Former first lady supports Logan Center

**Carter uses her influence and own experiences to aid fundraiser**

By MICHELLE KRUPA

Senior Staff Writer

When Father Ted Hesburgh decided in the early 1970s to help 1 million Cambodians fleeing Pol Pot's brutal regime, he got $600 million from President Jimmy Carter. And he got Carter's wife, Rosalynn, to fly to the Cambodia-Thailand border, where she delivered aid to ailing refugees.

"Rosalynn Carter isn't just a lady who'll say, 'she'll be on your team,'" Hesburgh said Tuesday. "She didn't just talk about laying down her life; she went there."

A human rights advocate, the former First Lady is known for rolling up her sleeves to aid the Bend's Logan Center raise money for mentally ill patients.

"There should be no shame and no embarrassment in being mentally ill or having a family member who is mentally ill," Carter said, explaining that the public's generally negative perception of mental illness arises because medical professionals' understanding of mental diseases as biologically-based is not widely known.

"We must try to overcome stigma, myths and misconceptions," she said.

Carter, who became an advocate for mental health as active honorary chair of the President Carter's Commission on Mental Health, discussed the need to support programs who work with mentally ill patients.

"I know how hard caregiving was for my family," said Carter, whose widowed mother cared for four children and her own aging father. "People who are lonely feel unappreciated. We must search for those in our communities who care for mentally ill people. We must give caregivers in our community a new appreciation."


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**Board of Governance**

Groups emphasize importance of environment, diversity

By SARAH RYKOWSKI

New Mary's News Editor

Saint Mary's Board of Governance approved a Student Environmental Policy Statement at their meeting on Tuesday. Allison Trdan, a senior anthropology major and environmental studies minor, submitted the policy on behalf of the Environmental Coalition.

Trdan pledged her personal and group support of the policy, which she said would last after her graduation in the spring.

"We don't have any formal commitment to the environment right now," Trdan said. "In the next five years we will have a lot of change on campus..."

The policy, endorsed by BOG, advocates reducing, reusing and recycling all waste materials on campus and making sure that all waste is deposited in the community's onboard dumpster to oversee the implementation of the policy, and to voice concerns about environmental issues on the campus.

"A k m a r a l O m a r a v a, c u r r e n t d i s c o v e r y q u o t e s f r o m T r d a n ' s p o l i c y , a n d p l e d g e d t h a t t h e D i v e r s i t y B o a r d would help oversee its terms until a position on the Board becomes a reality."

"Someone in the Diversity Board will work on it next year," Omara said.

Ed Fox, a junior at Notre Dame and next year's director of Teamwork For Tomorrow, asked for BOG's support and volunteers for the tutoring and mentoring program Teamwork For Tomorrow is targeted toward the South Bend community's 8-12 year olds. The program, founded by students two years ago, pairs a college student with a child to work on reading, athletics, and healthy living.

The program is looking for two reading coordinators, who must be senior elementary education majors. The current coordinators are Katie Kennedy and Erin Long, both students at Saint Mary's. Students who are interested in volunteering should contact Molly O'Rourke, the current director.

"If you like kids, go, because it's so much fun," Erin Hall said. Hall, current BOG alumna commissioner, participated in the program her sophomore year.

BOG also approved two co-sponsorships, one for BHA's conference at the University of Boulder from May 25 - 28, and the second for partial reimbursement for the paint used on the softball dugouts, which were painted blue by volunteers before this week's games.

"I think you're a great example for the paint used on the softball dugouts, which were painted blue by volunteers before this week's games."

"Painting the dugouts" was big for school spirit and involved the student body," said Johna Indriolo, who presented the idea to BOG.

Student body vice president Michelle Nagle expressed her appreciation for the paintings.

"I think you're a great example of Saint Mary's pride," Nagle said.

In other BOG news:

- A Saint Mary's junior and her 'best buddy' accept honor from Carter

By MICHELLE KRUPA

Senior Staff Writer

Saint Mary's junior Courtenay Verret attended Tuesday's Logan Center fundraiser to support her friend Bhea Warner, a 61-year-old mentally disabled member of the Logan community, who said a prayer at the luncheon.

"Little did Verret know, she and Warner would be honored by the center's Board of Trustees as guest speaker Rosalynn Carter for their exemplary relationship, forged through the Best Buddies program.

"I love her spirit," said Verret of Warner, who she met last fall when she joined Best Buddies, which randomly pairs volunteers with mentally disabled adults. The women meet once or twice monthly to chat, attend concerts or get Dairy Queen.

"Like that she's so nice," Warner said of Verret. "I had two other buddies who weren't worth it. They would just come over and..."

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INSIDE COLUMN

Sharing my sister's identity

"Yes, she looks like me. No—she is not my twin—she is my YOUNGER SISTER," I have to constantly tell people when Sarah and I are together. I was blessed, truly now that I am not living in the house any longer do I think of it that way, with three younger sisters and one brother. Sarah is the closest to me in age. This past weekend was the first time she has been able to come to campus to visit me. After seventeen years of sharing a room with her, secrets every night with her, a year of sharing a bed and millions of minutes spent fighting with her, actually miss her at college (or maybe it’s just her clothes). Either way, I was excited for her to visit me and to be able to share my life here with her (not to mention, take her to some parties).

My mom called the night my sister arrived, with some last minute advice, worried to think of what two of her daughters could do together.

"Remember, the money I sent with Sarah is not to buy beer," my mom said as I rolled my eyes. "I was talking to you about clothes (we had to find the perfect prom dress for Sarah), I was exhausted. Especially after shopping all day again on Saturday in Chicago, (we had to find the perfect prom dresses). Either way, I was excited for her to visit me. After seventeen years of sharing a car with her, and millions of minutes spent fighting with her, actually miss her at college (or maybe it’s just her clothes). Either way, I was excited for her to visit me and to be able to share my life here with her (not to mention, take her to some parties)."

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OUTSIDE THE DOME

Yale orders Versity.com to pull notes from Web

PRINCETON, N.J. — A recent controversy at Yale University has brought Versity.com, an Internet company that provides lecture notes for courses at about 150 colleges and universities nationwide, to the forefront of a continuing debate over professors' intellectual property rights.

Versity.com pays students for their lecture notes and then makes the notes available online. At most schools, however, the company does not seek the permission of professors from whose course material is posted.

Versity.com pulled all notes from courses at Yale last month, several days after the university demanded that it do so.

"Yale sent Versity.com a cease and desist order objecting to what they were doing," according to a state

MICHIGAN

Mich. St. preparation prevents riot at Yale

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OHIO COURT DEFENDS COLLEGE RECORDS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A recent federal court decision added another twist to the manner in which Ohio State and Miami (Ohio) Universities must handle students' disciplinary records. The federal district court ruled that the records are protected from public release unless filed by an entity such as the U.S. Department of Education.

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Lecturers: Debt relief is crucial for third-world nations

By KRISTEN ALLEN
News Writer

Advocating the Catholic responsibility to Debt Relief in the Jubilee Year was the focus of a presentation given by Father Tom McDermott and Elizeus Rutebemberwa Tuesday.

There is a crippling financial burden that is bearing on the poorest countries of the world, according to McDermott.

"It's said that think that people are forced into a situation where they must choose between putting money aside for basic health care and education and repaying their debts," he said.

When a country borrows money, the citizens are not always aware and even when they know about the loans that their country has taken, they do not always know what the money is used for, explained Rutebemberwa, a Ugandan.

Debt repayments take money away from health care and education. The problem builds as funding for these payments often comes in the form of aid from other countries, he said.

"If you get a loan, you must pay it back," Rutebemberwa said. "So why then do we have this debt relief?"

For third-world countries like Uganda, the reality is that the debt will probably never be paid. Instead of paying back countries, the money should go to the poor for education and health, Rutebemberwa said.

"It's important for us to raise our consciousness to the reality of the debt in the third-world countries," said theologian and professor Felton after Tuesday's lecture.

"We must bring pressure to bear on the government of our country has taken, they know about the loans that they have made," he said.

"We live in such a culture that makes us people who are used to power, who are used to wealth — we expect that life will improve," he said. "We live in a life of hope.

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SMC students learn what employers, grad schools seek

By NICOLE HADDAD
News Writer

The Saint Mary's College Leadership Development Committee and Center for Academic Innovation sponsored a lecture that gave students the opportunity to learn what grades mean to graduate schools as well as employers.

Faculty and administrators educated students on what graduate schools want from applicants. They look at how earning a 4.0 compares to involvement in clubs and various organizations.

"Get involved," Wilkeson said. "I'm a strong believer that education is more than what goes on in the classroom."

The top four characteristics on a resume, he said, are academic major, internship experience, leadership experience and GPA. It is important to gain activities and experience skills as well as maintain a GPA, he said.

"The most important utilities from an employer's perspective are career development, internships, leadership and organizational involvement and community service and student organization membership," Wilkeson said, noting that such experience helps students learn to speak and articulate.

Senior Vance from the department of Business and Administration and Economics, focused on admission to law schools and the type of credentials they seek.

"Get experience by going to the Peace Corps," said Vance. "Particularly large schools and schools."

"But there are others who are either students who are used to the application. These schools look at the application and give more visibility to three different people. So, those who are utilized to those with strong numbers, those with low numbers, and those that are in the middle. The borderline cases may not be exactly what the school is looking for but they look at other issues," she said.

She discussed how to go about writing the personal statement that the admissions process requires.

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"We don't blame rich countries for rich. What we want is that we (do) not become slaves."

McDermott said that people from his country were not afraid of first-world nations because of their money, but rather because of their power.

"We don't blame rich countries because they are rich," he said, when asked about the people of Uganda feel about the disparity of wealth. "What we want is that we (do) not become slaves."

McDermott, who has spent many years in Uganda, is reminded of how much wealth there is in the American culture, of how much Americans live as influential people, and of how much education is power to us.

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mended implementing programs like those in place in Plains, Ga., her hometown. There, church leaders join public health professionals, community college professors and the local library board members to educate citizens about mental health. Resource material is readily available as well. Carter recommended that those who volunteer to help mentally ill patients be mindful of their caregivers. Friends should ask how caregivers feel and should actively volunteer to help with household tasks rather than waiting for help. Carter also suggested community residents contact newspaper editors to request fair coverage of local mental health issues to increase awareness. She noted that the Atlanta-based Carter Center annually awards $10,000 in fellowships to journalists who report on mental health issues.

