ND drinking matches other colleges

University officials say level of use, abuse consistent over years; students defend, deny consumption

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Associate News Editor

Editor's note: This is the first story in a three-part series examining the use and abuse of alcohol at Notre Dame, the University's attempts to solve alcohol-related problems and the future of the campus' drinking culture.

While Notre Dame differs from thousands of colleges in academics and athletics, in terms of alcohol use and abuse, its students' beer consumption matches the national trends — and that's been a consistent pattern, University officials said.

The Office of Alcohol and Drug Education (OADE) has been telling Notre Dame students about the dangers of alcohol abuse for more than 10 years, but the results of its surveys every year match the results of previous years, and the trends observed at other universities.

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An anti-abortion ruling sparks debate

By MEGHAN WONS
News Writer

The Supreme Court's ruling last Wednesday upholding a nationwide ban on a particular form of late-term abortions has created a firestorm of reactions from both anti-abortion and abortion rights activists and has generated diverging responses from faculty members at Notre Dame.

The Court's 5-4 decision ruled that the Partial Abortion Ban Act — passed by Congress and made law in 2003 — does not violate the Affordable Care Act. It does not violate the Affordable Care Act. All that this ruling is ban a certain method of abortion.

"To talk about this ruling as a big pro-life victory is ridiculous," Notre Dame Law School professor emeritus Charles Rice said. "The interest in humankind should not be executed. All that this ruling is ban a certain method of abortion.

Rice, who is also a columnist for The Observer, said, "To talk about this ruling as a big pro-life victory is ridiculous," Notre Dame Law School professor emeritus Charles Rice said. "The interest in humankind should not be executed. All that this ruling is ban a certain method of abortion.

"Innocent human beings should not be executed. All that this ruling is ban a certain method of abortion."

But Donald Kommers, a constitutional law professor in the Law School, was more positive about the decision.

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MFA students showcase theses

Ten graduate presenters read poetry, fiction writing pieces

By MEGHAN WONS
News Writer

After two years studying and honing their craft, 10 Notre Dame MFA students in fiction and poetry writing presented their theses Tuesday night to a captive audience in the Gold Room of North Dining Hall.

Mini-biographies of the graduates were included in the thesis reading's program, titled "Masters of the Universe and Fine Arts." The program's cover featured the faces of the MFA students on the bodies of super heroes figures — a clue to those unfamiliar with Notre Dame's program that the thesis reading would not be like those of other departments.

Fiction writers included Jackson

MFA student Kathryn Pilles-Genaw reads a poetry selection Tuesday in the Gold Room of North Dining Hall.

Former NDSP officer killed in shootout

By KEN FOWLER and MARCELA BERRIOS
News Writers

Cpl. Nick Polizzotto, a South Bend police officer who formerly worked for Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP), was shot and killed by a gunman early Tuesday morning.

Polizzotto was killed during a shootout in an armored suspect died and another officer — Patrolman Michael Norby — was wounded, South Bend police said.

The officers were investigating a report of gunshots near the Wooden Indian Motel on Lincoln Way East at 1:37 a.m., Police Chief Tom Fautz told the Associated Press. A gunman shot at the officers, who returned fire, Fautz said.

NDSP Director Phil Johnson said Polizzotto, 24, joined NDSP in the late 1990s, though he couldn't provide specific dates. Polizzotto had worked for South Bend police for nine years.

"On behalf of everybody at NDSP, I offer my condolences to the family, friends and co-workers of fallen Corporal Polizzotto," Johnson said. "His is a tragic loss for our police force and for anyone who had the pleasure of knowing him, and our hearts will always remember him."

According to The Observer Down Memorial Page, a site dedicated to keeping records of slain law enforcement officers, 52 officers nationwide were killed as a result of gunfire in the last year. Polizzotto became the 23rd officer.
INSIDE COLUMN

We're not all champs

There is a very special sign mounted in the most hallowed, publicized hallway on Notre Dame's campus. It's not the Main Building or the Basilica, nor is it written by accomplished authors, past theologians, or even an ABC morning show host. I'm talking, of course, about the football locker room and the famous "Play Like A Champion Today" banner. It has been slapped more times, and by more famous hands, than a baseball player's backside. But unfortunately, the sacred plaque is slowly losing its luster, not due to the slaps, but thanks to endless imitation and parody.

A long line of not-so-clever knockoffs has left the saying all but meaningless. It seems the entire Notre Dame community feels it is necessary to live every moment of our waking lives as "champions."

This first came to my attention last week when my roommate returned home from the library in his "play like a champion" T-shirt. It was-April Fool's Day, but I doubt it.

Somehow along the way, the once-inspirational adage lost its way, and I say enough is enough. So if you do nothing else than be a champion. And since more than a few of you are enrolled in the "Countryside" program, I don't really care how you log off in that computer library, but just make sure you do — wouldn't want anyone messing with that Facebook profile.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Dan Murphy at dmurphy@nd.edu.

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, the article in the April 24 edition of The Observer titled "Team 41 top champs" was incorrect. The article in the April 24 edition of The Observer titled "Blogging Molly as prof." identified Rich Jacobs as the general manager of Legends. Aaron Fish is the general manager of Legends. The Observer regrets these errors.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK 'ANTOSTAL' MEANS?

Eileen Walsh
freshman
Walsh

Diva Hira
sophomore
Lyons

Clarissa Negrete
sophomore
Welsh Family

Tim Loh
senior
Keough

Blair Majchica
sophomore
Sorin

Nathan Loyd
sophomore
Keough

"I think it means 'toast to spring.'"

"I think it means 'toasting a woman named Ann.'"

"I think it means 'get drinking.'"

"When Notre Dame used to be fun.'"

"I think it means a large wooden ship."

IN BRIEF

Notre Dame baseball will play Valparaiso tonight at 6:30 at Frank Eck Stadium. For tickets, call 631-7356.

Notre Dame women's softball will play UIC tonight at 6:30 ativy Field. Admission is free.

The Ballroom Dance Club will host the Spring Ball tonight from 8 to 10:30 in the LaFortune Ballroom. Dancers of all skill levels are invited. The cost is $4 per night or $25 for the semester. The club is open to all Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students with a campus ID, as well as faculty and staff.

Badin Hall will host its annual Badin Breakdown Thursday from 4 p.m. to 7 on South Quad.

SUB will hold a free salsa dancing event Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Fieldhouse Mall.

Notre Dame men's soccer will play the Mexican U-20 National team Friday at 7 p.m. at Alumni Field. Tickets are $5 for adults and $2 for youth 18 and under. For ticket information, call 631-7356.

The Notre Dame Jazz Band will perform Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. For tickets, call 631-2800.

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

LOCAL WEATHER

TODAY	TOMORROW	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY

HIGH	55	45	50	57	68	73
LOW	48	45	45	48	50	48

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OFFBEAT

Drunk man parks horse in German Bank

BERLIN — An early-morn ing German bank customer had a bit of a shock when he found a horse already in line at the automatic teller machine in front of it. It seems the horse's owner, identified only as Wolfgang, had a bit too much to drink the night before and decided to sleep it off inside the bank's heated foyer, police said Tuesday.

The 40-year-old machinist told Bild newspaper he had "a few beers" with a friend in Wiesenburg, south of Berlin, and decided to hit the hay in the bank on his way home.

"It was late, it was already dark and cold," he was quoted as saying. Confronted with the lack of evidence from the partly eaten pastry led to Wheeler's arrest on May 22.

Eastpointe Officer Ed Luko was investigating the car-theft report when a witness described seeing a man arrive in one car and then break out the windows of the other car and steal it, according to police in the Detroit suburb.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

Sophomore Liz Crosby, left, fouls her opponent during a Bookstore matchup Monday on the Lyons courts. Her team, "The Pentateuch," lost the game.

"Anti-drinking."
Leaders allocate 2007-08 funds

Judicial Council, College Readership Program to receive money

By SONIA RAO
News Writer

Student Union treasurer Kadeja Gaines presented the 2007-08 budget allocation to members of the Council of Representatives (COR) during Tuesday’s meeting in Lafortune.

