Police aware of Rally in the Alley

Turtle Creek notified residents to expect larger police presence

By MEGHANNE DOWNES

The management of Turtle Creek Apartments notified residents that local police departments are aware of today's planned Rally in the Alley, adding that they should expect an increased police presence at the apartment complex for the remainder of the year.

Student residents said the notice is the first they received since they moved into Turtle Creek. Rally in the Alley is a traditional party that occurs at the beginning of the school year in August and on the last day of classes in April.

The notification, a copy of which was obtained by The Observer, warned residents to act responsibly and reminded them of the complex's rules regarding parties.

"In light of the recent events surrounding the University and the city, you should anticipate a stepped up police presence in and around Turtle Creek throughout the remainder of the year," the notification said, referring to two raids on South Bend bars this month.

Turtle Creek Apartments is expected tonight to be the scene of not only Rally in the Alley, but increased police presence as well.

Student claims RA attack

Alleged incident took place at off-campus apartment

By MATT BRAMANTI

A Notre Dame student claims he was assaulted Saturday by a Knott Hall resident assistant at his Turtle Creek apartment.

The junior, a former Knott resident, said he had just laid down for a nap when the alleged assailant came to the apartment and attacked him. He was accompanied by several other students.

The student said he opened the door and had a brief argument before he was allegedly punched in the face.

"I don't think I got more than two words out before I took a right hook to the eye," the student said. "I think I got more than two words out before I took a right hook to the eye,"

Student votes to change club funding allocation procedures

By JULIA MILLER-LEMON

The Club Coordination Council decided to change the way that funds are allocated to campus clubs in February.

As part of a strategic plan started under the Libby Bishop administration, the new policy requires clubs to raise 20 percent of what they are given from the CCC budget. This means that if a particular club is given $1,000 from the CCC in funding, it would have to raise $200 on its own.

The 215 campus clubs under the jurisdiction of the CCC are divided into six divisions: Academic, Athletic, Cultural, Performing Arts, Social Service and Special Interest. In the past, these clubs have all been encouraged to hold fundraisers, but they were never required.

"The change is primarily to help clubs earn supplemental funding," said CCC president Seth O'Donnell. "The CCC can only fund approximately 22.5 percent of total club budgets — thus alternative methods to support club activity are necessary."

However, there are exceptions. "O'Donnell discredited claims that the new requirements show a need for clubs to raise their own money despite the successful fundraising campaign of The Shirt. Proceeds from the sale of The Shirt are intended to go into student activity fee allocations for scholarships, charities and student government, although the Financial Management Board is permitted to use part of the Shirt funds for direct allocation to campus clubs.

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"This isn't a need for clubs to raise more funds," O'Donnell said. "It's simply a way to ensure that clubs are not relying solely on student activity fee allocations." CCC vice president Jessica Panza said The Shirt did not have anything to do with the new policy.

"Profits from The Shirt project have in the past varied greatly from year to year, and are spread out amongst a wide variety of campus-wide groups and causes. Thus, the CCC recognized the need for clubs to raise more money," Panza said.

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INSIDE COLUMN

An Era of Air

In the April 20 Chicago Tribune Sports section, I saw a thank-you note from Michael Jordan to basketball.

As Jordan and the rest of the basketball world look back on the career of the greatest player to step onto a court, I think we all need to look back too.

After all, we grew up in the Michael Jordan generation.

Everyone's age that picked up a basketball was Michael Jordan. When you went out on the court to shoot around, you weren't Charles Barkley, Patrick Ewing or even the great ones like Bird and Magic. You were Michael Jordan.

You and your buddies would fight in elevator hall basketball to get number 23, because no other number mattered.

You'd jump from the free-throw line — even though you'd land just three feet from the basket. But you'd still do it.

You'd shoot and shake your head after every jumper you made, like Mike did when he hit his sixth three against Portland in the Game 1 of the 1992 Finals. You'd shoot — or more appropriately, miss — those free throws with your eyes closed as Mike would do from time to time to mess with his opponents, just to let them know — in case they didn't already — that he was unstoppable.

He didn't even need to see the rim. You refused to drink anything but Gatorade because that's what Mike drank. Then you memorized the "Be Like Mike" song and would sing it every time you went out on the court.

You begged your parents to buy you "Michael Jordan's Playground" and "Come Fly With Me" videos and then sat motionless in front of the TV for hours with your friends.

You swore that Mike could fly. He didn't, of course. He would glide and hang in the air for what seemed like seconds. He just didn't fall back to the court — he landed.

When his dad was murdered, you said a prayer for him, and when he retired the first time, you cried. You stood up for him as he struggled through minor league baseball, because he was still the greatest athlete in the world, even if he couldn't hit 200 home runs or break the Boston Barons or hit a curveball.

When he came back, you hated the number 45.

And when he drained that last jumper in 1998, you knew it would clinch his sixth title, you felt like a little kid. You celebrated like it was his first title, because all was right in the world again.

For the better part of two decades, he brought us greatness in all of us.

And when I expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Chris Federico at cfederico@nd.edu

WHAT'S INSIDE

CAMPUS NEWS

Saint Mary's College recently announced its shorter, revised mission statement.

Responding to an anti-American protest, U.S. para-

troopers fired shots during a demon-

stration Tuesday in Fallujah, Iraq.

BUSINESS NEWS

Oil futures at 5-month low

Analysis predict overproduction after the Organi-

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ing for oil.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

Earley End of the Year Picnic, 6 p.m., North Quad

The Political Lessons of the War in Iraq, 7 p.m., 129

Doherty Hall

Cuba Libre? Reflections Upon the Catholic Church in Cuba

Today, 7 p.m., C-103 Hesburgh Center

Interfaith Christian Night Prayer, 10 p.m., Morrissey Hall

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

Irish Dance Lessons, 5:30 p.m., 231 NE and NW Madeleva Hall

FEDC staff meeting, 6 p.m., 20 Havanac

Adult Children of Alchoholics meeting, 7 p.m., 317N Madeleva Hall

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ smc

North Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Spinach-cheese tortellini with mushroom sauce, Italian sausage marinara, Mexican beef pizza, polish sausage, potato and cheese pierogi, green beans, apple crisp, grilled tuna with lemon, asparagus cuts and tips, Canadian bacon, battered waffles, fried potato patties, sloppy joe, chicken wings, beef and pepper stir-fry, chicken fajita.

Today's Dinner: Spinach-cheese tortellini with mushroom sauce, Italian sausage marinara, Mexican beef pizza, roast top round, sauteed herbed mushroom ragout, bean casserole, apple crisp, spinach quiche, orzo portobello and cream, Italian-blend vegetables, Buffalo chicken wings, chicken kung pao.

South Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Baked beef ravioli, meatballs with sauce, tomato pizza, oriental vegetables, BBQ beef sandwich, shrimp spaghetti, rotiserie chicken, Louisiana rice and red beans, cut corn, red-skin potatoes with rosemary, broccoli, baby carrots, cut green beans, fishwich, crinkle fries, soft pretzel, beef and pepper stir-fry, chicken fajita.

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WHAT'S GOING DOWN

Property broken into Monday

NDSP received a report from an employee Monday that a rental prop-

erty owned by the University had been broken into. There are no suspects and the case is pending.

Police investigate harassment

Police are investigating a harassment complaint from Pasquerilla West that was reported Monday.

Student loses parking decal

A student told NDSP Monday that she lost her parking decal at an unknown location.

Authorities tow two vehicles

Two students' vehicles were towed for parking violations Monday. One was parked at the Post Office and the other was in the D2 South Lot.

Worker injured in dining hall

A Notre Dame employee was taken from South Dining Hall to the University Health Center for treatment of an injury Monday.

-Compiled from NDSP crime blower

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Saint Mary's Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Grilled hummus baguette, spinach frittata, chicken fet-

tuccini alfredo and marinara, broccoli, hamburger, corn dog, Monte Carlo sandwich, grilled roast beef wrap, cau-

illower, vegetable pizza, cheese cal-

zones, bread sticks, turkey club loader, tuna salad, sliced honey ham, sliced turkey.

Today's Dinner: Vegetarian panini, herb pasta, roasted root vegetable, sweet and sour chicken, tacos and burrito bar, refried beans, spaghetti and meatballs, broccoli florets, grilled pizza bread, Santa Fe pizza, ham and potato casserole, pineapple upside down cake, dirt pudding.

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Wednesday, April 30, 2003
Two rectors leaving Notre Dame

By MELISSA LOU
News Writer

Two rectors will leave the Notre Dame this year to explore new options outside the campus. John Mojzisek of St. Edward's Hall and Father Tom Bednar of Zahm Hall will officially resign from their positions at the end of this academic year.

Mojzisek, a Notre Dame alumnus, will leave his hall after a year of service. He will return to his hometown of Baltimore to continue work in counseling and teaching.

Mojzisek said he is leaving because his heart is in counseling and teaching, and he felt it was time to do something else.

Mojzisek said he leaves behind him a group of exceptional young men who are creative and very energetic.

"It is a smooth transition and one that stems from our student life," he said. "We are always willing to work with our students, and we will miss him greatly."

Mojzisek was a double major in Spanish and psychology and is an alumnus, who will leave his hall after the academic year. He has been especially supportive of my students," he said.

Mojzisek said that he is always willing to work with his students and is so sorry to see him go.

Bednar, who has taught at Notre Dame for the past three years, will make his decision. "He has an open feel for the campus and is very open for the students," he said.

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The Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center

Mojzisek was a double major in the program of liberal studies and psychology and eventually obtained a Ph.D. in pastoral counseling.

"The transition will be especially hard on the underclassmen, as they will have had three rectors in three years," Mojzisek added.

Kleckner said that Mojzisek did a good job making everyone feel at home after David Scheider left last year and is sorry to see him go.

Bednar of Zahm was not available for an interview. However, the Office of Student Affairs nominated Father Daniel Pirembo to take over his position as rector.

Nicola Iaria, a senior economics major, said, "Bednar has brought a different atmosphere to the dorm that stems from his experiences in Chile."

"He has an open feel for the campus and is very open for the students," he said.

Iaria remembers Bednar's first year in the dorm when during a Freshman Orientation activity he wore a du Lac T-shirt, showing off his unique sense of humor.

"He has always been willing to listen to people and always tried to be a part of the dorm. He was also very active in multicultural events," said Iaria.

Bednar often celebrated the Spanish Mass held in Zahm each Sunday.

Iaria, who works in dorm government concluded by saying that Bednar was "fair in his dealings with students and flexible in how he handled situations in the dorm. He was always willing to work with hall government."

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New dining hall to open in Saint Mary's

By SARAH NESTOR
News Writer

Saint Mary's class of 2003 will open the new Noble Family Dining Hall on May 15 at noon during the annual Alumnae-Senior Luncheon. The Alumnae Association Board of Directors luncheon to honor the class of 2003 will kick off Commencement weekend and is free for all graduating seniors, although reservations are required. Seniors can pick up their tickets from May 7 to May 9 in the Activities Office and additional tickets for guests are available for $12.

The luncheon is the first of several events over Commencement weekend to take place in the new dining hall on May 16 and 17. The Baccalaureate dinner on May 16 and the graduation brunch on May 17 will also be held in the new dining hall. Seniors will be admitted for free with IDs and tickets for guests can be purchased from the Student Activities Office.

Groundbreaking for the new Noble Family Dining Hall and Student Center began last April and is expected to open in December 2004.

Contact Sarah Nestor at nestor87@saintmarys.edu

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the student said. After a brief struggle, the victim said other students pulled the alleged attacker away.

The student said he went to the hospital and received several stitches, and still had a bruised left eye Tuesday. He said he filed a police report with the South Bend Police Department, but added that he does not intend to press charges because he resolved the matter by speaking to the alleged attacker.

When contacted about the alleged incident, the alleged assailant said, "I don't know. I wasn't involved in that," and declined further comment.

It was not immediately clear what punishment, if any, the RA would receive.

Knob Hall rector Brother Jerome Meyer declined to comment on the alleged incident.

The student said he thought the RA was angry about the student's relationship with the RA's ex-girlfriend.

Calls to the South Bend Police Department were not returned.

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Stadium lawsuit

Lingers in court

Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. - The legal tangle that arose after the smelly debut of the expanded Notre Dame Stadium has grown to include 16 contractors and subcontractors facing either law suits or countersuits.

The Sept. 6, 1997, inaugural football game in the expanded stadium was marred when water and sewage flooded the building, which had been enlarged to add 20,000 more seats for fans.

The University of Notre Dame later sued the project architect and the general contractor, alleging that the flooding caused damages in excess of $400,000.

Those two companies, in turn, have sued more than a dozen subcontracting firms that worked on the stadium project. To date, the legal dispute has grown to include:

- Lawsuits, amended complaints and counter suits involving 16 stadium contractors and subcontractors;
- 34 attorneys from 17 different law firms across the Midwest;
- A $10,000-a-day mediator from Boston;
- And a court file that measures nearly a yard thick.

"I'll need a seating chart," joked St. Joseph Circuit Court Judge Terry Creme about the task of keeping all the attorneys straight for a trial.

He also said he would need to find a space bigger than his large courtroom for a trial involving that many lawyers.

The case is set to go before a mediator for three days in early June after months of prepara-
tions by the participants.

If mediation does not resolve everything, remaining issues will go before Creme for trial. "It could tie up my court for at least six months," he said of a trial.

The University of Notre Dame's original lawsuit named the Becket Inc., the project architect for the stadium expansion project; and Castelor Construction Corp. of South Bend, the construction management firm and general contractor.

ROTC

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pilots, nuclear specialists, dive experts and submarine officers. Eight graduating seniors will head to Pensacola, Fla., to receive flight training as pilots and naval flight officers or navigators.

Two midshipmen will attend the Navy Dive School in Panama City, Fla., to receive training in explosive ordinance demolition. This program, under the auspices of the Navy's Special Warfare unit, offers training similar to that undertaken by Navy SEALs - the elite "Sea, Air, Land" personnel. One senior will serve in Washington, D.C., in an administrative role for the Navy's nuclear program.

"It's an elite assignment," Wall said.

