Mass for Virginia Tech provides consolation, hope

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

Only a week after Easter, the Notre Dame community once again “finds [itself] at the foot of the Cross,” said Father Pete McCormick during his homily at a memorial Mass for the Virginia Tech community Tuesday night at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

“We always have the Cross in our life, but we do not grieve without hope,” said McCormick, the assistant rector of Dillon Hall, who was just ordained on Saturday. The Mass, presided over by Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman, was organized Monday after news of the 33-person massacre at Virginia Tech broke. Students were informed of the Mass by an urgent IrishLink email from Poorman late Monday. The Basilica was packed to a standing room only capacity, with the entire rear lobby of the church completely full. The Mass drew more people than last fall’s 9/11 five-year commemoration of the Virginia Tech shooting tragedy.

Students, community members fill Basilica

“In light of the Virginia Tech shooting tragedy Monday, student body president Liz Brown asked members of the Council of Representatives (COR) for input Tuesday on how the Notre Dame student body could show its support to the campus located in Blacksburg, Va.

“Immediately after this happened, I [student body vice president] Maria [Braun] and I started talking about what we should send as a student body.” Brown said, noting that both she and Braun had already received e-mails from concerned students with suggestions.

“One of the ideas that has been tossed around is some kind of letter that we would write and solicit signatures from the student body from a variety of points on campus,” Brown said. “We just want to get as many signatures of support as possible to send in one package. We could also have blank cards at those sites that people could write messages on. Braun said she looked on Virginia Tech’s Web site and saw the school was observing National Maroon and Gold Day.

“I think that it would be a really cool thing if we could get Notre Dame students to observe this day sometime next week or something... maybe notify them through the April 3 meeting of the Council of Representatives.”

Council of Representatives
Leaders consider responses to tragedy

By SONIA RAO

South Bend eyes role in Olympics

By ROHAN ANAND

Africa Week celebrates cultural past, future goals

By JENN METZ

Panel examines microfinance in Africa

By JOHN-PAUL WITT

Africa Week is designed to offer a more positive view of the continent as one that is changing and developing, and to also raise awareness of its current problems.

“Certainly, Africa has more than its fair share of struggles,” said Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative Director Father Bob Dow. “However, the media often reports only the bad news out of Africa, and this often
INSIDE COLUMN

Reflections of '07

They say God is everywhere, in the skies and in the churches and in the sun and in peace. So I want to think God was there in that French class at Virginia Tech, when students were still tired and blinking from not getting enough sleep the night before, probably wishing it was still the weekend and replaying stories of their drunk friends in their heads — maybe planning who they would go to lunch with that day or when they would go running that afternoon.

"I'm sure God was there in the seconds more than to be left in that kind of oblivion in a long wooden box. And also when a student had the presence of mind to prevent twelve more deaths by showing a table against the classroom door. But then Cho lined up and executed the terrified students leaped out the windows, with his body and was thus killed as his life screaming to a halt like that. But I also can't imagine that God wouldn't be there to numbly wander downstairs to the dorm rooms or have to numbly wander downstairs to the chapel to pray with other mourning students, or of all, wait through rampant rumors and unanswered reports to read a list of people whose funerals I'd be attending next week. I can't imagine my room to make sure I was safe and that I could call home to reassure my mother that I wouldn't be coming home early this year in a long wooden box. I don't want to picture prayer services in the Basilica and at the Grotto, packed with students whose tears run down their faces as they shine in the candlelight. I never want to see the Donnie and the Fox News with the headline "MASSACRE," running between the news of the incident and the news of someone's life or safety at risk.

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Author faces ‘life without ED’
Lecture focuses on the road to recovering from an eating disorder

By MANDI STIRONE
News Writer

Singer, songwriter and author of “Life Without ED” Jenni Schaefer spoke to Saint Mary’s students about her experience with an eating disorder Tuesday night in the Stapleton Lounge of LeMans Hall.

“After going through years and years and years of eating disorder, I actually love my body today,” she said.

She explained that an “ideal body weight” is not a specific number, but the weight at which a person is strong, energetic and able to live a healthy life.

Schaefer told how her therapist had her view her eating disorder as an abusive relationship with a person named Ed, standing for “Eating Disorder.” She said this method helped her isolate the self-destructive thoughts of her eating disorder from the other underlying issues.

Schaefer said that her eating disorder started very early, showing the audience her dance costume from when she was four and playing it at that time, she thought she was fat. She also pointed to Barbie dolls and the media in general as contributors to her problem, but was careful to say that she doesn’t hate the media.

Schaefer also explained how her disorder progressed over the years. She hit a whole new level of her eating disorder in high school because she became a perfectionist.

By doing so, she didn’t have any fun or friends, she said. She became clinically anorexic when she got to Texas A & M because “Ed” convinced her to lose 15 pounds before she gained the “freshman 15,” she said.

Schaefer did not hit rock bottom until after college when she moved to Nashville, Tenn., she said. While there she finally realized that she had a problem and was able to tell her boyfriend at the time.

When she finally got help, it was an uphill battle, she explained. She became intuitive eating, where food is neither good nor bad.

“Being bad is not cheesecake,” she said. “Stealing from a grocery store is bad.”

Jenni Schaefer
author and singer

She said the average recovery for an eating disorder takes five to seven years, and it isn’t uncommon at all for people to relapse.

“That’s why I’m here, because it gets better, completely better, full recovery,” Schaefer said.

She then handed out some pamphlets and indicated a table in the entrance way that had information on support groups, contact information for help and general information on eating disorders.

“I believe if you never, never give up you will make it,” she said.

Schaefer ended with a song she wrote entitled, “Life without Ed” and took questions from the audience before beginning a small group discussion.

The presentation was sponsored by the Residence Hall Association (RHA), the Counseling Center, the Ian at Saint Mary’s and the Freedom Revolution.

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The Observer is now accepting applications for Controller, Web Designer and Systems Manager for 2007-08.

The Controller position, which provides great accounting experience, is open to rising juniors. It is a two-year position; the 2007-08 Controller will become the 2008-09 Business Manager.

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE
Group awards $500 to SMC Dance Marathon

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Saint Mary’s Board of Governance (BOG) members voted for a $500 co-sponsorship for the College’s upcoming Dance Marathon at their meeting Monday night, before new student body president Kim Hodges discussed what she expects of BOG in the upcoming year.

Dance Marathon entertainment co-chairs Anne Cusak and Catherine Wagner asked for the donation from BOG to help finance the “blow up” activities available for dancers.

“We think it’s important, it’s going to get everybody pumped up to have a good night,” Wagner said.

“We’re almost doubling the number of dancers,” Cusak said. “The co-sponsorship will affect probably about 300 Saint Mary’s students.”

After approving the co-sponsorship, executive secretary Annie Davis motioned to give a $200 donation from BOG that will go straight to Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis, Ind., which the board passed.

Hodges began her first executive report by announcing the election of Cate Cetta to be the student trustee for the 2007-08 school year.

Cetta, a junior political science and history double major, was the off-campus commissioner for BOG — a position junior Val Pekadzke will take over while Hodges and student body vice president will appoint someone to fill the campus club commission-er position.

Hodges also announced that she wants all of BOG to actively participate in the meetings throughout the coming year.

“We heard rumors that people don’t attend because they don’t have to report,” Hodges said.

“We’re here for the policy making of the college. We can’t pass policies, and we can’t communicate about what’s pertinent to the college if everyone is not here.”

In other BOG news:

● Technology commissioner Erin Scott said Regina Hall and Mr. Landless Hall will have wireless by the beginning of the next school year, according to Chief Information Officer Keith Fowkes. Due to complications installing wireless, LeMans Hall and Holy Cross Hall will not have wireless installed until after the other two dorms.

● The 2007 Madeleva Lecture will take place Thursday. This year’s topic will be “The Subversive Power of Love: The Vision of Henriette Delille M.” presented by Boston College theology professor Shawn Copeland.

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Author calls Enron a 'human tragedy'

By KAITLYNN RILEY
Assistant News Editor

Although the collapse of the Enron Corporation seems like just a story about numbers, it is more about the people who manipulated them. In her book, [author name] McLean, a Fortune Magazine reporter and the author of "The Smartest Guys in the Room: The Amazing Rise and Spectacular Fall of Enron," says, "Enron, to me, is really like a human tragedy," she said.

McLean spent months interviewing some of the Jordan Auditorium of Mendoza College. Her March 2001 Fortune story "Is Enron Overpriced?" was the first to question how Enron made its money. Her article was the "ipping point," she said, that lead to further investigations into the company.

"It put in print what people were begining to think but nobody wanted to say," she said.

Enron's fall cannot be blamed on one person, she said, but rather it was the fault of a cast of characters that didn't ask tough questions. Enron's accounts were "cooking the books," according to her. Enron was a great story, she said. It was transforming the way business was done. Fortune magazine — the magazine she worked for — had even proclaimed it "America's Most Innovative Company" for six consecutive years. But something wasn't right about it, she said. It was hard to sell how it made money.

"Under the adoration of Enron, there was a culture of self, of very different," McLean said. "There was a sense that was something dangerous about this company."

An investment banking analyst at Goldman Sachs before she became a reporter, McLean said she wasn't afraid of numbers — or doing heavy accounting stories. And Enron's auditors were far from obvious red flags.

So McLean called Jeff Skilling — then Enron's CEO — to ask him why the numbers didn't add up. Skilling became "extremely angry" during the call, she said, and called her "a babylonian." He said she had not done her homework, and if she had, she would have been "the first to answer to her own questions."

The next day, McLean met with three Enron executives, including Enron's Chief Financial Officer Andy Fastow, to ask them more questions. They dodged her questions, so her editors advised her to push ahead with the story. Knowing how to interpret the numbers helped her to uncover the story and find the holes in the accounting, she said. But in retrospect, she said she wishes she had been tougher on Enron in her first article.

"I'm not sure I was perhaps as brave," she said. "Perhaps if I had been braver I would have seen more.

In the course of co-authoring a book about the Enron scandal, McLean said she was surprised that people in the company believed the stories.

Many people in the company gave the numbers didn't make sense, but no one said anything about it. "The great majority of people at Enron had their heads down," McLean said.

The leaders of Enron, like Skilling, Fastow and former chairman Ken Lay, were self-made men, but they had fatal flaws, McLean said. And these flaws led to Enron's downfall. They turned Enron into a company with a culture of self-delusional where free, excessive spending was allowed, she said.

McLean repeated a story told to her by a former Enron executive. He told her he needed to use a corporate credit card to go to a meeting, but when he tried to do so, he was told that all three of them were in use by the Lay family.

Skilling also contributed to that culture by using market-to-market accounting to estimate future prices, and in doing so inflated the image of Enron's overall wealth. But, McLean said, this was a culture of "trumped profits, not taking on the grace of [our] capital." If they "basically stole from the future" until there was nothing left, she said. The lecture was sponsored by the O'Brien-Smith Microfinance Program.