Gaines and other members of the Financial Management Board (FMB) met with student club members familiar with their clubs’ expense needs in order to determine how best to divide $479,383.56 between the groups. The total came from student activity fees, proceeds from sales of the Shirt and the total came from student clubs’ expense needs in the fall.

"We don’t want to over-allocate or run too close so that we have money to allocate again in the fall," Gaines said.

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In other COR news:

♦ Student body president Liz Brown announced plans for a revamped student government Web site, which she hoped to have running by August.

"It would have been the fall of 2005 the last time there was an updated Web site," Brown said. "It had a list of headlines including technology fees of over $479,000 for allocation."

Several members of COR approved two co-sponsorships at their final meeting of the semester Tuesday night. One will help fund an etiquette dinner for the student body, and the other will go to support The Show 2007.

The first co-sponsorship will help fund a dinner hosted by the College’s Young Executive’s Club (YEC) that will educate those who attend on dining etiquette and encourage communication between students and College administration.

The dinner will be a five-course meal with College President Carol Ann Mooney, if her schedule permits, YEC CEO Erica Rath said. "I think events and building relationships [are] a huge part of what the Saint Mary’s community is," Rath said.

The Board motioned to give the club $1,200 after stipulating that the proposed attire of the event be changed from cocktail dresses to business casual.

The second co-sponsorship will help fund The Show 2007 — a tri-campus event that looks to bring thousands of students together to experience a "wonderful music event," according to the co-sponsorship application.

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In other BOG news:

♦ SMC Testa will take place Thursday with events going on throughout the day. The day will include a fireworks display over the Angela Athletic Center at dusk and a screening of the movie "Dreamgirls" on Library Green.

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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.

The Web Designer position is open to any student with advanced scripting skills. Systems Manager applicants should be highly adept at computer troubleshooting.

Please contact Maddie Hanna at 631-4342 or mhanna1@nd.edu if interested.
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results we get." Those statistics include a 20 percent peak in hospitalizations, a campus-wide survey says they absolutely refuse to drink, another 20 percent of students who would if they could but don’t. Alcohol-dependent and a 60 percent that falls in between the two extremes — numbers that Eaton said stay pretty much the same, year after year.

"Anybody in the middle 60 percent may abuse alcohol on occa- sion," she said, "especially at Notre Dame. The binge drinking here seems to be coming around to a local brand of drinking, something that looks at this weekend — with PiGosal and the tailgating — and you’re okay." Rather than developing ongoing alcohol problems or even alcoholism, Notre Dame students engage in excessive consumption on isolated days, including half during spring break, and birthdays.

But they’re not all alike. Some are not heavyweights, she said, their one-time heavy ingestion of alcohol is associated with less risky consumption, stomach pumps and, in the worst of cases, death by severe alcohol poisoning.

"We’ve been very fortunate here, students who die, most deaths occur, but we’ve had some recent hospitalizations that came very close to killing them," Eaton said.

Eaton said in the last 30 days she had seen four different students who were hospitalized — and that did not include the hospitaliza- tion last week of Eaton’s fellow OADE counselors may have even.

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"People become a lot friendlier, and at Notre Dame, with such a competitive sports environment or even with stressful classes, whether you’re the one who is with people, it might not be as easy to make good friends with people," said Eaton. "They may go on a party or a party, people are all on the same level, so nothing is better than drinking together, it’s not as much of an A or C, who shows up — whether you’re actually drinking, which can be a very relaxing feeling.

Eaton said many students she sees consider the weekend outings and the weekend intoxication a break from the weekday workload.

"Students, because of the stress level and the workload, get more into immediate gratification," she said. "They’re all looking for that ‘buzz’ point."

Not all students, however, think alcohol is vital to facilitating interven- tions at parties, including sopho- more Megan Rybarczyk.

"I agree that, if you have this alcohol, you just put pressure on yourself to do those things," she said.

A resident assistant at a male hall who asked to remain anonymous agreed with Lewis, saying uncon- strained and unassured consumption — though he be intoxicated for the student — is usually the fast track to disciplinary hearing on the campus.

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The resident assistant did not want to give his name in order to protect the identity of someone else, but he said he "had to call NPD and the 911 service tried to talk to her and all she could do was vomit on herself, without even speaking.

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underage drinking at two sepa- rate events and it’s something of a catas- trophe — one on St. Peter Street and one on Washington Street if you’re South Bend Saturday night.

Contact Ken Fowler at kfowler@southbendtoday.com

"we have a social problem, we have a substance use problem, we have a medical problem," he said. "But we also have a mental health problem as well."

In the construction of the alcohol policy, the university has been working closely with the Office of Residence Life and Housing, Lewis said, and they’re in the process of implementing new policies on alcohol.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. may allow Iran to keep uranium
ANKARA, Turkey — The United States and other Western powers may be ready to allow Iran to keep some of its uranium enrichment program intact instead of demanding its complete dismantling, foreign government officials said Tuesday.

Officials said they would not accept a complete freeze, the powers are considering "a new definition of enrichment," one diplomat said.

State Department spokesman Sean McCormack denied that the United States was "considering any proposals that would allow the Iranians to retain any enrichment-related activities."

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NATIONAL NEWS

Cheney: Reid making war political
WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney accused Democratic leader Harry Reid on Tuesday of personally pursuing a "defeatist strategy in Iraq to win votes at home where they'd been rejected."

Reid "deployed the Senate's "attack dog" lashing out.

The particular harsh exchange came just hours after Bush said he would veto the latest defense bill if it was "considered any proposals that would allow the Iranians to retain any enrichment-related activities."

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Bliss, Tim Chilcote, Beth Couture, Pablo Ros and Shehryar Badar Shokh.
The poets included Lynne Chien, Colby Davis, Kevin Hattrup, Kathryn Hunter and Kathryn Pilles-Gemaw. Faculty members and poet Cornelius Eady introduced the student readers.

"It's a bitter-sweet moment for all of us who teach these students," he said. "Tonight we get to celebrate with them, but we also have to let go of them.

Students demonstrated creative and masterful use of language as they read from their poetry, painting scenes of everything from cats making biscuits to the body as a map.

Chien captured the bizarre world of dreams while reading part of a sequence of dream poems. Davis evoked nostalgia in describing a childhood scene in her poem, "Christmas Eve Mass at St. Francis.

Hunter shared a couple of poems on when she and her mother drove to Notre Dame from her home state of Alaska — "a long trip," she said, "well worth a poem."

Hattrup's tight, vivid lines painted unique scenes; one poem was dedicated to "the time in college when half of my face was paralyzed," he said before reading a poem about his experience with Bell's Palsy. Colorful prose such as Bliss's chapter, "Paris is Burning," and Couture's selection from her book, "An Encyclopedia of Living Ghosts," showcased tremendous style and unique narrative voices.

Box, who said he is "one of the few Mexican in the world to claim 'double Domership,'" drew from his knowledge of Mexico in his selection about a Mexican woman who sells chewing gum on the street.

Hunter will also be able to claim "double Domership" this May, as she received her BA in English and Spanish from Notre Dame in 2004.

This year's MFA graduating class comes from a wide variety of backgrounds and have plans just as diverse for next year. Bliss, who was recently awarded the Sparks Prize in Fiction, has taught English in West Africa for the Peace Corps, survival English to Cuban refugees, and adult literacy to Mexican-American immigrants before arriving at Notre Dame to pursue his MFA. According to the MFA program's Web site, the Sparks Prize is awarded to one Notre Dame MFA graduate every year to afford that graduate's year's tuition to write.

Couture plans to begin work on her PhD at the University of South Mississippi's Center for Writers next year, where she will also teach on an Excellence Fellowship.

Chien, who received the Mitchell Award at the end of the thesis reading, said she is moving home to Sacramento, looking for an adjunct teaching position, and "of course, writing poetry."

