Three female presidents discuss leadership

Former student body officers, Shappell speak of experiences as women, leaders at Notre Dame

By SONIA RAO

The spirit of Rosie the Riveter filled the Oak Room of South Dining Hall Wednesday night as the three women who have been Notre Dame student body president gathered to discuss female leadership issues at the University.

Alumnae Brooke Norton (2001-2002), Libby Bishop (2002-2003) and current student body president Lizzi Shappell were the feature guests at the Gender Relations Center's "We Can Do It! Women and Leadership at ND" lecture.

Norton, Bishop and Shappell each took a turn to speak about their experiences as student body president, addressing triumphs, inspirations, difficulties and lessons learned from the perspective of a female leader at Notre Dame.

Norton identified Father Hesburgh as a key figure in her path to becoming Notre Dame's first female student body president.

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For Norton, it would be a long process to decide whether or not to run, but in doing so she assumed a groundbreaking role, which allowed her to "plant the right seeds so that trees could grow later."

Her influence spread both to Bishop, who became president during the following term, and Shappell, who realized her goal of student body president after looking at a poster of Rosie the Riveter — a gift from Norton to the student government office.

"Coming to Notre Dame I had no intention of becoming student body president," Shappell said. But after viewing the poster, which was displayed in front of the panelists during the event, Shappell said she "knew it was time for female leadership at Notre Dame to become less of an exception and more of an expectation."

Each of the women acknowledged that being student body president was a demanding, stressful job with its own problems.

Bishop's election came in conjunction with the administration's decision to hire Grove, celebrated for her female leadership at the University of Virginia.

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"Get some shucks." "Watching videos on YouTube." "Mario Kart." "YouTube." "Facebook, all the way." "Playing an obscure game on Yahoo called ‘Sheep’s Head.’"

**In Brief**

A Thai and Cambodian fundraising dinner buffet will be held today at 9 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room on the second floor of LaFortune. Heath Connell, producer of the film “Small Voices,” will discuss her work with Cambodian orphans and show clips from her upcoming film beginning at 7 p.m. A $5 donation is suggested for the dinner.

Mike Henry, actor, writer and supervising producer for the show “Family Guy,” will speak today at 8 p.m. in 101 DeBartolo.

David Rozdman from the Center for Global Development will give the lecture “The Commitment to Development Index: Which Rich Countries do the Most to Help Poor Ones?” today at 4:15 p.m. in room C-105 of the Hesburgh Center.

All Basilia choirs will participate in Advent Lessons and Carols Sunday at 7:15 p.m. in the Basilia. This one-hour service will include seasonal music provided by the ND Liturgical Choir, Women’s Liturgical Choir, Basilia Schola, Folk Choir and Handbell Choir.

Christmas at the CoMo Benefit Concert by the ND Liturgical Choir is Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the first floor Coleman Morse student lounge. International students will provide reflections of Christmas in their home countries. There is no admission charge, but a free will offering will be sent to St. Jude’s Primary School, Jaga, Uganda.

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

**Offbeat**

Ex-principal accused of kissing feet

**BRAND, Ohio** — A former Roman Catholic school principal accused of kissing three male students’ feet has pleaded not guilty to misdemeanor charges of sexual imposition.

Robert Hallowsky, the former principal at St. Anthony of Padua School in Lorain, entered the plea Monday. He also pleaded not guilty to charges of unauthorized use of public property.

Police Sgt. Mark Carpender said foot fetish material was found on two school computers seized from Halloway’s office, despite the educator’s claims he did not have a foot fetish. Halloway, 50, resigned as principal in the spring after the 14-year-old students and their parents reported the feet kissing to police.

Glue spill shuts Indiana highway

**PENDLETON, Ind.** — A semitrailer carrying large drums of glue spilled part of its load onto a state highway Tuesday, causing the road to be closed for about three hours as crews worked to resolve the sticky situation. Police officers diverted traffic off Indiana 67 and 38 and U.S. 36 after the spill. Workers and customers were evacuated from businesses within 100 yards of the spill and about 10 people were treated at the scene or a nearby hospital for skin, eye or respiratory irritation.

**Question of the Day:** What’s your favorite thing to do while procrastinating?

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Students bid on gift baskets during Pasquerilla East’s silent auction in the LaFortune Ballroom Wednesday. Some of the items up for bid include a Brady autographed football, movie baskets and Chicago Cubs tickets.

**Correction**

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4543 so we can express our remorse.
SMC seniors partake in ‘Real World’ lessons

By LAURA BAUMGARTNER
News Writer

Saint Mary’s seniors stepped out of the academic environment Tuesday night, sampled some delectable treats and some valuable life lessons along the way.

Chefs and a sommelier tutored 30 College students about the arts of cooking and fine wine Tuesday night in the Noble Family Dining Hall.

The event — sponsored by the senior board’s “Real World” committee — was created in an effort to provide activities for seniors that would ease the transition into post-graduate life, senior class president Kaity Kindt said.

The night began with a lesson in salad dressings and appetizers as Sodexo executive chef Patrick McGarry taught students how to properly create a balsamic vinegar reduction, which was sampled on strawberries and a Caprese salad.

McGarry said he was inspired to become a chef at a young age — a dream he attributes to his mother, who put him in charge of cooking dinner while the family was at work.

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Though the ordinance calls for eviction after the first offense, Burchick's approach gives tenants a warning rather than an immediate eviction. "They are changing their policy and now they have a one-warning policy, where if you get in trouble with the police...you will be sent a warning letter," he said.

Schmutz said the new policy seems to be working. Shappell said, and that Turtle Creek has had a quiet fall. "Turtle Creek has experienced (violence) in the past, but we're thinking it's improved from last fall," she said.

Schmutz and Pasquesi asked Shappell about the rumor that Turtle Creek had called in the Essex police earlier in the semester, Pasquesi said. Schmutz "debunked" that rumor, he said.

The officers reported to the groups the tasks their community officers are doing.

Lyons senator Mariana Montes, vice chair for the Senate's Life Committee, said she is working on organizing students on campus to take Domer Dollars.

"I should have functioning machines all over campus, so we are trying to get that fixed," Montes said.

Academic Affairs Chair Jim Grace told the senators to expect a resolution on checking the physics classrooms at the meeting next week. He said his committee has also been working on the possibility of proposing a business certificate for students in Arts and Letters and adding a global health minor.

Gender Issues Chair Ashley Weiss updated the senators on the campus program her committee has made with the eating disorders reference center planned for February.

"We've contacted over five hundred university department across the country that would have an interest in presenting on this issue," Weiss said.

