Students find Facebook insecure forum for postings

By LIZ HARTER and MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writers

In early March, Saint Mary's senior Angela Rizzo posted the following message on her Facebook.com profile.

"To my nursing faculty secretly trying to spy on us... posting as students on Facebook - ya found me! I'm not as interesting as you'd think... No secrets here! You guys should start asking us to be your friends... make it into a joke, please..."

The disclaimer came in response to a lecture she and fellow nursing majors received from nursing department chair Linda Zoeller earlier this semester on unacceptable Internet postings. Rizzo said staff members were surprised to find the Facebook page, but her classmates immediately thought of the popular Web site.

"I had no idea professors could be on Facebook at all, that was a real shock to me," Rizzo said.

Rizzo said the lecture left her feeling guilty. She logged on to her profile to check if it contained any postings or photographs that could be deemed inappropriate and activated the site's option to restrict who could view it. She discovered that Zoeller and several other professors were listed, some as undergraduates.

"The first week everyone was mad... I know of girls who took all of their pictures off Facebook. It kind of ruined it because Facebook was a fun way to keep in contact with friends," Rizzo said.

Raymond lectures on Catholics in Tinseltown

By ADRIENNE RUFFNER
News Writer

Hollywood — a town known for its scandals, sex and violence — is being made safe for Catholics.

In a lecture titled "Young Catholic Hollywood," Rev. Willie Raymond, national director of Family Theater Productions, told a group of about two dozen students, faculty and community members in the Hayes-Healy Center Tuesday night how Catholic newcomers to Hollywood can enhance popular filmmaking without sacrificing their spiritual values.

"Young people, because they are artists and think a lot about the important things, are more open to expressing their faith in film," Raymond said.

According to Raymond, Family Theater is a production company helps young filmmakers settle in Hollywood and allows them to make films that present moral values — enhancing Hollywood's tendency to make movies rife with sex and violence.

"So much of what is out there is driven by money, power, trying to be edgy and impressing peers," Raymond said. "I'm not standing outside Hollywood throwing a grenade and condemning all of it, because there are ND students attempt to enhance security

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

Kristin, a Notre Dame sophomore living on campus who has asked that her last name not be disclosed, felt her privacy had been violated after she was approached by members of her dorm's hall staff concerning a Facebook.com group she belonged entitled Shower Power Hour — a group centered drinking in the dorm showers.

Kristin and other members of the group were reaffirmed by their rectress for being in the club and told to remove the profile from Facebook. No pictures of any experiences stemming from having gay children at Saint Mary's Tuesday.

Parents reflect on kids coming out

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Senior Staff Writer

Nancy Mascotte — a Saint Mary's alumna — was surprised by her own reaction when her then college-aged son told her he was gay.

"I cried a great deal," Mascotte said. "I was upset. In retrospect, it wasn't because [my son] was gay, it was because I was afraid of what he would have to face as a gay man."

In an event Tuesday night sponsored by the Saint Mary's Straight and Gay Alliance (SAGA) and the Community
INSIDE COLUMN

Oh, how the time flies

People say that the older you get the faster time passes, and I’m starting to believe them. As of today we only have one month left before this school year draws to a close. It feels like move-in day was only last week, but shortly we’ll all have to start thinking about moving out.

When I first started applying to colleges, Saint Mary’s was the last place on Earth I thought I would end up. I didn’t even consider it as an option until the school I had planned on attending sent me a letter saying they had mistakenly accepted too many freshmen and had randomly selected it as one of the “lucky” students being asked to find another school.

After waging a battle to be reimbursed for my room deposit, reality struck. It was June and I had no plans for the fall. I had already turned down offers of admission to the other colleges I had applied to, and staying at home for a semester was not an option I was willing to consider.

Family members encouraged me to apply to Saint Mary’s, and boxy as I had no other choices, I relented. My application was turned in and processed with record speed, and a scanty woman in the admissions office helped me arrange classes for the fall. Despite her kindness and my first campus visit, I was still less than thrilled to know I would be spending four years of my life in South Bend.

Some days, when the weather is ridiculously awful or if I’m just in a grumpy mood, I still curse myself for not going to school somewhere else. The thing is, though, as the end of the school year draws near, I realize I probably won’t miss it at all.

There are things I won’t miss at Saint Mary’s. I will, however, definitely miss my friends. None of it looks like much fun.

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IN BRIEF

The Fighting Irish Battalion will host a blood drive today from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Pasquerella Center. All donated blood will be given to United States soldiers.

Barry Sharpless, the 2001 Nobel Prize winner in chemistry, will speak on “Organic Azoides: Later Bloomers” today at 4 p.m. in 127 Neuenschwand Science Hall.

The SMC Toast, sponsored by Student Activities Board, will begin at noon Thursday in the Student Center. The event will include chair massages, caricature and henna tattoo artists, an indoor picnic in the Noble Family Dining Hall and a concert featuring Phantom Planet. The doors to the O’Laughlin Auditorium will open at 5:30 p.m. for the opening acts, with Phantom Planet taking the stage at 8:30.

Renowned American Chemist and 2001 Nobel Prize Winner in Chemistry K. Barry Sharpless will speak on Thursday at 4 p.m. in 127 Neuenschwand Science Hall.

Madison Center is sponsoring Alcohol Screening Day, a one-day outreach, education and screening event designed to educate the public about alcohol and allow individuals to seek help in a non-threatening, easily accessible manner. Free, anonymous screenings will be held all day Thursday at the Center in South Bend.

Saturday from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. O’Neill and Lyons Halls will host rec room on South Quad. Bring back your childhood days with free food, inflatables and school-yard games all afternoon.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer@nd.edu.
Sparks’ initiative helps authors get published

By KATIE KOHLER
News Writer

Students will not have to travel to Orange County, Calif., to experience warm weather, good times and “the real O.C.” on Thursday evening when all three will invade Saint Mary’s campus.

SMC Tostal — the College’s largest social event of the year — will play host to a major concert featuring Phantom Planet, the band most commonly known for singing “The O.C.” theme song.

Students from Saint Mary’s, Notre Dame, Holy Cross, IUSB and Bethel are invited to attend. The event is hosted by the Student Activities Board (SAB).

Sophomores Cassie Gallon and Noelle Whiteside, co-chairs for the event, decided to deviate from the typical events of the festival — such as firesworks and canoe races — and refocus the event around a major concert series.

“We decided to do a concert series in the evening with small activities during the day,” Gallon said.

This year’s concert features the band Phantom Planet along with west coast rock band Delaney and Saint Mary’s Battle of the Bands winner Slip Bracelet Suicide.

Gallon said SAB began to plan the event last October.

“We wanted to bring someone other than well known to campus that obviously fit into our budget,” Gallon said. “We chose Phantom Planet for their smooth California sound and the extreme popularity for the show. The O.C.”

Student Activities Board President Jennifer Megan Cahill said the date and venue of the event had to be changed in order to bring a big name like Phantom Planet to Saint Mary’s.

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“We’ve been receiving e-mails from students since it was announced that Phantom Planet was coming, which makes us excited as well,” Saint Mary’s freshmen Nikki Badalamenti said. She was excited Saint Mary’s got such a big name to perform.

“I was really happy when I heard that Phantom Planet was coming,” she said. “I definitely plan on going.”

O’Laughlin Auditorium doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with the opening act, Slip Bracelet Suicide, scheduled to go on at 6:30 p.m. Delaney will perform at 7:30 p.m. and Phantom Planet will take the stage at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now for $5 with a student ID at the O’Laughlin Auditorium Box office and LaFortune Student Center.

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2006 is a good year for mushrooms

Last year’s mild wildfire season brought good crop for hobbyist hunters

Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — Last year’s mild fire season in the Northwest may be bad news for commercial mushroom hunters, but hobbyists are already salivating at the thought of more mushrooms this year.

More than 5.2 million acres of state and federal lands burned in the Northwest for the 2005 wildfire season, and mushrooms typically thrive in the ash of a fire-destroyed forest. But many of last year’s fires were in areas that hobbyists had already scoured for spores, so the mushrooms are most often found.

"The weather conditions helped the burns, because at peak season we were getting shots of rain every other day," said Orson Miller Jr., a prominent mycologist who lives in McCall, Idaho. "I probably will be out in other states this year."

However, pothunters — hobbyists who collect enough of the wild mushrooms for dinner and perhaps some extras for drying — will likely be in luck.

"This year looks particularly good because we got quite a bit of moisture in the soil before the fires came up last fall, and that really gives the mushrooms a chance to grow," said Miller.

Morels are an especially popular fungal delicacy, typically harvested from late March to May. Morels look a bit like a porcini or girolle. They are highly prized by gourmet cooks and fine restaurants, and can fetch $30 a pound or more for pickers.

The high prices have led to a competitive commercial picking industry, largely made up of traveling outfits that go from burn site to burn site. For pothunters, nothing is more discouraging than arriving at a favorite morel patch only to find it’s already been picked clean by a commercial outfit.

"For mushroom hunting in general, this should be a good year because the commercial picking may be concentrated to a few very well burn areas," said Genelle Steiner with the Southern Idaho Mycological Association.

Marjie Millard, owner of Millard Family Mushrooms in Waldport, Ore., used to travel to burn sites throughout the Northwest to ensure a good spring haul. But these days she spends most of her time picking in her home state.

"Last year it was Alaska, they had a lot of wildfires up there. People I’ve talked to this year plan on staying closer to home, maybe in Oregon or Washington," Millard said.

Tony Garris, a resident mycologist at Washington State University in Pullman, said commercial mushroom hunters can find morels even without a period of dry weather to know what to look for.

"We can find morels coming up when there’s been construction, or on campus here by a construction outfit. For mushroom hunting in general, this should be a good year because the commercial picking may be concentrated to a few very well burn areas," said Genelle Steiner with the Southern Idaho Mycological Association.

