The sport utility vehicle carrying Gov. Jon S. Corzine was traveling about 91 mph moments before it crashed, the superintendent of state police said Tuesday. The governor was critically injured when the vehicle crashed into a guardrail on the Garden State Parkway in the middle of campus where 33 people, including the suspected gunman, died in shootings the day before.

Speaking to a solemn crowd in the basketball arena, packed with students and others, many weeping, Governor Corzine, speaking of those who were injured, said, “I’m happy for you. I’m happy for the day post.” Of those who are who are in pain or who have lost someone close to you, I’m sure you can call on any one of you and have help and support that you need it.

The memorial service was scheduled for a spontaneous school chant of “Let’s Go Hokies!” the university, which was view of him standing atop a statue VT — a symbol of him standing atop a pillar of rubble in New York, on the Oprah Winfrey Show, as he railed the nation after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. In 1995. President Clinton went to Ohio and was later viewed as the key factor in reviving his presidency and helping him win election.

President Bush, with Virginia Gov. Timothy Kaine, First Lady Laura Bush, and Kaine’s wife, Deborah, signed a memorial on campus today for victims of the Virginia Tech massacre.

Nations criticize U.S. ‘gun culture’

WASHINGTON — The Virginia Tech shootings sparked criticism of U.S. gun control laws around the world Tuesday. Editorialists have lashed out at the availability of weapons, and the leader of Australia’s largest city — one of America’s closest allies — declared that America’s gun culture was costing lives.

South Korea’s Foreign Ministry said “we would not "sit up racial prejudice or confrontation." While some focused blame only on the gunman, world opinion over U.S. gun laws was almost unanimous: Access to weapons increases the probability of shootings. There was no sympathy for the view that mere guns would have saved lives by enabling students to shoot the assailant.

We took action to limit the availability of guns and we showed a national resolve that the gun culture that is such a negative in the United States would never become a negative in our country," said Australian Prime Minister John Howard, who staked his political career on promoting tough gun laws after a gunman went on one of the world’s deadliest killing sprees 11 years ago.

The tragedy in a Tasmanian tourist resort left 35 people dead. Aferward, Australia’s gun laws were changed to prohibit automatic weapons and handguns and toughen licensing and storage restrictions.

Handguns are also banned in Britain — a prohibition that forces even the country’s Olympic pistol shooting team from practicing on its own soil. In Sweden, civilians can acquire firearm permits only if they have a hunting license or are members of a shooting club and have no criminal record. In Italy, people must have a valid reason for wanting one. Firearms are forbidden for private Chinese citizens.
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gives people without a direct experience of Africa an overall negative image of the continent."

Abeda Giwa, a member of the African Student Association, said she believes "not only does the entire country have a misconception of Africa. They picture it as a continent in which to show the good, positive side of the continent, a different side as opposed to what is seen on the network." Changing the misconception

Like Giwa, Dowd said it is important to realize there is more to Africa than its problems.

"While taking the problems that Africa faces seriously because they are our problems also, Africa Week provides the Notre Dame community with a chance to appreciate the importance of Africa and African achievements, simply through presentation and exposure," said Tunde Disu, president of the African Student Association. In order to stimulate appreciation, the groups who put together Africa Week, including the African Student Association, the Africa Women's History, Faith and Justice Network — must first promote awareness.

Africa Week is meant to highlight different issues pertaining to Africa, including political and social facts in Africa. A representative from Chicago said he traveled to Uganda earlier this week. The University's focus on the continent was born out of a faith that Africa is a big continent, its cultures are different. "...people think of Africa, they think of forests, animals, but the whole continent is not like that. I hope that we can get rid of that misconception."";

Dr. Burt Namanja said Ghana and Africa as a continent stand in terms of its community to the United States. While he was involved in some of the planning of Tuesday's panel on microfinance in Africa. She has also helped coordinate the Gulu Walk to raise awareness about conflict in northern Uganda and a discussion panel on the genocide in Darfur. A member of the Student Advising Council for the Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative, Steele also attributes a great deal of the strength of the continent.

"Africa Week provides the Notre Dame community with a chance to appreciate the value of Africa and African achievements."'

Father Bob Dowd, director Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative, said he has "definitely noticed a greater interest in Africa." "Notre Dame students can do a lot of good in Africa, there's so much that we can do," he said. "I really believe that the more we are exposed to and interact with African culture, the fuller our own lives will be. It's wonderful that so many organizations have come together to make this week happen," she said. "It's a great example of how different groups of people can unite to celebrate a beautiful continent." Contact Jens Metz at jmetz@nd.edu

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Seattle paper to transition into tabloid

Associated Press

SEATTLE — An agreement settling a four-year legal dispute between The Seattle Times and Hearst Corp. includes provisions that would allow Hearst's Seattle Post-Intelligencer to become, at its option, a tabloid according to terms made public Tuesday.

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anniversary Mass. The congregation was made up largely of students, although many members of the outside community were also present. Some students came straight from the library, carrying their backpacks, while many dressed nicely for the service. Following the Mass, many students visited the Grotto to pray and reflect on the massacre.

In his homily, McCormick emphasized the powerful emotions many Americans have felt in the past few days in response to the tragedy at Virginia Tech.

"We have been overwhelmed with thoughts and emotions. ... We are shocked, we are fearful, and we are angered," he said.

Mc Cormick also underlined the similarities between the Notre Dame and Virginia Tech communities.

"We've heard the stories of students, staff and professors who died, and we realized that their goals and ambitions are not that different from our own," he said. Because of these similarities, McCormick said he believes the Notre Dame and Virginia Tech communities are "of one thought and mind." Like those at Virginia Tech's candlelight vigil Tuesday night, the members of the Notre Dame community worshiping at the Basilica and praying at the Grotto "gathered to pray for the lost souls and for peace in their hearts, and in our own," he said.

The Mass was meant to represent the concern for the spiritual unity of all humankind.

"When one part of the human community suffers, we all suffer," McCormick said.

Mc Cormick said he believes members of the Notre Dame community can take strength in the Holy Spirit after Monday's tragedy, which was the largest mass shooting in U.S. history.

"The Holy Spirit allows us to move from a state of fear to faith," McCormick said. "We may be fearful, but it is faith, not fear, that transforms and heals our wounds."

While Monday's events were undoubtedly tragic, McCormick stressed the ability to overcome disaster and increase spiritual strength.

"It is only for us now to find how even the Cross can be borne as a gift," he said to close his homily.

The message of the Mass was not one of depression, but more a hopeful state of solidarity with fellow humans.

"We must be a community with hope to bring. There is no failure that the Lord cannot reverse," McCormick said.

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advertisement in The Observer, sending an e-mail out or whatever," she said. In other COR news, members suggested that the student body observe a moment of silence sometime next week, either at a designated location or just during first minute of class at a certain time.

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Brown asked COR members for input on the faculty-student contemporary debate series that is in the works for next year. "It's tentatively looking like we're going to do about five or six of these debates," she said. "It's going to be a faculty and student team debating another faculty-student team about contemporary issues." Brown said the Notre Dame Concrete plans for selecting who students and faculty members will participate, but Brown said she has already received e-mails from interested students and will likely field applications.

The group debated the choice of topics for the debates, and Brown said the goal would be to "steer away from polarizing, highly-charged political issues."

"The idea of immigration is a good one because there's not a right or wrong answer," she said.

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Convention and Visitors Bureau, South Bend is wasting no time in forming new ideas to Chicago's bid committee.

"Right now, we're identifying the right people to help Chicago compete internationally to host the Olympics," he said. "So, over the next few days, our task will be to discuss appropriate roles we could play in helping Chicago's bid."

Ayers said the two resources South Bend could provide to the Olympic Games would be training facilities for the athletes and tourist sites for the spectators.

"Suppose that a team needs to find a last-minute venue to practice for the competition," he said. "Our thoughts are that some of our venues can be utilized to help these athletes. By pointing these things out, we can show the city of Chicago that we can serve as responsible partners for them."

Ayers said one site that would be potentially useful is for the canoe and kayak events in the East Race waterway just off downtown. East Race was the first artificial whitewater-racing course built in North America. And since it is owned by the city of South Bend and managed by the Parks and Recreation Department, the U.S. Olympic Committee would be familiar with the site as a reliable venue.

Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White also has a connection to the Chicago bid in his role as director of the Chicago 2016 steering committee. But whether Notre Dame facilities could be used to help the bid is uncertain at this point.

"The extent of White's involvement has been a couple of Chicago fundraising events," senior associate athletic director John Heisler said in an e-mail Tuesday to The Observer. "There have not been any specific conversations relative to the use of any Notre Dame facilities in a junction with the games."