They have also secured the involvement of departments and groups from within Notre Dame, she said. The exact schedule, advertising strategy and budget are still being finalized.

"Cashless Concerns" chair Shewna Plamoottil asked senators to survey dorm residents at their department's hall meetings to ask them whether they know what renter funds are, if they know the opt-out process, whether they belong to an ombudsman or, if they have seen posters for ombudsmen.

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between urban and rural areas and are also dependent on the quality of a defendant's legal representation.

His team's preliminary findings were based on working with some of Indiana's neighbors, but there remains room for improvement.

"Indiana is usually a state where, frankly, we're often times compared with states that don't fare particularly well on issues such as education and infant mortality," Broden said. "But on the issue of the death penalty, I think that Indiana might stack up quite favorably.

Broden noted several state laws that put Indiana ahead of the national curve, including one that requires that a person charged with a capital crime be represented by two attorneys — with at least one who previously participated in a death penalty case.

Also, the Indiana Supreme Court cannot refuse to hear an appeal in a capital case, and a defendant has the right to a bearing to determine whether any new evidence warrants a second trial.

Indiana's legislature passed a law prohibiting the execution of individuals with demonstrable mental impairment in 1994 — eight years after an equivalent ruling by the United States Supreme Court.

Death penalty cases exist locally. Broden said public awareness of

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Shakespeare's Globe Theater, being temporarily adopted by a French family and studying economic development in Uganda are all available.

During any given semester, the size of the program will vary, with diverse abroad options that range from over 100 students in the London program to a sole Dormer enrolled at a foreign university.

Douthwaite said that London is the most popular location among Dormers, with Dublin, Rome and Paris tied for second place.

Senior Party Cain was one of 10 Notre Dame students who studied abroad in Innsbruck, Austria during the 2005-2006 academic year. He said he lived in a dormitory but also had an Austrian "guest family" — a family that volunteered to have a relationship with Cain during his time in the family's home.

"If I were to try to summarize the whole year, I think the most memorable things for me would be the little things — visiting my guest family every weekend, Sunday for lunch, noticing myself adapting to the culture and becoming more a part of the international community," Cain said. Douthwaite said she is excited that Notre Dame students will seek to engage with the international community. She is especially excited that a growing number of students choose to study in less traditional locations.

"The big surprise this year was that students are applying to more challenging locations," Douthwaite said.

She said numbers of applications for study in Cairo, Beirut, France and China have noticeably increased.

Study in Uganda is a relatively new program for Dormers, Douthwaite said.

"Notre Dame joined the consortium with the World's First International Training in the course of the 2004-2005 school year," Douthwaite said.

"We recruited students to study in Uganda in 2005-2006, and this year we have our first cohort of students there as part of an official ND program," she said. "But students have been going on this program — either independently or during the summer — for several years prior to 2004."

Douthwaite said she thinks providing students with opportunities for international education is imperative to Notre Dame's mission as a Catholic university "to help students" gain a sound understanding of other cultures and to master a second language as part of their commitment to attaining compassion for other people.

Douthwaite said the study abroad experience ultimately plays an important role "to strengthen students' resolve to work for social justice."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S.-Iraq summit canceled

Bush administration says delay is not related to White House memo leak

Associated Press

AMMAN, Jordan

President Bush's high-profile meeting with Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki on Wednesday was canceled in a stinging turn of events after disclosure of U.S. diplomatic memos that cast doubt on the leader's capabilities and a political boycott by Jordanian protesters was in attendance.

Instead of two days of talks, Bush and al-Maliki will have breakfast and a single meeting followed by a news conference on Thursday morning, the White House said.

The abrupt cancellation was an almost unheard-of development in the high-level diplomatic circles of a U.S. president, Alma Khuzami, a former Jordanian prime minister. There was confusion — and conflicting explanations — about what happened.

Bush had been scheduled to meet in a three-way session with al-Maliki and Jordan's King Abdullah II on Wednesday night, and had rearranged his schedule to be in Amman for both days for talks aimed at reducing the spiral of violence in Iraq.

The last-minute cancellation was not announced until Bush had already come to Amman Palace and posed for photographs alone with the king.

White House counselor Dan Bartlett denied that the delay was a snub by al-Maliki directed at Bush or was related to the leak of a memo written by White House National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, in which the prime minister's capacity for control is questioned.

"Absolutely not," Bartlett said. "We decided to meet, and the prime minister had met before Bush arrived from a NATO summit in Latvia. That negated the purpose to meet tonight, come together in a trilateral setting."

A senior administration official, who spoke with U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Zalmay Khalilzad, basically echoed Bartlett's account.

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Local News

BURNS indirad ation in house fire

MARTINSVILLE, Ind. — A fire that forced a mid-year jump from a third-story window while carrying his 10-month-old daughter was arson, authorities said.

The fire broke out in a three-story row of townhouses in the Martin County town of Burns. There was no immediate word on how the fire started.

Burns declared a categorical burn pattern on the kitchen floor, indicating arson, said Ron Pappas, Martinsville, Indiana, Department of Homeland Security's Division of Fire and Building Safety.

"It's not inconceivable that some of the arsonists have said something, but this is based on evidence," Pappas said.

First respondents jumped to the third floor window after hearing screaming from the house.

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Global News

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consensus reached on Iraq policies

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A bipartisan commission has reached a consensus on new U.S. policies for Iraq and will announce recommendations next week, the group's co-chairman said Wednesday.

Former Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., declined to disclose any specifics about the Blue Ribbon Group's deci-

sions. The report, much anticipated by the Bush administration and members of Congress, will be issued out next Wednesday amid the spiraling violence in Iraq that has raised ques-
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"I quickly learned through PGD 0 and other arena events that there is more to Zahm than what you hear," he said. "Zahm is a brotherhood and I've come to embrace it."

Still, many freshmen do not embrace the community and the traditions associated with it. Some freshmen choose not to participate in activities, and seniors say the traditions are fading.

"It's a family within a family," Bishop said. "I have kids and their kids. I've come to embrace it."}

"Women at Notre Dame are starting to do things that aren't the same, in terms of everyone understanding," he said. "That's kind of sets us apart, but that's what we are."
U.S. to enforce new trade policies

Government to use 'luxury sanctions' to reprimand N. Korea for nuclear tests

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In Brief

Ford employees accept buyout deals

DETROIT — Ford's hourly work force is shrinking to half its current size, following a announcement Wednesday that 38,000 hourly workers have agreed to accept early retirement or buyout packages this year.

