University a 'dream school' for parents

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By LAURA McCRYSTAL
News Writer

Notre Dame was ranked as the fourth-most desirable school for parents to send their children, according to a poll of "dream schools" released earlier this month by the Princeton Review. Various rankings of colleges are becoming increasingly popular, yet Notre Dame does not emphasize its rankings, Dan Saracino, assistant provost for undergraduate admissions, said.

"It's interesting," he said. "Do we put everything different to improve our rankings? No. They are what they are."

The dream school ranking was based on a poll of approximately 3,000 parents of college applicants, according to a press release from the Princeton Review. Notre Dame ranked behind only Harvard, Stanford and Princeton in these parents' list of dream colleges.

The Princeton Review also ranks colleges in a number of other categories. For example, Notre Dame is currently ranked first for "everyone plays intramural sports" and "alternative lifestyles not an alternative," and second for "most religious students," according to the company's Web site.

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42nd annual AnTostal celebrates end of year

Festival features events based on reality TV shows, 'Heavyweights' and band Slightly Stoopid

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

This week marks the 42nd Annual AnTostal at Notre Dame. AnTostal, which is Gaelic for "festival," is the school's end-of-the-year celebration. AnTostal's theme this year is "True Life: I'm a Domer."

Many of the scheduled events will be based on various reality television shows. Megan MacCaughy, the Programmer of AnTostal, said this year's celebration includes both traditional favorites and new events. Among those carried over from past years include the quarter-pod eating contest and the Movie on the Quad, which, this year, will be "Heavyweights."

Also appearing at AnTostal this year will be the annual Spring Carnival, which will take place Thursday afternoon on South Quad. "This year's carnival will feature lots of inflatables," MacCaughy said. "New this year we also have a photo shoot."

ND Vision gets ready for summer

By NORA KENNEY News Writer

Each year, more than 60 Notre Dame, Holy Cross and Saint Mary's students contribute their talents to the Notre Dame Vision program. Some are counselors, some are musicians, but all are what the program's director, Leonard DeLorenzo, refers to as mentors-in-faith for the many high school students who attend ND Vision in the summer.

The program, which hosts different high school students on campus during four weeks in the summer, is dedicated to helping participants discern what vocation is, and how God calls them to give their gifts to the life of the church," DeLorenzo said.

To achieve this, the program focuses on the values of the Catholic Church and the ways in which these values can enhance and deepen spirituality. The hope of the ND Vision staff is that as participants grow more deeply in their spirituality, they discover how they are called to use their RANKINGS/page 3

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Ceremony mirrors season

The Notre Dame men's basketball team wrapped off a disappointing season last week with its annual awards ceremony. The event was a perfect example of why the Irish have, and will continue to, underrate their potential. They were rewarded with eight trophies on Wednesday.

Lake Harangody leads things off with the team MVP, and deservedly so. But things went south from there. Six other players won awards. On a 14-man roster that means exactly half the team went home with some hardware. That is better than when we passed out Paper Plate Awards at the end of summer camp. Never, since Gaylord Fowler's Wall of Fame, has such mediocrity been celebrated.

Zach Hillesland won two awards—one for every bucket he averaged per game. There are also rumors about a Guinness Book of World Records entry for most consecutive days with a black eye. Congratulations on thestudent-athlete award, but the Captain Award? I thought he won that along with every senior on the team when BYU named all four of them captains in October.

Ayres won defensive player of the year with his thrifty 3.5 rebounds per game. Hey, I guess Harangody can't win every category. Tory Jackson won the Outstanding Playmaker Award—a.k.a. the Starting Point Guard Award. And Kyle McAlarney came home with the Team Irish Award. The criteria for this one isn't very clearly, but let's just say Seamus O'Toole came in a close second.

Last, and probably the least, is the Most Improved Player Award. Most is generally a word reserved for a single entity. It is hard for two things to be the "most" of anything. However, Brey managed to find a loophole in his everybody's-a-winner-even-when-they-lose-seven-straight fantasy land. Ty Nash and Jonathan Peoples were named the Most Improved Player Awards.

That means that the likes of Scott Martin, Tim Abromitis, Tim Andree and Tom Kopko went home empty-handed. I'm sorry, Who? Harangody, although the younger was ineligible and Carleton Scott hasn't seemed meaningful minutes since Stone Hill came to town.

The only player who started a game that didn't win an award was Luke Zeller. Unfortunately for the 7-footer, the Tallest Guy on the Team Award was discontinued after last season.