"Get editors to cover success stories — mentally ill people who have been successfully treated," Carter said. "Show your community what these people are really like."

Carter urged attendees to contact national politicians about leveling inequities between physical and mental health insurance, a topic tackled annually by leaders of mental health organizations who participated in the Rosalynn Carter Symposium on Mental Health Policy.

"Insurance coverage for mental illnesses is not on par with insurance coverage for physical illnesses. We need legislation on the national level to right this inequality."

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want to talk. (Courtney) takes it up, I care about her."

Verret, a French and communications major and member of the Notre Dame Marching Band, began volunteering at Logan last fall. Initially, she was unsure of her ability to help center clients.

"When I went out after the first time I visited [Logan Center] and got the tour, I want to run out and cry in my car," Verret said.

"I didn't know if I'd be able to handle it. It's kind of a shock, and humbling, seeing so many people in one place who have a disability."

In addition to Best Buddies, Verret volunteers weekly in an adult rehabilitation program, helping to feed and entertain adults, many of who are restricted to wheelchairs and cannot speak. She plans to continue service work and might participate after graduation in the L'Arche program, in which volunteers live in community with mentally disabled adults.

"Finally, Carter congratulated area residents who donate money and services to mentally ill community members. She encouraged attendees to continue their dedication to Logan Center and to increasing the public's understanding of mental illness in South Bend.

"Remember what we are doing for mental health organizations dignity," Carter said. "You people at Logan are working to humanize our culture by your effort to help people in your community."

Carter's speech, "Ability in Action," and the luncheon were part of several events to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Logan Center.

Verret

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ND faculty welcome new fitness facility

By STACEY KAPLAN
News Writer

University faculty and administrators are toning muscles in a new facility. The Raymond and Winifred Rinehart Faculty Exercise Facility, located in the Joyce Center, opened its doors in mid-January. Since then it has received an influx of new visitors. People have been telling me that they see a lot of new faces. I tell them, 'Yeah, you're right,'" said Kevin Hirl, issuing clerk.

The improvement was necessary due to renovations of the basketball locker areas, "They just wanted to update the basketball locker rooms," said Hirl. Saunas have also been added to locker rooms.

Both the faculty locker rooms and the exercise facility itself were expanded and improved. Associate professor David Gasperetti said, "There is more room and better equipment. It's lighter and brighter, and the locker room is a nice upgrade. This is certainly a place that you don't mind coming to at all."

"According to Gasperetti, the only negative effect of the facility was the necessity of closing it down for renovations. "That was the negative thing. I really depended on this place for workouts," he said.

The room also includes a new entertainment system. "There is a vast difference from the old room. Where they used to have just one TV, they have three monitors now. People can even bring their own headphones to hear personally," he said.

Structure improvements to the building have also been popular. "They have windows now to look out so you can see the stadium. The old room didn't have any windows," said Hirl.

The facility is a gift of Raymond Rinehart. He served as chairman and CEO of Clov Corporation until 1980. He is currently chairman and CEO of RGR Enterprises, and has served on the College of Business Advisory Council for almost 30 years. The facility will be dedicated on May 8.

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**World News Briefs**

Meningitis strikes Niger, kills 123 people

NEIMAYE, Niger

A meningitis outbreak in the West African country of Niger has claimed 123 lives, the government said Tuesday. Close to 1,200 cases have been reported since early January and the disease is spreading, Health Minister Assoumane Adamou said in an appeal for international assistance broadcast on national radio. He said the deaths are concentrated in three eastern regions, including Niamey. "The situation can be controlled if we have enough funds," Adamou said. He said five million doses of meningitis vaccine are needed, but he did not specify how much money the country needs. Meningitis, an infection of the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord, can be caused by a virus or bacteria. With treatment, only 1 percent of infected people die. Outbreaks are common in Niger, one of the world's poorest countries, which straddles the southern tip of the Sahara desert.

Sweden investigates forced sterilization scandal

STOCKHOLM, Sweden

Investigators looking into Sweden's sterilization scandal said Tuesday that about half of the 63,000 procedures performed from 1935 to 1975 were voluntary — but that politicians used by four decades as victims were sterilized against their will. The scandal, which became public in 1970, involved people and those with mental problems in the 1940s, but there was little evidence that ethnic groups were targeted, according to the report, drawn up by a special government commission and forwarded to the Justice Ministry for review. The report did not accuse individuals, but said that passivity and silence of politicians and loose interpretation of sterilization laws by medical authorities enabled the operations to be forced on people until they were abolished in 1976.

Former militant arrested for shooting two police officers

ATLANTA

Jamal Abdullah Al-Arnin, the 1960s black militant once known as El Rup Brown, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Atlanta on Monday. He is the last known black militant to stand trial in the 1960s black militant group, according to his attorney. Al-Arnin also is wanted by authorities in the West Bank and Jordan in connection with an earlier killing. He is also a suspect in the 1968 murder of a Jewish newspaper editor in Israel. Al-Arnin is scheduled to be arraigned Tuesday in federal court in Atlanta.

**Russia**

Russian soldiers search for snipers after receiving fire from ruined buildings in Grozny. Hundreds of rebels continue to attack Russian troops after six months of fighting.

Chechen rebels clash with troops

Associated Press

ARGUN

Continuing to resist despite six months of battering from superior Russian forces, hundreds of rebels battled Russian troops Tuesday in a village deep in Chechnya's mountains.

Russia also fought rebels in Argun, just east of the capital, Grozny. Light-arms fire rattled and helicopter gunships could be seen firing rockets into a forest where rebels were hiding.

A top Russian commander, Col. Gen. Alexander Baranov, said other fighters had dispersed and were believed to be regrouping for new attacks. The clashes and Baranov's statement reflected the rebels' determination to keep fighting despite being outnumbered.

Russian ground troops steadily pushed rebels out of the breakthrough republic's northern flatlands and into the mountains last fall. Since early February, when the rebels fled Grozny, fighting has centered on the mountainous southern third of Chechnya.

The rebels have shown force resistance in the rugged terrain, where they can capitalize on their guerrillas skills and where it is difficult for Russia to move its heavy guns and vehicles. Meanwhile, rebels filtering back into the flatlands have launched sporadic attacks. One Russian soldier died in rebel shelling of a checkpoint in Grozny overnight and rebels also shelled a military building in Gudermes, Chechnya's second-largest city, Baranov said.

"We have a feeling that it's the calm before the storm," he said. "They are dispersed. They have taken a respite to get ready for new attacks."

There were few details about the fighting in the village of Tsentrino in the southern mountains. The federal command said about 1,500 rebels were based in the area, including hundreds in the village itself. The military has said around 3,000 rebels are still fighting around Tsentrino. The federal command said more troops and equipment were moving to the area around Tsentro, about 35 miles southeast of Grozny. Because of Tsentrino's remoteness, the military relied mainly on air raids. Russian jets and helicopters flew 120 sorties Monday, far more than usual, the military headquarters said Tuesday.

**Lott tries to curb Columbia, Kosovo funds**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott promised Tuesday to try to block a $9 billion bill that includes money for U.S. activities in Colombia and Kosovo, damping prospects that Congress will provide the money quickly.

Instead, he said he wants to take President Clinton's full requests for Colombia and Kosovo, shrink the rest of the legislation and include what is left in regular spending bills for the 2001 fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1. Congress will probably work on those bills into the fall. But Lott said he hopes money for Kosovo and Colombia can be provided in one of them and approved within the next two months.

"It is too costly," said Lott, "and I will do what I can to block it." The $9 billion measure is an enlarged version of a $5.2 billion bill that Clinton requested on an emergency basis.

Lott spoke after meeting with conservative Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, who has demanded spending reviews as the Senate begins its budget work for the year. Gramm said he agreed with Lott that only about $5 billion of the $9 billion will be provided. Although Lott said he has no specific figure in mind, Lott has said before that he opposes the bill not only because of its expense but also that it would show the Senate's work on other issues. His remarks Tuesday were the first in which he has threatened to try and block it.

The majority leader sets the Senate's schedule. Even so, he can be subject to political pressures, and many members of the Senate Appropriations Committee as well as Democrats and the Clinton administration continue to favor action on the bill.

The Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Ted Stevens, said he would try pushing his version of the $9 billion bill through his panel next Tuesday, despite Lott's remarks.
Reno defends her actions during Waco confrontation

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Janet Reno testified Tuesday that she never gave approval for tanks to demolish the Branch Davidians' compound near Waco, Texas, and does not believe the FBI intentionally did so — say lawyers for the sect.

She deposed for the first time on Tuesday in a deposition ordered by federal district judge presiding over the case against an FBI sharpshooter. The government contends the sharpshooter is liable for the Davidians' deaths.

The deadly standoff between the Branch Davidians and federal law enforcement began in February 1993 — just weeks before Reno took office — with a shootout at Mount Carmel. Tobacco and Firearms agents tried to serve weapons warrants on Davidian leader David Koresh. Four agents and six Davidians died.

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A day later, Reno went on television to accept responsibility — an act that earned her widespread acclaim.

Although congressional hearings that year on Waco were overwhelmingly supportive of Reno, her decision to use tear gas was sharply questioned during hearings in 1995, the first year the Republicans controlled Congress.

And then the issue faded largely from view until last August, when the government was forced to acknowledge that the FBI had used potentially incendiary tear gas canisters despite Reno's orders to the contrary.

Reno acknowledged Tuesday that the operations plan she approved did not authorize the use of pyrotechnic tear gas.

Flash-bang devices inside the Davidians' Mount Carmel retreat, or building demolition, Caddell said.

"She also testified she was never told...that there would be no plan to fight a fire at Mount Carmel should one develop," he said.

The plaintiffs', whose suit against the government heads to trial in mid-May, contend the FBI's on-scene commanders ordered the dismantling of the Davidians' complex several hours into the operation — in defiance of the Reno-approved plan that permitted such destruction only after 48 hours if the tear-gassing proved unsuccessful.

While Reno refused to acknowledge deliberate demolition occurred, Caddell said she did concede that the on-scene commanders would have been required to consult with FBI leadership in Washington before speeding up the plan — which didn't occur.

Bradford declined to discuss Reno's testimony, saying the federal district judge presiding over the case ordered depositions sealed for 30 days.

"The judge has expressed a fairly strong preference that we not get into a public debate over depositions, so I do not want to go point-by-point through the deposition," he said.

