ND graduate awarded Purple Heart

By HELENA PAYNE Senior Staff Writer

U.S. Marine and former Notre Dame graduate Dustin Ferrell was awarded a Purple Heart, the oldest military decoration, after sustaining injuries while on duty in Iraq. He will be released from a Maryland hospital today.

Gen. William Nyland, second officer in command of the U.S. Marines Corps, presented Ferrell with the award March 31, one day after his arrival at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.

The award is given to "members of the armed forces of the U.S. who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who are killed in action or die of wounds received in action," according to the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

Ferrell still suffers from facial injuries caused by an Iraqi ambush south of Nasiriyah, Iraq. On March 22, Ferrell and three other Marines were traveling north in a Humvee when a rocket-propelled grenade struck the vehicle, killing the driver and injuring the three passengers. Ferrell was flown first to Kuwait after the accident and then to Germany, where he underwent a tracheotomy.

"They were tearing my clothes off and they were stabilizing my head. It was all a blur. I do not remember what happened."

Dustin Ferrell
U.S. Marine

Ferrell said he has forgotten most of what occurred in the Humvee, but he was knocked unconscious by the grenade.

He only remembers waking up in Iraq later after the ambulance.

"They were tearing my clothes off and they were stubbing my hands," Ferrell said. "It was all a blur. I do not remember what happened."

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2006-07 minority admissions increase

By WILL PUCKETT News Writer

Minority applications and admissions of minority students both dramatically increased at Notre Dame this year.

Over 2,000 minority applicants were offered admission to the Class of 2007, a 41.5 percent increase from this year's freshman class.

The admissions department has said for some time that increasing minority enrollment is a priority for them throughout each fall and spring application cycle.

However, according to James Biley, assistant director in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, the admissions department is not concerned with the University of Michigan affirmative action case that was heard by the Supreme Court April 1.

"We're just doing what we're doing, and we'll keep on doing what we're doing until they tell us to stop," Biley said. "We're not concerned about it at all."

The admissions department said it is making an effort to reach out to possible minority applicants with more visits being made by admissions staff to schools with a high concentration of minority students.

"The year before last maybe the visits were 50-50, but this year we're at 70 percent minority visits."

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Janet Reno to speak on service, politics

By NICOLA BUNICK News Writer

Former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno is scheduled to speak on campus tonight about the value of public service as well as discuss her career in politics and her work with the Clinton administration.

Reno's talk, entitled "A Conversation with Janet Reno," will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Notre Dame's Stepan Center. Following her talk, Reno will answer select written questions from the audience which have been submitted in advance.

Tickets for the program are on sale at LaFortune Box Office and cost $3 for the general public and $2 for students.

The Student Union Board is responsible for bringing Reno to campus along with the College of Arts and Letters, the College Democrats and Pi Sigma Alpha.

Junior Kim Zigich, the current SUB Director of Programming, along with Peggy Hartusko, the assistant director of programs for the Office of Student Activities, worked to bring Reno to Notre Dame.

"We wanted to bring a big name to campus," said Zigich. "Reno is a leader, she was the first woman attorney general and she is well respected.

In addition to being the first woman attorney general while serving on the Clinton administration from 1993 to 2001, Reno previously served as the Dade County, Fla. state attorney, where she was the first state prosecutor to assign lawyers to force "deadbeat" dads to pay child support.

"A lot of people were like, 'Why would you bring her?' said Zigich. "But the role she represents and the message that she is trying to bring to young people is something that is important."

Senior Mark Hayes, president of Notre Dame's Campus Republicans, agreed.

"I haven't heard anybody who was upset that she is coming to campus," he said.

Not only does Hayes believe that it is important for a school like Notre Dame to bring speakers with a wide variety of perspectives to campus to enrich the student body, but also feels that even conservatives can gain from hearing Reno's perspective.

"You can learn a lot by listening to other people, especially those with opposing views."

Mark Hayes
College Republicans President

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

A Bookstore Basketball participant attempts a jump shot Monday during the third day of the tournament. The tournament is the world's largest five-on-five basketball tournament. First-round games continue today.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

♦ Lecture with Nicholas Boyle "The Art of Writing: Glares and Faces" 4 p.m. at Hesburgh Center, room c-103

♦ Lecture with Michael Walzer "Empowerment and Empowerment: Domestic Society" 4:15 p.m. at Hesburgh Center Auditorium

♦ Lecture with Janet Reno 7:30 p.m. at Stepan Center

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

Employee loses Kontrol Kard On Monday, a University employee reported mis­placing her Kontrol Kard at an unknown location.

Car towed for parking violations Two vehicle students were towed for parking viola­tions on Monday.

Missing bike found near classrooms A bike that was reported missing from outside Welsh Family Hall was recovered outside of DeBartolo on Monday.

Employee injured NDSP escorted a University employee from South Dining Hall to the University Medical Center on Monday for treatment of an injury.

Two car accident reported NDSP responded to a two car accident on Bulla Road Monday. There were no injuries reported.

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Baked linguine, shells, tri-color rotini, meat sauce, marinara sauce, breaded cheese sticks, pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, vegetable pizza, tomato soup, cream of broccoli soup, minestrone, grilled chicken nuggets, krispie Krull and fries, chicken taco, taco, meat, Spanish rice, Mexican bar, portobello fajita, chinese chicken, gorgonzola sauce, salad bar, baked fettucine, gorgonzola sauce, spinach, ham burger, chicken breast, french loaf pizza, sausage pizza, French bread pizza, whipped potatoes, sugar and sour chicken served with sticky rice, pork cutlet, patty ooz, garden vegetable patty, hot­ter onion rings, monkeys turkey, flat bread sandwich, potato chips, fresh green beans, cheese pizza, bread sticks.

Today's Dinner: Thin spaghetti, shells, mostaccioli, linguine, alfredo sauce, spaghetti sauce, pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, sausage pizza, French bread pizza, whipped potatoes, cream, turkey gravy, baked potato, mashed potatoes, peaches, broccoli, baked beans, roasted vegetables, spinach, ham burger, chicken breast, french loaf pizza, whipped potatoes, sugar and sour chicken served with sticky rice, pork cutlet, patty ooz, garden vegetable patty, hotter onion rings, monkeys turkey, flat bread sandwich, potato chips, fresh green beans, cheese pizza, bread sticks.

South Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Pasta shells primavera, baked fettucine, gorgonzola sauce, French bread pizza, whipped potatoes, corn, turkey gravy, baked potato, roasted vegetables, spinach, ham burger, chicken breast, french loaf pizza, whipped potatoes, sugar and sour chicken served with sticky rice, pork cutlet, patty ooz, garden vegetable patty, hotter onion rings, monkeys turkey, flat bread sandwich, potato chips, fresh green beans, cheese pizza, bread sticks.

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Saint Mary's Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Falafels, saffron rice, marinated cucumber salad, buttered noodles, light tomato sauce, parmesan muffins, sweet and sour chicken served with sticky rice, pork cutlet, patty ooz, garden vegetable patty, hotter onion rings, monkeys turkey, flat bread sandwich, potato chips, fresh green beans, cheese pizza, bread sticks.

Today's Dinner: Hot and sweet tofu herbed pasta, marinara sauce, cornbread, fried plantains, grilled italian sausage with pasta and italian vegetables, broiled hamburgers, BBQ chick­en, Texas grilled cheese, baked beans, gypsy schnitzel, buttered noodles.

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Players drink, dunk and wear diapers at Bookstore Basketball

The 32nd Annual Bookstore Basketball continued Monday as students lived up to their team names, drinking and firing up the court.

Inside Column

That Time of Year

It’s that time of year again. Syracuse is pounding Kansas, Geraldo Rieves is pounding his head and the contestants on Married by America are pounding, well, whoever. So you know what this all adds up to — income tax time! There, I encour­aged you in with the sports and sex, then sucker punched you just like Uncle Sam. Anyway, I’m in dire need of some assistance involving my taxes, so I’m coming to all of you for help.

No, I’m not stuck swinging more than I have to my name. No, I didn’t try to copy Willie Nelson’s tax shelter scheme. In fact, the government owes me a refund. But that’s where the problem is: my refund will be for $1.65.

No matter how much entertainment—like my Dad’s stupidly incessant ads may claim my tax refund will buy, I think I’m a little bit out of the big-screen TV or gigantic stereo of my dreams.

Therefore, I’ve turned to my friends, my classmates and those random crazy people who read my AIM profile even though I don’t know them — all in my quest for what to do with that money. What can I buy? What can I do?

Oh yeah, I’m under 21, and I don’t think $1.65 will buy off Father Poores or ResLife, so let’s keep it sober. Of course, feel free to bring ideas while drunk — some people say the most amazingly pro­found things that way. Anyways, of course, that you’re over 21.

Right.

So far, I have the grand total of one idea — buying six quarter dogs and letting a Hud­dle employee keep the change. Actually, they’ll probably make you pay for condiments but The Observer’s cheapest ad would help matters much. So with Leisures’ major, so what call would make it.