Still, Ayers said he thinks the attractiveness of Notre Dame's renowned campus will help the Chicago bid, as far as tourism is concerned. This, in addition to the College Football Hall of Fame and the Studebaker National Museum, would draw spectators from Chicago who have extra time in between events.

"It would certainly generate the local economy. We might determine if foul play was involved.

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Associated Press

MANILA — Philippine authori­ ties on Monday assured the public they believe to be that of a missing American Peace Corps volunteer in a northern mountain town where she disappeared during a hike last week, an army general said.

Maj. Gen. Rodrigo Mlarang told The Associated Press that a body matching the description of Julia Campbell, 40, from Fairfax, Va., was found buried with one foot protruding from the ground near the village of Badian. It was not clear whether she had been buried by someone or if she was covered by debris during a fall.

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Experts analyze antidepressants

**CHICAGO — Authors of a new comprehensive analysis of anti­depressants for children and teenagers say the benefits of treatment trump the small risk of increasing some patients’ chances of having suicidal thoughts and behaviors.**

The risk they found is lower than the one the Food and Drug Administration identified in 2004, the year the agency warned the public about the drugs’ risks in children. After the warning, U.S. youth suicides increased and some mental health experts said reluctance to try antidepressants might be to blame.

The new analysis includes data from seven studies that were not part of the previous FDA analysis, including two large pediatric depression trials that were unavailable three years ago.

Researchers analyzed data on 6,310 children and teenagers from 27 studies. They found that for every 100 kids treated with antidepressants, about one additional child experienced worsening suicidal feelings above what would have happened without drug treatment. In contrast, the FDA analysis found an added risk affecting about two in 100 patients.

There were no suicides in any of the studies. The antidepressants included Prozac, Paxil, Zoloft, Celexa, Lexapro, Effexor, Serzone and Remeron.

"The medications are safe and effective and should be considered as an important part of treatment," said co-author Dr. David Brent of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. "The benefits seem favorable compared to the small risk of suicidal thoughts and behavior.

Antidepressants worked best when used to treat anxiety, the analysis found. They worked moderately well treating obsessive-compulsive disorders. They worked less well, but were still effective in treating depression.

Adolescents responded better than children to treatment for depression and anxiety, the researchers found. They also found that only Prozac worked better than dummy pills in depressed children younger than 12.

In the studies involving depression, 61 percent of patients improved while on antidepressants. But 50 percent of depressed patients taking dummy pills also improved.

Among patients with obsessive-compulsive disorders, 52 percent improved on antidepressants, compared to 32 percent who improved on dummy pills.

And in the studies of anxiety disorders, 69 percent improved on antidepressants and 39 percent improved on dummy pills.

Effectiveness of the drugs was measured in the studies using widely accepted rating scales. The analysis appears in Wednesday’s Journal of the American Medical Association.

Dr. John March, chief of child and adolescent psychiatry at Duke University Medical Center, welcomed the study as "the most comprehensive analysis of the data yet put together." He said the suicidal behavior risk, although lower than found by the FDA, demands that doctors and families watch for warning signs.

"You can’t treat kids with these drugs without taking this information into account," said March, who was not involved in the study, but does similar research. "You can’t say, ‘Take these and call me in six weeks.’ You have to monitor carefully the benefits and adverse events.

The study didn’t measure the effects of talk therapy, March pointed out. He said cognitive behavioral therapy, paired with antidepressants can lower suicide risk and speed up recovery for depressed youth.

The study was supported by grants from the National Institute of Mental Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

For his resignation and turnover of his department into turmoil, his long-awaited testimony on the matter was postponed from Tuesday to Thursday this week because of the Virginia Tech murders.

In the interim, Democrats have kept up the pressure. Conyers’ committee announced this week that they want to talk to Mary Beth Buchanan, the U.S. attorney in Pittsburg.

Her name came up during a private interview by House and Senate investigators with Kyle Sampson, Gonzales’ one-time chief of staff. Sampson told the investigators over the weekend that Buchanan was one of the senior Justice Department officials he consulted on which U.S. attorneys should be asked to resign, according to a senior Democratic aide who said he was served a transcript of the interview.

The aide requested anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue. At the time, Buchanan was also serving as director of the office that oversees U.S. attorneys.

Buchanan refused to comment.

House Democrats focused Tuesday on Gonzales’ testimony. Gonzales’ former counsel and White House liaison quizzed Buchanan about his Fifth Amendment right against self incrimination. She and her lawyer have said any testimony could amount to a perjury trap.

**Attorney general’s aide may receive immunity**

**WASHINGTON — Monica Goodling, once Attorney General Alberto Gonzales’ White House liaison, would be granted immunity from prosecution and forced to testify under a plan being considered by a House panel probing the firing of federal prosecutors.**

House Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers said Tuesday that Goodling, who has refused to testify, has much to contribute to the investigation.

"I am hopeful we can approve immunity so we can schedule her to testify as soon as possible and begin to clear up the many inconsistencies and gaps surrounding this matter," said Conyers, D-Mich.

"She’s at the nexus of the relationship between the White House and the Justice Department," added Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.

The committee vote, scheduled for Wednesday, is part of an effort by Democrats to find out why the Bush administration dismissed eight of the nation’s 93 federal prosecutors.

Democrats question whether the administration singled out some of those fired in an effort to interfere with corruption cases in ways that might help Republicans.

No evidence has surfaced to support allegations of wrongdoing, but Gonzales’ shifting explanations have led to calls for his resignation and thrown his department into turmoil.
Campus Tech student’s shooting rampage Tuesday, a day after a Virginia Wednesday, April 18, Virginia, school amid reports that a man...  

School threats follow VT massacre

Associated Press
AUSTIN, Texas — Campus threats forced lock-downs and evacuations at universities and grade schools in seven states on Tuesday, a day after a Virginia Tech student’s shooting rampage killed 33 people.

One threat in Louisiana directly mentioned the massacre in Virginia, while others were reports of suspicious activity in Texas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, North Dakota, South Dakota and Michigan.

In Louisiana, parents picked up hundreds of students from Beganah’s high school and middle school amid reports that a man had been arrested Tuesday morning for threatening a mass killing in a note that alluded to the massacre in Oklahoma, and that alluded to the Virginia shootings in Virginia.

Schools Superintendent Jerry Payne said both schools were evacuated for almost two hours Tuesday morning in response to the shots fired at Virginia Tech.

"If you think that was bad, then you haven't seen anything yet," he said.

In Rapid City, S.D., schools were locked down after receiving reports of a man with a gun in a parking lot at Central High. No shots were fired and no injuries were reported, police said. The high school students were taken to the nearby Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, where parents were allowed to pick up their children.

In Austin, authorities evacuated buildings at St. Edward’s University after a threatening note was found, a school official said.

Police secured the campus perimeter and were searching the buildings. St. Edward’s University spokesperson Michelle Amador said she declined to say where the note was found and said its contents were “non-specific.”

Amador said the university’s reaction was not influenced by Monday’s attack at Virginia Tech.

“Nothing whatsoever is threatening to our students, our faculty, our staff, the entire university community,” she said.

Seven North Dakota State University buildings were evacuated after a duffel bag was found outside a bus shelter in the main part of the campus. NDSU spokesman Dave Walberg said the shootings in Virginia reinforced the need to “err on the side of safety.”

In Bloomfield Hills, Mich., police attributed a 30-minute lock-down at the exclusive Cranbrook Schools complex in response to a jerry nerves following the Virginia shootings.

School officials called police after parents and students reported spotting a 6-foot-tall man in a skillet, high heeled, lipstick and a blond wig near a school drop-off area outside Cranbrook’s Kingswood Upper School. Lt. Paul Myszenski said police were unable to find anyone meeting the man’s description.

At the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, officials ordered three campus administration buildings evacuated for almost two hours Tuesday morning in response to a telephone bomb threat. The city’s bomb squad searched the buildings but found nothing, campus spokesman Chuck Cantrell said.

Cantrell said there was no reason to believe the bogus threat was related to the shootings at Virginia Tech, but “we just chose to err on the side of caution today.”

The other, at the University of Oklahoma, had started with a report of a man spotted on campus carrying a suspicious object, officials said.

The man was carrying an umbrella, not a weapon, and he later identified himself to authorities, University of Oklahoma President David Boren said in a statement. Boren initially said the person was believed to be carrying a yoga mat.