Caddell said he will release both Reno's deposition and a videotape of the proceeding in 30 days.

The attorney said he does not hold Reno responsible for any negligence at Waco.

But he is using his deposition with Reno and other high-ranking FBI officials to buttress his contention that the FBI's on-scene commanders — special agent in charge Jeffrey Jarar and Hostage Rescue Team leader Richard Rogers — deviated from the approved operations plan by escalating the tear-gas insertion and destroying the building.

He also faults Jarar's decision to hold back fire trucks at a checkout point while the building was burned by the flames. Jarar told Congress in 1995 that he kept the fire trucks at bay for fear firefighters might be shot. The government contends any actions Jarar or Rogers took that day fell within their discretionary authority.

Also Tuesday, a federal judge in Waco granted a plaintiffs' request to dismiss their part of a case against an FBI sharpshooter.
President enters Southern flag debate

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

With a visit to a historically black South Carolina college, President Clinton is wading into the debate over display of the Confederate flag, which he said Tuesday "is a symbol of another America's pride and another America's pain, we have another bridge to cross." Clinton

U.S. president

"As long as the waving symbol of one America's pride is the shameful symbol of another America's pain, we have another bridge to cross." Clinton

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Ex-wife murders former FBI agent

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In the middle of a gunbattle with deputies trying to arrest them, an ex-stripper killed her former husband, a retired FBI agent, with a shot to the head. She then killed herself.

"No one had any idea they were going to turn into Bonnie and Clyde on us," said Carlos Baixauli, an agent of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Former agent, Justin Haberski, 29, who had broken up with his wife and partner owner of a strip club, and ex-wife Jennifer Bradberry, 29, were shot to death Friday as they ran from their car during the shootout with Escambia County deputies.

40. who had become a lawyer of Baja California, killing at least four people.

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO

A boat carrying 10 students and others on a university research trip sank off the coast of Baja California, killing at least four and leaving three others missing.

Three people swam to safety on a nearby island and were rescued early Tuesday, said Lisa Lapin, a spokeswoman for the University of California, Davis. A search was on for the others.

Lapin said survivors at the scene reported the recovery of four bodies, including a male graduate student and a visiting Japanese scholar. The U.S. Embassy in Mexico City also confirmed four dead, including at least one U.S. citizen.

Among the missing was Gary Polis, the expedition's leader and chairman of the school's Department of Environmental Science and Policy, Lapin said.

The boat was one of two, 22-foot inflatable crafts carrying a total of about 20 people on the trip Monday to research spiders and scorpions on an island near Bahia de Los Angeles, a remote bay 250 miles south of the U.S.-Mexico border.

The two boats became separated on their return when strong winds whipped up 4 to 6-foot waves, U.S. Davis said in a statement.

It was not clear who else was on board the boat that sank.

"From what we understand, there was a mix of students, faculty and visitors from Japan," said Pat Bailey, another spokesman for the school, just east of Sacramento.

The boat that made it reported it off the coast Tuesday morning, prompting a search by the Coast Guard and the Mexican navy.

Mexican naval ships and Mexican and Coast Guard aircraft were searching the area Tuesday under clear skies.

Located in a rugged desert landscape, Bahia de Los Angeles is a tiny collection of hotels and tourist campgrounds that is a popular destination for fishermen, kayakers and wildlife biologists.

UC research ship sinks, killing four
George W. Bush reached out to vanquished presidential rival John McCain Tuesday, declaring "the past is the past" and it's time for them to meet. Another former rival, Steve Forbes, was endorsing Bush as Republicans moved toward reconciliation after a bruising primary season.

Bush telephoned McCain from his car in Virginia, where he laid out a $5 billion plan to address illiteracy among young school students, declaring the problem a "national emergency." "Too many of our children can't read," Bush told a group of Asian-American business people in suburban Washington. "Our economy is the envy of the world; unfortunately, our schools are not." Bush reached out to McCain after Bob Dole, the defeated 1996 GOP nominee who has been acting as peacemaker, and then called Bush. The Texas governor is hoping for an endorsement from his former foe, but McCain aides said it is too soon to talk about that. Still, McCain adviser John Weaver said, "The ice has been broken. Bush said, "I think John and I both understand that the past is the past and it's time to move forward."McCain suspended his campaign March 9 after Bush won a string of primaries two days earlier on Super Tuesday. The Arizona senator won seven GOP primaries, including the leadoff contest in New Hampshire.

Bush annoyed the McCain camp by saying that McCain "didn't change my views on reform." But the Texas quick­ly tried to soften the blow and has spoken more glowingly of his former rival since. The Texas governor was lining up the endorsement of Forbes at an evening rally in the millionaire publisher's home state of New Jersey. His backing could bring Bush more conservative support even as he targets women and other traditional Democratic constituencies with his read­ing initiative.

Recent polls give both Bush and his Democratic rival, Vice President Al Gore, roughly equal marks on who would do the best job of improving edu­cation.

Bush's education proposal would provide reading instruction for about 900,000 kindergarten and first-grade students. Over time, aides said, he envisions adding a lesser amount of money to diagnose and remedy lingering problems with second graders.

Casting himself as a new Republican, Bush even cited the late Albert Shanker, former head of the American Federation of Teachers, a union traditionally aligned with Democratic causes.

"This plan is different. It's different from my opponent. It's different from the admin­istration. And it's different from those who would say there is no federal role for education, different from those who would throw money into schools without reforming them," Bush said.

Back at the White House, Gore scoffed that Bush's edu­cation agenda was "subordi­nate to his risky tax scheme, which would actually steal money for education."

In an interview with The Associated Press, the Vice President said Bush could not pay for his education propos­als if he also cut taxes as pro­posed, by about $1 trillion over 10 years. Bush's tax-cut plan "puts a huge cloud over everything that he says about edu­cation," Gore told the AP. "You can't propose an economic plan that results in devastat­ing, slashing cuts to education and pretend that you're not doing so."

The governor's new pro­gram, "Reading First," as modeled after a program begun this year in Texas. It would set the goal of teaching every American child to read by the end of the third grade.

According to statistics cited by the Bush campaign, 68 percent of the fourth graders in the nation's poorest school areas were not able to read at a basic level in 1998. Bush calls for spending $5 million annually to diagnose reading problems with kinder­garten and first-grade stu­dents.

An additional $90 million per year would be used to train teachers to make the diagnosis. The biggest chunk of money — $900 million annually — is pegged for lit­eracy pro­grams that would be designed and implemented locally. States would have to apply for the money, and it would be awarded only if they proposed programs that met "research-based" standards.

By contrast, Gore has pro­posed spending $15 billion over 10 years to continue President Clinton's program aimed at reducing class sizes by providing more money to hire teachers. So far, about 30,000 have been hired, with a goal of 100,000.

Gore also wants to triple the number of charter schools, make preschool available to every 4-year-old and expand Head Start.

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said the engine shutdown probably was caused by a spurious signal from one of the spacecraft's three landing legs. It's thought that the on-board computer interpreted this signal to mean the craft had landed and it then commanded the engines to stop. "We're almost certain that if the lander got to this point (above the Mars surface), then this was the cause of the failure," said Young, a retired NASA and industry executive who led the investigation team. However, Young pinned the underlying cause of the failure on "inadequate funding and inadequate margins" in the planning and execution of NASA's Mars exploration program at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California. The Mars program, he said, was "underfunded by at least 30 percent." This forced contractor and NASA engineers to cut corners, work up to 80 hours a week, and limited testing of equipment and procedures. Leading to an "unacceptable high risk" for a very complex and demanding mission, he said. The contractor for the Mars project was Lockheed Martin Astronautics in Denver, Ed Weiler, NASA associate administrator in charge of science, said the space agency would "fully respond" to recommendations. He said Scott Hubbard, a NASA executive at the Ames Research Center in California, would take over a new position as head of the Mars program in Washington. A new Mars manager would also be named at JPL, said Weiler. Additionally, Weiler said he was canceling plans to launch a new Mars lander next year, but would allow a Mars orbital mission to proceed. That mission calls for a spacecraft to come near Mars, map the minerals and water on the Red Planet.

Weiler said cash reserves for the Mars program would now be held at headquarters, instead of JPL, thus forcing the California headquarters if there are problems.

We don't want our best people at JPL to be afraid to raise issues," he said.

Weiler said the Mars mission could have been saved if it had been better financed at the start, but the effort was driven by a "faster, better, cheaper" NASA philosophy that started in the 1990s with reduced space agency budgets.

"We were pushing the envelope too far," asking JPL engineers to "do the impossible," said Weiler. "We pushed them too far and I will not condemn them because they failed." Weiler also ordered a detailed reexamination of NASA's whole Mars exploration program, which would take two years ending with a 2006 decision on which Mars piece of the planet.

He said that programs will be revised to include the limitations of the budget, a reduction in risks, and a relaxed schedule of launches.

WASHINGTON A premature rocket engine shutdown may have doomed the Mars Polar Lander, but the core cause of the botched mission was NASA trying to do too much with too little, investigators found.

Thomas Young, head of an independent team that investigated the failure for NASA, said his group was "almost certain" that the $165 million Mars probe automatically stopped its engines early and then fell some 130 feet, smashing into the Mars surface at about 50 miles per hour.

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Ahead of a visit by President Clinton’s security adviser, China accused Washington today of demonstrating a double standard by seeking U.N. consensus of Beijing despite having its own "very serious human rights problem." Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Sun Yuxi’s comments came just hours before National Security Adviser Sandy Berger was due in Beijing for talks with Chinese President Jiang Zemin, Premier Zhu Rongji and their foreign policy team.

Berger is one of the most senior Clinton administration officials to visit since U.S.-China ties plummeted after NATO bombed the Chinese Embassy in Yugoslavia during the fighting over Kosovo 10 1/2 months ago.

Berger, who accompanied Clinton to South Asia last week, is expected to discuss shared U.S. and Chinese concerns over Pakistan and India’s nuclear programs. He also will likely raise human rights concerns and common appeals for Chinese restraint following Taiwan’s presidential election 10 days ago.

China is fighting a U.S. effort by the leadership of the U.N. Human Rights Commission in Geneva to ensure Beijing for what Washington says is a worsening human rights record.

Sun the Chinese spokesman, predicted the U.S. effort would fail, as similar attempts have in previous years. He said the U.S. mission should not be a "forum for political confrontation and that China wants to settle disputes over human rights through dialogue."