The 17 seniors in the Army ROTC battalion will likewise undertake a wide range of duties, said Col. David Mosinski, professor of military science. The students will serve as second lieutenants in such diverse areas as military intelligence, aviation, and engineering. Mosinski said the demand for the various branches is similar to that in the past.

"I don't think the war in Iraq or the war on terrorism have changed the cadets' desired branches," he said.

Mosinski said that Notre Dame cadets historically have been well received by the Army. "Over the last two years, everybody from Notre Dame has received either their first or second choice in branches," Mosinski said.

He credits this to the strength of Notre Dame's ROTC program, saying, "Our battalion produces a pretty high quality cadet." Cadets and midshipmen who receive scholarships must commit to a term of service in the military, generally ranging from 4 to 8 years, depending on the branch, Mosinski said. "I'm biased, but I think we have the best ROTC program in the country," he said of a trial.

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IRAF

U.S. troops fire on demonstration, kill 13 Iraqis

Associated Press

WASHINGTON President Bush asked Congress Tuesday to quickly pass a $15 billion initiative to combat AIDS in the Caribbean and Africa, saying swift action is needed against a disease that is "killing, spreading the numbers of orphans and making a continent." His initiative would prevent 7 million new HIV infections and treat at least 2 million people who have the virus in the next decade, Bush said. He hoped to sign the legislation by Memorial Day.

Since he proposed the fund in January, Bush said, an estimated 30 million people have died of AIDS and 1.2 million have been infected with HIV, bringing the total to 20 million worldwide.

"Time is not on our side," Bush told a House committee legislation earlier this month that closely reflects his proposal. The House, including lawmakers, AIDS activists and Senate leaders. Among the audience were Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., who infuriated gay groups and some Democrats last week with remarks about homosexuals and a pending Supreme Court case on a Texas sodomy law. Bush wants "prevention education rooted in the proven abstinence-based approach," the White House says. But the House International Relations Committee rejected an amendment stating that promoting sexual abstinence and monogamy should have priority. Republicans are likely to make another run at such a provision, and to ensure that religious organizations can participate in the plan without being forced to distribute condoms. House Majority Leader Tom Delay, R-Texas, said the bill "is vitally important. If it uses abstinence" programs that have been proven to be successful. "I'm going to wait and see how the bill unfolds before I decide whether I'm going to vote for it or not."

MISSOURI

Supreme Court case on a Texas sodomy law.

Hussein rally.

World News Briefs

Palestinian vote approves prime minister

The Palestinian parliament approved a new prime minister Tuesday, the last remaining obstacle for the launch of a U.S.-backed peace plan. But the historic event was followed within 12 hours by a suicide attack on a Tel Aviv bar that killed three people. The bomber blew the front off the bar and demolished walls, doors and furniture inside, police said. A witness told The Associated Press security guards at the bar prevented the bomber from entering. The dead included the bomber. It was the 89th suicide attack in 2 1/2 years fighting. The night spot features live music and stands on a promenade that runs for several miles along the Tel Aviv beach. The U.S. Embassy is nearby, but was not damaged. The bomber was not immediately identified. The Israeli military moved a new peace conference announced by the prime minister was to begin in the next two weeks.

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Diabetes plagues Hispanic Californians

California's large and rapidly growing Hispanic population is developing diabetes at an alarming rate, a problem that poses new threats to a strained public health system, according to a report released Wednesday. The report by UCLA's Center for Health Policy Research said that nearly a quarter of retirement-age Hispanics have been diagnosed with the incurable disease -- twice the percentage of whites and significantly more than Asians. The study also found that Hispanics are more likely than other populations to be uninsured, making treatment of the disease that much more challenging. "It's a significant public health problem, and it's growing," said Ann Albright, who runs the diabetes program for the California Department of Health Services. Diabetes is an incurable condition characterized by the body's inability to break down sugars in the blood. It is the nation's seventh leading cause of death, and the leading cause of adult blindness, kidney failure and amputation of lower limbs.

National News Briefs

Savanah man accused of killing four

A seriously wounded Iraqi man is attended at a hospital in Fallujah, 30 miles west of Baghdad Tuesday. U.S. troops killed 13 Iraqis, including at least six children, and wounded 45 at a pro-Saddam Hussein rally.

Bush prods lawmakers to pass global AIDS initiative

Associated Press

Bush spoke as lawmakers dug into the details of his broad goals to reduce AIDS and reverse the spread of the disease in the developing world. The U.S. Army paid several thousand Baghdad policemen $20 each and promised to bring in 4,000 more of their own officers, as Iraqis at a town hall-style meeting told the U.S. administrator that security is their top priority.

Professional thieves appear to have slipped in among the bands of looters in Iraqi museums, curators said as they urged U.S. authorities to tighten border security and stop the flow of stolen treasures.

U.S. forces have managed significant progress in restoring electricity and water to Baghdad and hope to resume television and radio broadcasts by week's end, the commander of U.S. soldiers in the city said.

Iraqi military officials say the region a air operations center in Qatar from Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia, part of the reorganization that will take place in the aftermath of the Iraq war.

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The Palestinian parliament approved a new prime minister Tuesday, the last remaining obstacle for the launch of a U.S.-backed peace plan. But the historic event was followed within 12 hours by a suicide attack on a Tel Aviv bar that killed three people. The bomber blew the front off the bar and demolished walls, doors and furniture inside, police said. A witness told The Associated Press security guards at the bar prevented the bomber from entering. The dead included the bomber. It was the 89th suicide attack in 2 1/2 years fighting. The night spot features live music and stands on a promenade that runs for several miles along the Tel Aviv beach. The U.S. Embassy is nearby, but was not damaged. The bomber was not immediately identified. The Israeli military moved a new peace conference announced by the prime minister was to begin in the next two weeks.

Missouri court overturns death sentence

The Missouri Supreme Court on Tuesday narrowly overturned the conviction of a death row inmate who said he was innocent of killing a fellow prisoner 17 years ago. In a 4-3 decision, the court said Joseph Amrine had shown "clear and convincing evidence of actual innocence that undermines confidence" in his conviction. The court ordered Amrine to be freed from prison in 30 days unless the state files new murder charges. Amrine was sentenced to death for the fatal stabbing of Gary Barber in 1985 in a recreation room at the state prison in Jefferson City. Amrine, sent to prison for robbery, burglary and forgery, would have been freed in 1992 without the murder conviction. Investigators never found physical evidence linking Amrine to the knife used to stab Barber. Two inmates testified they saw Amrine stab Barber and a third said Amrine confessed to him.
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doesn’t place too much emphasis on external rankings. “We are pleased when we do well but we don’t really pay undue attention to [rankings],” she said. “We set very high standards. It’s not just a matter of going up in the ranking. We went up without selling out our values.”

Joel Urbany, associate dean of the College of Business, attributed Notre Dame’s increased ranking to the quality of the faculty and students and the unique environment that the University offers. He also said that a strong correlation exists between the increase in ranking and Woo’s arrival.

“We’ve gone from being ranked in the 60s to the 20s,” he said. “Our faculty research productivity and prominence have improved dramatically over the past five years.”

U.S. News determines a program’s ranking based on four criteria, including student selectivity, placement success, recognition by corporate recruiters and academic reputation. Notre Dame takes all of these factors seriously, according to Urbany. Over the past four years, the number of applicants to the MBA program has increased by 142 percent and the GPA of enrolled students has climbed from 3.15 to 3.36. Student selectivity is a priority of program coordinators, Woo said. The 125-student program looks for applicants who qualify academically but also assesses their values.

“We’re always careful of student selectivity,” she said. “The quality of the students determines the quality of the program.” Urbany also said that technology plays an important part in the program’s curriculum. The College uses a collaborative technology platform that facilitates communication.

“It allows groups and teams to communicate and work emphasize technology and recruit top faculty, fostering an environment that favors both teaching and research.” Last fall, Notre Dame was ranked No. 29 by Business Week magazine and No. 18 worldwide by The Economist Intelligence Unit, an affiliate of The Economist Urbany, however, downplayed the importance of such rankings. “We probably spend less time talking about the rankings and more time talking about the values at Notre Dame,” he said. While Notre Dame students are interested in academic development, they’re also interested in personal development.”

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Conseco, Trump head for arbitration

Conseco Inc. and Donald Trump will have arbitration hearings over ownership of the General Motors building in New York next week, after both sides told a Chicago bankr uptcy judge Tuesday they have resolved some procedural issues in the matter. In a short appearance via conference call before U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Carol Doyle in Chicago, attorneys for both sides said they're ready for hearings to begin May 8. Michael Harwood, an attorney for Trump, said the parties agreed to settle procedural matters for the hearing, including how much time each side would get, who would begin, and so on. Conseco, an insurance and financial services company based in Carmel, Ind., filed for protection from creditors last December as it struggled under more than $6 billion in debt. A subsidiary of Conseco and Trump together bought the 50-story building in May 1998. Conseco agreed to invest more than $200 million into the building and Trump more than $11 million.

**Market Recap**

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**Consumer confidence rises sharply**

NEW YORK: Consumers' faith in the economy may be at its biggest leap more than a decade in April, buoyed by the swift end of heavy fighting in Iraq.

The Consumer Confidence Index, which had declined for four consecutive months, rose to 81.0 from a revised 61.4 in March, the New York-based Conference Board said Tuesday. That was well above the reading of 70 analysts expected.

The 19.6-point increase was the largest since March 1991 just after the end of the first Gulf War, when the index recorded a 21.7 points gain to 81.1.

"The swift outcome in the Middle East has helped quell consumers' short-term concerns," said Lynn Franco, director of the Conference Board's Consumer Research Center.

But analysts said a rebound in consumer optimism doesn't necessarily forecast economic growth.

"The bottom line is that you can be feeling exuberant, but what counts is what you do, how much you spend," said Oscar Gonzalez, a senior economist at John Hancock Financial Services Inc.

Economists closely track consumer confidence because consumer spending accounts for two-thirds of U.S. economic activity. The Conference Board's index is derived from responses received through April 22 — as fighting in Iraq wound down — to a survey mailed April 1 to 5,000 households in a consumer research panel.

A separate report from the government Tuesday showing a rise in worker pay and benefits also boded well for consumer spending, but could signal a squeeze in companies' finances.

U.S. workers' wages and benefits rose by a brisk 1.3 percent in the first three months of 2003, the biggest increase in nearly 13 years, the Labor Department.
were unsuccessful. Rex Rakow, Turtle Creek Apartments, been contacted to assist an agency," Rakow said. At the request of another party to the east side of campus. in Turtle Creek, which is adjacent to the university. Past parties have typically been broken up by South Bend police officers. The letter said South Bend Police, Notre Dame Security and Police and Excise Police are aware of the planned party. Attempts to reach South Bend Police and Excise Police were unsuccessful. Rex Rakow, director of NDSP, said his office did not have jurisdiction in Turtle Creek, which is adjacent to the east side of campus. "We only end up off campus at the request of another agency," Rakow said. He added that NDSP has not been contacted to assist an outside agency in breaking up Rally in the Alley. The resident manager of Turtle Creek Apartments, Tammy Michelbrink, declined to comment. Rarely has Excise Police, the agency in charge of enforcing alcohol-related laws, been involved in breaking up past Rally in the Alleys. But Excise Police broke up a St. Patrick's Day party at College Park apartments, and officers from that agency have also been involved in raiding two bars this semester — The Boat Club in January and The Library Irish Pub Friday. It is unclear what effect — if any — the warning will have on the size of Rally in the Alley. Kim Milford, a Notre Dame senior and Turtle Creek resident, said she and her roommates are still deciding whether to throw a party. "After what we have seen at College Park [at Saint Patrick's Day] and all the extra security at Pig Testal, it's just not worth it and it has ruined off-campus parties," Milford said. Milford said she would think twice before attending Rally if she were underage and selling cups to students. Contact Meghanne Downes at mdownes1@nd.edu

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can fundraise on their own." When the CCC policy was first made, many club officers were worried that the change would affect the productivity of their clubs. But the CCC believes that requiring clubs to raise some of their own funds is not asking them to do anything differently from what they would normally do. The majority of clubs were already raising some of their own funding, so the change now officially requires a fundraiser from each club across the board. The CCC voted to change the Council's funding bylaws is one element of the new strategic plan that will continue to give more student ownership and secure more funding to campus clubs.

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Ugandan choir to perform at Holy Cross

By NICOLA BUNICK
News Writer

The African Children’s Choir, which consists of 26 Ugandan children ages 5 to 12 years old, perform a repertoire of gospel tunes and spirituals Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at Holy Cross College.

The choir, which tours internationally, is run by Friends from the West, an organization which sets up schools in poverty stricken countries. It is excited to have them return.

Campus Ministry Director, Robert Kloska, who coordinates the choirs, and in television commercials in America and The Today Show. They have also appeared on CBS This Morning.

Kloska was encouraged to start the program in 2000 when students expressed an interest in visiting Bangladesh. They heard a presentation by a brother from the Holy Cross mission there. Kloska proposed the idea to the College’s president, Brother Richard Gilman. Although Gilman felt that Bangladesh was too rough for such a trip, he suggested that they pursue a project with the Holy Cross Mission in Ghana.

“Last time [the choir was on campus] it was such a great success,” he said. “It generated so much excitement and people had such a great experience with them.”

A former Holy Cross student who had connections to the group informed Kloska about the choir.

Bringing the choir to campus seemed like a natural tie-in with Kloska’s Ghana program which he had begun only two years earlier. Each summer, Kloska takes a group of 12 to 14 students to spend time with the Holy Cross brothers in Ghana.

“The trip is really a life changing experience,” said Kloska. “It helps people to address the question of the meaning of life, happiness and stuff like that.”

Kloska was so moved by the trip in 2000 that he came back to run the choir in 2001.

Starting next year, what began as an elective three-credit religious studies program will become a required part of the curriculum for some Holy Cross students. All students who enroll in Holy Cross’s new four-year bachelor’s degree program will now participate in the Ghana summer program as part of their requirements for graduation.

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Class to speak about Cuba trip

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

Selected members of Father Robert Pelton’s, “From Power to Communion,” class will speak about their experiences visiting Cuba over Spring Break as part of his course. The panel discussion entitled “Cuba Libre? Reflections Upon the Catholic Church in Cuba Today,” will be held today in G-103 Hesburgh Center for International Studies at 7 p.m. and is open to the public.