That still might not be enough to revive the nation's second-largest automaker, however, which is contracting in the face of multibillion-dollar losses and fierce competition. Now, say analysts, Ford Motor Co. needs to rethink interest in its cars and trucks and reconfigure some market share lost to Asian rivals.

"They've got to learn how to build a product that's acceptable in the market at a good price," Tunaround specialist Jim McInveff, of McInveff Associates in Ringwood, N.J., said. "They've got to build it economically and they've got to sell it economically."

Ford had expected 25,000 to 30,000 workers to sign up during an open enrollment period that expired Monday. The new reduction figure would amount to nearly 46 per cent of the 83,000 unionized employees that Ford had at the start of the year.

That will eventually save Ford about $5 billion a year, but it still has a long way to go and more painful measures to take before it's financially sound.

GM to begin work on plug-in car

LOS ANGELES — General Motors Corp. has begun work on a plug-in hybrid power system for its Saturn Vue sport utility vehicle that could save on gasoline use, Chief Executive Rick Wagoner said Wednesday at the Los Angeles Auto Show. He offered no timetable on when it will be available, however.

Wagoner also said GM will start offering versions of its Hummer models that could run on biofuels within three years. The Hummers have become a lightning rod for criticism of vehicles with fuel-ef cient engines.

Hybrid vehicles have both electric and gasoline power systems. They save on gas consumption by shutting off the engine while idling, giving the vehicle a boost of electric power during acceleration and capturing electrical energy when the vehicle is braking.

 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a novel effort targeting the lifestyle of North Korea's eccentric leader, the Bush administration is making it tougher for him to buy iPods, plasma televisions, Segway electric scooters and much more.

It is Washington's first-ever attempt to use trade penalties as a way of personally aggravating a foreign leader. They target items believed to be favored by Kim Jong II or presented to him as gifts to the roughly 600 loyalists families who run the communist government.

Kim, who orchestrated a secretive nuclear weapons program despite international efforts to stop him, ban other options for obtaining high-end consumer electronics and other luxuries.

But the list of proposed U.S. penalties is relatively small. The Associated Press, aims to make Kim's swanky life harder. No more cognac, Rolex watches, cigarettes, artwork, expensive cars, Harley Davidson motorcycles or even personal watercraft, such as Jet Skis.

The ban would extend even to musical instruments and sports equipment.

"We are asking the Americans to stop selling these things to Kim," said a government official. "We would like him to do business only with friends of North Korea who will give him things that are not as desirable.

The U.S. hopes to get North Korea's attention with the restriction of high-end electronics such as Apple's mega-popular Ipod mp3 player.

FEMA ordered to resume payments

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration must immediately resume housing payments for thousands of people displaced by Hurricane Katrina, a federal judge said Wednesday, heaping more criticism on the government's handling of the disaster.

U.S. District Judge Richard J. Leon said Wednesday that FEMA had "grossly mismanaged" the Federal Emergency Management Agency for illegally cutting housing funding and subjecting storm victims to a convoluted application process he called "Kafkaesque.

It is the second court victory for Katrina victims this week. A federal judge in Louisiana said Monday that many homeowners might be entitled to more insurance money for flood damage.

In the Washington case, Leon said FEMA mishandled the transition from a short-term housing program to a longer-term program this spring and summer.

FEMA, which was criticized in the wake of the storm for responding too slowly, defended itself in a statement released Wednesday night. FEMA said it sent letters outlining the program changes, explaining why some people were ineligible and describing the appeal process.

Leon, however, said those letters contained only program codes and agency jargon and didn't explain anything. Some evacuees got multiple letters with conflicting information, he said, leaving families unable to understand why their aid was cut.

Until FEMA explains itself and allows victims to appeal, Leon said the government must keep making housing payments.

"It is unfortunate, if not incomprehensible, that FEMA and its counsel could not devise a notice system to spare these beleaguered evacuees the added burden of federal litigation to vindicate their constitutional rights," Leon wrote.

The U.S. government is expected to reprimand North Korea for its nuclear weapons program.

The Associated Press
This week, the Pope makes a historic visit to Turkey that will strongly influence Muslim-Christian dialogue in the coming months and years. In New York last Saturday, police officers fired fifty shots on an unarmed man in a case that may or may not be a flashpoint of political brutality. The violence in Iraq continues to escalate, and NBC now officially refers to the conflict as a civil war.

All these headlines dominate the news this week, yet many Americans are going to give them only a passing glance or ignore them completely. Instead, most of us will read about Tracy Morgan’s DWL, catch up on the latest Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie drama and/or baby adoption or immersive ourselves in the details of Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes’ post-marriage escapades. This excessive admiration for particular individuals resembles a cult, in a fully pernicious sense.

It’s no great insight to say that our culture has an unhealthy fixation on celebrities and their meaningless (but still more interesting than our own) lives. It puzzles me why we do this, when our qualifications for fame are so low. It seems that all it takes anymore to become famous is having a sex video leaked to the Internet. We don’t demand much more than that these days, so you can sit back and relax — we maintain your fame. We worship and obsess over their celebrities. Even though we love to see the shortcomings, we still allow them more leeway than any average citizen dreams of. Living an outrageously lavish lifestyle is frowned upon. The more gratuitous and disgustingly-suffocating ways you can find to waste your money, the more airtime you’ll be awarded on MTV. We are not alone in this mania. England has its royalty to obsess over, and the Internet. We don’t demand much more than that these days, so you can sit back and relax — we maintain your fame. We worship and obsess over their celebrities. Even though we love to see the shortcomings, we still allow them more leeway than any average citizen dreams of. Living an outrageously lavish lifestyle is frowned upon. The more gratuitous and disgustingly-suffocating ways you can find to waste your money, the more airtime you’ll be awarded on MTV. England has its royalty to obsess over, and the Internet.

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In our modern-day world it is next to impossible to escape from the influence and impact of the media world. With the nearly constant connection to media outlets — from televisions, to computers, to books and newspapers — the American public is constantly absorbing information of all kinds.

Although not everything that passes from the media to the public is of interest to everyone, the beauty of having such a diversity of options is that the public can choose what they want to pay attention to and ignore the rest.

In the middle of November, ReganBooks and the FOX television network announced that they were, respectively, publishing a book written by O.J. Simpson. The two-part interview was between Simpson and his publisher, Judith Regan, about his book entitled “If I Did It.” On November 20 — just ten days before the book was scheduled to hit the shelves — News Corp. (who owns both HarperCollins/ReganBooks and FOX) announced that it was canceling both the book and television interview.