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there are financial institutions looking to make money from microfinance," Belatti said.

At Notre Dame, students in Belatti's micro-venturing class, like senior Melissa Fisher, are learning about the principles of microfi-

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Japanese mayor killed by gang chief

TOKYO —Ichiro Ito was born in Nagasaki last two weeks ago. U.S. atomic bomb destroyed the coastal city in the closing days of World War II.

In the wake of such monumental destruction, he grew up to become a three-term mayor of Nagasaki. His work also an active figure in the movement against nuclear proliferation, heading a coalition of Japanese cities calling for the elimination of nuclear weapons.

Ito, 61, was shot and killed outside a train station Tuesday evening. Police identified the attacker as Tetsuya Shiro, an organized crime chief apparently enraged that the city refused to compensate him for his car damaged at a public works construction site.

The shooting was a rare in a country where handguns are strictly banned and only five politicians are known to have been killed since World War II.

It was the second attack in the last 20 years against a mayor of Nagasaki, whose leaders have actively campaigned against militarism.

Sudan to let peacekeepers in Darfur

NEW JERSEY, N.J. — Sudan — Sudan’s surprise decision to allow 3,000 U.N. peacekeepers into Darfur was due to pressure from the U.S. and Khartoum’s top ally, China. But questions remain whether Sudan will honor the deal and whether major states will step forward with enough troops.

The Sudanese government announced Monday after five months of stalling to accept the deployment of the peacekeepers, along with six U.N. attack helicopters, to help 7,000 African troops try to halt the violence in the desert region.

It’s a major step toward coping with a humanitarian crisis that has claimed more than 200,000 lives and forced 2.5 million people from their homes since 2003.

NATIONAL NEWS

New Jersey governor in car crash

TRENTON — The sport utility vehicle carrying Gov. Jon S. Corzine was traveling about 91 mph moments before it crashed, the superintendent of state police said Tuesday.

The governor was critically injured when the vehicle crashed into a guardrail on the northbound side of the New Jersey Turnpike near Atlantic City last week. He apparently was not wearing his seat belt as he rode in the front passenger’s seat.

The speed limit along that stretch of the parkway is 65 mph.

Bush offers condolences at Va Tech

President attends memorial service, says nation is praying for students, teachers

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Representing America’s anguish, President Bush told Virginia Tech students and teachers at a somber memorial service Tuesday that the nation grieves for them and “there’s a power in those prayers.”

“It’s impossible to make sense of such violence and suffering,” Bush said. “But I think the American people are praying for a nation that’s in pain today.”

Sunday’s shooting spree in a Virginia Tech dormitory left 32 people dead, including the suspected gunman, and wounded 17 others.

“Those who lived through the events today have done nothing to deserve their fate,” the president said. “They simply were in the wrong place at the wrong time. Now they’re gone — and we’re left behind grieving families, and grieving classmates, and a grieving nation.”

Before flying to the tragedy-stricken university in southwestern Virginia, Bush ordered flags flown at half staff and issued a written proclamation in honor of those killed and wounded.

Speaking to a somber crowd packed into a basketball arena, packed with students and others, many wearing orange short-sleeved Virginia Tech T-shirts, the president quoted a recent graduate blogging about the killings: “I commend those who grieve to reach out for help.

“Talk to your friends or neighbors who are feeling about you. That’s important,” Bush said, opening the floor for posting. “For those of you who are in pain or who have loved ones close to you, I’m sure you can call on any one of us and have help that we all need.”

The memorial service was subdued, by design, inside a spontaneous school chant of “Let’s Go Hokies!” the university’s love song. The president met with a wounded student and 50 relatives of the victims, hugging them and telling them to take comfort from one another.

Bush and his wife, Laura, also stopped briefly in the middle of campus where students have set up a memorial of candles and flowers. The president and first lady added their signatures to a display of the letters VI — a symbol of Virginia Tech.

In times of tragedy, Americans often turn to the president to be the nation’s consoler. One of the most memorable images of Bush is of him standing atop a pile of rubble in New York, halibut in hand, as he rallied the nation after the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

In 1995, President Clinton went to Oklahoma City after the bombing of the federal building there, and his on-the-scene empathy was later viewed as the key factor in reviving his presidency and helping him win re-election.

But Bush urged those angered by the killings not to be overcome by evil.

“People who have never met you are praying for you,” Bush said. “They’re praying for your friends who have fallen and who are injured. There’s a power in these prayers, a real power.

In times like these, we can find comfort in the grace and guidance of a loving God.”

Before the service, Bush received a briefing on the shootings and their investigation from Virginia Tech President Charles Steger.

On a day of raw emotion, Bush spoke to students who said he had just lived through the worst day of their lives.

“You are enduring this terrible day of mourning, it’s hard to imagine a time will come when life at Virginia Tech will return to normal, but such a day will come,” Bush said. “And when it does, you will always remember the friends and teachers who were lost yesterday.”

The tragedy fueled debate over gun control. White House spokesman Dana Perino deflected any questions about Bush’s view of needed changes to gun control policy, saying the time for that discussion is not now.

“We understand that there’s going to be and there has been an ongoing national discussion, conversation and debate about gun control policy. Of course we are going to be participating in that conversation,” she said. “Today, however, is a day that is time to focus on the families, the school, the community.”

UNITED KINGDOM

Nations criticize U.S. ‘gun culture’

Associated Press

LONDON — The Virginia Tech shootings sparked criticism of U.S. gun control laws around the world Tuesday. Editorials lashed out at the availability of weapons, and the leader of Australia’s closest ally — declared that America’s gun culture was costing lives.

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Local News

Army invests $100 million in site

TRENTON — The new buildings that made up the former Muscatucket State Development Center were once home to more than 2,000 people with mental disabilities — some autistic, some profoundly mentally retarded.

The facility was closed in 2005, but its Jennings County campus has since enjoyed a bustling second life as an Indiana National Guard training center. It, along with the availability of weapons, and the leader of Australia’s closest ally — declared that America’s gun culture was costing lives.

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gives people without a direct experience of Africa an overly negative image of the continent."

Adeleke Gawa, a member of the African Student Association, said he believes "not only the campus but the entire country has a misconception of Africa. They picture it as a chaotic area where things just happen." He said he wants to show the positive side of Africa, that it is a dif-
ferent culture, a side different as opposed to what is seen on the news.

Changing the misconception

Like Gawa, Dowd said it is important to realize there is more to Africa than its problems.

"While taking the problems that Africa faces seriously, because they are our problems as well, Africa Week pro-
vides the Notre Dame community with a chance to appreciate the rich diversity of Africa and African achievements," he said.

In order to stimulate appreciation, the groups who put together the events included African films, music, and dance, including the African Student Association, the African Working Group and the Africa Faith and Justice Network—much like Africa Week was in its first year.

Africa Week is meant to highlight different issues pertinent to Africa, from political and faith situations in Africa to recent research, including the African Student Association, African Working Group and the Africa Faith and Justice Network. The program said that it is important to understand that misperceptions can exist, such as the idea that Africa is only about poverty and disease.

The University sent 32 mem-
ers of its community to Africa for the conference, Dowd said. These students and faculty members included Paulinus Odorozor, a Notre Dame priest and professor, and Father Theodore Hesburgh helped to set up a university system in East Africa with money from the Ford Foundation.

"When people think of Africa, they think of forests and animals, but the whole continent is not like that. I hope that we can get rid of that misconception."

Tunde Disu president African Student Association

Afric a's Promise, Notre Dame and Africa Today
day event with a focus on research, education, and development in Africa.

"The week will discuss before and after the independence of Ghana and analyze where Ghana and Africa as a continent stand 50 years later," he said.

"I hope it will help in inspiring students to want to know more about Africa and go there," said Professor Naushijah Singh has taught an African politics class for the past few years. When he first offered the class, there were 20 students enrolled, but the numbers climbed in recent years, he said.

"We have a demand among students for courses and service opportunities," Singh said.

"I am a student of the African Association, a group that will perform to American hip-hop."

"Most people don't realize that Africa has a developed, popular culture," Gawa said.

Kollman and Odorozor will present the African Association and Nigerian music, and African drummers, storytellers, the First Class Steppers, and the First Class drummers. A variety of African music will be performed by the groups and a discussion will be held about "Africa as an abstraction, but about how (the continent) really is," he said.

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The company online advertised more than 500 advertising executives and media planners at a "First Look" event Tuesday — what Chief Executive Randy Falco also described as a "coming out party for AOL" as a major online advertising platform.

"We're interested in making sure that advertisers and agencies are deciding what their budgets are for the coming year, they understand there's an enormous shift going on," the former NBC executive told The Associated Press.

The First Look event, at the corporate headquarters of AOL LLC parent Time Warner Inc., comes as AOL seeks to increase its advertising revenue to make up for rapid declines in its legacy Internet access business.

AOL announced ad-supported initiatives scheduled to launch this fall and early next year: a site where users can submit photos, video showcases for use on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" now who are considered games, including a second season of reality TV master Mark Burnett's "Gold Rush." A fifth program, a game based on the upcoming science fiction "Third" movie, is to launch April 26.

The major networks typically announce their full schedules in May as part of events called "upfronts" because networks use them to pre-sell the bulk of their advertising for hit shows. Falco said he wasn't expecting similar advance sales results from Tuesday's event, but the timing wasn't coincidental.

"There's no hiding that," Falco told the AP. "We're trying to get out there in front of the traditional broadcast upfronts so we can remind people who control budgets just how important online is becoming to their marketplace."

Yahoo Inc. held similar events in February in New York and Los Angeles. Television networks, meanwhile, have been pushing their digital platforms along with their traditional broadcasts.

"It's not only the traditional advertising agencies who are now buying digital," Millard said. She said many traditional advertisers contacted Yahoo following the presentations to set up sales meetings, though she said she could not specify how many or what resulted.

According to research by TNS Media Intelligence, spending on online advertising excluding keyword search ads grew 17 percent to $9.8 billion last year. But that's only 6.5 percent of all advertising, and television gets nearly seven times more spending than the Internet.

While AOL was showing new programs at the event, Falco also saw it as a chance to sell advertisers on the AOL platform as a whole, including a new Web e-mail interface in the market and new video distribution deals with Fox News Corp., General Electric Co.'s NBC Universal and CBS Corp.
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anniversary Mass. The congregation was made up largely of students, although many members of the outside community were also present. Some students came straight from the library, carrying their backpacks, while many dressed nicely for the service. Following the Mass, many students visited the Grotto to pray and reflect on the massacre.

In his homily, McCormick emphasized the powerful emotions many Americans have felt in the past few days in response to the tragedy at Virginia Tech.