"It's great to see the culmination of everyone's work."

Lynne Chien
master's student

After reading her poems, Chien said, "It feels really good. It's great to get to see the culmination of everyone's work; we don't really get to see what people have been working cross-genre.

"The reading is a formal way to recognize the students and their hard work."

Frances Sherwood
visiting professor

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cor killed by gunfire in 2007, the site said.

Polizzotto was killed a year and a day after the death of South Bend Cpl. Lee Severns, who was shot while off-duty on April 21, 2006.

Before Severns' death, only one South Bend officer had been killed by gunfire since 1973. Cpl. Paul Depue was killed by a suspect he was questioning on August 24, 1997.

Polizzotto's death sparked responses from local leaders. "I am deeply grateful for the life and service of Corp. Nick Polizzotto. He was an outstanding officer and his life was far too short," South Bend Mayor Stephen J. Luecke said in a statement. "I am also deeply grateful that Patrolman Michael Norby will recover from his wounds. Our thoughts and prayers are with those officers, their families and friends. Luecke requested that all area establishments lower their flags to half-staff in honor of Polizzotto.

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Toyota world's new top auto seller

Japanese car giant passes General Motors in global sales in first quarter for first time

Associated Press

TOKYO — Toyota Motor Corp. became the world's top auto seller in the first three months of the year, passing rival General Motors Corp. for the first time, the Japanese automaker said Tuesday.

Toyota sold 2.234 million vehicles worldwide in the January-March quarter, company official Satoshi Yamaguchi said, surpassing the 2.26 million vehicles that he said it sold during the same period.

The results mark the first time Toyota has beat GM in global sales on a quarter basis, he said.

While the figures sent only quarterly sales results, they foreshadow a tough challenge for GM as it fights to hold onto its title as world's top automaker — a claim that it still Dale rested on annual production in the past.

In 2006, Toyota's global production surged 10 percent to 9.018 million vehicles, while GM and its group automakers produced 9.142 million vehicles worldwide — a gap of about 162,000. In the first quarter, Toyota made 2.367 million vehicles worldwide, while GM had expected to produce 2.335 million.

It's no time to stop popping the champagne, however. Some analysts say GM is not Toyota's first priority, said Paul Nelson, a spokesman for the Japanese company.

"Our job is never to be the best in the car business," he said. "We simply want to be the best in quality. After all, our customers are counting on us to take care of themselves."

Indeed, it's Toyota's stellar sales in recent years and analysts have been saying it is only a matter of time before it eclipses its Detroit-based rival, which has seen its market share shrink in the United States even as it leads sales in China.

In the vital American market, Toyota's sales rose 12.9 percent last year, catapulting it past DaimlerChrysler AG as the No. 3 seller of autos in the U.S. Toyota's share of the U.S. market climbed to 16 percent in March, behind GM's 22 percent and Ford Motor Co.'s 17 percent.

A copy of Toyota's "global master plan" leaked to the news media last year calls for grabbing 15 percent of the world market by 2010 in the company's quest to unseat GM.

GM hasn't released a forecast for this year, but Toyota is shooting for global output of 9.42 million vehicles and sales of 9.34 million units.

While Toyota appears on course to supplant General Motors this year, GM's moves in boost overseas production could keep it in the running.

The company's sales in China jumped 32 percent last year to 876,747 units, and it is also building a new factory in India, another market with tremendous potential.

Katsuaki Watanabe, president of Toyota Motor Corp., sits in a Camry in Lafayette, Ind., April 20. Toyota passed General Motors as the world's No. 1 auto seller.

In Brief

Dow sets new high, nearing 13,000

NEW YORK — Wall Street was mixed Tuesday, recovering from an early loss as investors shrugged off disappointing housing and consumer confidence data to focus on stronger-than-expected quarterly earnings. The Dow Jones industrials were at a new trading high, and resumed their trek toward 13,000.

The market picked up momentum in mid-afternoon. Investors seemed to lose some of the earlier caution they adopted after the National Association of Realtors reported sales of existing homes in May and their biggest one-month decline since January 1989. Also, the Conference Board said consumer confidence fell more than expected in April due to higher gas prices and broader economic concerns.

Robust first-quarter earnings reports have been driving the market higher over the past week, allowing the Dow to approach 13,000, and there were more upbeat results cheering the market on Tuesday, from U.S. military contractor Lockheed Martin Corp., Dow industrials AT&T Inc. and Dupont Co., and chip maker Texas Instruments Inc.

SEC: Apple officers backed out options

SAN JOSE — The Securities and Exchange Commission filed civil charges Tuesday against two former Apple Inc. officers over their alleged roles in backdating stock options. One of them immediately settled the case and cast some blame on Apple CEO Steve Jobs.

Former Chief Financial Officer Fred Anderson, 62, has agreed to pay about $3.5 million in fines and penalties to settle, the SEC said.

The case against former general counsel Nancy Heinon, 50, will proceed. Her attorneys have vowed to fight the charges.

The commission accused Apple of participating in fraudulent backdating and altering company records to conceal the fraud. The SEC said Apple was in connection with two large options grants that cause the company to underreport its expenses by nearly $40 million, the SEC said.

The grants in question were a February 2001 grant of 4.8 million options to Apple's executive team and a December 2001 grant of 7.5 million options to Jobs.

Bank of America set to buy LaSalle

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE — A year after making a successful $3.42 billion move into credit cards, Bank of America Corp. found yet another multibillion opportunity to grab more customers.

The Charlotte-based bank said Monday it will purchase LaSalle Bank Corp. from ABN Amro North America Holdings for $21 billion in cash.

The deal, initially announced by ABN Amro Monday when the Dutch bank agreed to sell itself to Barclays for nearly $92.1 billion, fills a big hole in the bank's nationwide branch network and is its biggest move to bolster its auto lending business.

Bank of America also will acquire LaSalle's six offices in Indiana.

The deal also raises questions about Bank of America, who is up against a federal cap that bars it from making acquisitions that would give it more than 10 percent of all U.S. deposits. The bank, which is the nation's second-largest after Citigroup, recently controlled just over 9 percent.

"I think there is a huge opportunity here, but the near-term costs are what people initially see," said Jefferson Harralaun, an equity analyst with Keefe, Bruyette & Woods Inc. in Atlanta. "Long term, it's a great strategic move for them."

The net cost to Bank of America will be $16 billion after a return of $5 billion in excess capital.

Bank of America said it expects the deal to immediately enhance its earnings per share and about $800 million in after-tax cost savings. Restructuring costs also are expected to be around $800 million, the bank said.

Investors and Wall Street offered mixed reactions, sending shares of Bank of America down 63 cents or more than 1 percent to $50.41 in afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

Analysts at Friedman, Billings, Ramsey & Co. said "we like this deal, particularly as this strengthens BofA in the third-largest deposit market in the U.S.," referring to Charlotte. They maintained their "outperform" rating on the stock.

For the past several months, Bank of America Chairman and Chief Executive Ken Lewis has expressed his bank's interest in the Chicago market, particularly the strength of LaSalle, in speeches and conference presentations.

While not desiring to be the leader in every market in the U.S., "Chicago is attractive to us," Lewis said during a call with analysts. "The opportunity arose and we acted."
MEXICO

Abortions legalized during first trimester

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Mexico City lawmakers voted to legalize abortion Tuesday, a decision likely to influence policies and health practices across Mexico and other parts of heavily Roman Catholic Latin America.

The proposal, approved 46-19, with 10 abstentions, will take effect with the expected signing by the city's leftist mayor. Abortion opponents have already vowed to appeal the law to the Supreme Court, a move likely to extend the bitter and emotive debate in this profoundly Catholic nation.

"Decriminalizing abortion is a historic triumph, a triumph of the left," said city legislator Jorge Diaz Casoens, a leftist social democrat who voted for the bill. "Today, there is a new atmosphere in this city. It is the atmosphere of freedom.

