Students take leave to go abroad

By KATLYNN RIELY
New Writer

With more than two dozen study abroad programs in countries throughout the world, Notre Dame offers an off-campus learning experience for nearly every major and academic pursuit.

But for junior Brian Ching, his course of study led him away from University-sponsored sites to a unique program for seminarians in Belgium. Ching took a leave of absence from the College of Arts and Letters during the spring semester to study at Katholie Universiteit Leuven — the Catholic University of Leuven.

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Investigator embraces new role

By KATIE KOHLER
News Writer

As the academic year comes to a close for students, the end marks a new beginning for Kim Villere, Saint Mary's new security investigator and program coordinator.

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SMC printing clusters to charge fees

By EMILY LAVELLE
News Writer

Saint Mary's students used to free printing in campus computer clusters will be confronted with a "pay-to-print" system to be implemented by Information Technology this fall.

The transition from a free printing system to a payment program has been underway for a long time, chief information officer Keith Fowkies said. Fowkies assisted in making the decision to adopt such a program.

"It's not abnormal that we are moving to 'pay-to-print' software," he said. "Saint Mary's is actually one of the last schools to make the switch. Many schools, including Notre Dame, have had similar programs for years."

Once the system is implemented in fall of 2006, Hausman said, students will be given a print quota. Once they exceed this allotment of pages they will be charged money to print, she said.

While the College has taken student perspectives into consideration, the decision to implement the "pay to print" system is final, said Kathy Hausman of Information Technology. Students may see test models appear as early as this spring.

"We hope [students] have a chance to see the software and become familiar with it before the print quota and charges for exceeding the quota are in effect," she said.

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Service-seekers turn to Holy Cross Associates

HCA sends grads to non-profit agencies

By ADRIENNE RUFNER
News Writer

For 2005 Notre Dame graduates Matt Kuczora and Petula Mateus, entering the real world meant confronting and working to solve real problems.

Both alumni are working for Holy Cross Associates (HCA), a post-graduate service program that gives graduates the opportunity to both serve the community and to grow in faith.

"HCA allows you the freedom and space to decide how you will live your life as individual and as a community during your year of service," Fernandez said. Each year, about two-thirds of the 30 to 35 associates come from Notre Dame, with the remaining third drawn from colleges across the country.

HCA sends its associates to six sites across the United States, including one in South Bend and one international site in Chile. At each site, four to seven associates live together in communities and work for non-profit agencies.

"I believe [HCA] is important to the Holy Cross Congregation because it gets young people involved in work that previously priests would only do," said Mark Dreyer, assistant director of Holy Cross Associates. "The purpose is to get lay people involved in Holy Cross ministries."

"The Congregation of the Holy Cross seeks to serve the world through educational, apostolic and pastoral work,'" the order's website states. "HCA allows you the freedom and space to decide how you will live your life as individual and as a community during your year of service."
Maturity, personalized

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I digress. My point is we're all supposed to be mindful of our surroundings as we stumble around in the lottery barrel of life waiting for our time to be plucked out of our drunken stupor and placed into the real world. Today, I'm asking you all to think about where you are as we approach that moment.

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Think about it for a second. No one can really do anything without offending someone. Politicians, university life, sports, love, eating, dating, sleeping, having sex, driving a car, making a joke or drawing a comic — it doesn't matter what you do in life, someone, somewhere is going to be offended by it to the point that they demand that you stop.

Here's the crazy part. All of these things that we do, that may offend someone, are what makes life real. These are the things that we're passionate about doing, and at the end of the day you have to be confident enough to tune out objection and do what you love doing. You have to be your own critic.

Don't confuse my stance with hedonism, there are always lines that shouldn't be crossed and things that will always be wrong. My point is, let things go, other people's passions and societies determine what you will or won't do. Everyone has a different reason for getting up every morning. Everyone has a different reason for doing whatever it is they do and you should be able to do the same.

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OFFBEAT

Burglar steals cameras, forgets tape

ELKO, Nev. — A man accused of burglarizing a laundromat in Elko figured he made a clean escape over the weekend when he took off with the store's six video surveillance cameras. But it turns out he left some rather compelling evidence behind — the video machine and video-tape that recorded his face each time he stood in front of the cameras at the Southside Laundry.

Elko police said they came away with several close-ups of the suspect, Robert Lynn White, 52, Elko.

And even if the portraits were a little fuzzy, police said they would have been able to easily identify him because he was wearing cowboy chaps and a trench coat, the usual attire he wears around town.

Teen goes on 911-dailing spree

BUFFALO, N.Y. — A teenager girl acknowledged making about 1,000 fake 911 calls from her cell phone, laughing, taunting and saying, "You can't catch me," police said Monday.

Police said some of the calls made this month lasted several minutes, and one lasted an hour. The girl was charged over the weekend with two counts of misdemeanor falsely reporting an incident for allegedly making six fake 911 calls from a local church phone Saturday.

"She didn't give us a reason for doing this," Chief of Detectives Dennis Richards said. "She was very disrespectful, and she said that she was going to keep calling 911.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

The cancer awareness and survivor tree, dedicated by black Notre Dame alumni, was decorated with ribbons Tuesday. Each colored ribbon represents a different type of cancer. Ribbons are available at the Eck Center.

I wish you...
Ball players share memories of league

Women's teams drew large crowds during World War II years

By NICOLE ZOOK

They may have looked unsu­
ming with their glasses and walkers, but the three older women in the Saint Mary's Viannder Vennel Theater were once in the know in the world of professional sports. Janet "Pee Wee" Sears, Betty "Seekom" Jochum and Fran "Big Red" Janssen are former members of the all-American Girls Professional Baseball League (AAGPBL), but they didn't have to come from cities near and far to talk about their experiences playing ball during World War II - the three women, who spoke to an audience of baseball aficiona­
dos in the Student Center on April 2, are all local to the South Bend area.

The women spoke about what it was like to play baseball, how the sport has changed, being a woman in the man's world of athletics in the 1940s and 50s when it was unheard of for women to play any sport pro­fessionally and, of course, the movie "A League of Their Own.

"I just liked to play ball. I lived on a farm, and my brother and I would play," Janssen said. "I didn't even play organized baseball. I played at home and joined a softball team.

The women in the league were often traded "to keep the league even," Janssen said, and they lived with families in their team's towns.

Jochum said the players practiced every single day at 5 a.m., and practices and games were radically different how the game is played today.

"We didn't have the warm-up like they do now, we ran laps," Janssen said. "There were no team warm-ups. Pitchers were sort of on their own.

There was also no bullpen. Sears said, and coaches would let any player from the bench or outfield with a good arm try pitching during games.

The AAGPBL players wore skirts as part of their ladylike uniforms and faced a fair amount of discrimination in places from men who thought women shouldn't be playing baseball.

"I liked the uniforms - except for slippering," Jochum said. "It was especially bad in South Bend because there were walkers at the door.

"It was interesting to go to each town and read the articles in the newspapers," Janssen said. "Usually, men's sportswriters would write about these games coming to town to play baseball... usually they had some smart headlines, but a lot of fans came to see the games.

Women's baseball - and the AAGPBL - has been experi­encing a resurgence in popularity since "A League of Their Own" was released in 1992. The three women credited its director Penny Marshall, an avid AAGPBL memorabilia collector, for breaking new life into the sport.

"We were unknown until the movie started," Jochum said. "Otherwise, we never talked about the league.

Despite the inaccuracies the movie depicted like players living in fan's homes and chauffeuring never entering the dressing rooms, Sears said it was an accurate portrayal of the AAGPBL experience.

"The movie was quite good, I thought," she said. "I thought it captured the basic essence of the whole league.

One audience member asked Sears if the players actually sang the AAGPBL song at the league's 1988 induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame "like at the end of the movie."

"Oh yeah, that's our song!" Sears said. "I tell you what. when you put your name up on that list at Cooperstown ... I got tears.

The women said the players still remain in contact, and 438 attended the league's 50th reunion a few years back to reminisce about their days in the AAGPBL and how much playing baseball has affected their lives.

"It was the experience of a lifetime, really, especially for 1943," Sears said.

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Professors awarded fellowship
Cobb, Douthwaite among 187 recipients of prestigious Guggenheim

Two University of Notre Dame faculty members are among the 187 artists, scholars, and scientists receiving prestigious Guggenheim fellowships this year, according to an announcement last week from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation.

Paul Cobb, associate professor history and fellow of the Medieval Institute, and Julia V. Douthwaite, professor of French and assistant provost for international studies, were elected Guggenheim fellows from a field of some 3,000 applicants.