"We have been overwhelmed with thoughts and emotions. ... We are shaken, we are fearful, and we are angered," he said. McConnell also underscored the similarities between the Notre Dame and Virginia Tech communities. "We've heard the stories of students, staff and professors who died, and we realized that their goals and ambitions are not that different from our own," he said.

Because of these similarities, McCormick said he believes the Notre Dame and Virginia Tech communities are "of one thought and mind." Like those at Virginia Tech's candlelight vigil Tuesday night, the members of the Notre Dame community worshiping at the Basilica and praying at the Grotto "gathered to pray for the lost souls and for peace in their hearts, and in our own," he said.

The Mass was meant to represent the concern for the spiritual unity of all humankind. "When one part of the human community suffers, we all suffer," McCormick said. McCormick said he believes members of the Notre Dame community can take strength in the Holy Spirit after Monday's tragedy, which was the largest mass shooting in U.S. history.

"The Holy Spirit allows us to move from a state of fear to faith," McCormick said. "We may be fearful, but it is faith, not fear, that transforms and heals our wounds." While Monday's events were understandably in crisis, McCormick stressed the ability to overcome disaster and increase spiritual strength.

"It is only for us now to find how even the Cross can be borne as a gift," he said, to close his homily.

The message of the Mass was not one of depression, but a more hopeful state of solidarity with fellow humans.

"We must be a community with hope to bring. There is no failure that the Lord cannot reverse," McCormick said.

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Convention and Visitors Bureau, South Bend is waiting no time in forming ideas to Chicago's bid committee.

"Right now, we're identifying the right people to help Chicago compete internationally to host the Olympics," he said. "So, over the next few days, our task will be to discuss appropriate roles we could play in helping Chicago's bid."

Ayers said the two resources South Bend could provide to the Olympic Games would be training facilities for the athletes and resort sites for the spectators.

"Suppose that a team needs to find a last-minute venue to practice for the competition," he said. "Our thoughts are that some of our venues can be utilized to help these athletes. By pointing these things out, we can show the city of Chicago that we can serve as responsible partners for them."

Ayers said one site that would be potentially useful in the cause and kayak events in the East Race waterway just off downtown. East Race was the first artificial whitewater-rafting course built in North America. And since it is owned by the city of South Bend and managed by the Parks and Recreation Department, the Olympic Committee would be familiar with the site as a reliable venue.

Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White also has a connection to the Chicago bid, as a member of the Chicago 2016 steering committee. But whether Notre Dame facilities could be used to help the bid is uncertain at this point.

"The extent of White's involvement has been a couple of Chicago fundraising events," senior associate athletic director John Heisler said in an e-mail Tuesday to The Observer. "There have not been any specific conversations relative to the use of any Notre Dame facilities in any junction with the games."

Still, Ayers said he thinks the attractiveness of Notre Dame's renowned campus will help the Chicago bid, as far as tourism is concerned. This, in addition to the College Football Hall of Fame and the Studebaker National Museum, would draw spectators from Chicago who have extra time in between events.

"It would certainly generate the local economy," Ayers said, "and rally our community to serve people from around the globe."

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PHILIPPINES

Peacetime volunteer found dead in Manila

Associated Press

MANILA — Philippine authorities on Saturday said they believe he to be that of a missing American Peace Corps volunteer in a northern mountain town where she disappeared during a hike more than a week ago, an army general said.

Maj. Gen. Rodrigo Marcang said the Associated Press that a body matching the description of Julia Campbell, 40, from Fairfax, Va., was found buried with one foot protruding from the ground near the village of Bataad. It was not clear whether she had been buried by someone or if she was covered by debris during a fall.

Marcang said it was too early to determine if foul play was involved.

Regional police chief Haul eli said the body was found in a remote area where she disappeared during a hike more than a week ago, an army general said.

Police said earlier they may have fallen off a cliff.

Provincial police chief Senior Superintendent Pedro Gadon said by telephone that he was in the area when the body was found and that he had been covering the area for the past three days.

Campbell, who has been a volunteer for the Peace Corps, was found dead in Manila.

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Experts analyze antidepressants

CHICAGO — Authors of a new comprehensive analysis of antidepressants for children and teenagers say the benefits of treatment trump the small risk of increasing some patients' chances of having suicidal thoughts and behaviors.

The risk they found is lower than the one the Food and Drug Administration identified in 2004, the year the agency warned the public about the drugs' risks in children. After the warning, U.S. youth suicides increased and some mental health experts said reluctance to try antidepressants might be to blame.

The new analysis includes data from seven studies that were not part of the previous FDA analysis, including two large pediatric depression trials that were unavailable three years ago.

Researchers analyzed data on 3,310 children and teenagers from 27 studies. They found that for every 100 kids treated with antidepressants, about one additional child experienced worsening suicidal feelings above what would have happened without drug treatment. In contrast, the FDA analysis found an odds ratio of 1.2, afflicting about two in 100 patients.

There were no suicides in any of the studies. The antidepressants included Prozac, Paxil, Zolof, Celexa, Lexapro, Effexor, Serzone and Remeron.

"The medications are safe and effective and should be considered as an important part of treatment," said study co-author Dr. David Brent of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. "The benefits seem favorable compared to the small risk of suicidal thoughts and behavior."

Antidepressants worked best when used to treat anxiety, the analysis found. They worked moderately well treating obsessive-compulsive disorders. They worked less well, but were still effective in treating depression.

Adolescents responded better than children to treatment for depression and anxiety, the researchers found. They also found that only Prozac worked better than dummy pills in depressed children younger than 12.

In the studies involving depression, 61 percent of patients improved while on antidepressants. But 30 percent of depressed patients taking dummy pills also improved.

Among patients with obsessive-compulsive disorders, 52 percent improved on antidepressants, compared to 32 percent who improved on dummy pills.

And in the studies of anxiety disorders, 69 percent improved on antidepressants and 59 percent improved on dummy pills. Effectiveness of the drugs was measured in the studies using widely accepted rating scales. The analysis appears in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

Dr. John March, chief of child and adolescent psychiatry at Duke University Medical Center, welcomed the study as "the most comprehensive analysis of the data yet put together." He said the suicidal behavior risk, although lower than found by the FDA, demands that doctors and families watch for warning signs.

"You can't treat kids with these drugs without taking this information into account," said March, who was not involved in the study, but does similar research. "You can't say, 'Take these and call me in six weeks.' You have to monitor carefully the benefits and adverse events."

The study didn't measure the effects of talk therapy, March pointed out. He said cognitive behavioral therapy, paired with antidepressants can lower suicide risk and speed up recovery for depressed youth.

The study was supported by grants from the National Institute of Mental Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Attorney general's aide may receive immunity

WASHINGTON — Monica Goodling, once Attorney General Alberto Gonzales' White House liaison, would be granted immunity from prosecution and forced to testify under a plan being considered by a House panel probing the firings of federal prosecutors.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers said Tuesday that Goodling, who has refused to testify, has much to contribute to the investigation.

"I am hopeful we can approve immunity so that we can schedule her to testify as soon as possible and begin to clear up the many inconsistencies and gaps surrounding this matter," said Conyers, D-Mich.

"She's at the nexus of the relationship between the White House and the Justice Department," added Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.

The committee vote, scheduled for Wednesday, is part of an effort by Democrats to find out why the Bush administration dismissed eight of the nation's 93 federal prosecutors.

Democrats question whether the administration singled out some of those fired in an effort to interfere with corruption cases in ways that might help Republicans.

No evidence has surfaced to suggest the firings of U.S. attorneys should be asked to testify, according to a senior Justice Department official who consulted on U.S. attorneys who has been a reporter.

Buchanan refused to comment.

House Democrats focused Tuesday on Goodling's immunity. Gonzales' former counsel and White House liaison quit over the furor and has invoked his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination. She and her lawyer have said any testimony could amount to a perjury trap.

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School threats follow VT massacre

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Campus threats forced lock-downs and evacuations at universities and grade schools in seven states on Tuesday, a day after a Virginia Tech student's shooting rampage killed 32 people.

One threat in Louisiana directly mentioned the massacre in Virginia, while others were reports of suspicious activity in Texas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, North Dakota, South Dakota and Michigan.

In Louisiana, parents picked up hundreds of students from Bogalusa's high school and middle school amid reports that a man had been arrested Tuesday morning for threatening a mass killing in a note that alluded to the murders at Virginia Tech.

Schools Superintendent Jerry Payne said both schools were locked down and police arrested a 53-year-old man who allegedly made the threat in a note he gave to a student headed to the private Bowling Green School in Franklinton. Both towns are in southeastern Louisiana.

"The note referred to what happened at Virginia Tech," Payne said. "It said something like, 'If you think that was bad, then you haven't seen anything yet.'"

In Rapid City, S.D., schools were locked down after receiving reports of a man with a gun in a parking lot at Central High. No shots were fired and no injuries were reported, police said. The high school students were taken to the nearby Runnion Plaza Civic Center, where parents were allowed to pick up their children.

In Austin, authorities evacuated buildings at St. Edward's University after a threatening note was found, a school official said.

Police secured the campus perimeter and were searching the buildings, St. Edward's University spokeswoman Michele Amador said. She declined to say where the note was found and said its contents were "non-specific."

Amador said the university's reaction was not influenced by Monday's attack at Virginia Tech.

"No matter what day or when this would have happened, we will always take the necessary precautions to protect our students, our faculty, our staff, the entire university community," she said.

At the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, campus buildings were evacuated after a duffel bag was found outside a building on the inner perimeter of the campus. The bag was described as containing "suspicious materials."

In Bloomfield Hills, Mich., police attributed a 30-minute lock-down at the exclusive Cranbrook Schools complex in response to jittery nerves following the Virginia slayings.

School officials called police after parents and students reported spotting a 6-foot-tall man in a shirt, high-heels, lipstick and a blond wig near a school drop-off area outside Cranbrook's Kingswood Upper School, Lt. Paul Myzyenski said. Police were unable to find anyone meeting the man's description.

At the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, officials ordered three campus administration buildings evacuated for almost two hours Tuesday morning in response to a telephone bomb threat. The city's bomb squad searched the buildings but found nothing, campus spokesman Chuck Cantrell said.

Cantrell said there was no reason to believe the bogus threat was related to the shootings at Virginia Tech, but "we just chose to err on the side of caution today."

The other, at the University of Oklahoma, had started with a report of a man spotted on campus carrying a suspicious object, officials said.

The man was carrying an umbrella, not a weapon, and he neither identified himself to authorities, University of Oklahoma President David Boren said in a statement. Boren initially had said the person was believed to carrying a yoga mat.

EU condemns CIA anti-terrorism tactics

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Members of the European Parliament told U.S. lawmakers Tuesday that CIA tactics for spurring anti-terrorism suspects are illegal.