Nationally, Mexico allows abortion only in cases of rape, severe birth defects or if the woman’s life is at risk. But even sometimes refuses to perform the procedure even under those circumstances.

The new law will require city hospitals to provide the procedure in the first trimester and opens the way for private abortion clinics. Girls under 18 would have to get their parents' consent.

The procedure will be almost free for poor or insured city residents, but it is unlikely to attract patients from the United States. The border-state of Tamaulipas has a law that legalizes abortion in cases of rape.

Mexico City law, however, took a step forward when 12 women were killed in a month in February. Abortion rights advocates say it is time to start legalizing abortion.

"It appears [sea turtles] have more people willing to defend them than some unborn children." Paula Soto

National Action Party lawmaker

Mexico City is dominated by the leftist Democratic Revolution Party, at odds with President Felipe Calderon's conservative National Action Party, which opposed the abortion measure.

"We go to great lengths to protect fetal life," said city lawmaker Paula Soto, a member of Calderon's party. She noted that wealthy women can afford to have the procedure even under those measures. They have more people willing to defend them than some unborn children.

The law is not a complete green light, however. It only legalizes abortion in cases of rape or when the woman's health is at risk. Newsweek's new magazine, which will be published later this month, has praised the new law.

"When a woman's life is at risk, or when she has a congenital defect, or when..."

Abortion rights supporters clamored Tuesday to see if it was true. "Let's see," they said, "let's see..." They were among the demonstrators outside the city legislature.

"I feel happy, because this is a step forward, not backward, for a woman's right and freedom to choose..." said demonstrator Gabriela Cruz, 36.

The Roman Catholic church has protested Mexico City's new law and Mexico City Cardinal Norberto Rivera led a march through the capital last month in opposition. The archbishop said Tuesday that it would "evaluate the moral consequences of the reforms" and said Rivera would have no public comment on the vote until Sunday.

The only countries in Latin America and the Caribbean with legalized abortion for all women are Cuba and Uruguay. Most others allow it only in cases of rape or when the woman's life is at risk. Nicaragua, El Salvador and Chile ban it completely.

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Air Force general is critical of new policy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Air Force's top general expressed frustration on Tuesday with the reassignment of troops under his command to ground jobs for which they were not trained, ranging from guarding prisoners to driving trucks and towing.

Gen. Michael Moseley, the Air Force chief of staff, said that over 20,000 airmen have been assigned worldwide into roles outside their specialties.

With President Bush and Congress in a standoff over Iraq spending, the Pentagon is shifting money among programs, accounting, including drawing down funds earmarked for other later purposes.

"Somebody's going to have to pay us back," Moseley said. "I don't have to want to have concerns about getting that money back."

In a breakfast session with a group of reporters, Moseley said he was trying to be realistic. "We live in a joint world. We live in a military that's at war. And we live in a situation where, if we can contribute, then sign me up for it."

Still, the Air Force general added, "I'm less supportive of things outside our competency."

He said people were being assigned to jobs they weren't trained for. He cited Air Force airmen being used to guard prisoners and to serve as drivers and cited one instance in which an Air Force surgeon was assigned typing chores after three days at her new post.

"We got her back," Moseley said.

Others are being assigned to help the Army provide security in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Moseley said he didn't mind the use of airmen as drivers as much as some of the other new duties usually performed by the Army, such as guarding prisoners.

"Not only do we not have a prison, but very rarely do we have anybody in prison," he joked.

"So, to take our people and train them to be a detainee-guarding entity requires 'x' amount of time away from their normal job," said Moseley.

"Those are the things that are very frustrating," he said.

He said the swap-outs come at a time when the Air Force's budget is hardpressed, when there is little money for new aircraft and when maintaining an aging fleet of older planes, some of them going back to the 1950s and 1960s, is getting increasingly expensive.

"Operational and maintenance costs have gone up 180 percent over the past 10 years, operating those old aircraft," he said.

As part of Bush's troop buildup in order to try to secure Baghdad and nearby hot spots, there are currently about 146,000 U.S. troops in Iraq.

Astronomers find Earth-like planet

Discovery called 'significant step' toward identifying other life forms

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For the first time astronomers have discovered a planet outside our solar system that is potentially habitable, with Earth-like temperatures, a find researchers described Tuesday as a big step in the search for "life in the universe."

The planet is just the right size, might have water in liquid form, and in galactic terms is relatively nearby at 120 trillion miles away. But the star it closely orbits, known as a "red dwarf," is much smaller, dimmer and cooler than our sun.

There's still a lot that is unknown about the new planet, which could be deemed inhospitable to life once more is known about it. And it's worth noting that scientists' requirements for habitability count Mars in that category; a size relatively similar to Earth's with temperatures that would permit liquid water. However, this is the first outside our solar system that meets those standards.

"It's a significant step on the way to finding possible life in the universe," said University of Geneva astronomer Michel Mayor, one of 11 European scientists on the team that found the planet. "It's a nice discovery. We still have a lot of questions."

The results of the discovery have not been published but have been submitted to the journal Astronomy and Astrophysics.

Alan Boss, who works at the Carnegie Institution of Washington where a U.S. team of astronomers competed in the hunt for an Earth-like planet, called it "a major milestone in this business."

The planet was discovered by the European Southern Observatory's telescope in La Silla, Chile, which has a special instrument that splits light to find wobbles in different wave lengths. These wobbles can reveal the existence of other worlds.

What they revealed is a planet circling the red dwarf star, Gliese 581. Red dwarfs are low-energy, tiny stars that give off dim red light and last longer than stars like our sun. Until a few years ago, astronomers didn't consider these stars as possible homes of planets that might sustain life.

The discovery of the new planet, named 581 c, is sure to fuel the hunt for an Earth-like planet, Mayor said. A fast-development planet teams circling similar dim stars. About 80 percent of the stars near Earth are red dwarfs.

The new planet is about five times heavier than Earth. Its discovery doesn't mean there is life, but it means it's an Earth-like planet in terms of potential habitability.

Eventually astronomers will rack up discoveries of dozens, maybe even hundreds of planets considered "habitable," the astronomers said. But this one — simply called "c" by its discoverers — will go down in cosmic history as No. 1.
We live in a world where people hold diverse interests and values. Bill wants to save the rainforest, Jane wants to cure cancer, Tom wants to end world hunger and Sue wants to buy a large flat-screen television for her living room. What’s the best way to accommodate all of these different values? And how do we decide which goals, if any, are superior?

In the United States, we have come to the conclusion that the majority has the right to rule. The “common good” is no different from the “majority good” — it is decided by what the majority of the population, and by extension the elected officials, believe is good. If most Americans want a man on the moon, they’ll elect officials who promise to put a man on the moon. On the other hand, if the majority of Americans want to cure cancer, they’ll elect politicians who promise more funding for cancer research. At first glance, this “majority rules” mindset of ours doesn’t seem too bad. But a problem arises when you find yourself outside the majority. Once you’re in the minority, you realize that you have no freedom. Our country wasn’t founded on the principle of majority rule. It was founded on the principle of individual rights. Everyone, even if they are in the minority, has a right not to be ruled by the majority.

Imagine that you are Mary, and you want to buy a flat-screen TV. Since it is tax season, you recently looked over your W-2 and you realized that the government is still being used to support causes we may not agree with. A portion of your paycheck is going to support Planned Parenthood. We are compelled to support this regardless of our own personal values. No matter how pacifist you are, it’s hard to deny the fact that a large proportion of your paycheck is going to support the war. Similarly, if you’re a die-hard pro-life, part of your tax money is still being used to support the right to an abortion. The “common good” mindset is that it leads to compromise and inaction. We begin to think that government funding of our own interests is a right. We whine and complain when government actions don’t align with our interests, yet we do little ourselves to further these interests. Instead of shifting our own money to save the rainforests or fight cancer, we ask everyone else to foot the bill. Instead of working towards a solution, we spend our time and money lobbying legislators to pass laws and funding packages which benefit our interests.