Cobb, a specialist in Islamic social and cultural history, is the author of a recently pub­lished biography of a 12th century Syrian hero entitled "Usama ibn Munqidh: War and Politics in the Crusades."

Douthwaite, a special­ist in 18th and early 19th century French literature, is at work on a literary history of the French Revolution.

She is the author of two books and the co-editor of three volumes of essays in her field.

Study looks at female role models

A study by two University of Notre Dame political scientists shows that the more women politicians are made visible in national news coverage, the more likely young women are to become politically active.

David Campbell and Christina Wolfrechts, authors of "Visible Female Candidate: Trigger Conversations about Politics," found that female adolescents' interest in politics is heightened by female candidates - in particular, those campaigning for high-profile offices.

"A highly visible woman in the future - perhaps even as the top of a major party presi­dential ticket - has the potential to generate signifi­cant interest in political activity," the authors report.

Campbell and Wolfrechts found that girls increased interest in politics can be ini­tiated by women running for office and, then, further heightened by discussions with a parent or another adult family member.

"Visible female candidates trigger conversations about politics between parents and their adolescent daughters, familiarizing girls with the political world and leading them to envision themselves as participants in politics," according to the authors.

The study was published in the March edition of "The Journal of Politics."

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1981, Campbell is an assistant pro­fessor of political science and faculty fellow in the Institute for Educational Initiatives.

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Service
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dedicate themselves to service. Each associate serves a one-year term, receives health insurance and is eligible for an AmeriCorps grant of more than $4,000.

Kuczora works in Goochella, Calif., for the Gochella Valley Housing Coalition, a non-profit housing developer that has built more than 2,700 homes for low-income families.

"With a generous somory, year-round warm weather and tremendous wealth, the Gochella Valley is also home to some of the poorest communities in the county all within about 30 miles of each other," Kuczora said.

Kuczora said he works on "the structural side of service." He writes grants and researches housing trends and legislation. An accountant major at Notre Dame, he said he was especially interested in this position because he learned business skills that have proved crucial to his new job.

"Business majors can do a year of service but it can be too," Kuczora said. "Actually, having a business degree of any kind is very valuable in the non-profit world and much sought after.

Fernandes is involved with Catholic Charities for Phoenix, where she works for a refugee resettlement program.

"I do not have any specific day to day duties, but I get lots of direct client contact and I have learned quite a bit about adjusting to life in the (United States) as a refugee and a lot about basic human need," she said.

HCA's mission stands upon four pillars — service, spirituality, community and simple lifestyle. Associates embrace these pillars in their work, social lives and living arrangements.

"I wanted an experience that would incorporate different aspects of my life into the daily service work that I would be doing," Kuczora said.

"The structural side of service is not the traditional idea of a year of service but it can be just as rewarding." Matt Kuczora 2005 graduate

Absences
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"These kinds of leaves of absence should be extraordinary and the cases should be compelling or strong," Jacobs said. "I want to get a readiness for study abroad not just 'I want to be in a country that's interesting, warm or fun,' but involves a set of courses that they couldn't find here, or in any of the other programs."

To study abroad in an outside program during the academic year, a student takes a leave of absence from her college. The dean of the college must approve the leave of absence, and then the request is sent to the registrar's office. During the 2005-06 academic year, a total of 74 students took an approved leave of absence for medical, personal or study reasons.

Of these 74, 16 received study leaves of absence, said Jennie Brackett, Grading and Academic Records Specialist for the Office of the Registrar.

"When a student asks me about it, there has to be a sign of preparedness," said Ching. "Theoretically, we would want them to be sure that they serve."

The program has enabled me to get an abroad experience while retaining seminary life, the Liturgy of the Hours, daily Eucharist, spiritual direction, etc." Brian Ching Notre Dame Senior

"The program has enabled me to get an abroad experience while retaining seminary life," Ching said. "For Ching, a leave of absence has given him a chance to study abroad while continuing his academic course and seminary training.

"There is a much broader and greater variety of views and it gives me a chance to meet other seminarians who are studying for a degree and enables me to grow in my understanding of the Priesthood, both in the Roman and consociated religious context," Ching said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Suicide bomber kills 41 in public park
KARACHI, Pakistan - A suicide attacker detonated a bomb during an outdoor Sunni Muslim prayer service Tuesday, killing at least 41 people and wounding dozens. In the mayhem that followed, angry rocks torched cars and hurled rocks at police, who fired warning shots in the air.

The attacker blew himself up near leaders of the Sunni Tehrik religious group, which helped organize the prayer service at a downtown Karachi park, police chief Niaz Siddiqui said.

The religious leaders were sitting near a stage erected in front of the thousands of Sunni Muslims marking the birth of Prophet Muhammad. Several leaders were killed.

"The bomber used about 5 kilograms (11 pounds) of explosives obtained locally, and we have collected his body parts," Siddiqui told The Associated Press.

Prodi narrowly wins Italian election
Rome - Center-left economist Romano Prodi emerged the winner of Italy's election by a razor-thin margin Tuesday, projecting to form a strong government able to run a deeply divided country mired in economic stagnation. But Premier Silvio Berlusconi claimed voting irregularities and demanded a recount.

The dispute could unfold in a period of uncertainty over the results, a process which could take weeks. The outcome of the election must be approved by the country's highest court, and it is up to the president to give the head of the winning coalition a mandate to form a government.

Even if there is a confident conclusion, the chances of a stable government under Prodi look cloudy at best. Four a return to the political chaos that has characterized Italian history since the end of World War II. There have been 60 governments in about as many years.

NATIONAL NEWS

Rumsfeld defends Iraq war policies
WASHINGTON - Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and his top military leader on Tuesday issued their strongest rebuttal to date of recent comments by retired generals criticizing Iraq war planning and calling on Rumsfeld to resign.

In particular, Rumsfeld said he didn't recall retired Lt. Gen. Gregory Newbold raising any objection to the Bush administration's planning when he was working in the Pentagon for the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"I never heard an objection to what he was doing even when he was here that I know of," said Rumsfeld.

"An awful lot of people around here were not shy about giving their views.... But in terms of why he would come up with this now, I just can't speak to.

Disaster reform to be ready June 1
WASHINGTON - The new government agency charged with toughening up regulations and enforcement of nation's building codes was to be ready by the June 1 start of the hurricane season.

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said Tuesday the changes are among 11 top emergency response priorities identified by the White House after last year's plodding federal response to hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Chertoff said all 11 reforms will be in place by the hurricane season's start. But he noted that much of the success or failure in responding to disasters will depend on how well federal, state and local officials work with Washington and have their own emergency plans in place.

LOCAL NEWS

IU student dies after fraternity event
BLOOMINGTON, Ind. - Authorities are seeking the identity of a student who died after a weekend fraternity event in Kentucky.

Junior Christine Wampler, 21, died at the University of Louisville Hospital Sunday morning, after her unresponsive in a hotel bathroom, said Robert Fracioni, a deputy coroner from the Louisville, Ky., coroner's office.

An autopsy did not uncover the cause of her death, and results of toxicology tests will take six to eight weeks, Fracioni said.

IRAN

Leader reveals nuclear abilities
White House presses for U.N. to impose restrictions on uranium enrichment

Associated Press

TEHRAN - Iran's hard-line president said Tuesday that the country has "joined the club of nuclear countries," by successfully enriching uranium for the first time - a key process in what Iran maintains is a peaceful energy program.

The announcement from President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was certain to raise international tensions surrounding Iran's nuclear program. The U.N. Security Council has demanded that Iran stop all enrichment by April 28 because of suspicions of the program is designed to make nuclear weapons.

Ahmadinejad warned the West that trying to force it to abandon uranium enrichment would "cause an ever-lasting hatred in the hearts of Iran's people.

The head of the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency, Mohamed ElBaradei, said Tuesday that Iran could "face severe consequences" if it continues enriching uranium.

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Ahmadinejad said the announcement was a "remarkable" development that "sets a new path in the history of Iran.

The announcement was not just a bold move, but a bold move in the right direction.

The International Atomic Energy Agency has been trying to negotiate with Iran on its nuclear program since 2003.

But successfully carrying out the highly complicated and delicate process even on a small scale would be a breakthrough, and Iran's nuclear chief said the program would "cause an ever-

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Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. - Jurors weighing the fate of Sept. 11 conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui examined government-provided photographs Tuesday of bodies burned inside the Pentagon and heard from two former military officers who crawled almost blindly through falling debris, choking smoke and searing heat to safety.