Aside from being a Heisman winner at USC, an NFL Hall-of-Famer with the Buffalo Bills and an actor in such Hollywood hits as “The Towering Inferno” and “The Naked Gun,” Simpson is arguably most famous for being the center of “The Trial of the Century” where he was accused of committing the murders of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown and her friend Ron Goldman. Anyone older than a toddler during the summer of 1994 will remember watching the footage of the slow-speed white Bronco chase across the California Interstate on almost every major network. NBC even interrupted its coverage of the 1994 NBA Finals in order to air the pursuit.

From before and after, Simpson’s criminal courtroom trial was a complete media frenzy. Every single minute of the trial aired on Court TV — there were 133 days of televised testimony, making it the most public criminal trial to date.

The result of this question is an overall debacle in the media.

On Oct. 3, 1995 the jury returned a verdict of “not guilty” in front of an audience of 136 million American television viewers. There was never a moment when the American media public was not involved — or at the very least interested — in the Simpson case.

Only a few weeks ago ReganBooks announced that they were publishing a 240-page book written by Simpson entitled “If I Did It,” where Simpson hypothetically describes in the second-half of the book how he would have committed the murders of Brown and Goldman if he had been guilty of the crime.

His publisher, Judith Regan, told the Associated Press that she considered the book his confession to the crime.

The book was to be preceded by a two-part interview between Simpson and Regan (Barbara Walters initially asked for the interview, but then backed out of the project) that was going to air on the FOX network on Nov. 27 and 29.

Just over a week before both the interview and the book were to go public, News Corp. issued a statement that both had been cancelled due to criticism over the releases.

HarperCollins, of which ReganBooks is a division, announced that all copies of “If I Did It” that had been shipped to stores were being recalled and that every copy of the book is to be destroyed.

However, several copies of the book have been recalled by eBay and returned, with bids reaching upwards of a million dollars.

Although books have been recalled for instances of plagiarism, this is a rare instance where a book has been pulled over its content. The Associated Press called the book’s cancellation "an astonishing end to a story like no other," recognizing that a publisher withdrawing a book for its content "is virtually unheard of." Both the Brown and Goldman families were vocal about their opposition to both the television interview and book, appearing on several news shows and giving several interviews.

The Goldman family started an online petition at donypay.com, and garnered 58,395 signatures. They argued that this move by Simpson was nothing but exploitation and was allowing him to profit from the murders of their family members.

The question resulting from this overall debacle is who decides what is appropriate or not in the media.

The cancellation of Simpson’s book might lead down a slippery slope is appropriate or not in the media. Although there were protesters to “If I Did It,” there were also supporters. The spokesperson for Borders, Inc., Ann Binkley, stated that the book would be carried at Borders and Waldenbooks stores because of their belief that “it is the right of customers to decide what they read and what to buy.” Borders, Inc. also stated that they were donating all of the proceeds from the sales of “If I Did It” to charity.

What some people deem offensive, others will enjoy while being offended by yet other material. There are currently many public debates about the everything from “South Park” to Harry Potter to “The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn” — but where is the line that decides when it is allowable for material to be pulled from the hands of the public?

In the case of “If I Did It” it was the squelchy wheel that got the oil.

While some are rejoicing over this questionable victory, it leaves others worrying about the precedent that this sets. The Simpson trial was important enough in the eyes of the public to be called “The Trial of the Century.”

Dozens of books have been published about the case — without the same critical acclaim. This was not even O.J.’s first book. In 1995, Simpson published “I Want to Tell You,” where he responds to letters and questions about his life, the trial and his declared innocence in the murders. He argued that book has not been pulled off the shelves or destroyed.

But now the line has been drawn. Is it about the deaths of innocent people? Then how soon until books, or movies, about 9/11 are pulled? Is it about appropriateness and offensiveness? How soon until “The Catcher in the Rye” and “Harry Potter” are recalled from shelves and destroyed? Or public book burnings of “Mein Kampf?”

Where does the line stop?

Simpson’s book might be shelved indefinitely, but the American people are left to struggle with the ramifications of what is ultimately, his censorship.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
“Gears of War,” one of Xbox 360’s newest games, takes the genre of the third-person shooter to new heights with the mission difficulty and graphics quality. The game requires a high level of finesse and planning, especially once the higher levels of difficulty are unlocked. In fact, the higher levels of difficulty are near impossible without the help of a fellow gamer in co-op mode. “Gears” provides the best co-op experience available on the Xbox 360 and is playable either in split screen or for Xbox Live.

“Gears” is a guaranteed pleaser for both the avid and casual gamer, and easily the Xbox 360’s strongest argument to put them at the head of the console battle.

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**CD Review**

Oasis returns with a strong compilation album

By BRIAN DOXTADER

为期十年的生涯，戴明-道金提供了一个充满美丽、毁灭的画卷。角色模型，环境和武器都详细地描绘了尘土飞扬，满目疮痍的战斗。这种环境是通往生活环境的途径，同时也是壮丽的废墟地。敌人是无法预测的、残酷的敌人。他们的动机是未知的，但是依旧被消灭。《Gears of War》的音乐变化是同步的，场景上的每个武器都在影响着战斗，唯一需要做的就是选择最合适的武器，根据环境和敌人来决定。《Gears of War》是一款让人感到愉快的游戏，它将一种看似平凡的战斗方式变成了独特而令人兴奋的事情。

《Gears of War》的音乐风格十分出色，其中不乏一些经典歌曲，如“Wonderwall”、“Live Forever”和“Acquiesce”。这些歌曲和乐队的其他作品一起，为游戏的氛围和故事性增添了不少色彩。总的来说，《Gears of War》是一款值得尝试的游戏，无论你是对游戏还是音乐感兴趣，都可以从中找到乐趣。
Ducks take down Hoyas, Colonials scare Panthers
No. 23 Georgetown loses second game of non-conference schedule

Associated Press

Aaron Brooks scored 15 points, and Oregon made up for poor shooting with hustle and rebounding to improve to 6-0 with a 57-50 upset of No. 18 Georgetown on Wednesday night.

Oregon was better than Georgetown in nearly every facet of the game, but they couldn't hit their shots until midway through the second half. The Ducks never had anything close to a comfortable lead until a 55-44 lead with 1:36 to play.

Bryce Taylor scored nine of his 14 points in the second half for the Ducks, who are 6-0 for the first time since the 2002-03 season. The victory was also the first ever for Oregon on the road against a ranked team in the Eastern time zone. They had previously been 0-7 on such trips.

Oregon held the rebounding edge over Georgetown until late in the game and neutralized the fearsome frontcourt of Jeff Green and Roy Hibbert, who went scoreless in the first half and combined 14-for-36, and the entire team were 20-of-26 from the free-throw line.

