**Student Senate**

Group rejects minority resolution

Members deny request to make committee permanent and constitutionally recognized

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

At the Student Senate’s final meeting before a new administration takes over April 1, Minority Affairs Ad-hoc Committee (MAC) chair Rhen Boyd made an urgent plea to senators to approve a resolution that would make her committee permanent and constitutionally recognized.

But despite a passionate introduction of her resolution and 45 minutes of debate, the proposal — which called for a permanent Minority Affairs committee and defined the scope and goals of it — was defeated.

The resolution was crafted by Boyd, student body president Dave Baron, student body vice president Lizzi Shappell and Diversity Committee chair Sarah Lin. Boyd presented the resolution to Senate despite Baron and Shappell’s last-minute decision Tuesday to take it off the Senate’s agenda.

“Because I felt uneasy about that decision, I asked Lizzi to place this amendment back on the agenda and I thank her for doing so,” Boyd said.

But she failed to win their support.

Though senators agreed minorities must have a permanent voice on policy issues, many felt the resolution was too vague.

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**ND to be part of four-year liberal arts study**

Analysis includes tracking 400 students until 2010; 50 will participate in personal interviews

By JOE PIARULLI
News Writer

Incoming members of the Class of 2010 may find that while they study for their first exams, someone else may be studying them. Beginning next fall, Notre Dame will become one of 18 colleges to take part in a national liberal arts study conducted by the Center of Inquiry in the Liberal Arts at Wabash College.

The study will follow approximately 5,200 students nationwide — 400 at Notre Dame — throughout their four years at college. According to Dennis Jacobs, vice president and associate provost for undergraduate and international studies, the study will bring a new perspective on education at Notre Dame.

“We’re continually an institution, trying to assess how we are progressing in all of our academic goals,” Jacobs said. “What makes this particular collaboration unique and attractive is that it involves a very nationally renowned team of investigators who are ... independent of Notre Dame, and that gives a fresh eye to things.”

According to the Center’s Web site, the Wabash National Study of Liberal Arts Education has two fundamental goals. First, it aims “to learn what teaching practices, programs, and institutional structures support liberal arts education” and second, it seeks “to develop faculty-friendly and institutionally-useful methods of assessing liberal arts education.”

The focus of the study will be on the development of seven areas — effective reasoning and problem solving, inclination to inquire and lifelong learning, integration of learning, intercultural effectiveness, moral reasoning and character, leadership and

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**Professors fight disease in Haiti**

Notre Dame faculty members confront elephantiasis in the tropics

By MAUREEN MULLEN
News Writer

Notre Dame chemistry professor Emil T. Hofman returned Tuesday from a four-day visit in Haiti, where he connected with biology professor Father Thomas Strickler to treat native Haitians afflicted with lymphatic filariasis — a disease that progresses into the more commonly known affliction elephantiasis.

Elephantiasis, a horrific and debilitating condition, is a mosquito-borne infection that affects more than 120 million people throughout the tropics. Hofman said the disease causes infectious swelling in the limbs and genitalia of the afflicted if not treated.

Notre Dame chemistry professor Emil T. Hofman visits with Haitian citizens during a recent four-day visit to the region.

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The event, organized by student and government’s Community Relations Committee, accomplished one goal of the campaign platform embraced by student body president-elect Lizzi Shappell and vice president-elect Bill Andrichik, who said they would provide legal aid for students.

“I think it’s a fantastic first step and a way for [Baron and I] to end this administration and to begin Bill and my administration,” Shappell said Monday.

Nick Guneman, chair of the Community Relations committee, said the idea for the program originated over the
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Shoot a bear in the face**

No, it's not baseball or barbecuing. It's not being obese or yelling at poor drivers — America's favorite pastime is shooting bears in the face. Too bad America doesn't know that yet. Fear not, loyal bear shooters — I bring the word.

Some people go to choose life because they want to try it. You need travel no farther than an arcade equipped with Big Game Hunter. This glorious digital escapade, complete with two giant orange guns, gives you both a choice of prey and weapon. As all enlightened people know, the great combination is bear and slingshot respectively. Yet it's not really about what you want to choose. It's about pasting the bear as many times as possible while aiming directly between its computer-generated eyes.

This game, if I may stroll as low as to call it such, requires the ability to wait at least three seconds for a bear's face to appear on screen, as well as the critical skill of discerning a cub from an acceptable bear. Be forwarned — if you miss a bear or shoot a cub, you will lose one of your three precious orange hats. Lose all your hats and the unspeakable will happen — you will need to put more quarters in the machine.

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Imagine the crippling frustration of firing a well-aimed, semi-panicked shot only to find that you have murdered a helpless cub — a.k.a. objects getting in the way of you and your three precious orange hats. Lose all your hats and the unspeakable will happen — you need to put more quarters in the machine.

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD PICK ANY LECTURER TO SPEAK ON CAMPUS, WHO WOULD IT BE?**

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*“Jon Stewart from The Daily Show.”*

*“Barack Obama.”*

*“Mickey Mouse.”*

*“Millard Fuller, the founder of Habitat for Humanity, who is actually coming to speak on April 29.”*

*“My mom because she's one of the pillars of the Catholic Church.”*

*“Will Ferrell lecturing on nutrition, particularly the four main food groups: candy, candy canes, candy corn and syrup.”*

**OFFBEAT**

**Four beautiful words: All you can eat**

LAS VEGAS — Even in this over-the-top town famed for all-you-can-eat spreads, nobody had ever seen one quite like this. Forty soups, 100 salads and 150 desserts perched upon a 500-foot (152-meter) maze of tables. It was enough — 510 different dishes in all — to qualify on Tuesday for a Guinness record for the World's Largest Buffet.

*“I'm interested in trying some of the desserts now,” said tired and hungry Guiness official Nadine Causey, who flew in from London to certify that Las Vegas Hilton Executive Chef George Baergen had assembled at least 500 unique offerings to create the new record buffet.*

*Workaholics struggle to say ‘No’ to work*  
NEW YORK — Sara used to sneak into his office before dawn so no one would know how many extra hours he worked. Charles goes on all-night work binges to meet deadlines, and Susan can't say no to volunteer projects, social clubs, bridge games, choral singing, lectures and chores.

*Each one is a member of Workaholics Anonymous (WA), a 12-step recovery program for compulsive overachievers.*

**IN BRIEF**

O'Neill Hall will host the "O'Neill Ball - America's favorite," with McGlinn — today at 8 p.m. The event will feature singers, comedians and dancers from O'Neill as well as karaoke and free food.

Saint Mary's seniors Emily Fannon, Sinnamon Wolfe, Amanda Caddy and Amber Painter will host a senior comprehensive art gallery opening Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Moreau Art Galleries in the Moreau Center for the Arts. The event is free and the public is welcome to attend.

Famed Notre Dame head football coach Lou Holtz will give a lecture on "Catholicism and Competition" Friday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Stepan Center. The event is sponsored by Student Government as part of the Catholic Think Tank of America Lecture Series. Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students must present student ID at the door.

The 2006 Notre Dame student peace conference, "Voices of Today, Changes for Tomorrow," will be held Friday and Saturday in the Rescherche Center for International Studies.

The Irish softball team will play Connecticut at 12 p.m. Saturday at By Field.

The No. 11 Irish men's lacrosse team will face-off with Dartmouth at 12 p.m. Sunday at Notre Dame's Moose Krause Stadium.

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

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Famous montage artist speaks about unique career

Self-proclaimed 'art criminal' Winston Smith shares selections from his collection, lectures to SMC audience Wednesday

By LAURA BAUMGARTNER
News Writer

Winston Smith presented selections from years of work as a montage artist to Saint Mary's College students, professors and community members Wednesday as part of the College's visiting artist lecture series.

More than 30 years ago, Saint Mary's art department chair Bill Sandusky lived with Smith in Florence—but the College professor never believed he would be inviting his former schoolmate to host a presentation at his future place of employment.

"I'm really excited," Sandusky said. "I think this is a great opportunity for the students and the community. [Smith] is really incredible—he's a person the current generation can identify with."

A self-proclaimed "art criminal," Smith creates works by cutting pictures out of vintage magazines and publications with razors and glues them together to form his creations. He is also widely known for the political and social commentary he infuses into his art.

"When I was a kid, I realized I could just rip other people's work, cut it up and make it my own. We didn't have photo copiers back then like I use now, but it was a big relief."

While Smith has spent years using other people's work to create his own, he said he was still shocked when he came across a poster that someone still shocked when he came across a poster that someone had designed using pieces from one of his illustrations.

"When I saw it, I went 'Oh man, they ripped me off,' and then I was like, 'What am I saying?' But when you get to the point where someone will rip you off, it's kind of a backhanded compliment," he said.

Smith is connected to the punk rock movement through the numerous album covers he has created for bands over the years. He is also recognized for illustrations he has created for magazines ranging from "The New Yorker" to "Playboy."

"I got started in this field because I have no other marketable skills," Smith said. "I worked as a roadie for bands like Santana and Crosby, Stills and Young in San Francisco for $2 an hour, and I started to create concert posters for local bands when punk rock started to rear its ugly head."

Smith said his career progressed after he was inspired to create his work is to comment on politics, consumerism and other social issues.

"A lot of my work is political or social commentary—it's just my twisted lefty point of view.

Smith told numerous anecdotes throughout the presentation about the meaning behind his pieces, ranging from critiques of the United States' environmental issues to miscellaneous issues such as the harvesting of the redwood trees in California.

Another reason Smith uses images is to avoid copyright problems, but he said this limits the variety of images he can use in his work.

"Tell people creating my work is like going through a New York City phone book looking for a friend where there is no alphabetical order," Smith said. "But it's what I have to do because I can't work if things are categorized and ordered. I have to sit there and go through all the silly pictures to create my things."