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This weekend marks the 78th annual Blue-Gold Game weekend. An out­ standing tradition that has grown from an alumni versus varsity team game into a highly publicized spring scrim­ mage, the 2007 Blue-Gold Game will surely not disappoint. But for many, this weekend entails so much more than a mere football scrimmage. So when you prepare to cheer on the Irish be sure to take note of other happenings on the field as well as throughout cam­ pus. I’ve supplied you with a list of my top 10 favorites to help you out.

10. The Return of Tailgating. For most of us, it’s been almost five months since our last tailgating experience. I don’t know about you, but I can hardly wait to break out the grill and bags set aside during exam and vacation periods.

9. The Shirt Unveiling. The dress code for the 2007 football season will be introduced this Friday. With the success of the “Tradition” shirt last year, may we once again be next fall’s t-shirt color, or will The Shirt Committee opt for a different color to add to our ever-increasing Irish wardrobe?

8. The Fans. What other college football team can brag about tens of thou­ sands of fans coming to watch a spring practice? Alumni, parents, family and friends will come from all corners of the country to watch their favorite team and take part in one of Notre Dame’s greatest traditions.

7. The Team. The Blue-Gold game allows for a unique opportunity for the entire football team to display their tal­ ents. Everyone from the SportsCenter­ gracing all stars to the hardworking walk-on will have a chance to strut their stuff in The Stadium.

6. PigFest. The biggest party of the year ... and the closest thing to Greek Life a Notre Dame student will ever see. Complete with 800 kegs, two pigs and one naked freshman swimmer, PigFest is a spring tailgating tradition that is sure to please.

5. The Four-Man Quarterback Race. With rumors rumbling about who will replace Brady Quinn, be the first to see who will take the field dressed in red.

4. Bookstore Basketball. With the championship game only a week away, the largest outdoor five-on-five basketball tournament will be in full effect this weekend with teams fighting for the top spot. Will it be "I Can’t Believe We’re So Ruthless" and "Four Gentles and a Jew" in the championship game? The answer is only a few games away.

3. The New Leprechaun. After highly anticipated, public try-outs, the Leprechaun for the upcoming athletic year will be out on the field cheering on the Irish. Complete with red hair and a green suit, Matt Phipps will undoubtedly carry on the esteemed Leprechaun tradition with great suc­ cess.

2. Ara and Lou. College football coaching legends Ara Parseghian and Lou Holtz will be on the sidelines this Saturday alongside Charlie Weis coaching the Blue and Gold — a dream come true for diehard Irish fans.

1. Game. While many students will choose to chew on pork rather than watch a scrimmage, the Blue-Gold game should not be missed. As a dress rehearsal for the upcoming football season, the Blue-Gold game gives spectators a chance to watch their favorite players as they give us a sneak peak of what’s in store for next fall. And if you are anything like me, you are suffering from football with­ drawal and cannot wait to get back in the stadium. So put on your new shirt, tailgate with family and friends and be sure to support your two favorite teams as they battle it out in the Stadium this Saturday.

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LettErs to the editor

Harsh criticism of Law School unmerited

Displaying the rhetorical skills that will make him a very successful litigator and betraying his claim that his legal education is a "joke," my classmate Jim Paulino crafted a very powerful, and very misleading, image of what attend­ ing Notre Dame Law School is like ("Law students, despite their years, are still immature," April 17). In his zeal to denigrate the institu­tion which has so aptly prepared him for the future, he misunderstands the purpose of the curriculum at a national law school; he also misrepresents the partic­ ular emphasis and mission of Notre Dame, and misrepresents the teaching abilities of the stellar faculty at our school.

Paulino complains of the lack of "practicality" at the law school. Setting aside his self-contradiction on this point, I note the practical emphasis and policy tensions running throughout. Armed with a solid theoretical understanding of various legal doctrines and the legal underpinnings and policy tensions of the law, students go on after graduation to learn the state-spe­ cific law they need to pass the bar exam in their chosen state of practice.

If Paulino wanted his three years of legal education to be an "institutional waste" he could have chosen one of the nation's fine regional or local law schools, which traditionally teach the black-letter law of the state in which they sit, eschewing larger theoretical and policy discussions. I am sorry to hear Paulino regrets his choice; I am certain he is in the minority in doing so.

Second, Paulino suggests the law school emphasizes its Catholic image at the expense of offering a quality legal education. As a non-Catholic, I find his suggestion laughable to the point of absurdity. He seems to regard the exis­ tence of a course on canon law as an affront to his learning, even though he was entirely free to avoid this elective class. He also refers to Jurisprudence and Ethics II as "joke" classes that are a "waste" of his time and money. While these classes are required, they are nei­ ther a waste nor a joke, except to the extent that students fail to take them seriously. Jurisprudence offers the opportunity for students to acquire legal knowledge in context as it relates to the world, and helps us to understand the nature of the profession. As law students we are about to enter and the intellectu­ al foundation of the tools we have just been given. Ethics II provides a moment each week for reflections on real-world dilemmas that we will soon have to face in our careers — in fact, Ethics II is one of the most "practical" courses in the curriculum.

While I do not disagree with calls for greater transparency and communica­tion from the law school administration, not one of us can claim ignorance as to the unpopular, but important, debate on the curric­ luum. To the extent Paulino considers such examination to be a "joke," I submit­ to him that Paulino may only be three years ago in choosing where to go to law school.

Third, and most egregiously, Paulino extends his smearing of his soon-to-be alma mater by suggesting that "a lot" of the professors there "can't teach," and further suggesting that many professors are retained because they help the school's "Catholic image" despite having nothing to offer students. Having taken classes from some 23 faculty members, I have yet to meet the profes­sor that meets Paulino's partial depic­tion. Many of the best professors are Catholic; many are not. Some of those who do not accept professors are Catholic; some are not. There is simply no correlation between Catholicism and teaching abili­ ty, as Paulino would have us believe.

More to the point, the faculty is on balance one of the finest assemblies of teachers from which I have had the privilege of learning. Of all the areas of our course of study, mention where the law school could use some improvement — and there many — faculty quality is not one of them. As the law school shows in its "Joke Law School" series, it has several professors who are rising stars both within and outside the law school. Notre Dame's Supreme Court clerks who are widely popular among students and recognized as outstanding teachers. More senior faculty are nationally known as estab­ lished leaders in their field. And if some of our most brilliant and eccentric facul­ ty have difficulty making themselves understood to today's students, I think that reflects more on the unwillingness of today's students to put in the work to take advantage of resources at the dis­ posal than it does on anyone's ability to teach.

In sum, I wish it to be known that the school that Paulino describes is not the one I attended the past three years. Notre Dame offered me, and I readily accepted, exactly the nationally­ based, theoretical and foundational legal education I expected to receive; additional focus and reflection on the questions of ethics, morals and justice that I was unlikely to get at most other law schools; and an array of brilliant, accomplished professors as eager to teach me in my first year as I was to learn from them. I agree with Paulino that there are certain problems of respon­ siveness and communication within the law school that need to be addressed. There my agreement ends.

Brian E. Foster
third-year law student
April 17

Lives lost to wasted cause in Iraq

Mary Daly asks "Where has the respect for human life gone?" ("Lives lost in Iraq anything but wasted," April 17) in response to the notion that those who have died in Iraq are not worthy of our respect because they are military personnel. What she omits from her analysis is that many of all who have died in Iraq are military personnel. The war is a war — and not because we aren't honoring those who died, but because they are no longer alive. Every life taken in this war is a life that could not be saved, because without the war, they would still be alive. So, Mary, if you're wondering where our respect for the dead lies in the fact that we wish these soldiers were still alive, and that we want no more of them to die. Declaring their lives as wasted is not an insult — it is a measure of how much we wish they hadn't been sent to die for a worthless war.

We realize that striking a balance between honoring the sacrifice of those who died and criticizing those who sent them to die is difficult. The real tragedy and waste lies in that these soldiers, willing to die for the noblest of ideals, were sent to war that has such ignoble effects, including the death of countless Iraqis, and the diver­ sion of needed funds away from our own Gulf Coast. Beyond the waste of resources and countless deaths, the term "waste" also applies to the fact that our brave sol­ diers, who serve our country for certain ideals and values, are sent by their govern­ ment to risk their lives in a war that under­ mines and devalues those very values they uphold, and for which they decided to serve their country.

We believe in liberty, equality and democ­ racy. We also believe that none of these realities can be based on a foundation of violence and occupation. The war is suc­ ceeding only in sappling our ideals with a reality that is destroying those who fight for them — and this is the greatest waste.