“We hope to have them over here,” said Pelton. “But we have to do what was going on.

Pelton, a student of Africa, who coordinator the schools group informed Kloska about the choir.

“Sometimes people talk to [in Cuba] told me there were no Muslims in Cuba, only a few Jeffersons who met in a building in Havana for Friday prayer. I and many of my classmates found, while in Cuba, that some times people do not speak as freely because of fear of repercussions by the government … so I thought that I might not be getting the whole story,” she said.

“Eager to find out more, I continued to investigate and found out that this building [in Havana] was an Arab Cultural Center. The research I did upon returning further revealed the large influence Arab culture had on Cuba; I therefore decided to focus on this topic.”

Pelton, the director of Notre Dame’s Latin American/North America Church Concern Institute, said that he decided to take 13 of his students to Cuba in order to have them experience first-hand a greater understanding of the Catholic Church’s role in a socialist country.

“We were interested in seeing how the Catholic Church operates under a socialist regime. To have that experience — it’s a totally different experience coming from the U.S. It was a fresh, revealing experience and it helped [us] realize that the opportunities here (in the United States) are not available in Cuba (and one can) take more advantage of,” he said.

The Kellogg Institute for International Studies’ research on the Cuban diaspora led to knowledge of many Cuban contacts both in the United States and in Cuba. Additionally, Pelton visited Cuba three times in 2002 in order to establish some further contacts and said that he hopes to take another group in the spring of 2003.

“Some are courageous people, but we want to walk with them and listen to their stories,” Pelton said.

Students said that their experience in Cuba provided an education far different than what could be obtained in the classroom.

“I learned more on the Cuba trip about society, economy, culture, people and faith in Cuba, among other things, than I could ever learn in a classroom,” Saeed said.

The panel discussion will feature selections from a videotape made during the class trip to Havana as well as a PowerPoint presentation of pictures. Members of his class will participate in a panel discussion, answering questions posed by Pelton, after which the floor will be open for general questions.

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Father Robert Pelton’s theology class will talk about their Spring Break trip to Cuba today in the Hesburgh Center.

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12 years old, will perform a repertoire of gospel tunes and spirituals Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at Holy Cross College.

The choir, which tours internationally, is run by Friends from the West, an organization which sets up schools in poverty stricken countries such as Uganda to educate and prepare children for professional careers so they can help revitalize their countries.

Children who are selected for the choir spend one year touring with the group. Although they may have admittance to their concerts, but do ask for audience donations, these tour performances generate enough profits to support the choir as well as the schools back in Africa. The choir has performed on CBS This Morning, Good Morning America and The Today Show. This is a tour appearance before the United Nations, various presidents and dignitaries, and in television commercials.

The group first came to Holy Cross two years ago and Campus Ministry director, Robert Kloska, who coordinater the group’s visit to campus, is looking forward to them returning. "Last time [the choir was on campus] it was such a great success, it generated so much excitement and people had such a great experience with them."
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By LAUREN O'BRIEN

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Cornell Daily Sun

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By LAUREN O'BRIEN

New Writer

The Saint Mary's Board of Trustees approved a revised version of the College's mission statement at their meeting this past Friday. Before the Board of Trustees approved the revisions, the Mission Council and the writing committee, which included the whole Saint Mary's community, revised the statement.

According to Sister Rose Anne Schultz, vice president for Mission, the new mission statement is part of the College's Strategic Plan. Also, the search for a new Saint Mary's president requires a clear mission statement.

During the College's last accreditation process, the Higher Learning Commission determined that a clearer and more concise statement was necessary. While the mission was not changed, the articulation of it is different. The new document contains a more succinct mission statement, as well as a more concise statement of philosophy and purpose.

"In today's world, it is important to prepare women leaders with the four qualities in the new mission statement: intellectual vigor, aesthetic appreciation, religious sensibility, and social responsibility. All members of the College remain faithful to this mission and continually assess their response to the complex needs and challenges of the contemporary world."

**Alumna collecting pop tabs for charity**

By SARAH NESTOR

Senior Staff Writer

When Elizabeth Elmore, both a Saint Mary's and Notre Dame alum (then Elizabeth Christopher), volunteered to lead service projects in the Notre Dame South Jersey alumni club, her goal of increasing service in Jersey quickly expanded to include her alma mater's campus.

Elmore earned her undergraduate degree in 1968 and then went on to study economics at Notre Dame in 1976. Currently, Elmore is a teacher in New Jersey and an active member of Saint Mary's and Notre Dame's New Jersey alumni clubs.

It was not until 2001, when the University charged the alumni with the duty of increasing service to the community, that Elmore began to see a broader vision for incorporating service.

Elmore began by focusing on charity and found that the Ronald McDonald House's collection of the aluminum can tabs, which are recycled and turned into cash, to be a charity that everyone could easily become involved in.

"Anywhere and everywhere people would be aware of saving the tab," Elmore said.

Now, Elmore is hoping to promote her collections of aluminum tabs on Saint Mary's and Notre Dame's campuses. For the past two years, Elmore has been working to put everything in place, making her contacts through e-mail and eventually visiting both campuses this spring to sort out the final details.

Elmore said that she hopes to have campus-wide support and recruit student volunteers. Elmore said, "anywhere there is a can" she wants to have a "separate receptacle for the tabs." This is where the "Collect a Million" campaign comes in, as Elmore hopes students will remember the aluminum can tabs.

Elmore's biggest undertaking in her campaign is to increase awareness about saving aluminum can tabs at Notre Dame home football games.

"I see all these cans with 80,000 people yelling the staining," Elmore said.

According to Elmore it takes 1,000 tabs to equal one pound, and that one-pound equals 35 cents. Mind in mind, Elmore hopes to increase the campuses' environmental consciousness and Elmore's long-term vision is "that when people become aware of it then it's just something you do.

Elmore also intends that all funds collected through the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame's "Collect a Million" campaign will stay in Indiana, preferably in South Bend.

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SARS tests en route to labs

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The government is about to ship to laboratories the first experimental tests that may help doctors tell which people with worrisome coughs and fevers really have the SARS virus. Probable cases of the new respiratory illness in the United States have slowly climbed to 52.

While the United States so far has escaped the brunt of the mysterious disease, a new survey suggests the vast majority of Americans know enough about the global epidemic to take proper precautions — including when to call a doctor and agreeing to be quarantined in their homes if necessary.

That’s very reassuring because isolating suspected patients for now is the best way to stop the infection’s spread, Dr. Julie Gerberding, head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, told Congress Tuesday.

“Our public is informed, they’re responding around the country,” Gerberding said in highlighting results of the Harvard School of Public Health survey.

About 94 percent of those surveyed said they would agree to be isolated for two or three weeks at a hospital if they had SARS, and 92 percent would agree to quarantine for up to 10 days — the SARS incubation period — in their home if they were exposed to someone suspected of having the illness.

With a vaccine still at least a year away and no drug on the horizon, quarantine and old-fashioned infection-control practices are the only defense, Gerberding stressed. They work, as Canada proved in persuading the World Health Organization Tuesday that it had brought SARS spread in its largest city under control.

“If we need to take those steps, we are prepared to do so,” Gerberding told a Senate health subcommittee.

More than 5,300 SARS infections have been reported in more than 20 countries so far — most in China — but global tally is at least 355. Outside Asia, Canada has seen the most SARS cases, with 21 deaths and more than 140 cases overall, most in Toronto hospitals.

In the United States, there are 52 probable cases of infection, 11 more than last week, and 220 suspected cases. No one here has died so far, and U.S. specialists can’t explain why.

But, “we are very close to a reliable diagnostic test, weeks, not months,” Gerberding said.

Using two experimental tests, the CDC so far has concluded that six of the 52 probably infected patients have laboratory-confirmed SARS and 12 have tested negative, she said. All 40 of the suspected cases tested so far appear not to have SARS.

The CDC will begin shipping the first experimental test kits to several laboratories by week’s end, Gerberding said. But the tests — which check for viral genes and SARS antibodies, the immune-system cells that attach to the virus — are “a research tool,” she stressed.

A negative test won’t clear someone who has SARS symptoms or was exposed to the virus — they still must be isolated for the appropriate amount of time.

Some people thought the call a doctor and agreeing to be isolated for up to 10 days — the SARS incubation period — in their home if they were exposed to someone suspected of having the illness.

The quake shook up the chicken shed so hard they all laid scrambled eggs,” Jim Toler joked over breakfast at Fort Payne, close to the Georgia line, the U.S. Geological Survey said. It was felt in parts of Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, Virginia, South Carolina and Mississippi.

Residents said the earth moved for as long as a minute, including mild after-shocks that were described as being like a hard wind blowing against the side of the house. Many were surprised by the thundering noise that accompanied the vibrations.

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Rare Southern earthquake hits

Associated Press

FORT PAYNE, Ala.

A rare Southern earthquake rattled seven states early Tuesday, shaking people out of their sleep and cracking foundations as it caused no major damage or injuries.

Some people thought the boom and rumble was a bomb, a gas truck explosion, a tornado, even terrorism, but bomb, a gas truck explosion, major damage or injuries.

Residents said the earth moved for as long as a minute, including mild aftershocks that were described as being like a hard wind blowing against the side of the house. Many were surprised by the thundering noise that accompanied the vibrations.

Supreme Court to decide election suit

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Supreme Court grappled Tuesday with the issue of politics, race and elections in a case that will decide what states must do to protect minority voting rights.

The justices are considering how states can redraw election districts if previously had dense minority populations without violating a federal voting law. States and local governments must draw boundaries every 10 years if needed to reflect population changes.

The high court’s decision, expected before July, will affect states that are subject to the 1965 Voting Rights Act because of past discrimination.

Georgia’s attorney urged the court to permit some flexibility in line drawing.

“Politics should be open and integrated,” said David Walbert, pointing to what he called progress in that state that “no one would have dreamed of in 1965.”

Many black leaders supported a content plan to reduce the number of minority voters in several heavily black Southern districts, because shifting some minority voters to neighboring districts would help Democrats beat Republicans.

A lower court rejected boundaries under the Voting Rights Act. Congress must decide in 2007 whether to renew part of the law which justices are interpreting in this case.

“Maybe if we make it bad enough, they’ll think about repealing it,” Justice Antonin Scalia said to laugh in the court.

The case came before the court as the state was embroiled in a dispute over displaying a Confederate symbol on its flag. Voters last year defeated the Democratic governor who ordered the flag to be restored in the 1956 state flag to reduce the size of a Confederate emblem that had dominated the old design.

Georgia’s attorney, Sonny Perdue, who became the state’s first GOP governor in 130 years in part because he promised a vote on the flag, had tried to stop justices from hearing the redistricting case.

The politics of the case are unusual, along with Perdue, contended that the Democratic-controlled Legislature went too far in reducing minority voting strength in those heavily black districts. The Voting Rights Act discourages dilution of minority voting strength.

Malcolm Stewart, arguing for the Bush administration, said that the state could not dramatically alter districts, making it nearly impossible for majority candidates to win. He said the federal government objected to Georgia’s plan because of a history of racial polarization in several districts.

Several justices commented on the politics involved. Scalia said it made sense that blacks would want to spread around enough to avoid a "lily white district...so they won’t get some redneck discrimination representational.

Justice Anthony Kennedy questioned what a state was to do if it were "frozen" with district lines.

The Supreme Court is redistricting often leads to court fights. Georgia’s line-drawing also was disputed after the 1990 census in a case that prompted a 1995 Supreme Court ruling that race cannot be the predominant factor in the drawing of district lines.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg inquired about an earlier court fight between the new Georgia governor, Perdue, and GOP legislators who named Thurbert Baker, a black Democrat. Perdue sued and lost in an effort to get Baker to drop his efforts to restore the Confederate battle flag. Baker is appealing the federal district court ruling that rejected the contested plan.
NIGERIA

Striking workers take hostages

Associated Press

LAGOS

Striking Nigerian oil workers have seized 97 hostages, including 17 Americans, on several offshore oil rigs, officials said Tuesday. Some captives said they feared armed rescue attempts would end in disaster.

There were conflicting reports about whether the hostages had been threatened. One wrote an e-mail that said the hostage-takers warned they would blow up the rigs if attacked, but oil officials dismissed reports that any oil workers had been threatened. A Scottish union official said the strikers appeared willing to give up.

The rigs, owned by Houston-based Transocean, were drilling wells on behalf of oil multinationals Royal/Dutch Shell and TotalFinaElf.

"Make no mistake of the danger we're in," one hostage said in an e-mail message read by Jake Molloy, general secretary of the Offshore Industry Liaison Committee, an Aberdeen, Scotland-based labor union which has members among the hostages. "If they lose everything, they will make sure we lose everything. And that means our lives."

Transocean spokesman Guy Cantwell said late Tuesday that 100 hostage-takers, who work on the rigs, have been holding the workers since April 19. But it was not immediately clear why the hostage-taking were not announced until Tuesday.

Transocean announced April 22 that a strike had begun but did not mention captive workers. Other oil companies in the past have preferred to deal with such crises out of the glare of media coverage.

The strikes were protesting a decision by Transocean to use boats instead of helicopters to ferry them from company rigs about 25 miles offshore the Niger Delta state of Rivers, said Joseph Akiiha, secretary-general of Nigeria's offshore oil workers union.

The strikers also were angered by company threats to discipline five union members, Akinlaja said, adding his union did not support their strike.

Transocean chief executive Rodulf Long described the negotiations as "delicate," and expressed hopes the stand-off would be peacefully resolved "within a week." He dismissed reports that any expatriates had been threatened.

"Right now the situation is very calm on all the rigs," Long said in a conference call with investors and journalists. "I know there has been some rumors of threats of violence... but we've not had any threats of violence."

Thirty-four people were allowed to leave two rigs by boat Monday, Transocean spokesman Guy Cantwell said. Two were Transocean employees, while the others were the work force for three service companies.

He could not confirm the nationalities of those who left. It was also unclear whether 97 hostages were originally taken — or if that was the number still held after Monday's release. The rigs are about 25 miles off the West African nation's coastline.