Many of Smith's pieces include stereotypical representations of women from 1940s magazines like "Life."

During the question and answer session following his presentation, associate art professor Krista Hoefle asked about the reception his pieces would receive being displayed at an all women's college, as they depicted stereotypical imagery of women.

"It's part of the reason I made the pictures," Smith said. "Using only women from the certain time period—that the images are pretty crass to begin with—they were all about Americans and how everything is bright and wonderful and that was going to be full of things like flying cars, and to contrast that with the world as we really know it is kind of the comment."

Smith said he used the images because they were not perceived as demeaning at the time.

"It was, 'Oh here's the happy homemaker and her husband—environmental reinforcement for women not to go out and do things,' he said.

Displays of Smith's work will be on show at Saint Mary's until Friday, including replicas of pieces like "Strange Bedfellows," which depicts a donkey and an elephant next to each other in a bed filled with money.

"It's a comment on the debate of campaign funding reform between democrats and republicans," Smith said. "They're all the same because they have the same thing in common—greenbacks."

Smith will present his work today in room 232 Moreau at 12:30 p.m. for Saint Mary's art students. The presentation will be open to all members of the public. While at the College, Smith said he welcomes visitors who wish to discuss his work—or anything else. His temporary office is 240 Moreau.

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Author clarifies her misinterpreted slogan in SMC speech

Harvard professor Laurel Thatcher Ulrich explains and discusses phrase, 'Well-behaved women seldom make history'

By LAURA GLEASON

Harvard professor Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author who coined the phrase, "Well-behaved women seldom make history," clarified the commonly misinterpreted slogan in a lecture at Saint Mary's Wednesday.

Most people understand the quote to mean, "Bad girls have more fun," but Ulrich said this interpretation is inaccurate.

Ulrich — who famously penned the book, "A Midwife's Tale" — said the ambiguous slogan can only be understood in context. Originally printed in her first scholarly article in 1976, the statement referred to a group of Puritan women in colonial America who submitted to an alarmingly strict moral code of behavior.

This "accidental slogan" was intended to be a reflection on the way in which "virtuous" women in colonial America were inhibited — and not as an endorsement of "bad" behavior among women, she said.

To the amusement of Ulrich, her misunderstood reflection on the lives of early American women has caught fire in popular culture. The famous words, "Well-behaved women seldom make history," are now plastered on T-shirts, bumper stickers and mugs. They have even been incorporated into the lyrics of a song.

Ulrich jokingly drew attention to her slogan's association with wild, even criminal women. One woman from Denver who had been arrested "at least a dozen times" and was known for indulgent drug use was spotted driving a car with her famous saying on it.

Though she addressed the misinterpretation of her slogan with humor, Ulrich nonetheless made sure to correct the public's misconception of her words. Ulrich focused on the life of Rosa Parks — who she called "the icon of the civil rights movement" — to illustrate her point. She asked if Parks was a well-behaved woman.


Ulrich said in terms of morality, Parks was remarkably well-behaved. Though she broke the law, she was morally clean, reliable, courageous and willing to say, "No." [Parks'] refusal to obey the law sparked a 341 day-long boycott, put Martin Luther King Jr. in the public eye and led to the historic Supreme Court decision outlawing segregation in public places," she said. "Her good behavior helped to justify her rebellion and win public support for her cause."

Ulrich said it was Parks' good behavior — not bad — that won her a spot in history.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Thousands witness global eclipse

SDE, Turkey — Thousands of skygazers gath­
ered in the Turkish city of Adana and let out ch ethers Wednesday as a total solar eclipse turned day into twilight, casting an eerie blue glow across the sky and the Mediterranean Sea.

NASA astronomers handed out protective glasses to hundreds of Turkish children before the eclipse cut a dark swath across the sky — a band that stretched from Brazil, across Africa, West Africa, Turkey and Central Asia, then disapp eared at sunset in Mongolia.

The eclipse, which was in November 2003, was the last that was visible from Europe and the United States in years. It was seen by millions of people in Turkey,  Syria, Jordan, Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan.

In Gaza, police and television crews were also out in force, but the main news was the election of a new Palestinian government.

The Associated Press

ITALY grants Afghan convert asylum

Rome — Italy granted asylum Wednesday to an Afghan who faced the death penalty for con­vert­ion to Christianity, and Premier Silvio Berlusconi said the man was in the care of the Interior Ministry after arriving in Italy ear­lier in the day.

Abdul Rahman “is already in Italy. I think he arrived overnight,” Berlusconi said, declining to release more details.

Rahman’s fleeing to Afghanistan inspired an appeal by Pope Benedict XVI to Afghan President Hamid Karzai and efforts by the United Nations to find a country to take him.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush blames Iraq crisis on Hussein

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Wednesday that Saddam Hussein, not continued U.S. involvement in Iraq, is responsible for ongoing sectarian violence that is threatening the formation of a democratic government.

In his third speech this month to bolster pub­lic support for the war, Bush worked to counter critics who say the U.S. presence in the war-torn region is fueling the insurgency. Bush said that Saddam was a tyrant and used vio­lence to exacerbate sectarian divisions to keep his country together, and that as a result, deep tensions persist to this day.

“The most dangerous enemies of Iraq are employing the same tactics Saddam used, killing and ter­rorizing the frji people in an effort to foment sectarian division,” Bush said.

Officers indicted in taped beating

NEW ORLEANS — Two fired New Orleans police officers and one current officer were indicted Wednesday on videotaped evidence of a taped beating of a retired teacher in the French Quarter last fall.

The Oct. 8 beating of Robert Davis, 64, was caught on video by an Associated Press Television News crew covering the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

The three officers were charged with battery, and other offenses.

Davis spent more than an hour testifying about the beating, which left him lying on the street, hands cuffed and blood flowing from his head and face. Afterward, he told reporters that he still has headaches and back problems and even had to interrupt his testimony to take medicine.

LOCAL NEWS

Gary mayors vow to save hospital

GARY, Ind. — Arting Mayor Dozier T. Allen Jr. said he will try to keep the city’s hospital from shutting its doors because of financial losses of nearly $2 million a month.

During a conference call on Tuesday, Allen said he plans to work with state leaders, law­makers and administrators at Methodist Hospitals’ Northlake Campus to address the budget woes hospital executives predict could force the hospital to close within two years.

Methodist Hospitals administrators announced this month they would cut the number of patient beds in half and eliminate all elective surgeries in an effort to stem the hospital’s losses.

Gaza Strip

Abbas swears in Hamas cabinet

Over half of the newly appointed ministers served time in Israeli prisons

Associated Press

Gaza Strip — Hamas formally took power Wednesday, with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas swearing in 24 Cabinet minis­ters, including 14 who served time in Israeli pris­ons.

Soon after the ceremony Canada announced it was suspending aid to the cash-strapped Palestinian Authority, and other nations were expected to follow suit.

Foreign Affairs Minister Peter MacKay said Canada had no choice but to sus­pend assistance and decline any contact with the new Hamas Cabinet.

“The stated platform of this government has not addressed the concerns raised by Canada and others concerning non-violent recognition of Israel and acceptance of previous agreements and obligations, including the roadmap for peace,” MacKay said.

“As a result, Canada will have no contact with the members of the Hamas Cabinet and is suspending assistance to the Palestinian Authority.+

However, Ottawa empha­sized it would continue pro­viding humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people through U.N. and nongovernment organizations.

U.S. State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said the United States is looking for ways to get humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people, but are not going to provide funds to a terrorist organi­zation. And we are not going to provide U.S. funds to a Hamas-led government.

With Hamas now at the helm, the Palestinian govern­ment faces a crippling international economic boy­cott, and may run into immediate difficulties next week when March salaries are to be paid for some 140,000 government employees.

The Palestinian Authority gets a large part of its approximately $1.9 billion annual budget from over­sea­se­rs. Without money from the Arab world, Europe and the United States, a Hamas-led govern­ment would be nearly broke.

The newly installed Palestinian Information Minister, Youssuf Rizika, called the Palestinian action “hasty” and said it “shows obvious bias”.

“What we need from the Canadian government is that it ask the Israeli government to admit that they are occupying Palestinian land,” he told The Associated Press.

Wednesday’s swearing-in ceremony came just a day after Israel’s election and drew clear lines of con­frontation. Hamas says it will not soften its violent platform and Israel’s victori­ous Kadima Party says if that is the case, Israel will set the borders of a Palestinian state itself, with­out negot­iation­al­ly­s­ aimed at large areas of the West Bank.

Aral leaders, wrapping up an annual summit in the Sudanese capital, Khartoum, rejected any Israeli move to unilaterally draw its borders with a West Bank withdrawal. In a final statement, they renewed a peace offer for Israel — a 2002 initiative that Israel has rejected, promising a peace with Arab states in return for a with­drawal­al­ from all occup­ied­ Arab­ lands.

Israeli officials said it is very unlikely acting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert will create a “Hamas bypass” and negotiate directly with the moderate Abbas as long as Hamas refuses to change. Abbas, leader of the defeat­ed Fatah Party, was elected separately and wields con­siderable power.

Israel suspended tens of millions of dollars in month­ly tax transfers to the Palestinian Authority after the Hamas victory, and Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Mark Regev said the Israeli Cabinet would decide on additional sanc­tion­ial­ measures next week.

Stores refuse to stock magazine

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Borders and Waldenbooks stores will not stock the April-May issue of Free Inquiry maga­zine because it includes a political satire depicting Muhammad that provoked deadly protests among Muslims in sev­eral countries.

“For us, the safety and security of our customers and employees is a top priority, and we believe that carrying this issue could challenge that priority,” Borders Group spokesman Mark Bingham said Wednesday.