The parliamentarians' briefing for House members concerned CIA renditions, the practice of grabbing terror suspects in one country and delivering them to another country for questioning.

The briefing came the same day it was disclosed that CIA Director Michael Hayden had privately complained to European diplomats last month that a European Parliament report written by a member of the delegation had exaggerated the extent of the renditions.

Hayden made a case that the renditions were an essential tool that had helped the United States and European countries fight international terrorism, according to a Western official familiar with his remarks.

The European delegation, which includes members of a European Parliament civil liberties panel, briefed members of two House Foreign Affairs subcommittees Tuesday. The hearing on renditions was set up by Democrats, who have sought to exert greater oversight over intelligence activities since taking control of Congress this year.

Carlo Fara, the author of a panel report accusing Britain, Poland, Italy and other nations of colluding with the CIA to transport terror suspects to clandestine prisons in third countries, told the members of Parliament that the Congress considers rendition "an illegal instrument used by the United States in the fight against terrorism," according to testimony prepared for the hearing.

As for Hayden's remarks last month, first described in The Washington Post on Tuesday, the CIA director said renditions carried out by the United States were approved after the Sept. 11 attacks have all been conducted lawfully.

Fara said that the renditions had taken place with the knowledge and many times assistance of the countries where the suspects were seized, according to the Western official, who requested anonymity because the remarks were made to a private audience.
This weekend marks the 78th annual Blue-Gold Game weekend. An outstanding tradition that has grown from an alumni versus varsity team game into a highly publicized spring scrimmage, the 2007 Blue-Gold Game will surely not disappoint. But for many, this weekend entails so much more than a mere football scrimmage. So when you prepare to cheer on the Irish be sure to take note of any happenings on the field as well as throughout campus. I have supplied you with a list of my top 10 favorites to help you out.

10. The Return of Tailgating. For most of us, it’s been almost five months since our last tailgating experience. I don’t know about you, but I can hardly wait to break out the grill and bags set this weekend. The Joyce Center lot will once again be overwhelmed with Irish fans eating hotdogs and shotgunning beers. Similar to the Blue-Gold Game itself, this Saturday’s tailgating gives us non-football players a chance to practice for next fall’s tailgating season.

9. The Shirt Unveiling. The dress code for the 2007 football season will be introduced this Friday. With the success of the “Tradition” shirt last year, will navy once again be next fall’s t-shirt color, or will The Shirt Committee opt for a different color to add to our ever-increasing Irish wardrobe?

8. The Fans. What other college football team can brag about tens of thousands of fans coming to watch a spring practice? Alumni, parents, family and friends will come from all corners of the country to watch their favorite team and take part in one of Notre Dame’s greatest traditions.

7. The Team. The Blue-Gold game allows for a unique opportunity for the entire football team to display their talents. Everyone from the Student-Manager who will start the hardwood walking canons will have a chance to strut their stuff in The Stadium.

6. PigFest. The biggest party of the year ... and the closest thing to Greek Life a Notre Dame student will ever see. Complete with 80 kegs, two pigs and one naked freshwater swimmer, PigFest is a spring tailgating tradition that is sure to please.

5. The Four-Man Quarterback Race. With rumors rumbling about who will replace Brady Quinn, be the first to see who will take the field dressed in red.

4. Bookstore Basketball. With the championship game only a week away, the largest outdoor five-on-five basketball tournament will be in full effect this weekend with teams fighting for the top spot. Will it be “I Can’t Believe We’re No Buster” and "Your Gentility and a Jew" in the championship game? The answer is only a few games away.

3. The New Leprechaun. After highly anticipated, public try-outs, The Leprechaun for the upcoming athletic year will be out on the field cheering on the Irish. Complete with red hair and a green suit, Matt Phillips will undoubtedly carry on the esteemed Leprechaun tradition with great success.

2. Ara and Lou. College football coaching legends Ara Parseghian and Lou Holtz will be on the sidelines this Saturday alongside Charlie Weis coaching the Blue and Gold — a dream come true for Irish fan hopefuls.

1. The Game. While many students will choose to chow down on pork rather than watch a scrimmage, the Blue-Gold Game should not be missed. As a dress rehearsal for the upcoming football season, the Blue-Gold game gives spectators a chance to watch their favorite players as they give us a sneak peak of what’s to store for next fall. And if you are anything like me, you are suffering from football withdrawal and cannot wait to get back in the stadium. So put on your new Shirt, tailgate with family and friends and be sure to support your two favorite teams as they battle it out in the Stadium this Saturday.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Disclaiming the rhetorical skills that will make him a very successful litigator and betraying his claim that his legal education is a "joke," my classmate Jim Paulino offers a self-contradictory, very misleading, image of what attending Notre Dame Law School is like ("Law students show discontent," April 17). In his zeal to denigrate the institution which has so aptly prepared him for the future, he misunderstands the purpose of the curriculum at a national law school. His particular emphasis and misrepresentation of the abilities of the stellar faculty at our school, Paulino complains of the lack of "practicality" at the law school. Setting aside his self-contradiction on this point (the very self-contradiction of our trial advocacy program, which is duplicated annually in countless law firms across the country to train other new lawyers), he seems to have missed the elementary fact that at nationally-ranked schools such as Notre Dame, students come from and return to nearly every state in the Union to practice. It is impossible for a law school with such reach to present practical knowledge of black-letter law that will be of immediate use to the young attorney. Rather, Notre Dame, like all national or "elite" law schools, offers a general curriculum focused on broad rules of law, highlighting theoretical understandings and principles running throughout. Armed with a solid theoretical understanding of the legal areas the law, students then go on after graduation to learn the state-specific knowledge needed to pass the bar exam in their chosen state of practice.

If Paulino wanted his three years of law to be an extension of the practical education preparing him to apply written legal rules with only a "joke" of a legal mind, he could have chosen any one of the nation's fine regional or local law schools, which traditionally teach the black letter law of the state in which they sit, eschewing larger theoretical and policy discussions. I am sorry to hear Paulino regrets his choice; I am certain he is in the minority in doing so.

Second, Paulino suggests the law school emphasizes its Catholic image at the expense of offering a quality legal education. As a non-Catholic, I find his suggestion laughable to the point of absurdity. He seems to regard the existence of a course on canon law as an affront to his learning, even though he was entirely free to avoid this elective class. He also refers to Jurisprudence and Ethics II as "joke" classes that are a "waste" of his time and money. While these classes are required, they are neither a waste nor a joke, except to the extent that students fail to take them seriously. Jurisprudence offers the opportunity to place our newly acquired legal knowledge in context as it relates to those responsible and helps us to understand the nature of the professions we are about to enter and the intellectual foundation of the tools we have just been given. Ethics II provides a moment each week for reflections on real-world dilemmas: what we will bring home after five years in our careers — in fact, Ethics II may be the most "practical" course in the curriculum.

While I do not disagree with calls for greater transparency and communication from the law school administration, not one of us can claim ignorance as to the unapologetic manner in which Notre Dame Law School examines these ethical, moral and philosophical questions even as it delivers a rigorous legal education. To the extent Paulino considers such examination to be a "joke," I submit that Paulino made a poor choice three years ago in choosing where to go to law school.

Third, and most egregiously, Paulino extends his smearing of his soon-to-be alma mater by suggesting that "a lot" of the professors here "can't teach," and further suggesting that many professors are retained because they help the school's "Catholic image" despite having nothing to offer students. After having taken classes from some 23 faculty members, I have yet to meet the professor that meets Paulino's facile description. Many of the best professors are Catholic; many are not. Some new appointees are Catholic; some are not. There is no simply correlation betweenatholicism and teaching ability, as Paulino would have it.

More to the point, the fact is we balance one of the finest assemblages of teachers from which I have had the privilege to learn. Of all this I believe, not mention where the law school could use some improvement — and there many professors who I believe do a fantastic job.

As the noted article elsewhere, Notre Dame has several professors who are rising stars in their respective fields. Notre Dame's Supreme Court clerks who are widely popular among students and recognized as outstanding teachers. More senior faculty are nationally known as established leaders in their field. And if some of our most brilliant and eccentric faculties have difficulty making themselves understood to today's students, I think that reflects more on the unwillfulness of today's students to put in the work to take advantage of resources at their disposal than it does on anyone's ability to teach.

In sum, I wish to be known that the school that Paulino describes is not the school I have attended the past three years. Notre Dame offered me, and I readily accepted, exactly the nationally-based, theoretical and foundational legal education I expected to receive; additional focus and reflection on the questions of ethics, morals and justice that I was unlikely to get at most other law schools; and an array of brilliant, accomplished professors as eager to teach as I was to learn from them. I agree with Paulino that there are certain problems of responsiveness to the world outside the law school that need to be addressed. There my agreement ends.

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Tuesday, April 17

Lives lost to wasted cause in Iraq

Mary Daley asks "Where has the respect for human life gone?" ("Lives lost in Iraq anything but wasted," April 17) in response to Will McAlister's assertion that the lives of all who have died in Iraq are wasted. The entire war is a waste — and not because we aren't honoring those who died, but because they are no longer alive. Every life taken in this war is a waste, because with the war, they would still be alive. So, Mary, if you're wondering where our respect for life lies in the fact that we wish these soldiers were still alive, and that we want no more of them to die. Declaring their lives were wasted is not an insult — it is a measure of how much we wish they hadn't been sent to die for a worthless war.

We realize that striking a balance between honoring the lives of these soldiers and criticizing those who sent them to die is difficult. The real tragedy and waste lies in that these soldiers, willing to die for the noblest of ideals, were sent to war that has such ignoble effects, including the death of countless Iraqis, and the diversion of needed funds away from our own Gulf Coast. Beyond the waste of resources and countless deaths, the term "waste" also applies to the fact that our brave soldiers, who served our country for certain ideals and values, are sent by their government to risk their lives in a war that undermines the very values which they uphold, and for which they decided to serve their country.

We believe in liberty, equality and democracy. We also believe that none of these realities can be based on the foundation of violence and occupation. The war is succeeding only in supplanting our ideals with a reality that is destroying those who fight for them — and this is the greatest waste.

I am writing in response to an IRISHLINK Interserve e-mail that I received from the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) Task Force of the Center for Social Concerns and Student Government soliciting the purchase of a T-shirt in honor of Malaria Awareness Day, Wednesday April 25th. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Center for Disease Control informs us that 41 percent of the world's population live in areas where malaria is transmitted (e.g., parts of Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Central and South America, Hispaniola and Oceania). Each year 350-500 million cases of malaria occur worldwide, and over one million people die, most of them young children in sub-Saharan Africa. The imperative of reducing the catastrophic impact of this disease, which has been eradicated in this country since the 1950s, is unsalable.