How do we solve this dilemma? How do we take the power away from the majority and give it back to the individual? Every year we send trillions of dollars to Washington and ask politicians to spend our money, as though we are not wise enough to spend it ourselves. Were we all courageous individuals with a strong conscience, we might practice civil disobedience and simply refuse to pay our taxes. Unfortunately, the elimination of the current tax system is unlikely, and most of us don’t have the courage to defy it. Although we are stuck in an inherently unjust system, we don’t have to give in to conventional apathy. Inaction only gives more power to the majority. If you want to cure cancer, end poverty, or save the rainforest, then go out and do it yourself. Get a PhD in biology; join a Catholic Worker House; donate to the Nature Conservancy. Don’t wait on the government to do it for you.

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Minority blues
Natural law proves fallible

Charles Rice tells us that natural law, as interpreted by the Pope, must guide our thought and action (“Natural law still applies,” April 24). I agree, as long as we remember that until 1888, that would mean condoning slavery. In the fourth century, St. Augustine thought slavery could be beneficial to both slaves and masters; in 1548 Paul III allowed the King of Spain in lighting native w here it remained until 1913; in the Corpus luris Canonici (Canon Law), Gregory IX incorporated slavery into the Romanus Pontifex allowed the King of nal sin; in 1454 Pope Nicholas V’s bull in 1179 the Third Lateran Council forbade people to help slaves escape; that “slavery in itself, considered as such in its essential nature, is not at all contrary to the natural and divine law, and there can be several just titles of slavery, and these are referred to by approved theologians and commentators of the sacred canons...” It is not contrary to the natural and divine law for a slave to be sold, bought, exchanged or given.”

So much for natural law, as interpreted by the Pope or by anyone else, as an infallible, self-evident, unproblematic, unquestionable guide to moral action. In interpreting natural law, we must not forget that the term, like the word “God” itself, often serves merely as an amplifier for our own historically and culturally conditioned prejudices, fears, and judgments.

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April 24

Supply and demand causes the problems

Our generation has been around for the Oklahoma City bombing, the Columbine massacre, September 11, a tsunami claim­ ing 225,000 lives, Hurricane Katrina. Each have forced us to stop and contemplate our own mortality and the condition of the human heart. Add to this list events at Virginia Tech last Monday, where more than 30 of our collegiate brothers and sisters were senselessly gunned down on a campus much like our own.

Every generation has their tragedies, and I would not attempt to claim that ours has experienced more pain than another. Ours, however, is perhaps newly cursed to become intimately familiar with the details of a crisis. Twenty-four-hour news net­ works, Internet news sites, cell phone videos, YouTube, and other technological advancements have assured that dis­ tressing events will be replayed until they have all but lost their impact.

This overexposure to tragedies can eventually cause us to become less shocked and outraged by such horrible occurrences. Eventually we may begin to accept these incidences as the inevitable byproduct of living in an open society. Apathy can result, and the results of apathy towards evil are too difficult to bear.

The news has a responsibility to inform the public to the best of its ability, and has certainly taken advantage of the resources at their disposal. Those resources have increased exponentially, and so has the news’ ability to provide viewers with in­ depth coverage of live events. Last Monday began with not knowing how many shoot­ ers there were, and before long I was able to read a creative writing assignment written by the gunman himself.

It could be argued, and indeed has been, that media outlets have overstepped the bounds of informing the public when tragedies occur — that for want of profits they exploit a nation’s unseemly appetite for violence and aid in our desensitization. Yes, the media has the responsibility to report the news, and is doing so more exhaustively than ever before. However, is there such a thing as too much inform a­ tion? Are our media outlets in danger of further desensitizing a nation whose blood lust is already insatiable?

The perpetrator of the Virginia Tech shootings certainly expected such expo­ sure, as he sent a video manifesto to NBC which was aired numerous times by numerous networks. What could be gained by repeatedly showing photos of the killer pointing pistols at the camera just two days after pointing those same pistols at students? While VT was awarding the victims with posthumous degrees, the media was awarding a killer with the posthumous notoriety that he sought. The result? More hits on the Web site, more viewers tuning in — and quite possibly copycats willing to attempt similar evil acts for a perverse legacy of infamy. This goes far beyond questions of the media misbalancing respect and reporting. Overexposure can lead to indifference, and the indifference of the just can far outweigh the damage of the evil.

The media is not to blame — they’re providing a service to customers, giving the public what it wants. What we want. When will we examine our entertainment, our society, and ourselves in order to cor­ rect a culture that seems to demand such coverage from our media?

And at what point does the media’s pan­ dering to our nation’s obsession with vio­ lence cross from being informative to dis­ respectful, to being destructive to the moral fiber of an increasingly immoral society? It is a simple case of supply and demand, and until we cease demanding overexposure to tragedies, the supplies will remain abundant — and so will the evils.

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For that, the band has six additional members in addition to creator Dave King. With King on lead vocals, acoustic guitar and drums, it would be traditional Irish instruments, while Dennis Casey rocks the accordion, while Robert Schmidt is a jack of all trades, playing his skills on the mandolin, banjo, bouzouki and mandola. Behind it all, drummer George Schwedt hangs out the beat. Also, Regan, Casey, Maxwell and Haxwell play the flute, fiddles, mandolin, bodhrans, uilleann pipes and, yes, even spoons.

With so many bells and whistles to their music, combining everything in its proper time and place is a complicated effort — but one with a huge payoff. "We've developed a really unique sound," King said of his band. "The first time we all got together to play, there was an energy in the room that I'd never experienced in any other band I'd ever been in and it wasn't due to any single ingredient, instrument or individual. We started playing in a bar and just played and played and played. We're a live band. We'll always have that."

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and everyone loved it. It toured with the likes of punk legends Anti-Flag and was able to build up a sizable fan-base. The band began touring with the punk festival Warped Tour and was able to make itself better known because of it.

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This song also clocks in at 5:11, the longest track on the album, as the rest of the band flexes its musical muscles and explores the musical realm Flogging Molly has created.

Bridget Regan stars on the violin and tin whistle, George Schmidt on the drums, Dennis Casey on guitar, Nathan Maxwell on bass, Matt Hensley on accordion (since replaced by P.J. Smith and Bob Schmidt on mandolin and banjo). Larger than most bands, Flogging Molly does not see this as a burden, but as a boon — every instrument and musician is allowed to explore its full range.


The third album in four years saw Flogging Molly branching out from its traditional musical mode. The "I just want to get up and dance" music is still there in tracks like "Seven Deadly Sins" and "Tobacco Island."

Songs like "Factory Girls" (about King's mother) and "Light of a Fading Star," however, put the brakes on the band in terms of tempo but not in terms of creativity. This album is a more introspective one, and it's clear King put his heart and soul into the lyrics and the whole band into the music.

The band also pays heed to the musical greats that have come before by dedicating the album to the late and great Johnny Cash and Joe Strummer, frontman of the seminal punk band the Clash. Flogging Molly looks not only to its Irish cultural roots but also its seemingly disparate musical roots — something mentioned frequently in its live shows.

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**DVD REVIEW**

**Flogging Molly's 'Whiskey' goes down smooth**

By SEAN SWEANY
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World renowned Irish punk band Flogging Molly didn't always command the attention and top billing they do now. In fact, their humble beginnings in a Los Angeles bar led music industry executives to believe that their style of music would never work.

Critics be damned, Flogging Molly — led by vocalist David King — ignored naysayers and quickly became one of the most recognizable Irish bands in the world. "Whiskey on a Sunday" is the band's newest DVD release, chronicling their emotional, often difficult journey from their bar-scene beginnings in southern California to the top of the Irish punk-rock music world.

"Whiskey on a Sunday" follows the seven members of Flogging Molly from their bar-scene beginnings in L.A. to the top of the Irish punk-rock music world. The DVD goes on to show how the band faced initial difficulties in touring throughout California because of restrictions from record companies. Various band members express how their belief in the music of Flogging Molly drove them to pursue their goals no matter how many people stood against them.