The Hoyas (4-2) were a preseason Top 10 team, but they've now lost twice at home to unranked opponents, and their next game is at No. 11 Duke.

Philadelphia 76, Robert Morris 53

Aaron Gray's size and scoring touch proved too much for smaller Robert Morris to handle and No. 2 Pittsburgh held off an upset bid by its city rival, overcoming a second-half deficit to rally for a victory Wednesday night.

The 7-foot Gray, four inches taller than any Robert Morris starter, scored 13 of his 21 points in the second half and 15 rebounds. The Panthers (7-0) outscored the Colonials 26-11 down the stretch after trailing 42-41 on Derek Coleman's drive to the basket with 13 minutes remaining.

The Panthers answered Robert Morris' comeback try by going on a 12-2 run finished off by Gray's three-point play. Gray had seven points during the surge, and Ronald Ramon hit a 3-pointer after Robert Morris had closed to 47-44.

Cook added 11 points and Levon Kendall had 10 for Pitt, which improved to 26-0 against Robert Morris and 64-0 against Northeast Conference teams.

The Panthers ranked No. 2 for the fifth consecutive season in the first ever for Oregon on the road against a ranked team in the Eastern time zone. They had previously been 0-8 in such games.

Jonathan Wallace was the lone star for the Hoyas, scoring 17 points on 8-for-13 shooting. The rest of the team was a combined 14 for 36, and the entire team went 1-for-9 from 3-point range.

Robert Morris, a commuter school based near the city's airport, hung in despite getting only six points from A.J. Jackson, who was averaging 24 points but made only two of 13 shots. Coleman scored 12 points as Robert Morris shot only 37 percent (20-of-54) to Pitt's 51 percent (27-of-53).

LSU 91, McNeese State 57

Garrett Temple had 17 points and Tasmin Mitchell scored 14 of his 16 in the first half, leading No. 10 LSU to a win over McNeese State on Wednesday night.

Temple shot 7-of-12 from the field and hit three 3-pointers for the Tigers (13-1). Glen Davis made only three field goals but got nine free throws to finish with 15 points. Reserve guard Ben Voogd scored a career-high 12 points, and Darnell Lazare added 11.

Alyson Wardell paced McNeese State (2-5) with a season-high 16 points. John Ford, the Cowboys' leading scorer, was held to six points — eight below his season average.

The Tigers used a couple of scoring flurries in the first 10 minutes to take control.

LSU ran off eight straight points to take a 10-2 lead four minutes into the first half. A couple of minutes later, the Tigers scored 12 consecutive points to go ahead 23-6. Alex Farrer and Temple made 3-pointers during that stretch.

Butler 60, Valparaiso 47

Mike Green scored 16 points and A.J. Graves added 11 to help No. 19 Butler play with its highest ranking in 57 years, beat Valparaiso on Wednesday night.

Green scored nine straight points, highlighted by a 3-pointer that bounced high off the back rim and then in, during a decisive 14-1 run late in the first half that stretched Butler's lead from 16-14 to 30-15. Valparaiso (2-4) got closer than 11 after that.

Valparaiso, which shot 8-of-10 from the field in the second half to give eighth-ranked Marquette a scare during a 65-62 loss on Monday, couldn't get its outside game going against Butler. The Crusaders were 3-of-17 from 3-point range. They also were 8-of-19 from the free-throw line.

Brandon McPherson led Valparaiso with 14 points and Laryd Loyd had 10. Butler, which shot below 40 percent on six straight shots, shot 42.5 percent against the Crusaders. The Bulldogs also squandered a five-point lead late in the first half and forced the free throw line. Butler is off to its best start since opening the 2000-03 season with 10 straight victories.

Purdue 61, Virginia 59

Tarrance Crump drove to the basket and hit a float with a second remaining, giving Purdue a victory over No. 25 Virginia in the ACC-Big Ten Challenge on Wednesday night.

The Boilermakers (5-1) blew a nine-point lead midway through the second half and fell behind by five before consecutive 3-pointers by Marcus Green, Chris Lutz and David Teague. The Cavaliers (4-2) tied the game for the final time at 29-29 with free throws by Sean Singletary with 29 seconds left.

After a Purdue timeout, Carl Landry held the ball away from the basket until about seven seconds remained, then got the ball to Crump, who drove in and scoed from the right side of the lane. Virginia had one more chance, but turned the ball over on the inbounds pass.

Landry led the Boilermakers with 19 points. Teague added 14 points and five assists.

Virginia was paced by Singletary with 21 points and Mamadi Diane with 17. Virginia had averaged almost 93 points in its first four games, but poor shooting and turnovers prevented the Cavaliers from exploiting Purdue's sloppy play early in the game.

Virginia 86

Lousiana-Lafayette 74

Marcelus Kemp and Nick Fazekas combined for 40 points and 24th-ranked Nevada broke open a close game midway through the second half to take a win over Louisiana-Lafayette on Wednesday night.

Kemp had 19 points, including two baskets in a 20-second period, to begin a 16-2 run for the Wolf Pack (6-0). Fazekas had two baskets during that stretch, including a three-point play with 8.08 left that gave Nevada a 69-56 lead.

Fazekas finished with 21 points on 8-of-12 shooting.

Valparaiso's layup in transition gave the Wolf Pack a 71-56 lead with 7:40 left and Nevada led by double figures for all but 22 seconds of the rest of the way.

LSU coach John Brady argues with referee Mike Nance over a call in the first half of the Tigers' 97-55 win Wednesday.
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New York defensive end Michael Strahan talks with reporters Feb. 1. Strahan verbally confronted a reporter Wednesday when asked a question concerning his comments about Giants teammate Plaxico Burress.

**Strahan loses his cool with reporter**

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD — Losing isn’t the only thing tari­fying the New York Giants these days.

Blows are just as popular, and Pro Bowl defensive end Michael Strahan on Wednesday joined the ranks of Jeremy Shockey and Tiki Barber in moulting in off what is quickly becoming a season of frustration for the team.

Unlike Shockey and Barber, who criticized coach Tom Coughlin and his staff after losing this season, Strahan did his best to intimidate an ESPN reporter who attempted to question him about comments he made on radio Monday about receiver Plaxico Burress quitting on plays.

Strahan, who has been iden­ified the last three weeks with a foot injury, called out Kelly Naqi, ESPN’s New York-based reporter, as she stood behind the media trying to question him about comments the way you are going to ask it. ’’You’re a responsible jour­nalist, look me in the eye and ask this question the way I want you to ask it,’’ Strahan said, who only came into the locker room after being told by the public relations staff that Naqi was questioning his team­mates about his comments.