Sun said the United States would do better to look at its own problems "instead of making irresponsible remarks and accusations against others." The United States has a "very serious human rights problem, with constant ethnic discrimination, police violence, police abuse and also discrimination against women, and there are also constant incidents such as shootings in the schools."

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Associated Press

BEIJING

Netanyahu denies corruption charges

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

Delivering an emotional television appeal, former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu angrily denounced "wrongdoing Tuesday after political parties urged the attorney general to indicted him and his wife on corruption charges.

During a 50-minute interview, Netanyahu occasionally used profanity to emphasize his innocence and to accuse police of trumping up the charges against him.

Police said Netanyahu and his wife, Sara, accepted favors from a contractor, kept 790 presents meant to be state property, including a golden letter opener from U.S. Vice President Al Gore, and tried to influence officers after their testimony in the case.

If convicted of the most serious white-collar offense of justice, Netanyahu could be sentenced to up to seven years in prison.

Netanyahu, 50, who was toasted out by voters 10 months ago, launched a counter-offensive against the police in an apparent attempt to rescue his political future.

During the TV appearance, the former leader mentioned his son and recently-deceased mother as he denied the allegations, even at one point, branding a supposedly valuable brooch which he said an appraiser had valued at $1. "The whole thing is ridicul ous," Netanyuh scoffed during the prime time interview.

Apparently refurishing the underlying role, the 50-year-old politician accused police of making up the charges, saying he was being pursued by the political establishment because of his hardline views.

Shlomo Ben-Ami, the police minister, denied police acted in bad faith. "The police did not, do not, and as long as I am responsible for police, will not have a political agenda," he said.

Police said that a seventh investigation switched and that Netanyahu should be charged with fraud, attempted bribery of a state official, breach of trust and obstruction of justice.

His lawyer, Yaacov Weinroth, called the police report "appalling." He said it "confirms what we thought — the case is one big nothing."

The attorney general, who was due to announce the final decision on whether to indict. It was unclear how long that process might take.

Arguing his case, Netanyahu said police interrogated him as to whether a small, valuable pendant was among the state gifts. When he got home from that particular interrogation session, he said he and his wife "turned the house upside down" and found the pendant.

Police said it weighed in to up to $1,000 and said it was worth less than a dollar. Netanyahu said, waving the tiny pin before the TV cameras.

"The most difficult moment was when the police arrested me and looked down. After long seconds of silence, he said his 8-year-old son Yair was torn up at school because of the probe and his mother, Gila, died with the charges still hanging over her.

The case is just one of a series of scandals plaguing Netanyahu ahead of May elections. President Ehud Barak and his party are under investigation for violating the campaign finance law; police are looking into a large amount of money President Ezer Weizman received from a Swiss millionnaire; and incitement charges are being considered against a police leader calling a Cabinet minister "Satan".

Netanyahu’s wife, Sara, should be charged with theft and misuse of state funds, police said. Charges were also reportedly being filed against Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, the director of Netanyahu's office, and Ezra Zandov, his office manager.

Netanyahu had virtually disappeared from public life in Israel after he was trimmed by Barak, a moderate, in May 1999.

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Births to unwed mothers hit high

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Women in their 20s helped fuel a baby boomlet that pushed U.S. births up 2 percent in 1998, the first increase in several years, said a government report released Tuesday.

The increase reflected growth in the number of women entering childbearing years. These daughters of early baby boomers are having their own kids, but getting married first is not necessarily a prerequisite to becoming a parent, the report shows.

Births to unwed mothers, on the rise for years, hit an all time high in 1998, and accounted for nearly half of all babies born that year, reported the National Center for Health Statistics. But unlike the 1990s, when teenagers were having children at alarming rates, today's unwed mothers are more likely to be in their 20s and 30s.

Researchers attribute the change to a big drop in teen births, confidence in the booming economy and more relaxed attitudes about unwed mothers.

"The social disapproval factor has definitely lessened," said Stephanie Ventura, lead author of the report compiled from state birth data.

There were 3.94 million births in 1998, compared to 3.88 million children born in 1997. The fertility rate, a measure of births among women of childbearing age, was 65.6 births for every 1,000 females, up 0.2 births per 1,000.

These were the first increases in births and fertility rates since 1990, when 4.1 million children were born and the fertility rate was 78.9 births per 1,000 women. Between 1990 and 1997, the number of births fell 7 percent as women waited longer to have children and teen births declined, said the availability of more reliable contraceptive, an emphasis on abstinence and fears about AIDS.

Some 1.29 million babies were born to single women in 1998, up 2 percent from the prior year and the highest number reported since the government started collecting birth data in the early 1900s.

One reason for the rise was a large population of unmarried women of childbearing age. The number of single women between 15 and 44 rose to 29.2 million women in 1998, up 6.6 percent from 1990.

Unwed mothers in their 20s and 30s had higher birth rates, and that was true for both white and black women.

Birth rates for unwed Hispanics,

in that age group fell, the report showed.

Rates for all women in the 20s and 30s had also on the rise. After falling during the 1990s, the birth rate for women between 29 and 24 — the principal childbearing ages — rose: 1 percent to 111.2 births per 1,000. The rate for women aged 30 to 34 rose 2 percent to 87.4 births per 1,000 women — the highest rate since 1965.

Jacqueline Darroch, senior vice president for research at Alan Guttmacher Institute, a private research group, said the rise in unmarried moms doesn't necessarily mean that children don't have fathers because many women are living with, but not marrying, their partners.

"Non-married does not necessarily mean that it's the mother alone without a father," said Darroch, citing a government study that showed about 4 percent of women, or about 2.6 million, living with partners.

Donna Shalala, secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, said the trend was cause for concern.

"The increase in births to unmarried mothers, as well as the increase in teen mothers who smoke, are troubling," said Shalala.

Other findings:

• Smoking among pregnant teens increased, especially among blacks.

• The proportion of women undergoing prenatal care in the first trimester continued to rise — an encouraging sign because early care can increase the chances of having a healthy baby.

• Multiple births continued to increase, a phenomenon tied to the use of fertility drugs.

Scientists develop healthier soy oil

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Government scientists have developed a new soybean that's healthier for the heart because the oil need not go through a process that produces artery-clogging trans fatty acids and it has less than half the saturated fat of conventional soybean.

Food manufacturers — who use soybean oil in everything from margarine to crackers — are eager to get the healthier oil because of its relatively low price and wide availability.

But soybean oil cannot be used for cooking unless it is hydrogenated to extend its shelf life and improve its flavor. Hydrogenation, which also solidifies the oil, removes a linoleic acid that causes the oil to taste rancid when heated.

Now these new soybeans have been developed to address this as well as others linoleic acid as conventional varieties.

Hydrogenated oil would still be needed for some products, such as baked goods, to give them the proper texture and shelf-life, but manufacturers could blend in oil that isn't hydrogenated to lower the overall content of trans fat, according to industry experts.

Health experts say trans fatty acids may be even worse for the heart than saturated fat. Studies indicate that existing saturated fat increases LDL cholesterol, so-called "bad cholesterol," which increases the risk of heart disease. At the same time, it reduces levels of HDL, the "good cholesterol" that is good for the heart.

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In a recent bible study group, we discussed the story of "The Lost Son," also known as "The Prodigal Son." This is the parable in the gospel of Luke that details the life of a young man who squandered his inheritance on prostitutes and other frivolous things. Upon his return home, with nothing left, his father welcomed him back with open arms. He forgave his youngest son without condition or hesitation.

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It is human nature to release emotions when something has affected us deeply. Whether we are moved to tears of joy or sorrow, our minds seldom forget that initial feeling of what moved us in the first place. This is applicable to our relationships with others. The majority of our actions in a world where we build relationships on trust. The relationship we have with our parents is also based on trust. From birth, we were taught that with unaccepting behavior, certain consequences result. It may take a lot of begging, washing dishes, sorting laundry and other tasks to "get back in good graces." Time heals all wounds, right? If this is human nature, then why did Jesus find it necessary to tell us the story of a father who forgave so easily? Take close friends for example. Real friendships develop over time. A close friend has seen you at your worst, and you forgive.

REFLECTIONS OF A NICE GIRL

Kimmi Martin

Forgive others as Jesus forgave us

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Bridging the gap between people

I realized how important the challenge is for us to "bridge the gap between people." It is often easier to talk about the importance of "relationships" and quickly become caught up in many responsibilities in "our own circles." It is often easier to think and speak about "my neighborhood" than to open centers with neighbors who have voices which challenge our fears and anxieties.

More than three decades ago, Notre Dame invited a priest psychologist from Holland named Henri Nouwen to speak on a campus in the Department. Henri challenged me and many of my colleagues to cross collegial and bureaucratic student umbrellas to move beyond fear and self-preoccupation toward love and experiential learning. He discovered the complexities of responding to the needs of our neighbors. I think that the reflections on the pages of the last book he wrote before his sudden death in 1996 might assist us in this community to reflect on our response to Jubilee Debt Relief and many other issues facing Notre Dame now and in the years ahead. If we read slowly three reflections he shared in his book "Bread for the Journey: A Day Book for Wisdom and Faith," this is one of more than 40 books of Henri in the area of spirituality which have been published and continue to be translated and published, especially in the Spanish-speaking world at this time.

Hundreds of thousands of Christians are following the meditations in a booklet "From the House of Fear to the House of Love" taken from his book and lectures on "The Return of the Prodigal Son" during this Lent.

Henri asked that anyone interested in following his example in praying and then responding to the needs of "our neighbors" have voices which challenge our fears and anxieties and become neighbors when we are willing to cross the road for one another. There is so much separation and segregation: between sick people and healthy people, between people and old people, between sick people and healthy people, between sick people and healthy people, between people and old people, between people and old people, between people and old people. We give them names, make images arise.

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I conclude with an expression of gratitude to all the staff, students and alumni who hold stock in the IBM corporation carefully consider the IBM stockholder proxy votes you make in the coming days leading to the annual stockholder's meeting on April 25. In the case of the IBM employees' resolution on retirement and retirement medical, I am asking that you vote all IBM stock held in favor of the resolution.

The entire text of the resolution can be found in the recent annual meeting notice which also outlines the board of director's election and other business to be held at the annual meeting. In summary, IBM decided to change the pension plan from the long-held traditional plan to a cash balance plan.