Many of the strikers had signaled they would not end their standoff but wanted assurances first that authorities wouldn't lose their jobs, Molloy said.

Cantwell said the 100 striking workers were being served court injunctions. Molloy feared the court papers could be used to "justify a security force attack on the facilities, although Cantwell said the company hoped to resolve the impasse peacefully.

Shell spokesman Donald Young said company officials were involved in the talks. He was also unaware of any threats being made.

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IRELAND

Peace deal possibly endangered

Associated Press

Protestant die-hards launched their campaign Tuesday for legislative elections by vowing to block future power-sharing with Catholics, the cornerstone of Northern Ireland's 1998 peace agreement.

"Unless we destroy the agreement, we will be destroyed forever," Democratic Unionist leader Ian Paisley, 77, declared to a standing ovation at a party rally.

Paisley's remarks reflect rising Protestant opposition to sharing power with Catholics — particularly with hardliners from Sinn Fein — in a joint administration for this British territory.

Polls and the most recent elections indicate growing support for the extremes of Northern Irish opinion. Paisley's Democratic Unionists versus Sinn Fein, the IRA-linked party.

Analysts agree that if either party surges past moderate rivals, reconstrucing a cross-community coalition could prove impossible.

Moderate Protestants led by UUP Unionist Party chief David Trimble have argued that negotiating with Sinn Fein represents the only way to eliminate the IRA threat to Northern Ireland stability.

Paisley insists IRA members should be jailed or killed.

Trimble argued against the IRA threat to Northern Ireland for the foreseeable future. "If we find that the political future is in the hands of extremes on both sides then there will be a nightmare scenario," Trimble said.

Negotiators from Britain and Ireland believe Trimble could form a new coalition with a strengthened Sinn Fein — but only if the IRA demonstrates, in word and deed, it will never resume its campaign to unite Northern Ireland with the Irish Republic.

"The IRA killed 1,800 people from 1970 to 1997." IRA supporters, who say the group's 1997 cease-fire ought to be sufficient, have resisted further commitments before an election. They cite the prospect of Paisley beating Trimble as one reason why.

In his election address, Paisley denounced "the IRA-Sinn Fein liars, the cowardly; the murderers, the killers of hundreds of mothers, fathers, children and unborn babies, as well as men and women serving in the Crown forces."

Paisley founded a virulently anti-Catholic sect, the Free Presbyterian Church of Ulster, in 1951, and still preaches every weekend.

He rose to political prominence in the late 1960s, leading demonstrations against Catholic civil rights protests in Northern Ireland.

There has been a member of British Parliament since 1970 and the European Parliament since 1979, recording the highest share of votes across Northern Ireland at each election.

"In certain parts, the country is stable. In other parts, it's terribly dangerous," said Maj. Gen. John Vines, U.S. Army commander of 82nd Airborne Division forces in Afghanistan, headquarters of combat missions to Lt. Gen. McNeill, the overall commander of coalition troops in the country.

"If you had to design an area which for the first time brought combat operations by U.S. forces and its allies under the same command as all other coalition activities, Vines, commander of 82nd Airborne Division forces in Afghanistan, headed coalition control of combat missions to Lt. Gen. McNeill, the overall commander of coalition troops in the country.

As commander in charge of the coalition combat missions over the past nine months, Vines has studied the Afghan terrain and its terrain.

He knows well what dangers lurk in its mountains and valleys.

A firefight on Friday killed two U.S. soldiers under his command. Another two U.S. Special Forces soldiers died last month in an ambush by rebel fighters.

Vines, who is staying on as McNeill's deputy, said streamlining the command did not mean fewer combat missions. But Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said last weekend he would discuss declaring an end to Afghanistan as a combat zone with Afghan leaders and U.S. military commanders.

Rumsfeld was due in the Afghan capital on Sunday, but was delayed.

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Militants in any country may succeed in overwhelming authorities in border areas where there are religious or tribal conflicts, he said.

Terrorists' support from allies in neighboring countries was one of the major obstacles that kept coalition forces from eliminating the rebels, he said.

The governments have spent millions since October, when police uncovered evidence of an IRA network operating inside government circles.

Paisley denounced Trimble for pursuing the 1998 Good Friday accord's plans for a broad Catholic-Protestant administration involving Sinn Fein.

When voters elected the first Assembly in 1998, moderate Catholics from the Social Democratic and Labor Party retained a formidable lead over Sinn Fein, but Trimble managed only a razor-thin hold on the Protestant side of the house, with 30 seats to Paisley's 28.

Electors in 2001 and 2002 for local councils and British parliamentary seats showed a surge in support for Paisley's Democratic Unionists and Sinn Fein.

Trimble warned Tuesday of dire consequences if the Democratic Unionists and Sinn Fein gain the upper hand in the legislature.

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United Nations

U.S. criticizes Cuba before U.N.

Human Rights

Commission of U.N. grants Cuba another term

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS

The United States walked out of a United Nations meeting Tuesday to protest Cuba's election to the U.N. Human Rights Commission for another three-year term.

"It was an outrage for us because we view Cuba as the worst violator of human rights in this hemisphere," said Sichan Siv, the U.S. ambassador to the U.N. Economic and Social Council, which elected 24 new members to the top U.N. human rights watchdog.

The election came four days after the 53-member Human Rights Commission ended its annual six-week session in Geneva. Critics said that meeting was dominated by political horse trading and did little for the victims of human rights abuses.

During this year's session, commission members narrowly passed a resolution calling on Cuba to accept a visit by a human rights investigator, but failed to approve an amendment to the U.S. House representative for Human Rights Commission is like honoring Saddam Hussein with the Nobel Peace Prize."

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Fidel Castro's government also arrested and quickly executed three men who hijacked a ferry earlier this month. Cuban officials say four recent hijackings are only attempts to create plots — among them the April 2 seizing of the ferry — were prompted in part by what it calls a lax attitude by American authorities toward hijackers who reach U.S. shores.

"This is a country that for 40 years has not held an election," Siv said. "It's a country that arrests people and puts them in jail at the whim of a dictator. That's why we were so outraged when the candidates were endorsed in this morning."

Representative Mark Foley, D-Mass., said he would introduce a resolution in the House calling for the United Nations to reverse its decision.

"Whether it's Saddam Hussein or Fidel Castro, the U.S. has repeatedly protected tyrants, torturers and murderers," Foley said. "Allowing Cuba to stay on the Human Rights Commission is like honoring Saddam Hussein with the Nobel Peace Prize."

In April 2002, the United States won back a seat on the commission it lost the previous year. Until that surprise defeat, the United States had been on the commission for 50 years.

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Qataris approve 'first' constitution

DOHA

Qatari voters approved their first real constitution Tuesday — a leap toward democratic rule in a country where the emir has absolute power since independence from Britain in 1971.

The constitution was approved in a referendum by 96.6 percent of the voters — 68,987 to 2,145, with 274 invalid votes, Qatar's Interior Minister, Prince Hamad bin Nasser Al Thani announced at a news conference four hours after the polls had closed.

Crowds of Qatari men celebrated in the streets, honking cars draped in the Qatari flag and photos of the emir and the crown prince.

The draft will become Qatar's first real constitution, replacing a 1972 "Provisional Political Order" that outlined only limited government structures and did not lay out voting or other rights.

The constitution envisages a 45-member parliament, of which 30 will be elected in polls where women may stand and vote. The remaining 15 — as well as the Cabinet — will be appointed by the emir.

However, legislators will have the right to question Cabinet ministers, enact legislation and vote on the national budget.

Government officials said before the vote that parliamentary elections would be held in 2004.

Government officials were unable to provide a total for the number of eligible voters. Out of Qatar's 800,000 inhabitants, only about 25 percent are citizens.

But the polls appeared busier than usual.

Men wearing white robes and headaddresses and women and men in chadors that exposed only the eyes and hands covered schools and government buildings through separate entrances to cast ballots.

At an elementary school on the outskirts of Doha, the capital of the tiny state, Ali Al-Khalter, a businessman, said he had read the draft constitution several times and had voted twice.

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Qataris first voted in 1999 municipal elections. The advisory Central Municipal Council was re-elected earlier this month.

Women have been able to vote and run in the elections — a rarity in the conservative Gulf Arab states.

At Qatar University's polling stations, turnout on the female campus was reportedly twice that on the male campus.
When Notre Dame English professor Valerie Sayers received a dramatic and unexpected salary increase, she was elated at first. Then, she started wondering why she got the increase. Was it from the year of outstanding work she had accomplished? Was it because Notre Dame, in an attempt to make salaries more equitable, dramatically increased women’s pay so the females could catch up with the men? Or did the pay increase leave Sayers’ still behind that of her equally-qualified-equality qualified male colleagues?

Sayers never knew. And that’s a problem.

According to a story published in Friday’s Observer, the University traditionally does not reveal information about faculty salaries. Although the Office of Institutional Research publishes averages for the entire University, that doesn’t help faculty in specific colleges or departments who wonder if their salaries are equitable to what their colleagues make. And so, when it comes time to negotiate a salary increase, faculty are left in the dark because they don’t know how fairly they are being treated — or even if they are being treated fairly at all.

The easiest solution for the University is to publish salary averages by department and gender. This would avoid embarrassing individual employees who do not want their salaries made public while at the same time giving professors some idea of how their salary relates to others in their department. The benefits — for both sides — would be huge. For the University, which claims it is making huge strides in gender equality when it comes to payrolls, publishing salaries would show it is keeping its word. For the faculty, knowing what their colleagues make gives disgruntled professors a voice of mind because they know their pay is equitable to that of their fellow professors.

(Note: Having information available, female professors are forced to complain amongst themselves of perceived inequity in informal groups like TALK. The cloud of secrecy over salary-related issues leaves many female professors wondering if their pay is equitable to that of their male counterparts and what the standards are for earning a raise. By publishing salary averages from individual departments and a standard on which increases are earned, the University could go a long way to establishing a better relationship with all of its professors — both male and female.)

The year in review

I love the last two weeks of school in South Bend. It’s like God’s apology for the other 35 weeks. It’s sunny and warm in a way the city never experiences outside. The parties move outside, and the administration imports girls from UCLA and pays them to rollerblade around campus. The grass is greener, the brash and smile at all the prospects.

Oh yeah, and the fountains get turned back on. That makes me happy.

The year started out with mixed emotion. As anyone who has attempted to attend Flipside events; the students who cut the lines, the police who acted like kids, and like it or not, lyin’ boiling and stealing to gain access to a bar is a time-tested rite of passage. I feel bad for those who never do.

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NDToday/Observer Poll Question

Should the University intercede on behalf of the students facing a Boat Club lawsuit?

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Looking back at your family on the other side of the security check, it’s understood — it’s time to begin your life now. For real. Suddenly the thought of the real world causes your stomach to turn and your throat to tighten. But you’re not ready for this, you think to yourself. But the time has come.

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Not being able to take anymore, your head tilts down and away from them. Walking away from something that you love is the hardest thing you will ever have to do in life. But you also know that it takes more courage to let it go than it would be to try and keep things the same. As much as you want things to stay the same, they need to change. It’s too much for you to bear and taking a seat, you give yourself time to recover. After several minutes of sobbing into your closed fists, you wipe the tears from your eyes and stand up. Looking up, you see the task set before you — the large "Departures" billboard lists all the flights out of Chicago’s O’Hare International Airport.


An hour later, you still haven’t decided your travel plans. The only thing that keeps you occupied in fear of making the wrong choice. Thinking to yourself that regret is one of the worst possible emo­tions, you finally rise and move over to the appropriate counter.

Since your ticket doesn’t have a destina­tion as of yet, you will have to fly by stand­by the attendant says. No problem. You can wait. Time is on your side.

There’s time to read or to watch televi­sion but neither seem appropriate to you. So you just sit there, pondering the last four years, the fork in the road and the direction you’re going to take it. How do you know you’re going here or there? You know the final result of your decision is neither here nor there because the journey will have many more forks that will require a decision. Yet you can’t stop asking your­self questions that have no answers.

Stop it, you scream silently to yourself. There’s no use in doubting yourself. Closing your eyes, you remember all the memories that should strike deep from your vocabulary. In four years, you’ve graduated from a university unlike any other. A university whose graduates warrant a "wow" from acad­emicians anywhere, but also a college whose varsity monogram jacket is a prize that athletes all over the world aspire to earn. You’ve taken on the weight and responsibility of tradition and excellence. And you won. You succeeded by earning the degree.

You’ve graduated from Notre Dame. No one can ever take that away from you. And after doing that, you know you can go anywhere and do anything. You are truly bound by nothing.

The final call is announced for your flight and the attendant cordially invites you to step forward with your ticket. With a smile, a thank you and a deep breath, you head down the runway toward the plane. You don’t know what the road is going to bring to you; you only know where you’ve been in the past. The only thing you are certain of is this: You’ve got to keep putting one foot in front of the other and everything will turn out the way it should be.

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McNeff needs to show responsibility, not students

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Not being able to take anymore, your head tilts down and away from them. Walking away from something that you love is the hardest thing you will ever have to do in life. But you also know that it takes more courage to let it go than it would be to try and keep things the same. As much as you want things to stay the same, they need to change. It’s too much for you to bear and taking a seat, you give yourself time to recover. After several minutes of sobbing into your closed fists, you wipe the tears from your eyes and stand up. Looking up, you see the task set before you — the large "Departures" billboard lists all the flights out of Chicago’s O’Hare International Airport.


An hour later, you still haven’t decided your travel plans. The only thing that keeps you occupied in fear of making the wrong choice. Thinking to yourself that regret is one of the worst possible emo­tions, you finally rise and move over to the appropriate counter.

Since your ticket doesn’t have a destina­tion as of yet, you will have to fly by stand­by the attendant says. No problem. You can wait. Time is on your side.

There’s time to read or to watch televi­sion but neither seem appropriate to you. So you just sit there, pondering the last four years, the fork in the road and the direction you’re going to take it. How do you know you’re going here or there? You know the final result of your decision is neither here nor there because the journey will have many more forks that will require a decision. Yet you can’t stop asking your­self questions that have no answers.