Now, that idea seemed pretty nifty at first blush, but now it doesn’t seem so hot. I’ve racked my brains trying to come up with some low-cost thing that won’t either get me kicked out or get me labeled “that kid who got bust­ed doing some stupid thing.” But I confess, according to all my friends, I’m just an "Arts and Leis­ures" major, so what call would I have make a mistake. Maybe my friends have a point. Maybe I really should just put an ad in the paper, looking for ways to spend my pitiful tax refund. Actually, I’ve even liked that out, but the Observer’s cheapest ad costs 20 bucks — and that’s a birthday ad. Somehow, I don’t think a “Happy Tax Refund!” ad would help matters much. So with that, I turn it over to you guys: e­mail me, IM me, stop me in the hall, whatever — help me get rid of my tax refund!

Corrections

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Board of Governance

Group plans to improve campus visits

By MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writer

Board of Governance commissioners continued to settle into their new positions at Monday's meeting and heaped praise on Sunday's Accepted Student Day on Campus.

“It was a really great turnout, and it went really well,” board member Katie Harrison said.

Accepted Student Day at Saint Mary's is a day open to accepted students and their families in order to give the school one last review before making their final decision. Students and their parents have the opportunity to meet and talk with current Saint Mary's students and faculty.

Board members did offer suggestions on how to improve Accepted Student Day to better cater to visitors.

“One concern is the quality of tour guides on campus,” said Harrison. Problems such as dependence on only a few enthusiastic student volunteers and freshman tour guides were noted.

Harrison and Student Body President Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl mentioned several changes that are being put into effect in order to improve the tour process. One change mentioned included elevating the prestige of the tour guide position by providing guides with name tags and polo shirts.

“It is going to be much more of a commitment then people are making it now,” Harrison said.

In other BOG News

• BOG voted to give the Women’s Care Center $100. The crisis pregnancy center provides pregnancy testing and a hotline to women who may be pregnant.

BOG donors money to the center bi-annually to help pay for critical pregnancy testing, supplies, and the hotline.

• Residence Hall Association President Shyla Jolly confirmed that Saint Mary’s residence halls would sponsor a boat in this Saturday’s Fisher Regatta.

“We’ve gotten a lot of feedback,” said Jolly. “It looks very promising.” Construction of the boat will take place every afternoon this week in Moreau.

• BOG voted to give club status to the Sister School/God Sister Project. The club, which was founded in the fall of 2002 under the guidance of Brooks DeVita, seeks to raise money for Saint Mary’s of Bukedea, Uganda. The school is a safe haven for young women seeking to escape the cultural practice of female circumcision.

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Hallahan closes meetings to public

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

Executive cabinet meetings under new student body president Pat Hallahan will be closed to students and the Observer, leaders revealed Monday night.

Despite their campaign promise to “provide a means for constructive criticism of university government,” Hallahan and vice president Jeremy Lao banned media at the weekly meetings.

The executive cabinet serves as an advisory body to the president. It also administers the Collaboration Fund, a portion of student activity fees set aside to help finance campus programming.

According to Lao, a reporter’s presence at the meeting might stifle open and honest debate.

“The people might not say what they really want to say, for fear of being quoted,” Lao said.

The move, which was never officially announced, establishes the cabinet as the only student government group that meets in seclusion.

Hallahan, President Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl and Student Senate Council meetings are open to students.

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SUMMER 2003 TOUR GUIDES NEEDED

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions Office is seeking full-time tour guide/office workers for this summer

(May 19 - August 15)

Our 75-minute tours are offered M-F at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Note Dame students from the South Bend area and students planning to attend Summer Session are encouraged to consider this opportunity.

Please visit Room 220 in the Main Building to apply for this position.

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 pm M-F

Application deadline is Wednesday, April 16
They didn't release any names. As 300 yards from the site, broke windows and doors as far shut for about five more hours.

U.S. forces bomb area where Saddam believed to be meeting

Iraq

The U.S. bombing of an upscale neighborhood where Saddam Hussein and top aides were believed to be meeting continued from page 1

Iraqi leader is so obsessed with security that very few people would know about his movements. He maintains dozens of pseudonyms and uses doubles to keep people guessing.

A single B-1 bomber dropped four "bunker-busting" bombs on the area after U.S. military intelligence was tipped that Saddam, his sons Qusai and Qus统 and other Iraqi leaders might be meeting there, U.S. officials said.

"A leadership target was hit very hard," said Marine Maj. Brad Bartelt, a spokesman for U.S. Central Command in Qatar. He said he could not comment on casualties or say how long it would take to determine the damage. Battle assessment typically involves ground reconnaissance or satellite imagery, though Bartelt would not say what method was being used. Those close to Saddam have admitted dropped from 41.2 percent in 2002 to 38.4 percent in 2003.

Over 12,000 people applied for admission in 2003, the highest-ever number of applications the Office of Undergraduate Admissions received.

Specific minority groups saw similar increases as well, with blacks, Hispanics, Asians and Native Americans — the minority groups data was available for — applying and being accepted in greater numbers.

The greatest change occurred among blacks, where there were 420 applicants compared with last year's 254, a 65 percent increase. Eight hundred and ninety-five black applicants were admitted versus 126 last year.

While in every category a lower percentage of applying students were admitted this year, the admissions office attributes this largely to the increased number of applicants across the board and views the increased numbers as a sign that the aggressive school visitation, recruiting, and other efforts are working well.

While these numbers do show increases in the raw number of applicants and admits in every category, the increase from aggressively seeking minority applicants may not show its true potential for some time to come. Over time, the admissions office said it would like to see still more minority applications and hopefully raise the percentage of minority students overall at Notre Dame.

Accepted students have until May 1 to decide whether they will attend Notre Dame, after which final figures will be available to show any changes in the number of minority students deciding to enroll at Notre Dame.

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PPE MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 4:30-5:30 PM, 116 O'SHAUGHNESSY HALL.
**Iraq**

American forces seize Saddam's presidential palace

Associated Press

U.S. forces in Iraq and armored vehicles stormed into the center of Baghdad on Monday, seizing one of Saddam Hussein’s palaces in a bold daylight raid aimed at demonstrating the Americans can come and go as they please.

In the afternoon, some 10 hours after the battle began, Iraqi snipers fired on U.S. soldiers from run-down Al-Rashid Hotel while the platoon conducted a patrol in a neighborhood near the palace, soldiers said. U.S. tanks returned fire with their main guns and 50-caliber machine guns.

More than 70 tanks and 60 Bradley fighting vehicles took part in the lightning thrust by the 1st Infantry Division, with tank killing A-10 Warthog planes and pilots downing live air cover against mostly disorganized resistance.

At the city’s southern edge, though, Marines and Army troops faced bloody fighting.

Two Marines were killed and two wounded when their armored troop carrier was hit by an artillery shell at a bridge spanning a canal. The Marines advanced into the capital by helicopter. After the Iraqis blew apart the bridge.

Also, a group of U.S. armored vehicles in southern Baghdad was hit by rockets, according to field reports. Six American soldiers were reported missing and a large number were wounded.

In the heart of Baghdad, American soldiers who reached the gold-and-blue-domed New Presidential Palace used the toilet, rifled through documents in the bombarded-out compound, and helped themselves to ashtrays, pillows, gold-painted Arab glassware and other souvenirs. The Americans also blew up a statue of Saddam on horseback near the center of the city.

"Do I believe this city is freakin’ ours?" boasted Capt. Chris Carter of Watkinsville, Ga.

The troops secured the main roads in the area, leaving soldiers at every intersection. They marked gates to the Al-Rashid and to the bombed-out palace. U.S. forces seized Saddam Hussein's main compound in the center of the city.

British forces took control of the heart of Baghdad on Monday, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said "the circle is closing" around the Iraqi leader.

"We do know that he no longer runs much of Iraq," Rumsfeld said.

Rumsfeld suggested, however, that complete victory would come "later rather than sooner, simply because it’s a big country."

Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said there were now 125,000 coalition troops inside Iraq and that all but "a couple of dozen" of the Iraqi Republican Guard’s tanks had been destroyed.

The number of American troops confirmed killed in the Iraq war rose to 89, the Pentagon announced Monday. The military said 73 of the deaths were from hostile action and 16 were non-hostile deaths. Seven are missing and seven are prisoners of war.

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Myers showed a video of the missile attack to reporters at a Pentagon news conference.

"We believe that the reign of terror of Chemical Ali has come to an end. To Iraqis who have suffered at his hand, he will never again terrorize you or your families," Rumsfeld said.

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**U.S. to test samples from possible chemical weapons site**

Associated Press

Army soldiers searching a compound in central Iraq found metal drums that may contain chemical weapons, although testing of samples has not been completed, U.S. military officials said Monday.

The drums were captured by American forces in and near the capital, including his main compound in the center of the city.