Despite Judge Leonie Brinkema's warning Monday that too much highly emotional evidence could imperil a death sentence on appeal, prosecutors showed the most gut-wrenching evidence yet in a trial stumbled with horrible images. The images came from the mammoth military headquarters just a few miles from the courtroom.

In the third day of testimony from relatives of 9/11 victims, the jurors showed little emotion. One man discreetly wiped his face with a tissue, on earlier days as many as six of the 17 jurors and alternates did so.

After a three-minute bench conference to argue with the defense over what could be shown, prosecutors displayed photos of a charred body on a blue stretcher, another charred body sitting upright inside a wrecked Pentagon office, several charred bodies piled together inside another destroyed office and a small torso covered with ash on a blue stretcher. The mostly intact bodies had barely discernible facial features.

Each picture was displayed for a few seconds. Within minutes, the jury left for lunch.

Moments later with judge and jury gone, Moussaoui defiantly shouted for lunch. "Burn all Pentagon next time."

Jurors also heard from two officers who may have been saved by their military training, Lt. Col. John Thurman, who was a major working on Army promotion policies on the Pentagon's second floor on 9/11, and Lt. Nancy McKown, who was working on the first floor as chief weather forecaster for the Navy's top brass.
Security
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cover narcotics officer.
She also has previous ties to Saint Mary's. Dave Chapman, head of Saint Mary's Security, was her road patrol supervisor while she served as a police officer.
Villere also worked as a drill instructor at a boot camp for juvenile delinquents in New Orleans, Fla. as well as an officer in southern Florida and New Orleans.
Until his assignment this month with the Orleans Police Department, Villere and his husband Anne, a registered nurse, lived in New Orleans.
"It's great to be back in my home town [of South Bend] with my family and friends," Villere said.
Villere described her position in Security as a "combined" one.
"I have the responsibility in that regard to assist the victim with receiving medical attention, assist her in contacting someone if she requests, and securing any evidence," said Kim Villere, Saint Mary's security investigator.
Villere's other aspirations include motivating students to get more involved in the community.
Villere said she wants her work to affect more than just the narrowly defined task of Saint Mary's community and hopes this summer will help her orient herself to the campus setting.
"I look forward to working with Health and Wellness in whatever capacity they would like so we can combat such issues as eating disorders," Villere said.
"My responsibility in that regard is to assist the victim with receiving medical attention, assist her in contacting someone if she requests, and securing any evidence," she said.
She will also be responsible for ensuring that the student body is made aware of hazards in the community, whether they be considered hazardous by campus policy or not.
Villere's final role is that of program coordinator. "It is my responsibility to organize and present programs to Saint Mary's students that raise more awareness of their personal safety," she said.
Villere said she is looking forward to growing into the position.
"While accepting this position at the end of a school year has its disadvantages, I am looking forward to using the summer months to develop many new programs and continue some previous programs," Villere said.
While Villere will continue to educate students on date rape, drugs, Internet safety and alcohol abuse, the program coordinator position has allowed her to put her own ideas into action. Villere utilized her new ideas as "Common Sense" programs.
"If eliminated, these [common sense] problems could reduce crime," Villere said.
Students sometimes engage in unsafe behavior, she said, such as running alone while listening to loud music or leaving bags unattended around campus.
"I would like to create other new programs such as training the students to remember valuable physical features about an attacker in the unfortunate event she is ever in that situation," Villere said.
Even with her campus security responsibilities, Villere also wants to work with Health and Wellness services at Saint Mary's as best she can.
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place," she said.
The IT department has not yet determined the exact quota or cost if printing but they are looking at different systems as models, Fowlkes said.
"Right now we are looking at Notre Dame's system, which allows students to print 1,000 pages per year. Any sheet over that would cost about ten cents," he said.
But whether or not Saint Mary's uses the same printing service as Notre Dame has yet to be determined. Fowlkes said it is one of the operating units the school is considering and a decision has not been reached.
Freshman Jessica Porter said she is not opposed to the adoption of a model like Notre Dame's.
"I'm glad they are setting a quota instead of just including an additional fee into tuition, because some of us won't use all of our allotted 1,000 pages," she said.
"This is a fair way to do it," said sophomore Kelly Maus who said she thinks that setting a quota is a way to manage student printing.
"I'm not opposed to the print quota but it is easy for me to keep track of how much I've used and how much I have left," Maus said.
Hausman said tracking the quota will be easy for Saint Mary's. When a student logs into a classroom terminal he or she will appear to notify the student how much of her print quota is remaining. When the student prints a document, a window will reveal each paper's name, amount of pages and specific printer.
The student will then be prompted to sign his or her Saint Mary's username and password to confirm the print job.
"This extra layer of security will prevent students from using up someone else's printing quota if they forget to log out of a laptop computer," Hausman said. The number of pages remaining will then be subtracted from the student's remaining print quota.
Students who exceed their print quota will be able to purchase print cards that will give them a pin number to enter into a Web page and increase their quota.
This method allows students to increase their quota as needed, Hausman said, without having to waste time to manually increase their quota.
Fowlkes said members of Saint Mary's must be willing to absorb the initial cost of the program, but were foreced to use a student's print balance.
"I hope I left a good impression," Maus said.
"I think I will remain with my family and friends," Villere said. "I miss Saint Mary's, but I think I will do a good job."
**Skilling testifies in Enron trial**

Former CEO proclaims 'absolute' innocence on stand during questioning

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Former Enron Corp. Chief Executive Jeffrey Skilling told jurors in his fraud and conspiracy trial Monday that he abruptly resigned from the energy trading company a few days before it collapsed because he was worn out and troubled by its falling share price — not because he knew disaster loomed.

"I am absolutely innocent," Skilling said right after he swore to tell the truth while testifying in his own defense. Then he let jurors know what's at stake for him: "I guess in some ways my life is on the line, so I'm a little nervous."

As he testified, he became more relaxed and conversational, with no hints of the swaggering bravado for which he was known when he ran what was once the nation's seventh-largest company. Known for his plain-spoken manner as he led Enron's transformation from a staid pipeline company into an energy giant, Skilling addressed jurors directly, his eyebrows raised slightly, looking earnest and alert.

At times he appeared self-deprecating, even telling jurors that he was admitted to Harvard Business School "by some huge mistake." Later, he sounded like a business professor, giving jurors a mini-seminar on Enron's businesses in the gas and electricity markets.

He repeated what he said twice before controversial panels in 2002, that Enron was "very good in the middle of August [2001] when I left." His lawyer, Daniel Petrocelli, asked if he had had any clue that Enron would flame out in scandal less than four months later. "Not in my wildest dreams, nor in my most conceivable way what happened," the ex-CEO said.

"Would you have left if you thought you understood the events that later transpired?" Petrocelli asked.

"No," Skilling replied matter-of-factly.

The 57-year-old ex-CEO's testimony kicked off the 11th week of the federal trial. His co-defendant, Enron founder Kenneth Lay, aims to testify later this month.

Both are accused of repeatedly lying to investors and employees about Enron's financial health when they allegedly knew fraudulent accounting propped up a facade of success. Enron careened into bankruptcy proceedings in December 2001, six weeks after announcing unprecendented losses and a massive equity writedown that generated intense scrutiny from once-adoring Wall Street and regulators.

"I know of no reason Enron would have to resort to fraud," Skilling said.

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**China agrees to copyright legalities**

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration, seeking to shrink a soaring trade deficit with China, won agreements Tuesday that the Chinese government will lift a ban on American beef, crack down on copyright piracy and positive, we were able to solve the problems," U.S. Trade Representative Rob Portman said at a joint news conference today, which were very frank and positive, we were able to solve some problems.

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FRANCE

Chirac backs down on youth labor law

Students participate in thinned-out protests

Associated Press

PARIS — Nationwide protests of the French government's labor law reforms flared again Tuesday after President Jacques Chirac, who moved in to pressure and petitioned his prime minister's youth employment law, said he backed down after two months of holding firm amid street protests because "we had to get out of the crisis."

Villepin said the safety of young protesters and year-end school exams were at risk. "In the face of blockades, we had to find a solution," he added.

Villepin said the measure would be replaced.

Students welcomed Chirac's decision, but now want the government to throw out the entire law — not just the article that would have created the youth job contract.

"We will stay in the streets until the government agrees to scrap the entire law," said Irene Morinore, 14, at the Paris march.

Villepin, Chirac's top protege, had argued that the measure would prime the economy for the challenges of globalization, but critics said it was badly designed and would erode treasured labor protections.

Villepin and other governing conservative lawmakers sought to piece their frayed coalition back together, and renewed calls for reforms of the rigid labor market.