The net result to tens of thousands of IBMers was a drastic 30 to 50 percent cut in retirement benefits. The public outcry and resultant Senate hearings forced IBM to restore some benefits to a subset of employees in 1999. In summary, IBM chose to use age as a criterion for determining who received and who did not receive benefits under the old plan. That age is 40.

Hundreds of Notre Dame alumni who graduated after 1981 are still severely affected by this change. For example, I started in 1983 and was only vested in IBM's retirement plan in 1988. In mid-1994 I was removed from the old plan and placed into the cash balance plan for the simple reason that I was not quite 40 years-old. The personal cost to me was an approximate 40 percent loss in pension value. If I had been one year older and worked seven fewer years at IBM, I would have received my full pension.

This raiding of the pension plan was done at a time of record IBM earnings. In the early 1990s, when IBM still held debt for the record, the IBM pension fund was left untouched despite the fact the company was losing billions of dollars.

My story is not at all unusual, and in fact it is rather average. I sincerely hope that a Catholic university that prides itself on teaching Christian and moral values to its students and community will seriously consider its vote on this issue and cast a vote in favor of the stockholder resolution.
Out of the garbage and into the history books

I had some Garbage Pail Kids when I was younger. People always act surprised when Garbage Pail Kids come up in conversation, but seriously, none of us will ever forget Scotty Pooh, Man-Bomb, Curvednose Carlin and Junkyard John—just to name a few. Some other fun names of Garbage Pail Kids are Dirty Harry, Bob Slob, Varicose Vortex, Wayne, Fake Jake, Shrunked Ed and Cheeky Charles.

The Garbage Pail Phenomenon was pretty amazing. Four men started it and then got Topps Cards to carry the first series. Art Spiegelman was one of the four. He also wrote and drew the Pulitzer Prize winning Maus II. For those of you who don’t know, Maus is a cartoon about the holocaust (which Art’s father was a survivor of in which Jewish people are depicted as mice and Nazis are depicted as rats. It is often hard-bound, so we are talking serious comic book action.

Another creator of Garbage Pail Kids was Mark Newgarden. I couldn’t dig up anything on this guy, but he was involved in the comic business as well. The third creator was John Pound. This guy, as well, was a comic book artist. He did most of the illustrations. His work is renowned in the comic book world. He also recently came up with a set of trading cards called “Meanie Babies.” And the fourth creator is Jay Lynch, who wrote for Mad magazine. Bazooka, Topps comics, did illustrations for the Chicago Sun and worked on some underground comic books.

If you remember, back in the 1980’s, a popular toy for girls to have was the Cabbage Patch Kid. These big-headed, dim-witted, babies would come in boxes and you would pretend that the Cabbage Patch Babies didn’t exist by pulling out their birth certificates and throwing them away. There were 15 series to total. All in all there were 620 cards, but you’ll encounter is $225 for the box set of series one. The prices of individual cards are actually quite reasonable.

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The first series of Garbage Pail Kids cards came in 1985. There were 15 series total. All in all there were 620 cards, but each card had a twin. A twin was the exact same card with a different name on the bottom. For example, Up Chuck and Hasivin’ Steven, and Boozin’ Bruce and Drunk Ken. So all in all there were 620 cards, but the kids were almost the same. The other series included in the Cabbage Patch Kids print run were made just for kids. They had birth certificates to fill out and cute names. It was really way cool.

The Garbage Pail Kid Phenomenon was rather short-lived, thanks to worried moms. Moms hated Garbage Pail Kids. They were always coming out with new ideas: Oriental Cabbage Patch Kid, Black Cabbage Patch Kid, Teethin’ Cabbage Patch Kid and First day at school Cabbage Patch Kid. The only real answer to this invasion of girl culture was a direct attack.

And thus, the Garbage Pail Kid was a knight in shining armor. I don’t mean to make it sound like it was only for boys. They were also nude girls fighting for the cause as well. But it was kind of known that the Cabbage Patch was girl territory and if you were in it—a boy—you wouldn’t be considered a boy for very long.

The prices of individual cards are actually quite reasonable though. Maybe someday we’ll have a Garbage Pail Kids of Notre Dame. We could even create some of our own. Like Patty O’Spityat, or Father Plateon Tom, Tony Screw Driver or Father Edward Sore in the Face.

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The legacy did live on though. Garbage Pail Kids went international. In France they were called “The Trash Kids” and in Australia they were called “The Garbage Pail Kids.” Garbage Pail Kids were almost the real deal cards. There have even been sightings of GPKs in Israel. In a sense, they will live on forever, and like most great ideas, their spread can’t ever be stopped. We can only hope that future generations will be creative enough to solve social problems using methods similar to those of the Garbage Pail Kids.

PS: Sorry there are no pictures of GPKs here. I would have gladly put some here if they let me.

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score to underscore the action, Herma n also had to compose a 12-minute piano concerto for the lead composer to play in the final minutes of the film. In this case, Herman’s music “underscored the action and set up the action,” Schelle said.

The next film clip Schelle showed would have looked very familiar to any four year old if only the director had added a dancing candelabra. An original version of “Beauty and the Beast,” with a score written by George Armit, showed a European movie that made use of music. Europeans today are more likely to be composing both for the concert hall and for films.

Movie music experienced a new phenomenon that came directly from Japan. The score from the movie “Ran,” a violent Japanese film about samurai, began a new trend called composing against the action. Film composers today still make frequent use of this style, when sound effects of a very violent or disturbing scene fade away and are replaced by a floating melody.

“Godzilla is our national reaction to what is going on in really captured in the score,” Schelle said. He showed “Revolution,” a film that appeared onscreen in the 1980s, as an example of this kind of music.

Schelle then showed a clip of a film that had a score composed by Alan Copeland. Copeland, who died recently, is still hailed as the Dean of American Movie Music. His concert compositions are played by orchestras world wide. He also composed the theme and explored the world of movie music.

In addition to famous movies, such as “Of Mice and Men,” Copeland composed the score for a film called “Something Wild.” In this film, the film watcher hears a side of Copeland’s music that Americans seldom recognize.

“As [the main character] falls into her dream,” Schelle said, “We get the dark side of Copeland that we don’t know very much about in this country.”

As a finale for his lecture, Schelle showed a piece of film that had a score composed by one of the premier composers of Japan, Akira Ifukube. Ifukube, whose compositions are known world wide, composed the score for the original “Godzilla.” Schelle added an interesting piece of film trivia: Godzilla’s growl was created by playing descending notes on the E chord of a double bass backwards.

So, “The Gold Chain around the Ha rty Chest of Hollywood” proved to be a wonderful exploration into the world of movie music.

Hill replaces Houston at Oscars

LOS ANGELES

The official word is that a sore throat kept Whitney Houston from singing at the Academy Awards. A newspaper, however, reported that she was dropped from the show after bombing in rehearsals.

The New York Post on Tuesday quoted unidentified sources as saying that Burt Bacharach, a musical director for the Oscar ceremony, was so frustrat ed with Houston during rehearsals last week that he pulled the plug on her performance.

Houston’s publicists said the singer backed out because her throat was sore.

“They were in rehearsal myself the whole time, and it was really obvious the poor lady was having a problem with her throat,” Oscar show publicist Jane Lathorne said Tuesday.

Houston, Bacharach and others involved in the show decided that it would be better if she did not perform, Lathorne said.

Houston was scheduled to join other singers in a medley of movie songs.

She was replaced by country singer Faith Hill.

The Post quoted a source as saying Houston showed up for rehearsal last Thursday, gave Bacharach only 15 minutes and was “totally out of it.”

A source told the paper that Houston seemed a bit “discombobulated” during further rehearsals Friday, missing a cue and singing the wrong song.

That’s when Bacharach decided to replace her, the source said.

Priestly on probation for drunk driving

LOS ANGELES

Former “Beverly Hills 90210” star Jason Priestley pleaded no contest Tuesday to drunken driving in a crash that totalled his car and injured a pedestrian. He was given five days at a rehab center and three years on probation.

Priestley, 30, entered the plea through an attorney to a reduced charge of misdemeanor driving under the influence with injury. The actor originally faced felony charges in the Dec. 3 wreck that left his passenger with a broken leg.

“It worked out well, considering,” said Peter Knecht, Priestley’s attorney. “I’m happy with the result, and so is he.”

Swank’s speech infuriates mother

LINCOLN, Neb.

Hilary Swank’s Oscar acceptance speech infuriated JoAnn Brandon, whose daughter was portrayed by Swank in “Boys Don’t Cry.”

Brandon said she objected when the actress thanked “Brandon Teena”—a name that Brandon’s daughter, Teena Brandon, used instead of her given name—and referred to her as a man.

“That set me off,” JoAnn Brandon said. “She should not stand up there and thank my child. I got tired of people taking credit for what they don’t know.”

As the film recounts, Teena Brandon posed as a man, dated a woman and was then killed at 21 by two men after they learned her secret.

JoAnn Brandon criticized the filmmakers for failing to explain that her daughter was sexually molested by a man as a girl. She said Teena Brandon began dressing in men’s clothing and dating women.

She pretended she was a man so no other man could touch her,” she said.

Prime Minister commits social faux pas

CANBERRA, Australia

Prime Minister John Howard may have breached royal protocol by touching Queen Elizabeth II’s arm. TV images showed Howard apparently putting his hand on the queen’s back as he introduced her to dignitaries at a reception Monday.

Howard dismissed the brouhaha and refused to reveal whether he had touched the queen.

“It is terrific to see the press focusing on the big political issue of the day,” he said sarcastically.

In 1992, then-Prime Minister Paul Keating touched the queen’s back during her visit to Australia. One British tabloid branded Keating “The Wizard of Oz” for the encounter.
Atkins steps up to lead Orlando to 122-87 victory

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ORLANDO, Fla. — No Darrell Armstrong for Orlando, but Chauncey Atkins took over as the go-to guy and the Magic stepped up to lead Boston to an easy win.

Armstrong sat out the third quarter with a sore groin, and Atkins took over at point guard. The Magic went on a 19-6 run to take a 37-27 lead halfway through the quarter.

"It's a confidence boost to play like this, but it's nothing new to me," Atkins said. "As the backup point guard, I'm used to coming in and getting things done. Darrell went out and I was able to come in and do the job." Atkins scored a career-high 26 points.

The Magic seemed to get inspired from Armstrong's ejection as it outscored the Celtics 40-11 in the third. After Dana Barros made both free throws following the technical, the Magic went on a 19-0 run as Boston missed its first 11 field goal attempts as both putts.