The watershed moment for the band was when their first studio album, "Swagger," sold more than 50,000 copies — five times the expected total — to put Flogging Molly on the map. King describes the moment as one of realizing he was no longer just some­one who loved music, but was now a "rock star" — something which he had never envisioned.

As "Whiskey on a Sunday" continues, the various interviews show how humble Flogging Molly is in spite of their immense popularity. Each band member displays their passion for music and comes across as honest in the documentary, not necessarily a given in such a DVD.

This honest, raw feel is what makes "Whiskey on a Sunday" such a successful and refreshing DVD. There is no feeling that it is glossy press material meant to make money. It makes the viewer feel like he is another band member — sweating, drinking and touring with Flogging Molly.

While the film is brief, it features numer­ous live video recordings of many of Flogging Molly's best songs, including "Drunkens Lullabies," "Swagger" and "Black Friday Rule." The inclusion of these driving, catchy songs lends the whole DVD a lively tone and the video shows how much fun a Flogging Molly concert can be.

The final scene of the documentary shows Flogging Molly playing a concert in the Wiltern Theater in Los Angeles. This home­coming — in a locale slightly bigger than their original home at Molly Malone's — allows the band to reminisce on their first 10 years as a band and how Flogging Molly will be viewed in the future.

King, in a way only an Irishman can, perhaps sums it up best: "As humble of a band as we are, in the sense of our heritage and where we've come from — I would not be sitting here if I didn't think we were the greatest rock and roll band in the world!"

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**Studying abroad lacks fine American culture**

After spending an entire semester abroad in Spain, I've discovered that I don't miss as much about the States as I thought I would. I could do without the 27th season of "Real World" and the special six-hour episode of "My Super Sweet 16." Of course, I miss the staples of my life — chips and salsa, "Entertainment Weekly," and my dar­ling DVR. But I've also learned now that I took too many things for granted during my 20 years residing in the United States of America. I eagerly await the following upon my return.

Mullet hunting as a legitimately competitive sport

It's just too easy in Spain. By my own expert calculations, 7.4 out of every 10 Spanish men prefer business in the front and a fistful of hair in the back. I have seen more variations of the mullet than I ever thought possible, my favorite being the mullet-dreadlock power combo. But in the States, finding a mullet is like finding a diamond in the rough. It becomes a competitive sport when out with friends, and the mullet man is the perfect victim for the "your boyfriend/girlfriend" name.

Spain has taken something precious away from me, and it's up to the Land of the Free to give it back.

American movies and television not dubbed in Spanish

Okay, "Walker, Texas Ranger" dubbed in Spanish is one thing, but when I sit down for a pleasant evening of "Bad Boys II" with my best family, I don't want to hear a high­pitched Spanish voice coming out of Will Smith. Ever hear of subtitles, Spain? Will Smith the two in any other voice does not sound as sweet, and I want my Fresh Prince to sound like he always does. Don't make me listen to "Miami" to get my fix!

"My Super Sweet 16"

Guilty pleasure alert! I admit that I didn't realize how much I missed this delicious package of American materialism and excess until I turned on the TV in Florence and caught an episode. Yes, I was in Italy. No. I don't regret spending an entire hour in my hotel room watching a suspiciously handsome blonde pick out some pink concoction in Paris that she could have bought in the dress-up section at Toys "R" Us. And despite the fact that the network built on music has now turned to churning out trashtastic scripted "reality" shows, I still have to say, I want my MTV!

**Notre Dame squirrels**

I do in fact possess a four-headed for the Notre Dame squirrels, but that hatred in no way causes me to hurl hate-filled bodily fluids at the love and affection. However, gangs of cats roam free in the peaceful streets of Notre Dame and follow me wherever I go. It's like "Oliver & Company" without the fun song and dance numbers. Trust me, if there were musical acts, I would totally join in. But, I'd much rather almost trip over an overweight college student than a hairy squirrel that has lost its fear of humans than be chased by manky cats whose only goal is to make me suffer. Apologies to cat lovers out there, but not really.

And now that I'm returning to the United States in just a short while, I can return to these gems and some of my favorite summertime activities that can only happen in America — sitting through five hours of daytime television only to realize what I've done once it's too late, getting angry at the local grocery store because the new issue of "US Weekly" isn't stocked when it should be and absent-mindedly drinking six Diet Pepsi's in one day and later wondering why my heart feels funny.

God Bless the U.S.A.

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COURTSIDE — The Toronto Raptors celebrated with Sam Mitchell, then went out and played like him.

After starting the night with an award ceremony for their coach of the year, the Raptors beat the New Jersey Nets 89-83 Tuesday to even their first-round series at a game apiece.

"He wasn't the prettiest player but he got the job done and that's kind of how the playoffs are," forward Chris Bosh said.

"You just have to get the job done, no matter what happens," Anthony Parker scored 26 points and Bosh added 25 points and 13 rebounds in Toronto's first playoff victory since a 94-84 home win over Detroit on April 27, 2002. It came hours after Mitchell was honored as the NBA's coach of the year for leading the Raptors to a 20-win improvement and their first Atlantic Division title.

"We definitely turned a corner as a team tonight because we gutted it out, especially when things weren't going well," Parker said.

"This was a game we had to have. We couldn't go to Jersey down 0-2. Now we've got to go to Jersey and get one." New Jersey's Busjan Nachbar missed a 3-pointer from the corner that could have given game 3 8 seconds to play. Game 3 is Friday night in New Jersey.

"We felt very confident coming down the stretch that we could win this game, but unfortunately we didn't," New Jersey guard Jason Kidd said. "We're not disappointed. We came up here to win Game 2 and we gave our best effort." Mitchell said he was touched by the center court for the pregame award ceremony with commissioner David Stern.

"None of this had happened without those 15 guys in the locker room," Mitchell said. "Basically, the Bulls did what they're supposed to do and protect their home court. We have to play smarter basketball. We got to come with a lot more energy and play with a little more effort and a lot more pressure.

Bosh scored 11 in the third quarter, hitting three 3-pointers. It was the first time in the series that Bosh hit three in a quarter that made it 95-82 midway through the quarter. "He dedicated that award to them. "He realizes he needs to do more for the Miami Heat and that's what he knows and we know that it takes a team. If you do team things well, individual recognition comes along with it." T.J. Ford scored 13 points for the Raptors, including four key free throws in the final minute. Parker also added three free throws in the final 8 seconds.

Chicago 107, Miami 89
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Toronto coach Sam Mitchell smiles as he accepts his NBA coach of the year award Tuesday. Mitchell, a former player for the Indiana Pacers, led the Raptors to a 47-34 record and a playoff berth this season.

Former player wins coach of the year

Associated Press

TORONTO — Former Indiana Pacers player Sam Mitchell was honored as the NBA coach of the year Tuesday after leading the Toronto Raptors to a franchise-record-tying 47 victories and their first Atlantic Division title.

"It's a great honor," Mitchell said. "It means a lot. You're thankful. Words just can't express it." Mitchell won the Red Auerbach Trophy in a decisive vote over Utah's Jerry Sloan, who picked up 49 first-place votes for a total of 394 points in balloting by 128 basketball writers and broadcasters. Sloan had 301 points followed by Dallas' Avery Johnson with 268.

"We recognized him for it this morning," forward Chris Bosoh said. "But the thing I love about him is he was a team effort." Mitchell, the sixth coach in Toronto's team's history, guided the Raptors to an NBA-best 20-game improvement over the 2005-06 season. The Raptors trull New York 1-0 in a first-round playoff series, with Game 2 Tuesday night in Toronto.

Mitchell played for the Pacers during 1992-95. The 6-foot-7 forward averaged 6.2 points and 2.9 rebounds for Indiana in three seasons.

Guard Anthony Parker praised Mitchell for building unity on a team that added nine new faces before the season.

"From the summer, after I signed, his focus was trying to get us all in and get the chemistry going early," Parker said. "Throughout the course of the season we seemed to come together pretty nicely. Sam obviously was a huge part of that."