Although the lower house was expected to discuss an alternative jobs plan later Tuesday, the only question on the table at this hour: What do we do to fight against unemployment of youths in this country?"

Dominique de Villepin
Prime Minister
France

SPAIN

Judge charges Madrid bombers

Detaileid indictment describes birth of terrorist cell and violent plans

Associated Press

MADRID — A Spanish judge issued the first indictments in the 2004 Madrid train bombings, charging 29 people Tuesday with terrorism and other crimes after a probe of the cell's past that revealed its nest of Islamic militant but no apparent link to al-Qaida.

In a minutely detailed indictment of 639 pages, Juan del Olmo, the investigative magistrate spearheading the probe, described the birth and workings of a cell of a long-term resident, most of them from Morocco and Syria.

Chirac's retreat on Monday of a broad equal-opportunity reform split between Villepin and Chirac's top protege, Finance Minister Francois Baroin, who has claimed the attacks were inbed asleep when the bombs went off and had nothing to do with the plot.

The other two are Emilio Saez Trashorras, a Spaniard accused of supplying the dynamite used in the attacks, and Abdelmajid Bouchar, a Moroccan.

Rabah Dounan, an Egyptian who has claimed the attacks were his idea, is among the three accused of recruiting and willing the atrocity to commit murder. He is on trial in Italy on separate terrorism-related charges.

Five of the six lead suspects also were charged with belonging to a terrorist organization, while 12 other men are accused of assisting the project.

The indictment said four witness

For a full text of the indictment, see today's International News.

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ITALY

Police capture major mafia boss Bernardo Provenzano

The arrest of Italy's number one fugitive comes after 40 years of spurning authorities and hiding in secret locals

Associated Press

PALERMO, Sicily — Italy's No. 1 fugitive and reputed Mafia "boss of bosses" practically thumbed his nose at authorities for more than 40 years.

He counted on Sicilians' centuries-old mistrust of the state to help him on the run, sleeping in islanders' homes, having his children born at local hospitals, even sending the public health care system a bill for prostata treatment abroad under a false name.

But police finally caught up with Bernardo "The Tractor" Provenzano on Tuesday in a farmhouse outside his power base, Corleone — the town that inspired the family name in "The Godfather." In the end, Provenzano was done in not by an informer or a rival gangster, but by a delivery of clean laundry. Police tracked the package to his hideout and closed in when they saw his hand peek out of the door to take it.

Provenzano had escaped capture so often since going into hiding in 1963 that he earned a place in the Italian imagination as "The Phantom of Corleone." He got his nickname "The Tractor" for the determination he displayed in a mob career that began as a hitman. He is believed to have taken out a life sentence so often since going into hiding that investigators have said.

"Bastard! Murderer!" a crowd shouted at the 73-year-old Provenzano as black-hooded policemen took him out of a sedan and rushed him into the courthouse.

Wearing tinted glasses and a wind-breaker, the gray-haired Provenzano held up his handcuffed hands as he was hustled away but made no audible comment.

Investigators described an extensive operation to track down the mobster. They said cameras that can see up to a mile were trained on suspected accomplices as well as the Corleone home where Provenzano's wife and children live.

A few days ago, police noticed a package leave the wife's house, then got delivered by car to a series of other homes. On Tuesday morning, the package left Corleone and was driven to the farmhouse where Provenzano was found staying with a shepherd who doubled as a housekeeper.

"This morning he reached out with a hand to grab the package and that's when we decided to move in," said Nicola Cavallero, a top police official in Rome.

Italy's national anti-Mafia prosecutor, Piero Grasso, told reporters in Rome that Provenzano was "impassive" and "didn't say a word" when arrested, but later acknowledged his identity.

The last photos that investigators had of the mobster showed him as a young man, but police gave the fugitive a "new face" last year — issuing a composite picture drawn with help from a Mafia turncoat in 2001 that depicted him with white hair and hollow cheeks.

That effort also was helped by descriptions from personnel at a clinic in Marseilles, France, where investigators say Provenzano sought treatment for a prostate tumor two years ago. Turncoats had told investigators that Provenzano slept in different farmhouses every few nights across Sicily, an island where organized crime has held sway for decades.

He allegedly gave orders with written notes — not trusting cell phone conversations for fear of being monitored by police. Grasso said investigators were studying notes found at the farmhouse, along with a writer Provenzano apparently used for writing them.

After taking over the top leadership, Provenzano helped the Mafia spread its tentacles into the lucrative world of public works contracts in Sicily, turning the mob into more of a white-collar industry of illegal activity — with less dependence on traditional operations like drug trafficking and extortion, investigators have said.

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In whose image?

When I investigated the following topic, I fell into research on eating and other related health and psychological disorders in women and men. In two weeks, through interviews and comments from you, I want you to try to give a picture of how these issues manifest themselves here, what treatment is available and where we all can do better to address people struggling with eating disorders and body image issues.

Around last Easter season, the media was aflame with coverage of Terri Schiavo. The conversation surrounded whether her feeding tube should be removed in her comatose state. The situation was immediately swept in the dialogue of the “sanity of life,” which it should have been — however not solely about euthanasia. The media and political focus on the decision of Schiavo’s passing, after being on life assistance since 1990, left out the reason she was in the coma. Schiavo had bimania nerves and collapsed and passed out during a purging of a meal.

Eating disorders and negative body image issues are thought of as a life issue. We are taught we are all made in the image of God, yet people who suffer from eating disorders see themselves as distorted, unworthy and imperfect. In the mirror they see too fat or too thin. Their actions — eating, exercising, etc. — are taken in response of fear of being overweight, not muscular, not attractive and not the ideal weight. The images of others, media, toy, fashion and culture standards of beauty, while chiseled under the toys, movies and television — shapes how we become internalized in the way we see ourselves, what we all can do better to address people struggling with eating disorders and body image issues.

The National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders estimates the number affected at seven million women and one million men. People of all different backgrounds are affected. Anorexia nervosa involves, according to ANAD, a refusal by the patient to maintain a body weight proportional to height and age. Usually 15 percent below what physicians would consider appropriate, people suffering from anorexia nervosa employ different tactics to slim down out of “an intense fear of gaining weight or becoming fat.” The tactics, which ANAD lists from forced starvation to becoming vegetarian, do not seem as crucial as the psychological motivation behind it — a desire to look different, fear of getting fat and distorted view of one’s weight. The death rate for anorexia is the highest out of all psychiatric illnesses.

Bulimia nervosa involves a cycle of uncontrolled binge eating, depressed feelings motivated by over fixation on weight and purging food through a variety of methods. Bulimics may be under- or over-weight, yet to them their bodies are not good enough. Both diseases result in serious health and psychological problems that can seep through all areas of one’s life. Binge eating disorder (BED) involves eating more than would or should in a short period of time. The patient feels out of control when they eat. Usually done in secret, BED sufferers may not delight in the taste of the food. The eating paves and emotional stress in bingeing mirrors bulimia, yet BED sufferers do not purge. An often forgotten disorder, mainly experienced by males, is muscular dysmorphia. Instead of shedding pounds, males with this illness over-exercise, lift weights, control diet and may use steroids to build muscle. Like in anorexia, muscular dysmorphia involves a distorted body image and desire to look a certain way. Men with this illness are obsessed with their body image, however they may not want themselves to be seen in public and hide their bodies in bulky clothes. Going to drastic measures of steroids, their goal is to build unrealistic muscles. Men also can suffer from the other conditions discussed. Men often go unnoticed or underrepresented in eating disorder conversations because these illnesses have been culturally tied to women. We assume men are not concerned with body image, or as a society things like building muscles are interpreted as a good thing. We hold up bulky action stars and consider strength as a neutral good. Yet, people with muscular dysmorphia often see themselves in a mirror as scrawny and weak — not masculine and unattractive.

The causes of these diseases are many — from upbringing to media. Particularly the media — from billboards, magazines, toys, movies and television — shapes how we see the ideal weight for men and women. Slim female celebrities are held as standards of beauty, while dressed in under-wear models define how men should look. All these images come down to us and become internalized in the way we see each other and ourselves.

Concerning eating disorders and body image issues, the notion of our bodies as manifestations of the divine is absent in this mirror. We forget ourselves beyond shape, size and weight. Yet, the solution is beyond affirming human dignity. People suffer from these diseases with significant time and support to recover. Studies show even awareness may be unachievable!

Learning the tactics to changing body weight can fuel these disorders. So, I am hoping to hear from you on how we can better attack these issues here at Notre Dame! Your feedback will be the content for my next and final column.