’’Come here, I want to see your face when you ask this question, the way you are going to ask it,’’ Strahan said. ’’You know you’re going to ask it in a way there is more division and more of a negative way than it was, so come here, I want to see your face, please.’’

Strahan then asked the media to clear a path so he could see Naqi.

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’’Look a man in the eye before you try to kill him or make up something.’’

Naqi then asked Strahan whether he had spoken with Burress since his comments, which came before the Giants held a players’ only meeting Monday after a heart-break­ing 24-21 loss to Tennessee.

The setback was New York’s third in a row, and it came in a game in which it blew a 21-0 fourth-quarter lead.

The Tennessee comeback start after Burress gave up on a deep fourth-quarter pass by Eli Manning and Adam ‘’Pacman’’ Jones intercepted.

’’It’s a shame,’’ Strahan said on the radio Monday. ’’You can’t give up. You can’t quit, because you’re not quitting on yourself, you’re quitting on everybody. I don’t quite under­stand what his lack of motiva­tion is in those types of situa­tions. But I’m going to try to see what it is, and if I can talk to him about it, he’s too good for that.’’

Strahan got snappy after Naqi questioned him about talking to Burress.

**IN BRIEF**

Hoops coach finally gets new facility for team after court fight

MONTGOMERY — An Alabama high school basketball coach who was fired when he complained that his girls’ basketball team wasn’t treated as well as the boys’ team — and won a pivotal Supreme Court ruling — has reached a settlement that includes a school board promise of equal facilities.

’’My aim all along was to ensure fair treatment for Birmingham female athletes and this agreement, at long last, should guarantee that happens,’’ said Roderick Jackson.

Under the settlement reached Tuesday night with the Birmingham Board of Education, Jackson will receive $50,000, his lawyers will receive $340,000, and the board will take all necessary steps to provide female athletes with facili­ties compara­ble to those used by male athletes.

Jackson had complained in part that his players had to practice in a gym built in 1908 rather than a new one used by boys.

Jackson fined $25,000 for criticizing officials

NEW YORK — Phil Jackson was fined $25,000 by the NBA on Wednesday for criticizing referees Friday night after the Lakers’ 114-108 loss to Utah.

Jackson was quoted in several newspapers about the way the offi­cials — Derrick Stafford, Derek Richardson and Leroy Richardson — handled second-year center Andrew Bynum.

In the second quarter, Bynum was called for traveling and moments later he was whistled for a foul when he thought he drew a charge against Matt Harpring. The 19-year-old Bynum approached the referees, but team­mate Kobe Bryant intervened.

’’The big key with Drew is they wouldn’t let him play,’’ Jackson said following the game.

Jackson called the matchup a ’’roughhouse game’’ and it was

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**New Year defensive end Michael Strahan talks with reporters Feb. 1.**
Ravens can earn spot in playoffs with win

CINCINNATI — Marvin Lewis won't compare Baltimore's current defense to the record-setting one that helped the Ravens win the Super Bowl six years ago.

"That's a long time ago," said Lewis, who was their defensive coordinator in 2000. "I don't even remember that. They're this year's version of the Baltimore Ravens.

This version is looking like a champion, too.

With a victory over Lewis' Cincinnati Bengals on Thursday night, the Ravens (9-2) would become the first team to clinch a division championship this season. A victory in Cincinnati would snatch the AFC North title away from the Bengals (6-5) and put the Ravens on course for greater things.

"There's something much more that we're shooting for, other than just winning the division," safety Ed Reed said.

First, they'd like to put the moody Bengals in their place. Some Ravens are miffed by the way T.J. Houshmandzadeh talked down to them the first time they met this season. The Bengals won 26-20 on Nov. 5, but Houshmandzadeh wasn't about to give them any credit afterward.

"Deep down, we know we're better than Baltimore and they know it," Houshmandzadeh said. "We've got better players than they do.

Houshmandzadeh isn't backing down.

"I think we're better than them," he said Tuesday. "We'll find out.

Sure will.

The Ravens know their three-game lead on the Bengals — and the chance to clinch a title on their field — speak for themselves. Reed chortled when Houshmandzadeh's comments were brought up.

"Keep your mouth shut, man," Reed said. "Play football. I heard it. It is what it is. The game speaks for itself. If you think you've a better team, then come out and let's play football, man."

The Ravens are used to hearing good-natured trash talk from Bengals receiver Chad Johnson, but Houshmandzadeh's slight struck a nerve.

"He must not have played in the game that we were playing in," linebacker Terrell Suggs said. "Anybody could have lined up across from us that day and we had their number. It's evident on the film. If he feels passionate about it, then go out there and prove it this time."

That jarring loss in Baltimore became a turning point for Cincinnati. The offense finally got on a roll, with Carson Palmer throwing for nine touchdowns in the last three games. For the first time in his career, he has put up passer ratings above 120 for three games in a row.

Studying film of that game in Baltimore made him cringe this week.

"When I say it hurts, I mean it literally hurts watching what we did against them the last time," said Palmer, who was only 12-of-26 with two interceptions in the loss. "We didn't play well at all. I feel we've come a long way and made a lot of progress offensive-ly. They'll be seeing a different unit, a unit they've seen in years past but not in this past game.

There was a confidence in Cincinnati's locker room this week, a sense that all was well again. The Bengals knew that a victory over Baltimore would leave them in good shape for the playoffs — they're currently one game out in the wild-card standings.

They also knew there was no margin for error.

"We know what's at stake," Houshmandzadeh said. "We can't afford to stumble and lose another game."

The Ravens haven't lost since that win over Cincinnati, stretching their winning streak to five games while taking control of the division. Baltimore played its best game of the season last Sunday, a 27-0 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers.
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts know that on Sunday they could clinch their fourth straight AFC South title and lock up a playoff spot with four weeks left in the regular season.

Their memory of a 14-13 home victory over Tennessee in Week 5, however, leaves them expecting a challenge in Sunday's road rematch with the Titans—a team the Colts believe has been on the rise in recent games.

The Titans (4-7) have posted a 4-2 record since that loss to the Colts, amid the quick maturation of rookie quarterback Vince Young and the strong play of running back Travis Henry.

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Old foes to renew rivalry

Associated Press

NORMAN — With Barry Switzer on one side and Tom Osborne on the other, no rivalry was bigger than Oklahoma-Nebraska.

When the Sooners and Cornhuskers collided, the impact could be felt throughout all of college football. Between 1971 and 1988, the teams met 17 times when both were in the top 11, including 15 times with both in the top 10. Their 1971 meeting as No. 1 vs. No. 2 went down as "The Game of the Century."