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T-shirts raise awareness, limit funds

I am writing in response to an IRISHLINK Interserve e-mail that I received from the "Millennium Development Goals (MDG) Task Force" of the Center for Social Concerns and Student Government soliciting the purchase of a T-shirt in honor of Malaria Free Africa Day, Wednesday April 25th. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Center for Disease Control informs us that 41 percent of the world's population live in areas where malaria is transmitted (e.g., parts of Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Central and South America, Hispaniola and Oceania). Each year 350-500 mil­ lion cases of malaria occur worldwide, and over one million people die, most of them young children in sub-Saharan Africa. The impera­ tive of reducing the catastrophic impact of this disease, which has been eradicated in this country since the 1950s, is unsalable.

However, I would like to reflect on a campus culture that attempts with the best of intentions to promote a socially-conscious agenda by reinforcing the unconscious behaviour of consumption. Insecticide-treated bed nets decreased the mortality of children aged 1-11 months in western Kenya in 1997-1999. How many more of these beds would the $10 invest­ ment if part of those funds were not being used to defray the cost of the purportedly "free" t-shirt.

Although I do not know directly where and under what labor condi­ tions the Malaria Awareness Day T­shirts were produced, I do know that cotton accounts for 25 percent of the world's insecticides and eleven percent of global pesticide sales. Cotton is the most toxic crop grown on the planet, a toxicity haz­ ardous to more than just mosqui­ toes. Certainly, I applaud the implicit intent of the T-shirts to raise money for a cause, but I question whether this is the best application.

There have been many T-shirt campaigns on campus since my time here; many of which have been inspired by the orange "Gay? Fine by me!" success. The issue of campus acceptance of all sexual orientations is one relating directly to the campus community, and as such that one lends itself well to a T-shirt campaign. Issues such as malaria, which are about garner­ ing resources for a charitable cause, is an effort on another continent rather than publicly lauding the self for donating to an anti-malaria cause, are perhaps better served by alter­ natives for raising awareness. But, I question whether this is the best application.

Steve Thomas
graduate student
April 17
One of the defining moments in the charmed life of Vincent Chase, budding Hollywood superstar and the fictional centerpiece of HBO's "Entourage," takes place, appropriately, in a darkened movie theatre. Seated incongruously in the back row of a packed auditorium, Chase (Adrian Grenier) nervously fidgets and wonders how his fans are taking in "Aquaman," the movie playing on screen. This is his first crack at a summer blockbuster and with "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" and "Titanic" dominating the box office, he unbuttons his suit while racing to stop an incoming tidal wave. But at the last second, as he does a death-defying leap off the edge of the pier, he is seized by the soundtrack. An usher tries to quiet the grumbling audience, blaming the malfunction on rolling blackouts and溃s from the audience, blaming the malfunction on rolling blackouts and the rise of the theatre.

"Entourage," the show's first crack at a summer blockbuster, is a triumph. With "Titanic" and "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" dominating the box office, "Aquaman" is a welcome distraction. And while it's nice to be able to catch up with the Chase crew before HBO airs the second half of the season, it shamefully doubles the cost of each episode.

Fortunately, HBO is a little more generous with the special features here than in the paltry excuse for "bonus material" from the second season set. Aside from a breezy promotional piece for the Vegas episode, "Entourage" photographers take in the atmosphere on set. Aside from a breezy promotional piece for the Vegas episode, "Entourage" photographers take in the atmosphere on set. Unfortunately, HBO's choice to release the third season on DVD in two parts reeks of a money-grubbing ploy. It's a tactic they used to split up the sixth and final season of "The Sopranos." And while it's nice to be able to watch the show from the comfort of their own living room, it is a little more expensive than usual.

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What makes "Entourage" so awesome? Although its storylines are nowhere near as serious and detailed as the longstanding arcs of "The Sopranos" (HBO's flagship series), "Entourage" actually does have overarching plots and a sequential structure, unlike sitcoms and other single episode-focused comedies such as "The Office." However, the real fun of "Entourage" lies in watching Vince and Company roll around Hollywood in shiny expensive cars, work out multi-million dollar film deals and create comedy along the way.

"Entourage" is sort of the male equivalent to college girls reading magazines such as "People" and "Cosmopolitan." It's a total indulgence in the glitter and glamour of Hollywood celebrity pop culture. Except that unlike the tabloid trash of magazines such as "People," "Entourage" is an art imitating life creating art — a comedy about a fictional movie star and his pals, set in real-world Hollywood.

And what makes it all work is the characters. The movie star of "Entourage" is Vincent Chase (played by Adrian Grenier), who never goes anywhere without his posse: Eric (Kevin Dillon) and Turtle (Jerry Ferrara). As a tight-knit group they are one of the main comedic relief.

Vince's manager, calls Vince's posse "The Lost Boys," which sums up the whole package. Four best friends who refuse to grow up, have never put in an honest day's work in their lives and have no plans on doing so.

Whether it's house-shopping for Hollywood mansions, winning and dining at Southern California's finest restaurants or chasing skirts around town, the men of "Entourage" spend their nights holding glasses of champagne and their days sleeping, waking around and trying to find ways to entertain themselves. Which, given their ridiculous amounts of free time and cash, is a recipe for both trouble and hilarious moments. In other words, the meaningless pursuits that young men spend their time on.

Part of "Entourage" appeal to college guys is that everyone has a group of friends that more or less resembles the show's characters. Everyone has a friend like Vince, a pretty boy who spends quality time, leave-in conditioner and hair gel making sure his hair looks just right before going out.

Likewise, everyone wishes that E was his best friend — a loyal and protective bad who's got his back. Everyone knows someone like Johnny Drama with an over-inflated ego and delusions of grandeur.

And everyone also has a friend like Turtle, who's short, irresistible to pick on and exists mainly for group comedic relief.

"Entourage" is a combination of any time you've sat around your dorm room with your buddies and thought, "If I had a million dollars..." or "Wouldn't it be awesome if..." rolled together and cut into half-hour segments. From Vince and his posse trucking around town in an H2 Hummer to bitting up Las Vegas en masse, "Entourage" is a show about living the life.

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**Movie Review**

Disne;y's ‘Robinsons’ soaring to screen success

By ERIN MCGINN
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"Meet the Robinsons," Walt Disney Animation's final pre-Pixar purchase and computer-generated cartoon closes with a nod to the past, attributing the central motif of the film — "keep moving forward" — to Walt Disney himself. It's a nice, nostalgic touch marking the studio's new era under John Lasseter, the former head of Pixar, and an apt deus ex machina plot. Despite a relatively simple story line about an orphan in search of a family, the rather complex machinations keep pushing the narrative ahead so as to not allow too much time to dwell on the how or why.

The film is loosely based on the picture book "A Day with Wilbur Robinson" by William Joyce and directed by first-timer Stephen J. Anderson. While "Meet the Robinsons" doesn’t quite reach the high standard of excellence established by such Pixar classics as "Toy Story" or "The Incredibles," it still offers a great deal of heart and is an overall enjoyable film.

The protagonist of the film is a young boy adopted Lewis (Jordan Fry), an orphan living in Queens, where his mother fled to escape a gangster and a drug dealer in the plot. Despite his comparatively simple story line, the film manages to capture the irreverency of his insouciant spirit of that independent New York sound and captures the essence of Lewis's musical style and passion for the music of his childhood.

The two famously — in the underground New York scene — formed and produced two punk EPs under the name "The Finger" and released a CD compilation titled "We're Here Before You." This collaboration is evident in "Gutter" on such tracks as "Little Star." Embodying the main theme of the album, Malin and Adams paint a world of misunderstood ideas, which creates hope for deliverance and happiness in the years to come. The chorus of the song "Little Star," with lyrics such as "Misunderstood / Like Robin Hood / and Peter Pan / redemption" can be trite, it is undeniable that Malin and Adams share a common vision. Especially since music fans are so used to hearing about their life story, it is refreshing to hear them offer unique perspectives on the story of their lives and the music change with the times.

The mania only increases in the third act, when the filmmakers must somehow wrap the story up while addressing the consequences of the characters' inter­traveling antics. It's difficult to elaborate without giving too much away, but the developments stretch the bounds of believability, even for a cartoon. Particularly upsetting is the fate of Lewis' basketball-loving roommate Goob, among the most endearing of animated characters, whose dark under-eye circles are presumably caused by sleep deprivation — but also suggest such other potential orphanhood troubles.

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**CD Review**

Malin’s album takes him from 'Gutter' to 'Glitter'

By JAMES COSTA
Staff Writer

Even after the demise of famed New York City rock club CBGB last October, the spirit of that independent New York sound that emanated from the Village and beyond in the heyday of the late 70s and early 90s lives on in the music of semi­nal singer-songwriter Jesse Malin. Malin, who recently released "Glitter in the Gutter" on Green Day front man Billie Joe Armstrong’s Adeline Records, has constructed an album that has garnered signif­icant notice for its roll call of big name cameos as well as its roll call of big name production. Malin has recruited a group of musicians converging in lower Manhattan to find some inspiration and direction as their lives and music change with the times.