Kamaria Porter is a senior history major and demands whomever stow Michael Rossmann’s scooter to return it. Please give her feedback at kporter1@nd.edu.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
A stereotype is a common thought circulated to a large amount of people that is often untrue. Many stereotypes have specialized groups associated with them. The stereotype of the students in the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s communities that are idiotic and completely false. The women of Saint Mary’s are intelligent, confident and funny, as an example of a stereotype. The men and women of Notre Dame can take a joke.

Sometimes, stereotypes can often be misunderstood as jokes and make the teller of the joke seem ignorant and foolish. Why would a student of either of these institutions demean himself or herself by spreading statements that are untrue? The people that attend these schools are too much too want to ignore the eyes of others, whether on these campuses or throughout the world. Hopefully those reading this column will stand by you and acknowledge that a joke is meant for people to laugh at and a person who spreads a type of stereotype or gossip is also to be laughed at.

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U-WIRE

Dangerous love games

Don’t hate the player, hate the game. In 2005, U.S. computer and video game software sales grew to seven billion dollars, doubling the industry sales since 1996, according to the Entertainment Software Association.

It’s a game that has reached 50 percent — view others through a monitor than before ever.

Sex, war and “Grand Theft Auto” written into the scripts online gamers rehearse with, but this summer online gamers are taking one step closer to simulate sex — they’re turning the keyboard into a sex toy.

And millions of people will be playing with it. The ironically named “Safe Escape Studios” will release the headliner in the concert of online sexplotation, dubbed “Naughty America: The Game,” which will be available in players. “Why don’t we do it in the Information Superhighway?”

“Naughty America” tout itself as the “evolution of online dating,” where players can log in to a simulated computer world as a voluptuous cartoon character with the mission of attracting and finding friends with benefits. The players have the potential goal of spending the virtual night together at their own online apartments, or in a “public sex zone” built into the cyber scene.

If this is the evolution of online dating, then it’s time sales of online gaming sex toys. At least until same dating there is the notion that eventually the two parties will finally get together. But online games offer a sex act outed viaically through animated cartoon characters, so you never have to do it the real way.

For years, video games have allowed us to take on the roles of Masters of the Universe, celebrities like 50 Cent and James Bond and superhuman characters with the world in the palms of their hands. Now we’re putting flirtation at the fingertips of gamers, where sexual exploration is the new Super Mario world but with a different kind of scoring.

This combines Internet dating with the motel off the interstate — a seedy little place where sneaky little people can tip toup of public view and plant the virtual seed.

Relationships have influenced a student to change his mind on this topic. You tear into him for, "Jockular” comic strip, I feel the need to voice my opinion. Many readers have become genuinely upset with the cartoon because it portrayed Saint Mary’s students as the parasites to Notre Dame’s host cell. Although these people may be justified in their discontent, they are all missing the bigger issue which should be obvious when they read The Observer’s comics section. Plain and simple, Adam Fairholm’s “CrosswindWorld” is not offensive enough. Let’s analyze the strip that appeared in the March 21 edition of the paper to see where he’s going wrong.

The first frame shows two characters alone in complete silence. This is a typical Fairholm mistake without dialogue. He could have easily had one of them make a exist remark. There was enough space above their heads, and all he needed to do was draw a bubble and let the world breathe. Opportunity: missed.

In the next frame, the guy on the left wall asked about the activities that occur within the mysterious Knights of Columbus building on campus. Instead, he could have said that Holy Cross students are stilled cut in prozuza. Opportunity: missed again.

The third frame has a man in a top hat from inside the building giving a response to the previously made query. He says, “It involves fun, spinach dip and sex. To bows and arrows.” Fairholm probably should have had the man say something more, rehashing, who accurately restate the drunken Irish arch of the student body.

Opportunity: three missed.

In the final frame, one character points out that the man with the top hat was wearing suspenders without a shirt, to which the other character responds, “Yeah.” This reply does not cut it. Instead, they should have recognized him as a homosexual and then immediately started praying the gay away like good Catholics. Opportunity: I’ve lost count.

Now that I’ve brought this to everyone’s attention, I hope we can forget about the recent “Jockular” controversy and start focusing on more important issues, like the problems with “BagelTown,” or whatever it’s called.

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The copy of "Crossroads: the Collector's Edition" you keep carefully tucked in the back of your movie bin; the "Best of Vanessa Carluin" concert DVD that the varsity basketball player stealthily hides in the "Flash Hour 2" case; the "Mystery Science Theater: 3000" collection that leaves its Polo-clad owner's bottom drawer once every full moon — these are the films that shame us, the ones we just can’t let die, our best (or worst) guilty pleasures.

No jock will admit it, but undoubtedly among his film library is an old school Disney classic. Even the prissiest of girl's girls has a well-worn and beloved copy of "Pinch Black" hidden beneath her mattress. In the end, it's the old adage that holds true — one man's trash is another man's guilty pleasure. 

Dirty Dancing (1987)

A story on its devotes to be the greatest dancing film in all of cinema. "Dirty Dancing" is a coming-of-age tale with one of the decade's best soundtracks. Frances (Baby) Houseman (Jennifer Grey) is a Jewish teenager whose family vacations annually at a ho-hum Catskills resort. This particular summer, however, at the cusp of the 1960s, will change Baby's life forever, after she meets Johnny Castle (a pre-Roadhouse Patrick Swayze), the handsome dance instructor with a shady past.

Cinema dogma insists these two be together, and the audience has no objection, especially with multiple dance sequences and the cheesiest (thereby the best) dialogue in the business. Through their synchronized mambo skill and chemistry, they find "the time of their lives."

"Dirty Dancing" has it all — a great male lead for the women, irresistible dancing and drama, and Disney's Lumiere himself, Jerry Orbach, as Baby's father. In the end, however, one undeniable truth remains — nobody puts Baby in a corse.

Legally Blonde (2001)

"Underworld" holds true, for Brittney fans, the featuring the so-called compelling story and cinemac gold.

The Pagemaster (1994)

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The end of the cult tragedy and celebrating both are captured in that in "The Pagemaster Underworld" (2003)

"Underworld" is the film that seems simple to pick involving an epic, multi-turvy war between wolves, or "Lichens" vampires, and wolves, or "lichens" vampires, seems destined fall into the realm of cult-teenage-boy fan. However, the secret essence of "Underworld" is found in the male in room, but rather in female one next door. Surprisingly, girls are drives, with its two Beckinsale, a leading way of cerebellum of that. But with a tagline "Underworld" holds true.

Barbara Tarrer, center, plays Elle, a talented but oblivious blonde bombshell in "Legally Blonde." In the tradition of the movie "Clueless," Witherspoon takes her antics to law school.

Argued by its devotees to be the ultimate guilty pleasure. "Crossroads" is a road trip film with a three-day-old bubble gum pop kind of flavor. Lucy Wagner (Spears) and her two best friends (Taryn Manning for Supremacy,) the night of high school girl through the help of a great male lead for the women, irresistible dancing and drama, and chemistry, they find "the time of their lives."
1) Guilty Pleasures

LISE LIPOVSKY

For fossils like me, the movie "Rocky IV" pits the lovable American fighter against the indomitable Russian Ivan Drago. In a movie series that should have ended after the second film, quality is most certainly lacking here.

2) Embarrassment factor

You wouldn't admit it's your favorite film to a stranger, and your friends cringe every time you mention it.

3) Bad but quotable dialogue

"You can be my wingman any day..."

4) Sweet montages

Because nothing says timeless like a sequence of photos capturing the funniest moments -- with the USSR to the tune of "Burning Heart."

5) Bad acting

Whether films like these are blemishes on the name of Hollywood or signs of the power of film to gain sentimentality, they will continue to be cherished by movie fans for a long time.