Leadership Team (CoTt) on sexuality, Mascotte, Hank Mascotte and Tony Garascia, said Nancy Mascotte, byists who collect enough of the mushrooms, seasons they can make $1,000 a day, "said Orson Miller Jr., a farmer and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). PFLAG is a national organization that seeks to support, educate and advocate for the families of gay and lesbian youth. Beth and Tony Garascia, also members of PFLAG, said they suspected their son might be gay since he was in high school. As a college freshman he came out to one of his sisters, and then later to his parents over the telephone. They were not surprised, Beth Garascia said.

A more recent announcement was unexpected, however.

"Our youngest daughter just officially told us a couple of weeks ago that she was dating a girl and that was a bit more of a surprise," Beth Garascia said.

When a child comes out, Tony Garascia said, the parents must go through a coming out process of their own. PFLAG provides the context in which they can both receive and give support, he said.

"We really love our three children and we will continue to do so," Tony Garascia said. "We are all mysteries in a sense and we continue to come in accepting gay children of siblings.

Beth Garascia said she and her husband experienced feelings of fear and guilt over their young homosexuality.

"Tony and I both wonder if we had done something wrong," Beth Garascia said.

The acceptance process can be long and trying, Nancy Mascotte said.

"The thing that I have found is that the process is not an even event... it can take 15 or 20 years," Nancy Mascotte said.

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is a lot of good work and a lot of good people there, but it’s impor-

tant to be discerning."

Family Theater provides many services for young people in the film industry, including Masses, educational services, RCIA programs and a special night once a month called "Prayer and Pasta."

"It’s something relatively Catholic they know they can come to the third Wednesday of every month," Raymond said. "There are a lot of ways to go wrong when you first come to Hollywood."

The lecture was part of a series called "Hollywood: Mission Field or Mission Impossible?" sponsored by Notre Dame’s Center for Ethics and Culture. The lecture brought the series to spring, "sparked because it recognized the importance of film’s impacts on society."

"Film is so powerful that it’s shaping pop culture and even high culture," Raymond said. "People around the world may not know the truth in their countries, but they know all the big names in Hollywood."

Family Theater Productions was started in 1947 by Father Patrick Peyton, an Irish immi-

grant who graduated from Notre Dame in the late 1930s. Father Peyton made radio shows featur-
**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Shiite leader refuses call to step aside

BAGHDAD — An Iraqi vice president called Tuesday for the embattled Shiite prime minister to step aside so a new government can be formed. Vice President Adil Abdul-Mahdi told the British Broadcasting Corp. that he met with Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari on Monday and urged him to give up the nomination for a second term because he had lost the confidence of the Sunnis and Kurds.

But Abdul-Mahdi said al-Jaafari refused, insisting he wanted to take his case to parliament, which must approve the new prime minister and his Cabinet by a majority vote. Asked whether al-Jaafari should withdraw his nomination, Abdul-Mahdi said: "Yes, after such a time of naming him, not getting approval from the people now in U.S. (the dominant political bloc), there is some rejection so I think he should step aside."

Violence mars French job law protests

PARIS — Rioting youths swarmed across a downtown Paris plaza, ripping up street signs and park benches and hurling stones and Molotov cocktails at police. Union organizers put the figure in the thousands, with 84,000 in Paris, according to police, while police union organizers put the figure in the capital at 700,000 — and 3 million nationwide.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

Mass. passes health insurance bill

BOSTON — Massachusetts lawmakers approved a bill Tuesday that would make Massachusetts the first state to require that all its citizens have some form of health insurance.

The vote — approved just 24 hours after the final details were released — would use a combination of financial incentives and penalties to gradually expand access to health care over the next three years and extend coverage to the state's estimated 500,000 uninsured.

If all goes as planned, poor people will be offered coverage through a heavily subsidized program, those who can afford insurance but refuse to get it will face increasing tax penalties until they obtain coverage, and those already insured will see a modest drop in their premiums.

Bush's AIDS efforts under scrutiny

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration's $15 billion global AIDS initiative is emphasizing sexual abstinence and fidelity more than the $1 billion Congress intended, and that focus is undermining prevention efforts in poor countries, congressional investigators said Tuesday.

U.S. officials on the ground in Africa and other poor areas told Congress' Government Accountability Office that the requirement that they spend a specific percentage of their money on abstinence is hurting some efforts to tailor prevention programs to countries' needs.

**LOCAL NEWS**

Dem. party chooses new Gary mayor

GARY, Ind. — Democratic Party commit­tee members chose Tuesday evening a former Indiana state tax commissioner to succeed Mayor Scott King, who lost his re-election bid last fall after a grand jury in Elkhart County indicted him on 26 other related charges.

DeLay departs from an uneasy GOP

WASHINGTON — Tom DeLay leaves a troubling legacy for Republicans as they face re-election this year.

The Texan, once one of the most pow­erful and feared leaders of Congress, joined the Republican Party in 1994 to lead Republicans to power in 1994. But he became a symbol of the self-defeating ethics scandal that now clouds GOP prospects for continued control.

DeLay is the face wolves wary of cor­ruption allegations and the heavy-handed tactics DeLay came to personify. At the same time, GOP candidates are fur­ther weighed down by President Bush's low approval ratings and the unpopu­larity of the war in Iraq.

"It's hard to believe that in just 12 years, Republicans could end up in the same situation that it took Democrats 40 years to get in," said Republican strategist Frank Luntz.

Luntz, who was once Gingrich's poll­ster and who helped orchestrate the 1994 "Contract With America," said an 11-month GOP policy initiative, the so-called "GOP majority now seems "tired" and that affect their lives every day," said DeLay.

The voters of his Houston-area district "deserve a campaign about the vital national issues that they care most about and that affect their lives every day," he said. "Instead, they want to hear from any witnesses, just come here and see the thousands who never knew their parents and the widows who lost their husbands."
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cover up [the amendment]," Baron said. "We wanted to make sure the best proposal was put forth, but if Rhea thought this was the best proposal, that was it."

Boyd asked that the amendment be kept on the agenda, and so it was presented to Senate the following afternoon.

"I wanted this amendment to go before the current Student Senate, who knows what [MAC] has done throughout the year," she said Monday. Baron and Shappell's concerns centered on the amendment's articulation of the differences between MAC and the Diversity committee — an ambiguity that, according to Shappell, has caused some conflict this year.

The use of the word "minority" in the committee's name also caused some concern, as it is not used on the national level and could cause further confusion.

"There was concern that the name was sufficiently reason to delay consideration of an amendment," said Baron. "A lot of what we do in student government is dependent upon the perception of people," he said. "It is essential you have a name that makes sense immediately."

Shappell said the amendment's defeat was likely due to the Senate's experience with the problems caused by unclear committee definitions.

"Senator lived this term with the Diversity committee and MAC and the confusion that ensued," she said. "They recognized the need for clarification and research and student opinions brought forth on how the two overlapped."

Boyd said MAC's fate is "too tied" to that of the Diversity committee, a particular problem given that the committee's "nebulous nature." Liu also testified to the problems in definition.

"The two committees go hand-in-hand," Liu said Tuesday. "You cannot change one without changing the other."

While Liu said MAC's experience "experienced a lot of frustration in [this bill]," she denied a lack of direction.

Along with Baron and Shappell, Liu had decided at the pre-Senate meeting that perhaps the amendment should wait, as she was uncertain about the structural specifics.

She and the rest of the Diversity committee thought a strong option would be to once more combine the two committees while allowing for various subcommittees. But Boyd supported the amendment's call for separate and distinct committees to deal with racial issues and other issues of diversity.

"The structure this amendment calls for is one I think is appropriate," Boyd said. "To have one big committee undermines the importance of MAC being a separate voice."

Boyd also questioned the necessity of delaying ratification based on the name of MAC, which she said would create "a superficial" concern when compared to the importance of making MAC permanent.

"I unequivocally want a permanent voice of minority students in student government," said Liu.

Lizzi Shappell
student body president

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Delta pilots vote to authorize strike

ATLANTA — Delta Air Lines Inc. pilots, angered by management's effort to throw out their contract and impose deep pay cuts, voted by a wide margin to authorize a strike, union leaders said Tuesday.

The 94.7 percent vote in favor of authorizing a strike gives union leaders the authority to set a strike date. They didn't set a date immediately — or even indicate when they might act.

The results were announced in a memo to pilots from the chairman of the union's executive committee, Lee Moak, and first reported by The Associated Press.

An arbitration panel must decide by April 15 whether to void the pilots' contract. The union has said it will strike if its contract is rejected.

The strike carries serious consequences. It is a temporary work stoppage, which is operating under bankruptcy protection, has said a strike would put it out of business.

Any strike would likely prompt a court challenge by the company, which would almost certainly seek a restraining order. Moak said in an interview the union will "do what is legal."
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"I have to believe that some of the students really had not thought about it this way," Zoeller said. "Now they have another perspective from someone who cares about them as individuals and about their safety."

Junior Irene Bayudan first heard her Facebook professors were accessing student profiles from a friend. Although she does not feel she is being targeted in any way, Bayudan said, "Now they should be able to communicate in the light they want, and to be careful," Rosebush said.

Senior Alicia Heimann said she was not surprised that non-students were accessing student profiles because anyone with an "edc" address can register on Facebook. She said she has nothing to hide from her professors and was not overly concerned about their use of the site.

"It's a huge invasion of privacy." Heimann said.

"If you're really concerned about your personal space and strained relationships with your professors, freshmen Lauren Montemee said.

"You can't make judgments on what you see on Facebook because a lot of it is a joke," she said.

Junior Nicole Korte is relatively unconcerned that professors or future employers may attempt to look her up on the Internet.

"I think it is ridiculous. People need to find something better to do. I'm not really concerned about it," Korte said.

Rizzo said she found it ironic that employers are prohibited from asking questions about religion or family in interviews, but can scope out future employees on sites such as Facebook. She called this a "huge" invasion of privacy.

She and classmates originally thought faculty members had accessed Facebook only once. Rizzo said, but later realized they have logged on multiple times — some as recently as two weeks ago. Students respect faculty members who had chosen not to create profiles, she said.

"[Professors] should not make comments to students and they should not make judgments on students based on Facebook," Rizzo said.