The most surprising appearances on the record is Bruce Springsteen on the hulking "Broken Radio." A touching tribute to Malin's mother, the song breaks away from most of the record's hard rock tracks and delivers a soft piano reminiscence of a world now gone though still alive in Malin's memories. Providing per­fect balance to Malin's youthful voice, Springsteen supplies a gorgeously rugged and aged perspective to the song. Malin brings Ryan Adams, his close friend and often collaborator, to provide guitars and backing vocals on four tracks. The two famously — in the underground New York scene — formed and produced two punk EPs under the name "The Finger" and released a CD compilation titled "We're Here Before You." This collaboration is evident in "Gutter" on such tracks as "Little Star." Embodying the main theme of the album, Malin and Adams paint a world of misunderstood ideas, which creates hope for deliverance and happiness in the years to come. The chorus of the song "Little Star," with lyrics such as "Misunderstood / Like Robin Hood / and Peter Pan / redemption" can be trite, it is undeniable that Malin and Adams share a common vision. Especially since music fans are so used to hearing about their life story, it is refreshing to hear them offer unique perspectives on the story of their lives and the music change with the times.

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Soul Searching (2006)
Directed by Michael Eaton
and Timothy Eaton
NR, 60 minutes
Video Presentation
Wed, Apr 18 at 7 pm

Walking on the Wild Side (2006)
Director HAN JIE will be present for discussion
ON THE EDGE: NEW INDEPENDENT CINEMA FROM CHINA
Directed by Han Jie
NR, 89 minutes
Mandarin language
with English subtitles
Thu, Apr 19 at 5 pm

Unknown Pleasures (2002)
ON THE EDGE: NEW INDEPENDENT CINEMA FROM CHINA
Directed by Jia Zhangke
NR, 113 minutes
Mandarin and English language
with English subtitles
35mm print
Thu, Apr 19 at 8:30 pm

The Silent Holy Stones (2005)
Director WANMA CAIDAN will be present for discussion
ON THE EDGE: NEW INDEPENDENT CINEMA FROM CHINA
Directed by Wanma Caidan
NR, 102 minutes
Tibetan language with English subtitles
35mm print
Fri, Apr 20 at 7 pm

The Orphan of Anyang (2001)
Director WANG CHAO will be present for discussion
ON THE EDGE: NEW INDEPENDENT CINEMA FROM CHINA
Directed by Wang Chao
NR, 84 minutes
Mandarin language with English subtitles
35mm print
Fri, Apr 20 at 10 pm

Director LI YANG will be present for discussion
ON THE EDGE: NEW INDEPENDENT CINEMA FROM CHINA
Directed by Li Yang
NR, 92 minutes
Mandarin language with English subtitles
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Blum’s clutch hit leads Padres over Cubs in 14

Pirates defeat struggling Cardinals behind combined four-hitter; Red Sox fall to Blue Jays despite strong Dick-K start

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Geoff Blum stepped to the plate in the 14th inning and delivered another big hit.

This time, the stakes were a little lower. It was a regular-season game — not the World Series. And the winning shot stayed in the ballpark.

Blum doubled in the go-ahead run to lead the San Diego Padres over the Chicago Cubs 4-3 in 14 innings Tuesday.

"Cardinals I wasn’t going to repeat the World Series thing, but with that wind like that," he said.

That “World Series thing” happened in 2005, when Blum hit the go-ahead solo homer in the 14th inning of Game 3 for the Chicago White Sox.

"Luckily, I just found a hole," he said. "Right place at the right time. You wait that long and good things happen."

Khalil Greene led off the 14th with a double to the right-field corner against Will Ohman (0-1), and with one out, Blum sent a shot to left that Jacque Jones let slip by him.

Ohman then retired Rob Bowen on a fly to center and pinch-hitter Jake Peavy on a pop to second. But it was another rough outing for the left-han-

der.

He allowed a three-run homer to Marcus Giles in Monday’s 12-4 win, and he walked in two runs in a 6-5 loss to Cincinnati last week.

"It’s the law of averages," Ohman said. "Two, three has ones in a row — it’ll even out.”

He said Blum hit a "great pitch" — a slider down and away. Not that it lessened Ohman’s frustration.

"Would you get frustrated if you lost? It’s frustrating," he said.

Blum’s hit made a winner of Trevor Hoffman (1-0), who struck out four and allowed one hit in two scoreless innings. Trevor Hoffman pitched the 14th for his third save in as many chances.

Chicago’s Daryle Ward hit a bloop double to center with one out in the bottom of the 14th, but Hoffman got Jones on a fly-out and struck out Ronny Cedeno.

"This team has shown a great deal of resiliency so far, early in the year, the ability to hang in there," Padres manager Bud Black said. "The pitching keeps us close and we get some hitting at the end of the game." San Diego loaded the bases in the ninth but failed to score, and two big defensive plays

stopped them in the 10th and 12th.

Blum’s runners on first and sec-

ond in the 10th, Brian Giles sin-
gled to center off Rob Howry. But Hoffman got a four-bagger out of league lead batter for the Cubs — swung in and threw a strike on the fly to catcher Michael Barrett, beating Russell Branyan by a couple of feet. Mike Cameron ended the threat by grounding out.

And with a runner on second in the 12th, second baseman Tadahito Iguchi began to sprint toward Marcus Giles’ liner for an out.

Greg Maddux allowed three runs and six hits in five innings in his first start against the Cubs since they traded him to the Los Angeles Dodgers at the deadline last July. He walked one, did not strike out a batter, but was unable to protect his 1-3 lead.

Pirates 6, Cardinals 1

The Cardinals looked more like the team that beat them last World Series championships.

Tom Gorzelanny and Matt Clement combined on a four-hitter and Adam LaRoche hit a three-run homer in a victory over St. Louis on Tuesday that gave the Pittsburgh Pirates a two-game sweep.

"They’re the big dogs in our division, and it’s good to get on top of them," Gorzelanny said. "It’s exciting that I have gotten off to this kind of start." 

So Taguchi doubled with one out in the ninth and Pugols walked, Capps came in and struck out Scott Rolen and Preston Wilson.

In his first game at Busch Stadium since striking out the Tigers’ Brandon Inge for the last out of the World Series, Adam Wainwright (1-1) gave up five runs — four earned — and six hits in eight innings. He has allowed 11 earned runs in 17 2-3 innings against the Pirates, a 5.60 ERA.

"I threw a lot of pitches over the plate, just had bad pitches," Wainwright said. "I’m really trying to get tied of all the media folks that it wasn’t good because I feel like I’ve been doing that a lot lately. So results-wise, it finally caught up to me.

Red Sox 2, Blue Jays 1

Daisuke Matsuzaka allowed four hits and six walks in 14 innings Tuesday, but the Boston Red Sox lost.

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Matsuzaka (1-2) retired his first eight batters and Willy Mo Pena’s third-inning homer gave him a lead, but Lyle Overbay’s single tied the score in the ninth.

Jason Fraser, taking over as closer while B.J. Ryan is side-
nlined by a sprained elbow, got four outs for his first save since Sept. 20, 2005, against Seattle. He retired David Ortiz on a groundout to end the ninth with a runner on, then pitched a 1-2-3 ninth.

Manny Ramirez lined out, and Kevin Youkils and Kevin Lowell grounded out.

Matsuzaka allowed just three hits and six walks in 14 innings Wednesday, giving up 2 runs from 2.57 to 2.70. He struck out 10 for the second time in three starts — having double-digit strikeouts twice in his first three major league starts against Los Angeles, Dodgers’ Fernando Valenzuela in 1981.

Henderson (2-0) retired one run and six hits in 23 2-3 innings, and Casey Janssen got three outs before Fraser came in.

Matsuzaka’s Toronto debut, combined with a 2-0 Canadian ticket promotion, helped draw a crowd of 42,162, Toronto’s biggest since opening day.

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In Brief

High school recruiting viola-
tions go to Supreme Court

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. — The U.S. Supreme Court gets the case again Wednesday: Did a Tennessee high school's football power violate recruiting rules or simply exercise free speech?

The 10-year-old dispute pits Brentwood Academy, a wealthy private school in suburban Nashville, against the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association, the state body governing high school sports.

Brentwood Academy won a letter inviting 12 eighth-graders to attend spring football practice in 1997. The students' parents already had signed contracts and paid deposits to attend the high school.