Stop it, you scream silently to yourself. There’s no use in doubting yourself. Closing your eyes, you remember all the memories that should strike deep from your vocabulary. In four years, you’ve graduated from a university unlike any other. A university whose graduates warrant a "wow" from acad­emicians anywhere, but also a college whose varsity monogram jacket is a prize that athletes all over the world aspire to earn. You’ve taken on the weight and responsibility of tradition and excellence. And you won. You succeeded by earning the degree.

You’ve graduated from Notre Dame. No one can ever take that away from you. And after doing that, you know you can go anywhere and do anything. You are truly bound by nothing.

The final call is announced for your flight and the attendant cordially invites you to step forward with your ticket. With a smile, a thank you and a deep breath, you head down the runway toward the plane. You don’t know what the road is going to bring to you; you only know where you’ve been in the past. The only thing you are certain of is this: You’ve got to keep putting one foot in front of the other and everything will turn out the way it should be.

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The Freshmen Four

The Student Players’ one-acts search out freshmen actors

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

Tonight’s performance of the Freshmen Four plays will feature a variety of students and a variety of themes in a humorous and intriguing collection of one-act plays. The plays are directed and acted entirely by freshmen, with the previous year’s directors acting as producers. For many freshmen, the plays are a great opportunity to get involved with something they enjoy and meet new friends.

Older students and professors also use the shows as an opportunity to scout out new talent for shows in upcoming years. Although there are around 20 sophomore students acting regularly in club and mainstage shows, only a few freshmen immediately audition for theatre productions on campus.

“You have to get your foot in the door,” said freshmen director David Tull. “The freshmen plays are a less intimidating way to do that,” said director Mark Ross.

The plays are also an opportunity for freshmen who have never acted before to take a shot at the art of the stage. “We have engineering majors, business majors, FTT majors — it’s what most plays are,” said Tull. “There are a lot of closet theatre majors out there.”

The plays have been a tradition on and off for several years and used to be run by the First Year of Studies, but had disappeared until the Student Players took the initiative to start the program up again last year. The directors from the last year recruited directors for each of the four one-acts from the few freshmen participating in earlier productions in the year.

Most of the freshmen jumped at the chance to direct their own plays. “I begged,” said Ross. The plays are a chance to show their talent to a broad audience. The shows usually get a large turnout of theatre majors, freshmen supporting their friends, and other students and professors around campus.

This year’s production includes four short plays ranging in setting from a golf course to a living room in the Deep South. “For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls,” a play by dark humor legend Christopher Durang, features freshman Klein as Lawrence Wingalley, a retarded son rather reminiscent of Forrest Gump whose mother used to be a Southern charmer but has turned into an overbearing woman with little grasp of how to treat her less than normal children. Lawrence’s brother Tom and a girl named Ginny confront the mother with something far outside her reality when she tries to find a wife to take Lawrence off her hands.

“Wasp,” by Steve Martin, shows the members of a dysfunctional family trying to decide between an unappealing reality and the far more idealistic fantasies inside their heads. Joe Weller appears as a father full of insightful truisms but with less of a grasp on reality.

“The Ugly Duckling” by A.A. Milne also features a slightly dysfunctional family, but the light mood is a change from the more twisted plots of the first two plays. Complete with a princess and a charming suitor, this creation of the author of the more famous Winnie the Pooh books is a refreshing departure from cynical humor. John Klein plays the character of the overly vain king with keen wit.

“Foreplay” by David Ives explores the dating scene, or possibly the seduction scene, in all its slightly gruesome details and awkward moments through the creative portrayal of three different dates with Chuck, a player who will never admit his long history with the sport of miniature golf. Joe Garlock, Adam Fleck and Daniel Smith as the three Chucks, and Lauren Simondinger, Melanie Larrabee and Joanna Paxton as the three dates, work together with remarkable timing to cleverly portray the situation.

The Freshmen Four plays will be presented tonight in DeBartolo 101 at 7:30. Tickets will be $3 at the door.

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Photo courtesy of Mark Ross

Lauren Messina takes direction from Dane Macaulay

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The cast of “Foreplay, Or the Art of the Fugue” from left to right: Joe Garlock, Daniel Smith, Joanna Paxton, Adam Fleck, Lauren Simondinger, Melanie Larrabee, Lauren Messina and Chucks: Joe Weller, Adam Fleck and Daniel Smith.
Undertones and Harmonia add zing to study days

By MARIA SMITH and CHRISTIE BOLSEN
Scene Editor and Assistant Scene Editor

Ever wanted to hear 13 guys in suits serenade you with "My Maria," or girls hit the high notes in a cappella rendition of "Landslide?" This Friday is your chance to hear all this and more when the Undertones and Harmonia, two of Notre Dame's elite a cappella choirs, take the stage at Washington Hall. A cappella means no piano, no drums, no accompaniment — just what the singers can build from their voices.

And the result can be stunning.

The Undertones are famous not only for the quality of their music, but also for their showmanship. The singers introduce themselves and their music creatively and get the audience involved, even if it means bringing lols and TikTok torches onstage. This year promises to be no different.

The Undertones are a subset of the Glee Club, with all 13 members chosen from the larger choir at the end of every school year. Unlike their parent group, the Undertones perform exclusively a cappella arrangements of pop and rock music.

The arrangements are written and performed only by members of the Undertones. Although the group has to ask permission from the original performers to record many of their arrangements on CD for sale in the Notre Dame Bookstore, they are rarely turned down. The group was especially honored when the Counting Crows played the Undertones' rendition of "Long December" between acts at the Morris Performing Arts Center, in Chicago and at other venues around the country on their tour this fall.

This year's spring concert will feature new hits like "Hanging by a Moment" by Lifehouse as well as old favorites like "Kiss the Girl" from "The Little Mermaid." The group will also introduce their new members at the end of the show in what has become a yearly tradition.

Performing without accompaniment and without direction is a difficult challenge for any singing group, and the Undertones are notorious for working well together. Many members sing with the choir from sophomore year on, helping to build a solid sound in the group. Although the group is generally composed of upperclassmen, this year's choir also has two freshmen who can potentially continue to sing with the group for four years.

Harmonia began as the all-female version of the Undertones only two years ago. Four girls in McGlinn, who admired the a cappella group but couldn't get involved for obvious reasons, decided to take matters into their own hands. Senior Danielle Binaldi and three of her friends in the dorm were big fans of the Undertones and had all been in a cappella groups in high school. They decided to start their own group and auditions were held the very next fall. The process involves teaching potential singers a piece and then choosing between 12 and 16 girls, whichever seems to work best that year. There are usually three days of auditions held early in the year.

Now in their second year, Harmonia will be headlining Friday's concert along with the Undertones. The two groups will be switching off each performing sets of three songs at a time. The songs will be a wide range of popular hits, including eighties tunes as well as more recent songs.

The concert should be full of recognizable, fun music for the audience.

Jenny Radelet, who was the winner of this year's Irish Idol contest, will be opening the concert with a song she performed at Irish Idol. She became involved with Harmonia as a result of her admiration for the Undertones as well; after seeing them perform, a fellow Cavanaugh resident told her about the female a cappella group. She says that both groups are well prepared and talented, and believes that any audience member will have a great time at the concert.

So if you're in need of a study break by Friday, there will be two groups of gifted singers waiting to harmonize classics for your listening pleasure. After all, wouldn't you rather hear gorgeous voices singing "In the Still of the Night" instead of studying in the still of the night?

The Undertones and Harmonia will be performing at 8 p.m. Friday in Washington Hall.

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NEW YORK—Roger Clemens failed to win his 298th victory, and Ichiro Suzuki and Hideki Matsui didn’t do very much either in their first match up in the major leagues.

Clemens allowed three home runs for the first time since August, and the two Japanese page 20

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three Mariners homers deny Clemens 298th victory

Seattle, which has won 12 of its last 13 regular-season games against Cleveland.

New York (20-6) lost consecutive games for the first time this season and was shut out for the first time since an 8-0 loss against Oakland last Aug. 10.

Suzuki, who in 2001 became the first Japanese non-pitcher to earn a regular job in the major leagues, was 1-for-5 with a single and scored in the seventh inning. Matsui, who hit a two-run pinch hit in his last pinch hit, was 1-for-4 with an ninth-inning single.

The contest took a three-hitter into the eighth and was scoring six hits of both teams on 7/23 innings, extending his scoreless streak to 16 1-3 innings.

Arthur Rhodes and Shinji Hasegawa finished with one-hit relief.

Clemens (11-7) pitched his 40th striking game against Seattle in his first six wins in six starts this season. He had a terrific split-fingered pitch and struck out eight, but Seattle sat on his fastball, and he gave up four runs and eight hits in six innings.

Boone homered in the first—his batting helmet falling off on his follow-through—and hit a two-run double in the seventh off Chris Hammond. But Boone also committed a gaffe in the field, losing track of outs in the third inning and costing Seattle a chance at a double play when he tripped across second base instead of throwing, allowing first for taking the throw on Alfonso Soriano’s grounder to third.

Davis hit a two-run homer in the second and Martinez helped leading off the fourth.

Red Sox 7, Royals 2

The Kansas City Royals have lost two in a row. This year, that equals a slump.

Nomar Garciaparra was 3-for-4 and Tim Wakefield pitched six strong innings Tuesday night as Boston rallied from a two-run deficit to beat Kansas City 7-2.

“I was able to hang in there as long as I could,” said Wakefield (3-1), who trailed 2-0 after giving up seven hits in six innings.

“The offense finally scored some runs,”

The Royals have lost two straight—matching their longest losing streak of the season. They have also lost three of their last four after winning 16 of their first 19 games—the best start in franchise history.

“We’re human,” manager Tony Penza said. “They’re not going to do it every single day.”

Kansas City lost a franchise-record 100 games last season.

The Royals had four two-game losing streaks in April, and eight for the year; they also had nine three-game slides, that were six games long and two last eight innings.

“We’re going to probably have more than two in a row this year,” said Chris George (3-2), who pitched five good innings before running into trouble in the sixth. “But we’re still playing pretty good baseball.”

Wakefield allowed two runs—hitting three Mariners including an inside-the-park home run by Carlos Beltran and a conven­
tionalscore by Mike Piazza. Wakefield also struck out six and walked none.

He allowed three runs on six hits and a walk, striking eight in the first five innings. He shut the Red Sox down for four innings before giving up a hard-luck run in the fifth and then running into real trouble in the sixth.

Todd Walker singled, moved to second on Garciaparra’s single and third on Manny Ramirez’s flyout. Kevin Millar hit a sacrifice fly off Jason Grimsley to tie it 2-2, then Garciaparra stole second and took third when DeFelice’s throw went into center field.

Sheen Hillandred was hit by a pitch, then Bill Mueller popped out and shortstop Ramon Santiago (4-2) made it 4-2.

Bloom hit his second career home run inside-the-park homer when Nixon drove his line drive right to third in 8-7 bounced over his head. DeFelice made it 2-0 in the fourth by homing into
clemons rest after allowing a two-run home run to the Mariners In Tuesday night’s loss.

Modified field losing streak since June 1977 and 16 months since June 1977.

Angels 10, Indians 2

Ramon Ortiz pitched a seven-hitter and Garret Anderson drove in three runs Tuesday night to lead Anaheim in a 10-1 win over Cleveland, who have lost seven straight games.

Ortiz (4-2) gave Anaheim a second straight win, and, with the Indians down by seven after the sixth, the Angels were able to ease up. Anderson hit a three-run home run in the fourth and a two-run home run in the seventh.

In the ninth, Ortiz got his third strikeout of the night to end the game with a 9-2 lead.

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Energy drinkers in 2003 as the Angels improved to 8-2 in their last 10 at Jacobs Field. The Jake has been good to the Angels.

Last year, Anaheim swept four games during an early season sweep of Cleveland that helped the Angels overcome a sluggish start and eventually win their first World Series.

Anderson hit a two-run homer off Ricardo Rodriguez (3-2) to give the Angels a special victory in a game that started with the Angels leading 2-7, 9-2 and 9-4.

The Indians (7-19) are off their worst start since 1969 and have their first seven-game losing streak since June 27-3 July 3, 1991.

Ellis Burks homered in the fourth for Cleveland. The Indians have scored just 11 runs in their past six games.

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**Maddux returns to old form in third win of season**

**Associated Press**

HOUSTON

Greg Maddux pitched seven sharp innings to win his third straight decision and Gary Sheffield hit a two-run single as the Atlanta Braves beat the Houston Astros 3-1 Tuesday night.

The Braves have won 12 of 14 following a 4-8 start, and Maddux also has recovered nicely.

The right-hander lost his first three starts for the first time in his career, at which point he had an 11.00 ERA. But he held Houston to just one run and five hits, outpitching Roy Oswalt.

John Smoltz worked the ninth for his 10th save in as many games and third in a row dating last Wednesday in a 4-2 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Tuesday night.

Brad Wilkerson homered and scored the go-ahead run in the ninth inning to lead the Montreal Expos to a 3-2 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers Tuesday night.

The Astros got a run in the first inning when Geoff Blum singled to left field and scored on Jeff Kent's double to the right-center gap.

After that, Maddux (3-3) limited the Astros to three hits and one walk over the next 14 batters until he walked Schneider in the ninth inning.

After the walk, Chipper Jones got a line drive single off first baseman Jeff Bagwell's glove and Andrew Jones followed with an RBI single off the left-center field wall. Maddux went seven innings, allowing six hits. He struck out seven and walked two.

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Angeles Lakers center Shaquille O’Neal has violated his agreement to autograph souvenirs by signing memorabilia for the company, providing his autograph on 15,000 pieces of merchandise — 5,000 a year — and serve as a member of the company’s advisory board.

The company filed suit in Broward Circuit Court against O’Neal and Mine O’Mine, which has the rights to O’Neal’s name.

According to the suit, O’Neal and Mine O’Mine denied breach of contract, requesting the case be dismissed along with claims that specifically mention O’Neal because the contract was with Mine O’Mine, not him. The defendants also filed a counterclaim contending Dreams Inc. breached the contract. The counterclaim says the company failed to schedule signings or present items for O’Neal to sign after December 2001, and it says Dreams owes O’Neal hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Last week, Broward Circuit Judge Jeffrey F. Streitfeld ruled the case could go forward. Dreams’ attorneys have requested a jury trial in the suit, which was filed last May.