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**WORLD News Briefs**

British tighten their grip on Basra:

British forces took control of the heart of Basra on Monday, met by a few buckets of resistance and greeted by hundreds of people who shook their hands and welcomed them to Iraq's second-largest city. Royal Marine commandos seized a vacant, pink-tinted marble palace belonging to Saddam Hussein. Elsewhere in the impoverished city, there was wide spread looting in the city's narrowings, and even reports of some retaliatory attacks by Iraqis against multinationals in Basra. "The looting has not been of the critical kind, nor have there been reports of bodies," Air Marshal Brian Burridge told reporters in Qatar. "There will be some difficult days ahead, but the Baathist regime is finished in Basra."

For two weeks, the British had held off from storming the city of 1.3 million people to avoid civilian casualties.

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**Postwar Iraq talk widens U.N. rift:**

Just as the Iraq war has caused a trans-Atlantic rift, initial postwar plans that rule out a major U.N. role are drawing fire from allies like France, Russia, Germany and, and this, even Britain. President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair were discussing reconstruction and a future government for Iraq in talks today in London. Saunuch allies on the war, the two leaders differed on how Iraq and its 24 million people should be governed once the fighting stops. The dispute will be on front and center during the U.N. special session on the war this morning. The U.N. does not have the legitimacy which is necessary, necessary for the country, for the region and for the peoples around the world," Annan told reporters. But thus far, the Bush administration has shown little inclination to give the United Nations much say or to ask for much help from the rest of the world.

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**U.S. plane crashes in Colombia, pilot dead:**

A U.S. State Department plane used to fumigate drug crops crashed Monday and its American pilot was killed, the U.S. Embassy said. It was not immediately clear if the crash was caused by an accident or if the T-65 Air Tractor plane had been shot down, the embassy said. The American, whose name was not released pending notification of relatives, was the fourth to die in three crashes of U.S. government planes in Colombia this year. Three other Americans were killed when their single-engine Cessna plane crashed and burned in southern Colombia on Monday while searching for three other Americans who were captured by leftist rebels after their plane went down on Feb. 4. The rebels executed a fourth American and a Colombian soldier while taking the others as hostages, Colombian officials have said.

Monday's crash occurred in southwest Colombia's Narino state, where there are large plantations of coca, the main ingredient of cocaine.
the project has exploded. Women's Inter Cultural Circle members to get together for this. Mary Lack, a 1983 Saint Mary's student participating in Saint Mary's Center for Justice reform, crime and violence prevention. The Topsfield Foundation, a private nonprofit and nonpartisan organization, founded the Study Circles Resource Center in 1989. The project has exploded nationally, bringing community members together for dialogue and action.

A study circle usually consists of eight to ten people, each bringing a unique perspective to the group. The circle meets several times to discuss a specific issue and attempt to discover ways to act on the problems stemming from the issues. Issues that study circles can focus on include education reform, crime and violence prevention, immigration, strengthening neighborhoods and youth concerns.

The National Rights Commission is the sponsor for local study circles in South Bend and approached Bonnie Bazata, director of community connections for CWIL, to start a study circle on Saint Mary's campus. Study circles also meet at other schools and churches in South Bend.

The CWIL Study Circle on Race consists of 16 members—six of which are College staff. Sara Tallman, a sophomore Women's Studies major, is the only Saint Mary's student participating in the study circle. The remaining members are from the community: Mary Lauck, a 1983 alumna from the farmlands, and the study circle as well as the CEO of the Singing Sands Girl Scout Council. "I think there is something really vibrant about the mix of staff and community," Bazata said. "The power of the study circle is in everyone getting to speak from their own experience.

Topsfield publishes guides for each issue that include different viewpoints and discussion questions. Topics for the study circle range from race relations and racism to transforming words to actions within the community.

Rather than seeing a certain view as right or wrong, the circle is about discussing how other people experience racism. The dialogue is the central part of the study circles which Bazata views as important to the work of building community. Dialogue is like building a foundation for a strong and fortified building," she said.

Tallman learned of the CWIL Study Circle on the College Web site and decided to participate because she feels race is an important issue on Saint Mary's campus.

"I saw this as a good way to increase my experience and awareness of race," Tallman said.

With two sessions remaining, Tallman's experience in the circle thus far has been a powerful one. The community members who participate in the circle are active members of the community, so they have a lot to share about how Saint Mary's affects the community. Tallman plans to be trained as a facilitator and organize a study circle for students next year.

"The study circle is such a hopeful thing because racism is such a persistent and destructive part of our society," Bazata said. "It relies on the power of conversation and honesty that we can have with each other. The lack of that is really a part of racism."

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Multimedia yearbook makes debut

By JESSICA DALISING
News Writer

A new multimedia version of the Notre Dame Yearbook will make its debut this year. The 90-minute video yearbook covers events from the first day of classes through commencement day during the 2002-03 school year. "If you've been on campus this year, you're probably in it," said Aaron Perri, creator of the video yearbook. The idea for a video yearbook has been a long-time goal of Perri. He produced a video yearbook while a student at Adams High School that he said won some awards.

During his years at Notre Dame, Perri majored in Film, Television and Theatre, but also took a few entrepreneurship courses. He did some research and wrote up a business plan for a production company. "It just made sense to do it," Perri said. APT productions is one of only a few companies to produce video yearbooks. Notre Dame will be one of less than 10 schools to have a video yearbook. Perri hopes "the Notre Dame video yearbook will be a model for other universities."

Though the project has faced many challenges, Perri still believes that the company will reach its sales goal of 2,000 copies by the end of the year. "The students have shown great interest in the videos," Perri said. This year's book is titled "Notre Dame in Motion: A Year Under the Dome." It can be purchased through the APT productions web site at www.aptproductions.com. A DVD copy can be purchased for $30 and a VHS version for $25. The videos will be shipped to the buyer by mid-June. Video clips and student request forms for events to be included can be found on the website as well.

Aaron Perri has high hopes for the Notre Dame video yearbook in the future. Next year, 400 of the 800 yearbooks will go to "students involved [and] shoot the video through a student's eyes." His ultimate goal is to have a DVD coupled with the print yearbook.

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U-WIRE

1 dead, 5 injured in shooting at U. Arizona

By AREK SARKISSIAN II
Arizona Daily Wildcat

TUCSON

A Tucson, Ariz., woman was killed and five others injured in a shooting after several rounds of shots were fired in a west-side apartment student complex.

The six were among several people attending a gathering in front of Building 19 at University House, 2525 W. Ankleam Road, at about 1:15 a.m. when someone fired shots into the crowd, said Sgt. Jody Allieri, Tucson Police Department spokesman.

The woman, Sally Garcia, 19, was rushed in a private vehicle to St. Mary's Hospital, where she died. The five others, four males, ages 20 and 21, and one female, 18, were wounded. Both 21-year-olds were seriously injured, one with life-threatening injuries, Allieri said. One of the two 20-year-olds also sustained serious injuries; the other had a grave wound. The wounded woman also suffered serious, but not life-threatening, injuries, she said.

Atteri cannot release the names of any of the wounded until TPD finds out the exact motive of the incident. Tucson Police officials did not know whether the unidentified five were UA students.

Battalion Chief Randy Ogden, spokesman for the Tucson Fire Department, said the injuries among the five consisted of shots to the head, hip, back and chest. He said one of the injured was transported privately to St. Mary's Hospital, three others were transported by paramedics to University Medical Center and the other was taken to Tucson Medical Center.

Allieri said there were several parties going on in the complex at the time of the shooting, with people moving from gathering to gathering.

The complex, which is split into two parts, is accessible to residents and visitors through two gated entrances. Journalism senior Cara Haley, 20, was rushed in a private vehicle to St. Mary's Hospital, where she died. The five others, four males, ages 20 and 21, and one female, 18, were wounded. Both 21-year-olds were seriously injured, one with life-threatening injuries, Allieri said. One of the two 20-year-olds also sustained serious injuries; the other had a grave wound. The wounded woman also suffered serious, but not life-threatening, injuries, she said.

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"It was in my living room and kind of thought, 'Were those fire-works going off?'" he said.

Rocque, who has lived in the complex since August, said he has never seen a gathering that big. However, he said the problem of noise was going on for some time before the entrance past the electronic gates were better patrolled.

"I was in my living room with a lot of people and the noise was just filling the room. I had a hard time parking when I got there. People were parking illegally all over the place," he said.

Then, at about 1:15 a.m. he heard a series of cracking sounds. "I was in my living room and kind of thought, 'Were those fire-works going off?'" he said.

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Fed creates emergency plan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON Confronting new nears in recession, the Federal Reserve is refining an emergency economic resuscitation plan that includes further interest rate cuts and billions of dollars in extra cash for the banking system. The Fed’s effort would be aimed at pulling the country out of a nosedive that has seen 465,000 jobs evaporate in just the past two months, raising fears among economists that the weak recovery from the 2001 recession is in danger of stalling out altogether.

"Clearly, the Fed is in uncharted territory," said economist David Jones. "This will be a very experimental move." One key element of the plan Fed officials have been discussing is a strategy that has not been used successfully in a half-century. Based on comments by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and other Fed officials, the central bank is signaling that it is prepared to move beyond its traditional buying and selling of short-term Treasury securities to the direct purchase of longer-term bonds. In an effort to pump more money into the banking system and influence long-term interest rates. Also, Fed officials have indicated they are prepared in the event of an unprecedented狀況 to trim its depicted budget for costs not directly related to vehicles, and General Motors Corp. is poised to move beyond its targeted rate cuts and billion of dollars in extra cash for the banking system.