Baros, coming off seven-sevenths of a second remaining gave Boston a 52-50 lead at halftime. Boston held a 13-point lead at the 9:57 mark of the second quarter, but the Magic used a 20-4 run to go ahead 50-47 after Armstrong hit a 3-pointer and a running foul on consecutive possessions. But the Celtics couldn't escape with a 3-pointer by Adrian Griffin before Baros' shot to give Boston the lead.

**KINGS 103 KNICKS 95**

Kings trailed 77-65 after three quarters and tried to score seven points in the fourth quarter, but Boston's defense held the Kings to five points in the final period. Boston's defense held the Knicks to 36% shooting from the field, the lowest percentage of any team in the NBA this season.

After leading the Sacramento Kings to victory, Chris Webber took care of unfinished personnel business by hitting his 10th rebound to complete his fourth triple-double of the season.

Webber also had 21 points and 11 assists as the Kings defeated the New York Knicks 103-95 in their first seven-game winning streak of the season. It was the eighth time this season that the Kings scored at least 40 points in the fourth quarter. The Kings held the Knicks to 39 points in the final period, the lowest in their franchise history.

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Troy Hudson led the Kings with 29 points. His 3-pointer with 3:47 remaining in the game gave the Kings a 79-75 lead.

"We're getting our confidence back," Hudson said. "We're trying to play like we did in the playoffs last year. We're just trying to carry that over." Hudson had 23 points and 10 rebounds.

The Kings led 61-49 at halftime and took the lead for good on Mournin's free throw with 1:15 left on the clock. The Kings outscored the Nets 52-36 in the second half.

Mournin was 7-for-8 from the field and had 15 points and 14 rebounds. He tied his season high with four assists, which tied his season high with four assists, which included three points by Adrian Griffin before Baros' shot to give Boston the lead.

**RAPTORS 99 CAVALIERS 96**

Charles Oakley hit a three-pointer from the baseline corner as time expired to give the Toronto Raptors an improbable victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Tuesday night.

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Yagudin celebrates championship win

Associated Press

Yagudin, who took Russia's European title last year, $68 million deal was presented by Leland Harvey, who fired his agent and hired Leigh Steinberg.

Saints’ Williams hires new agent

Associated Press

PALM BEACH, Fla. — Keyshawn Johnson disagrees with Jets coach Al Groh reiterated earlier this week the team will not trade Johnson, nor will it renegotiate his contract. New team owner Woody Johnson said he believes Keyshawn Johnson should honor his contract.

"He is a member of the team and has a contract with the team," Woody Johnson said Monday at the NFL's annual meeting. "I think contracts are a part of this society and contracts are important. "You promise to do something and sign an agreement and you can take that for what it is."

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PEORIA, Ariz. — So what does Tony Gwynn do for an encore now that he's in the 3,000-hit club? Win another batting title in this, his 19th season? It's always possible, although Gwynn thinks it's kind of neat that he's tied with Honus Wagner for the NL lead with eight.

Win the World Series title that's eluded him his whole career? He'd love to do that, but the pitching-thin San Diego Padres make no secret that they're building toward 2002 and their new downtown ballpark, not an NL pennant like they won two years ago.

How about simply staying healthy?

"That's my only goal," said Gwynn, who turns 40 on May 9. "I just want to be productive. That's a whole lot easier to live with than going up and down, up and down, like last year.

When Gwynn reached down and golled a single into right-center field at Montreal on Aug. 4 for his 3,000th hit, his first emotion was relief. His milestone season hadn't exactly been a joyride.

He'd gotten off to a bit of a start, then strained his right calf on May 21. Missing 44 games on two separate trips to the disabled list meant taking 11 weeks to get the final 25 hits. Everybody was easy to celebrate; everybody was asking him what it was like approaching the exclusive mark.

And Gwynn wasn't altogether thrilled.

"I kind of dragged on and on and on," Gwynn said. "You're just sitting there on the DL, waiting to come off. I think if I could have stayed healthy last year and just kind of methodically gotten 72 hits, I'd probably feel a little bit different about it. But right now, I'm just glad that part of it is over.

The lefty finished the season 18th on the career list with 3,067 hits and with a .338 average, one point short of his career average. He then hit the weight room to strengthen his left leg and worked on his mechanics. He says he feels good swinging the bat and bouncing around on the bases.

Then came a couple of reminders that the end of his career isn't that far off.

First, the Padres refused to guarantee his contract for 2001, instead giving him a $2 million bonus on top of this year's $4.3 million salary in exchange for accepting a $6 million club option for 2001.

Gwynn can automatically trig- ger the option with 502 plate appearances this year, the same number needed to qualify for the batting title.

Gwynn would receive a $2 million bonus in the unlikely event the Padres chose not to exercise the option on their most famous player.

I can imagine he will be here next year, but the reason we put that in is to exercise the issue of health and age," club president Larry Lucchino said.

"There's a tremendous high probability he'll earn it with 502 and there's another high probability that we won't exercise it.

Gwynn would like to take care of business by getting the 502 plate appearances. But he'll have to do so knowing that due to his age and history of leg injuries, he'll be getting more days off as dictated by manager Bruce Bochy.

And both Bochy and Gwynn know the odds are very low he can be keeping track of the plate appearances.

"The last thing I really want to know is contracts," Bochy said. "I talked to Tony about it and he agrees, we've got to do what's right for him and what's right for the ballclub. If that's giving him a day or getting him off his legs late in a game, I'm going to do it.

Honestly, I would want him to get that (502). It means we're going to be a better club if he gets a little more leg strength.

Bochy wishes he would have rested Gwynn more early last season. Gwynn promises not to gripe about playing time, but he feels that he won't have to sit much if he's playing well.

Someone recently slipped a magazine into Gwynn's locker with the headline, "Turning 40"

I just want to be positive. That's a whole lot easier to live with than going up and down, up and down, like last year." — Tony Gwynn

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — The Arizona Diamondbacks' bid to repeat as NL Western Division champions suffered a severe jolt Tuesday when All-Star third baseman Matt Williams broke a bone in his foot in an exhibition game against the Seattle Mariners.

Team spokesman Mike Swanson said Williams will be sidelined about six weeks, and foot specialist Dr. Peter Mitchell said the injury would not require surgery.

Williams fouled Frankie Rodriguez's pitch off the foot in the second inning, but completed his at-bat, lining out to center.

He was replaced by Lenny Harris in the top of the third inning.

"Obviously, I'm disappoint-

ed," Williams said. "I was real-

ly looking forward to beginning the season and playing on opening day. There are some things, especially in this game, that you can't control.

The Diamondbacks have plenty of talent to succeed without him, Williams said.

"Fortunately, we have a lot of great players on this team, and our team will be just fine and play well," he said, "and I look forward to getting back as soon as possible."

Williams was taken in a hos-

tival for X-rays, which showed his second metatarsal was broken. He left for Phoenix, where he met with Mitchell.

"It's a non-displaced fracture of the second metatarsal which won't require surgery," Mitchell said.

In 1995, a break in the same bone sidelined Williams for 68 games with the San Francisco Giants. On June 3 of that year, Williams fouled a ball off his right foot on a pitch from Philadelphia's Paul Quattrill.

He underwent surgery to have pins inserted in the foot. At the time of that injury, Williams was hitting .381.

"It's a tremendous loss," teammate Greg Colbrunn said. "He's the key hitter in our line-

up and defensively. But the realization is he's not going to be around here for however long they say. You can't sit around and cry about it. You have to move on and do other things to help make it up for it."

The injury came in the Diamondbacks' final game before breaking their spring training camp and moving back to Phoenix. It made for a solemn departure for the play-

ers.

"That's everybody's fear, for something like that to happen the week before spring train-

ing," reliever Dan Plesac said. "When it happens during the season, somehow it's easier to swallow. For it to happen down here when the games don't mean anything, it stinks."

Williams is the team's acknowledged leader in the clubhouse. His presence and leadership are just as important as his ability," reliever Darren Holmes said.

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NHL Nuggets, Avalanche difficult to sell

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DENVER - No one could blame the Denver Nuggets and the Colorado Avalanche for feeling uneasy.

Ascent Entertainment Group wanted to sell the teams but couldn’t. Liberty Media Corp. didn’t want to buy them but did.

Now the teams are being shopped around again.

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“ ‘We intend to sell them (the teams) as quickly as we can find a good buyer for them,”’ Liberty spokeswoman Vivian Carr said Tuesday. Carr wouldn’t comment on potential buyers but said she expects the price to be in the range of previous offers, $400 million to $460 million.

Mariott, an analyst with New York-based Robert W. Baird & Co., predicted Liberty will be better at selling the teams than Ascent.

With Liberty, “I think you’re dealing with stronger buyers and a more sophisticated buyer and seller of assets,” Mariott said Tuesday. He wouldn’t speculate on the price.

“They’re pretty smart people,” he said. “Whatever it is, I’m sure it’s going to make, a lot of sense for them.”

Wal-Mart heiress Nancy Laurie and her husband Bill, offered Ascent $400 million for the teams and the arena last year, but Ascent managers backed out when their stockholders said the price was too low.

Denver billionaire Donald Sturm then offered $661 million, but that deal fell apart when Sturm and the city couldn’t agree on guarantees to keep the teams in Denver for at least 25 years.

The city has the equivalent of veto power over the sale because of the financial breaks it gave Ascent.

Liberty, a Denver-based communications company with a global reach, has been interested in Ascent for months but made it clear it wanted only Ascent’s pay-per-view service for hotels, called On Command, and its other non-sports assets.

Liberty tried to buy Ascent last year but conceded Ascent would sell the teams first. When Ascent couldn’t close its deal with Sturm, Liberty backed out.

Liberty launched a second bid for Ascent in February, announcing the same day that it would sell the teams after the takeover.

The shifting at the top hasn’t affected the play in the arena, the teams said, and Liberty has said it will keep the teams’ coaches and executives in place.

TENNIS

Venus Williams considers retiring

Associated Press

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. - For Venus Williams, 19 could be retirement age.

Williams, who has yet to play a match this year, might give up teams to focus on her education and investments, her father said Tuesday.

“She’s considering that very seriously,” Richard Williams said. “Of scale of 10, I’d say she’s a 7 or a 7 1/2 for retire.”