However, I would like to reflect on a campus culture that attempts with the best of intentions to advance a socially-conscious agenda by reifying the unconscious behavior of some among us. Insecticide-treated bed nets decreased the mortality of children ages 1-11 months in western Kenya in 1997-1999. How many more of these lives might have been saved if the $10 invest ment was made to purchase the $10 invest ment if part of those funds were then being used to destroy the very life-saving matter of the purportedly "free T-shirt". Although I do not know directly where and under what labor conditions the Malaria Awareness Day T-shirts were produced, I do know that cotton composes one of the world's insecticides and eleven percent of global pesticide sales are used to produce cotton. It grows on the planet, a toxicity hazardous to more than just mosquitoes. Certainly, I appreciate the implicit intent of the T-shirts to raise awareness, but I question whether this is the best application.

There have been many T-shirt campaigns on campus since my time here, many of which have been inspired by the orange "Gay? Fine by me!" success. The issue of campus acceptance of all sexual orientations is one relating directly to the campus community, and as such, one that lends itself well to a T-shirt campaign. Issues such as malaria, which are about garnering resources for a charitable effort on another continent rather than publicly testing the self for donating to an anti-malaria cause, are perhaps better served by alterations in student and faculty dress code, or stickers such as "Be nice to me, I gave blood.

As a person who tries to not measure his social consciousness through his clothing, I thought of one solution. I went into his closet, I invite a Catholic dorm to have "pay your respects" written with simplicity as well as the charitable spirit in this upcoming "Millennium Development Goals Awareness Week."
Vincent Chase (Adrian Grenier, left) and Eric (Kevin Connelly) have been best friends since their childhood in Queens, NY.

One of the defining moments in the charmed life of Vincent Chase, budding Hollywood superstar and the frictional centerpiece of HBO’s “Entourage,” takes place, appropriately, in a darkened movie theatre. Seated inconspicuously in the back row of a packed auditorium, Chase (Adrian Grenier) nervously fidgets and wonders how his fans are taking in “Aquaman,” the movie playing on screen. This is his first crack at a summer blockbuster and with “Terminator” and “Titanic” mastermind James Cameron directing him, how could anything go wrong? Still, Chase’s ever-loyal quartet of amigos—half-brother Johnny “Drama” Chase (Kevin Dillon) and best friends Eric “Turtle” (Jerry Ferrara) and Turtle (Jerry Ferrara)—are quick to reassure him that the fans are eating it up.

“You’ll get a load of this if you just get to your feet,” Turtle says excitedly. And for the briefest of moments, we get a tantalizing glimpse of Vince’s Aquaman in action. Jostling past the frantic and unruly summer beach crowd on an ocean pier, he unbuttons his suit while racing to stop an incoming tidal wave. But at the last second, as he does a death-defying leap off the edge of the pier, he realizes that the fans are eating it up.

What if? What if they get a load of this? What if they get a sense of how laid back the atmosphere on set must be. This DVD set also marks the first time HBO airs the second half of the season, it shamefully doubles the cost of each episode.

Fortunately, HBO is a little more generous with the special features here than in the paltry excuse for “bonus material” from the second season set. Aside from a breezy promotional piece for the Vegas episode, Ellin, Ferrara and Dillon sit down to record lively commentary tracks for easily the three strongest episodes of the season: “Day in the Valley,” “Vegas, Baby, Vegas!” and “Sorry, Ari.” All three tracks are informative and continually engaging and you get a sense of how laid back the atmosphere on set must be. This DVD set also marks the first time that the show is available in widescreen, which suits its cinematic locales.

Sadly, the “Aquaman” footage that “Entourage” teases us with to begin the third season isn’t real. But the quartet’s genuine desire for Vince’s fans to love the movie is. Like the very best segments in HBO’s ever-entertaining dramedy, it’s one more example of the “Entourage” writers poking fun at the inanity of Hollywood while never straying too far from these four middle-aged boys from Queens. Together, they steer through the choppy waters of the business in search of every actor’s fleeting dream: a glamorous fairy tale ending.

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What makes "Entourage" so awesome? Although its storylines are nowhere near as serious and detailed as the longstanding arcs of "The Sopranos" HBO's flagship series, "Entourage" actually does have overarching plots and a sequential structure, unlike sitcoms and other single episode-focused comedies such as "The Office." However, the real fun of "Entourage" lies in watching Vince and Company roll around Hollywood in shiny expensive cars, work out multi-million dollar film deals and create new comedy along the way.

"Entourage" is sort of the male equivalent to college girls reading magazines such as "People" and "Cosmopolitan." It's a total indulgence in the glitter and glamour of Hollywood celebrity pop culture. Except that unlike the tabloid trash of grocery store newstands, the show is awesome. "Entourage" is art imitating life creating art—a comedy about a fictional movie star and his pals, set in real-world Hollywood.

And what makes it all work is the characters. The movie star of "Entourage" is Vincent Chase (played by Adrian Grenier), who never goes anywhere without his posse: Eric (Kevin Connolly), Drama (Kevin Dillon) and Turtle (Jerry Ferrara). As a tight-knit quad of boyhood friends from Queens, the main group dynamic is Vince and Eric's status as best friends, which gets complicated when they go into business together as E (his nickname) becomes Vince's manager. Over time, E proves himself a capable businessman in his duties as Vince's manager. Vince himself is a paradox—everyone wants his life, but no one really wants to be him. He makes up for his narcissist and sometimes annoying tendencies, by paying his friends off periodically with new rides and sweet digs.

And he's definitely not everyone's favorite character: that title belongs to Ari Gold, played by Jeremy Piven, the paranoid, workaholic agent who spends his time alternating between cajoling Vince into new movie projects, living vicariously through the group and blasting Lloyd (Rex Lee), his oft-abused assistant.

Vince's older brother Johnny Drama is a has-been back, but he manages to get the odd job around Hollywood based solely off his proximity and shared family name with Vince. For his part, Turtle... well, Turtle's just along for the ride on Vince's coattails. The latter pair is a bit of an odd couple; no one really takes them seriously, but they're accepted as part of Vince by extension—as Shauna (Debi Mazar) would say, he's "comes as a package deal."

And it's a pretty sweet one at that. In an episode of Season Two, Shauna, Vince's press manager, calls Vince's posse "The Lost Boys," which sums up the whole package: four best friends who refuse to grow up, have never put in an honest day's work in their lives and have no plans on doing so.

Whether it's house-shopping for Hollywood mansions, winning and dining at Southern California's finest restaurants or chasing skirts around town, the men of "Entourage" spend their nights holding glasses of champagne and their days sleeping, lacing around and trying to find ways to entertain themselves. Which, given their ridiculous amounts of free time and cash, is a recipe for both trouble and hilarious moments. In other words, the meaningless pursuits that young men spend their time on.

Part of "Entourage"s" appeal to college guys is that everyone has a group of friends that more or less resembles the show's characters. Everyone has a friend like Vince, a pretty boy who spends quality time, leave-in conditioner and hair gel making sure his hair looks just right before going out. Likewise, everyone wishes he had his best friend—a loyal and protective guy who's got his back. Everyone knows someone like Johnny Drama with an over-inflated ego and delusions of grandeur. And everyone also has a friend like Turtle, who's short, irresistible to pick on and exists mainly for group comedic relief.

Basically, "Entourage" is a combination of any time you've sat around your dorm room with your buddies and thought, "If I had a million dollars..." or "Wouldn't it be awesome if..." rolled together and cut into half-hour segments. From Vince and his posse trucking around town in an H2 Hummer to hitting up Las Vegas en masse, "Entourage" is a show about living the life.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Disney's 'Robinsons' soaring to screen success

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Assistant Scene Editor

"Meet the Robinsons," Walt Disney Animation's final pre-Pixar purchase and computer-generated cartoon closes with a nod to the past, attributing the central motto of the film—"keep moving forward"—to Walt Disney himself. It's a nice, nostalgic touch marking the studio's new era under John Lasseter, the former head of Pixar, and an apt debut late 2007 for the plot. Despite a relatively simple storyline about an orphan in search of a family, the rather complex machinations keep pushing the narrative ahead so as to not allow too much time to dwell on the how or why.

The film is loosely based on the picture book "A Day with Wilbur Robinson" by William Joyce and directed by first-timer Stephen J. Anderson. While "Meet the Robinsons" doesn't quite reach the high-standard of excellence established by such Pixar classics as "Toy Story" or "The Incredibles," it still offers a great deal of heart and is an overall enjoyable film.

The protagonist of the film is a young boy named Lewis Terman Fray, a Bernini-esque orphan and an attempted inventor. Abandoned by his mother as a baby, Lewis was raised under the care of Mildred (Angela Bassett) at an orphanage. His disastrously malfunctioning inventions, like the Peanut Better and Jelli Making Machine, hinder his attempts to be adopted by a loving family.

As a result he invents the Memory Seamer, which he hopes will help him discover the whereabouts of his birth mother. When Lewis reveals his invention, however, it is stolen by a villain from the future, known only as the "Bowler Hat Guy" (voiced by director Anderson).

Enter Wilbur Robinson (Wesley Singerman) who whiskis Lewis into his time travel machine to retrieve the Memory Seamer from Bowler Hat Guy before he uses it to change future according to his evil plans. Catapulted from one adventure to another, the orphanage into the bright retro-futuristic design marvel of "Todayland" (playing off of Disney World's Tomorrowland) Lewis sees the world of tomorrow has everything that he has ever dreamed of, including a potential family in the eccentric Robinson clan. But unless he can stop the Bowler Hat Guy, everything that Lewis loves about the future may disappear— including the Robinsons and their free-wheeling household of singing frogs, worrywart robot Carl (Hartland Williams) and a giant octopus butler.

The main point in the third act, when the filmmakers must somehow wrap the story up while addressing the consequences of the characters' time-traveling antics. It's difficult to elaborate without giving too much away, but the developments stratch the bounds of believability, even for a cartoon. Particularly upsetting is the fate of Lewis' baseball-loving roommate Goob, among the most endearing of animated characters, whose dark under-eye circles are presumably caused by sleep deprivation—but also suggest such other potential orphanhood troubles.

Co-starring the voices of Tom Selleck, Laurie Metcalf and Mad TV alum Nicole Sullivan, "Meet the Robinsons" zips merrily along, never overstaying its welcome. Per the family film narrative template, Lewis must learn some important life lessons over the course of his fantastic adventure, but the filmmakers thankfully hold the sappy histrionics in check. It's engaging rather than cloying, with more than enough of jokes, gags and one-liners to entertain all audience members.