OPEC calls meeting to avert crash

Associated Press

LONDON OPEC members plan to hold an emergency meeting this month amid conjectures away crude prices could be headed for a crash if they don’t act quickly to stop the trend, the source said. "The Fed is trying to buck up fragile confidence," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com. "They know that everyone is asking the question: what can be done if the US economy slides back into a recession and it ignites a deflationary cycle?" Greenspan in a speech in December in New York noted that the Fed from 1942 to 1951, as part of an agreement with the White House, successfully capped long-term Treasury yields at 2.5 percent as a way to hold down borrowing costs to finance World War II. However, private economists note that a later Fed effort dubbed “Operation Twist” - in which the central bank sold short-term Treasury securities and bought long-term securities in the early 1960’s in an effort to influence rates at both ends of the yield curve - was judged to be enough in large enough amounts.

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Most OPEC members have been producing at maximum capacity to keep world oil supplies plentiful during the war. However, oil ministers are increasingly worried that OPEC might be oversupplying the market just as demand starts falling in its seasonal low.

"There is some serious concern among some of the ministers that prices could be headed for a crash if they don’t act quickly to stop the trend," the source said. "No one is talking about cutting production, but that would be the only feasible thing to do." The group has decided not to wait until OPEC’s benchmark price for oil falls below the group’s minimum threshold of $22 a barrel.

"You don’t want for the crisis to happen. You act before," the source said. Oil prices have fallen sharply since peaking at almost $40 a barrel on Feb. 27, before the outbreak of fighting in Iraq. May contracts of U.S. light, sweet crude fell to a low on Monday of $27.15 before bouncing more than a dollar on news of OPEC’s planned meeting. U.S. crude for May delivery was trading at $28.12 by early afternoon in New York, still 60 cents lower than Friday’s close.
**IRAQ**

**European journalists covering war killed**

Associated Press

CAMP AS SAYLIYAH, Qatar Two journalists and two soldiers were killed Monday in an Iraqi rocket attack on the U.S. Army's 3rd Infantry Division south of Baghdad, U.S. Central Command said. Fifteen soldiers were also wounded.

Spanish Julio Anguita Farrado, 32, of the newspaper El Mundo, was killed when the missile struck south of the Iraqi capital, according to his newspaper and the Spanish Defense Ministry. Anguita Farrado was the son of Julin Anguita, former leader of Spain's leftist Izquierda Unida coalition.

The second dead journalist was identified as Christian Liebig, 35, who was covering the war for the German weekly Focus. He had been with the 2nd Brigade of the 3rd Infantry Division since the war began, moving with it from Kuwait to the outskirts of Baghdad.

"We are shattered and deeply saddened," said Focus' editor in chief, Helmut Markwort.

Liebig also was a former editor on the international news desk of The Associated Press German language service.

The deaths brought to eight the number of foreign journalists who have died while in Iraq to cover the war.

Also Monday, armed Iraqis abducted two Polish journalists at a checkpoint near the Iraqi town of Hillah, about 80 miles south of Baghdad, their editor said.

Marcin Firlej, 27, a reporter for the private TVN24 news channel, and 31-year-old Jacek Kaczmarek, with Polish state radio, were traveling from the town of Nasiriyah in the outskirts of Baghdad.

The others are Kaveh Golestan, an Iranian freelance cameraman for the BBC, Gaby Rado of Britain's Channel 4 News, Terry Lloyd of Independent Television News in Britain and Paul Moran of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation.

Two other Independent Television News journalists, cameraman Fred Nerac of France and Hussein Osman from Lebanon, are missing in Iraq.

Liebig was one of the few German journalists who were traveling with the U.S. troops. He detailed the daily trials and joys of life with the troops, from surviving a sandstorm to the first hot meal in days.

Yet his reporting often focused on the frustrations and even sympathy of some soldiers he accompanied. Hours before the brigade approached Saddam's Republican Guards on March 26, Liebig quoted one private complaining the war in Iraq with Vietnam.

Liebig began his career in 1995 as an intern for the German news agency Deutsche Presse Agentur in Zagreb, Croatia. He joined The Associated Press the following year as an editor on the foreign desk of the German-language news service, where colleagues recalled his thoroughness and attention to detail. He joined Focus in 1999.

**GERMANY**

**Rescued POW buoyed by visits from family**

LINDSTADT

Rescued POW Jessica Lynch's mood has been buoyed by visits from her family — not to mention the applause she had been craving and a teddy bear with a red-white-and-blue ribbon.

Lynch's parents, Deandra and Gregory, and a sibling arrived Sunday from West Virginia. Their visits have been private so far, at the request as allowed. Her mother joined her on Monday.

"She was in good spirits," said Lindstuhl Regional Medical Center spokeswoman Marie Shaw.

When her parents can't be with her, they have left a stand-in: the white teddy bear with a red-white-and-blue ribbon. There's also a stuffed bunny by her bed.

Lynch, a 19-year-old supply clerk, was in stable condition Monday in intensive care, where she was being treated for a head wound and an injured spine and fractures to her right arm, both legs and her right foot and ankle.

She has endured several surgeries, but doctors have said the prognosis for Lynch's full recovery is excellent. And the addition of applause to her diet is just one outward measure.

**IRAQ**

**Marines battle for bridge; enter Baghdad**

Associated Press

**BAGHDAD**

Under cover of rattling machine-gun fire, Marines grabbed planks, poles and twisted rails Monday and surged across a shattered bridge over a Tigres River tributary into Baghdad.

"Go Get! Build that bridge!" an officer screamed, shoving troops as they ran under thundering machine-gun fire, grabbing bed frames to patch a 6-foot hole the Iraqis had blown in the span.

With its repair job and dramatic on-foot push across the Tigris, the 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines became the first Marines to penetrate the Iraqi capital.

They needed bridges able to support 70 tons to cross with their tanks and amphibious armored vehicles. The broken bridge could hold only infantry — but infantry would be enough to secure the other side for Army and Marine engineers to work on the makeshift span.

The crossing Monday opened the way for thousands more Marines advancing from the southeast, as the Army's 3rd Infantry Division marched in from the southwest.

But the long-awaited entry was bittersweet. Just an hour earlier, the battalion, trained at Camp Pendleton, Calif., suffered its heaviest loss of the skimmy, heavy two-week drive toward the capital.

Two Marines died and two were wounded in an artillery assault on their armored amphibious assault vehicle — an "amtrak" designed to float in 12-foot waves but used mainly inland in Iraq.

The Marines had been guarding the American-held south bank of the reed-lined Tigris tributary.

As U.S. artillery whistled overhead and slammed into targets on the far bank, an incoming shell tore into the top of the green, metal amtrak. The impact peeled back the steel like paper and blew the Marines out. Fellow Marines gathered the dead, treated the wounded and collected bulletin boards, photos and scrambled notes.

"Take care of it," a gunner sergeant said, passing down a cardboard box scavenged in bunkers. "That's something for the families."

The assault left the Marines grimaced. Before, they had spoken of nothing but taking Baghdad — seeing that as the first step to the trip home.

Entry into Baghdad "means we can get at 'em. They can't hide behind a river anymore," battalion commander Lt. Col. B. P. McCoy said, adding that his unit had been planning its infantry assault since Sunday night.

As it was, crossing into the capital found the battalion mourning newly dead friends instead of living raised.

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IRAQ

U.S. tanks push Saddam's government to the edge

BAGHDAD

More than 100 U.S. armored vehicles rumbled through downtown Baghdad with unstoppable force on Monday, seizing one of Saddam Hussein's opulent palaces, toppling a 40-foot statue of the Iraqi ruler and pushing his regime to the brink of irrelevance.

Some Iraqi soldiers jumped into the Tigris River to flee the advancing Americans. More than a dozen others were captured and placed inside a hastily erected POW pen on the grounds of the bombed-out, blue-and-gold-domed New Presidential Palace.

An estimated 600 to 1,000 Iraqi troops were killed during the operation, said Col. David Perkins. "We had a lot of suicide attackers today," he said. "These guys are going to die in droves ... They keep trying to ram the tanks with car bombs."

Tank-killing A-10 Warthogs and pilotless drones provided air cover as Americans briefly surged ahead of the Tigris River to flee the regime to the edge of the city after Iraqis rendered the permanent structure unsafe for heavy, armored vehicles.

Hours later, the sound of an American artillery split the night air.

The regime, its brutal hold on a country of 24 million slipping away, claimed that there were no signs of American infidels in the city of Baghdad, at all, or any plans to stay. Rather than withdrawing at nightfall, as was planned, it was the third straight day it was the most brutal leaders, including Saddam Hussein's brother and two journalists were killed in a rocket attack on the palace.

The Iraqi government maintained its hold over state-run television and radio — arguably its most important remaining levers of control over the country — and broadcast emotional appeals to resist U.S. forces. Also shown were images of Saddam meeting with key advisers.