“It’s a very unique situation for the company,” said Leonard Samuels, an attorney for Dreams. “They have excellent relations with all of their athletes. It took major problems from Shaquille O’Neal and his people for us to file a lawsuit.”

Dreams has contracts with hundreds of current and former athletes, including Dan Marino, Vince Carter and Pete Rose. Benjamin Reid, an attorney representing O’Neal and Mine O’Mine, said he didn’t want to comment because the lawsuit is pending.

As president of Mine O’Mine, O’Neal signed a three-year contract with Dreams in December 2000, court documents say.

The agreement called for the company to pay O’Neal $1.85 million and 500,000 shares of Dreams stock — then worth about $1 a share. In exchange he would make three appearances for the company, provide his autograph on 15,000 pieces of merchandise — 5,000 a year — and serve as a member of the company’s advisory board.

According to the suit, O’Neal owed the company 1,800 autographed pieces after the first year of the agreement. Some of those he did autograph were illegible because he rushed the signature, the suit says. O’Neal canceled signings, refused to promote the company and violated exclusivity provisions by signing memorabilia for others, the suit says. It says he also failed to provide promised Shaq-model shoes.

Lakers center Shaquille O’Neal is being sued by a Florida company for not meeting autograph requirements in an agreement.

Bird dies week after hit by ball

The daddy osprey hit with a baseball allegedly thrown by a minor league pitcher has died, officials said.

Ozzy the osprey died Sunday at the Audubon Birds of Prey Center in Maitland, said Lynda White, a spokeswoman at the center. The bird was one of a breeding pair that lived for years on a 40-foot light pole in left field at Jackie Robinson Ballpark.

Witnesses said Jae Kuk Ryu, a 19-year-old South Korean pitcher for the Class A Daytona Cubs, tried several times during pregame practice April 21 to knock the osprey from its perch with a baseball before finally hitting it. At the time, Ozzy was nesting with its mate and a brood of fuzzy chicks.

Ryu was charged Thursday by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission with harming a protected bird. The second-degree misdemeanor carries a maximum fine of $500 and 60 days in jail.

Commission officials said Monday that the death doesn’t affect the charges.

Ryu was later demoted to the Class A Lansing Lugnuts of the Midwest League. Cubs general manager Buck Rogers said Ryu was remorseful.

Oysepy are recognized by the state as a species of special concern, meaning their habitats are vulnerable.

The bird’s mate, Harriet, will raise her chicks and probably take a new mate next season. White said. Another osprey already has been seen at the park, helping feed the babies.

But isn’t the first ballplayer to target a bird with a thrown ball. On Aug. 4, 1983, Yankees outfielder Dave Winfield killed a seagull in Toronto with a warmup throw. The Ontario police charged him with animal cruelty, although the charge was later dropped.
**NBA**

**T-Mac wants to avoid first-round fate of Wolves’ Garnett**

Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. Tracy McGrady and Kevin Garnett both skipped college, became NBA stars and are unstoppable on the court at times.

McGrady wants the similarities to end there.

He is determined to advance to the second round of the playoffs, something Garnett has been unable to do for the last six seasons in Minnesota.

McG pray has failed to get past the first round the past two seasons in Orlando after he and the Toronto Raptors were swept in the first round in 2000.

"Watching Kevin Garnett over the last couple of playoff series, what he's been through, being bounced out, I know how tough it is and how frustrating it is on his part," McGrady said. "You feel like you did everything you could on your part to advance and you failed. When you're the key guy for your team and you lose, you are to blame for everything. Everybody is looking at you, saying you need to do more, need to do this. "So I don't want to be part in that situation." The Magic have not advanced in the playoffs since Shaquille O'Neal and Penny Hardaway led them to the 1996 Eastern Conference finals. Garnett is trying to lead the Timberwolves over the defending champion Los Angeles Lakers in their first-round series.

"I'm just trying to get this franchise back on track like it was when I was a young fella watching Shaq and Penny here," the 25-year-old McGrady said.

McGrady is close to completing his quest because Orlando has a 3-1 series lead going into Game 5 on Wednesday in Detroit.

The Pistons are hoping to be just the seventh team to win a best-of-seven series after trail­ling 3-1, but they are closer to joining a different group.

Miami in 1999 and Seattle in 1993 are the only teams with top seeding to lose in the first round of the playoffs since the NBA went to a 16-team format in 1984.

"The one thing we haven't done is put pressure on them," Detroit guard Chauncey Billups said. "If we win Wednesday, they'll feel pressure to win at home on Friday.

Detroit is battered and bitter.

Coach Rick Carlisle has been criticized, players have called their offense predictable and their star-studded teammates — without using names — for the situation they're in.

"Before the series, I think some people felt we couldn't lose to Orlando. Now you get the feeling that some guys don't think we can win," Detroit's Ben Wallace said. "I think we can win. If we played the way we are capable, we aren't in this situation, but the way we've played lately, it isn't unbelievable to me.

"After what we did last year, losing this series would be a step in the wrong direction." The Pistons won 50 games and the Central Division last year — just as they did this season.

Ford will enter draft

**Report: Texas guard**

Associated Press

HOUSTON Texas All-American point guard T.J. Ford plans to make himself available for the NBA draft in June, Houston television sta­tion KRIV reported Tuesday night.

The station said sources close to the Longhorns program told it Ford would hold a news con­ference Thursday in Austin to make the plans official.

"I cannot confirm that for you," Texas basketball spokesman Scott McConnell told The Associated Press Tuesday night.

He said no news conference has been scheduled "as of yet."

He said nothing would be announced Tuesday night on a news conference or about Ford's future.

During the season, he said he was "110 percent sure" he would return for his junior sea­son but began hinting that he might leave for the NBA when the season ended.

Ford led the Longhorns to their first Final Four appearance in 56 years. He won the John R. Wooden Award and the Naismith Award, both college basketball player of the year honors.

Ford led the team in five sta­tistical categories this season — includ­ing points with a 15 per game average and assists with 7.7 per game. He recorded nine double-digit assist perfor­mances this season and 24 in his two-year career. His 527 career assists ranks second on Texas' all-time career list.

Bryant, Iverson on Olympic team

Associated Press

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. Kobe Bryant was added to the U.S. basketball team Tuesday, along with Allen Iverson and Jermaine O'Neal.

They completed what USA Basketball called a "core group" of nine players for the Olympic qualifying tourna­ments to be played in August in Puerto Rico.

The players also are expect­ed to be members of the 2004 Olympic team.

The Associated Press report­ed earlier this month that the USA Basketball selection com­mittee had chosen the three players; the formal announce­ment came Tuesday.

In addition to Bryant, O'Neal and Iverson, the team includes Ray Allen, Mike Bibby, Jason Kidd, Karl Malone, Tim Duncan and Tracy McGrady.

The team is expected to add three other players from college or overseas.

"They have paid their dues in our league," said Philadelphia 76ers coach Larry Brown, who will coach the U.S. team. "It is a great honor for them, and I am happy for all three of them.

Brown said: "From a personal standpoint, I am thrilled to death. It just shows the respect that everyone in the league has for Allen."
Senators win in OT to take 2-1 series lead over Flyers

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — This Ottawa Senators playoff comeback was unlike any they ever had.

Wade Redden’s goal 6:43 into overtime lifted the Senators to a 3-2 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers on Tuesday night. Ottawa leads the Eastern Conference semifinal series 2-1.

Game 4 of the best-of-seven series is Thursday night in Philadelphia.

The Senators, who had an NHL-best 113 points in the regular season, trailed 2-1 entering the third. They had been 0-22 in playoff games when trailing after 40 minutes.

Philadelphia was 35-0-3 when leading after two periods this season, including 5-0 in the playoffs.

Ottawa goalie Patrick Lalime stopped 20 saves.

Tony Amonte had a breakaway early in overtime. Minutes later, he made another outstanding save on a shot by Karel Rachunek.

Rachunek, coming off a brilliant 33-save performance in a 2-0 road victory Sunday night, stopped 24 shots. He stoned Hossa on a breakaway early in overtime. Minutes later, he made another outstanding save on a shot by Karel Rachunek.

The Senators tied it at 1 during a four-on-three 1:06 into the second. An interference penalty on Claude Lapointe gave the Senators a power play, and Amonte scored 24 seconds later. Redden took a slap shot that bounced off Keith Primeau and went right to Amonte, who blasted it just inside the near post.

Amonte had 20 saves. The Senators tied it at 2 on Hossa’s goal just 22 seconds into the third period. He beat Cechmanek with a wraparound backhander for his fifth goal of the playoffs. A holding penalty on LeClair late in the second gave Ottawa the power play.

Kapanen scored his fourth goal of the playoffs, giving the Flyers a 2-1 lead with 7:14 left in the second.

Amonte, standing behind the net, took a pass from Marcus Ragnarsson and sent it to Kapanen, who one-timed a shot high in the air, off Lalime’s back and into the net.

LeClair gave the Flyers a 1-0 lead just 4:35 into the game on his second goal of the playoffs. Jeremy Roenick set it up with a nifty pass to Amonte, who slipped and took a shot while on his knees. Lalime stopped Amonte’s shot, but LeClair, skating in from the bench, tapped the rebound into an empty net.

Alfredsson tied it at 2 during the opening round, has never advanced past this round, lost all five games. Philadelphia played the equivalent of nine games — seven games and seven overtime — in its first-round victory over Toronto.

Ottawa, which beat the New York Islanders in five games in the opening round, has never advanced past this round, losing twice.

Canucks 3, Wild 2

The Vancouver Canucks took full advantage of their boiling rivalry with the Minnesota Wild.

Vancouver scored three power-play goals and Dan Cloutier made 16 saves and got a little help from the posts as the Canucks beat the Wild 3-2 to take a 2-1 lead in their Western Conference playoff series.

Game 4 will be played Friday night in St. Paul.

The Canucks got goals from Brendan Morrison, Ed Jovanovski and Daniel Sedin as the Wild allowed three power-play goals for only the second time this season.

The Canucks, whose power play was ranked third in the NHL this season, went 3-for-6 with the man advantage in a game that saw 40 penalty minutes assessed.

A holding penalty for Brendan Morrison, Ed Jovanovski and Daniel Sedin as the Wild allowed three power-play goals for only the second time this season.

After combining for 16 penalty minutes in Game 1, the teams earned 74 in Game 2, the majority coming when players engaged in a postgame scuffle that warranted five misconducts.

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NBA PLAYOFFS

Lakers rout Wolves to take 3-2 lead in first-round series

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS

The Los Angeles Lakers snapped back to life, with everyone from Kobe Bryant to Derek Fisher to Robert Horry to Shaquille O'Neal showing championship form. Bryant had 16 of his 32 points in the third quarter, O'Neal added 27 points, Fisher had 24 and Horry 12 Tuesday night to put the Minnesota Timberwolves on the brink of elimination with a 120-90 victory.

The Lakers lead the series 3-2. Game 6 is Thursday in Los Angeles, with Game 7 — if it's necessary — shot 54 percent from the field. Even from Kobe Bryant to snapped back to life, with their offensive flow.

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ered their shooting touch and their offensive flow. Fisher had five 3-pointers, and the Lakers — who were 12-for-23 from beyond the arc — shot 54 percent from the field. Horry, who missed his first 11 3-point attempts in this series, finally made a pair to help the Lakers overcome the loss of starting forward Rick Fox.

The blowout was a big disappoint­ment for Kevin Garnett, the rest of the Timberwolves and their 20,998 fans.

Target Center, sold out for the first time this series, was roaring in the game's opening stages. It was nearly empty at the end.

Garnett had 25 points and 16 rebounds for the Timberwolves, who are now one loss away from a seventh straight first-round exit. The Timberwolves were unable to get their shooting touch when they get more than just a token contribution from players other than O'Neal or Bryant.

A steady showing by his three starters, helped the Lakers get comfortable before Bryant warmed up. He had all of his points in the first three quarters and finished 8-for-10 from the floor.

With the Lakers starting to suck the life out of the crowd, Bryant took over.

He drove baseline midway through the third, soared above traffic, used the rim as a shield and threw down a marvelous one-handed reverse dunk that stunned everyone who saw it and put Los Angeles up 73-55.

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In Saturday's Game 5, Bryant scored a total of just 18 points in the first four games, helped check a frustrat­ing Garnett on defense.

As the Timberwolves took time out early in the third, Garnett — fearing a substitution — turned and screamed at the bench, "Don't get me! Don't get me!"

Rasho Nesterovic had 13 points and Kendall Gill 10 for the Timberwolves, who lost the defensive intensity they had in the last three games and com­
mitt ed 17 turnovers. The Lakers turned those miscues into 29 points.

With Fox's postseason over after a torn tendon in his left foot suffered in Game 4, Minneapolis native Devean George had 12 points and eight points in a starting role at small forward.

George picked up where Fox left off defensively on Wally Szczerbiak, who had twice as many turnovers (four) in the first half as attempted shots.

Szczerbiak finished with a series-low nine points on 3-for-7 shooting and got a few boos when he came out near the end of the game.

With Horry also in the starting five, the Lakers — who shot below 40 percent in each of the past three games — had more of an offensive-minded group.

Bryant, who picked on Szczerbiak some too, stealing the ball from him on a trap near midcourt and getting an easy layup on the other end that gave Los Angeles a 35-26 lead early in the second.

Troy Hudson, who scored 14 points on 5-for-11 shooting in the first half, was again silent late.

Hudson buried back-to-back 3-pointers during a 14-4 Wolves run that gave them a brief lead, 40-39 in the second quarter, but he was scoreless in the second half after coming up empty in the fourth quarter of Game 4.

Spurs 94, Suns 82

The San Antonio Spurs tried to make sure early that the Phoenix Suns would have no chance for any more last-second heroics, but Tuesday night's game still came down to the final minute.

The Spurs opened a double-digit lead in the first quarter, extended it to 24 by halftime and held off a rally to defeat the Suns 94-82 Tuesday night, taking a 3-2 lead in their best-of-seven playoff series.