The magazine, published by the Council for Secular Humanism in subur­ban Amherst, includes four of the draw­ings that originally appeared in a Danish newspaper in September, including one depicting Muhammad wearing a bomb-shaped turban with a lit fuse.

Islamic tradition bars depiction of Muhammad to prevent idol worship, which is strictly prohibited.

“What is at stake is the precious right of freedom of expression,” said Paul Kurtz, editor-in-chief of Free Inquiry. “Cartoons often provide an important form of political satire ... To refuse to distribute a publication because of fear of vigilante violence is to undermine freedom of press — so vital for our democracy.”

Bingham said the decision was made before the magazine arrived at the company’s stores. Borders Group, based in Ann Arbor, Mich., operates more than 475 Borders and 65 Waldenbooks stores in the United States, though not all regularly carry the magazine.

“We absolutely respect our customers’ right to choose what they wish to read and buy and we support the First Amendment,” Bingham said. “And we absolutely respect our customers’ right to freedom of expression and to refuse to purchase a publication because of fear of vigilante violence is to undermine freedom of press — so vital for our democracy.”

Bingham said the decision was made after consultation with the magazine’s attorney, who said the magazine is protected by the First Amendment.

Borders Group is under pressure from its shareholders, which want the company to focus on its core business and divest itself of the Waldenbooks unit.

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4.75 percent. We’ve overdone it here,” said Arthur Hogan, its chief market analyst at Jefferies & Co.

Stocks rebound as investors return

Although many remain concerned about the economy and corporate earnings, stocks reached a five-year high as investors focused on the growing through the mesh.

“Keeping the industry and regulators informed of our product development plans has been, and will remain, a priority,” it said in a statement. “We have worked hard to include partners and competitors in our planning so they can build products and services that work with Windows Vista.”

Vista’s ability to work with rival products also comes under EU scrutiny. “There is also the possibility that we won’t have all the necessary technical information so that competitors will be able to make a product that is compatible with Vista,” Todd said.

Microsoft announced last week that the consumer version of Vista will be delayed again, until early next year, further extending the long gap between major Windows releases. A version for large business customers is due out in November.

Any investigation into Vista would be separate from Microsoft’s ongoing legal challenge to a 2004 antitrust ruling and fine. That EU ruling found the company guilty of abusing antitrust rules by squeezing rival media players out of the market and holding back technical information that would help software developers make products that worked with Windows.

Last month, a group of Microsoft rivals filed a complaint with EU regulators, alleging its business practices threatened to deny real choice among competing software products.

IN BRIEF

Guidant detects quality problems

INDIANAPOLIS — Guidant Corp. won’t sell its stock of Xience V drug-coated stents because some of the products failed to meet the company’s manufacturing standards, the medical device maker said Wednesday.

The Indianapolis-based company also will stop enrolling patients in a clinical trial for the Xience V Everolimus stent and have delayed the European debut of the product until the third quarter, company executives had hoped to start selling the stent in the second quarter after European regulators approved it in January. The stent is not on the market in the U.S.

Stents are wire mesh tubes that prop open diseased arteries; the drug coating keeps tissue from growing through the mesh.

The company said the quality assurance problems affected a small part of its Xience V inventory. The exact number of those affected was not immediately available.

“Guidant is committed to providing the highest-quality products for the treatment of heart disease,” John Capek, president of the company’s vascular intervention division, said in a statement.

Stocks rebound as investors return

NEW YORK — Wall Street rallied back Wednesday as investors scattered off by the Federal Reserve’s assessment of the economy in the previous week regained their confidence and bid stocks higher. The Nasdaq composite index reached a five-year high as investors focused on technology and other growth stocks.

The advance reflects investors’ overall optimism about economic and corporate earnings, although many remained concerned that rising borrowing and energy costs could weigh on both, analysts said.

“I think after yesterday’s sell-off, when we turned off the lights and came back to the morning, we got a chance to say, ‘You know what? We’ve overdone it here,’” said Arthur Hogan, chief market analyst at Jefferies & Co.

Stocks sold off sharply Tuesday, pulling the Dow Jones industrials down 95 points, after the Fed suggested more interest rate hikes would be needed to head off inflationary pressures. The Fed’s comments accompanied its decision to raise its benchmark rate a quarter percentage point to 4.75 percent.

Belgium

EU warns about antitrust laws

Competition Commission wrote to Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer on Thursday outlining concerns that Vista’s new functions will mean customers will be offered a real choice on software packages, EU spokesman Jonathan Todd said Wednesday.

“We’re concerned about the possibility that the new Vista operating system will include various elements which are currently available separately either from Microsoft or other companies,” he told reporters.

He highlighted Vista’s integrated internet search, digital rights management used to protect copyrights and software that would create file-format images comparable to Adobe’s pdf.

Microsoft Corp.’s Windows Vista operating system banner is seen outside the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas Wednesday.

Whirlpool-Maytag merger approved

WASHINGTON — Antitrust regulators on Wednesday approved Whirlpool Corp.’s proposed $1.78 billion purchase of Maytag Corp, saying the merger would not reduce competition substantially.

The existence of strong rivals and the cost savings the new company would generate indicate “this transaction is not likely to harm consumer welfare,” the Justice Department said.

An investigation by the department’s Antitrust Division found that an effort by the new company to cut prices on its washers and dryers “likely would be unsuccessful because at least five other companies are well-established in U.S. markets.”

Those competitors include the Sears brand Kenmore, General Electric and Frigidaire. The Justice Department also concluded that LG and Samsung and other foreign manufacturers

have quickly established themselves in recent years.

“LG, Samsung and other foreign manufacturers could increase their imports to the U.S.,” the department said in a statement. “Existing U.S. manufacturers have excess capacity and could increase their production.”

The government also concluded that large retailers including Sears, Lowe’s, ’The Home Depot and Best Buy have alternatives available to help them resist any attempt by the combined company to raise prices.

The cost savings and other efficiencies gained by the merger should also benefit consumers, the department said.

The companies had agreed not to close the transaction before Thursday. Some analysts and antitrust lawyers had expected the Justice Department to object to the deal. The merger would create a company producing half of the dishwashers in the United States and more than 70 percent of the clothes washers and dryers.

Such a rise in market concentration has typically drawn a challenge from the government.

Whirlpool, based in Benton Harbor, Mich., is the largest appliance manufacturer in the United States. Maytag, based in Benton Harbor, Mich., is the largest appliance manufacturer outside the United States. The combined company would employ more than 68,000 people.

The antitrust division has been reviewing the proposed merger since September. The companies announced that they had signed a definitive merger agreement in August.

The government asked for more time to review the merger last month, prompting wide speculation that it was using the challenge to delay the deal.

Whirlpool offered to pay $2 billion, or 16% of Maytag, and to agree to sell its Maytag-branded washing machines. Maytag agreed to sell its share of the Maytag-branded refrigerator business.

The deal is expected to close in the fourth quarter.
Haiti
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it goes untreated.
Hofman and Notre Dame's presence in Haiti can be attributed to Streit, who became involved with the study and treatment of elephan­
tiasis after he accepted a postdoctoral position with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
While posted in Haiti, Streit conducted research on the nature of the disease. He established the University's Haiti Project after joining the Notre Dame faculty in 1997. In 1999, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation awarded Notre Dame a $5.2 million grant to build facilities and offer program support for the elimination of filariasis in Haiti.
Hofman said Streit spends on average eight months a year in the region, and he has recently focused part of the program's efforts on the AIDS epidemic in Haiti.
Hofman's own involvement in the program began last August after he traveled on a "reconnaissance trip" to Haiti, he said. He first learned of the University's efforts in the region when Streit was invited to campus as the keynote speaker in the Emil T. Hofman lecture series — an annual lecture series dedicated to an entrepreneur and medical technician in the region.
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President Bush visits Cancun for meetings

Associated Press

CANCUN, Mexico — President Bush began a trip Wednesday intended to strengthen ties with Mexico and Canada on issues like terrorism, trade and problems along the long borders the United States shares with its neighbors.

Bush said he was concerned that a "protectionist tendency and isolationist tendency" could emerge among the three countries and make cooperation more difficult, particularly in the face of economic challenges from countries like China. In an interview with Canadian television, he said the strong relationship with Mexico and Canada needs to be further strengthened.

The president arrived in Cancun Wednesday evening to an understated welcome from just a few local officials gathered at the bottom of Air Force One’s stairs. Bush is meeting Thursday and Friday with Mexican President Vicente Fox and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

While thousands of U.S. students lounge on the beach in this spring break spot, Bush and Harper will grapple with issues like trade, terrorism and border and immigration problems.

The student crowds are small for this year with the beachfront resorts. "President Bush plans to spend less than 48 hours in Cancun, squeezing in a bilateral and group meetings and a visit to the Mayan ruins at Chichen Itza — a rare cultural detour for the president who normally keeps a tight diplomatic schedule on foreign visits.

Before climbing aboard Air Force One to fly here, Bush joked that no one would see him in a skimpy bathing suit at this beach resort. "No Speedo suit here. Thankfully," he told an audience after a speech in Washington. "This trip is our detour for the president who normally keeps a tight diplomatic schedule on foreign visits." "Cancun will be the eyes of the world," said cab driver Luciano Salgado Campos as he drove past downed trees lining the road from the airport to the beachfront resorts. "President Bush will be able to see how much progress has been made, already," Fox’s government has spent millions to rebuild the beaches and dredge sand from the ocean floor to replace what was swept away in October, when Wilma brought winds reaching 150 mph. Many hotels still are closed.