But the athletic association said the letter violated rules against recruiting high school players, and it penalized the school with a $3,000 fine and four years probation. School officials unsuccessfully appealed twice before suing.

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Belles swept by Thunder

By BECKY SLINGER
Sport Writer

Tri-State pitchers limited the Belles — who are third in the MIAA for batting average (.335) — to 10 hits and three runs in Tuesday’s doubleheader, leading the Thunder to sweep Saint Mary’s 9-1 and 3-2.

After disappointing conference play, freshman second baseman Maureen Healy said the team is still struggling to find its rhythm.

“We hit fine our first game today — it’s just a matter of stringing those hits together. I think we’re just missing that one little thing,” Healy said. “Once we find [our rhythm] I think we’ll be all right.”

In the first game, sophomore pitcher Calli Davison struggled against the Thunder’s powerful hitting, allowing 11 hits in five innings. Belles senior shortstop Sarah Miscle scored one run on designated hitter Laura Helin’s single to center.

The Thunder drove in four runs in the third inning and three runs in the fourth. In the last inning of the game, Thunder senior shortstop Rainbow Bednarzki scored to end the game 9-1 in five innings.

The Belles nearly made up for their lack of offense in the first game by narrowly losing to the Thunder 3-2 in the second contests and stretching the game to all seven innings.

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Belles second baseman

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“The momentum was on our side versus the first game when we couldn’t catch up. The second game we were in it more, it was a lot more competitive.”

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The score stood at 2-2 until the fifth when Tri-State sophomore Sallie Richardson scored on a wild pitch to give the Thunder the lead for good.

In the seventh, the Belles had a chance for a comeback. Rashid singled, and then sophomore Cathy Kurczak reached second on an error, advancing Rashid to third. In the next three at-bats, the Belles were unable to get another hit and left the runners stranded on second and third, ending the game 3-2.

Tri-State (21-5) is now 5-1 in the MIAA. The Belles (14-6, 1-5 MIAA) are still second from the top in the Mid-Central Conference (No. 8 in the nation). The Belles will next face Goshen College (No. 8 in the Mid-Central Conference) in Goshen, Ind., Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

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Ninth-in-the-club's history, Notre Dame's sixth-ranked team ventured to Louisville, Ky., this past week for the volleyball national championships, where the top-50 Division I teams in the country competed. With their highest final ranking — ninth — in the club's history, the Irish raised expectations to make a deep run in this year's tournament.

The Irish opened pool play against the Naval Academy. Despite Navy's top-notch defense, the high-powered offense of Notre Dame proved to be too much as outside hitter Drew Williams got kills at will. The match was over soon after it began, when Notre Dame won in convincing fashion, 25-21, 25-20.

For their second match the Irish faced Dayton in a battle between brothers. Notre Dame's John Tibbie and Dayton's Jim Tibbie. Behind the inspired defensive play of John Tibbie, Notre Dame was able to defeat Dayton in straight sets 25-23, 25-21. Notre Dame locked up a first-place finish by defeating Northeastern in straight sets in the final match of the day. The Irish were in control from start to finish as setter Nolan Kane kept the opposing defense guessing.

Moving into the second day with an unblemished record, Notre Dame needed to win one of its two matches to move into the final 16 of the tournament. First up for the Irish was Boston College. This was the first meeting between the two traditional rivals. Through most of the first set, the teams traded sides and neither team had a clear advantage. Middle blocker James Foreman stepped up to sway the game in favor of the Irish, who took it 25-23.

The momentum of the win carried on into the second game, which the Irish controlled in its entirety. The victory gave the Irish a guaranteed spot in the gold bracket. In its next game, Notre Dame squeaked out a win over Michigan State in the final match of the day, needing all three sets to down the Spartans.

Still boasting a perfect record going into the final day, the Irish were looking for a spot in the quarterfinals against a strong Santa Clara team. Santa Clara jumped out to an insurmountable early lead behind impeccable blocking and held on to win 25-17.

Behind the outside hitting of Drew Williams, the Irish named honorable mention to the All-American team. The Irish were able to send the match to a third set by winning the second. The intensity carried over to the final set as the Irish built a quick 3-0 lead. Following some back and forth play, Santa Clara brought the game back into reach by tying it at 10-10. Next, back-to-back blocks by the Santa Clara right side shifted the momentum and led to a disappointing Irish loss 11-15.

Two Irish league rivals, Wisconsin-Oshkosh and Lakeland, battled in the championship game, with Oshkosh claiming the title.

Gymnastics

This past weekend, the club competed at the NAIGC National Championships in Cincinnati, Ohio. Despite having a small team, the women competed very well and scored a 106.00. For Maura Steed and Wendy Jo Osvatoff, this was the last meet of their undergraduate careers. Kellow O'Leary was the top finisher for the Irish, qualifying to the event finals on the uneven bars. Sophia Troy and Jacqueline Carney also turned in solid performances to help the Irish. Texas won the men's team title, while Texas A&M captured the women's title.

Women's water polo

The club came away with two big victories at its home invitational this Saturday. In the day's first contest, the Irish came out strong with a 12-4 win over MSU. Bridget O'Neill and Kelly Harder led the scoring with three goals apiece. Cristina Romano added another two, and Krista Horner led the way with four.

The Irish needed double overtime to take down Michigan in their next game. Kat Jennifer netted the game-winning goal on her birthday to complete the 8-7 win. Other goals were scored by O'Neill (4), Kristin Schmidt (2) and MC Cimino.

Sailing

Notre Dame finished 13th in a field of 16 teams at the Buckeye Intersectional Regatta this weekend. The top five finishers in order were Vermont, Michigan State, Oregon, Ohio State and Michigan.

Chris May, Alii Donahue and Bridget Diaz raced the A Division for the Irish and finished 13th. Joe Perse, Donahue and Huddie Williams competed in the B8 and placed 11th. Notre Dame's top sailors Chris May, Perse and Kelleen O'Leary were named All-Americans. The results and standings have not yet been released and are not available for publication at this time.
NEW YORK — The balloons had barely settled in festive Madison Square Garden when Michael Nylander and Jaromir Jagr wrecked the night for Kari Lehtonen and the visiting Atlanta Thrashers.

Nylander scored the first of his three goals 32 seconds after the opening faceoff and paved the way for the Rangers' 7-0 blowout Tuesday night that put New York within a win of the Eastern Conference's first-round playoff series.

"Nobody on this team played 10 years ago," said Nylander's linemate Jagr, who had four goals and six assists. "We just want to win the game and play the same way.

Lehtonen got the curious start over Johan Hedberg and then endured a thorough beating as the Rangers scored three times in the first period and cruised to a commanding 3-0 lead in the Eastern Conference playoff series.

Nylander had his first playoff hat trick, and Henrik Lundqvist stopped 21 shots in his first NHL playoff shutout for the Rangers, who had won only one series round as early as Wednesday at home.

"It felt like everything was working for us," Lundqvist said. "It's not every night, especially not in the playoffs, when everything just seems to work for you.

Tell that to his young counterparts.

Lehtonen was touched for all seven goals on 35 shots. That was enough for the Rangers' victory.

"Sweet Caroline" rang out, and red and white balloons fell from the upper reaches of the Garden during the national anthem, and the loud din hadn't left the arena when Nylander scored.

Lehtonen stopped 34 of 38 shots in the series-opening 4-3 loss and was worse upon his return.

"There are no answers," forward Bobby Holik said. "The passion should be there but it isn't.

Hedberg made 37 saves in a much better performance Saturday, allowing a Blake goal on Sean Avery's bank shot from center ice and Shanahan's gimme off a perfect setup in front by Avery in the 2-1 defeat.

Senators 2, Penguins 1

Sidney Crosby was warned that no one should be surprised if the least-likely players made the most of the chance that was expected to be a high-scoring Ottawa-Pittsburgh playoff series.

Anton Volchenkov proved that in what may turn out to be a pivotal game.

Volchenkov scored on a slap shot from the slot midway through the third period and the Ottawa Senators moved within one victory of eliminating the Penguins by winning 2-1 on Tuesday night.

The Senators proved they could win a one-goal game when it counts — they lost 22 of 32 such games during the regular season, despite being second in the NHL in scoring. They weathered a dominating second period by Pittsburgh, a reversal of the first three games, and remained patient and persistent until getting the winner.

Ottawa takes a 3-1 lead into Game 5 on Thursday night, where the teams split the first two games in the Eastern Conference first-round series.