The American military flexed its muscle in downtown Baghdad while British officials said one of the regime's most brutal leaders, Ali Hassan al-Majid, had appeared to be killed in a weekend airstrike in the southern city of Basra.

A cousin of Saddam, al-Majid was dubbed "Chemical Ali" for ordering a poison gas attack that killed thousands of Kurds in 1988.

Defense officials also said testing was underway on samples taken from a site where soldiers deployed a temporary pontoon bridge over a canal at the south edge of the city after Iraqis...

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Women Who Hear Voices: The Challenge of Religious Experience

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People, not place, matter most

A student recently admitted to this University, e-mailed me this weekend. A non-Catholic, he asked me how I thought he would fit in at Notre Dame and what I believed were the best and worst aspects of attending college here. These aren’t questions with quick or easy answers: any student here could write pages on the subject of “beinge a Notre Dame student.” I deserve a response from me—since he’s obviously smarter than I was as a high school senior, I didn’t correspond with many actual students during my college search. I grew up with this University—my father is an alumnus—sometimes I still think that I chose a coin by flipping a coin.

It’s a choice that I have struggled with—a decision that I have second-guessed. During the spring of my sophomore year in innbruck, Austria, I doubted whether I could return to the South Bend campus. I often wondered where I would be—who I would be—if I had attended another school. What I ultimately questioned was whether I fit into the “Notre Dame family.” Freshman year I talked extensively with orientation officers, seniors and professors talk about the family on campus. “Welcome home,” they said, during my first weekend on campus. I remember thinking, “Home, where I just got here.” Later, I tried to identify the places on this campus, where I felt at home: McGlinn Hall, where I lived my freshman and junior years, the classroom, where I was taught by amazing professors or the stadium, where I cheered with my fellow students. At times I felt trapped. Without a car until last year, I had no easy way off the campus grounds, educating officials and politicians are able to avoid dealing with the real underlying problems of why minority applicants disproportionately tend to lack the educational and social background to meet standard admission requirements.

This is one of the huge, glaring social injustices of our society. To that recently admitted student: “Welcome home.” I have been a part of the Notre Dame family—since I have at least a relative amount of time to learn and grow as a person. They have all shown me that what matters in this life is not where you are, but whom you are with. Home is not the dormitory a student is assigned to, the football stands or classroom. Here at this University, it is the people around you—the friends who become a part of you. This school truly is a family. I didn’t believe it as a freshman, but I do now. Part of the family character is its Catholicism. Although it is working to welcome non-Catholics and minorities, this University is not for a student attending college primarily to encounter diverse lifestyles and perspectives. I imagine that a non-Catholic student could have college experience. However, there are opportunities to express a different viewpoint for those who seek them out. A number of Protestant groups operate on campus, and Muslim Friday prayer is held in the Coleman-Morse Center each week. So to finally answer the student’s question, I believe that the best aspect of life at this University—Notre Dame campus—also is at times its worst. At their arrival, every student encounters the family atmosphere that makes this school wonderful and unique for some and hard-to-wait in for others. For myself, I would not trade my college experience for any other. No school is perfect, but a student can find a place almost anywhere. To that recently admitted student: Remember that wherever you choose to go to school, it’s not the place, but the people that count.

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Letter to the Editor

Affirmative action fails as a quick fix

In response to Helena Payne’s April 2 Inside Column regarding the Michigan admissions case, there are at least two good reasons not to support race-conscious policies. The one that is receiving the bulk of the attention in this case, that they are unfair to members of non-preferred groups, is in my opinion the lesser of the two.

Much more importantly, affirmative action is not a solution but a patch. By padding scores to create artificially diverse educational environments, educators and politicians are able to avoid dealing with the real underlying problems of why minority applicants disproportionately tend to lack the educational and social background to meet standard admission requirements.

This is one of the huge, glaring social injustices of our time, and actually fixing it will require a lot more work than simply adding 20 points to a score sheet and pretending that everything is fine. Call it a cynical lack of faith on my part, but I believe that as long as such an easy option is available, little real progress will be made. Eliminating this quick fix will not be creating an unfair environment for minorities but unmasking the true urgency of the situation we are already in so that it can no longer be ignored. Whatever the motives of the plaintiffs in this case, it is an opportunity for positive change. Let’s not settle for less.

Catherine Young
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off campus April 3

Quote of the Day

“A family in harmony will prosper in everything.”

Chinese proverb
Debating the meaning of America

Don't hide aggression and arrogance behind the flag

In response to Mr. Wiens's April 3 letter, I firmly believe that an unbiased look, like the one Mr. Wiens professes to portray, reveals the recent history of American military action does not exist. Everyone has his own view on the morality of conflict, and for most, it is strong enough to color every opinion. Your opinion, Mr. Wiens, is no different, nor is mine. I personally take issue with your idea that we should only take action when American liberty is directly threatened. The United States was founded on the idea that everyone, regardless of nationality, has certain rights: life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness among them. We struggle every day to make that ideal a reality at home, and now due to the global nature of society, we must also strive to protect other people around the globe. These are called human rights because they apply to all, not just Americans. Martin Luther King, Jr., in his letter from the Birmingham jail said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." This sentiment can be aptly applied to all the military actions cited in your article. In Panama, Manuel Noriega was a known drug trafficker, Cuban spy and a harsh dictator. Only after the United States took action, did he himself pay for some of the war. But it also will provide money to rebuild Iraq into a functional and free country.

Mr. Wiens is correct. This war is not about preserving American liberties. It is about removing the source of oppression for the people of Iraq. There may be other motivations as well, but don't dismiss this one. If you are convinced Mr. Wiens to support the war; everyone has the right to have opinions, but his argument is a little thin at the moment. I realize that oil will probably pay for some of the war, but it also will provide money to rebuild Iraq into a functional and free country.

The 123 year old phrase of "starvation and bombings" mentioned were in response to the methodological killing of the Kurdish people by Saddam and his men, using torture and chemical weapons. The bombings were in direct response to Iraqi attacks on U.S. aircraft protecting Kurdish refugees by patrolling a no-fly zone. The sanctions were imposed as a diplomatic solution aimed at preventing the Iraqi military from rearming. Instead Saddam used his countries resources to build luxurious palaces for himself and buy weapons for his military, while his countrymen suffered through drought. The Iraqi people will continue to suffer if the regime is not eliminated. Removing sanctions would only increase Saddam's ability to kill, rape and torture. How can anyone advocate sitting idly by and watching these things on T.V.? If the Gulf War was truly about oil resources, I am not about convincing Mr. Wiens to support the war; everyone has the right to have opinions, but his argument is a little thin at the moment. I realize that oil will probably pay for some of the war, but it also will provide money to rebuild Iraq into a functional and free country.

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Debating the meaning of America

America is about fighting for human rights

As I was preparing for bed this past Saturday evening, I was reading an article that had been brought to my attention by a friend. It was about the American flag and how it has been used so readily and often to promote a particular agenda. This is a common occurrence in American politics, and it has become quite prevalent in recent months. As a result, I began to wonder what exactly a pro-America rally is. What does pro-America mean at this moment in history, and why are rallies being held that espouse such virtues as nationalism with such flaunting of the American flag? How is this possible?

Well, I am afraid that is still what this is all about because if there were not two sides to this ongoing debate, it is doubtful that any group would be rallying under the guise of nationalism with such flagrant usage of the American flag in an attempt to ostracize one group as less American than the other, at least that is how I felt when I read the big blue sign. I have been increasingly disappointed to see the American flag, which the vast majority of us hold sacred, being used as a mascot for those with a "pro-war" stance as if it were an all-American symbol of unity and support. I have not been able to give up the side of the debate to the flag is far greater than this petty hickering.

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By BECCA SAUNDERS
Scene Music Critic

Fast, slow, light, hard, rock, gospel — it is all explored and well found in Jars of Clay's newest album Furthermore. From the Studio From the Stage. In this, essentially a greatest hits album with a twist, Jars of Clay shows every aspect of their musical talent, producing songs that elicit different emotions throughout the duration of the album.

Furthermore is composed of two discs. The first, From the Studio, contains 11 songs recorded in their own studio in Nashville, Tenn. Eight of the songs are new and different emotions throughout the duration. Jars of Clay shows every aspect of their Clay' s newest album Furthermore: From the Stage is much more upbeat with a hard edge, as is appropriate for a live recording of a concert.

From the Studio features Jars of Clay newest single, "The Valley Song." A mournful tone and soft guitar with light percussion creates the mood of the song. Lead singer Dan Haseltine shared at a recent concert that "The Valley Song" was written years ago during a painful time for the band and "was not a song that we planned on ever recording." It is lucky for all that they did decide to record this beautifully and earnestly written song. Behind the soft melody, Haseltine sings beautifully composed lyrics such as, "When death like a gypsy comes to steal what I love" and "though the pain is an ocean, tossing us around, around." The imagery is moving and the melody carries the lyrics gently and fluidly throughout the song.