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In the USA, the only Catholic Church that most people are familiar with is the Roman Catholic Church. Indeed, the vast majority of the world’s billion-plus Catholics are Catholics of the Roman or Latin Rite. A “Rite” is a particular church tradition of how one celebrates the same seven Sacraments instituted by Christ. Most Catholics at ND have been raised celebrating the Latin Rite liturgy, which is the way all Masses are celebrated on campus. However, this is by no means the only way of celebrating the liturgy in the Church. Within the Catholic Church, there are over 30 different rites currently recognized by Rome and in regular use throughout the world. Each of these rites expresses the unique way that the Catholic Faith was celebrated among the various peoples, languages, and cultures the Apostles encountered as they first spread Christ’s message throughout Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. The same Christian truths “were clothed in the symbols and trappings of the particular people, so that the rituals conveyed the desired spiritual meaning to that culture. In this way the Church becomes all things to all men (1 Cor. 9:22)”. (Colin Donovan, Catholic Rites and Churches).

One needs not travel far to experience other rites within the Catholic Church. Right here in South Bend, we have a community of Ukrainian Catholics that celebrate the Byzantine Rite. Another community of Syrian, Egyptian, and Greek Catholics, the ancestors of whom would have been first evangelized by the Apostle James, celebrates the Melkite Rite. Each of these communities is united in Full Communion with the Pope, and shares the same Catholic Faith regarding all seven Sacraments. Catholics of any rite can participate fully in the liturgy of any other rite, including receiving Holy Communion. However, the liturgies of these various churches may appear very foreign to the average American Roman Catholic, and may include other languages, customs, iconography and liturgical decor, and norms for receiving the Sacraments.

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Mine survivor returning home

McCloy expected to be released Thursday

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The sole survivor of the Sago Mine disaster is expected to be released from a rehabilitation hospital and return home Thursday after more than two months of therapy, a family spokeswoman said Tuesday.

Randal McCloy Jr.’s doctors have scheduled a news conference for Thursday morning to discuss his case, Aly Goodwin Gregg said.

“He’s been looking forward to going home and he’s very, very close to that point now,” Gregg said.

“Being in his own space again is what he’s looking forward to and what the family is looking forward to.”

The 26-year-old coal miner has been at a rehab facility in Morgantown since Jan. 26, recovering from brain damage and other injuries. Earlier, he was treated at hospitals in Morgantown and Pittsburgh.

McCloy was taken to his hometown of Simpson, a 45-minute drive from home Thursday, March 30, 2006.

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Afghanistan

Afghanistan to "make a difference," said its army, the National Army.

American soldier, but the dead bring to 223 the number of U.S. service members killed in battle.

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Fourteen Americans were killed in two separate roadside bombings in the turbulent country since 2002, according to the Associated Press news agency.

In one incident, the U.S. military killed two Taliban militants near the base, where American and Canadian soldiers are stationed with Afghan forces.

The battle began hours after Taliban insurgents ambushed a NATO convoy and returned to the remote forward operating base late Tuesday, killing eight Afghan soldiers, Vernon said.

But the American and Canadian forces — a Namibian and three Afghans — were killed elsewhere in the south in attacks blamed on Taliban rebels.

Fighting has spiked in southern Afghanistan in the past year, leaving swaths of it off-limits to aid workers and raising concerns for the country's future.

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State law could have larger impact

A New York Times editorial predicts that a new South Dakota law, banning virtually all abortions, will “jump-start a whole new era of abortion battles.” The law, House Bill (HB) 1215, defines that “life begins at the time of conception” and prohibits abortion as the only way to “fully protect” the mother as well as her unborn child. Let’s examine why the Times’ prediction is probably accurate.

HB 1215 exempts a physician who performs a medical procedure to prevent the death of a pregnant mother. The physician is required to “make reasonable medical efforts ... to preserve both the life of the mother and the life of her unborn child.” Medical treatment causing “accidental or unintentional injury or death to the unborn child is not a violation” of HB 1215. Also, HB 1215 exempts the mother from any penalty for abortion.

HB 1215 rejects the failed incremental strategy of proposing restrictions that nibble at the edges of legalized abortion with out ever challenging the essential holding of Roe v. Wade that the unborn child is not a “person” entitled to the right to life protected by the Fourteenth Amendment. The Court said in Roe that if the unborn child is a “person,” the case for abortion “collapses.” The Court, in Roe and since, has declined to decide whether the unborn child is a human being. Its ruling that, whether or not he is human, he is not a person is equivalent to a ruling that an acknowledged human being is not a person. That principle, that innocent human beings can be defined as nonpersons and subjected to execution at the discretion of others, is the principle of the Supreme Court’s 1857 Dred Scott case which said that slaves were property rather than persons. It is also the principle that underlay the Nazi depersonalization of the Jews. In Brown v. Board of Education, the Supreme Court insisted on considering the human beings redefined as “persons,” as nonpersons, by the Supreme Court under the Fourteenth Amendment. As an assertion of the reserved power of the State to define, as a matter of state law, the meaning of its Bill of Rights, HB 1215 affirms the federalism embodied in the structure of the United States Constitution as well as in the Tenth Amendment. The Supreme Court has never ruled on this question of whether a state can apply to the unborn child the rule that a state can use its law to protect rights beyond the extent in which they are protected by the United States Constitution. This could be the most important aspect of HB 1215. HB 1215 adopts the approach taken by Abraham Lincoln on the Dred Scott case, which denied the personhood of slaves. In his Chicago debate with Stephen A. Douglas, Lincoln said: “If I were in Congress, and a vote should come up on a question whether slavery should be prohibited in a new territory, in spite of that Dred Scott decision, I would vote that it should. ...Somebody has to reverse that decision ... and we mean to reverse it, and we mean to do it peaceably.”

Prof. Emeritus Rice is on the Law School faculty. His column appears every other Thursday. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Observer Poll

How do you feel about people other than college students viewing your Facebook profile?

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Quote of the Day

“To fall in love is easy, even to remain in it is not difficult; our human loneliness is cause enough. But it is a hard quest seeking to find the person whose steadfast presence one becomes steadily the person one desires to be.”

Anna Louise Strong
American Journalist
have you ever thought about how strange it was that Jesus went to Lazarus' tomb just before he raised Lazarus from the dead? OK, maybe you haven't, but think about it. The raising of Lazarus (John 11:1-45) is this odd event. 'After all, they didn't let being wrong stand in their way of stopping us making a gift for our friend. Their logos to let a few disgruntled students stand in their way. That means that we, as Irish-born immigrants, can't make something with the word 'Irish.' Notre Dame has copyrighted the actual word 'Irish' in any context. That means that we, as Irish-born immigrants, can't make something with the word 'Irish.' Notre Dame licensed products, which have the phrase 'Fighting Irish,' or a picture of the leprechaun, sell more than any other school apparel in the country. Do you think that Notre Dame has any intention of scuttling a multi-billion dollar industry because someone feels upset that they aren't being portrayed in the best light? As two of those immigrants, let us tell you about our run-in with the Notre Dame licensing department, and why it led us to believe the answer is no. A member of our lab was leaving, so we wanted to make him a T-shirt. I had found the perfect logo : 'Scientist Leprechaun' that had no resemblance to the Notre Dame leprechaun and drew him to be wearing a lab coat and goggles. We sent the image to a local T-shirt printing company to buy a button for the design. I was told that I needed to check with the Notre Dame licensing department. A lady from the department phoned us and flat out said we couldn't have our image printed, despite the fact that we promised a maximum of three were to be made and none were to be sold. We also tried to point out to Notre Dame's license covers the ND leprechaun, not every Leprechaun! We have each experienced death in some way or another in our lives, whether through the death of someone we loved deeply and intimately, or the deaths of large groups of people through natural disaster, acts of terror or war or some other instance of the loss of a loved one or acquaintance. We sought perhaps to reflect on these losses during this last part of Lent, not in some form of morbid fascination, but as a way to treasure and appreciate the saving death of Christ which we'll celebrate soon. Every hope that death extinguishes, every loss that death brings to the forefront of minds and hearts, allows any moment of overwhelming grief we feel we cannot escape, all are restored and brought to newness of life by Jesus' redemptive death on the cross. In our culture, we spend a lot of time and money trying to avoid getting older, or at least looking older. Old age reminds us of the inevitability of death. We know well, however, that death can occur at any age and at any time. What we tend to call "untimely" deaths come to college students, grandparents, middle-aged people and to unborn and infant babies. Perhaps a greater attention to death will bring us not only a renewed gratitude for Christ's painful, humiliating death, but also a deeper awareness of the short and fragile nature of our own lives and those of the people we care about. It's something to think about whenever we're making choices about how to spend the gift of time that God has given us. Do I use my time on myself or others? Does most of my time go towards building up myself, either professionally or personally, or towards others who need my love, attention or help? How much do I focus, during my time on earth, on building up God's kingdom? Reflection on and prayer about death can be a way to clarify how we want to live life, and a reminder that every present moment and every hope we have for the future is a gift from God. The person of Jesus, once dead, is alive and in our midst; he is very real, and ready to change our lives if we welcome him in.
Multi-talented rock star reloads with 'Gun'

By CHRIS MCGRADY
Assistant Scene Editor

Mixing funky soul, echoing acoustic scales and harmonic blues riffs is a challenge for any musician. But Ponoma, Calif., born singer-songwriter Ben Harper manages to do this and more.

Harper's music is powerful — both lyrically and musically — and is evocative of Jimi Hendrix, Bob Marley, Ben E. King and even Stevie Ray Vaughan. As has come to be expected from Harper, "Both Sides of the Gun," a double LP released by Virgin Records, is catchy, soulful and a poignant and politically aware mix of impressive music. This release is immediately complete.