"Going back home, we want to bury them," Ottawa's Jason Spezza said. "We don't want to come back here and give them another one. With you got a team on a roll, you want to try to knock them out.

The go-ahead goal by Volchenkov came amid an ever-shifting flow in which one team would press for a goal and the other would answer, creating an up-and-down and entertaining game despite the relative lack of scoring.

Mike Comrie took the puck out from behind the net toward the left corner and threw a hard pass to the slot, and Volchenkov one-timed a 30-foot shot over the glove of Marc-Andre Fleury's left shoulder. Fleury had dropped to his knees early on the play in anticipation of the pass going toward the crease.

"I don't think we've scored much but I scored a very big goal," said Volchenkov, who said his only previous playoff goal was in the world junior championships for Russia against Canada.

"It was a great, great play, a pass for me ... and not too much traffic. I might be a little bit lucky.

Volchenkov, a defensemen, scored only once in 78 games during the season and had lost one previous playoff goal, four years and a day before scoring his second. He has only nine goals in 229 career regular-season games.

"It was basically, next goal wins and they got it," said Crosby, the NHL scoring champion who was held without a goal for the first time in the series.

"But every guy in that room can look in the mirror and know we gave an honest effort. We showed ourselves, and them, we're a difficult team to play against. If we take that to Ottawa, we have a chance."

Pittsburgh, appearing in the playoffs for the first time since 2001, has dropped its last eight Game 4s in the postseason. This time, it was because the Senators quieted Crosby and rookie Evgeni Malkin, who has yet to score despite having 85 points during the season. The Penguins also were 0-5-2 on the power play to Ottawa's 1-3.

"We're playing the smartest hockey we've played in a long time," Spezza said of a Senators team known for its past playoff failures — nine successive trips to the playoffs without reaching the finals. "We don't care if they're pretty or if they're ugly.

Ottawa won both games in Pittsburgh, where the Penguins have lost 10 of their last 13 playoff games — though none of these players were responsible for these other losses. Pittsburgh has come back from 3-1 deficits before, most recently in 1995 against Washington, but the Senators are 3-0 after they go up 3-1.
**Cyclers place well despite weather conditions**

Women’s ultimate places third at Central Plains Sectional; Men’s ultimate takes third, advances to regional tourney

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The club competed at both Marian and Purdue this weekend. The Irish were at Marian College in Indianapolis on Saturday for the Marian Cycling Classic Criterium. The one-mile loop around the college campus was challenging enough, but rain and 35 degree temperatures made conditions nearly unbearable. Paul Carlson was the first racer for the Irish, making his debut in the Men C category. Carlson dropped off the pace early, and finished behind the peloton. In the Women’s B race, Jenn Perricone and Meghan Johnson rode strong throughout the entire race, while Elizabeth Israel finished in the middle of the pack. Perricone finished 11th in the sprint.

Only Tim Campbell and Matt Prygoski started the elite Men’s A race for the Irish, as conditions deteriorated to below 30 degrees and snow began to fall, deterring many racers from starting. Campbell finished 18th, while Prygoski wrecked on the last lap and finished 11th.

Two races took place Sunday near Purdue. The first race of the day was an early team time trial, a race against the clock with a team of up to four riders. The course was a flat three-mile out and back course. Johnson and Perricone upgraded to Women’s A, qualifying for the National Cycling Championships. Their efforts earned them a 10th-place finish. Prygoski, Lavery, Griggs and Campbell started their assault against the clock in the Men’s A race. Lavery powered the team to a time of 13:38, putting it at sixth place and only 20 seconds off the winning pace. The following circuit race was a four-mile loop with a brutal half-mile climb. Carlson raced hard again in the Men’s C field, finishing just off the pace of the peloton. Israel put up nice results finishing sixth in the Women’s A field. The elite Women’s A and Men’s A fields lined up next, with the women doing five circuits and the men eight. Perricone and Johnson finished with a chase group, taking 16th and 18th, respectively. Griggs, Campbell, Prygoski, Steve and Lavery lined up for the Irish in their 32-mile race. Lavery was forced to abandon after only 50 meters due to total bike failure. The four remaining Irish were unable to make the winning break and had a few failed breakaway attempts. They were forced to remain with the peloton and take their chances with the field sprint. Prygoski, Steve and Griggs took fourth, ninth and 13th in the field sprint, placing them 11th, 16th and 20th overall. Campbell blew up during the sprint and finished just outside of placing.

Ultimate

Hucking, balding, sprinting and jumping, the Notre Dame women worked hard this weekend to earn third place at the Central Plains Open Sectionals tournament. On Saturday, they faced Loyola, Illinois, Knox, Chicago and Purdue, defeating all but Illinois and shutting out Knox. Strong defense on the part of freshman Erin Maxwell and junior Libby Whitling forced numerous turns to gain possession of the disc. Sophomore Hannah Duffy and senior Jeanie Joekel both made great cuts for several scores. Sophomore Katie Billik and junior Shannon Morrison came through with solid throws, keeping the game alive and assisting several points for the Irish. The team finished Saturday second in its pool and moved into the championship bracket for the second day of the tournament.

The team played three more times Sunday afternoon, beating Wheaton but dropping two games to Northwestern. With great throws by sophomore Jean Whitley and seniors Rachel Meeks and Jen Pruchnick, Notre Dame worked the disc up the field, completing many games to fresh

**Northwestern, which also won the pool earlier that day. The Irish came out strong and took an early 3-1 lead. But despite hard team defense, the offense struggled and Northwestern took the game 12-9. The team played one more game Saturday versus Ball State. Behind the leadership of grad students Joe Ribaudo and Matthew Bledsoe, the Irish prevailed 15-9.**

**Notre Dame faced Loyola-Chicago in the quarterfinals Sunday. With stellar defense from junior Nick Chambers and efficient offense from grad student Chris O’Neill, the team avenged a two-weeks ago with its 15-4 victory.** The win gave the team some much needed momentum going into its semifinal game against Indiana. The momentum carried over as Notre Dame got out to an early lead. With great play from senior captains Steve Kurtz and Eric Morin, the team held on for a tough 11-10 win.

**Notre Dame’s run finally came to an end in the finals when Illinois beat the Irish 15-9. The Irish finished in third overall after falling 15-5 in a rematch with Indiana during the consolation game. However, the finish was good enough to qualify for the regional tournament April 28-29.**

The B team had a harder road this weekend. They fell to Purdue Saturday against Northwestern, and despite hard play from freshmen Chris Barron and Shea Betway, the team lost. They then fell to Purdue in their third and final game. Next, the team dropped a close game with DePaul, despite fine play from captain Dave Farley.

On Sunday, the B squad lost its first game to Northwestern before ending on a positive note with its first win of the weekend against Indiana State.

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lead to the Irish and trailing 7-5 in the top of the ninth, the Rockets got two runs to force the game to continue. With one out, Toledo centerfielder Drew Hoisington singled to bring left fielder Jake Swint to the plate. Swint hit a bouncer to second, but Swint scored on a double by third baseman Scott Boles.

The Irish, who faced a deficit of as many as five, improved to 2-13 in games they trailed by three or more.

Behind 5-4 in the eighth, Notre Dame burst out for three runs to take the lead. With one out, pinch hitter Eddie Mondoni singled, and shortstop Brett Alley — who played in his 14th straight game without committing an error — was hit by a pitch. Third baseman A.J. Pollock hit a grounder to second, but Rockets second baseman Ryan Laude threw it into left field, and a run scored to tie the game at 5-5.

Toledo changed pitchers, bringing in right-hander Matt McDevitt. McDevitt tossed a perfect inning to end the game without allowing a hit. The Irish scored five runs on four batters of the ninth.

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Jake Swint in Notre Dame's 8-7 win Tuesday.

Saint Mary's could not capture first place in the MIAA Tuesday.

The second place Belles fell 7-2 to first place and undefeated Kalamazoo College this afternoon. Kalamazoo, ranked No. 12 in the region, used both strong singles and doubles play to dominate the Belles and add another win to its 11-7 overall record. Kalamazoo also boasts a 6-0 record in the MIAA, while the Belles remain tied for second place with an overall record of 8-11 and an MIAA record of 4-2.

The girls of Kalamazoo have improved a lot since we played them last," senior captain Kelly McDevitt said. "And although we all put our hearts into the match we weren't able to get a victory."

In the first singles match of the day, senior captain Kelly McDevitt fell to Hornets sophomore Beau Wangtrakuldee 6-1 and 6-0. In the final doubles match of the day, the freshman team of Belles senior Grace Kaplan and Rubino fell to Hornet freshman Sayako Zuhlke.

The Belles hope to better their record today when traveling to Tri-State.