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"Through the Fire" follows basketball phenomenon Sebastian "Bassy" Telfair from his humble Coney Island roots to a life in the NBA. He has a certain creative basketball genius that combines quickness with an active imagination. Telfair is frequently shown skiing his way through traffic for all manner of improbable layups and flashy no-look passes. Throughout the film, Bassy mentions his dreams of buying his mom a mansion and turning ankle that demonstrates just how bad of a decision making he has bought his big brother Jamel a brand-new BMW. In the sequel, he turns to the camera and, in moments, he turns to the camera and, in another of Sebastian's brothers who works tirelessly with Bassy as personal coach and trainer. Rounding out the family is Sebastian's mother, with whom he has a very close relationship, and his little brother Ethan, who idolizes his brother and dreams of playing in the NBA himself. Every member of the family is involved in Telfair's career in their own capacity. Apparently producing a straight-to-the-pretentious high school film in LaBelle, Florida, tackling foggy flush - it takes a village. And there's also a tremendous amount of pressure on Bassy's sub-six foot frame to come through - the entire future of his family rests on his slight shoulders. What can they do? Their family and dreams of play- ing in the NBA are at stake. Sebastian Telfair has been a topic of conversation in the NBA for years, and most exciting element of the sequel. He not only "causes" the meltdown but he also "fixes" it at the end. He has employed a great deal more in this film than he was in the first one. If a third film is made, Scrat can be expected to dominate the movie, as he is the most memorable and truly enjoyable character. He is also proof that film makers do not need raunchy, ground-humor in order to win laughs - something the writers should take note of, since that lower form of humor was all-too-present in "The Meltdown." Unless you really enjoyed the original "Ice Age" or are a fan of any animated movie regardless of quality, then you should not see this movie. But if you are forced to take a younger sibling or Easter basket, don't worry - because Scrat is your $25 win in the lottery.

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New DVD documents 'Telfair' for the dramatic

By TAE ANDREWS

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Through Telfair's thick Coney Island accent, the viewer can hear the street, the hardship of growing up poor in a bad neighborhood, and the roar of the crowd. Sebastian "Bassy" Telfair dribbling a basketball at "The Garden," a street-ball court nicknamed after Madison Square Garden where aspiring hoops hope­ fuls play out their dreams of NBA glory. At its heart, that's what "Through the Fire" is - a tale of dreams.

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Shaq, Heat burn Raptors with 106-97 victory

O’Neal records second career triple-double with 15 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists; Walker tallies 32 points

MIAMI — Shaquille O’Neal called it “pure basketball,” and he certainly made it look that way.

O’Neal had his second career triple-double — a 15-point, 11-rebound and 10-assist effort in 29 minutes — and Antoine Walker had one to add a season-high 32 points as the Miami Heat overcame Ozyme Wade’s absence to beat the Toronto Tuesday night and send the Raptors to their ninth straight loss.

“I’ve been a very unselfish player,” O’Neal said. “I knew they were going to double, so I just wanted to keep my guys involved. I learned a long time ago that if I run my other guys involved, it’ll be an easier game for me. I just kept making the good pass and my teammates made me look good.

Wade, fifth in the NBA with 27.5 points per game, stayed home to continue fighting a flu-like illness that has hampered him for several days. He missed a perfect night for the Heat — they saw their magic number for clinching the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs drop to two after New Jersey beat Milwaukee on Tuesday. “Obviously, I’m very happy,” Heat coach Riley said.

The Raptors double-teamed O’Neal nearly every time he touched the ball, so Wade — the top scorer in the NBA, a jumper and connected with Shaq with off-balanced 3-pointers that stopped a Raptors’ rally — had a willingness to do that,” said Derek Anderson, who had 17 points for Toronto. “That’s what people don’t understand. A lot of guys in this league say they’re double-teamed — late in the half, a jumper and connected with Shaq in the half,” Wade said. “We were able to find our 3-pointers regardless of what happens. And when he’s willing to do that, it gives us confidence to make plays and make shots. That’s what you need to win games.”

While the Raptors remained torrid for the Raptors. He scored 32 points, his fourth straight game cracking the 30-point mark, and Morris Peterson added 23 for Toronto — which stayed close by hitting 13 3-pointers.

Jabs passed over to congratulate O’Neal when the game ended, and the Raptors kept lobbing praise Shaq’s way after the contest.

“You double him, and he shows what he can do passing,” Peterson said. “That’s why he’s a Hall of Famer. He’s a guy who gets the job done. He picked us apart.”

O’Neal only other triple-double was Nov. 20, 1993 — when he scored 24 points, grabbed 28 rebounds and blocked 15 shots for the Orlando Magic in a win over the New Jersey Nets. His big night took some luster off Walker’s best performance in a Heat uniform.

Walker was shooting only 30 percent and averaging eight points per game in April as the Heat got off to a 2-4 start — but connected on 13 of 26 shots, plus added rebounds and five assists.

“If Antoine can play like that, we can win the whole thing,” O’Neal said.

Toronto was within three points at the start of the third quarter before the Heat pulled away, with Walker’s 3-pointer with 5:16 remaining followed by a kiss of his hands, which he raised skyward, giving Miami a 101-86 lead. The Raptors didn’t get closer than 10 again until the final seconds, with the outcome decided.

“I knew we were gonna say ‘So out of my way, I was going to have to be more aggressive,’” Wade said. “Walker did a great job of playing defense and he did a terrific job finding guys.

Haslem had 15 points and nine rebounds and Payton added 15 points for the Heat. Walker had 11 rebounds and 10 for a personal 9-0 run — two three-point plays, then a 3-pointer — to cap the Hawks’ half, a burst that gave Miami a 26-14 lead. He finished with 11 points in the first half and 19 in the second half, helping the Heat claim a 61-51 lead at intermission.

James hit a 3-pointer late in the third quarter to get Toronto within 80-77, but the Raptors got no closer. Their season is ending almost the way it began.

“Definitely it’s not fun being one of the first teams to be home,” James said.

Grizzlies 92, Timberwolves 76

With Kevin Garnett and Ricky Davis out of action, what was left of the Minnesota Timberwolves wasn’t enough to even put a scare into the play-off-bound Memphis Grizzlies.

Pau Gasol had 19 points and 10 rebounds, Chauncey Billups added 17 points, and the Grizzlies beat the injury-depleted Timberwolves on Tuesday night.

“It’s very difficult,” Timberwolves coach Dwane Casey said of taking his young players against the Grizzlies.

You know ‘we’re coming in here against a veteran team, like Memphis who is playoff ready, they are playoff tough.’

“To come in here for our young guys and compete the way they did, it’s a tough task. But this gives our young guys a taste of what playoff basketball and playoff-ready teams [are] about.”

Memphis won for the fourth time in five games and moved a half-game ahead of the idle Los Angeles Lakers for the fifth playoff spot in the Western Conference.

Bobby Jackson finished with 16 points for the Grizzlies, Jakie Gist added 13, and Mike Miller scored 18. Gasol added six points.

Besides missing All-Star Garnett and Davis, the team’s second-leading scorer, Minnesota was also without guards Anthony Carter and Troy Hudson. That’s an average of 24 points and almost 20 rebounds a game that didn’t make the trip to Memphis.

“I really admire what Casey is doing,” Memphis coach Mike Fratello said. “When you take guys out of your lineup like Ricky Davis and KG, it makes it very difficult to play at this level.’’

The absences gave Minnesota adequate reasons to continue giving younger players extra minutes.

Justin Reed led the Timberwolves with 14 points on 7-of-11 from the field, Rashad McCants scored 13 points and Marcus Banks added 10.

The Timberwolves have lost four of five overall and 14 straight on the road. Minnesota has not won away from home since Feb. 6.

Memphis built its 18-point first-half lead as Atkins hit his first four shots, all from outside the arc. The Grizzlies connected on seven of their first 11 from long range.

“A team like that, you want to jump on them early so they don’t get any confidence,” Atkins said. “If you let them linger around and linger around, they get confident, then they are tough to beat. We wanted to come out and put the heat on them right away and let them know we weren’t going to play around.”

A team like that, you jump on them like we did, they tend to give up because they are just trying to get the season over right now.

Memphis carried a 44-29 lead into halftime as Atkins added 13 and Gasol added 12 points. Banks had all 10 of his points for the Timberwolves in the first half.

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**Mets spoil Nationals home opener with 7-1 win**

Rookie Bannister records first major league victory with three hits and one earned run in seven innings of work.

WASHINGTON — No brawls, beanballs or even brushbacks Tuesday between the Nationals and Mets. No sellout and no balking stands, either, at Washington’s league baseball returned after a way than last season, when big league baseball returned after a 24-year absence to plenty of fanfare.

The announced crowd of 40,530 — more than 5,000 shy of capacity — didn’t have much reason to root, root, root for the home team. Rookie Brian Bannister shut down Washington’s struggling offense again for his first major league victory, and Carlos Beltran of capacity — didn’t have much reason to root, root, root for the home team. Rookie Brian Bannister shut down Washington’s struggling offense again for his first major league victory, and Carlos Beltran home opener, which was much more comfortable, we started going back in.”

No batter had to dive out of the way of an up-and-in heater. The only person who appeared to get nicked by a ball was plate umpire Brian O’Nora, when a foul tip bounced up and hit him below his mask.