The LP consists of two CDs, both providing a completely different feel and sound, showing the range of musical variety Harper is capable of. The first CD, "Morning Yearning," reminds one of a rainy day, with the acoustic picking reminiscent of raindrops on a sidewalk. Harper's voice is both soothing and melodious, and begins to be listened to. The first song, aptly named "Morning Yearning," is one of the album's best and invokes a feeling of somberness as well as a precedent for the tracks to come. Its combination of guitar, harmonic melodies, piano and voice combine together into the perfect storm and an amazing song.

The next song, "Waiting For You," is the type of amorous track that will have couples slow dancing across the nation. But unlike the bulk of modern love songs, "Waiting For You" sounds sincere and true. In thisEarnestness grows something that many love songs cannot claim — believability. It is this sincerity — this utter domination of the idea of truthfulness and trust in one's music — that elevates Harper into the upper echelon of music. The listener gets the idea that Harper creates music for himself. He creates not for the masses, not for the popularity or the fame, but for the very joy of creation. He creates for the joy of singing and writing, of making something that will inspire both him and others. This is the basis of Harper's greatness.

Harper is also inspired on the song "Happy Everafter In Your Eyes," a double LP released by Virgin Records, is catchy, soulful and a poignant and politically aware mix of impressive music. This release is immediately complete.

The second CD of the LP is completely different from the first. Entitled "Better Way," Harper shirks his acoustic guitar for the majority of the songs, giving the second half of "Both Sides of the Gun" a new vibe. This CD is primarily a mix of blues, funk and soul. While some of the tracks will remind the listener Hendrix's rocking guitar solos, others will inspire thoughts of Blue's Traveler's jam sessions. Harper makes both work in his favor.

The CD opens with "Better Way," a catchy, upbeat tune about faith in oneself and one's ability to succeed despite setbacks. Even at one point when Harper's gentle voice turns to screaming, he makes it work.

"Black Rain" is a song about the destruction in New Orleans caused by Hurricane Katrina and speaks of Harper's feelings about the current government. "This government business is straight up sadistic," Harper says, speaking of government's handling of one of the worst natural disasters in America's history.

"I Don't Talk About Murder While I'm Eating" is a song that is clearly inspired by Jimi Hendrix, and succeeds in this light. Harper shows a different side of his voice in this track, a far cry from the sweet sound in previous hits such as "Steal My Kisses" and "Burn One Down.

Perhaps the song that most impressively shows Harper's versatility is the final track "Serve Your Soul." This song is an eight-minute blues, rock and soul jam session that will inspire millions to strap on an air guitar and rock out. The song shows all the facets of Harper's range in guitar as well as vocals, and is an auditory testament to his skill.

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Rock band proves there's no place like 'Home'

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Scene Editor

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"Home"

Collective Soul

El Music Group

Nineties band Collective Soul, pictured above, has collaborated with a youth orchestra to create an album which is a fresh take on some tried-and-true classics.

by the live version goes on for over seven minutes. This is not necessarily a bad thing, as it gives the youngsters plenty of time to show off their talents. Once again, Roland does not have to make much of an attempt to get the crowd up and cheering, due to the fact that "Better Now" is one of the most lifting, upbeat songs that Collective Soul has ever released. The Declaration embodies the whole message of optimism ("Break the news out / I've got to get out / Oh I'm feeling better now") and hearing it performed live only seems to magnify it. Now as the song comes to a head, however, the songs that paved the path for Collective Soul prove to be the most captivating in "Home." Fans who have heard the hit "The World I Know" can already appreciate what an inspirational song it is, and that it relies on violins to strike emotional chords in listeners. Now backed by a full-fledged orchestra, the result is something amazing. "Shine," which marked the group's first reign at the top of the charts back in 1994, is another track that in many ways improves upon the studio version. Vocally, Roland is at his absolute best in the finale, singing his heart out to end an incredible performance.

It is not as clear to where Collective Soul plans to go from here. They made a successful comeback and continue to Baunt their originality, but history shows that in the music business, second winds do not last as long as listeners may hope. Regardless of what happens, "Home" proves Collective Soul has made its mark.

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Minneapolis rapper breaks a leg in latest ‘Audition’

By JOE LATTAL
Scene Critic

Secret Machines does not sound like they’re from Dallas. They don’t even sound like they’re from America, as their cleanly processed and deliberately uttered rock music has a more European sound.

But the Machines have been doing their thing in Texas since the critically acclaimed release of “September 000” (2002). Singer Brandon Curtis’ s mature and crisp vocals reign over guitars, percussion and electric guitar loops, and carry a punk rock attitude. Several notable guest appearances on “Audition” are Minneapolis natives, ranging from fellow Secret Machines rappers Slug (Atmosphere) to Craig Finn from the college rock band, The Hold Steady. But no matter who is playing on P.O.S.’ team behind the mic or on the board, it works. The beats have a good variety of flow, such as the gangster-style delivery of “Half-Cocked Concepts” and the more dramatic and personal “Safety in Space/Heavy Metal.” P.O.S. uses all sorts of production styles.

Some tunes have a rock ’n’ roll feel, with elaborate electric guitar progressions and well-structured choruses like N.E.R.D. productions. Others are straight up hip-hop beats with turntables, bass and minimal instrumentation, similar to Cage tunes. Other songs celebrate old school soul with horns samples like Kanye’s jams. Some tunes have a rock ’n’ roll feel, with the possible exception of one of the longer tracks “I Hate Pretending,” with the music. Much like other Rhymesayers label artists, the lyrics are strong even when they’re about trivial movie posters. The posters in the lobby of the theatre called it “Predator!” I called it weak and unwatchable! Carl Weathers and two future governors, that’s really unacceptable! We’ve gotta stop falling for these double speakers from these double features! We’ve gotta keep ‘em in the theaters.”

"Audition” is an album for the open-minded hip-hop aficionado. P.O.S. gives the listener a taste of his life in its entirety on each track with samples of punk rock, a political conscience and plenty of lyrical talent.

Loaded with talented artists such as Atmosphere, I Self Divine, MF Doom and Brother Ali, Rhymesayers offers some of the best hip-hoppers available out there. P.O.S. is a worthy addition among the ranks of some of the more unconventional rappers who have already established themselves on the hip-hop scene.

Unfortunately, the album does have its weak points. For example, the track "Bush League Psyche-Out Stuff" and "The Kill in Me" definitely don’t live up to the quality of the rest of the album. However, for the most part, eclectic up-and-coming rapper P.O.S. performs very well in his most recent “Audition.”

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‘Secret’s’ out: band’s newest album release misses the mark

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**Toronto** — Dwyane Wade played so well that he earned a kiss from Pat Riley. Wade scored 16 of his 37 points in the fourth quarter, and the Heat kept overcame the absence of injured Shaquille O'Neal to beat the Toronto Raptors 96-94 on Wednesday night.

O'Neal missed the game because of a hyperextended left knee, but Wade rallied Miami from a 16-point deficit.

As his All-Star guard walked to the dressing room afterward, Riley kissed him on the back of the neck.

"He's incredible," Riley said. "He has no fear at the end and he simply wants to be put in that position. He was a way of making plays, he's just incredible."

A humble Wade laughed about the kiss.

"I put on OK day in, especially in the second half. That's just coach Riley being the emotional guy that he is," Wade said.

Miami trailed by as many as 13 points in the final period, but Wade scored 10 straight points as Miami went on a 16-4 run to take its first lead since early in the first.

Wade crossed over Mike James, put the ball behind his back and made a layup and drew the foul before converting the free throw to give Miami a one-point lead with 2:28 left. Toronto coach Sam Mitchell couldn't believe Wade was allowed to do that.

"I think some of our guys need to understand why Dwyane Wade is and what he can do," Mitchell said. "I got cable. Even before I got to the NBA, I knew what Magic Johnson could do. I watched TV. Even if you got three channels, they're on TV."

Wade scored the victory with six free throws in the final minute.

His two free throws made it 92-89 lead with a minute left, but Eric Williams tied it with three free throws after being fouled on a 3-point attempt.

**Atlanta 94, Indiana 93**

Peja Stojakovic is glad Indiana has no more games this season against the Atlanta Hawks.

"I know we've lost to them twice since I've been here, and I know they lost to them twice before," Stojakovic said. "It's a problem when they go small, because everyone is the same size and it confines us offensively."

At Harrington had 23 points and eight rebounds, and the Hawks snapped a five-game losing streak with a victory over the Pacers on Wednesday night.

The Hawks kept Stojakovic — who hit four 3-pointers in the first half — from touching the basket for the final 4:54 — from touching the ball on the Pacers' final possession to complete a sweep of the season series from Indiana for the first time since the 1984-85 season.

"For some reason, we have more confidence now," Stojakovic said of the last possession. "It caused a little confusion on how we want to defend. We shouldn't have put ourselves in that position."

O'Neal dished a turnaround jumper with five seconds remaining, and Fred Jones tipped a pass to Jamal Tinsley that could've given the Pacers a chance to get off a shot from the left corner.

Tinsley, however, was defended tightly and decided to pass to Jones at the top of the key. Jones' straightaway miss, however, was on its head and the ball left his hands after the buzzer sounded.

"We had some time but they smothered us," Indiana coach Rick Carlisle said. "They look back and kick ourselves about what could have been, but we're going to let it go. They fight hard, they play together and they smothered the victories against us."

**Cleveland 107, Dallas 94**

LeBron James was in seventh heaven last night as the first time Cleveland Cavaliers players have played in the post-season.

And he wasn't even a Cavalier fan. "I was a Bulls fan — all Michael Jordan back then, I'm all Cavs now," James said.

James helped end the NBA's third-longest playoff drought by scoring 46 points in a victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Wednesday night, clinching Cleveland's first post-season berth since 1998.