During a 13-year playing career that ended in 2002, Mitchell was held in high regard around the league as a student of the game. Following two seasons as an assistant, he was hired as the Raptors' coach on June 29, 2004.

"He's done a great job with the ball club," forward Morris Peterson said Monday. "He's really grown a lot over his first couple of years coaching. If anybody in the NBA deserves it, it's him. He's proved a lot of people wrong."

Guard T.J. Ford said Mitchell puts his faith in the players.

"He's going to give us the structure offensively and defensively, but it's up to us to go out there execute," he said. "He puts it in our hands and lets us control it. He's been great in that aspect."

IN BRIEF

4-year-old OK after taking big hit from receiver

FORT COLLINS — A 4-year-old boy who was inadvertently hit by a college football player during a game has 30 stitches in his head, but he's recovering well, his father said Tuesday.

It was the spring youth football festival at Colorado State on Saturday, and Caden Thomas was wandering along the sideline with his father during the team's intraquad game. They were near the end zone when wide receiver George Hill, trying to catch a touchdown pass, didn't see the boy in time and crashed into him.

"Well, there's the sickening sound," Caden's father, Michael Thomas, said Tuesday. "I was just tremendously worried about the rest of his life. You make automatic assumptions there will be some damage when you see something that horrific."

The team's trainer and doctor rushed in to help Caden as his father held him and Hill waited nearby, worried about the little boy. Caden was bleeding from a deep cut on his head, but he was conscious, and his neurological exams were normal.

Rutgers women's hoops team honored with leadership award

ORLANDO — Rutgers coach C. Vivian Stringer and the women's basketball team are the inaugural winners of the Eddie Robinson Leadership Award.

The Board of the National Consortium for Academics and Sports (NCAS) announced the winners on Tuesday.

"Eddie Robinson was a pioneer and his legacy is one that will be remembered for generations to come," Stringer said. "I believe the 10 young women that represent the Scarlet Knights epitomize the leadership and courage coach Robinson taught his players."

The NCAS inducted Robinson in the first class of Inductees into its Hall of Fame in 1999. Robinson, who died earlier this month, coached Grambling for 57 years before retiring in 1997 with a Division I record 408 wins.

Vick misses flight, testimony with Congress

ATLANTA — Michael Vick gets an incomplete from Congress.

The Falcons quarterback was scheduled to lobby on Capitol Hill, hoping to persuade lawmakers to increase funding for after-school programs. But Vick missed a connecting flight in Atlanta and failed to show for his Tuesday morning appearance.

Vick's publicist, Susan Bass, said it wasn't his fault. The quarterback was in Tampa, Fla., on Monday to play in teammate Warrick Dunn's charity golf tournament, then caught a flight to Atlanta that was supposed to arrive in time for him to make another flight to Reagan National Airport in northern Virginia.

But the AirTran flight was late leaving Tampa, Vick missed his connection and wound up stuck in Atlanta, Bass said.

"He was really mad," Bass said.
Belles finish in sixth place in MIAA tourney

O’Brien finishes fourth, shoots team-best 80

By KATE ARNOLD
Sports Writer

Although the season may be over, the work has only just begun for the Belles. Saint Mary’s carded a team score of 382 in the third and final round of the MIAA NCAA qualifying tournament to finish sixth in the conference with a total of 1142, 81 strokes behind champion Olivet.

In the first two rounds, held at Tri-State University’s Zoller golf course, Saint Mary’s finished behind Olivet, Tri-State, Hope, Albion and Kalamazoo.

The Comets won the tournament with a total score of 1061. They will advance to the NCAA Championships held May 8-11 at El Campeon Golf Course at Mission Inn Resort & Club in Lowery-in-the-Hills, Fla.

Belles scored a 374 and 386, respectively.

Saint Mary’s is finally 300 in conference. The Belles beat Albion College 5-3 and 1-4 Monday at home to improve their MIAA record to 3-5 and 20-6 overall.

Albion started the game with one run in the first inning and two runs and three hits in the second. Sophomore pitcher Galli Davison pitched a full seven innings, giving up eight hits but just three runs. Sophomore Jenna Hogg and reliever Traci McGwire gave up a total of 11 hits and five runs.

Sophomore first baseman Katie Rashid brought the momentum back on the Belles side as she dove into the splits to tag Briton inficlder Morgan Rowan as being back in the sixth. Freshman outfielder Ashley Peterson hit one out of the ballpark, as did sophomore catcher Ashley Fusaro.

Fusaro’s homer also ran in senior Sarah Miesel. With junior McKenna Corrigan and Laura Heline on base, Rashid singled to left centerfield and ran in the two runners. Davison did not give up another hit in the seventh to end the game at 5-3.

The Belles opened the second game strong as freshman second baseman Maureen Healy scored on Ashley Peterson’s single in the first. MIAA Pitcher of the Week sophomore Kristin Amram held the Britons to four hits. The Britons had their only score in the fourth when Marissa Dickey singled to run in Allson Smart.

The sixth turned into a marathon inning. The Britons were unable to get a second out, and the Belles’ runs multiplied.

“We just had a huge sixth inning and it sucked the life right out of Albion,” Belles head coach Eric Sullivan said.

The Belles had nine hits and 12 runs in the sixth. The first three runs scored in the inning were off of Healy’s triple which ran in sophomore Cathy Kuczkowski, Rashid and Grogan.

Fusaro ran in with Davison after she was walked by Briton pitcher Christa Scott, who relieved Andrea English.

After Davison scored, Corrigan doubled to left centerfield, and freshman Ashley Peterson scored. Senior pinch hitter Adele Rowan ran in senior Laura Heline to make the score 11-1.

The Belles continued pounding away at the Britons’ poor defense, scoring three more runs in the inning. In the inning Rowan was out at home and Miesel popped up to second base.

“Kristin Amram had 14 strikes in innings, so we did a great job and our defense was solid. We were just hitting the ball hard,” Sullivan said.

The Britons could not get another hit in the sixth, and the slaughter rule ended the game 14-1.

The Belles tarped the field Tuesday night to make sure it is ready for their game Thursday against MIAA opponent Hope College (21-8, 9-1 MIAA) at 3:30 p.m. at Gateway Field. The game will be a makeup for an April 4 match-up called off due to inclement weather.

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Saint Mary’s first baseman Katie Rashid extends to receive a throw during the Belles’ doubleheader sweep of Albion Tuesday against Olivet, when the Belles scored 13 straight runs to beat the Comets 13-7.

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Fuemmeler said. "To be successful you can't leave the ball over the plate, and that just contributed to a long day."

At one point, the senior was forced to work through eight consecutive full counts. The Wildcats tacked on five more runs against the senior in the top of the fifth before the game was called due to the mercy rule.

"We didn't give enough to win a ball game against anybody tonight," Gumpf said. "We just have to move on. The only way to regroup is to move on."

The Irish will look to bounce back as they take on the University of Illinois-Chicago Flames tonight at 6:30. The game will be the final contest of the year at Ivy Field and senior day for the four graduating seniors.

"It's a huge game. We don't leave a losing record on Ivy Field," Fuemmeler said. The right-handed pitcher will have even more motivation for tomorrow's game if she faces off against her younger sister Chelsea, a freshman pitcher for the Flames. The younger Fuemmeler is the third starter for UIC and currently has a 3-12 record in 25 appearances.

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Deanna Gumpf
Irish coach

Notre Dame shortstop Katie Laing belts a single during Notre Dame's 3-0 victory over Ball State April 18 at Ivy Field. The Irish lost to Northwestern 12-0 Tuesday.

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place Cardinals. The Irish overcame Marquette and Saint Joseph in the second round, but Louisville's 16-stroke lead left it comfortably ahead of the Irish. Tuesday's round may have been the last of the season for the Irish, who hope to receive an at-large bid to the NCAA Regionals.