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Dooling said. Dooling was ejected along with Dwyer after the play.

Without Dwyer, 380's best offensive threat, 380 struggled to wrap up the half, only up 11-8.

In the second half, both teams adjusted to the 4-on-4 game and 380 switched to a 2-2 zone. While the start of the second half saw Team 280 dominate, One and Done soon took advantage of the gaps in the zone, and went on a 5-0 run late, bringing the score to 18-15. Team 380 responded well, however, and after trading a few baskets with One and Done, Taken — injuries and all — threw up a mid-range rainbow in the net to win the game.

We Are All the Fathers of Anna Nicole's Baby 21, Team 257 12

We Are All the Fathers of Anna Nicole's Baby grabbed the lead early in the game and never let go. While both teams possess great athleticism, it was Anna Nicole that had the basketball skills and knowledge to pull it out.

Both teams played a tight 2-3 zone in the first half, but differed on offensive strategy. Team 380 tried to shoot mid-range jump shots to score on the zone, while Team Anna Nicole took advantage of their size and fed the post while their perimeter players cut to open holes in the defense.

The result was an 11-3 halftime lead for Anna Nicole, prompting Team 197 to switch to an aggressive man-to-man defense for the second half. While this defense was better suited to defend the much bigger Anna Nicole, it was too little too late.

Anna Nicole's post play continued to dominate in the second half. They scored nearly all of their 31 points in the paint. Anna Nicole's center, Phil Lashbuk, dominated down low — he grabbed seemingly every rebound, scored at will and showed his great court awareness by leading his team in assists.

While Team 197 gave a valiant effort, the size and basketball knowledge of Anna Nicole was just too much to overcome.

"Anna Nicole's baby would be proud," Anna Nicole point guard Phil Drendall said. "Hopefully, he'll have a mad handle like I do."

Wu-Tang Clan 21, Shrieking Sirens 18

In a fast-paced game that was completed in a brisk 45 minutes, the Wu-Tang Clan was able to hold off the Shrieking Sirens. After taking the lead late in the first half, Wu-Tang Clan never looked back and was able to maintain its lead throughout the entire second half.

Team leader and Siegfried freshman Andrew Baroody was pleased with his team's first-half performance, but knew they would need to elevate their level of play in the second half to secure the win.

"We're going to have to get some more boards," Baroody said at halftime. "We're not boxing out down low right now, and we're not moving the ball around enough. We're faster and more athletic than they are, and if we can just keep up the tempo, we'll be able to pull it out in the end."

Baroody's words proved to be prophetic as the Wu-Tang Clan came out firing in the second half, building on its 11-9 halftime lead.

Tamba Samba, a Notre Dame soccer player, was able to run the point effectively and managed to keep the tempo at a sprinter's pace. In addition, the jump-shooting ability of Matt Bartindale and Mike Camarda proved to be too much for the Shrieking Sirens to handle.

The lone bright spot for the Sirens was that they were able to spread around the scoring, which helped them to stay with, in several points, the game, even when some of their players went cold.

After the game, the members of the Wu-Tang Clan were relieved and satisfied with their performance.

"We just kept pushing the tempo with fast breaks and good ball movement," Baroody said. "We started getting boards in the second half."

In addition, Tamba provided his own insight on the win.

"Wu-Tang Clan ain't nothin' to mess with," Tamba said.

Wu-Tang will look to keep this confident attitude alive as it enters the fourth round.

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who led off both innings with a single. Second baseman Katie Laing knocked her in both times with a pair of doubles for two of her four RBIs on the day. The junior also scored four times herself in the two games. Her biggest hit of the first game came in the bottom of the fourth when she crushed a high fastball over the left field wall to give the Irish a 9-0 advantage.

Senior pitcher Kenya Fuemmeler retired the side in order in the next half inning, and the game was called at that point due to the mercy rule. Fuemmeler came in to relieve sophomore Britney Bargar in the third inning. After walking to lead off the inning, Brown was jammed them and sent her to second. Hagens also came around to score the run and keep the game up-tempo. Johnson also had a solid game on defense as she collected five ground balls and forcing two turnovers. McKinney was named Womens lax.com player of the week for her offensive efforts in the Georgetown game. Against the Hoyas, McKinney tallied a goal and four assists. With the points, McKinney extended her scoring streak to 36 games, tying the Notre Dame record. Coyne, in her 11th season coaching the Irish, was also named U.S. Lacrosse coach of the week after the victory.

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Vandy

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Thrift has 24 goals and 23 assists on the season. "Both teams have a lot riding on this game," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "They're a great team and we expect a close game.

In Nashville, the Irish (11-31) will look to use their momentum from Saturday's 13-3 win over the Hoyas. Georgetown's victory Coyne called "one of the biggest in the history of the program." The Hoyas were previously undefeated in seven years of Big East conference play before dropping the match to the Irish at home.

The Irish, who have scored 29 goals in the past two games, hope to continue their recent offensive success against V a n d e r b i t . "Hopefully our fast break offense can take over," Coyne said. "We're trying to keep the game up-tempo with quick passes."

Notre Dame racked up the weekly lacrosse honors after the historic victory, with junior Caitlin McKinney and senior Meghan Fitzpatrick receiving individual awards. Fitzpatrick, a defender, was named Big East defensive player of the week after a spectacular performance guarding Georgetown star Coco Stanwick. Facing the senior All-American, Fitzpatrick held Stanwick to just one goal and an assist while also collecting five ground balls and forcing two turnovers.

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2. Be nuts about
3. String quartet member
4. Lyrist David
5. Beer buy
6. Wall St. figures
7. Skien formation
8. Capitaine
9. One serving a long term
10. Met highlight
11. Part of the mouth of a cow
12. Liturgy
13. Something in the air
14. Arms
15. Where Mercury is often found
16. Country
17. Send over the edge
18. Dick's mate, twice
19. Positive aspect
20. Crackpot
21. Dispensers
22. Mark in the margins
23. Prayer period?
24. 1987
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Solutions by Richard Edson

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GREEN
TIDE
YELLOW
STRAW
ROSE
BLUE
BONE
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KALEIDOSCOPE McDANIELS

So, how’d you guys do in the Keach Corner Race?

We got last by Horrified-Ready Hall

He don’t feel fear...

only a heightened sense of things

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CELEBRATIONS BORN ON THIS DAY:

Victoria Beckham, 31; Jennifer Garner, 33; lil’ wayne, 25; Olivia Hussey, 64

Happy Birthday: You have an obligation to yourself to follow through with your plans. Stop talking about what you want to do and start to make it happen. You are strong enough and have the energy to make it happen. Don’t let these trials and tribulations stand in your way. Your numbers are 2, 3, 21, 23, 27, 30, 40.

Aries (March 21–April 19): Pick and choose what you want to do today. Love or socializing will bring you the most satisfaction. A creative idea you have could turn into a predictable winner if you form a partnership.****

Taurus (April 20–May 20): Don’t get upset if you don’t get your way today. Take the opportunity that is coming your way. The more you accomplish on your own, the stronger your ego.

Gemini (May 21–June 21): Someone may be keeping something from you, but you shouldn’t worry. It’s probably a surprise. New opportunities will bring back connections. Call someone you family from your past.****

Cancer (June 22–July 22): Clear out a source of frustration. You can start new projects. Follow the signs to doing something totally different with your life. Check out your options and what you need to do to move in a new direction.

Leo (July 23–Aug. 22): You will be in demand today. Do things you enjoy and you will attract some interesting new friends.

Virgo (Aug. 23–Sept. 22): Not everything will be laid out on the table for you. There will be some challenges ahead. By taking the time to think carefully about your plans, a partnership looks feasible as long as you establish who is going to be responsible for what. Organizations and good planning are needed to be successful.

Libra (Sept. 23–Oct. 22): Be careful what you wish for. Decision and promises today may or may not come from the last night of the moon. Look out for your own interests. Now is the time to form a partnership.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22–Dec. 21): You will be looking for action, excitement and adventure today. The more you do to challenge yourself, the better. Physical activity is needed to help you feel better. For the best result, you need to do something in a creative hobby, you will open doors to a whole new circle of friends.****

Capricorn (Dec. 22–Jan. 19): Do something to make your living quarters or home more livable. Take the time to clean and be more orderly. A partnership looks feasible as long as you establish who is going to be responsible for what. Organizations and good planning are needed to be successful.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You are in a better position to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: The tycoons visited the luxury yacht because they were granted more wealthy life, and they enjoyed the house and its features.

Please send your answers in. The answers are due by tomorrow. The winner will be announced several weeks later.

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