The league's brightest young star scored 39 points in the first half for all April for the first time in his three years with the Cavaliers. James said he was pleased, especially after missing the playoffs by four games a year ago.

"I've always felt since I was drafted here that I was going to light it up like Vegas," James said. "I said that on Day One when I got drafted, that it was going to be slow progress, but it takes a few years to put a building up in Vegas, too."

The Cavaliers were low-key about their accomplishment, leaving the court without celebrating.

"We have bigger goals than that," Cavaliers coach Mike Brown said. "If the fans want to celebrate the city wants to celebrate, that's fine. We expected to be in the playoffs."
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This coming Sunday, these 13 candidates for Full Communion will complete their initiation into the Catholic Church by receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the 11:45am Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Please keep them in your prayers and help us to welcome them into our Catholic community.
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**MLB**

**San Francisco left fielder Barry Bonds swings at a pitch during a 6-4 win over Colorado Friday. Bonds is under investigation for steroid use.**

**MLB will hunt possible steroid users**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball will investigate alleged steroid use by Barry Bonds and other players, and plans to hire U.S. Senate majority leader George Mitchell to lead the effort.

A baseball official told The Associated Press on Wednesday that final plans were to be announced Thursday. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because commissioner Bud Selig has not yet made his intentions public.

Selig’s decision to launch the probe, first reported Wednesday by ESPN, comes in the wake of “Game of Shadows,” a book by two San Francisco Chronicle reporters detailing alleged extensive steroid use by Bonds and other baseball stars. The commissioner has said for several weeks that he was evaluating how to respond to the book.

Some in Congress have called for an independent investigation. Mitchell, a Maine Democrat and a director of the Boston Red Sox, has been a director of the Florida Marlins and served on an economic study committee that Selig appointed in 1999.

Mitchell’s possible involvement was first mentioned Wednesday in The New York Times. The name of a lawyer who will run the mechanics of the probe also was to be announced.

No matter what the findings of an investigation, it would be difficult for baseball to penalize anyone for steroids used prior to Sept. 30, 2002, when a joint drug agreement between management and the players’ association took effect. Baseball began drug testing in 2003 and started testing with penalties the following year.

It will only comment on things about Barry’s on-field performance or conduct.”

Sixteen-year-old Wie tumbled out of the cart before it hit a curb, banged her knee, then ran off the course like a girl who couldn’t wait to get started.

Turns out she was only trying to stay warm on a chilly Wednesday morning in the desert.

Her full swing was a 4-iron from 204 yards on the par-5 11th, struck cleanly and with such control that it stopped 15 feet away to the right of the pin.

Each tournament is an evaluation of her game, and her decision to turn pro last October, six days before her 16th...
Other Final Four teams looking for a share of the spotlight

Florida, UCLA and LSU overshadowed by No. 11-seed Patriots

Associated Press

Florida, LSU and UCLA each have one seemingly impossible task this weekend — trying to steal some attention from the darlings of the Final Four.

"In the NCAA tournament, there are two things people love to see — a Cinderella story and a team that is so powerful and explosive they look invincible," Florida coach Billy Donovan said.

And the only way for Florida, LSU or UCLA to reclaim the spotlight is to ruin the feel-good story.

"What I told my team after we were seeded and placed in college basketball lore. to reach the national semifinals, tournament and becoming the first No. 11 seed in two decades schools such as George Mason has dealt with its identity crisis, being confused with nearby George Washington and James Madison.

By winning four games in the tournament and becoming the first No. 11 seed in two decades to reach the national semifinals, though, George Mason now has a place in college basketball lore.

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"What I told my team after we were seeded and placed into the brackets was that it real-

ly doesn’t matter where you’re seeded, and I think George Mason is a testament to that and the parity in college basketball," UCLA coach Ben Howland said.

"There’s just so much parity now and the margin for error is so slight among the teams." In any other year, the three other teams headed to Indy might have taken the role as the surprise team.

Florida (31-6) made it here despite starting four sophomores, losing its top three scorers from a year ago and lacking the veteran poise it usually takes to make a Final Four run.

LSU (27-8) is even younger — and further ahead of schedule. After Brandon Bass declared for the NBA draft last spring many in Bayou country thought the Tigers were likely at least a year away from such a deep tournament run. Coach John Brady made sure they didn’t waste the opport-

tunity and reached the Final Four after taking down both top-seed-
ed Duke and second-seeded Texas.

UCLA (21-10), of course, is hoping to add to its NCAA-record-set-
ging collection of national cham-
pionships trophies as John Wooden, the godfather of the pro-
gram, watches from home.

Only one coach coming to Indy — Donovan — has ever led his own team to college basketball’s most glamorous event.

The storylines span the genera-
tions from Wooden to Donovan, and from the senior-laden team of George Mason to the newcom-
ers at LSU and Florida.

All of them, though, have been overshadowed by this mid-major. "In this day and age with the mid-majors being pretty talented, and they can throw a couple of seniors or fifth-year seniors at you, that’s a big advantage," Brady said. "I’ve never had the chance to coach a talented sen-
or at LSU because they’re usual-
ly gone early."

To steal the show this week, one of the three big-name teams will have to beat George Mason.

Florida gets the first crack Saturday night, and Donovan knows he’ll face a great chal-

lenge in winning as he will get-
ting fan support.

"They are a terrific team and for us it’s another challenge against a great team," Donovan said. "They’ve proven that with what they did against Connecticut and Michigan State and North Carolina. I’m excited for George Mason and it’s great for college basketball."

But the real test will be whether George Mason can con-
tinue its quest by beating the odds and producing the final chapter in what would easily become the greatest tournament title run in history.

They play college basketball way they should play it," Donovan said. "We’re looking at this game as playing one of the best teams in the United States of America because that is what they are."
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Former Sooners coach addresses violations, winning at pep rally

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Indiana fans greeted new Hoosier coach Kelvin Sampson with a standing ovation. His next job is keeping them on their feet.

Sampson took over one of America’s most prestigious basketball schools Wednesday and quickly promised to keep Indiana’s tradition intact by doing three things, graduating players, running a clean program and winning titles.

“I came to Indiana for one reason: I think you can win championships at Indiana,” Sampson said. “I think together we can do it.”

Sampson addressed the University President Adam Herbert about returning the Hoosiers’ program to glory after past 12 seasons.

“Klein’s latest performance of the program since he took over eight years ago,” Herbert said. “I think the fans are very excited.”

Herbert took another tack, emphasizing Sampson’s ability to produce hard-nosed, disciplined, unselfish teams that win consistently.

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George Mason's run drawing comparisons to 'Hoosiers', Bon Jovi
Associated Press

FAIRFAX, Va. — America's favorite new underdogs held one fast pep rally Wednesday and departed for the land of "Hoosiers." A bit of a stretch? Well, if George Mason coach Jim Larranaga had his way, his team would be practicing at the actual gym where that movie was set.

"It's not available the day we need it," Larranaga said. The shutout at Hinkle Fieldhouse at Butler University — where tiny Milan High beat mighty Muncie Central in the Indiana state title game in 1954 — is probably the first thing that hasn't gone just right for the Patriots in their incredible run to the Final Four.

Hilltoppers are Johnson's specialty, sit-ups after a touchdown pass from Cincinnati's Chad Johnson catching a touchdown pass from Carson Palmer, then picking up a punt and putting the football from the back line of the end zone.

"He has a better stroke than I have," said supervisor of officials Mike Pereira, who was overseeing the video session.

Entertaining as Johnson's punt looked, it won't happen again — at least not without repercussions.

NFL owners voted 29-3 Wednesday to limit end zone demonstrations, including those using props such as Johnson's pylons, a Giant's pylon and Terrell Owens' Sharpie signing; or another Owens specialty, sit-ups after a score.

Moves like that will now draw a 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty.

Also banned: Johnson's proposal to a cheerleader on the sideline — another of his shows last year — because he got down on one knee and defied his helmet.

On the other hand, his "Riverdance" routine, one of last season's highlight film bests, will be OK because he stayed on his feet. That kind of thing is still allowed, as is spiking, dunking or spinning the ball after a TD.

Still, there will have to be some innovation by the cheerleaders.

"I'm looking forward to seeing what Chad will come to celebrate with now," Indianapolis coach Tony Dungy said after the vote.

Owners and league officials acknowledged the entertainment value of touchdown celebrations, many featuring Johnson, Owens or Carolina's Steve Smith, three of the league's top wide receivers.

But they also had had numerous communications from officials of youth football leagues, saying that more and more youngsters were imitating NFL players.

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Irish assistant coach Scott Bork said his team was ready to play in Italy.

"The team's attitude was great," Bork said. "We knew this was a big test for us."
Duke students calling for tougher sanctions on lacrosse

Team suspended from play until legal matter is resolved, officials said

Associated Press
DURHAM, N.C. — The president of Duke University met Wednesday with students who feel his suspension of the lacrosse team during a rape investigation was not enough, urging them to be patient while police look into the matter.

"I don't want to say I'm satisfied, but I will say that what happened in there makes me feel like we're moving in a good direction," sophomore Bridgette Howard said after the roughly hourlong session.

The meeting between President Richard Brodhead and a few dozen students was closed to all media except Duke's student newspaper.

Brodhead suspended the highly ranked team from play until the school learns more about accusations that team members attacked an exotic dancer hired to perform at an off-campus party. The alleged victim, a student at nearby North Carolina Central University, has told police she was pulled into a bathroom, beaten, choked and raped by three men at a March 13 party, where she and another dancer were hired to perform.

Police collected DNA samples with a cheek swab from 46 members of the lacrosse team last week; the 47th player, the only black member, wasn't tested because the victim said her attackers were white.

No one has been charged, and the team's captains have said the tests will clear players.