Williams said he advised his daughter to take at least the rest of this year off. She has been sidelined since November, citing tendinitis in both wrists.

“She has been playing a long time now, and she needs time off to rest,” Richard Williams said. “She needs to get more education.”

“She has enough money now for sure. She has some unbelievable investments paying off very well. She’s in a great position right now.”

Venus, who finished last year ranked No. 3, has career earnings of nearly $4.6 million. That doesn’t include her lucrative endorsements.

“I’m sure retired from tennis, she’d be making a statement,” her father said. “That’s why it’s time to walk away. I’ve seen too many black athletes come out of the ghettos and earn all that money, and four or five years later they’re broke and no one cares who they once were.”

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Davis, Pyatt suspended after arrest

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. - Kentucky football players Garry Davis and Brad Pyatt have been suspended from the team following their arrests March 19 after police broke up a late-night party at Davis’ house, coach Hal Mumme said Tuesday.

Davis, 22, a junior wide receiver, was charged with disorderly conduct and allowing nine minors to possess alcohol. Pyatt, 19, a freshman wide receiver, was charged with criminal mischief.

“On the matter. Davis played 10 games last season, catching 26 passes for 312 yards and one touchdown.

The arrests came less than two weeks after junior cornerback Jeremy Bowie was arrested in Lexington on drunken driving charges. Bowie also has been suspended from the team.

Spring practice begins Wednesday.

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Rangers fire general manager and coach

Associated Press

NEW YORK

With only four games left and the playoffs out of reach for the third straight season, the New York Rangers cleaned house Tuesday, firing general manager Neil Smith and coach John Muckler.

Smith, in his 11th year as GM and president, was in charge when the Rangers won the 1994 Stanley Cup — ending a 54-year drought. But he has not come close to matching that success.

The Rangers, who have the NHL’s largest payroll at $61 million, are five points behind Buffalo in the race for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. New York (29-38-11-3) has lost five of its last 10 games.

“Once you make a decision like this, the sooner the better,” Madison Square Garden president Dave Checketts said. “We made the decision last night. I didn’t see any reason to wait.”

Muckler was in his second full season as New York’s coach when Muckler was fired on Feb. 19, 1998. He replaced the fired Colin Campbell, now the NHL’s disciplinarian.

Assistant John Tortorella will coach the team through the final four games. Checketts said a GM will be hired and he will pick the next coach.

A source close to the team said Wayne Gretzky will be involved in helping select a new coach and general manager, but Gretzky wouldn’t comment on possible successors.

“It’s a former Ranger and one of the great all-time players,” Checketts said of Gretzky, whose last three NHL seasons were spent in New York. “I don’t expect him to be a part of that process.”

The final blow for Muckler and Smith were home-and-home embarrassments on Sunday and Monday in which the Rangers were beaten 8-2 and 6-0 by Detroit.

Madison Square Garden fans booted the players and shouted: “Wayne Gretzky!”

They got their wish a day later.

“It’s going to be a tremendous amount of work, and it’s going to require new leadership,” Checketts said of the rebuilding process. “There should be more scoring, more defense, more pride in the Ranger jerseys.

“I want to do what I have to do to make it work for the fans. They deserve so much more.”

If the Rangers fail to qualify for the postseason, it will be the first time since 1962-63 they have missed the playoffs for three consecutive years.

“At best it’s disappointing, at worst embarrassing,” Checketts said.

New York’s loss to Detroit on Monday also ensured the Rangers’ third straight home losing record. That hasn’t happened since 1957-58 through 1961-62.

“At times things don’t work out as planned and this is one of those times,” Checketts said. “In the best interests of the franchise and our fans, it has become clear that we have to go in a different direction.”

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NHL

High School Basketball

Students to display skills for NBA

Associated Press

BOSTON

Neil Fingleton is 7 feet, 6 inches tall but has been playing serious basketball for just three years and could improve with four years of high school, show that leap can be successful. Griffin, though, knows there’s a huge difference between being dominant in high school and decent in pro.

“My first wish is to play pro ball somewhere. That’s what I’m working for. I’m working hard for it. Plan B? I don’t know. I haven’t thought that far yet.”

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Tennessee and Rutgers will
assemble in Philadelphia for
the women's NCAA tourna­
mament Final Four, and there's
a strong Philly flavor running throughout
the group.
Connecticut coach Geno
Auriemma and Penn State's
Ronald Strickland both grew
up in Philadelphia. Vivian Stringer
of Rutgers once coached at
Cheyney and Iowa before
working her magic again at
Rutgers, a school she promised
in the "Jewel of the East" when she was hired
in July 1992. "She's a phenomenal woman," Rutgers' Linda Miles
said. "She's a coach who gets
you to buy into a philosophy of
defense."
Rutgers (26-7), the West
Regional champion, will show
up in Philadelphia with a pesky
matchup zone, which has put the
clamps on its last three
opponents. The Scarlet
Knights gave up 39 points and
then 45 before beating
Georgia 59-51 to earn
the school's first Final Four trip.
Tennessee (32-3) hopes it
will have more Final Four appearances
and national championships
against the first coach to take	hree schools to the Final Four.

We knew it was in Philly
and we said we were going
back there. We had a lot of
people behind us thinking we
could, too. We appreciate that
support. Philly, here we come."

Andrea Garner
Penn State player

"We're cooperating fully
with the NCAA and will have
no further comments until
the review is completed," he said.
A university spokesperson
said the coaches are permitted to accept extra
benefits such as free meals. Players, however, are not
allowed to receive any extra benefits. They will be
authorized through a special
arrangement Agency spokes­
woman Jane Jankowski on
Tuesday said "the basic rule of
thumbs" is that provisions
such as meals are not viola­
tions "if it can be demonstrat­
ed that the same benefit is
available to other students.
Jankowski said she could
not confirm whether there
was an investigation outside
the university's internal
probe. She also declined to
discuss possible penalties in
such cases or the agency's
history of disciplining schools
found to be in violation of
meal policies, saying it would
only be speculation.
Bohl told The Bee that the
university took steps to stop
possible NCAA violations as
early as 1997, sending a
letter to Kernell. In 1998,
Bohl's department sent
letters to coach Jerry
Tarkanian inquiring about
Kunishe's repeated pres­
cences at the university's
arrangements. Bohl admitted to Tarkanian as part of his con­
tract, The Bee reported.

As reported.
FRESNO, Calif.
Fresno State is investigating
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NCAA BASKETBALL
Fresno State looks into meal scandal

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Associated Press

When he was 4 years old, Duany and his family left the tropical, dangerous climes of Sudan. Thirteen years later, Duany left Bloomington, Ind., for Madison and an unexpected college basketball career.

When Wisconsin's season ended this weekend, Duany will be back home, Indiana, trying to help the Badgers win an improbable national championship.

Some time soon, he may return to his homeland and complete the cycle by helping in some way to bring about a much more important victory.

"I think about Sudan a lot," said Duany, his voice betraying a slight Indian twang. "I worry about the children who don't get the chances I got. It's important for me to make the most of my opportunities and then try to make a difference."

Wal Duany — Sudan's former prime minister — his wife, Julia, and their family left Sudan shortly before a civil war broke out in 1983, one that continues to this day. Nearly 2 million people have died and another 4 million have been uprooted in the fight for autonomy in southern Sudan.

They lived in London for two years before Wal Duany moved to finish his postgraduate studies at Indiana University. Duany played on a Bloomington North High School team that at times featured as many as nine players who were the sons of non-American professors at the university.

Duany doesn't remember much about his native land, but he can't forget where he comes from. Last month, his father was appointed chairman of the South Sudan Liberation Movement.

Wal Duany has spent several months in Sudan recently, trying to unify the various rebellions against Sudan's government, which the United States has accused of supporting terrorism, bombing civilians and committing civil rights abuses.

Duany thinks about his father, but he also worries about the rest of his family. He has two sisters and a brother who attended Division I basketball this season, something that might be unprecedented.

His brother Kueh is a redshirt freshman at Stanford and his sister Nok played for Georgia as a freshman this year. His sister Nyagon is a senior forward at Bradley. What's more, Duany's brother Bil is a 6-foot-4 freshman at Bloomington North.

"I like to keep track of how everybody is doing," said Duany, who also has two cousins playing in Massachusetts. "We stay pretty close."

Duany Duany, who has a double name because of a Sudanese tradition for the first-born son, has seen his playing time fluctuate wildly this season after fairly disappointing seasons and a red-shirt year.

In November, he was stapled to the bench. In January, he started several games and led the team in scoring three times. Now he's back on the bench, playing an integral supporting role.

He's primarily a streaky outside shooter and a solid defender, which doesn't do much to distinguish him from many others on the roster. But Duane, as his teammates call him, is happy being another cog in coach Dick Bennett's system.

"He has shown leadership and really been a team player this season," Bennett said. "Duany has found a niche on this team. I think, and it's a good place for him to finish out his career with us."

The most memorable game of Duany's season so far came in one of Wisconsin's early-season losses to bigger, faster Big Ten teams. When the Badgers fell 71-67 to Indiana in Bloomington on Jan. 5, Duany was given a start by Bennett, and he led the team with 17 points while playing in front of family and friends.

Whatever happens this weekend, Duany will treasure his unexpected trip to college basketball's center stage. But he also won't forget his father's work and his family's support.

Peppers leads Tar Heels to Final Four

Associated Press

With a deep front court coming into the season, Bill Guthridge wasn't counting on help from a 270-pound freshman defensive end with a catchy name.

Now, it's hard to say where the Tar Heels would be without Julius Peppers. Certainly, not in the NCAA tournament's Final Four.

The 6-foot-8 Peppers is 22-for-29 from the floor over his last seven games as the top substitute for North Carolina, including a 30-minute start in a 59-55 victory over Tulsa in the South Regional title game after Kris Lang went down with a sprained right ankle.

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**NIT Championships**

**Wake Forest tops rival NC State**

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NEW YORK  

Wake Forest won bragging rights in its rivalry with North Carolina State and earned a spot in the final of the National Invitation Tournament.

Darvis Songaila scored 18 points, including six in overtime, as Wake Forest beat Atlantic Coast Conference rival NC State 62-59 in the semifinals of the NIT on Tuesday night.

"This was an old-fashioned ACC, Tobacco Road type of game," Demon Deacons coach Dave Odom said. "That's what happens when two evenly matched teams play.