**Padres 9, Marlins 3**

Khalil Greene says he tends to get a little timid when he comes to the plate. The Florida Marlins can vouch for that. Greene drove in four runs with two homers to help the San Diego Padres shake a slump, and they spoiled Florida’s home opener by winning Tuesday.

The Padres, who scored a major league- low 19 runs in the first week of the season, snapped a four-game losing streak.

Greene hit a two-out solo homer in the second and a three-run shot in the sixth, giving him four homers this season and a share of the NL lead with four others, including St. Louis slugger Albert Pujols.

“I don’t expect to be at the top at the end of the year,” Greene said. “When I hit home runs, they tend to come in bunches. I’ve gone a long time without hitting any homers.”

Greene, who grew up in Key West, Fla., has four of the Padres’ six home runs after hitting 15 each of the past two seasons.

“It’s up to them. It’s what they want,” said Bannister, whose manager Bruce Bochy said, “Khalil is going to be an offensive shortstop. He’s going to supply some power.”

Woody Williams (1-0) won in his first start as a replacement for Shawn Estes, sidelined by a strained elbow. Williams allowed three runs in five-plus innings.

“I knew they had to dig deep in the well to throw me out there,” Williams joked.

**Reds 9, Cubs 2**

Here’s what Bronson Arroyo has shown the Cincinnati Reds since joining them less than a month ago: He can beat the Chicago Cubs and he can hit home runs off Glendon Rusch.

Arroyo, with no homers in his first six major league seasons, hit his second off Rusch in six days Tuesday, one of six long balls by the Reds as they routed the Cubs on a windy day at Wrigley Field.

“I got lucky again. Just kept backing,” Arroyo said after throwing seven shutout innings and hitting a ball over the left- field bleachers that landed on Waveland Ave.

“I really just couldn’t believe where the pitch was because it was almost identical to last time ... I was a little surprised,” he added. “I knew the wind was going out. I got it good like I did last time. I figured that it wasn’t going to land anywhere in the park.”

Adam Dunn hit a pair of solo shots and Ken Griffey Jr. and Arroyo had each one off Rusch in the first four innings. Edwin Encarnacion hit his first career grand slam and Austin Kearns followed with another homer, both off Willy Ohman in the sixth.

“He’s got more homers than Willy Mo already,” Dunn said of Arroyo, who was traded from the Red Sox on March 20 for Willy Mo Perez.

“He’s got a good swing. That’s impressive. He’s showed me two tools so far.”

Arroyo, who hit his first homer since high school off Rusch on April 5 at Great American Ball Park, connected for the Reds’ third of the game leading off the third. Arroyo’s homer last week was his first hit since 2001.

“I don’t have anything for you,” Rusch said, unable to explain how he could give up two homers to the same previously light-hitting pitcher in less than a week.

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Flyers fight for home ice, beat Penguins 4-3

Carter’s power-play tally late in the third breaks 3-3 deadlock

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Though they have a 17-year separation, the Philadelphia Flyers are desperately trying to earn home-ice advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

With four games remaining, it’s simple for Philadelphia: Win out and secure the No. 3 seed in the Eastern Conference.

Jeff Carter’s power-play goal with 6:32 left in the third period lifted the Flyers to a 4-3 win over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Tuesday night.

The Flyers wasted a 3-0 lead, but earned the victory to move within three points of the Atlantic Division-leading New York Rangers. The Rangers have just three games left, including one meeting between the teams.

Philadelphia is fifth in the East, two points ahead of New Jersey with two road games left against the Devils.

“They see our fans just will us in to playoff games,” coach Ken Hitchcock said. “I think home-ice is something you play written on the backboard. It’s real difficult when you consistently have to win road games in the playoffs.”

Carter is 21-13-6; the Flyers have only Saturday’s game against the Rangers left at home. They are 22-11-5 on the road.

Simon Gagne scored his 45th goal and Joni Pitkanen and Brian Lashoff also scored for the Flyers, who were without their star center Peter Forsberg for the third straight game because of a groin injury.

“With the game on the line, that was just kind of bouncing around out there,” Carter said.

“Bob’s (Efro) back there protected it with several outstanding saves in a frantic final minute. Esche made 23 saves in his fourth start in five games for the Flyers, though Hitchcock hasn’t announced whether Esche or Antero Niittymaki will be the starter next game because of injuries.

“For me, it was just a great night, and I did it with a great group of guys that really appreciated the first 99 as much as they appreciated tonight,” the 37-year-old goaliekeeper said.

“They let me know about it all week.”

Ben Olsen scored the tying goal in the 25th minute off a record-setting assist from Sidney Crosby. Crosby became the ninth U.S. player to reach 100 international appearances and the United States salvaged a 1-1 tie against Jamaica on Tuesday night.

It was the final exhibition game before Arena settles on the 23 players he will take to Germany this summer. A day earlier, he told the team not to worry about making the final cut. He wanted them simply to have fun.

“It’s getting down to the nitty gritty,” defender Chris Albright said.

“Almost every game is like a playoff now. It’s a great opportunity.”

Before the kickoff, Meola was honored as the ninth U.S. player to reach 100 caps — soccer’s term for international appearances. He was the starting goalkeeper at the 1990 and 1994 World Cups, and the No. 3 goalkeeper four years ago.

Meola hadn’t played for the national team since May 16, 2002, and his addition to the roster was seen largely as a symbolic gesture by Arena. Rarely four minutes into the game, it appeared Meola might be in for a long night when Jamaica took a 1-0 lead.

“We started slow. Give them credit, they came at us,” Meola said.

“About 15 or 20 minutes, I thought we picked up the pace and played fairly well. All in all, I thought it was a good performance.”

Donovan got his 23rd career assist, moving him ahead of Los Angeles Galaxy teammate Cobi Jones for the most in national team history as the Americans avoided losing for the first time in 17 games against Jamaica (9-0-8).

“Oh, that’s right, I forgot about that,” Donovan said when told of his record. “It was Cobi before, right? I got it in less caps, and I’ll tell him this week. That’s cool man.”

The Observer
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Associated Press

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The signature of his VCU teams was defense. This season, the Rams allowed 62.4 points a game. On offense, they averaged only 12.5 turnovers and made nearly eight 3-pointers a game.

Sampson inherits an Oklahoma team that loses three of its top four scorers in seniors Taj Gray, Terrell Everett and Kevin Bookout.

District Attorney vows to pursue Duke rape case
DURHAM, N.C. — Standing before a mostly black audience, the district attorney in charge of the Duke University rape investigation said Tuesday he does not need DNA to bring charges and vowed, "This case is not going away."

District Attorney Mike Nifong spoke one day after defense attorneys said DNA testing failed to connect any of Duke's lacrosse players to the alleged attack on a black stripper who said she was raped by members of the nearly all-white 47-man team.

Nifong stopped short of confirming the defense assessment of the DNA results, but said the case would not be hampered by a lack of DNA evidence.

"It doesn't mean nothing happened," Nifong said at North Carolina Central University, where the 27-year-old alleged victim is a student. "It just means nothing was left behind."

University of Alabama booster killed in home
MEMPHIS, Tenn. — A Alabama booster convicted of bribing a high school coach to get a top recruit for the Crimson Tide was killed in his home, police said Tuesday.

Police and his defense attorney confirmed the death of Logan Young, 65, not saying how he was killed.

Investigators found "a lot of blood," police Sgt. Vince Higgins said. "The nature of the attack was brutal."

Higgins said there were signs of a struggle in the house, a two-story home in one of Memphis' most exclusive country club neighborhoods.

Investigators don't know a motive or if the attack was related to Young's federal conviction, Higgins said. Police haven't determined how his home was entered or how many attackers there might have been.

While police waited for fingerprints to identify the body, Nashville defense attorney Jim Neal confirmed the victim was Young.

Adidas ink 11-year deal with the NBA
FRANKFURT, Germany — Adidas signed an 11-year deal with the NBA on Tuesday, making the German athletic shoe company the official uniform and apparel provider for the league.

The company said the deal includes providing uniforms and other products for the WNBA and the NBA's development league starting with the 2006-07 season.

Adidas, a marketing partner with the NBA since 2002, said the deal came as a result of last year's acquisition of Reebok by Adidas.

Reebok will continue to be a global brand for the NBA's development league. Adidas branded footwear.

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The signature of his VCU teams was defense. This season, the Rams allowed 62.4 points a game. On offense, they averaged only 12.5 turnovers and made nearly eight 3-pointers a game.

Sampson inherits an Oklahoma team that loses three of its top four scorers in seniors Taj Gray, Terrell Everett and Kevin Bookout.