The Suns, who erased big leads in both of their victories, made the second half worth watching.

They opened the third quar­

ter with a 19-5 run that trimmed San Antonio's advan­
tage to 59-49, but the Spurs put together a string of baskets to restore their lead to 19 by the end of the quarter.

Phoenix charged again in the fourth, pulling within six, 85-­79, with 1.49 to play on a drive by Stephen Marbury. But the Suns hit their foul shots down

The stretch to secure the win.

Malik Rose led the Spurs with 27 points and 13 rebounds.

Tim Duncan added 23 points and 17 rebounds.

Shawn Marion led the Suns with 22 points, while Penny Hardaway had 16 and Amare Stoudemire 14.

Marbury fin­ished with 13 points, all of them coming in the second half.

Game 6 will be Thursday night in Phoenix.

San Antonio's energetic defense took away the inside in the first half, limiting the Suns to 10 field goals in the first two periods. Marbury was 0-for-7 from the field.

Phoenix missed its first four shots before an alley-oop dunk by Marbury three minutes into the game, then the Suns missed their next five attempts.

A tip-in by Duncan gave San Antonio a 23-13 lead with a minute left in the first period, and a putback by David Robinson with 7.16 remaining in the second quarter pushed the Spurs' lead to 38-18.

The Suns never found an offensive rhythm in the half.

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Kobe Bryant drives between Kevin Garnett and Marc Jackson during Game 5. Bryant scored 18 of his 32 points in the third quarter.

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Artest scores 26 points to keep Pacers alive vs. Celtics

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

Never before in an NBA play­offs game has a team been held scoreless in overtime. The Indiana Pacers did it to the Celtics on Tuesday night, send­ing the series back to Boston for Game 6.

Reggie Miller had 36 points and 10 rebounds, making the go­ahead free throw in overtime after blocking Paul Pierce's shot at the end of regulation, as Indiana rallied to beat Boston 93-88 Tuesday night.

History hasn't been kind to teams trailing 3-1 in the NBA playoffs. Indiana though, still has a chance.

"It's a very weak pulse. Obviously it's a little stronger," Reggie Miller said after the Pacers scored all five points in overtime.

The Celtics still lead the series 3-2, and only six teams have come back from 3-1 deficits — just two since 1981.

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The Pacers had squandered a 16-point lead, the latter­est a record of the last 10 games.

"The pressure is still on them," Walker said. "They've got to play that well at our building."

Whether fatigued or nervous, neither team got going offen­sively in overtime. Boston missed all six field goal attempts and the Pacers were 1-for-10.

Five points by both teams were the second fewest in a playoff overtime.

The difference came at the line, where Boston missed its only two attempts while the Pacers went 3-for-4.

Walker missed two free throws with 1:58 left that would have snapped an 88-88 tie.

Artest got his opportunity on the first but hit the second.

Artest added a baseline jumper and Artest clinched it with two free throws with 12 seconds left.

Artest continued to dominate for the Pacers. He just missed his second 20-20 game of the series and is on pace to become the third player to average 20 points and 15 rebounds in a playoff season since 1990.

"We got Jermaine O'Neal's ball at the right time and the right space, and he made the right shots," said guard Tim Hardaway.

It was Hardaway who gave the Pacers the boost they needed off the bench. After playing only 17 minutes in two playoff games, he hit several clutch shots in the fourth.

Hardaway tied the score at 86 on a 3-pointer with 1:46 left in regulation, and Artest followed with a left-handed layup for Indiana's first lead since the second quarter.

Walker's basket tied it 88-88 with 2:01 remaining, and that's the way it stayed until Artest's free throws.

Hardaway, signed in late March after working as a tel­evision analyst, hit a 3-pointer from the top of the arc that pulled Indiana within one with 6:12 minutes left.

Pierce followed with two jumpers, but Hardaway had an answer with a runner in the lane to get it back to three. He finished with 13 points in 27 minutes, as starting point guard Jamaal Tinsley played just three minutes in the second half.

"I thought it was a veteran's type of game where you needed him out on the floor, his game management on the floor," Thomas said. "His experience out on the floor and his shot making was timely."

Each team missed jumpers in the final minute, and regulation ended with Artest swatting Pierce's shot out of bounds from behind.

Artest scored 10 points in the fourth quarter as the Pacers shot 73 percent (11-for-15).

The Pacers had squandered 16-point third quarter leads in both Games 1 and 4, which turned into Boston victories. They had another awful third period in Game 5, missing 13 of 17 shots.

Pierce and J.R. Bremer closed the quarter with 3-pointers for a 71-62 lead.

After scoring 32 points in the second half of Game 4, Pierce wasn't a factor in the first half of Game 5. He took only three shots, and two of those were airballs on step-back jumpers against Artest.

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Rogers 89, Bucks 82

The New Jersey Nets beat the Milwaukee Bucks at the perime­ter game, then hit their foul shots for a change Tuesday night.

Richard Jefferson had 17 points and a career-best 16 rebounds and the Nets made 11 of 12 free throws in the final 2:35 to beat the Bucks 89-82 for a 3-2 lead in their first-round series.

Jason Kidd added 19 points, six rebounds and five assists and Kerry Kittles had 15 points for the defending Eastern Conference champions. The Nets can clinch the best-of­seven series by winning Thursday in Milwaukee or in New Jersey on Saturday if the Bucks force a deciding game.

Toni Kukoc had 18 points and Sam Cassell and Gary Payton added 16 apiece for Milwaukee.

The game had a little ugliness at the end when Cassell and Kenyon Martin, who scored just nine points in a foul-plagued night, engaged in a shoving match.

But that's just the way the game was played. Martin's foul problems forced the Nets to use a three-guard offense at times. It worked to perfection in the fourth quarter when Kittles hit three 3-point­ers, the last for a 74-71 lead with 6:21 to play.

Milwaukee got within a point twice down the stretch as both teams struggled to score.

Desmond Mason's two free throws cut the Nets' lead to 76­ 75 with 3:48 to go. The next points weren't scored until Collins hit two free throws with 2:35 left, and that started a run of six straight points from the foul line.

New Jersey lost Game 4 in overtime because it missed nine of 13 free throws in the final four minutes.

This time, New Jersey hit 10 straight and Kidd made a tough shot in the lane with just over a minute to go to put it away.

The Nets went 5-for-7 and got a 3-pointer from Lucious Harris in an 8-2 run late in the third quarter to take a 61-57 lead.

However, New Jersey squan­dered the lead in the final 3.7 seconds, allowing Payton to score on a layup and sending Michael Redd to the foul line for two shots after a turnover on the inbounds play.

Despite hitting one of their first 11 shots and having Martin pick up three fouls and only five points, the Nets led 44-38 at the half.

The key for New Jersey was using the small lineup, which not only scored but did an outstanding job playing perimeter defense. Kidd and fellow guards Harris and Kittles were joined on the floor by Jefferson and center Jason Collins.

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WOMENS LACROSSE

Shearer wins award after outstanding week

♦ Senior awarded after tallying 13 points last week

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame women’s lacrosse standout Danielle Shearer, capped one of the best weeks of her brilliant Irish lacrosse career by capturing two weekly honors. Shearer was named Warrior/Inside Lacrosse Player of the Week and she was also honored by the Big East Conference as its Co-Offensive Player of the Week along with Georgetown’s Wick Stanwick. The Irish All-American and Tewaaraton Trophy candidate racked up 13 points (nine goals and four assists) in three Notre Dame victories on the week. For good measure, she recorded eight ground balls, three caused turnovers and six draw controls in the three-game span.

On Sunday, in her final home game at Moose Krause Stadium, Shearer paced the Irish to a 13-6 Big East win by scoring six goals and one assist for the third seven-point game of her career. Her second goal of the game, which came in the first half, made her Notre Dame’s all-time leading goal scorer as she passed 2001 graduate Last O’Shaughnessy’s mark of 122 career goals. She finished the day with 127 career goals. Her seventh point of the game, a second-half assist on a Crystal Foote goal, allowed her to pass O’Shaughnessy’s all-time point total of 190. Shearer goes into her final game versus Vanderbilt on Friday, May 2 with 191 career points.

Shearer started the week with a three-goal, one-assist effort on April 22 in Notre Dame’s 18-6 win at home versus Davidson. She followed that with two assists in a 13-9 win over Northwestern, a game in which she was double and triple-teamed most of the afternoon. The Northwestern game marked the first time all season that Shearer failed to get in the goal-scoring column. With points in all three games, the senior midfielder extended her current scoring streak to 35 games, a streak that started on April 25, 2001 during her sophomore year. In those 35 games, Shearer has recorded 82 goals and 49 assists for 131 points.

On the season, Shearer leads the Irish in scoring with 32 goals and 24 assists for 56 points in 14 games. She is tied for the Big East lead in overall scoring and won the league’s scoring championship in conference games with 32 points.

Danielle Shearer races towards the goal during a recent game. The senior scored 13 points and led the Irish to several key wins last week.

Footo Named Rookie Of The Week

Notre Dame freshman, Crystal Foote, has been selected as womenslacrosse.com’s Rookie of the Week for the week ending April 27th.

Foote helped the Irish to three consecutive wins on the week by scoring eight goals and adding six assists for 14 points in the three games. She added three ground balls and played solid throughout the contest.

ND WOMENS BASKETBALL

LaVere earns Freshman All-American honors

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame freshman forward Courtney LaVere has been named to the 2003 Freshman All-America Team by Women’s College Hoops.com, the Web site announced Tuesday.

LaVere was a third-team selection and was one of five Big East Conference players to be chosen for the squad. Connecticut’s Ann Strasburger and Barbara Turner, along with Miami’s Tamara James and Virginia Tech’s Carrie Mason also were accorded Freshman All-America status.

LaVere turned in an impressive freshman season at Notre Dame, finishing second on the team in scoring (12.4 points per game), rebounding (5.6 rebounds per game) and field goal percentage (.486), and ranking 19th and 20th in the Big East in the first two categories.

She also scored in double figures 21 times and had a season-high 23 points on two occasions. In addition, she posted five doubles-doubles, three of which came against ranked opponents.

LaVere finished with 398 points this season, the fourth-highest total ever by an Irish freshman, and her 180 rebounds ranked sixth all-time among Notre Dame freshmen.

For her efforts, she earned a spot on the Big East All-Rookie Team and picked up conference rookie of the week honors March 3.

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Empire bruises foot, Baffert's Kawfawn out of Derby

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Looks as if the Derby Jinx might have struck early this year. Looks as if Bob Baffert will need all the luck he can get.

Favorite Empire Maker, who has a bruised foot, a minor injury that could change the outlook for Saturday's race. Trainer Bobby Frankel said his star colt will still run, but the odds could change dramatically when entries are taken Wednesday.

Until the bruise on Empire Maker's right front foot was discovered Tuesday, Churchill Downs oddsmaker Mike Battaglia was set to install Empire Maker as the strong 6-5 favorite.

"Now I'll go with what Bobby says," Battaglia said. "If he says it's nothing to worry about, he'll stay there. If he says he'll run but there are some concerns, then I'll raise the price."

"And if he says he's out, I'll have to change everything."

Baffert might be changing a few things now that Kawfawn is out with a strained ligament in his right front foot following a workout. The colt won four of 11 starts and was third in the Santa Anita Derby on April 5, his last race.

That leaves Baffert, who won his third Derby with War Emblem last year, with one Derby starter — long shot Indian Express.

"At least I've got the Panamanian youth," he said, referring to Indian Express winning his first two starts in Panama.

Baffert's top Derby prospect is long gone. His 2-year-old champion Vindication was knocked off for the year in February with an injury.

The Derby Jinx appeared in Frankel's barn four days before a race that has been unkind to him since 1980.

Still, he was upbeat.

"You can never be 100 percent sure in this business, but I'd say I'm 98 percent sure he'll be all right," said Frankel, who also trains Derby contender Peace Rules.

"But it's the Derby, you know, so what are you going to do."

After Spectacular Bid won as the 60-1 favorite in 1979, only one other favorite — Fusaichi Pegasus at 2-1 in 2000 — has returned to the winner's circle.

In 1992, favorite A.P. Indy was scratched early on race day with a bruised foot. In 1996, Unbridled's Song finished fifth in the 3-5 favorite after being fitted with a special shoe to protect a bruised foot.

After Empire Maker completed his final Derby workout Monday, Frankel said the most dangerous work was finished.

"But on Tuesday morning, after returning from a 1-mile jog with Peace Rules, the colt's injury was discovered. That's when Frankel asked Dr. Ken Reed to take a look at Empire Maker's foot."

"My vet doesn't think it's a problem," said the Hall of Fame trainer, looking for his first Derby win. "He recommended I walk him another day. He thinks that will take care of it."

Empire Maker moved to the head of the 3-year-old class after convincing wins in the Florida Derby and Wood Memorial. The trainer said the injury occurred following an earlier bruise to the same foot in the Wood at Aqueduct on April 12, a race run on a track drying out after a day of rain.

The bruise is under Empire Maker's shoe, part of which was filed away by a farrier so the foot could be soaked in hot water and Epsom salts.

By Wednesday morning, Frankel will have a better idea of the colt's status.

With Empire Maker nicked and Kawfawn out, trainer Tom Amoss said he will enter Lone Star Sky in the Derby. "After those developments, we decided to drop him," Amoss said.

Baffert also said he will run Sense Swinger in Friday's Crown Royal American Turf. "He's not ready for the Derby," Baffert said.

The field could total 17 when entries are taken Wednesday. The tentative field includes Atahualmapitbalkout, Brancusi, Buddy Gil, Disputed Dispute, Empire Maker, Funny Cide, Indian Express, Lone Star Sky, Office Wild, Outta Here, Peace Rules, Siritshaw, Stk Cherokee, Supah Blitz, Ten Cents a Shine and Ten Most Wanted.

Eye of the Tiger is still under consideration.

WIMBLEDON

Players won't have to bow for Duke of Kent anymore

Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — One of Wimbledon's most enduring traditions is finished — players will no longer have to bow or curtsy to the Royal Box at Centre Court. But while one custom fell Tuesday, the All England Club confirmed that another will remain. Men will be paid more than women.