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member of the group drinking in the shower professed on the website, it is a "low blow" that ResLife and rectors use the site to intimidate students.

"They are becoming increasingly common as colleges and universities are 아직ing Facebook as a means of cracking down on illegal activities and campus violations.

ResLife Power Hour Facebook group was created as a joke the previous night and was not given much thought since its creation.

"It was very innocent, and the entire situation was just misconstrued and blown way out of proportion," Kristin said.

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she was not surprised to read in a March 29 Observer article that both the Office of Residence Life and some rectors maintain Facebook accounts.

"It seems pretty expected actually," Mering said.

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The fact that [Hall staff] is going through our profiles and looking at all this stuff... kind of going into our personal space... made me feel attacked, almost."

Kristin

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The Office of Student Affairs would like to congratulate the following graduating seniors who are award recipients for outstanding service and leadership:

**Peter J. Quaranto,**  
*John W. Gardner Student Leadership Award*

**David M. Baron,**  
*Rev. A. Leonard Collins, C.S.C., Award*

**Daniel L. Carey**  
*Ray Siegfried Award for Leadership Excellence*

**Claire S. Heininger**  
*Denny Moore Award for Excellence in Journalism*
Deportation flights cost U.S. millions

Immigration department struggles to send back illegal immigrants

Associated Press

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — U.S. marshals tracked the prisoners’ leg shackles, body checks and bathroom breaks. They endured the green jungle and turquoise sea come close view.

As the U.S. government’s MD-83 airliner bounces to the ground at 5:30 a.m. Sunday at San Salvador airport, the 44 men and five women being deported to El Salvador are wired with cameras and one man bolts out a few bars of a Tom Petty song: “I’m free...”

For a growing number of migrants, pick up in the United States for immigration violations or criminal offenses, this is the way their American experience ends: a flight home.

As Congress debates how to overhaul the nation’s immigration system, the U.S. government is spending about $65 million to fly illegal immigrants home or to new locations within the U.S.

Last year, the government flew 60,000 people — mostly Central and South Americans — to their home countries for about $600 per person. An additional 85,000 remain inside the U.S., mostly to be closed within the next 90 days in preparation for deportation.

Officials want to double the deportations in the next year as the U.S. ends its practice of freeing some illegal immigrants until they can be returned to their native countries.

Less than an hour after arriving in San Salvador, the men and women on this flight were led blinking into the tropical sunshine.

At the back of the line, two young men glanced around with curious expressions. They were teenagers when they left El Salvador. A decade later, their home country is now just a memory. Family members have grown, died or moved to the U.S.

In an interview the day before in a Florence, Ariz., detention center of the agency’s chief, Antonio Medina, 28, summarized their situation. “I don’t know what I’ll do when I get there,” he said through a translator. “I get to El Salvador I’ll decide.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials have collaborated since 1998 with the Justice Department, which flies U.S. prisoners throughout the country. But immigration officials are stepping up the number of flights as they come under increasing pressure to ensure all illegal immigrants caught in the U.S. are deported. An estimated 11 million immigrants live in the U.S. illegally.

Hundreds of captured immigrants are released each week and asked to return for a court hearing, a request many ignore.

The government hopes to end that practice on the Southwest border by Oct. 1 and across the rest of the country by next year. To do that, officials have been speeding up the timetable to deport foreigners who arrive as a deterrent to others thinking of coming,” he said.

The Department of Homeland Security is pushing several countries to take back thousands of their citizens, with department Secretary Michael Chertoff saying Tuesday that a deal with China was near.

But some fear the government might be playing them for rights in its rush to deal with a backlog of immigrants.

Immigrant advocates say some government screeners are following regulations, and that some people with legitimate claims for asylum in the U.S. may be deported.

Foreign governments also struggle to agree on hundreds of their own citizens.

In El Salvador, returning migrants are placed in a “Welcome Home” program to help them find family and — if possible — a job.

Police, army involved in Columbia drug ring

Group flew cocaine shipments into U.S.

San Salvador, El Salvador — Active and retired police and army officers for one of Colombia’s largest cocaine cartels used commercial cargo planes to ship drugs to the United States, authorities said Tuesday in announcing seven arrests.

U.S. officials, who are seeking extradition of the seven, said the case illustrates the reach of Colombia’s notorious drug rings and the danger posed by corruption among the country’s security and transportation workers.

Among those arrested is a retired police major and captain, a former army lieutenant, two police officers and an employee of Colombia’s national airline, Avianca.

The seventh suspect, said they seize millions to life in prison, though Colombia that it will not seek deport the defendants.

If convicted, the defendants could face anywhere from 10 years to life in prison, though the United States has assured Colombia that it will not seek deport the defendants.

The Norte del Valle cocaine ring was considered to be one of the largest drug trafficking networks in Colombia. One of its leaders, Diego Montoya, sits alongside Osama Bin Ladin on the FBI’s ten-most-wanted list.

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Intelligence officers discuss Iraq's future

Arab countries, Turkey make civil war plans

Associated Press

WASHINGTON and Tehran will be concerned about possible civil war erupting in Iraq and the implications on the proposed U.S.-try is involved in the talks excluding from the talks.

The diplomats in several Middle Eastern capitals, speaking on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue, said Iran and Syria have been excluded from the talks.

One diplomat whose country is involved in the talks said the officials are focusing on the proposed U.S.-Iranian dialogue on Iraq and Iran's growing influence in Arabs and Turkey of any "American-Iranian deal.

Government officials in Egypt and Jordan declined to answer questions on the meetings.

Reports in the Arab press said that the diplomats are discussing a possible Arab conference to coordinate their governing concerns about possible Shiite Iran. Are deeply suspicious of Iran, are deeply worried about Iran's split and the implications on the proposed U.S.-Iran talk on Iraq but the talks are to include a clear reference to Iran's growing influence in Iraq.

Last year, Jordan's King Abdullah II accused Shiites-dominated Iran of trying to influence things in Iraq. He warned that Iran was seeking to create a "Shiite crescent" that would disrupt the balance of power in the region.

Saud Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal made similar warnings. Before Iraqis voted on their new constitution last year, both Arab League Secretary-General Amr Moussa and Abdul Rahman al-Attiya, head of the Gulf Cooperation Council, lobbied to include a clear reference about Iraq's "Arab identity" in the document.

Elections held in January produced a parliament dominated by Shiites and Kurds, and a ruling coalition by both groups is bound to have close ties to Persian and Shiite Iran.

Many Arab governments say that sidelining the Sunnis would increase Iran's influence in Iraq and the whole region - anathema for Sunni Arabs and a nightmare for many Washington policy-makers.

At least one meeting of the intelligence chiefs was held in Cairo in late March, shortly after the U.S. administration said it wanted to open contacts with Tehran about Iraq, the diplomats said.

They said further meetings are planned, including at least one in Cairo this month to finalize the strategy.

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Senators add money to Iraq bill

Republicans warranty $107 billion figure will increase on Senate floor

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A bill to fund the war in Iraq ballooned Wednesday after the Senate unanimously approved a $107 billion increase on Tuesday after a Senate party vote. The measure, which will be debated until Friday, is expected to pass by a wide margin.

The Senate vote to approve the bill followed a heated debate over the war, with some senators arguing that the U.S. should work to end the war now and others insisting that the United States must maintain a strong military presence in Iraq.

The Senate vote also came after a series of amendments were approved, including one that would require the president to provide a detailed report on the war every 90 days.

The Senate vote on the bill was the latest in a series of efforts to provide funding for the war, which has been ongoing since 2003. The bill is expected to be sent to the House, where it is also expected to pass.

The Senate vote was seen as a sign of the growing politically divided on the war, with Republicans and Democrats divided over how to approach the issue.

Brother of 'milkshake murder' victim killed

Associated Press

GREENWICH, Conn. — The brother of an investment banker accused in Hong Kong in what became known as the "milkshake murder" was found stabbed to death in his home, police said.

Joe Kissel, 26, was found by the Kissel's mother, Helen, in their Greenwich home. She called police and said she heard a noise and went to her son's room to check on him.

Kissel was found by police at 11 a.m. Wednesday. He was not wearing pants and had a large cut on his left side. He was pronounced dead at Greenwich Hospital.

Police said they are investigating the death as a homicide.

The milkshake murder took place in Hong Kong in 2010. The suspect, Andrew Kissel, 27, was charged with murder and sexual assault.

Kissel was a partner at a New York investment bank and had been involved in high-stakes investments.

The investigation into the milkshake murder is ongoing.

Official arrested for online actions

Homeland Security press secretary charged with seducing minor

Associated Press

MIAMI — The deputy press secretary for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security was arrested Tuesday for allegedly attempting to make contact with a 13-year-old girl he thought was a teenage girl, authorities said.

Vincent Joseph Martini, 35, was arrested at his residence in Miami Beach and charged with attempting to contact a minor via social media, police said.

Martini was arrested on charges of communicating with a minor, according to police.

The arrest came after the FBI and Homeland Security received a tip from a woman who believed she was a 16-year-old girl whose profile she saw on the Internet on March 14, the police said.

The woman was a undercover of the Homeland Security's Computer Crimes unit, the sheriff's office said.

Doyle sent the girl pornographic movie clips and had sexually explicit conversations with her via a social media platform called MySpace, the statement said.

During those conversations, Doyle revealed his name, that he worked for the Homeland Security, that he had a checking account and office and government issued cell phone numbers, the sheriff's office said.

Doyle also sent photos of himself to the girl's friends, authorities said they were not sexually explicit.

On several occasions, Doyle instructed her to perform a sex act while using of the web camera to send graphic images of herself to him, the sheriff's office said.

Doyle was booked into Miami-Dade County Jail on charges of solicitation of a minor, attempting to solicit a minor and computer fraud.

He was released on $100,000 bail and is scheduled to appear in court on June 6.

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Several campus demonstrations have criticized Duke for its actions, but Brand called Brochard's decision "evidence that college basketball really is treating it very seriously and not ignoring it."
Members of the New Orleans Social Club, including George Porter Jr., Dr. John and Ivan Neville and his uncle Cyril Neville rehearse outside the flood-damaged city after the storm.