Former Sooners quarterback Cale Gundy, now an assistant coach with Oklahoma, remembers watching some of those classic matchups. The suspense was unbearable.

"I'd run outside because I don't want to see the play on TV. I'd come back inside and figure it out or my mom sticks her head out and tells me what happened," Gundy said.

The rivalry has lost its luster in recent years, but on Saturday at the Big 12 title game in Kansas City, Mo., Oklahoma and Nebraska will be playing for a championship again — for the first time in 18 years.

"It's a big-time game regardless of who we're playing," Nebraska linebacker Stewart Bradley said. "But when you put Oklahoma and Nebraska in the same game, it's the same old tradition, it makes it that much bigger."

Chuck Fairbanks was coaching Oklahoma and Bob Devaney was at Nebraska in 1971, when Johnny Rodgers led the top-ranked Cornhuskers to a 35-31 victory over the second-ranked Sooners.

In 1972, Osborne took over for Devaney and a year later Switzer replaced Fairbanks. For the next 15 years, the Big Eight was the Big Two with the Sooners and Cornhuskers fighting for supremacy.

"It wasn't just a game, it was the good guys against the bad guys. Good against evil. Tom Osborne against Barry Switzer," said Bill Barnett, a defensive tackle on Nebraska's 1978 team that upset top-ranked Oklahoma 17-14. "In our eyes, Tom was the good guy and Barry was the bad guy, but Barry always figured out a way to get the best of us."

Switzer won his first six against the Huskers, leading up to that 1978 game.

"The games usually went down right to the final minutes, but 'Sooner Magic' was out there waiting to show its ugly face," Barnett said. "So when we finally beat them in 1979 it was like lopping an empire."

Nebraska or Oklahoma won the Big Eight title outright or had a piece of it every year from 1962 to 1988.

Hasslebeck: Hand not much of a problem

Associated Press

Hasselbeck has a bruised hand, perhaps even a broken finger.

But the standard for Seahawks' fractures, infections and hospitalizations has been set ridiculously high during Seattle's season of attrition. So a Pro Bowl quarterback's mangy fingers on his non-throwing hand listed as probable for Sunday night's game at Denver? Big whoop.

"Like my dad said, it's your left hand. Suck it up," Hasselbeck said Wednesday, referring to some familiar NFL tight end对应答内容。
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that's all that matters from the soccer field, and I think that's the way she is on the soccer field as well.

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BCS coordinator

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three teams in the eligible top-14 of the BCS rankings — two from the SEC and one outsider from the Big Ten — will be prevented from attending a BCS bowl due to a rule limiting a conference to two teams in the series. That leaves Notre Dame a near-lock for an early selection. And while Notre Dame hasn't played in a Rose Bowl since Knute Rockne led the Irish over Stanford in 1925 en route to a national title, a rematch with Michigan would diminish the appeal and likely hurt television ratings.

But Slive said the search for the BCS' commissioner good would take a back seat to Bowl autonomy.

"We have a methodology for selecting the teams and... if the teams are eligible, the bowls have the right to go ahead and make those picks that would create a rematch," he said. "I can't speak for my fellow commissioners, but there has not been in the past an inclination to make changes."

Notes:
• The Walter Camp Football Foundation named Irish quarterback Brady Quinn one of five finalists for its annual player of the year award.

Quinn, Oklahoma State quarterback Troy Smith and Hawaii quarterback Colt Brennan are the seniors on the list, though Brennan has a fifth year of eligibility remaining. Sophomore running back Dack Redfield, McFadden from Arkansas and Steve Stratton from Virginia are the other two finalists.

Quinn finished the 2006 regular season with 35 passing touchdowns and only five interceptions. He completed 67 percent of his passes for 2,307 yards, 30 touchdowns and five interceptions. He rushed for 253 yards and one touchdown and had a passing efficiency rating of 151.5.

He also rushed for two scores.

Smith, widely considered the front-runner for the Heisman Trophy, an award given by the New York Downtown Athletic Club to the nation's most outstanding player, completed 67 percent of his passes for 2,307 yards, 30 touchdowns and five interceptions. He rushed for 253 yards and one touchdown and had a passing efficiency rating of 167.87.

Brennan led the nation in passing efficiency with a rating of 186.7. He completed an NCAA-best 72.6 percent of his passes for 4,289 yards, 51 touchdowns and nine interceptions.

Vanderbilt, Smith is second in the nation in rushing yards per game with 147.36. He has 1,621 yards and 14 touchdowns on 222 carries, for a 7.30 yards-per-carry average.

McFadden, who was injured early in the year, came on strong and finished the regular season with 1,485 yards on 244 rushes (6.99 yards per attempt) and 14 touchdowns.

McFadden and Arkansas take on Florida Saturday in the SEC championship game at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.

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now say it lost to a clear NCAA Tournament team.
Notre Dame has shown an ability to score the ball at will (85.8 points per game) and has a rebound margin better than every team in the Big East, including perennial powerhouses Connecticut and Pittsburgh. Granted, it’s early, and the quality of opponent (savage Butler) hasn’t been close to what the Irish will see in the next week and on their Big East schedule.

But Notre Dame is doing something so far that it hasn’t done in several years — it’s dismantling early season opponents. Instead of squeaking out wins over IPFW, Columbia and Wofford, the Irish are putting on offensive clinics in games they are expected to win — visible in Wednesday’s 90-45 win over Winston-Salem State.

There is work to be done defensively, but two days after Lehigh torched the Irish with 57 percent shooting (77 percent from 3-point range), Notre Dame held the Rams to 30 percent from the floor.

Fifteen points saw action for the Irish, with 11 scoring points. Brey used a nine-man rotation for most of the game and inserted freshmen Joe Hardin and Jonathan Peoples with seven minutes to play. Peoples scored seven points while Hardin tallied two on the night.

Walk-ons senior Kieran Piller and freshman Tim Andree entered the game with 1:36 to play, but neither scored.

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pleased with his improvement and where he is mentally.

"There isn't a harder worker in our basketball program," Kurz said. "Our focus was really to get on the glass.

The Rams, who dropped to 1-9 in their first year in Division I, scored first, but the Irish responded with 12 straight points, including a steal-and-slam by senior guard Russell Carter, to take a commanding early lead.

Winston-Salem State scored the next four points, but Notre Dame responded with 12 points to go up 22-7 and cruised into halftime leading 46-23.

The Irish kept their foot on the gas in the second half, extending the lead to 30 with 10 minutes left in the game and outscoring the Rams 44-20 after the break.