Players have been required to bow or curtsey to the royal family when walking onto or leaving Centre Court. From now on they will have to do so only if Queen Elizabeth II or Prince Charles, her oldest son and heir to the throne, is in the box.

The queen hasn't attended Wimbledon since 1977 when she presented the women's trophy in Virginia Wade. Prince Charles made his only appearance in 1970.

The decision to scrap the tradition was made at the request of the Duke of Kent, who has been the All England Club's president since 1969. He and his wife, the Duchess of Kent, attend frequently each year and present the winners' trophies. "It's been part of a discussion that's been going on for some time," All England chief executive Christopher Gorrington said. "It's sad, but we have to move on. We know there is very little bowing or curtsey done in royal circles now."

Meanwhile, the Wimbledon prize money for the grass-court tournament is going up 6.5 percent to $7.4 million for men and $6.3 million for women. Wimbledon and the French Open give more money to the men. The two other Grand Slam tournaments, the U.S. Open and Australian Open, pay equal prize money.

All England Club chairman Tim Phillips reiterated Wimbledon's position that the money split is "fair."

WTA chief executive Larry Scott said he was disappointed Wimbledon again "failed to address the long-standing inequity between men's and women's prize money.”

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KENTUCKY DERBY

Jockey Laffit Pincay Jr., shown here after his July 14 win in the Hollywood Gold Cup, retired Tuesday after breaking his neck in March. Laffit, a former Kentucky Derby winner, was scheduled to ride in this Saturday's Derby.

Broken neck forces Pincay Jr. to retire

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Kent. Hall of Fame jockey Laffit Pincay Jr. retired Tuesday after breaking his neck in a spill in March, ending a career in which he won a record 9,330 races.

Pincay, 56, was severely injured in a turf race March 1 when another horse that was ultimately disqualified swung wide into the stretch, knocked Pincay off his mount and rolled on him.

At the time, the injury didn't appear serious and Pincay was treated at the track and released. When the pain persisted, he was examined by doctors, who found two breaks in the same bone in his neck. He had been wearing a halo brace to heal the breaks.

However, doctors advised Pincay that his spine is not sufficiently stable to allow him to ride, said Hollywood Park spokesman Mike Mooney, who announced Pincay's decision.

Pincay was supposed to be in Louisville for Saturday's Kentucky Derby to ride Indian Express for trainer Bob Baffert.

The injury changed those plans and the horse Pincay recommended that Baffert purchase will be ridden by 20-year-old Tyler Baze in his first Derby mount.

Pincay's 39-year career includes election to racing's Hall of Fame in 1975, a 1984 Kentucky Derby victory, three Belmont Stakes victories, five Eclipse Awards, and mounts on such great horses as Affirmed and John Henry.

Pincay was second in the Santa Anita jockeys' standings with 52 victories when he got hurt. He was winning at better than a 21 percent clip — highest among the track's riders.

He became racing's winningest rider on Dec. 10, 1999, when he rode Irish Nip to victory at Hollywood Park. His 8,834th win was one more than the record set by Bill Shoemaker.

Pincay broke the cervical 2 bone in his neck, one of the uppermost seven vertebrae of the spine.

His family, including wife Jeanine and his two grown children Lisa and Laffit III, had urged him to retire after the accident. Pincay also has a 6-year-old son, Jean-Laffit.

"The doctor recommend­ed that I never ride again," Pincay said in a statement. "It's a very sad day for myself and Jeanine."

IN BRIEF

Jeter will return in 2-3 weeks

Derek Jeter has seen enough of Florida and the New York Yankees' spring training complex.

"I'm sick of Tampa," he said Tuesday after meeting with the team's medical staff. "I love Tampa — I live there in the offseason, but I'm ready to get out."

Jeter, who dislocated his left shoulder in the season opener, hopes to rejoin the Yankees by May 13, when they return from the West Coast and start a series against the World Series champion Anaheim Angels.

"If everything goes well, I'd like to take batting practice this weekend. If anything goes well, I'd like to play in some minor league games next week," the five-time All-Star said during a pregame news confer­ence at Yankee Stadium, a towel draped over his right (healthy) shoulder.

New York wants its shortstop to go smoothly with his recovery, preferring he be completely healed before he returns. Yankees manager Joe Torre already anticipates that Jeter will say he's ready to play before the medical staff clears him.

"Two-to-three weeks is realistic, as long as he doesn't have any set­backs," Torre said.

Kings' James named Sixth Man of the Year

Sacramento Kings guard Bobby Jackson was named the NBA's Sixth Man of the Year award Tuesday.

Jackson, the Kings' offensive spark plug, is just the second point guard to win the award, joining Orlando's Darrell Armstrong in 1999.

After finishing second in the ballot­ing last season behind Detroit's Corliss Williamson, Jackson received 52 of the 118 first-place votes from a panel of broadcasters and journal­ists.

"It's a great honor," Jackson said.

"There are a lot of great athletes out there. It says a lot about this team. I could not have done it without them. We've got guys on this team who deserve a lot of awards, but our real focus is on winning an NBA champi­onship."

Jackson got 367 points in the vot­ing. Milwaukee shooting guard Michael Redd finished second with 257, and Utah forward Andrei Kirilenko was third with 127.

Jackson was the Kings' fourth­leading scorer, averaging a career­best 15.2 points for the two-time Pacific Division champions. He also recorded career bests in shooting percentage (46.4), free throw per­centage (84.6) and 3-point percent­age (37.9).

But Jackson's season was hardly a typical one for a sixth man.

He started 26 games for the Kings last fall while Mike Bibby missed the first seven weeks with a foot injury — but after a collision with Shaquille ONeal on Christmas, Jackson missed the Kings' next 20 games.

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NBA BASKETBALL

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Smith charged with DUI

Associated Press

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. Bruce Smith was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after being stopped for speeding. The Washington Redskins' defensive end was ticketed early Sunday for going 61 mph in a 45 mph zone and charged with DUI, police spokesman Mike Carey said. Lawrence Cardon, Smith's attorney, said Smith's blood-alcohol breath test registered 0.07, below the state legal limit of 0.08. Still, state law allows for DUI citations in such cases if the arresting officer finds other evidence of impairment. "I think that after the evidence all comes out, this thing will be dismissed," Cardon said. "He was very cooperative ... he's just a nice guy." Smith was released on a personal recognizance bond.

Bowden's son pleads guilty to money crime

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. A son of Florida State football coach Bobby Bowden pleaded guilty Tuesday to swindling millions from investors — including his father.

Steve Bowden admitted conspiring with former Alabama quarterback Brian Burgdorf in a scheme that prosecutors say defrauded investors of $10 million.

The scam involved selling unregistered securities through The Millennium Fund, which billed itself as being for "the privileged few," Assistant U.S. Attorney Adolph Dean said. Steve Bowden brought in his father and three other investors, who lost a total of $4.4 million. Bobby Bowden invested $1.6 million, Dean said.

Steve Bowden pleaded guilty to conspiring to sell unregistered securities. A second man, James Michael Hanks of Hoover, pleaded guilty to conspiracy and tax charges during a hearing before U.S. District Judge Karon O. Bowdre.

Burgdorf, who was a captain at Alabama as a senior in 1995, intends to plead guilty during a hearing Friday, said his attorney, Ron Marlow. He didn't say what charges would be involved.

Prosecutors will recommend a sentence of one to two years in prison for Hanks and probation for Bowden, Dean said. Bowdre set sentencing for July 30.
In wake of SARS, $1 ticket special sells out Jays game

Associated Press

TORONTO

The Blue Jays sold out Tuesday night's game against the Texas Rangers after offering $1 tickets in an effort to show Toronto remains vibrant despite SARS.

The sellout was announced before the World Health Organization lifted its warning against nonessential travel to Toronto, saying it was satisfied with local measures to stop the spread of severe acute respiratory syndrome.

The Blue Jays' parent company, Rogers Communications Inc., said it wants to "bring the community together at SkyDome ... to show its support for the city of Toronto."

The tickets sold for $1 Canadian, which is worth 69 cents in U.S. currency. A crowd of 48,097 turned out — the largest since opening day.

Fans bought tickets at a rate of about 2,000 an hour and SkyDome was sold out late Monday night. About 34,000 tickets were bought for the reduced price. The 16,000 fans who paid full price will be able to buy a $1 ticket for a later game.

With the average Blue Jays ticket about $14 in American dollars, the move is costing Rogers roughly $484,000.

"This is an opportunity to say 'Look we're all right, we're a vibrant, safe and healthy city,'" Blue Jays president Paul Godfrey said.

The U.S. ambassador to Canada, Paul Cellucci, will throw out the ceremonial first pitch Tuesday.

Cellucci said Toronto's SARS outbreak has been overblown, and it's safe to visit the city.

While some visiting players have been nervous about traveling to Toronto, fans haven't been reluctant. For their three-game series against Kansas City, the Blue Jays drew 16,417 spectators Friday, 17,197 on Saturday and 17,059 on Sunday, their second-, third- and fourth-biggest crowds this season.

Godfrey estimated SARS already has cost the club the sale of 10,000 tickets and said inquiries for group sales have dropped substantially.

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in a big way with a single to left center field that plated two DePaul runs and sent the game into extra innings.
Relief pitcher Carrie Wisen would enter the game to replace Booth and would pitch well before allowing the winning run in the ninth, when Katy Kukman singled to drive in Saskia Roberson and give the Blue Demons their 40th win on the year.
Lindsay Choiniard pitched the entire game for the Blue Demons and collected the win, improving to 26-4 on the year.
The second game of the doubleheader was cancelled due to rain and time constraints.
Notre Dame returns home to face Villanova in a key Big East doubleheader this Friday. First pitch is scheduled for 4 p.m.
Contact Justin Schuver at jschuver@nd.edu

Best
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the player who shoots the most and makes the least.
John Barnes of RBC was awarded the Iron Man Award after suffering an ankle injury in RBC's upset of defending champion and top seed AdWorks in their quarterfinal match.
On the first team was NDToday.com's and mens basketball team walk-on Dan Lustig, Steve Lickus of We Get Wet, Ben Nichol of 1/2 Man, 1/2 Amazing, Irvin Jones of Team Irvin Jones and Tommy Walz from La-Z-Boy.
"It's a nice honor to be recognized by the commissioners as some of the top basketball players on campus," Walz said.
The second team consisted of NDToday.com's Jim Kilroy, RBC's Jeff Wiltraut, We Get Wet's Greg Bosl, Daniel Spoon of Pound it Out and Dan Surratt from A lot of White and One Black Knight.
Pogie Pogonitis from 5 Jamonies, RBC's Jon Joyce, Brian Rush of NDToday.com, Future Welfare Recipients' Mike McGinn and Pykosz from S.P. Shockers III comprised the third team.
Making the all-Ty Team, or the top football players competing in the tournament, were Courtney Watson, Jerome Collins, Carlyle Holiday, Scott Raridson, Pat Nally, Anthony Fassano, Ronnie Rodamer, Rhema McNight, Tim O’Neill, Justin Tuck and Brian Maietta.
With over 500 teams competing every year the tradition of Bookstore Basketball runs deep at Notre Dame and Walz knows how much it means to the campus community.
"You get to see all the varsity athletes to see how they compete, and I think it's great to compete and to see people cheering for you or against you out there," Walz said. "It's something that only Notre Dame has, and the tradition is just growing and other schools can't say they have it."
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BASEBALL

It's test time for the Irish

The biggest test for the Irish baseball team isn't in Finance or Biology next week. It's against Rutgers and West Virginia. Sure the players have to study for exams during the next several days. And there's that game against Oakland tonight at Frank Eck Stadium. But there will be no greater test for this club than when they face the Scarlet Knights and Mountaineers over the next two weekends.

If Notre Dame hopes to return to Omaha, Neb. and the College World Series, their quest begins here. Forget those first 44 games. They don't mean much now — not if the Irish can't knock off the second- and third-place teams in the Big East standings. At 13-3 and 12-3, Rutgers and West Virginia sit just a half-game and a game back, respectively, of the first-place Irish. And both teams would like nothing more than to upset the top dog in the conference in the next few days.

How will Notre Dame respond to these challenges? It's tough to tell. Last weekend, the Irish swept Connecticut in a three-game series that coach Paul Mainieri said was "critical" for his team.

But the Huskies are having a down year at only 19-20 and 7-12 in the Big East. It'll be interesting to see how Notre Dame's freshmen respond to the heightened pressure that accompanies these big games. How these youngsters handle that pressure may be the difference between a Big East Championship and third place.

"These players know that every game is crucial at this point," Mainieri said, following his team's 8-4 loss to Michigan Tuesday night. "There's not time to let up, and each kid has to find out how to play his best because this is a pressure time, with pressure games."

Another looming question is whether Mainieri can dig deep enough into his pitching staff to win a three-game series against teams like Rutgers and West Virginia. Starter Pete Ogilvie is still playing catch up since suffering from a sore shoulder. Great John Niesel can't pitch at all this season because of shoulder surgery in the off-season. That leaves the Irish staff with three consistent starters in Chris Kalita, John Axford and Ryan Kalita, but no real strong guy backing them up. It'll be key for those three to take the staff on the shoulders and carry them through these tough games.

Last year, Notre Dame won its final five series through-out the season and was virtually unstoppable down the stretch. But that squad was led by numerous seniors. The 2003 Irish have only a few older guys, with most players being freshmen or sophomores.

Will this inexperience make a difference? Irish fans will know by the end of next week.

Notre Dame's had 44 games to prepare for next week. It doesn't get any easier after that either. They still have a tough series at Virginia Tech. Then there's the Big East Tourney. After that, it may be the regionals. And super regionals. If they pass all of those tests, Notre Dame will be back in the College World Series with a chance at a national title.

But first, they need to beat West Virginia and Rutgers. Those are their first two tests, and they're big ones. Just ask Mainieri.

"We're going to really separate the men from the boys," he said.

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Notre Dame would then score two more runs in the seventh inning, one off an RBI single from right fielder Nicole dePau and one off a Blue Demon throwing error.

Irish starter Heather Booth ran into trouble early in the bottom of the seventh by walking the leadoff hitter and then hitting the next batter with a pitch. A bunt single by DePaul loaded the bases.

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