Musicians displaced by hurricane 'sing back to city'

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The music of New Orleans is huddled in an old Austin recording studio.

Some of the Crescent City's musical legends have returned to this Texas city, where — just six weeks after Hurricane Katrina — they cut a therapeutic album dedicated to their ravaged hometown.

At that post-Katrina recording session, names synonymous with New Orleans — Neville, Porter, Nocentelli, Rebeccahn — gathered to make music that verged on the choral.

"I knew as soon as you got New Orleans cats together you were going to have to have the spirit and soul of the city," says Sacks. "We could express all the emotions of the moment."

As much of the album proves, these emotions were running high. Between songs, many were visibly tracking the damage to their homes, looking at old photos or speaking to family members displaced by the storm.

"It helped me to be with these guys and be busy, take my mind off it," says Weber, who has migrated to Austin with his family. "It was like being back home."

Since portions of the proceeds from "Sing Me Back Home" will benefit the Salvation Army, the New Orleans Musicians Clinic and Music Cares, Weber says he's in the funny position of raising money for his own cause — to rebuild his home.

"I'm part of the project as well," says Weber, "so I'm a beneficiary." To help raise money for Katrina victims who want to come on back home," he says, laughing heartily, "I want to go back home!"

Ivan Neville is the son of New Orleans soul singer Aaron Neville, whose house was ruined in the floodwaters of Katrina. Like countless New Orleans residents, Ivan feels the government has let down his family and his city, an wyeness that by covering Creedence Clearwater's "Fortunate Son."

A song like "Fortunate Son" was pertinent when it was out during the Vietnam War," says Neville, who is currently living in Austin. "And the fact that that's still relevant now is ridiculous."

"Like "Fortunate Son" (which Rolling Stone called "outraged funk"), much of "Sing Me Back Home" is imbued with political protest.

"To many have died protecting my pride, for me to go second class," Cyril Neville (brother to Aaron and Art) sings on "This Is My Country."


"When we did 'Young Frankenstein,' there was a scene where the hero, was panned by one reviewer rarely had kind words for his parodies of film genres including Hitchcock thrillers, Westerns and disaster dramas, "The Producers," for instance, about two sadsacks trying to win a lot of people, their broken dreams, "I hate people I don't like" from "High Anxiety"; "To Be or Not to Be.""

"Like "Fortunate Son" was full of neo-tuping optimism. The Mighty Charlatans of Fire perform "99 1/2 I Won't Do" and Irma Thomas and Marcia Ball sing "Look Up."

"Music always takes the place of anything that's negative," says Nocentelli, who lost an office space to the hurricane, and whose mother and sister lost everything. "Even though the negativity was there, the music overcomes that.

"The music heals," echoes Cyril Neville.

Jacket of the DVD set is decorated not with critical reviews but with snippets of his movie dialogue.

"There's a what a dramatic air-" from "High Anxiety."

COURIC may leave NBC for nightly news show

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Katie Couric may mark her 15th anniversary as "Today" show anchor this week by making the decision to leave.

She's talking with CBS about taking over an "CBS Evening News" anchor, according to a non-networ person close to the negotiations, and neither CBS nor NBC is discussing reports that she could announce a deal as early as this week.

There are still some issues left to be resolved before a deal is reached, said the person who spoke on condition of anonymity. Couric paired the last nine years with Matt Lauer, who have brought the morning show unparalleled ratings and financial success.

Representatives for NBC, CBS and Couric would not comment on Tuesday about the discussions.

Meanwhile, Meredith Vieira of "The View" has emerged as the leading candidate to succeed Couric "Today." If she leaves, according to people familiar with NBC's thinking, Vieira, a former CBS News reporter who won a Daytime Emmy as host of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," has previously turned down offers to return to news since joining "The View."

"Today" weekend host Campbell Brown is also a candidate, according to a former, NBC reporter Natalie Morales and "Today" newsreader Ann Curry.

COURIC, 49, would be the first woman to be named as a sole host of a network evening news cast — even though Elizabeth Vargas frequently has done that job alone at ABC's "World News Tonight."

That designation — and the desire to try a new challenge after 15 years of early morning TV calls — is said to be a powerful motivation for Couric. NBC's offer to keep her is reportedly several million dollars more than CBS's offer, but it doesn't include the anchor slot at NBC's "Nightly News," said the person close to the talks.

She likely would begin at CBS "Evening News" in September.
A marriage question

It has been observed by some well-known political columnists and bloggers that many members of the neo-conservative right, which is famously fond of denouncing traditional marriage and civil rights for gay and lesbian couples and families, rarely, if ever, say what rights and social structures they favor for them to provide the support given by these proven institutions. Yet the fact of the matter is, according to the Urban Institute, there are at least 200,000 same-sex families raising children across the nation. Some of these children are the product of legal adoption in those states that permit it, like California and Massachusetts. Others are born through artificial insemination (possibly carried by a willing surrogate mother) or are “Brokeback Mountain” cases where a gay parent retains child-custody after legal separation. It is odd, and more than a little dis­tressing, that the defenders of “family values” and the coiners of the phrase “no child left behind” have remained entirely closemouthed about their policy toward this growing segment of the population. It is almost as if they wish that these fami­lies, and these children, would vanish without a trace. Yet any social historian can tell you that legal marriage has always been primarily about the legit­imization of children and provisions for their protection. Therefore, arguably any national institution that willfully ignores the need to legally and socially protect a non-trivial cross-section of its children has no real claim to the name “marriage” at all. Looking at marriage through the lens of its larger pragmatic goals, and setting aside any questions of its underlying meaning (although I argue that its mean­ings and its goals are aspects of the same thing), one begins to wonder, given its track record. If the institution of marriage is even suitable for the modern world. After the 18th century the entire con­cept of marriage was stood completely on its head, as a major segment of the popu­lation began to believe (against all tradi­tion, mind you) that people should marry for the sake of love. This was the first great sexual revolution, and the mother of every lesser moral revolution that has come since, from Dr. Ruth to Dr. Phil. Frankly, the theology of marriage, and indeed of human sexuality, has also not yet caught up with this reality. The strain shows in the disconnect between what Christian religions teach and what people, by their own common-sense morality, hold to be true.—Start a discussion of condoms at lunch and see what I mean.

Can we even honestly claim that mar­riage is doing its job anymore, and are we even certain what the job of marriage should be? Both are valid questions. Besides the aforementioned problem of providing legal protection to the children of gay couples, half of all marriages in the United States ended in divorce, millions of children were born to single mothers and millions more are terminated before birth by those who feel unable, emotion­ally or financially, to support them. Meanwhile, the failure of many couples to understand the basic mechanics of stable relationships has given rise to a booming relationship self-help industry. Something is clearly missing from our implementation of marriage, and as the empirical evidence shows, the institution of marriage is becoming less and less able to fulfill its given role. With this most excellent track record, is it any wonder that more and more couples are choosing to forgo marriage altogether? Perhaps they have taken the smarter road. The situations is laughably depressing, and it is hard to conceive otherwise. What’s more, the conservatives are very much aware that the institution of mar­riage is not healthy in this country, and that it is neither fulfilling its larger social purpose nor meeting the needs of those who seek it out. Indeed, they are always quick to enumerate the goals and benefits of marriage—protection of children, the long-term economic stability of society, the physical and emotional health of couples and the physical and emotional health of children.

Yet the neo-conservatives have already committed themselves to the form of a solution to this problem—marriage, exactly as it is today, with no compromis­es, no adjustments and no questions asked. The argument has become the social science equivalent of creationism, where one side is pre-committed to an unassailable ideal handed down from on high. Even when the institution has become self-counteractive, as with its inability to protect the children of gay couples, they remain unswerving. Unchangeable sanctity, they say, even if the institution is totally broken. Meanwhile everyone else is controlling their bladder and trying not to giggle while the old priest from “The Prince” mutters on about “Marriage.”

What we have lost sight of is the reality that what ultimately suffers from all of this neo-conservative rhetoric is marriage itself, along with its lofty goals and all those who have come to depend upon it. Lance Gallop is a 2005 graduate of the University of Notre Dame. He can be contacted at lgallop@ndsmcobserver.com, or, if he is standing close by, semaphore works just as well.

Lance Gallop
African Union is failing to keep the peace with its limited number of poorly trained soldiers. The website states that although the conflict may start elsewhere, the name of the conflict might come about, most seem to center around the Notre Dame football team in the early 20th century and how the team's name changed from the Fighting Irish to the Fighting Irish nickname. The website states that if Notre Dame wants to prove it is not offensive, then why are the University allowing us to play schools like California, who also sports a mascot that is a mythical creature? The next thing I am hoping for is for guys with beards to start writing into The Observer complaining that the leprechaun unfairly represents their beards.

Finally, I had a problem with Howley stating that the United States is essentially using the country of Ireland and that the United States has great control over the tourism industry and economy of Ireland. Ms. Howley, did you know that Ireland has been reported to have the second highest per capita income of any country in the European Union next to Luxembourg, the fourth highest in the world? Did you also know that during the Celtic Tiger period of economic success in Ireland that Ireland's historic trend of emigration was stopped and Ireland even started to become a destination for many immigrants? Did you also know that many worldwide corporate and business offices have chosen Ireland because of its economic success? Finally, did you know that unemployment in Ireland fell from 18 percent in the late 1980s to 4.9 percent by the end of the Celtic Tiger period? If Ireland is so dependent on American money, then how do you account for the increase in jobs, the economy and the livelihood of the Republic of Ireland? Ireland's economy is one of the best in the Europe. I hardly doubt that one of the best economies in Europe is solely dependent on American money.