The rest of the songs on the first disc are also very gentle, but this does not weaken the album at all. In fact, it actually strengthens it. While the Christian themes are very heavy throughout the album, with track titles such as "Let Me Be a Song for a Savior," "Redemptus" and "Needful Hands," the direct Christian theme is not the sum of what the album covers lyrically. The focus is definitely on Christianity but not to the extent that it begins to distract from the music.

The second disc is much more upbeat than the first. From the Stage features most of the songs from Jars of Clay's Grammy winning Eleventh Hour tour album, live, in concert form. From the Stage is a disc that is enjoyable for anyone and everyone as the music styles jump all over the place, while maintaining a uniquely consistent Jars of Clay style and sound throughout the entirety of the disc. The songs move from slower emotional songs with light guitar and slight bass, such as "The Eleventh Hour" to songs as unique as "Revolution," which features a gospel choir backing up the lead vocals of Haseltine.

Furthermore is an album that is immensely enjoyable for all Jars of Clay fans. There are a lot of improving and slight variations on favorite songs throughout the album. However, even for those who have never even heard of Jars of Clay, the album is strong and carries itself. By the completion of the album, it is near impossible to not be a fan.

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**Nada Surf floats in on a high tide**

By EMILY TUMBRIK
Scene Music Critic

Previously written off as the one-hit wonder of the MTV buzz hit generation, alt-rock trio Nada Surf attempts to achieve a new brand of popularity with their latest release, Let Go. Upon hearing the acoustic strumming of the first track, "Blizzard of Smoke," that characterized their hit single "La Pour Ca," you / I want to love you / I want to love you / I need to need you / I'm begging to beg you." Perhaps the most surprising song on Let Go is "La Pour Ca," with lyrics entirely in French and not translated in the liner notes. Although the members of Nada Surf are all Americans, problems with Elektra, their previous record label, caused their 1998 album Proximity Effect to be released only in Europe. The label claimed that the album possessed no marketable single and refused to back down, despite the album's European popularity and critical acclaim. "La Pour Ca" may be written specifically for the band's supportive European fans.

Although the album shares its name with the album of a certain necktie-sporting Canadian, the similarities between the two end there. Soothing and cohesive, Let Go delivers far more than anyone expects from the supposed one hit wonder. Abandoning the pure alternative rock sound that characterized their debut album, Nada Surf transitions neatly into a more mature and eclectic genre. The album possesses a flow that is rare in modern albums, albums which seem to consist solely of back to back radio-friendly singles. Nada Surf does not seem concerned with crafting the perfect radio hit, but rather with creating an admirable album with an attractive and pleasing sound. And it is at this that they succeed.

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CONCERT REVIEW

Matthews and Reynolds, duo-ing guitars

By JULIE BENDER
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At a time when stress is running rampant on college campuses and war is weighing heavy on people’s minds, everyone needs a little diversion. And that is exactly what Dave Matthews and his long-time friend, Tim Reynolds, brought to Purdue University last Thursday night in their second-to-last stop of the duo’s acoustic concert tour.

The evening began with the sold-out crowd of 6,025 swelling through the doors, anxiously awaiting the night’s music. Unlike the giant, impersonal stadiums Matthews easily sells out when he tours with his band, the atmosphere provided by the Elliott Hall of Music was intimate and relaxed, setting the mood for the evening to come.

Cheers greeted Matthews and Reynolds as they entered the dimly lit stage. Keeping with the minimalist approach to the acoustic evening, Matthews seated himself on a stool with only a small table and lamp separating him and Reynolds. With a few opening remarks from the performers and the sweet smell that so-often accompanies concerts hanging thick in the air, the familiar, heavy strumming began almost immediately. The audience welcomed the opening notes to the crowd-favorite, “Bartender,” from Matthews’ 2002 album Busted Stuff. Without the layers of instrumentation the band usually provides, Matthews and Reynolds have only been playing in concert for a week, “Stay or Leave.”

In addition to playing his own songs, Matthews is known for tapping into the well-known song catalogs of other musicians during the improvised outros of his songs. On Thursday, he did this many times, slipping into Elvis Presley’s “Fools Rush In,” the Beatles’ “Norwegian Wood,” Buffalo Springfield’s “For What It’s Worth” and the Woody Guthrie’s “This Land Is Your Land.”

Perhaps best moment of the night occurred when the Matthews-Reynolds duo played the quiet and often overlooked song, “Pay For What You Get,” from Under the Table and Dreaming. A song that hadn’t been heard live since 1999 before this most recent college tour, “Pay For What You Get,” was played with a poignancy that moved one fan to tears as Matthews sang, “Words, words, words, have you heard / A bird in hand is much better than / Any number free to wander.”

Although Matthews is the better-known artist who most fans came to see, the guitar maestro Reynolds certainly did not disappoint fans who were unfamiliar with his solo work. His talent on guitar is extraordinary, and Matthews credits Reynolds as the one who encouraged him to perform on stage.

As well as contributing exquisite guitar work on all of Matthews’ songs, Reynolds played two of his own numbers, hypnotizing the audience with fingerings that seemed to fit over the entire fret board. Reynolds also used a multitude of different strumming methods, from the basic up-down stroke to actually slapping and banging the strings with his hands. At first sight, the guitar seems a massive object on the diminutive Reynolds, but after a few notes, Reynolds proves that he is the one in charge, manipulating the guitar at his every whim and fancy.

In the moments of quiet acoustic noodlings and frenzied strumming between songs, Matthews kept the atmosphere comfortable and loose, warming his audience with delightfully bizarre anecdotes. He joked about a friend of his who had an unfortunate, girl-repelling habit of smelling his fingers, as well as a baboon he once saw with a vibrantly colored and somewhat “stiff” appendage. Matthews also poked fun at the many cameras floating around the stage that at times seemed invasive during the show. The audience, however, easily forgave the cameras due to the possibility that a DVD may be made chronicling the performance.

Although most of Matthews’ ramblings were light-hearted, at times he carefully alluded to the war in Iraq and revealed his distaste for violence and desire for peace. He dedicated an aching version of “Grace Is Gone” to all those involved in the Middle Eastern fighting, hoping for their safety.

For the close of the show, Matthews and Reynolds turned out an explosive performance of the jam-classic “Two-Step” before leaving the stage only to be called back for an encore by the insistent fans.

Matthews and Reynolds fed off one another for an improvised session in which Matthews rambled about a dread-locked beggar who had no access to a shower. This unnamed dandy turned out to be the opening to a stunning version of the inquiring song, “Dancing Nancies.” Although the song questions the many possibilities of life’s outcomes, Matthews and Reynolds provided all the answers in their music.

The ambiance was one of elation at the end of the show, as Matthews sang, “Look up at the sky / My mouth is open wide, look and taste / What’s the use in worrying, what’s the use in hurring?”

Certainly there was no worrying or hurrying at Purdue while the music played last Thursday. Matthews and Reynolds enchanted the audience for a spectacular show where time was nonexistent and troubles seemed miles away. And as any fan at the show can certainly attest to, on Thursday night, they celebrate they did.

Dave Matthews performed at Purdue last Thursday as part of his acoustic college tour with long time friend and fellow guitarist, Tim Reynolds.

Dave Matthews and Tim Reynolds played for a solid three and a half hours on Thursday, covering songs from Matthews repertoire which showcased their individual talents on guitar.

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Diamondbacks end losing streak with 6-4 win

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES—Lyle Overbay couldn't stop smiling.

His first major league home run, a two-run shot in the fifth inning, gave the Arizona Diamondbacks a 6-4 victory over Los Angeles on Monday in the Dodgers' home opener. "That's what you do," he said. "I was wondering if it would ever come or not."

The 26-year-old rookie didn't wonder no longer. Pitching for Matt Mantei (2-0) with two outs and a runner at first, Overbay hit a 1-0 pitch from Andy Ashby (0-1) into the right-field pavilion. Craig Counsell had singled to lead off the inning.

Scott Service, Arizona's sixth pitcher, got three outs for his first save since Sept. 23, 2000, for Oakland at Seattle. It was the 16th save of his career.

The Diamondbacks overcame a three-run deficit to stop a four-game losing streak.

"At the beginning, it looked like once again the guys weren't able to generate enough offense," Diamondbacks manager Bob Brenly said. "Hopefully, this will get us jump-started."

Arizona scored only 12 runs in its first 12 games after starting the season 3-0.

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Morton becomes the fourth Jet player to move from New York to Washington this offseason, joining receiver Laveranues Coles, guard Randy Thomas and kicker John Hall.

The issue before the arbitrator was that Morton was a restricted free agent, the Jets will receive a fifth-round draft pick from the Redskins as compensation.

The 25-year-old Morton ranked second in the AFC in kickoff returns last season and set a team record with 1,509 return yards. He returned two kickoffs for touchdowns, including one in overtime, on opening day in Buffalo.

Morton signed with the Redskins after the team promised him more playing time at running back. He played tailback and receiver at USC under then-assistant coach Hue Jackson, now the head coach of the Denver Broncos.