Police said three players who live at the house where the party took place spoke with investigators and voluntarily provided samples March 16. A scheduled meeting between detectives and the rest of the team was later canceled by the players' attorney, and District Attorney Mike Nifong said Wednesday the players still refuse to speak with investigators.

News of the attack has sparked days of protest at Duke and in Durham, culminating Tuesday in Brodhead's decision to suspend the team. He stressed the suspension was not a punishment, but a response to the inappropriate nature of playing while the investigation is ongoing.

Those comments led about 100 students to approach Brodhead after Tuesday night's announcement and demand his administration deliver a stronger response.

"We understand that the legal system is that you are innocent until proven guilty," said sophomore Kristin High. "But people are nervous and afraid that these people are going to get away with what they did because of a wealthy privilege, or male privilege, or a white privilege."

Their protests led to Wednesday's meeting inside the campus' black cultural center, where participants said Brodhead urged patience as police continue to investigate.

Graduate student Michelle Christian complained Duke is continuing to downplay the alleged attack.

"They need presidents, they need administrators, they need faculty, to tell them that it was wrong behavior and that they are not going to be coddled because they are athletes, because they come from privileged backgrounds, because they have money," Christian told Durham's WTVD-TV.

Later in the day, sophomore Jeff Shaw wore a Duke lacrosse T-shirt on campus in support of his friends on the team.

"Even if it's true, it's three guys and unfortunately, this is going to be a label the team is going to carry," Shaw said.

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**ND WOMEN’S TENNIS**

Irish suffer first loss of season to Vanderbilt

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

After beginning the season 16-0 — the best start in school history — No. 2 Notre Dame suffered its first defeat of the year, a 4-3 loss at No. 11 Vanderbilt Wednesday.

"It was definitely a hard loss for us because of it being the first one of the season," Irish junior Catrina Thompson said. "But we're going to look past it and focus on finishing out the year strong."

Despite the loss, Notre Dame won the doubles point for the seventeenth straight meet. The Irish swept all three doubles matches.

Playing at No. 1 for the Irish was the No. 3 pairing of junior All-American twins Catrina and Christian Thompson, who improved their record to 11-2 this season. The sisters needed a comeback to top Amanda Fish and Amandy Taylor.

Following them at No. 2 was the No. 29 pairing of sophomore Brook Buck and freshman Kelsey Tefft. The duo clinched the point for the team with a 9-7 victory over Take Bertrand and Caroline Ferrell.

The No. 3 team for Notre Dame was the senior pairing of Kiki Stastny and captain Lauren Connelly, Stastny and Connelly downed Commodores Courtney Ulery and Liberty Sweke 8-4 to complete the doubles sweep for the Irish.

The Notre Dame seniors improved their record to 16-1, their only loss coming last Friday to Iowa's Merel Beelen and Klara Dowlin.

"I know it was going to be a tough match and tried to stay positive (throughout the contest)," Thompson said. "She just played really well."

Stastny then beat Ferrrell 6-2, 6-1 at No. 5 to put the Irish up 2-0 in the meet.

However, Potts' win was followed by a 6-2, 6-3 loss from

No. 74 Christian Thompson against No. 40 Bertrand at No. 2.

Vanderbilt then evened the score 2-2 when No. 20 Fish defeated No. 30 Catrina Thompson 6-2, 6-2 at No. 1.

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"We are hoping to rebound quickly because we have several upcoming matches," Thompson said. "We have had a great start (this season) and we just need to look past this loss."

The Irish return home to face Eastern Michigan this Friday at 2:30 p.m. at the Courtney Tennis Center.

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**FOOTBALL**

Aldridge ‘nicked up,’ will practice

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame running back James Aldridge is participating in spring practices despite being "nicked up," Irish head coach Charlie Weis said after the team's fifth practice of the spring Wednesday.

"I've kind of held him out a little bit," Weis said. "It's like one of those things where you get a guy coming in here and he's a little sore... I just want to be precautionary because sometimes when a guy gets something you think its nothing, you have to make sure it's nothing before you put him back out there. I'm going to err on the side of caution in the spring."

Aldridge, who finished with 3,808 all-purpose yards at Merrillville High School in Crown Point, Ind., enrolled early to gain time at running back with rising junior Darius Walker and rising senior Travis Thomas — both of whom have two years of eligibility remaining. In his career, Walker has rushed for 1,982 yards and 16 touchdowns, while Thomas has 273 yards and five touchdowns.

"Aldridge is going to have to fight an uphill battle because this is going to be great competition at this running back position," Weis said. "I mean you've got your two guys to handle the position are back and back for another year after that, so he's got his work cut out for him."

Weis has also used Aldridge as a kick returner in spring practice.

Kicking team practices outdoors

Notre Dame's practice on Carter Field Wednesday was its first outdoor workout of the spring. Weis said he wanted to take the team outside until the grass was long enough to avoid injuries.

Weis said the outdoor practice was important for practicing kickoff returns, an area of concern he addressed at the team's spring media-day March 21.

"It's tough to get the full field going and the height of the ball and the timing of the [blocking] wedge," Weis said.

Weis said he leaned on the wedge in addition to auditioning new kickoff returners.

"I'm looking for guys that can run fast and are new to the position," he said.

At Wednesday's practice, early-enrollee receiver George West and rising junior corner-back Terrail Lambert returned kicks.

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Amram strikes out school-record 13 in win over Manchester

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s freshman pitcher Kristin Amram wanted to even the score with conference rival Manchester after the Spartans topped the Belles 2-1 in the first game of a doubleheader to open Saint Mary’s home schedule.

Amram got her revenge Wednesday afternoon. The freshman struck out a school-record 13 to lead Saint Mary’s to a 5-4 victory over Manchester.

“We used that [first game] as inspiration to do better,” Amram said. “It challenged us.”

“We used each other’s strengths,” said Amram. “We played off each other.”

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“We used that [first game] as inspiration to do better,” Saint Mary’s captain Bridget Grail said. “It was just one bit after the next,” Grail said.

Saint Mary’s senior catcher Holy Gates led the bottom of the fifth with a double. It was the third, but that was all Amram would surrender.

Saint Mary’s captain Bridget Grail, middle, makes a play during a 10-5 loss to Albion April 6, 2005. Grail had a double in the fifth inning of the second game against Manchester Wednesday.

In the first game, the Belles and Spartans were scoreless until the top of the fourth when Spartans catcher Holy McAlheron blasted a solo home-run.

The Belles answered in the bottom of the fifth as freshman catcher Martha Santi scored on an error by Allen.

The Spartans regained the lead in the top of the sixth when Lisa Heaton singled, driving in Melissa Bower for the decisive 2-1 lead.

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SMC SOFTBALL

SMC TENNIS

Hope snaps win streak in conference contest

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s fell to conference powerhouse Hope College 6-3 Wednesday afternoon, failing to extend its MIAA winning streak to three matches in a row.

“We’re obviously really disappointed because this could have been a big win for us,” Belles senior Kristen Palombo said.

The Belles only managed to win one of the three doubles matches before losing four of six singles contests.

Picking up wins for Saint Mary’s were Mary Elizabeth Cambell at No. 4 singles, Melissa Dingler at No. 6 singles and the team of Tara O’Brien and Mary Elizabeth Campbell at No. 3 doubles.

At No. 3 singles for Saint Mary’s, Callie Mulcahy won the first set of her match against Hope’s Ashley Leary 7-5, but she fell 6-4 in the two remaining sets.

The doubles team of Grace Gordon and Palombo also took its match to three sets, losing 5-7, 6-4, 7-5.

But in each of Saint Mary’s other four defeats, Hope won at least one of the two sets by a score of 6-0.

In singles, Hope senior Annemese Fox defeated Palombo 6-4, 6-4 at No. 1. Flying Dutch freshman Samantha Sille topped Belles junior Kelly McDavitt 6-3, 6-0 at No. 2 and Hope junior Amy Norris beat Saint Mary’s sophomore Tara O’Brien 6-1, 6-0.

In doubles, the Flying Dutch team of Fox and Sille topped Mulcahy and McDavitt 6-3, 6-0.

Despite the loss, Palombo said the Belles picked up valuable experience as they faced some of the best players in the conference on Wednesday. Fox has won the MIAA championship the last three years, and she has only lost one singles match in her conference career.

That loss came last year to Saint Mary’s top singles player — Palombo.

“We’re going to go back and regroup for our upcoming conference matches,” Palombo said.

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ND SOFTBALL

Booth fans five in extra-inning shutout of Falcons

Lenn's double in 11th inning gives Irish 1-0 victory at Ivy Field

By JAY FITZPATRICK Sports Writer

Notre Dame catcher Mallorie Lenn's timing could not have been better.

Her two-out double in the bottom of the 11th gave the Irish their only run of the game, as she drove in fresh­

victory at Ivy Field

first to give the Irish (14-10) a 1-0 win over Bowling Green (17-10) Wednesday.

Notre Dame made two quick outs before Kotcheff landed a dying quail just between the infielders and outfielders.

That hit set up Lenn's game-winning RB double.

Lenn's late inning heroics drove in the game-winning run for Notre Dame, but it was starting pitcher Heather Booth's performance in the circle that provided the Irish with energy throughout the game.

Booth pitched all eleven innings, struck out five and was perfect through 4.1 innings.

Booth worked quickly in the ninth with only one out before back-to-back groundouts to third ended the inning and sent the game to extra-innings.

Booth showed her dominance over Bowling Green hitters in the four extra innings, Gumpf said.

The senior surrendered only one hit in the extra frames — a single that second baseman Megan McPherson tried to stretch into a double before being tagged out in a rundown.