This argument, while intellectually stimulating and interesting enough to stir up conversation, is pointless if the people complaining about it do not fully understand the meaning. Fighting Irish is a tradition. It is who Notre Dame is. Nobody before the 1900s ever heard of Notre Dame but our football team was a proven winner. Since 2003, the Sudanese government has been waging a campaign of genocide against the people of Darfur through systematic murder, rape and forced migration. The United States acknowledged that genocide is taking place in Darfur in September, but has yet to do anything major to stop the violence. The African Union is failing to keep the peace with its limited number of poorly trained and poorly armed troops. The United Nations continues to talk about supporting its mission with its own forces without taking action. Meanwhile, 300,000 people continue to die every day. We need people who will stand up for the forgotten throughout history. There's always an alarmist notion that society is going downhill, but the opposite is true. Think of how far our own country has come since our own genocide and the enslavement of our brothers and sisters. Our progress is the direct result of the hard work of millions of dedicated people who refused to give up.

As a former member of the Saint Mary's varsity basketball team, I am deeply disappointed in the Athletic Department for not renewing coach Steve Bender's contract after only his first year at Saint Mary's. Coach Bender and his assistant coaches accomplished Saint Mary's best record in the MIAA. He brought increased recognition and respect to Saint Mary's in the basketball community when he was named MIAA Coach of the Year. The MIAA is one of the oldest and most competitive Division III conferences in the United States. The MIAA consistently sends two to three basketball teams to the post-season NCAA Tournament. This year, Hope College, a member of the MIAA, won the NCAA Division III National Championship. Not only was Coach Bender able to overcome the challenges of being a first year coach, but he was able to do so in the nationally competitive conference that is the MIAA.

Saint Mary's will be losing Coach Bender and his assistant coaches, particularly coach Jill Rodenstein. Having personally been coached by her, I can attest to her loyalty to Saint Mary's, her team and her players. Players have expressed their disbelief and surprise openly at Coach Bender's dismissal. While briefly speaking with current players, they reported that they are committed to taking an active role in reinstating Coach Bender. In recent years, the Saint Mary's Athletic Department has experience increased success due to the quality of its coaches and support from the Saint Mary's community. I have no reason to believe Coach Bender acted in any way that would cause Saint Mary's to ask him not to return. By not renewing the contract of Coach Bender, the Saint Mary's Athletic Department is jeopardizing the future success of the Saint Mary's basketball team.

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MARRIED TO THE Mob: MAFIOSOS IN THE MEDIA

When "The Sopranos" debuts on Jan. 10, 1999, Tony Soprano — the show's urbane, irascible genius — does more than just get himself a gun. He became the stone cold killer of HBO's crime drama, helping the company whisk its competition on route to instant cult-hero status, blockbuster ratings and 15 Emmys over the next five years.

Along the way, Tony and his crew joined a long lineage of notable Mafia families, gangsters who've been immortalized in pop culture lore. Names like Capone, Godfather and Corleone — some fiction, others not — have become inseparable from the public's fascination with the dangerous, but enticing, world of organized crime.

Hollywood is no different. Mob stories have been popular destinations for Hollywood's cavity dreams since the 1940s, when crime noir genre of black and white films gave in popularity following World War II. Over the next few decades, Western outlaws outfitted with cowboy hats and six-shooters were slowly replaced by Tommy guns and trench coats in audience imagination.

The new folk anti-heroes that arrived included members of "La Cosa Nostra." Arguably the most influential depiction of the Mafia in popular culture is director Francis Ford Coppola's "The Godfather" trilogy, based on works by author Mario Puzo. Populated by colorful characters, Coppola's cinematic portrait of the Corleone crime family — about as close to privileged Mafia royalty as they come — has withstand the test of time and continues to be one of the most revered American films ever made.

While the Corleones' crime saga is essentially the story of Michael Corleone — the promuding college graduate and World War II veteran who is initially sheltered from the family business — the most complex and beloved character is his father, Vito. With his strong moral code and an unwavering devotion to his clan, the Corleone family patriarch shone in every second of his considerable screen time. As legend would have it, he was successful. Vito did more than just command fear and respect from his New York crime kingdom. He laid the tracks for Tony Soprano as a devoted family man and a charismatic friend. Inspiring loyalty from both his families — domestic and criminal.

Played by different screen giants — Marlon Brando and Al Pacino — Vito was the heart and soul of the first two installments of the trilogy. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences apparently agreed, awarding both Brando and De Niro respective acting Oscars for their efforts — a quieter, more measured time two actors have won separate Oscars for playing the same character.

"The Sopranos" is replete with loving references to Coppola's classic. Audiences from speaking classic lines from the trilogy several times a season, Tony and his crew have entered into passionate discussions about each film's merits. During one such occasion, Tony reveals that he prefers "Part II," pointing to the segment where Vito goes back to Don Corleone's villa in Sicily as his favorite scene from the trilogy.

In that same episode, Tony's crew gathers around a TV set to test out an advance bootlegged copy of "The Godfather" on DVD. Alas, the DVD shorts out and produces a "no disc" error. This prompts crewmember Paulie Gualtieri to quip, "Somebody should tell Paramount Pictures to get their ish together. We're gonna be stealing thousands more of these things" — a clever tongue-in-cheek reference to the crew's honest job.

If "The Godfather" glamorized Don Corleone's white collar operation, director Martin Scorsese took his view of crime directly to street level in "Goodfellas." Released in 1990, the film followed the exploits of Jimmy Conway (De Niro, proving himself once more to be the yardstick by which all other criminal gangsters are measured). Henry Hill (Ray Liotta) and Tommy DeVito (Joe Pesci), a triumvirate of New York mobsters who rise from low level hoods to take the foot from an irked Pesci for being slow with the drinks. Almost a decade later, Hollywood now enjoys the flavor of a first season episode of "The Sopranos," a checkpoint in the foot due to a perceived slight — a dress code issue — at Scorsese's Mafia class. That style of "dark humor" — prevalent in many Scorsese's films, but especially in "Goodfellas" — is echoed in many "Sopranos" episodes.


Still, the most formidable step in the "Sopranos" lineage steps "The Sopranos." At once alluring, provocative and disturbing, the series represents an evolution of the genre as much as a vivid new interpretation. When Tony says to his nephew, "Once you're in this family...there's no getting out," he voices his binding accord to the Mafia's past and present.

Fortunately for Vito, Michael, Henry and the rest of their clan, the future is not in "La Cosa Nostra" in the media is assured. It lies in Tony's burlap bands, tapering down to his gun barrel nestled between his fingers.
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SEASON SIX PREVIEW

The last time audiences saw Tony Soprano, he was fleeing from FBI agents and hiding in the woods of New Jersey woodlands. Not exactly the most dignified image of one of the most feared characters in the imaginative world of "The Sopranos." Be of good cheer," said actor Neil Mink, Tony's lawyer, for the bulk of mobsters have already lived far past more than just the time — fortunately, he hadn't even been named in an indictment since that landed one of Tony's cohort's in prison.

For once, a "Sopranos" season didn't end more with a whimper than a bang as Tony gingerly trod through the snow. Fifteen months make the highly anticipated sixth — and final — season of the HBO drama a here, and the excavating wait is over. As if nullifying the legend of Tony Soprano — one of the most charismatic, dangerous and formidable mob bosses to ever extort fiction — isn't enough pressure, this season is being heralded with the same fanfare that has preceded every season of the show since its pilot. A climactic ending from day one, "The Sopranos" finally received all due acclaim for its final season.

Interference or compromise as "Sopranos" series creator David Chase and his ever-widening stable of HBO original programmers pitched over the last four episodes when the season's drama reached a fever pitch. The season's drama reached a fever pitch over the last four episodes when Soprano went rogue, killing Leonardo's younger brother in retaliation for a check in Blundetto's name. Backed into a corner while trying to protect his cousin, Tony kills Blundetto himself to spare him from a3placed death at the hands of Leonardo — setting the stage for the current season's precarious strain between the New York and New Jersey mob families.

Out of "The Sopranos" has led to this point — the family now stand at the precipice of an all-out mob war. The crumbs have been left for several enticing plotlines for the final season. Will AJ end up falling into the family business like his old man, despite Tony's wishes? Meadow's always been the promising scholar to AJ's rebel attitude, but his need seems to have an air of certainty to it.

Out of Tony's closest associates — Christopher, Silvio, Paulie, Bobby and Vito — who will be the first to fall in the middle, or attempt their own resurrection for power? Meticulous and volatile, Vito and Paulie appear to be the best bets.

Will Tony ever be able to end the cycle of violence raining down upon his house? (That question was answered a long time ago, despite Tony's frequent denial and rationalizations.) — a drama that has tormented a man torn by the dark path his life is taking.

How it all ends will remain a mystery for the better part of a year. HBO has partitioned the sixth season into two blocks of continuous episodes — 12 episodes in 2004 and another eight additional episodes set to debut in early 2005, an effective strategy the network used for the final season of "Sex and the City.

But one thing's for sure — Tony and his crew won't go quietly. "This ain't negotiation time," Christopher demands of Tony early in the first season. This is Scarface, "film school, [Freaks]' broadcast, under each arm, say hello to my little friend!"

Finally, thanks to Chase and crew, that time has come.

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The Godfather

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Tales Prior to the video game release of "The Godfather," fan speculation about its quality was high — would it do justice to the film, or was it just a money-making addendum to the film series, in pursuit of the almighty dollar? After a March 21, 2006 release, the final verdict is out: justice is served, although the game is hardly a masterpiece. The EA Games' video game rendition of the classic film follows the precedent set by the Rockstar Games hit series, "Grand Theft Auto." Based primarily on the "GTA" format, the player has virtually unlimited free reign to explore the city map of 1940s New York. However, the game's strength lies in its storyline missions. Players can name and create their own characters, then pimp them out with customizable features such as mustaches, fedora hats and fine Italian suits. (Perhaps the most hilarious part of the game is hearing a college dorm room packed with heterosexual guys arguing the finer points of a created gangster's wardrobe and hearing lines such as, "Pick the tan tie, it goes better with his shoes"). The player-created character is peripheraly woven into the plot of the film version of "The Godfather." For example, when Michael Corleone uses a planted pistol to knock off some mob leaders in a restaurant, the player is responsible for stashing said assassination weapon. In addition, the film's cut scenes are excellent. The last scene of the film, where the Godfather is revealed to the Corleone family, is reproduced almost exactly like him, the cut scenes are incredibly impressive. Don Corleone looks very much like the movies. However, Electronic Arts (EA) did not strive to make a replica of the movie, but rather a game based on the general premise of the film. While this may be the "Godfather," the game is still beyond entertaining. This game's improvements hinge on its playability. Rather than follow a linear plot line, the game can feel free to roam about the New York/New Jersey area (think of classics like Rockstar's "Grand Theft Auto" series). The player can extort shop owners, shake down back alley rackets and generally cause mayhem on the streets. The game starts off as a lowly street thug, taken under the wing of the mob. Customized to look however the player desires — from eyebrows intensity to hair color to style of clothing — the fully personalized character makes his way through the hierarchy of the organized crime family, ultimately ascending to the role as Don while avoiding police and other gang vendettas. This task requires skill, street smarts and a little bit of luck, but comes together for a fun experience.