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By JAMES COSTA
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Directed by Michael Eaton
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Walking on the Wild Side (2006)
Director HAN JIE will be present for discussion
ON THE EDGE: NEW INDEPENDENT CINEMA FROM CHINA
Directed by Han Jie
NR, 89 minutes
Mandarin language
with English subtitles
Thu, Apr 19 at 5 pm

Unknown Pleasures (2002)
ON THE EDGE: NEW INDEPENDENT CINEMA FROM CHINA
Directed by Ja Zhangke
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with English subtitles
35mm print
Thu, Apr 19 at 8:30 pm

The Silent Holy Stones (2005)
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ON THE EDGE: NEW INDEPENDENT CINEMA FROM CHINA
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Tibetan language with English subtitles
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MLB
Blum's clutch hits lead Padres over Cubs in 14
Pirates defeat struggling Cardinals behind combined four-hitter; Red Sox fall to Blue Jays despite strong Dice-K start

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Geoff Blum stepped to the plate in the 14th inning and delivered another big hit.

This time, the stakes were a little lower. It was a regular-season game — not the World Series. And the winning shot stayed in the ballpark.

Blum doubled in the go-ahead run to lead the San Diego Padres over the Chicago Cubs 4-3 in 14 innings Tuesday.

"I knew I wasn't going to repeat the World Series thing, not with that wind like that," he said.

That "World Series thing" happened in 2005, when Blum hit the go-ahead solo homer in the 14th inning of Game 3 for the Chicago White Sox.

"Luckily, I just found a hole," he said. "Right place at the right time. You wait that long and good things happen." Khalil Greene led off the 14th with a double to the right-field corner against Will Ohman (0-1), and with one out, Blum sent a shot that left Jacque Jones let slip by him.

Ohman then retired Royce Clayton, flying out to right field, and pinch-hitter Jake Peavy on a pop to second. But it was another rough outing for the left-han-
der.

He allowed a three-run homer to Marcus Giles in Monday's 12-4 win, and he walked in two runs in a 6-5 loss to Cincinnati last week.

"It's the law of averages," Ohman said. "Two, three, four or five in a row — it'll even out."

He said Blum hit a "great pitch" — a slider down and away. Not that it lessened Ohman's frustration.

"Would you get frustrated if you lost? It's frustrating," he said.

Blum's hit made a winner of Doug Brocail (0-0), who struck out four and allowed one hit in two scoreless innings. Trevor Hoffman pitched the 14th for his third save in as many chances.

Chicago's Daryl Ward hit a bloop double to center with one out in the bottom in the 14th, but Hoffman got Jones on a fly-out and struck out Ronny Cedeno.

"This team has shown a great deal of resiliency so far, early in the year, an ability to hang in there," Padres manager Bud Black said. "The pitching keeps us close and we get some hitting at the end of the game." San Diego loaded the bases in the ninth but failed to score, and two big defensive plays stopped them in the 10th and 12th.

Four runners on first and second in the 10th, Brian Giles sing-

ning and Joe Girardi leading off, followed the same formula. Felix Pie — making his major league debut for the Cubs — swung in and his third strike on the fly to catcher Mike Barrett, batting Russell Branyan by a foot, made Cameron Cameron ended the threat by pou-

And with a runner on second in the 12th, second baseman Derrek Lee hit into a double play to end the game.

Pedres outfielder Brian Giles doubles in a run in Tuesday's final inning of San Diego's 4-3 extra inning win over the Cubs.

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**Associated Press**

NEW YORK — Joey Crawford is done ejecting players and coaches this season. On Tuesday, he was the one getting tossed.

The veteran NBA referee was suspended indefinitely by commissioner David Stern for his conduct toward Tim Duncan, who contends the official challenged him to a fight during a game in Dallas.

Crawford has worked more postseason games than any active ref. His suspension will last at least through the NBA finals, and he apparently will have to meet with Stern after that to discuss reinstatement.

"Especially in light of similar prior acts by this official, a significant suspension is warranted," Stern said in a statement. "Although Joey is consistently rated as one of our top referees, he must be held accountable for his actions on the floor, and we will have further discussions with him following the season to be sure he understands his responsibilities."

Crawford ejected Duncan from San Antonio's loss after calling a second technical foul on the Spurs star while he was laughing on the bench. "He looked at me and said, 'Do you want to fight?'"

Crawford was suspended Tuesday for challenging Spurs Tim Duncan to a fight in a game.

Crawford was the first referee suspended since Rodney Mott was banned three games on Jan. 12 for making an obscene gesture toward a fan and also using inappropriate language in Portland.

Crawford comes from an officiating family. His brother, Jerry, is a major league umpire, as was his father, Shag.

Joey Crawford is in his 29th season as an NBA ref. He has officiated more than 2,000 games during the regular season and playoffs, including 36 in the NBA finals.

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**IN BRIEF**

High school recruiting violation goes to Supreme Court

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. — The U.S. Supreme Court gets the case again Wednesday. Did a Tennessee high school football player violate recruiting rules or simply exercise free speech?

The 10-year-old dispute pits Brentwood Academy, a wealthy private school in suburban Nashville, against the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association, the state body governing high school sports.

Brentwood Academy went a letter inviting 12 eighth-graders to attend spring football practice in 1997. The students' parents already had signed contracts and paid deposits to attend the high school.

But the athletic association said the letter violated rules against recruiting high school players, and it penalized the school with a $3,000 fine and four years probation. School officials unsuccessfully appealed twice before suing.

"We are pleased that the court has taken the case to the Supreme Court," said Scott Nold, an attorney for the plaintiffs.

West to step down as Grizzlies' director in July

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Jerry West will leave as the Memphis Grizzlies' director of basketball operations July 1, ending a five-year stint with the former expansion franchise.

West, one of the NBA's great players and executives with the Los Angeles Lakers, disclosed his plans Tuesday during an end-of-season meeting with reporters. The 68-year-old West had been under contract only through this season.

"The Grizzlies (21-60) have the worst record in the league and their troubles on the court have been compounded by the possible sale of the club," West said. "I feel my time has come as the Grizzlies' coach.

"I've told Mike Fratello I'll be an advisor to the team and will be available if the Grizzlies need a coach." West, whose contract was for three seasons, said he wouldn't coach in 2007-08.

Vets sue Michigan over stadium wheelchair access

DETROIT — A disabled veterans group sued the University of Michigan on Tuesday, saying there aren't enough spaces for wheelchair users at Michigan Stadium, one of the largest football stadiums in the country.

The federal lawsuit, filed by the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America, claims university officials are intentionally sidestepping the rules of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

A $226 million renovation is planned for the 107,000-seat stadium, which currently has 90 wheelchair-accessible seats. The school says the renovation work will increase that to 282 seats, but the suit argues that about 1,000 wheelchair-accessible seats are required. It's extremely disappointing that it had to come to this," said Richard Bernstein, attorney for the plaintiffs.
Belles swept by Thunder

Saint Mary's drops doubleheader on the road at Tri-State 9-1, 3-2

By BECKY SLINGER
Sports Writer

Tri-State pitchers limited the Belles — who are third in the MIAA for batting average (.358) — to 10 hits and three runs in Tuesday's doubleheader, leading the Thunder to trump Saint Mary's 9-1 and 3-2.

After disappointing conference play, freshman second baseman Maureen Healy said the team is still struggling to find its rhythm.

"We hit fine our first game today — it's just a matter of stringing those hits together. I think we're just missing that one little thing," Healy said. "Once we find [our rhythm] I think we'll be all right."

In the first game, sophomore pitcher Calli Davison struggled against the Thunder's powerful hitting, allowing 11 hits in five innings. Belles senior shortstop Sarah Misle scored one run on designated hitter Laura Helene's single to center field.

The Thunder drove in four runs in the third inning and three runs in the fourth. In the last inning of the game, Thunder senior shortstop Rainbow Bednarzki scored to end the game 9-1 in five innings.

The Belles nearly made up for their lack of offense in the first game by narrowly losing to the Thunder 3-2 in the second contest and stretching the game to all seven innings.

"The second game we started off leading — we jumped on them," Healy said. "In the second game we were 0-for-7 with no runners reaching. I think we were 5-for-7 with some runners reaching in the last game.

"The momentum was on our side versus the first game when we couldn't catch up. The second game we were in it more, and it was a lot more competitive."

Maureen Healy
Belles second baseman

Sophomore first baseman Kaitie Rashid went 2-for-3 and batted in the second. Rashid batted in Helene who had doubled to left field earlier in the inning.

Tri-State quickly answered the Belles by getting in two of its own runs. The score stood at 2-2 until the fifth when Tri-State sophomore Sallie Richardson scored on a wild pitch to give the Thunder the lead for good.

In the seventh, the Belles had a chance for a comeback. Rashid singled, and then sophomore Cathy Kurezk reached second on an error, advancing Rashid to third.

In the next three at-bats, the Belles were unable to get another hit and left the runners stranded on second and third, ending the game 3-2.

Tri-State (21-5) is now 5-1 in the MIAA. The Belles (14-6, 1-6 MIAA) are still second from the MIAA. The Belles (14-6, 1-6 MIAA) are still second from the MIAA. The Belles (14-6, 1-6 MIAA) are still second from the MIAA.

The second game was a come back story. The Belles were leading 3-2 in the bottom of the fifth inning before the Thunder came back on a sacrifice fly by Rashid to win 4-3.

The Belles finished the week with a 9-2 record after winning games against Saint Mary's and Tri-State.

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Men's volleyball finishes ninth at nationals

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Notre Dame's sixth-ranked team ventured to Louisville, Ky., this past week for the club volleyball national championships, where the top-50 Division I teams in the country competed. With their highest final ranking — ninth — in the club's history, the Irish raised expectations and made a deep run in this year's tournament.

The Irish opened pool play against the Naval Academy. Despite Navy's top-notch defense, the high-powered offense of Notre Dame proved to be too much as outside hitter Drew Williams got kills at will. The match was over sooner after it began, when Notre Dame won in convincing fashion, 25-21, 25-20.

For their second match the Irish faced Dayton in a battle between brothers, Notre Dame's John Tibble and Dayton's Jim Tibble. Behind the inspired defensive play of John Tibble, Notre Dame was able to defeat Dayton in straight sets 25-23, 25-21.

Notre Dame locked up a first-place finish by defeating Northeastern in straight sets in the final match of the day. The Irish were in control from start to finish as setter Nolan Kane kept the opposing defense guessing.

Moving into the second day with an unblemished record, Notre Dame needed to win one of its two matches to move into the final 16 of the tournament. First up for the Irish was Boston College. This was the first meeting between the two traditional rivals. Through most of the first set, the teams traded sides outs and neither team had a clear advantage. Middle blocker James Foreman stepped up to sway the game in favor of the Irish, who took it 25-23.

The momentum of the win carried on into the second game, which the Irish controlled in its entirety. The victory gave the Irish a guaranteed spot in the gold bracket. In its next game, Notre Dame squeaked out a win over Michigan State.