The other base runners allowed by Booth after the seventh all failed to reach second base, as two were gunned down by Mallorie Lenn in attempts to steal and a third was forced out on a fielder's choice to second base.

"We definitely had our ups and downs, but we kept playing good softball," Booth said. "The box score won't show it, but we had a lot of good at bats and the defense played phenomenal­ly.

Notre Dame threatened to score again in the ninth with a leadoff double by Stephanie Brown.

Bowling Green left fielder Allison Vallas past third baseman Gina Rango, allowing Brown to cross the plate.

But the third base umpire reversed the call as Brown was called with player inter­ference.

Booth worked quickly in the 11th, keeping the game a scoreless tie before Lenn's game winner in the bottom half.

Gumpf said Notre Dame's late-inning success was the result of hard playing throughout the game.

"We had to keep the intensity high if we were going to win this game against one of the best Bowling Green teams I've seen," Gumpf said. "We know how bad we can be without our intensity, and they know they have to stay focused.

The 11-inning contest marked the longest win of the season for Notre Dame and the longest ever for the team in Gumpf's five years as Irish coach.

"After an emotional win like this one, I think we are more than ready to go into the Big East and kick some butt," Booth said.

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American. The winner of the 3-point contest will compete against the winner of the women's event, which will also take place tonight at Hinkle Fieldhouse. Notre Dame guard Megan Duffy will participate on the women's side. Duffy was a 34.7 percent shooter from 3-point range this season.

This is not the first time this season the two Notre Dame guards have been paired together. Quinn and Duffy also earned ESPN The Magazine first team Academic All-American honors. Notre Dame coach Mike Brey was unavailable for comment.

The event will re-air at midnight on ESPN2 and April 1 at noon on ESPN.

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27. And the lefty's performance against the Broncos Wednesday was a good start given Notre Dame's lack of run production. The Irish scored only two runs on eight hits and left seven runners on base.

"We don't have that much margin for error for us to be a great offensive team," Mainieri said. "It wasn't that we didn't hit great, we just didn't take advantage of a couple of opportunities.

The Irish scored a run in the first inning for the seventh consecutive game. Notre Dame first baseman Craig Cooper doubled down the first base line on the game's first pitch and moved to third on a bunt single by Notre Dame third baseman Brett Lilley. Cooper then scored on a single by Irish second baseman Jeremy Barnes.

Notre Dame picked up a second run in the bottom of the first. Irish right fielder Danny Dressman singled to left field, where Bronco outfielder Kyle Thomas was unable to make the catch. The ball allowed the Irish junior to take second. The next batter, Notre Dame designated hitter Boss Brezovsky, drove in Dressman with a double.

Western Michigan starter Matt Driscoll was dominant in the complete innings, allowing both Irish runs on seven hits. He was replaced by freshman Jacob Benyi, who pitched two scoreless innings in relief.

Notes:
- The complete game shutout was Notre Dame's third since 2002, when J.P. Gagne went the distance against BYU. Therien record-
- ed the other two, including one earlier this season against Penn State.

"I've learned a lot from (Therien). He has been the team's veteran ace. "I like the philosophy he uses of going hard to the cage and letting things happen.

- Irish pitchers have not allowed an earned run in 29 consecutive innings, the longest streak dating back to a 12-2 victory over Georgetown Saturday.

- Notre Dame will play Pittsburgh Thursday in the Big East championship game at Frank Eck Stadium. Saturdays will make his first home start of the sea-

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"(Kemp) definitely bailed us out in the first quarter," Driscoll said.

Driscoll — a defender — said his unit's play improved in the second quarter, over­matching Bronco body size and tenacity to take control of a game that became physical in the sec­ond quarter.

"I think we came out and we settled down," Driscoll said. "We buckled down and we got the ball out of guys' hands after the first quarter.

Driscoll forced several Bronco (12-5) turnovers with big hits, jarring balls loose — and on one occasion a player's stick.

With the Irish up 3-1 with six minutes left in the first half, Driscoll forced a second turnover in as many minutes. Three minutes later, Irish senior midfielder Matt Karweck converted that possession into a goal that Brown would never recover from.

Taking the ball from the left rear of net, Karweck faked his defender one way and slipped around his shoulder before sending his teammates on the bench into a frenzy.

"I was just trying to get to the goal and make something happen and get our team going a little bit," Karweck said. "All week in practice we've been talking about going hard to the cage and making something happen."

Karweck's score helped rally an Irish squad to two more scores before the half and put some of his teammates scratching their heads.

"Watching that play devel­op, I had no idea what he was trying to do," Driscoll said. "I was back on defense, and I was like, 'What was that?'"

"Karweck is definitely a vocal leader on our team. Seeing him get into a groove kind of fed everyone else. The Irish out hustled and out-muscled Brown the rest of the way and won the ground-ball battle 45-31. Driscoll and Irish sophomore defensemen Ross Zimmerma led Notre Dame with six pickups each. Senior face-off specialist Steve Pimentel recorded a 1-2-1 performance against Hofstra Saturday. The 11-20 drops against the Bears.

Notre Dame senior attack Pat Walsh and a junior attackman, Steven Whelan, both recorded two assists, and senior attack Pat Walsh also netted one goal and two assists, bringing his team-leading assist total to 10.

Irish leading scorer Brian Schmidt continued his hot streak, scoring a game-high three goals to go with his second consecutive multi-goal game of the season.

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Matt Karweck
Irish midfielder

"If we play like today and take care of business, good things will happen."

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The Notre Dame junior TKO'd

After losing his most recent fight, the Irish midfielder was looking to get back on track.

"If you’ve got to be realistic, you’ve got to confront the situation as its own separate thing," Charlie Weis said. "I think that you always have to make sure that you take every victim of Notre Dame first," Weis said. "But you’ve got to be realistic. And in this situation, which was a very unusual situation, to take this opportunity away from him would have been the wrong thing to do."

Ed Zbikowski said he wasn’t worried his son might suffer a major injury in the bout.

"He’s been doing this for 10 years. Of course he’s going to get hurt... Everyone gets hurt. You come back from spurts and you just go out and train," Zbikowski said.

He said it is his son’s fearlessness that allows him to compete in football and boxing, both difficult contact sports.

"We’ve always been there. We’ve always accepted that his toughness was what allowed him to excel in both sports.

"And besides being very, very tough, I think he has skills," Weis said. "Boxing isn’t for everyone, there’s a lot of guys that are really strong but those guys are really strong aren’t necessarily that good. You’ve got to know how to box.

"A lot of football players that wouldn’t fare so well in the ring... I don’t proclaim to be an intellectual community of faculty and students who share your interests, political science, and economics. Every year about 16

fighter — for us and for them."

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"I honestly haven’t heard of it happening (in NCAA player boxing) personally but I can’t say it hasn’t," Barrett said. "It’s probably more common for people to play minor league baseball."

According to NCAA Bylaw 12.1.2, "a professional athlete in one sport may represent a member institution in a different sport."

"The difference is acceptance of endorsement money, said Mike Karowski, Notre Dame’s head coach. "I took the train and I snuck into the press conference with my friend."

Ed Zbikowski said although meeting professional boxers was exciting, the Notre Dame connection was a highlight of the trip.

"I’ll never forget the warm feeling I had when (Murphy) came up," Ed Zbikowski said. "It felt like we had a friend. It felt like we had somebody... we were back in our little bit of element."

But Tom Zbikowski’s priority is to play football at Notre Dame, which his father said dated back to when he was recruited as a high school quarterback.

"He gave up his dream to play quarterback to come to Notre Dame," Ed Zbikowski said, noting that Tommy was recruited by the Naval Academy as a quarterback and accepted the offer from Arum.

"They were approached and immediately came to me because, fortunately for me, we have the program set up in such a way that these guys know they can come to me and I’ll work with them," Weis said. "They know that although I have Notre Dame football as my No. 1 priority, I’m going to listen to each situation and try to give them an objective answer to what I think — just as long as the kids are graduating and it’s not going to ruin any chance of their eligibility."

A recent issue with eligibility and endorsement compliance was with Olympic skier Jeremy Bloom, who played football for the University of Colorado. In August 2004, the NCAA ruled that because Bloom accepted endorsements — even though he was not related to football — he was ineligible for college sports. Bloom appealed but lost and forfeited his football career.

"You could be paid to ski but you can’t endorse commercial products or services," Karowski said.

Karowski said Rocket Ismail — one of Notre Dame’s most famous athletes and a former Notre Dame safety — approached by Tommy about that possibility during his senior season this fall.

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Sophomore hurler Wade Korpi fans 11 in three-hit shutout

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Notre Dame sophomore Wade Korpi threw the first complete game shutout of his career Wednesday and the Irish beat Western Michigan 2-0 at Eck Stadium.

Korpi (2-1) struck out 11 — one short of his career high — and allowed just three hits in nine innings. The southpaw starter has a 1.80 ERA with 34 strikeouts and only six walks this year.

"It was an awesome performance by Korpi," Irish head coach Paul Mainieri said. "It was one of the best games you'll ever see around here." Korpi threw 77 strikes out of 114 pitches. The sophomore said his control was a result of his hard work over the summer.

"Last year, I used to try to nibble too much and I ran into problems," Korpi said. "Now, I feel like I can throw all my pitches for strikes." Korpi said he relied on his change up in two-strike counts, and the change allowed him to accumulate strikeouts as the game progressed. The sophomore fanned five batters after the seventh inning.

"My change up was really good tonight," Korpi said. "That's how I got most of my strikeouts. My curveball was good, but I thought my change up was really my out pitch." Mainieri said he was happy with Korpi's strong outing but felt the team was unable to utilize it's bullpen.

"I would have liked to get some more innings out of him," Mainieri said. "He didn't get to pitch last week or against Georgetown [this past weekend]."

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