However, the game is not without its faults. Although the map is huge, many of the areas are vague and lack detail. The game would have a more realistic feel if specific landmarks were more recognizable as actual places.

In addition, what is meant to be New York City is filled with large areas with nothing in them. While driving from place to place, oftentimes there is nowhere to go but straight. In this sense, the game is a bastardized version of "GTA," taking away much of the freedom that was allowed to the gamer. This game would have been served well by spending another six months in development, increasing the variety of the areas. The game lacks in detail and tries to make up for it in quantity. It doesn't work.

However, what is unique about this game compared to the slew of other games in this genre is the fact that it was adapted from a previously existing — and beloved — film. The plot line is more substantial, albeit not as complex as the movie, and provides the gamer with a bit more interest in the actual outcome of the story. At times over the top, the game is definitely not for those fans of "The Godfather" movie looking for an exact replica. However, the entertainment value is too much to pass up. So don those pinstripes and fedoras and ascend to Mob greatness.

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"The Godfather" video game visage of Don Corleone, left, does justice to Marlon Brando's famous character, right, from the classic film of the same name.

To hustle up some quick cash in "The Godfather," players can beat up, shake down and intimidate the local businessmen living in 1940s New York City.
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**NBA**

Nets hold off Hawks to win 13th straight, clinch division

McDyess scores a season-high 26 points and grabs 14 rebounds off the bench for the Pistons in win over Hornets

Associated Press

East Rutherford, N.J. — The New Jersey Nets had the Atlantic Division wrapped up and were coasting to their 13th straight win before they got complacent and needed to fight off the Atlanta Hawks.

The Nets tied the longest winning streak in the NBA this season and clinched their fourth division title in five years on Tuesday night with a win over the Hawks.

Despite blowing all but one point of a 23-point fourth-quarter lead, the Nets were able to prevail behind 27 points and some clutch foul shooting from Vince Carter.

New Jersey unraveled on offense as the young Hawks, who were without three players, went on a 24-2 run and almost stole the game. An offensive foul on Joe Johnson with 8.9 seconds left ended Atlanta's last chance.

Jason Kidd, who finished with 11 points and 13 assists, feels that the Nets could benefit from the close call.

"It was a little bit dangerous, because you can get complacent and feel like you can turn it on and off at any time," Kidd said.

"Tonight was one of those nights. We have to understand that we have to play for 48 minutes on defense." The Nets (45-28) had already clinched the division title before the end of Tuesday's game, courtesy of Philadelphia's 124-91 loss to Cleveland. New Jersey's starters were on the bench early in the fourth quarter (22-51) relied behind Johnson, who finished with 33 points, and sub guard Anthony Grandy, who was signed to a 10-day contract last week.

Detroit 101, New Orleans 93

Antonin McDyess doesn't want any part of the starting lineup. Luckily for the Detroit Pistons, that's the only thing he won't do.

With Rasheed Wallace sidelined Tuesday night, McDyess had a season-high 26 points and 14 rebounds to help the Pistons win their 60th game, beating the New Orleans Hornets.

"Antonio was great tonight," Pistons coach Flip Saunders said. "He's been playing like that for a while now. He has a lot of confidence in himself."

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Duke center Chanta Black, left, and Maryland center Laura Harper fight for a loose ball during the second half of the NCAA women's championship game. Maryland won 78-75 in overtime.

Lady Terrapins capture their first title

Associated Press

BOSTON — Overtime belongs to Maryland. So does the NCAA championship.

The 21-year-old Loney was in the lineup Tuesday night against Atlanta, batting fifth and playing first. His big night came the first five on the road and the last in the championship to complete the second-largest comeback in a women's final. It was the first time the title was determined in overtime since Tennessee beat Virginia in 1991.

The Maryland players stormed the court twice — once after Loney's basket forced overtime and again when Blue Devils guard Jessica Foley's desperation, well-covered 3-point attempt nicked the front of the rim at the overtime buzzer.

Piling up on the court, hugging and pumping chests, the Terrapins reveled in the youth that had been the biggest doubt surrounding them coming into the tournament.

"Age is just a number," Maryland coach Brenda Frese said. "When you got kids that believe and they believe in each other and they got that kind of confidence, you can accomplish anything as a team."

Foley made two free throws with 18 seconds left in regulation to give Duke a 70-67 lead, then Frese called timeout to set up a play.

Toliver, who had 12 turnovers in the semifinal victory over North Carolina, brought the ball down and veered over to the right before putting through the 3 with 6.1 seconds left and Duke's Alison Bales in her face.

"And I even felt her fingertips as I was holding my follow through," Toliver said. "So, she did a great job contesting. I just had a lot of confidence. And I knew I wanted to take the big shot so I just took it."

Duke (31-4) opted not to call a timeout; Lindsey Harding brought the ball down the court and put up a desperation leaner from the right baseline that went off the rim. After that, the usually frenetic Frese just let her players take over.

"I didn't have to say a word," Frese said. "They just knew that overtime is their time."
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Culpepper cleared of charges

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Quarterback Daunte Culpepper was cleared Tuesday of misdemeanor charges stemming from a boat-party sex scandal.

A judge ruled there wasn’t probable cause to determine a crime was committed by Culpepper, one of four Minnesota Vikings accused of misdemeanor lewd conduct during the cruise last fall on a suburban lake. Culpepper has since been traded to the Miami Dolphins last month.

Culpepper issued a statement through the Dolphins saying he was “delighted” at the ruling.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Wooden scheduled for release from hospital

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Former UCLA basketball coach John Wooden may be released from a hospital as early as Wednesday after suffering from diverticulitis, his daughter said Tuesday.

The 95-year-old Hall of Fame coach was admitted to a hospital near his home in the San Fernando Valley on Sunday for diverticulitis, an inflammation of the area around the colon.

"His spirits are very good and he's doing fine," Nancy Muehlhausen said. "He's ready to get out of the hospital."

Muehlhausen said her father needed several blood transfusions. Other tests performed on Wooden showed the former coach was healthy, she said.

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Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Holy Week 2006

Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion, April 9
5:00 pm (Saturday) Vigil Mass
*9:45 am Solemn Mass
*12:00 noon Sunday Mass
*Special Mass times for Palm Sunday only

Tuesday, April 11
7:00 pm Campus-wide Stations of the Cross
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9:15 pm Opportunity for individual confession follows
Stations in the Basilica

Holy Thursday, April 13
9:00 am Morning Prayer
5:00 pm Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper
*6:30 pm Adoration in the Lady Chapel
11:00 pm Tenebrae
*Basilica of the Sacred Heart will remain open from 6:30 pm until 12:30 am

Good Friday, April 14
9:00 am Morning Prayer
12:00 noon-3:00 pm Silent Hours of Prayer
3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
7:15 pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 15
9:00 am Morning Prayer
9:00 pm The Paschal Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 16
+8:00 am Easter Sunday Mass
10:00 am Solemn Mass
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7:15 pm Solemn Easter Vespers
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McNair sent home as contract is reworked

**Tennessee Titans owe franchise quarterback $9 million for 2006**

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans told Steve McNair they don’t want him working out in their building until his contract is reworked, the quarterback’s agent said Tuesday.

McNair was told to go home Monday when he showed up at the team’s headquarters for the start of the third week in the Titans’ offseason conditioning program. The team’s general counsel had called agent Bus Cook earlier Monday and informed him McNair would be told to leave.

A team trainer told the 11-year veteran to leave, Cook said.

“You tell the guy who’s the mainstay of the organization, the leader, to get out, that he’s not wanted, that’s pretty rough,” Cook said. “I don’t know what Steve will do or won’t do. I imagine he would have a hard time going back over there.”

McNair, the NFL’s 2003 co-MVP, is due $9 million in salary in 2006 — but his salary cap number is $23.46 million.

The Titans declined last month to pick up a $50 million option to stretch the deal through 2009, leaving McNair with nearly a quarter of their cap space. The Associated Press

We have no choice but to protect the club and its future from the possibility of having a significant amount of our salary cap at risk in a single player should he sustain a major injury,” the team said in a statement. “This is entirely a risk management problem.”

Cook said the Titans’ general counsel told him the team doesn’t want McNair working out on team property until his contract is reworked.

General manager Floyd Reese and coach Jeff Fisher were in Los Angeles following a private workout of Southern California quarterback Matt Leinart. The Titans said in a statement that they look forward to McNair returning once his contract is resolved.

“It was unfortunate the way this played out yesterday, but we think both Steve and Bus understand the team’s position,” the Titans said. “Other clubs facing the same dilemma have arrived at the same conclusion we did.”

McNair is the franchise’s winningest quarterback with a record of 81-59. He started 15 games in 2005 and threw for 3,161 yards.

The Titans are 15-15 the past two seasons. It is just McNair’s second trip to the DL in a major league career that began in 2001.

“The fact that it has happened back-to-back years is a cause for some concern at a low-level,” Soloff said. “But once again, he’s a rotational athlete and he generates some pretty intense torque around his front side. His rotational velocities are probably the highest in the game, just from his height and his size.