The final match of the day, needing all three sets to down the Spartans, still boasting a perfect record going into the final day, the Irish were down 1-0. After the first set, Notre Dame was able to send the match to a third set by winning the second with a score of 25-21.

The intensity carried over to the final set as the Irish built a quick 3-0 lead. Following some back and forth play, Santa Clara brought the game back into their reach by tying it at 10-10. Next, back-to-back blocks by the Santa Clara right side shifted the momentum and led to a disappointing Irish loss 25-17.

Two Irish league rivals, Wisconsin-Oshkosh and Lakeland, battled in the championship game, with Oshkosh claiming the title.

Gymnastics

This past weekend, the club competed at the NAIGC National Championships in Cincinnati, Ohio. Despite having a small team, the women competed very well and scored a 106.00. For Maura Steed and Wendy Jo Svanavich, this was the last meet of their undergraduate careers. Kelleen O'Leary was the top finisher for the Irish, qualifying to the event finals on the uneven bars. Sophia Troy and Jacqueline Carney also turned in solid performances to help the Irish.

Texas won the men's title, while Texas A & M captured the women's title.

Women's water polo

The club came away with two big victories at its home invitational this Saturday. In the day's first match, the Irish came out strong with a 12-4 win over MSU. Bridget O'Neill and Kelly Horner led the scoring with three goals apiece. Cristina Romano added another two, and Kristen Harchut, MC Cimino, Paige Chang and Emily Maritallied another.

Goal-tending was split between Betsy O'Neill and Maggie Hyde. The Irish needed double overtime to take down Michigan in their next game. Katie Kenney netted the game-winning goal on her birthday to complete the 8-7 win. Other goals were scored by O'Neill (4), Kristin Schmidt (2) and MC Cimino.

Sailing

Notre Dame finished 13th in a field of 16 teams at the Buckeye Intercollegiate Regatta this weekend. The top five finishers in order were Vermont, Michigan State, Owen's Ohio State and Michigan.

Chris May, Alii Donahue and Bridg Diaz raced the A Division for the Irish and finished 13th. Joe Pichl, Chris Pack and C.J. Huddleson Williams competed in the B and placed 11th.

Notre Dame's top sailors raced in the University of Minnesota Intercollegiate Regatta this weekend. The club finished third in a strong field. The results and standings have not yet been released and are not available for publication at this time.
NEW YORK — The balloons had barely settled in festive Madison Square Garden when Michael Nylander and Jaromir Jagr wrecked the night for Kari Lehtonen and the visiting Atlanta Thrashers.

Nylander scored the first of his three goals 32 seconds after the opening faceoff and paved the way for the Rangers' 7-0 blowout Tuesday night that put New York within a win of the Eastern Conference playoff series.

A year ago, the Rangers were swept on their return to the post-season after missing seven straight times. Jagr and Lundqvist were hurt and New York was no match for New Jersey then, but this group earned the team's first home playoff win since 1997.

The ice was still so cold Thursday that red and blue balloons fell from the upper reaches of the Garden during the national anthem, and the loud din hadn't left the arena when Nylander scored.

Lehtonen stopped 34 of 38 shots in the series-opening 4-3 loss and was worse upon his return.

There are no answers," forward Bobby Holik said. "The passion should be there but it isn't."

Hedberg made 37 saves in a much better performance Saturday, allowing a fake goal on Sean Avery's bank shot from center ice and Shanahan's gimme off a perfect setup in front by Avery in the 2-1 defeat.

Senators 2, Penguins 0

Sidney Crosby warned that no one should be surprised if the least-likely players made the difference, which was expected to be a high-scoring Ottawa-Pittsburgh playoff series.

Anton Volchenkov proved that in what may turn out to be a pivotal game.

Volchenkov scored on a slap shot from the slot midway through the period and led Ottawa Senators moved within two goals of eliminating the Pittsburgh Penguins by winning 2-1 on Tuesday night.

The Senators proved they could win a one-goal game when it counts — they lost 22 of 22 such games during the regular season, despite being second in goal scoring. They weathered a dominating second period by Pittsburgh, a reversal of the first three games, and remained patient and persistent until getting the winner.

Ottawa takes a 3-1 lead into Game 5 on Thursday night, where the teams split the first two games in the Eastern Conference first-round series.

"Going back home, we want to bury them," Ottawa's Jason Spezza said. "We don't want to come back here and give them life. When you get a team on the ropes, you want to try to knock them out."

The go-ahead goal by Volchenkov came amid an ever-shifting flow in which one team would press for a goal and the other would answer, creating an up-and-down and entertaining game despite the relative lack of scoring.

Mike Comrie took the puck out from behind the net toward the left corner and threw a hard pass to the slot, and Volchenkov one-timed a 30-foot shot over goalie Marc-Andre Fleury's left shoulder. Fleury had dropped to his knees early on the play in anticipation of the pass going toward the core.

"I don't score much but I scored a very big goal," said Volchenkov, who said his only higher goal was in the world junior games for Russia against Canada.

"It was a great, great play, a pass for me — and not too much traffic. I might be a little bit lucky."

Volchenkov, a defenceman, scored only once in 78 games during the season and had only one previous playoff goal, four years ago in a game before scoring his second. He has only nine goals in 229 career regular-season games.

"It was, basically, next goal wins and they got it," said Crosby, the NHL scoring champion who was held without a goal for the first time in the series.

"But every guy in that room can look in the mirror and know we gave an honest effort. We showed ourselves, and them, we're a difficult team to play against. If we take that to Ottawa, we have a chance."

Pittsburgh, appearing in the playoffs for the first time since 2001, has dropped its last eight Game 7s in the post-season. This time, it was because the Senators quieted Crosby and rookie Evgeni Malkin, who has yet to score despite having 85 points during the season. The Penguins also were 0-for-5 on the power play to Ottawa's 1-for-3.

"We're playing the smartest hockey we've played in a long time," Spezza said of a Senators team known for its past playoff failures — nine successive trips to the playoffs without reaching the finals. "We don't care if they're pretty or if they're ugly."

Ottawa won both games in Pittsburgh, where the Penguins have lost 10 of their last 13 playoff games — though none of these players were responsible for those other losses. Pittsburgh has come back from 3-1 deficits before, most recently in 1995 against Washington, but the Senators are 3-0 after they go up 3-1.
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CLUB SPORTS

Cyclers place well despite weather conditions

Women's ultimate places third at Central Plains Sectional; Men's ultimate takes third, advances to regional tournament

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The club competed at both Marian and Purdue this weekend. The Irish were at Marian College in Indianapolis on Saturday for the Marian Cycling Classic Criterion. The one-mile loop around the college campus was challenging enough, but rain and 35 degree temperatures made conditions nearly unbearable. Paul Carlson was the first racer for the Irish, making his debut in the Men C category. Carlson dropped off the pace early, and finished behind the peloton. In the Women's B race, Jenn Perricone and Meghan Griggs started the elite Men's A race early, and finished behind the peloton. The following circuit race was a four-mile loop with winning pace. The following circuit was a four-mile loop with winning pace. The following circuit race was a four-mile loop with winning pace. The following circuit race was a four-mile loop with winning pace. The following circuit race was a four-mile loop with winning pace.

Perricone, Lavery, Griggs and Campbell started their assault against the clock in the Men's A race. Lavery powered the team to a time of 13:18, putting it at sixth place and only 20 seconds off the winning pace. The following circuit race was a four-mile loop with a brutal half-mile climb. Carbon raced hard again in the Men's C field, finishing just off the pace of the peloton. Israel put up nice results finishing sixth in the

Women's B field. The elite Women's A and Men's B fields lined up next, with the women doing five circuits and the men eight. Perricone and Johnson finished with a chase group, taking 16th and 18th, respectively. Griggs, Campbell, Perricone, Steven and Lavery lined up for the Irish in their 32-mile race. Lavery was forced to abandon after only 50 meters due to total bike failure. The four remaining Irish were unable to make the winning break and had a few failed breakaway attempts. They were forced to remain with the peloton and take their chances with the field sprint. Perricone, Steves and Griggs took fourth, ninth and 13th in the field sprint, placing them 11th, 16th and 20th overall. Campbell blew up during the sprint and finished just outside of placing.

Ultimate

Hucking, laddering, sprinting and jumping, the Notre Dame women worked hard this weekend to earn third place at the Central Plains Open Sectionals tournament. On Saturday, they faced Loyola, Illinois, Knox, Chicago and Purdue, defeating all but Illinois and shutting out Knox. Strong defense on the part of freshmen Erin Maxwell and junior Libby Whitling forced numerous turns to gain possession of the disc. Sophomore Hannah Duffy and senior Jeanie Loeckel both made great cuts for several scores.

Sophomore Katie Bilk and junior Shannon Morrison came through with solid throws, keeping the game alive and assisting several points for the Irish. The team finished Saturday second in its pool and moved into the championship bracket for the second day of the tournament. The team played three more times Sunday afternoon, beating Wheaton but dropping two games to Northwestern. With great throws by sophomores Jean Whitney and senior Rachel Meeks and Jen Pruchnick, Notre Dame worked the disc up the field, completing many passes to freshmen Katie Morin and junior Lorena Caplovitz.

The club will next compete in the Great Plains Open Regionals in Bill, Ill., April 19-21 at 5:00 p.m.

This weekend the men's ultimate team travelled to Naperville, Ill., to compete in the Central Plains Sectional Tournament. This was the first year that a Notre Dame College series that would determine who qualified for the regional tournament in two weeks. A team started Saturday with two convincing wins in pool play against Illinois B and DePaul.

In the Illinois B game, the team came out strong led by solid play from sophomore Thomas Rivas and cruised to a 15-1 victory. In the next game against DePaul, Notre Dame was able to dominate on offense with help from junior Mike Florack leading the way to a 15-3 win.

Notre Dame then played Northwestern, which also won its pool earlier that day. The Irish came out strong and took an early 3-1 lead. But despite hard team defense, the offense struggled and Northwestern took the game 12-9. The team played one more game Saturday versus Ball State. Behind the leadership of grad students Joe Ribando and Matthew Hassell, the Irish prevailed 15-9.

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lead to the Irish and trailing 7-5 in the top of the third, the Rockets got two runs to force the game to continue. With one out, Toledo centerfielder Drew Hoisington singled to bring left fielder Jake Swint to the plate. Swint hit a bouncer to second that should have been a double play ball, but Barnes muffed it. Hoisington, who advanced to third on the error, then scored on a wild pitch, while Swint scored on a double by third baseman Scott Boley.

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Dooling said. Dooling was ejected along with Dwyer after the play.