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It's the destruction of the championship team that will be Krause's legacy, though. The man blamed for breaking up the Bulls' dynasty and driving Jordan out of Chicago resigned as general manager Monday, stepping down for health reasons with only a week left in the season.

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April 8, 2003
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The lectures will begin at 4 p.m. and are expected to be two hours in length (with a refreshment break). They will be held on consecutive Tuesdays and Thursdays in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies except for the April 8* lecture that will take place in Room C 103 of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

Be a part of the wellness movement at Notre Dame - contribute your ideas!

Become a member of UBWell2!

What: UBWell2 was established in the fall of 2002 through collaborative efforts from Health Services, RecSports, Food Services, the Physical Education Department, the Counseling Center, and Memorial Health Enhancement Program. It is a student-driven organization by undergraduates with several faculty/staff members who act as advisors. Our goal is to better inform and educate the student body through the use of various media and special events about topics related to the wellness.

Why: You could be a part of change and provide valuable information according to what you the student needs!

How: Fill out a UBWell2 application available at Rolfs, RecSports, or Rockne Memorial. Return the application to Manisha Fortner at 215 Rockne Memorial.

When: Return by April 17th

We will contact you for an end-of-the-year meeting!
NHL Panthers win No. 1 draft pick

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The Florida Panthers are enjoying a rare winning streak. For the second straight year they finished first in the NHL draft lottery.

The Panthers, who would have picked fourth based on their regular-season record, should've had just a 10.7 percent chance of coming away with the top pick in Monday's lottery.

But because of a draft-day deal with Columbus last year, the Panthers had the right to trade first-round picks with the Blue Jackets and ensure a greater lottery chance.

It worked, as Florida had a 24.9 percent chance to win, the combined total of both teams' percentagess. The Panthers jumped up three spots, past Columbus, Pittsburgh and Carolina, which finished with a league-low six points.

Only the teams with the five worst records had an opportunity to win the first choice. A team is not eligible to move up more than four places. The lottery determines the selection order for the 14 teams that missed the playoffs.

Last year, the Panthers traded the No. 1 selection to Columbus, which chose forward Rick Nash. Florida picked defensemen Jay Bouwmeester with the third choice they received from the Blue Jackets.

Carolina, which went from the Stanley Cup finals a year ago to having the NHL's worst record, had a 23 percent chance to get the top pick. They will instead choose second, followed by Pittsburgh and Columbus.

Buffalo will pick fifth, followed by San Jose, Nashville, Atlanta, Calgary, Montreal, Philadelphia, the Phoenix Coyotes and the New York Rangers, Los Angeles and Chicago.

The remaining first-round positions will be determined after the playoffs. The Nashville Predators will host the draft June 21-22.

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Bobtz said. Although not coming at all spelled victory for No. 9 seed Growers not Sowers, who won with a forfeit, Gilligan's Island was determined to not only show up but make their presence known.

Gilligan, the Skipper too, the movie star, the professor and Mary Ann appeared on the Bookstore courts. Referring to each other only by their character names, the theology grad students who made up Gilligan's Island had little chance against the more focused Y Tu Mama Tambien, but Mary Ann and Ginger, complete with drinks in coconuts, seemed unconcerned.

More importantly, they had music to accompany their 21-3 loss — nine different versions of the theme song from their namesake. According to Gilligan, his relationship with the Skipper went back to when they were in the Navy and he just wanted to be able to play ball with him.

While the music may have been distracting for Y Tu Mama Tambien, Roc Sports had another party favorite to distract them — Catholic uniform plaid.

Catholic School Girls Gone Wild drew focus away from the basket long enough to score 11 points on the way to the 21-11 loss to Roc Sports, and according to Jason Kellman, it was the fault of the material they were wearing.

"Plaid makes you dizzy," he said.

Catholic School Girls Gone Wild had one goal — they each wanted a basket. By the end of the game, they had all scored.

"Roc Sports were very nice to us," Katie McDermott said.

Catholic School Girls Gone Wild had to don sweatshirts and ties with tight to go with their uniform skirts and blouses due to the cold weather.

According to McDermott, Roc Sports was lucky it wasn't warmer.

The all male Team 463 had a tougher time with its all female competition. Word to Your Mother played a solid game against Team 436, taking an 11-10 lead into halftime.

However, Team 436's half-time refreshments seemed to spice up the team and give them the strength and courage to try some new moves — such as one team member squatting on the ground while another launched himself off his back and Team 436 managed to pull out the 21-17 win.

Team 436's win, which took well over an hour, was underscored in part by the fine musical selection of God, Country Theory II, who all donned sweat bands and played Green Day on their way to a 21-2 loss to Team 962.

In an initial musical performance, Bette Midler took out Hoddington 21-3 despite having to suffer through a ball that wouldn't bounce on the wet courts in the opening minutes of the game.

Topping off Monday's bookstore activities was scoring. We Score More than Will Chamberlain defeated a Weak Sauce Warrior's team that had come complete with professionally-screened jerseys 21-8. Meanwhile, This is the Most We're Ever Going to Score at Notre Dame didn't score very much during its 21-5 loss to Bye into the Second Round.

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WOMENS GOLF

Irish finish 7th at Indiana Invitational

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

Battling gusty winds and frigid temperatures in addition to the golf course, the women's golf team fired solid second and third rounds to finish seventh at the 11-team Indiana Invitational this weekend with a score of 963 (327-318-318).

"The weekend was really tough weather-wise," coach Debby King said. "And because the par on this course was 74 as opposed to the usual 72, our 312 goal corresponds more to a 320. So other than the first round of 327, we really played two shots under the goal the other two days."

The Irish were led by Katie Brophy, who fired a final round 77 for a 233 (82-74-77) total for 33rd at 245 (82-83-80) to finish 62nd. Freshman Sarah Bassett tied for 33rd at 245 (82-83-80) to post the third-best Notre Dame score, while classmate Suzie Hayes finished at 249 (81-83-85) to tie for 40th. Rounding out the Irish contingent, Karen Lotta shot 251 (84-78-89) to tie for 48th while Terri Taibl shot a 261 (88-84-89) to finish 62nd.

"I was really pleased with the team's performance," King said. "It was really hard to turn because it was so cold. Seventh place out of 11 with a lot of Big Ten schools I think was fairly impressive.

The Irish now have the next two weeks to prepare to host the first-ever Big East Championship in women's golf at the Warren Golf Course on April 21 and 22. Four of the six teams in the conference that have a women's golf team will participate in that tournament."
**Women's Softball Polls**

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**IN BRIEF**

Four home openers canceled

Four home openers were wiped out Monday by a springtime storm, which snowed out games in three cities and rainied out the first game of the year in Pittsburgh.

The Yankees and Indians called off their games Sunday, before the first snowflake fell. The forecast in both cities was for several inches of snow.

The Cubs waited until Monday morning after the snow fell in Illinois overnight, and Pittsburgh called off its game Monday afternoon.

All four games were to be made up Tuesday, which was scheduled to be a day off for the teams. The Cubs rescheduled their game against the Montreal Expos for 2:20 p.m., the Indians and White Sox met at 3:05 p.m., the Yankees and Minnesota Twins play at 4:05 p.m., and the Pirates and Brewers at 4:05 p.m.

This is the second time in Jacobs field history that the Indians have had to postpone their home opener. In 1996, Cleveland had its game with the Yankees called off because of snow.

Tuesday's late start could cause some minor traffic problems outside the ballpark. That night, Michael Jordan will make his final appearance in Chicago as the Washington Wizards play the Cavaliers at Gund Arena, next door to the lake.

The last time the Cubs postponed their home opener was 1990, when their game against the Philadelphia Phillies was rained out. The Cubs' last snowout was April 16, 2001, also against the Phillies.

Red Sox re-sign Martinez

Pedro Martinez's $17.5 million option for 2004 was exercised by the Boston Red Sox on Monday, seven months before the team needed to make a decision.

Martinez has made two stellar starts that were squandered by the bullpen, showing no sign of past arm problems.

"We're pleased that it's done and run in front of the club, to ensure safe protection. ACLU lawyers challenged the ordinance, saying it gives the sheriff too much power to approve or deny protests and dictate their location.

While acknowledging that "the ordinance was passed in anticipation for protests during the forthcoming Masters golf tournament," Bowen said the city had crafted a constitutional ordinance. "The ordinance does not discriminate against a particular viewpoint or limit speech to certain subject matters," he wrote in a 17-page decision.

A local merchant shows his support for Augusta National Chairman Hootie Johnson with an "I Support Hootie" button. On Monday a Federal judge ruled that the protest against Augusta could be regulated by city officials.

Judge upholds law to regulate protest

A federal judge upheld a law that allows the sheriff to regulate protests like the one planned by Martha Burk at Augusta National Golf Club.

Monday's ruling was only a partial victory for city officials, however.

U.S. District Judge Dudley Bowen Jr. hasn't decided if Sheriff Ronald Strength violated his discretion by denying Burk the right to protest at the front gates of the exclusive club, where the Masters begins Thursday.