“I would say that his size plays into that, not his weight. We are comfortable where he is from a weight standpoint.”

Sabathia said he’s been consistent with his conditioning. He pulled out of pitching for the U.S. team in the World Baseball Classic so he would be ready for the season, another sign of his resolve to be the Indians’ No. 1 starter.

“ Conditioning has always been an important part of C.C.’s game, mainly more than most because he’s such a big guy,” manager Eric Wedge said. “It’s been consistent with it and as strong as he’s ever been. ... As electric as it was other night, he probably tried to reach back and do a little more and tweaked it.”

Soloff said that Sabathia’s arm should be ready to respond from the layoff sooner than a year ago because he pitched in spring training. In 2005 he was hurt warming up prior to his first spring start on March 6 and wasn’t activated until April 16.

The Indians called up 6-foot-6 reliever Jason Davis to take Sabathia’s roster spot. Cleveland doesn’t need a fifth starter until April 15 because of off days so will get by with four starters until then and then find a spot starter. The rest of the rotation is Jake Westbrook, Cliff Lee, Jason Johnson and Paul Byrd.

Sabathia felt the muscle grab when he delivered a pitch to Tadahito Iguchi in the third inning Sunday. He tried some warmup pitches but had to leave the game after just 2 1/3 innings.

“I was watching the game in the clubhouse, just watching video and I was throwing the ball harder than I thought I was,” he said. “I was going up there trying to throw the ball and ease, go 90, 91 and it was more like 93, 94. It was just being pumped up, I guess, because of the circumstances in the game.”
Rollins' hit partly due to Cards coach

With 3-0 count in last at bat, LaRussa made reliever throw strike

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Tony La Russa knew how many teams pitch around Mark McGwire to let it happen to Jimmy Rollins.

Rollins' hitting streak was on the line when he came to the plate with two outs in the eighth inning and the Philadelphia Phillies trailing the St. Louis Cardinals 13-5 in Monday's season opener.

Roller Adam Wainwright's first three pitches were out of the strike zone, and those remaining around the strike zone were ones Rollins couldn't hit.

"If he had thrown a ball and I couldn't get to it, I wouldn't have swung," Rollins said.

Phillies manager Charlie Manuel had called the meeting about Rollins swinging about 3-0 in the count.

"You usually don't have to give him the take sign if we're losing the game," Manuel said. "I wanted to see him have every chance. He got a good ball and he hit it. But the question will always be there about swinging 3-0."

Wainwright had no problem challenging Rollins.

"Obviously a guy who plays as hard as he does and gets a streak going like that, I respect that," Wainwright said. "It's kind of a pitcher's duty if a guy has something going like that to give him a chance at it."

A three-time All-Star shortstop, Rollins ended the 2005 season with a 3-0 pitch in the eighth inning.

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Several campus demonstrations have criticized Duke for not doing enough, but Brand called Brodhead's decision "evidence that the administration and faculty are treating it very seriously and not ignoring it."

Also Tuesday, the North Carolina chapter president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People said the group plans to keep watch on the investigation and has asked to meet with the district attorney who prosecuted any charges.

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Behavior of lacrosse team 'inappropriate at best,' Brand said

Associated Press

BOSTON — NCAA president Myles Brand said behavior at a Duke men's lacrosse party last month was inappropriate regardless of whether the alleged assault of an exotic dancer results in criminal charges.

The dancer, a student at a nearby university, told police she was raped at the party by three men who restrained and choked her as she struggled to free herself from a bathroom. Investigators have collected DNA evidence from team members but no charges have been filed.

A spokesman for North Carolina's attorney general's office said Tuesday the state's crime lab is still analyzing those samples.

Brand said no assumptions about guilt or innocence should be made before the case runs its course.

"Nonetheless, the situation that arose was inappropriate at best," he said in Boston, where he is attending the NCAA women's basketball championship game. "It is inappropriate that we should have any group of young men, let alone those who play on our athletic teams, inviting a stripper, under-age alcohol and that kind of environment."

Brand's comments were in response to a question during a news conference at which he discussed women's basketball before Duke played Maryland in the national championship game.

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The lacrosse team's co-captains have denied that anyone was sexually assaulted or raped at the party.

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Selig stands by Mitchell decision

Commissioner defends choice to head baseball steroid investigation

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Commissioner Bud Selig defended his choice of George Mitchell to head baseball’s steroid investigation, saying the former Senate Majority Leader has independence that Mitchell too is too much of an insider for the job — Mitchell is a director of the Boston Red Sox and chairman of The Walt Disney Co., which owns ESPN — a national broadcaster of baseball and the network airing Barry Bonds’ new reality show.

“It’s important for somebody who understands what I call the mores of culture of this sport as well as he does. That helps in the investigation. That doesn’t hurt it,” Selig said Tuesday after helping host the World Series rings to the Chicago White Sox.

“He has complete autonomy. He wouldn’t have taken this without complete autonomy. I mean the fact that we’re friends had nothing to do with it. He doesn’t come back and talk to me. I don’t want to hear from him. And he can do whatever he wants with whomever he wants. So I don’t know how anybody could have more independence than Sen. Mitchell,” he said.

The investigation is already under way and has no time limit. It was launched after a book detailing allegations that Bonds, who is approaching Hank Aaron’s career home run record, used performance-enhancing drugs for five years starting in 1998. The probe will be limited to events since September 2002, when baseball banned steroids, but Mitchell can expand the investigation if he feels it is necessary.

“What I said to Sen. Mitchell was that, ‘Look, we’ve done now everything we can do.’ We have the toughest program in American sports. We’ve banned amphetamines, which I think a lot of people don’t understand the significance of that,” Selig said.

“And while the book triggered, as I said last week, some of this because of the specificity of things, I think it’s fair — and I’ve thought a lot about it since — that we’ve taken care of the present, we’ve taken care of the future and now I think it’s time to move on.”

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Contact: Fr. Maureen Lafferty at Lafferty, 3.ind.edu

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the team's cohesive play was enough to knock off its first foe.

"We were the ninth-to-last rated team, so we have a lot to prove in this tournament," said Ultimate Draw captain Fritz Shadley.

Team 161 captain Pat O'Brien was not surprised by the outcome, as he thought going in his team was outmatched.

"We were hoping to play a girls team that wasn't taking it seriously," O'Brien said.

After an early 1-1 tie, Ultimate Draw ripped off seven straight points on route to an 11-3 halftime lead. The team used its strength and athleticism to create second-chance opportunities with offensive rebounds.

The chairmen of the boards were captain Fritz Shadley and Eric "The One Who Goes by Churninator" Cherry, who both fed outlet passes to teammates on fast-break points.

The Churninator donned a Wisconsin t-shirt and scored a game-high six points, burnering Team 161's defense with a shot that was a hybrid Kareem skyhook and one-handed toss. Every player on Ultimate scored at least three points.

Shadley said the tournament is a personal mission for him.

"I feel like I'm going to have to get back down there and see how I can play basketball."

1997 All European Team 21

Dem Keenan Boyz suffered a demoralizing loss of Euro-fabulousness was too foreign for the eccentrically confined "Boyz" of Keenan to cope with.

Dem Keenan Boyz suffered sudden death at the hands of the All Bigs, as an All Bigs defense with a shot that was a hybrid Kareem skyhook and one-handed toss. Every player on Dem Keenan scored at least three points.

Chupp complimented Obering's play.

"We used our big man pretty well," Chupp said. "Everything kind of fell through for him. He was a dominating force."

On defense, Chupp disrupted Dem Keenan Boyz' offensive flow by getting in the passing lanes and forcing turnovers.

Five Hot Girls Who Will Probably Lose in the First Round But Are Hoping to Get Lucky 23, Flumis 15

Defying the team name, Five Hot Girls used advantages in size and quickness to defeat the Flumis in Tuesday's game.

"We have some quick big guys that really helped us out on the fast break," Hot Girl junior Joe O'Connell said.

Five Hot Girls used its transition offense to seal the contest towards the end. The game was neck-and-neck through the first half, as Flumis employed a 2-3 zone, often doubling Five Hot Girls' big men underneath. The Hot Girls led 11-10 when the teams switched ends.

"We tried to limit their shots inside with the zone, but they got some put-backs and easy transition buckets," Flumis player Brandon Rechard said. "We hung in there, but then we got tired, and they pulled away." While Hot Girls had three players that were taller than the tallest Flumis member, the 2-3 zone kept Flumis in the game. But Hot Girls began hitting their midrange jumpers after the half and increased its lead to 16-13.

"We tried to attack the open spots and get the closest shot as possible. Then use our size to get putbacks," O'Connell said.

The Hot Girls pulled away using fast break opportunities created by an aggressive man-to-man defense to seal the victory.

Team 50 21, Fishing Fivesome 2

Despite eccentric clothing, the Fishing Fivesome did not overcome the wind, a talent disadvantage and an "inexp" coaching staff in a 21-9 loss to Team 50 Tuesday.

"I think our lack of ability stems from our coaching," Fivesome member Maureen Seifon said.

Using a coach-designed offensive strategy, Fishing Fivesome had more than 10 passes intercepted by Team 50 near the half-court line.

"In our defense, we did score points," Fivesome coach Mark Drisworth said. "To be honest, we're in it for the money.

Fishing Fivesome's tactic of wearing distractingly bright undergarments over regular clothes worked wonders on the defensive end of the court. Team 50 missed more than a dozen layups.

"We caused them to miss all those layups," Seifon said. "But the rest of the guys were just too lazy to get back down there and rebound."
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1 after sweeping the doubles matches and earning three wins in singles. Irish junior Christian Thompson attributed the victory to the collective efforts of the team. "The strength of our team comes from the depths of our hearts," Thompson said. "And it's only going to get stronger as we get closer to the NCAA Tournament."

The nationally ranked No. 3 doubles pairing of Thompson and Irish junior Catrina Thompson downed Purdue's Brooke Beier and Mallory Voelker 8-2 at No. 1 Sunday. The Thompsons were followed by the No. 3 pair of Buck and Kelsey Tefft, who defeated Randi Schuler and Notre Dame's No. 29 pair of Brooke Beier and Mallory Voelker 8-2 at No. 1 Sunday. The final doubles win came from Stephanie Wooten 8-4 at No. 2.