Wake Forest (21-14) will play Notre Dame (22-14) in Thursday night's final. The Fighting Irish beat Penn State 73-52 in Tuesday's other semifinal.

"I think the game was what everyone expected," Wolfpack coach Bob Sendek said. "It was a hard-fought, tough physical game. Guys on both teams played with a lot of determination.

Songaila made a layup off a pass from Robert O'Kellie with 58 seconds left to give Wake Forest a 58-56 lead in overtime. Songaila was fouled by Kenny Inge on the Demon Deacons' next possession with 35.9 left and made both foul shots for a 60-56 lead.

NC State's Tim Wells responded with a 3-pointer with 22 seconds left to tie the Wolfpack within 60-59. Songaila was fouled by Anthony Grundy with 13.7 seconds and made both free throws to seal it.

"It feels great to be in that situation where you're making key shots at the end of the game," Songaila said. "The most important thing for me was the confidence my teammates showed in giving me the ball when it counted."

Josh Howard had 14 points and Rafael Violarreta added 10 points and eight rebounds for Wake Forest, making its first NIT final appearance.

"We had guys that really stepped up for us," O'Kelley said. "This win is a great confidence booster for us, and we're looking forward to winning the championship."

Inge, Damon Thornton and Justin Gaine each had 10 points for the Wolfpack.

Wake Forest, making its first NIT final appearance.

**After two near misses, Florida assistant coach John Pelphrey is going to the Final Four at last**

Associated Press  

GAINESVILLE, Fla.  

The replay tells him otherwise, but John Pelphrey can still feel the leather.

He thought he had both hands on the basketball.

That's how close it was, and that's how close Pelphrey was to being the hero in what many consider the greatest college basketball game ever played.

He's an assistant coach for Florida now, and Pelphrey, the former all-Southeastern Conference forward at Kentucky, has finally made it to the Final Four. Eight seasons ago, a trip was snatched from his hands by Duke's Christian Laettner's miracle shot at the buzzer.

The memory still lingers.

"It's very, very tough for athletes when your career ends that way," Pelphrey said Tuesday.

His career ended on a play that ranks up there with The Catch and the Immaculate Reception in the collective memory of American sports fans.

Dr. from Pelphrey's end of the action, it might draw comparisons to Bill Buckner's bobble or Jackie Smith's dropped third-down catch in the Super Bowl.

There were 2.1 seconds remaining in overtime of the 1992 East regional final. Kentucky's Sean Woods hit a runner in the lane to put the Wildcats up by one.

After a timeout, Duke's Grant Hill released the ball from the opposite baseline. Laettner ran up from the baseline and snuggled himself near Pelphrey at the free throw line. The replay shows the ball not missing. Pelphrey's outstretched hands. A full five inches taller than Pelphrey, Laettner collected the pass, then turned around and made the shot, a 16-foot jumper.

"It was so real to me," Pelphrey said, recalling the coronation of the ball hitting his hands, one that turned out not to be real. Pelphrey won 104-103.

Pelphrey and the rest of that brokenhearted team dropped to the floor in shock. Their season ended one win, one point and one miraculous play away from a chance at their first and only Final Four.

It was the last chance at redemption for Pelphrey and the other seniors on that team.

They had come to Kentucky in the fall of '90, when NCAA sanctions tarnished the reputation and hopes of one of the country's most storied programs. They had been part of the only team to post a losing record since the days before Adolph Rupp.

Somewhere, they had scratched their way back to respectability, then excellence, and were about to formally shed the label as being "the guys who were at Kentucky when Kentucky was bad," as Pelphrey put it.

"We had put all our eggs in one basket and losing wasn't in the equation," he said. "To have it end so abruptly, and with things so obviously in your favor. And not only did the game end and your hopes for a national championship end, but so did my dream to play a career. It was very, very tough.

Pelphrey got a job coaching at Oklahoma State for Eddie Sutton, the coach who recruited him to Kentucky in the late 1980s. Then, another twist of fate: Billy Donovan lured Pelphrey to Marshall in 1994, and Pelphrey missed Oklahoma State's trip to the Final Four a year later.

"He came so close," Donovan said. "Now, all of the sudden, he's in this situation. For him to be able to go to the Final Four right now, to me, that's what brings a smile to my face."

"He played so well," Pelphrey said, recalling that day's game. "I think he went 9-for-9, 9-for-9."

"When I think of Final Fours, I think of the Super Bowl."

Pelphrey finally gets to Final Four.

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**The Huddle - LaFortune Student Center**
Senior point guard Jimmy Dillon dishes off an assist in a recent game. Dillon concludes his collegiate career on Thursday in the NIT championship game against Wake Forest.
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We've played against them last year. Four out of five played Cinderella-like run to the finals.

Dillon

The addition of Hanson allows us to have a lot of good athletes. We're not players...we just test the ir basketball skills.

Bobby Brown

The Individuals.

There will be a Bookstore Basketball meeting for team captains Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in room 101 DeBartolo.
CLUB SPORTS

Men's, Women's ultimate frisbee teams each finish 3-1

Special to The Observer

Ultimate

The best of the Midwest converged on Steph Field for one of the premier events of the season, as Notre Dame hosted the Whitesmoke Invitational.

The women capped a 3-1 round robin performance on Saturday with a great comeback against Purdue, chasing with the final four points and the victory. Caroline Scully and Allison Hodrick starred for the Irish. Earlier in the day, the Irish had defeated Oberlin 9-2 and Indiana 8-3, while dropping a match to Illinois, 7-4. In Sunday's semifinals, the Irish defeated Michigan 9-7, riding the handler to long connection of Erin McGee. The Irish moved on to the finals, rematching the Irish dropped a close game to Purdue, 10-8. Standouts for the tournament included Kathleen Croity, Monica Kerschner, Lara Pacoriki and Jeanne D'Agostino.

In men's play, top seeds lived up to their hype as pool play unfolded on Saturday. Michigan rolled through three opponents, as did the Irish in their pool. Playing tight zone defense spearheaded by Cory Padisky, the Irish overcame a 12-10 deficit in the opening round to subdue a strong Dayton squad, 15-10. The Irish also throttled Ohio State, 15-9, in opening day play. The third pool was sprinkled with upsets as highly-ranked Winona State was shocked early by Iowa, which in turn was beaten by Indiana. Winona State recovered to earn the right to advance and handily won their opening round on Sunday. In the quarters Winona was in top form, defeating the Irish 13-7, despite stellar defense from Steve Hemkens and Paul Miller.

Pistol

The Irish were crowned champions in the National Intercollegiate Pistol Championships in Atlanta this weekend. Despite competing with a fractured hand, Salas' stellar performance earned her first-team All-America honors in Air Pistol. Salas was among the last of the shooters to come off the range. With the added pressure of everyone watching her, the 40 shot air pistol individual championship came down to her last shot. Salas lost the gold in the narrowest of margins, one point, yet still captured the silver medal, and the support of the crowd for her gutsy performance.

Ultimate

Later, competing in the 60 shot competition for both men and women, Salas again finished in the top ten nationally, and recorded the highest score of all women in the event.

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Men's Volleyball

Notre Dame did not fare as well as hoped at The Midwest Intercollegiate Volleyball Championships. The Irish dropped matches to Iowa, 25-14, 25-21, No. 20 Ohio State, 25-16, 25-20, No. 24 ranked Northwestern 33-31, 19-25, 15-10, and No. 9 Northern Illinois, 25-23, 25-21. Although returning to campus 0-4 for the tournament, the Irish played well against these nationally-ranked teams.
FORTH AND INCHES

TOM KEELEY

You know, if we cook enough macaroni and cheese, we can feed ourselves for an entire week.

BUT NO ONE ON OUR DINNER TABLES PUT AND PANS ARE BIG ENOUGH TO MAKE MACARONI IN SUCH A MASSIVE VOLUME.

WHERE ON EARTH WERE WE GOING TO FIND A POT LARGER ENOUGH TO MAKE MACARONI IN SUCH A MASSIVE VOLUME?

ALRIGHT, WHO PUT MACARONI AND CHEESE IN THE WASHING MACHINE?

FOXTROT

MONDAY IT WAS MEATBALLS IN RED SAUCE.

TUESDAY IT WAS MEATBALLS IN BROWN SAUCE.

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TODAY IT DOES HAVE A MEAT-REFRIGERATOR, BALL IN RIGHT?

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IT'S OFFICIALLY SPRING.

TIME FOR BASEBALL, BUT NOT JUST BASEBALL.

NOTRE DAME BASEBALL

It's officially Spring.

Time for baseball, but not just baseball...
New York

Notre Dame moved one step closer to winning the NIT title with a balanced team effort and a 73-52 victory over Penn State Wednesday.

Senior point guard Jimmy Dillon marked the game's tempo, giving the Irish their first two points on the way to a 15-2 early lead. Dillon, better known for passing off an open look to his teammates than for taking the ball to the hoop, started the Irish scoring off with an off-balance jumper as the shot clock ran down.

"I think Jimmy's first shot of the game kind of set it all off," sophomore forward David Graves said. "You never really expect that coming from Jimmy."

The Irish opened things up with wide open three-pointers by All-American Troy Murphy and freshman guard Matt Carroll, followed by two Graves free throws. As the Irish dominated the boards, sophomore forward Harold Swaneegan scored in the paint and back-up point guard Martin Ingelsby swished a trey.

Six Irish players scored in the first six minutes of play, helping demolish the Nittany Lions' hopes of victory.

"The last five games or so, Jimmy has really stepped up to give us to come out and be the aggressors," Murphy said. "From the start, we wanted to be the aggressors. I think that we did a good job of that tonight, and kind of got them back on their heels a little bit at first."

After opening with a 13-point lead after 16:45 remaining in the first half, the Irish pushed the lead to 31-12 at 12:45. After opening the game 13-2, the Irish held Penn State to just 2-7 in three-point attempts.

"The first half was our best half of the year," Murphy said. "We were able to put out a great performance."

The Irish, who are ranked fifth in the nation, have now won six in a row, the last five in a row.

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Headlining the list of talented teams is last year's second-ranked squad, Keyplay.com. Keyplay.com is a veteran team, returning Cas Schaefer, Tom Dietrich, Paul Moore and John Teasdale. Dan O'Leary replaces graduated 1999 All-Bookstore first team player Alex Gore. The quintet, which fell just short of a chance to play in the finals last year, is backing on its size to help carry them through the tournament.

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