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The fields for the 27-team regional groupings will be announced May 7, and Ishan plans to have his team's odds of being selected at "about 10 percent." But if the season is indeed over for the Irish, they went out with a strong finish.

Three Irish players finished in the top 10 on the individual leaderboard after solid rounds in Louisville. Freshman co-captain Adam Gifford finished third with a 213, earning them each All-Big East honors. Sophomore Josh Sandman fired a 68 in the final round to capture 10th place and a spot on the all-conference team along with Ishan and Gifford. Sandman finished with an overall score of one-under-par 215 for the event.

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70, tying them for the lowest round score of the tournament. The Irish held a six-stroke advantage over Louisville after the first round, but the Cardinals cut the lead in half on the second day. With the win, Louisville recorded its second consecutive Big East title.

By the time the Irish reached Tuesday's back nine, Louisville had neutralized the small lead, and the final nine holes turned into a rollercoaster back and forth between both teams.

The action heated up on the last two holes. Sophomore Lisa Maunu came through with a timely eagle on the last hole, giving the Irish a much-needed boost.

After both teams' scores were added up, they found themselves in a deadlock. Notre Dame's overall score of 291 (292-302-297) was a season-best mark for a 54-hole tournament.

Both teams headed to the par-four ninth hole for a playoff to decide the championship. Notre Dame shot a one-over-par on the hole, while Louisville shot even par, taking the title.

Freshman Annie Brophy led the way for the Irish over the conference championship with her season-best score of even-par 216 (72-73-71), good enough for third place behind Laurenzer and Whinn. The freshman's final round of one-under-par 71 marked her lowest round of the season.

Irish senior co-captain Noriko Nakazaki followed her team-

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- 6:15 p.m. Opening remarks from Fr. Jenkins
- 6:30 p.m. Keynote speech from Ms. Brosnahan followed by panel discussion

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- 1:00 p.m. Continue with concurrent presentations of student papers

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Wilson’s stellar defense continued to dominate offensively, with Pete Delan striking several outside shots. Dropping Trout forward Dave Post spoke at halftime about his team’s strategy.

"It was a dirty, dirty game..." he said.

But Dropping Trout’s strategy proved faulty. Though it battled intensely, Team 110 continued to dominate offensively, with guard Pete Delan striking several outside shots. Dropping Trout grew physically more aggressive in the second half and earned more points, but also accumulated more fouls. Team 110 forward X. Henry dominated defensively, allowing the team to finish 21-14.

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While Craig Fencing basking in its victory, We Play for Winabi played near the top of their plans for next year.

"We were happy with Joe Staatz’s defense," he said. "It was a neck-and-neck competition.

"We had a comeback last game and were happy with our good defense. We knew we were there."

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"You win some, you lose some," Streit said as he wiped tears from his Res.Spcs.

"We had a good game," said O’Connell, the team captain. "Our game was tough, we were very intense."

"We had a really complex alley-op play for for Wardy Jimmy Wilson. We’re pretty sure that we’ll definitely be the prettiest team in the Sweet 16."
**BASEBALL**

Happy at new position, Brezovsky leads team to win

By DEIRDRE KRASULA

Sports Writer

The transition from infield to outfield hasn’t fazed Ross Brezovsky. The junior, who had played mainly at second base until this season, has settled almost seamlessly into left field, and it’s been a boost to the Irish lineup — as evidenced by Notre Dame’s 7-3 win over Ball State Tuesday.

"I just wanted to be in the lineup everyday, so I don’t really care where I play as long as I’m on the field," Brezovsky said. "It’s been fun. It’s been a challenge getting to know how to play everything, where to play and when to dive, when not to dive, but it’s been fun and I’m having fun out there."

Brezovsky opened up scoring for the Irish in the win Tuesday night. After Cardinals starting pitcher Jay Broughton retired from the mound in the middle of the third, leaving three on base, Brezovsky faced Adam Quinn. Quinn, fresh from the bullpen, looked to finish off Brezovsky, but the Irish outfielder drove in a two-RBI single to put Notre Dame on the board. Austin Pearce and shortstop Brett Lilley scored off Brezovsky’s drive. Lilley, who reached base after being hit by a pitch, is now second on the mound in the middle of the third, leaving three on base, Brezovsky faced Adam Quinn. Quinn, fresh from the bullpen, looked to finish off Brezovsky, but the Irish outfielder drove in a two-RBI single to put Notre Dame on the board. Austin Pearce and shortstop Brett Lilley scored off Brezovsky’s drive. Lilley, who reached base after being hit by a pitch, is now second in the nation in hits by pitchers. At 6-foot-9, Quinn posed a threat to the Notre Dame offense, but the Irish bats continued to send hits to the plate. First baseman Mike Dury drove in a three-run homer to extend Notre Dame’s lead to 5-0.

"He’s a great pitcher at my chest level and I just put a good swing on it and I thought it was pretty good," Dury said of the hit. Even though both Brezovsky and Dury turned in solid hits at the plate, Dury said they were up against a formidable bullpen.

**ND GOLF — BIG EAST TOURNAMENTS**

So close, and yet so far

By LORENZO REYES

Sports Writer

**Women squander lead, lose to 'Ville in playoff**

Notre Dame squandered a three-stroke lead and lost in a one-hole playoff to Louisville in Tuesday's final round of the Big East championships at the Oxmoor Country Club in the Cardinals' hometown.

Heading into the final round, Notre Dame had a comfortable lead for the top spot, but by the end of the day the Irish fell behind and found themselves finishing second in the conference.

The Cardinals received clutch performances from their stars, with sophomore Cindy LaCrosse and senior Adrienne White greatly aiding them on their way to the victory. Both golfers shot a day-best two-under-par.

**BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXVI**

Contests come down to the wire

By ELLYN MICHALAK and MICHAEL BRYAN

Sports Writers

Bookstore Basketball returned to the courts Tuesday for Super-Regional Finals games. The action was typified by close games and rough play, with the winners earning a day off before Thursday's Round of 16.

**Team 110 21, Dropping Trout 14**

With intensity and effort, Team 110 prevailed over Dropping Trout 21-14 in Tuesday night's Bookstore game.

Team 110 wasted no time gaining a substantial lead over Dropping Trout. Forward Andrew Cavanaugh's fast break layup combined with guard Jack Breeden's offensive intensity in the paint allowed Team 110 to score.

**ND SOFTBALL**

Wildcats shut out Irish at Ivy Field

By DAN MURPHY

Associate Sports Editor

Northwestern pitcher Eileen Canney fanned seven Irish batters while picking up her 21st win of the year in a 12-0 shutout Tuesday at Ivy Field.

Canney used her fastball and rise ball effectively to hold Notre Dame to two hits in her four innings of work.

"I think we chased some bad pitches. I didn't think our timing was that bad — we just chased her rise ball too much," Irish coach Deanna Gaines said.

The No. 8/7 Wildcats posted three runs before Canney even took the field and added three more in their half of the second inning to put Notre Dame in a 6-0 hole out of the gates.

Second baseman Nicole Pauly picked up two of her four RBIs when she doubled with runners on second and third. The freshman eventually stole home on a first-and-third play to cap off the opening frame.

In the following inning, first baseman Garland Cooper hit an opposite field home run to extend his remarkable start of the season. The blast was the 19th of the year and the 51st of her four-year career.

Northwestern added one more in the third inning against starting pitcher Brittany Barger before senior Keryn Fuemmeler took over in relief.

Fuemmeler found herself in trouble in the third, allowing the first three Northwestern batters to reach on a bases-loaded walk to start the inning. The Irish were unable to score any runs, however.

"They were very selective hitters, and that's just the mark of a good hitting ball club," Fuemmeler said after the game. "It was a great team. We just didn't have our best game, and we didn't have our pitching and hitting together."

**Air Force One guard Richard Ybarra dribbles around a Team Jubilee player in AP1's win April 20 at the Bookstore Courts.**

**Above, Lisa Maunu lines up a putt. At right, Cole Isban finishes his shot.**

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