"We feel secure as we should win the point against Northwestern," but we shouldn’t be overconfident because they have good doubles (teams) too," Buck said. "Everyone is going to have to play well tomorrow, and I have full confidence we will."

The Irish have failed to secure the victory just once since this season in singles — a 4-3 loss to Vanderbilt March 29. Notre Dame is hoping not to repeat that loss. "We lost and it was a tough match, but it wasn’t like we weren’t fighting until the last point, and our coaches realize that," Buck said. "That day, Vanderbilt was a better team than we were. I think it was good for us, because we hopefully learned form it and use it to play well against Northwestern."

But the Irish are looking to continue to mount offensive attacks.

Notre Dame freshman Jill Byers enters today’s game with five goals on 15 shots and one assist against the Buckeyes senior midfielder Katie Foote, who was named Big Ten Player of the Week for the third time this year. Buckeyes senior midfielder Katie Foote, who was named Big Ten Player of the Week for the third time this year., has four goals and one assist against the Buckeyes.

The Buckeyes have won three out of its last four games against Ohio State. In 2002, Notre Dame's first NCAA Tournament appearance in program history, the Buckeyes were defeated by Ohio State in regular season play before beating the Buckeyes in their post-season run. Ohio State dropped its first eight games of the season before beating Davidson 16-5 at home Sunday.

Buckeyes sophomore midfielder K.C. Carter and sophomore attack Jessica Patane lead the Ohio State offense with 21 and 17 points, respectively.

Ohio State sophomore attack Kristen Slahor is the team's most efficient threat in the starting lineup. Slahor has eight goals on 15 shots and has added seven assists in nine games.

Buckeyes freshman Kristen Gilwee leads Ohio State in the net with a 10.34 goals against average.

In the next few weeks, the Irish face a gunnelt of tough opponents. Duke, Georgetown, Vanderbilt and Syracuse are all ranked and noble opponents to the resurgent Notre Dame squad.

Notre Dame and Duke clash Sunday at 1 p.m. at Koskinen Stadium in Durham, N.C. Georgetown hosts the Irish April 15 in Washington, D.C., and Notre Dame ends its regular season at home against Vanderbilt May 7.

The Observer was unable to contact tenth-year Irish head coach Tracy Coyne Tuesday.
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"We get teams pitching their ace against us, and we're using our young kids that are trying to get experience. So I thought our kids really met the challenge very well today."

"The Cougars cut into the four-run deficit in the second inning on an RBI walkout by catcher Cody Sandzimier with runners on second and third. Biff singles by Berrinsky and center fielder Chris Goya forced Graffy from the mound in the third inning with Notre Dame leading 4-2. Cooper drove in Notre Dame center fielder Alex Nettey home with his deflected double to right field to score Irish catcher Cody Rizzo that gave Notre Dame a 6-3 lead.

The Irish were able to muster just seven batters in the seventh inning but could not secure a hit against Graffy in the eighth. The Irish scored a pair of runs on a wild pitch and another error in the ninth. Sandzimier scored the run on an RBI groundout by John Torres to move the tally to the final of 6-4.

"We had very solid defense today," Irish center fielder Alexandra Kellie said. But when the Irish were in the lead where the Irish needed them, good things happened for Notre Dame.

In the first inning, the Irish second baseman Katie Laing led off the bottom of the second with a triple to the wall, but the Irish defense could not hold the base hit. In the second inning, the Irish cut into the Cougars' lead on an RBI double by Irish catcher Heather Giroux for the team's first run. Laing for the team's second run on a double to center and then drove a ball over the head of Eagles centerfielder Heather Giroux for an RBI hit.

"They'll bring it and we have to pick it up," Gumpf said. "They try to jam him sometimes and he doesn't back down." Maineri said of Rizzo's record. "He just takes it for the team. Believe me, I don't encourage him to do it. He doesn't even like to do it — but it's just one of those parts of the game. Thank goodness he doesn't get hurt."

"Notre Dame starter Wade Korgi and Cooper were named to the Big East Weekly Honor Roll this week. Korgi pitched a three-hit, 11 strikeout, complete game shutout of Western Michigan on Mar. 29 to earn recognition. Cooper hit .229 with a home run, two doubles and three RBIs in five games last week."

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*Notes*

- The Kohn breaking ball that hit Rizzo in the second inning was the 75th time the catcher has been hit by a pitch in his Notre Dame career. That vaulted him into sole possession of third place in the all-time NCAA career hit-by-pitch tally, surpassing Texas' Jeff Underreis (74). Gabe Somarabbi of Florida Atlantic holds second place (83) and San Francisco's Tony Hurrecto is the career leader (92).

- "We definitely have to pick it up next week," Gumpf said. "They'll bring it and we have to pick it up too."
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**Hey I just need to pick up coffee.**

Why are there four of you there? You think this job is easy, don't you, Pluto?

If it was so easy, why did they give us guns?

**Jumble**

**Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.**

**ACROSS**

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2 3 Wall St. deals

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1 Wander, aimlessly

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8 Something you make standing up

**Solve the Crossword**

**EUGENIA LAST**

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**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

**JACINTA**

Get smart

**JUICE**

Someone will be out to get you one way or another. Don't let the little things bother you. A chance to do something you enjoy and make a little money at the same time should be your goal. Discuss your options with someone you can confide in. 1 star

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BASEBALL

Cooper's double ignites Notre Dame offense in victory

By KYLIE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame first baseman Craig Cooper pulled two doubles down the left field line and ignited a first-inning rally to propel Notre Dame (18-8) over Chicago State (3-17) 6-4 Tuesday at Frank Eck Stadium. Cooper's double to open the game sparked a four-run Notre Dame first inning. He followed it up in the sixth with an RBI line drive off the glove of diving Chicago State third baseman Randy Bernosky to extend Notre Dame's lead to 5-3. It was Cooper's 40th career double.

With Cooper's first inning double, he reached base safely for the 14th time in 17 leadoff at-bats this season (.823 on-base percentage). He is hitting .769 at the top of the order with five doubles, one home run, three walks and a hit by pitch.

"I've always liked a hitter in the leadoff spot that was a slugger," Irish head coach Paul Mainieri said of Cooper. "Because if he leads off the game with a double or a home run or something, right away it puts pressure on the other team."

"It kind of sets a tone for the game that you've got an aggressive team that's going to attack the opposition."

Notre Dame freshman Brett Graffy earned his first career win after 5-1-3 innings of work in relief of lefty starter David Gruener.

Graffy entered the game in the top of the third with two outs and runners on first and second as Notre Dame held to a 4-3 lead. He allowed one run in the relief appearance.

Graffy worked out of the jam by forcing Cougar left fielder Chris Freshour to fly out to Notre Dame right fielder Danny Dressman. Mainieri originally planned to pitch Gruener for three innings and give Graffy the same workload before going to David

BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXV

Opening tips

Annual spring games started Tuesday on courts across campus

By TIM DOUGHERTY, CHRIS HINE and FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writers

The 35th edition of Bookstore Basketball tipped off Tuesday on the pavement of the HammeS Notre Dame Bookstore and two other sets of courts as teams battled in the preliminary round of the tournament. You Surely Received an Unfortunate Draw began its tournament with a 21-5 victory over Team 161.

Unfortunate Draw's name is a reference to past champions and 2006 No. 1 seed U Got a Bad Draw, though the spin-off team lacks a starting quarterback. But

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish and Bucks to tangle in Ohio

No. 10 Notre Dame faces OSU today before traveling to No. 4 Duke

By CHRIS WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

No. 10 Notre Dame meets a familiar opponent today as the Irish (9-1) travel to Columbus, Ohio, to take on the struggling Buckeyes (1-8) at Jesse Owens Memorial Field, in Columbus, Ohio.

It will be the 11th match between the two programs — a Notre Dame team record. Ohio State has won six of the previous 10 meetings.

Notre Dame hopes its high

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Courtney to host top-10 showdown

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

After a 4-3-road victory over Purdue Sunday, Notre Dame returns home to face No. 9 Northwestern at the Courtyard Tennis Center at 3:30 p.m. today. Despite facing one of the nation's top teams, the Irish are not allowing the pressure to get the best of them.

"This match is different than most because they are an incredibly tough team," Notre Dame sophomore Brooke Buck said. "But we are going into the match with the same mindset [as any other match]."

"Booth and Bargarg showed up more than anybody else tonight," Irish head coach Deanna Gump said.

ND BASEBALL

Booth and Bargarg shoot down Eagles

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame starting pitchers Heather Booth and Brittnay Bargarg led the Irish to two shutout victories Tuesday as Notre Dame swept a doubleheader against the Eastern Michigan Eagles with 2-0 and 1-0 wins at Ivy Field.

Booth and Bargarg each pitched complete game gems, combining for seventeen strikeouts while giving up only seven hits in the two shutouts.

Booth was able to work all her pitches in the first game — forcing hitters to chase after her fastball while fooling them with the changeup. Bargarg dominated the Eagles lineup in game two, striking out 11 batters with her overpowering fastball and baffling curve.

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SMC SOFTBALL

The Belles split a doubleheader with Robert Morris, winning game one 5-2 but losing the second 6-1.

NHL

Rangers 3
Flyers 2 (SO)

The Rangers clinched their first playoff berth since 1997, ending the league's longest drought.

MLB — NL

Tony LaRussa's decision to have his pitcher throw Jimmie Rollins a strike on a 3-0 count kept Rollins' hit streak alive Monday.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Legendary UCLA head coach John Wooden was scheduled to be released from a Los Angeles hospital today after being admitted Monday.

NFL

A judge dropped charges against Minnesota Vikings quarterback Daunte Culpepper stemming from a boat-party sex scandal.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Maryland 76
Duke 75 (OT)

The Terrapins used the extra frame to beat the Blue Devils and capture their first national title.