Without Dwyer, 308's best offensive threat, 308 struggled to wrap up the half, only up 11-8. In the second half, both teams adjusted to the 4- on-4 game and 380 switched to a 2-2 zone. While the start of the second half saw Team 380 dominate, One and Done soon took advantage of the gaps in the zone and went on a 5-0 run late, bringing the score to 18-15. Team 380 responded well, however, and after trading a few baskets with One and Done, Luken — injuries and all — threw up a mid-range rainbow in the net to win the game.

We Are All the Fathers of Anna Nicole's Baby, Team 137
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We Are All the Fathers of Anna Nicole's Baby grabbed the lead early in the game and never let go. While both teams possess athleticism, it was Anna Nicole that had the basketball skills and knowledge to pull out the win. Both teams played a tight 2-3 zone in the first half, but opted for an offensive strategy. Team 137 tried to shoot more from the long-range jump shots to score on the zone, while Team Anna Nicole took advantage of their size and fed the post while their perimeter players cut to open holes in the defense. The result was an 11-3 half-time lead for Anna Nicole, prompting Team 197 to switch to an aggressive man-to-man defense for the second half. While this defense was better suited to defend the much bigger Anna Nicole, it was too little too late. Anna Nicole's post play continued to dominate in the second half. They scored nearly all of their 21 points in the paint. Anna Nicole's center, Phil Laszulka, dominated down low — he grabbed seemingly every rebound, scored at will and showed his great court awareness by leading his team in assists.

While Team 197 gave a valiant effort, the size and basketball knowledge of Anna Nicole was just too much to overcome. "Anna Nicole's baby would be proud," Anna Nicole point guard Phil Drendall said. "Hopefully, he'll have a mad handle like I do."

"Wu-Tang Clan ain't nothin' to mess with."
Tamba Samba
Wu-Tang Clan member

Wu-Tang Clan will look to keep this success afloat in the second half, building on its 11-9 half-time lead.

Tampa Samba, a Notre Dame soccer player, was able to run in the point effectively and managed to keep the tempo at a sprinter's pace. In addition, the jump-shooting ability of Matt Bardindale and Mike Camarda proved to be too much for the Shrinking Stiens to handle.

The lone bright spot for the Stiens was that they were able to spread around the scoring, which helped them to stay with in several points throughout the game, even when some of their players went cold. After the game, the members of the Wu-Tang Clan were relieved and satisfied with their performance.

"We just kept pushing the tempo with fast breaks and good ball movement," Baroody said. "We started getting boards in the second half." In addition, Tamba provided his own insight on the win. "Wu-Tang Clan ain't nothin' to mess with," Tamba said.

Wu-Tang will look to keep this confident attitude alive as it enters the fourth round.

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who led off both innings with a single.
Second baseman Katie Laing
knocked her in both times with a
pair of doubles for two of herour RBIs on the day. The
junior also scored four times her­
self in the two games. Her
biggest hit of the first game
came in the bottom of the
 fourth when she crushed a high
fastball over the left field wall
to give the Irish a 9-0 advan­
tage from senior catcher
lead off the inning, Brown
in the third. After walking to
the plate, she did what she wanted them to
do. She was jarring them and
she was getting them to hit off
the end of the bat,” Gumpf
said. Notre Dame used small ball
to get itself on the scoreboard
in the third. After walking to
lead off the inning, Brown
advanced to second on a per­
fect bunt from senior catcher
Gessica Hufnagle. Laing then
picked up her final RBI on the
day with a single to left field.
She also came around to score
when freshman third baseman
Heather Johnson snuck one
past the Western infield.
Johnson’s next hit didn’t need
To sneak across one run in the
sixth inning when Kristi
Strange singled to left, but
Fuenmeller was able to stifle
the threat and finish off the win
for Notre Dame.
The Irish will play again this
afternoon against Ball State at
5:00 p.m. on Ivy Field.

Irish infielder Stephanie Brown went 3-for-5 in Notre Dame’s
two victories, 9-0 and 5-1, against Western Michigan Tuesday.

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Thrift has 24 goals and 23
assists on the season.
“Both teams have a lot riding
on this game,” Irish coach
Tracy Coyne said. “They’re a
great team and we expect a
close game.
In Nashville, the Irish (11-3) will
look to use their momentum
from Saturday’s 13-8 win
over No. 9 Georgetown, a vic­
tory Coyne called
“one of the biggest in the
history of the program.”

The Hoyas were previously
underrated in seven years of Big
East conference play before
dropping the match to the Irish
at home.
The Irish, who
have scored 29
goals in the past
two games, hope to
continue their recent offensive
success against
Vanderbilt.

The Hoyas extended
her scoring streak to
36 games, tying the Notre
Dame record.

Coyne, in her 11th season
coaching the Irish, was also
named U.S. Lacrosse coach
of the week after the victory.

“It was nice recognition for
us, not only the individual play­
ers getting honors they
 deserve, but as a team being recognized for our perfor­
mance,” Coyne said.

The Vanderbilt
match begins the last week of
the regular season for the Irish.
Notre Dame, currently in a
three-way tie for first in the Big
East, will play its final home
A game Saturday in a crucial
conference match against No. 18
Rutgers.

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Crossword

ACROSS
1 Supersonic unit
5 Goalie's stat
10 Finzy do
14 Old Greek theaters
15 One of the Horse
16 Speechless rake
17 Look-alike of a source of oil?
19 Concerned with
20 WWF address
21 Second floor
addendum
22 Dogus V.I.P.
24 Place to play?
26 Overdoes the T.C.
27 Spilling image of a children's storybook character?
33 Grills or pumice
36 Wine and
39 Cashes drink
68 Ditto remark
69 Maybe more, maybe less
70 Loses it
71 "Handy" one

DOWN
1 Finish
2 Be nuts about
3 Shining quartet member
4 Lyricist David
5 Beer boy
6 Wall St. figures
7 Sklen formation
8 Capvitate
9 One serving a long term
10 Met highlight
11 Part of the mouth of a cottoinmouth
12 Liturgy
13 Something in the third
15 Used the pair?
18 arms
23 Where Hercules slew Country
26 Send over the edge
28 Dick's mate, twice
39 Positive aspect
30 Crackpot
31 Buffet dispensers
32 Mark in the margin
33 Prayer period
34 Learned
35 Have done cold

Jumble

KE W N M O N E Y O O H A S
B U M S T E E R 0 1 V E S
S e p s o n i c u n i t
A B B R
S H O R T Z

ACROSS
1 Ball (spongy playingthing)
3 Anne of fashion
5 Helen who sang
6 Group an atty.
18 Met highlight
27, 36, 40
53 Armony
58 Porgy's woman
59 Biblical preposition
60 Papermaking material
61 Historic
62 Easy as pie
63 Carbon copy of
64 Group an atty.
65 In accordance
66 Chickens
67 Historic
68 Drawn
69 Maybe more, maybe less
70 Loses it
71 "Handy" one

WILL SHORTZ

Jumble

Puzzle by Richard Cusick

Horoscope

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Victoria Beckham, 31; Jennifer Garner, 33;
Liz Phair, 38; Olivia Hussey, 54
Happ: Birthday: You should be glad to follow through with your plans. Stop thinking about what you want to do and start to take action. You have the opportunity to do something great and start to do your own thing. Don't let these ideas turn into reality. Your numbers are 21, 23, 27, 36, 40
ARIES (March 21-April 19): Pick and choose who you want to talk today. Love and romance will bring you the maximum satisfaction. Accept the situation you have, and you will turn your bad times into great times. ****
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't get upset if people don't go your way today. Take the precautions necessary to prevent the egg from breaking. It may be accomplish on your own.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Someone may be keeping something from you, but you shouldn't worry. It's probably a surprise. New love will bring back memories. Call someone you have not seen from your past.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Clear up paperwork so you can start new projects. Follow the urge to do something totally different with your life. Check out your options and what you want to do next. \*
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will be in a determined mood. Do things you want to and you will avoid losing once more new friends. Accept low bills will be coming, but peace of mind is more important.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You have a built-in sense of where you want to be and what you want to do. You are determined to do things your own way and can be stubborn when faced with opposition. Now is not the time to form a partnership. **
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Someone is likely to be secretive about what he or she is doing. By getting involved in creative hobby, you will open doors in a whole new joy of finds. ***
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be careful what you wish for and what you promise today. You may end up getting stuck with the short end of the stick. Look out for your own interests. Now is not the time to form a partnership. **
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will be looking for fast, convenient and adventurous love. The more you do it change yourself, the better. Accept love and the opportunities it brings you. ***
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Do something different to make your living quarters or arrangements more suitable to your needs. If you feel like you cannot be yourself or do not feel totally comfortable, it may be time for a move. Decide some time in the near time. ***
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Things with people who have been a part of your life will change, and you will develop strong and lasting friendships. Ask for assistance and favors will be granted. Take care of your personal obligations. **
PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Check out a new spot, a new group of friends who will help you get out of a rut. Being active, you will not only meet new people but a great opportunity may arise as well. Get moving in a positive direction. ***

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BASEBALL

Wild night

Jeremy Barnes scores game-winning run to cap Irish comeback

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

Irish second baseman Jeremy Barnes saw the ball squirt past Toledo catcher Sean Boley and took off as fast as he could for home plate. Barnes slid safely across to give Notre Dame an 8-7 come-from-behind win in a thriller against the Rockets Tuesday at Frank Eck Stadium.

"I was proud of our guys tonight," Irish coach Dave Schrage said. "This is a momentum creating goal with just 18 seconds left in the game gave the Irish the victory.

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Ireland shortstop Brett Lilley, center, celebrates with his teammates after scoring in Notre Dame's 8-7 comeback victory over Toledo Tuesday.

By JAY WADE and DAN MALOOF
Sports Writers

Team 380 emerged victorious in an hour-and-a-half long game marked by aggressive play and intense heckling after One and Done could not get physical enough to pull out the win.

Ireland shortstop Katie Laing tags out IPUI outfilder Mia Ettli in Notre Dame's 6-1 win over IPUI March 22. Laing had four hits and four RBIs in Notre Dame's doubleheader sweep of Western Michigan Tuesday.

"I'm sure the worst of it is behind us," Vanderbilt coach Deanna Gump said. "It's interesting how the momentum can just carry over the whole way when you jump on them early."

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ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Vandy up next for red-hot laxers

Women's Lacrosse Big East Rankings (out of 6 teams)

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ND SOFTBALL

Big bats help Irish take twin billing

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

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By DAN MURPHY
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame tacked on two more wins in a doubleheader Tuesday afternoon against Western Michigan to boost its record to 22-14 on the season. The Broncos dropped to 13-16 following Tuesday's games.

The Irish wanted no time in the first game opening up a sizeable lead as they put up five runs in the bottom of the first inning. In the following inning, they poured out three more to put the game out of reach for Western Michigan.

"I think our girls just need to take it one game at a time," Irish coach Deanna Gump said. "I'm thinking the momentum can just carry over the whole way when you jump on them early."

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