After Lehigh made 56.9 percent of its shots in a 93-87 loss to Notre Dame Monday, the Irish held the Rams to 30.4 percent shooting from the field Wednesday, including just 19 percent in the second half.

"We definitely played pretty solid (defense)," Kurz said. "We weren't happy with our defensive effort Monday night and we concentrated on rotating better and communicating better on defense in practice."

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Irish forward

Notes:
◆ Each of the Rams uniforms read "C.L. Gaines" on the back nameplate to honor former coach Clarence "Big House" Gaines, who coached at Winston-Salem State from 1946 until 1993 and died in 2005.

◆ With a free throw in the second half, senior guard Colin Falls became the 45th player in Notre Dame history to score 1,000 career points.

◆ A 13 point Wednesday, bringing his career total to 1033.

◆ Thirteen players saw action for the Irish, with 11 scoring points. Brey used a nine-man rotation for most of the game and inserted freshmen Joe Hardin and Jonathan Peoples with seven minutes to play. Peoples scored seven points while Hardin tallied two on the night.

◆ "We have a rotation, but the ninth guy is the one we're trying to figure," Brey said. "We need to find our if we have nine or not."

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Happy Birthday! Change has become routine in your life and you have learned to take advantage of it. Now it is time to try your hand at something you’ve always wanted to do. Financial gains look positive, but you need to revitalize your spending habits. Your numbers are 13, 17, 22, 30, 41, 45

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Whatever isn’t paying you back or working for you must be stopped. You’ve been working too long and too hard. Your generosity has become a hindrance, so get back to doing what counts.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Bend over backward for an older friend or relative. Now is the best time to take on another responsibility he, or she, so you will please someone who will make a difference in your future.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Try it under the light and focus on one thing. Multitasking is fine, but not today. Put your thoughts on paper. You can get your point across if you use proper.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): You may have some minor disputes with older or younger people. Today is about love, getting along and doing things that will bring you closer to someone you truly care about.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Don’t let little things depress you. Everything is OK, even if you can’t see the light at the end of the tunnel. Ignore the negative and you will see some good possibilities to work toward.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You’re organized, so shake yourself before it’s too late. Someone may try to take advantage of you when less or she doesn’t think you’ll notice. Keep a sharp eye while taking part in fun activities.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can make your professional position more interesting. A new way of doing things or a chance to try something different will bring you greater recognition. Include friends and family in your ideas.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Things are either moving way too fast or way too slow. Get used to it. Today will be a repeat of the past and an indicator of your future. Don’t be discouraged-you need more time.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Do something that will help yourself. Spending time with someone you respect will change your attitude and give you some great ideas about things you should pursue.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don’t let someone take advantage of you because of your interests in him or her. If you can keep things even, you need a better chance of gaining respect and getting what you want.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Hold your cards and do things by the book or you may face ridicule for what you didn’t do. Sudden changes will affect your fortune. Don’t be discouraged-you need more time.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You’re hard to resist no matter what you do. Everyone will be looking to you for answers. Don’t let it get to your head. One slip up and you may get caught in the middle.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BABY**: You are in control. It is your own uncertainties that will hold you back. You are respected, looked up to and called upon to solve problems.

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**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

- Answer: When Mom heard Junior's excuse, she said that —

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**THANK YOU**

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Salem, without a stake**

Kurz leads squad with 18 points and 10 boards in rout over Rams

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sport Editor

Even with two ranked teams looming next week, Notre Dame wasn't caught looking ahead Wednesday night.

The Irish (10-1) dominated an overmatched Winston-Salem State squad 90-45 at the Joyce Center in their final tune-up before facing No. 23 Maryland Saturday in Washington, D.C., and No. 6 Alabama next Thursday at home.

"Tonight was good for our confidence," Irish forward Bob Kurz said. "We have to play two really good teams next week, but I think we're a pretty good team too."

Kurz led the Irish with 18 points and 10 rebounds. The junior hit the bottom of the net on every shot he took, going 5-of-5 from the field and 8-of-8 from the free throw line.

"All my shots were pretty open," Kurz said. "My teammates did a good job of finding me for open looks."

While Kurz was humble, Irish coach Mike Brey praised him. "It's a guy who has really arrived as an excellent Big East forward," Brey said. "I'm really happy for him." (see SALEM page 18)

Above, Irish senior guard Russell Carter splits two Winston-Salem defenders for a layup. At right, Irish freshman guard Tory Jackson elevates for a basket of his own.

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**ND WOMEN'S SOCCER**

Honors abound for No. 1 Irish

Team is gearing up for semifinal match with Florida State

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

This week is all business as Notre Dame prepares for the College Cup semifinals. But for defender Ashley Jones, it's all business all the time.

The junior accounting major was rewarded for her work in the Mendoza College of Business, as she was named to ESPN The Magazine's first-team Academic All-American squad last week thanks to her 3.96 cumulative GPA.

"Both academics and athletics are equally important to me," Jones said. "That's why I came here."

Forget the Big East. Notre Dame's upcoming games against Maryland and Alabama are the two most important contests of the season.

A victory in either would provide the Irish with a quality non-conference win — something they have struggled with in the last couple seasons — and in the process bolster the team's BPI ranking February.

But looking at the bigger picture, it would set the course for the rest of the season. Saying the Irish are going to beat two of the hottest teams in the country — both squads are undefeated and have looked impressive in the process — is a stretch, especially in back-to-back games.

But momentum's a funny thing. Just ask Butler.

Suddenly, 16 days after what was then an embarrassing loss to a mid-major reminded the last season's struggles, Notre Dame can see Boston.

**FOOTBALL**

BCS chair: Rematch in Rose not off table

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame's bowl picture just got a little murkier.

Bowl Championship Series (BCS) coordinator Mike Slive, who also serves as the Southeastern Conference (SEC) commissioner, said in a teleconference Wednesday that the BCS commissioners will keep in mind the BCS bylaw allowing the Notre Dame and the six BCS conferences — the SEC, Big Ten, Big XII, Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC), PAC-10 and Big East — to adjust bowl pairings for maximum "appeal."

But he added a warning: While many expect the conferences to stop in to avoid Midwestern rematch of Notre Dame and Michigan in Pasadena, the conference commissioners will be hesitant to change the bowl chairmen want.

According to Section III, paragraph 5(b) of the BCS selection procedures, "After completion of the selection process, the Conferences and Notre Dame may, but are not required to, adjust the pairings taking into consideration, whether two teams that played against one another in the regular season will be paired against one another in a bowl game."

"It's something that's been on the books since the outset of the BCS in 1998, and of course that's done after the teams have been selected, and see BCS page 17