District Attorney vows to pursue Duke rape case
DURHAM, N.C. — Standing before a mostly black audience, the district attorney in charge of the Duke University rape investigation said Tuesday he does not need DNA to bring charges and vowed, "This case is not going away."

District Attorney Mike Nifong spoke one day after defense attorneys said DNA testing failed to connect any of Duke's lacrosse players to the alleged attack on a black stripper who said she was raped by members of the nearly all-white 47-man team.

Nifong stopped short of confirming the defense assessment of the DNA results, but said the case would not be hampered by a lack of DNA evidence.

"It doesn't mean nothing happened," Nifong said at North Carolina Central University, where the 27-year-old alleged victim is a student. "It just means nothing was left behind."

University of Alabama booster killed in home
MEMPHIS, Tenn. — A Alabama booster convicted of bribing a high school coach to get a top recruit for the Crimson Tide was killed in his home, police said Tuesday.

Police and his defense attorney confirmed the death of Logan Young, 65, not saying how he was killed.

Investigators found "a lot of blood," police Sgt. Vince Higgins said. "The nature of the attack was brutal."

Higgins said there were signs of a struggle in the house, a two-story home in one of Memphis' most exclusive country club neighborhoods.

Investigators don't know a motive or if the attack was related to Young's federal conviction, Higgins said. Police haven't determined how his home was entered or how many attackers there might have been.

While police waited for fingerprints to identify the body, Nashville defense attorney Jim Neal confirmed the victim was Young.

Adidas ink 11-year deal with the NBA
FRANKFURT, Germany — Adidas signed an 11-year deal with the NBA on Tuesday, making the German athletic shoe company the official uniform and apparel provider for the league.

The company said the deal includes providing uniforms and other products for the WNBA and the NBA's development league starting with the 2006-07 season.

Adidas, a marketing partner with the NBA since 2002, said the deal came as a result of last year's acquisition of Reebok by Adidas.

Reebok will continue to be a global brand for the NBA's development league. Adidas branded footwear.
An Irish player accelerates toward third base during Notre Dame's 6-0 win over Ball State Tuesday at Ivy Field.

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The only Irish runs after three in the first inning came in the sixth. Notre Dame sophomore Brittany Glynn crushed a two-run Homer down the left field line in her fourth at bat of the season. It was the first hit of her collegiate career.

Glynn came into the game in the fourth inning, replacing Irish junior Stephanie Brown—who came out of the game due to a shoulder injury she sustained in the dugout from a foul ball off the bat of Irish junior Carissa Jaquish.

In her next at-bat Jaquish hit another fluke foul ball, this time hitting herself in the lip. The blow required stitches and she was forced to join Brown in the dugout.

"We had a lot of crazy things happen out there today," said Gumpf.

Gumpf said both players will be back in the line-up shortly.

Notre Dame will host DePaul Thursday in a doubleheader. The first game will start at 4 p.m.

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The 1997 All-European Team beat The Tournament is Named After Us, So We Have To Have A Team 21-15 in an hour-long game played in dreary conditions.

Both teams watched numerous shots sail off-target in the breeze. Unable to hit jump shots in any regularity, the squads adjusted their game plans and utilized their post players—which gave a significant advantage to the taller Europeans.

The Bookstore team also suffered an injury to one of their players midway through the second half.

"They played a lot more physically than we did, they controlled the boards," the Bookstore team said in a joint statement after the game. "They played at a tempo that they were comfortable with."

The European team said they planned to stay true to their roots and party like they do at home.

"This was a good win," they said. "We're going to go out for some gyros, maybe some crepes, to celebrate in real European style."

Justice League of Notre Dame 24, We Were Picked Last in Grade School 22.

In a marathon contest that lasted over an hour and half and ended in overtime, the Justice League of Notre Dame defeated We Were Picked Last in Grade School 24-22.

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Justice League's players agreed.

"Both teams played their hearts out the whole game. The lead switched so many times, it was never a sure thing," Justice League forward Dan Leszcowicz said. "We thought we were going to be out here all week."

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The 1997 All-European Team

Justice League of Notre Dame

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Four Girls Who Have Never Touched a Basketball and One Guy Who Probably Shouldn't have been scouting us," Girts said.

But Four Girls was awarded the victory by forfeit after 21-17 win.

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Four Girls Who Have Never Touched a Basketball and One Guy Who Probably Shouldn't

evening bookstores officials discovered that a Team 50 member has competed in multiple teams in the tournament, 40 minutes into the game.

Though even the initial score had Team 50 on top, the team was punished with a loss and an early Bookstore exit.

Four Girls had no pity on them.

"That was absolutely foolish," Four Girls guard Matt Bana said of the illegal roster move.

Four Girls guard "Birthday Boy" Jimmy Wilson added that he was not impressed with Team 50's style of play.

"They played like a bunch of nancies," he said.

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The Golden Grizzlies committed eight errors, including two in the first inning alone.

Notre Dame third baseman Jeremy Barnes talked about his play for the Irish by knocking in first baseman Craig Cooper, who led off the game with a double. Oakland shortstop Ryan Heath misplayed Barnes’ hard-hit ground ball, and Golden Grizzlies left fielder Tito Doig committed an error backing up Heath to allow Barnes to advance to third base on the play.

“They struggled defensively,” Bransfield said. “It was really windy and our field was a little dry, so it was playing rough.”

Notre Dame sophomore right-hander Joey Korpi pitched with a lot of confidence. He’s just starting to pull it all together.”

Matt Bransfield
Irish outfilder

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Saint Mary’s looks on during the Belles 9-3 win over Alma Friday at Saint Mary’s Field.

The Golden Grizzlies avoided the shutout with a lone run in the eighth inning.

Notre Dame freshmen Division III Manchester today at 5:05 at Frank Eck Stadium. Irish freshman right-hander David Phelps will likely start for the Irish. Phelps is 1-0 with an 8.78 ERA in seven appearances (two starts).

He has struck out 12 and walked seven in 13 1-3 innings.

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Ross Bizotzky followed Barnes with an RBI groundout to second base to give the Irish a 2-0 lead. Bransfield then hit the first of his homeruns on a 1-0 count against Oakland starter Kevin Hale. Notre Dame catcher Sean Gaston sent Hale’s next pitch over the fence in right center to give the Irish a quick 4-0 lead.

“You kind of take away some of the hope some of the teams come in here having with big innings.”

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Saint Mary's sweeps home doubleheader with Calvin

By DEIRDRE KRAULA
Sports Writer

Calvin held a 5-0 lead in the top of the second inning Tuesday, but it was all downhill from there as Saint Mary's came from behind to win 8-7. The Belles went on to complete the home sweep with a 3-0 victory in the following game. "We trusted our offense," Saint Mary's head coach Erin Sullivan said. "We didn't panic and just took it one hit at a time."

Trailing by five runs, Saint Mary's (12-7, 7-1 in the MIAA) scored in three innings off the lead with two runs in the top of the third on RBI singles by left fielder Erin Gertz and shortstop Jeanne Cole.

The Belles bounced right back, scoring three runs in the bottom half of the inning. Shortstop Sara Miesle singled in a run, and then scored on a two-run error along with catcher Ashley Fusaro.

Saint Mary's tied the game in the bottom of the sixth. Belles sophomore McKenna Corrigan hit an RBI single and Katie Rashid scored a run on an error. Miesle gave the Belles the lead in the bottom of the seventh, singling to drive in the winning run.

Saint Mary's right-hander Bridget Graf was on the mound but struggled as she battled a cold. Freshman Calfi Devinson took over on the mound in the top of the fourth.

"We wanted to back her up and help her out," Belles left fielder Allison Ambrose said. "We trust our offense." Saint Mary's head coach Erin Sullivan said. "We didn't panic and just took it one hit at a time."

Squad shuts out Ball State at home to earn fourth straight win

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

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Sports Writer

Irish senior Heather Booth delivers a pitch during Notre Dame's 6-0 win over Ball State Tuesday at Ivy Field. The Irish have won four straight contests since April 8.

Irish sophomore Wade Korpi delivers a pitch in Notre Dame's 15-1 win over Oakland Tuesday at Frank Eck Stadium.

Irish blast Oakland, 15-1

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame designated hitter Matt Bransfield hit two home runs and Irish left-hander Wade Korpi threw five shutout innings as Notre Dame beat Oakland 15-1 Tuesday at Frank Eck Stadium.

"The wind was gusting out to left, so I was just trying to put a few into the wind and they ended up leaving the ball yard," Bransfield said of his homers. "The other story of the game was Oakland's defensive lapse with two errors in the fifth inning and two more in the sixth. We were able to take advantage of that and put five runs across the board."