Burk is planning to protest Augusta National's all-male membership in Saturday. Aware of the time constraints of the case, Bowen said he would decide the second issue soon.

The Georgia chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union filed the lawsuit on Burk's behalf.

"Obviously, we're disappointed with the ruling," said Gerry Weber, legal director of Georgia ACLU. "But the judge hasn't addressed our clients can be relocated to the outer limits to have their demonstration or whether they can be in a place where they can actually communicate with the folks they want to communicate with."

Burk, who heads the National Council of Women's Organizations, wants to post 24 demonstrators outside the front gate of Augusta National and 200 more across the street during the Masters' third round.

Strength, who has broad authority over public protests, has told Burk and other groups the only place they can protest legally is a 5 1/2-acre site nearly a half-mile from the gate.

Strength says there's too much traffic along Washington Road, which runs in front of the club, to ensure safe protection.

The New York Yankees.

Ariadne Hahlo photos
**Women gymnasts finish 1st at Clover Classic**

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame women took first place at the Clover Classic, held Saturday at the club’s home, the Equestrian Center. Thanks to the efforts of the team, the Irish fell just short ofChampion Michigan State.

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IRISH HOPE TO SNAP FALCON'S 4-GAME WINNING STREAK

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Coming off their best two games of the season and riding an 11-game win streak, Notre Dame just wants to keep playing baseball.

But the South Bend weather might not let that happen. The Irish (20-6, 7-1) are scheduled to face Bowling Green (8-13, 3-3) at 5:05 p.m. today at Frank Eck Stadium. However, snow covered Notre Dame's campus Monday, putting today's game in jeopardy.

"The weather) does get frustrating because I feel like we're getting better every day," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said. "The more we play, the better we get. If you can just get a chance to play on the schedule days, you're geared up and you feel like you're going to keep making improvement at the normal pace."

The Irish also had a doubleheader against Boston College canceled Saturday thanks to rainy conditions.

Bad weather seems to be the only obstacle stopping Notre Dame right now. The team has won 11 straight games and is coming off a two-game sweep of Big East foe St. John's, 11-3, 18-3. The Irish thoroughly dominated the Red Storm in every aspect of the two games, scoring 29 runs while allowing just 15 in the two games combined.

Mainieri said his team must overcome the possible weather conditions and how it may affect when games are scheduled, what time you're playing or any delays you have." If the Irish can play, Mainieri will send right-hander John Axford to the mound. The 6-foot-5 sophomore is 5-0 this season with a 2.31 ERA. He has struck out 35 batters in 35 innings pitched.

Notre Dame's offense has been led by an array of players, specifically second baseman Steve Sollman and third baseman Matt Edmonds. Sollman leads the team in batting, hitting at an even .400 clip with three home runs and 24 RBIs. Edmonds is second on the Irish with a .365 average and also has four home runs and 32 RBIs.

Five freshmen have also made significant contributions to the Irish lineup. Cody Rizzo, Steve Andres, Brennan Grogan, Craig Cooper and Greg Lopez are all hitting above .300 and have been regulars in Mainieri's lineup.

"We've got five freshmen and position players contributing in an extremely large way," Mainieri said. "I can't tell you how pleased I am with how they've developed. They still have a ways to go, believe me, but they've more than held their own in the early part of this season."

While the Irish have played well of late, Bowling Green has also ripped off a win streak. After starting the season losing seven of their first eight games, the Falcons have won four in a row. They have been led by first baseman Kelly Hunt, who is hitting .427 with three home runs and 20 RBIs.

"Without sugar-coating it, (Bowling Green coach Danny Schmitz) is a very good coach and works very hard at his job," Mainieri said. "He will have his team very prepared to play against us. I have no doubt about that."

Contact Joe Hettler at hettler@nd.edu.
HELLO FROM HENRI ARNDT

Now arrange the crossed letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

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2. Get lost!
3. Break the action
4. Appended
5. It's all
6. Pucked out
7. Others opposite
8. Downcomers, at close range
9. Scrapbook or blog
10. Piddly brand
11. President who didn't want his daughter's marriage
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Happy Birthday: You have a lot of terrific things coming your way but you must stop living in the past. You don't want to waste one more minute. This is the first day of the rest of your life. Your numbers are 12, 16, 27, 38, 39

AIRS (March 21-April 19) You may have a problem following what's going on around you. You may have trouble thinking about what it is that you want and what you must do to change your direction.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Finding solutions to other people's problems will be your skill. The help you offer will make you feel good about yourself and bring you in contact with someone who could alter your future in a positive way. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) You should be thinking about your future and what will make life a little easier. Consider educational pursuits or apprenticeships that will enable you to learn new skills. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You will find it difficult to contain your emotions today. The more you do that is creative or involves children, the better. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may discover that you aren't getting the complete story regarding something going on at work or with one of your peers. Ask questions if you aren't satisfied with the answers that you hear or hear. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Get down to business and make a difference. You will have valuable suggestions that will be welcomed by your peers. Launch up a hite. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You will have a hard time connecting anyone of anything today, so don't waste your time. Reevaluate your motives and beliefs rather than talk about them. Listen to people with experience, but don't follow someone else's dream. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Your creative awareness and ability will be teetering today, so don't waste your time. Reevaluate your motives and beliefs rather than talk about them. Listen to people with experience, but don't follow someone else's dream. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You can do no wrong when it comes to your money matters. Take the initiative to make financial changes. Your creativity and vivid imagination will be your competitive edge. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You will have to deal with emotional issues today. Be honest about how you feel. Don't let a business partner get the better of you. Letters back can have your time to commit. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Keep your eyes open for the interesting opportunity. Mix business with pleasure and you'll discover that you have more in common with your colleagues than you thought.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You should consider booking a vacation or checking out different cultures, traditions or beliefs. There is much to discover and you will find it enriching. ****

Birthday Baby: You will be caring, warm and giving. You will follow a path that will enable you to help others and to make a difference in the world.

Answer to previous puzzle:

1. Diamond
2. Anchor
3. Center
4. Cross
5. Left
6. Right
7. Above
8. Below
9. Nine
10. Joker
11. Cube
12. Tower
13. Star
14. Compass
15. Bean
16. Oyster
17. Lion
18. Heart
19. Cross
20. Square
21. Circle
22. Oval
23. Ellipse

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Players drink, dunk and wear diapers

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Drinking and music was the theme of something other than Saturday night entertainment at Notre Dame. The pastime inspired diapers, halftime refreshments and the crew of Gilligan's Island as the participants of the 32nd Annual Bookstore Basketball Tournament shunned the cold temperatures and fired it up on the court.

When Fighting Sisco showed up, their competition certainly seemed to fit the name that was on the schedule. DOA (Drunk on Arrival) lived up to its name. Led by team captain Jim Botz and rounded off by a jester's hat, a full Winnie the Pooh suit and a diaper, DOA seemed to be interested in anything but winning a basketball game.

Although their stunning scoring display that consisted of two points when their opponents were up by 18 had Fighting Sisco worried momentarily, DOA just couldn't pull it out in the end as Fighting Sisco took the 21-2 victory. But fans watching the game, who were consistently shouting, "This is alcoholism at its best," seemed to enjoy the match.

Despite its slightly distracting nature, the Winnie the Pooh suit was not a planned part of DOA's strategy, but rather the "icing on the cake."

However, as part of their halftime strategy, DOA decided to remove not only Mike Fitzgerald's Pooh suit, but also most of their clothing. By the end of the match, Fitzgerald in his bikinis and his teammate in his diapers — more specifically Depends Overnight — had the spectators feeling cold. But DOA just considered it part of its team motto.

"You come hard or you don't come at all," said DOA (above) and Gilligan's Island (right) came out focused more on their team theme than on winning a basketball game.

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Boeheim wins long awaited national championship

Syracuse Orangemen were playground players early, a bundle of nerves late. They joked, jammed and barely held on for a victory that gave coach Jim Boeheim his long-awaited championship.

Freshmen Carmelo Anthony and Gerry McNamara did the scoring and Hakim Warrick came up with a huge block at the end Monday night to lift the Orange to a thrilling 81-78 victory over Kansas.

Warrick, who missed two free throws that would have sealed the game with 13.5 seconds left, made up for it by coming from nowhere to swat a 3-point attempt by Michael Lee that would have tied it.

Kirk Hinrich, cold all night, shot an airball at the buzzer and the Orangemen (30-5) ran to the floor to celebrate their first-ever title. Boeheim threw his arms in the air and ran to shake hands with Roy Williams, deprived once again of the championship.

Anthony showed he is certainly ready for the NBA if he chooses, fighting off a bad back to finish with 20 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists. McNamara hit six 3-pointers in the first half to finish with 18 points.

In a marquee coaching matchup between Boeheim and Williams, a pair of brilliant tacticians who had never won it all, it was Boeheim who finally broke through, after 27 years coaching at his alma mater.

Sixteen years ago, Syracuse lost by one to Indiana on Keith Smart's game-winner with 4 seconds left on the same Superdome floor. Boeheim said he wanted to get the last 4 seconds right this time, and he did just barely.

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