Since Mike Brey arrived at Notre Dame, the Irish have been plagued by the frustrating team in the country. He knows the game and his players would take a bullet for him. That's the problem. He's too nice, and we all know where nice guys end up. I can't imagine Jim Calhoun or Bobby Knight giving out trophies to half of their team.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD TEACH A CLASS AT NOTRE DAME, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

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Sarah Spieoler freshman PW
Johanna Kirsch junior McGlinn
Steve Santay sophomore Alumni
Lee Hagenjos freshman Knott

"Surfing 101 (or ?)"
"Defense Against the Dark Arts."
"How Not to Write: A Superfluous Look at the 'Twilight' Books."
"How to Grill Good Food... have the DH stuff sign up."
"Healthy ... so my roommate wouldn't get mono!"

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com

IN BRIEF

A lecture titled "Facing the Obama Administration: Economic Policy" will take place today at 7 p.m. in the first floor lounge of Coleman-Morse. The discussion will feature Michael Prues, Professor of Economics and Econometrics; Nelson Mark, Professor of Economics and Econometrics; and Alexander Guisinger, Professor of Political Science.

A lecture called "Obama Invitation & Religious Freedom" will be presented by professor Rick Garnett in the Sorin Room of LaFortune Wednesday at 8 p.m. Curious about your role as a student at our Lady's University in the upcoming months? About the role of a Catholic in America today? Join in discussions led by several of Notre Dame's distinguished faculty.

Professor Christine Stansell, a leading historian of American Women will give v. u. "Matrophobia and the Women's Movement: General Tensions in Feminism, 1968-2008" on Thursday at 4 p.m. in the Hesburg Center Auditorium. A Reception will precede the event at 3 p.m.

Harmonie, Notre Dame's only all female a cappella group will host their Spring Concert on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Tickets are $5 at the door.

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

CORRECTIONS

In Monday's article "Conversation about Obama administration continues at N.D." the "conversational clause" was incorrectly referred to as the "conversational clause." The correct version negates this error.

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College hosts discussion on sex

Students advised to get screened for STDs, develop relationships

By SARAH MAYER
News Writer

DeCleene said, "It is not just recent shows, 'Seinfeld' often presented many myths. If you came to the counseling center or health center you would realize these myths are not true.

Horton-Cavanaugh discussed the issue of continued out-of-students, faculty and administrative staff address the issue, Githinji said.

"The goal is to encourage interactions between those groups. And also create a committee that focuses on retention," she said.

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Residents at Saint Mary's Holy Cross Hall hosted a dinner called "Sex & Candy" for all residents Monday. Guest speakers, including Health Center staffers Cathe DeCleene and Cindy Horton-Cavanaugh were present to help end myths women have about sex and sexually transmitted diseases.

The event was spearheaded by sophomore resident assistant Mary Beth Githinji.

"We wanted to have this event because we feel like students are so uninformed and perpetuate the myths in their minds," Githinji said.

DeCleene cited television shows as reasons myths are created.

"Shows like 'Gossip Girl' often have misinformation about sex," she said.

There isn't anything to say that Notre Dame is the best school for every student or every senior who is in high school," he said. "We have a variety of students in the United States because we have a variety of students.

Rankings do not necessarily have a large impact on students' college decisions, Saracino said.

"The rankings are not a role in the eyes of students, but it's a role along with many other factors," he said. "It's more of an affirmation of what you've already been thinking of.

Saracino said U.S. News and World Report, which is the most well-known ranking system for colleges and universities, releases rankings each August which are more objective than those by the Princeton Review. Notre Dame ranked 15th in the national universities in 2008 in the U.S. News and World Report rankings according to Saracino.

Even though U.S. News and World Report is most highly regarded and publicizes its ranking methods, Saracino said all rankings should be taken with "a little grain of salt," he said. "You say, 'they're interesting, but I still need to do my own digging a little deeper.'"

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Iran leader sparks UN walkout

GENEVA — Dozens of Western diplomats walked out on Monday and some refused to confer with a pair of rainbow-wigged protesters who threw clenched fists at Iran's president Monday when the hard-line leader accused the United States of being a racist and revolutionary.

The United States decried the remarks by Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as hateful — rejecting tension into a relationship that had been warmed under President Barack Obama, who engaged in talks with the Islamic Republic in a bid to resolve the nuclear dispute.

"You see, the Americans refuse to engage Iran in talks on its nuclear program because they want to keep the nuke for themselves and not to share, and not to allow the freedom of the people of Iran, which is their natural right," Ahmadinejad said.

"They have been following a racist and revolutionary path," he added.

President Obama, who has long been a critic of Iran, sought Monday to engage Iran in talks on its nuclear program and to ensure tensions over the nuclear dispute did not derail a dialogue with the administration to break a 30-year diplomatic deadlock between the two countries.

In Washington, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton renewed calls for Iran to release Roxana Saberi, an American journalist who was sentenced to eight years in prison.

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21 horse die mysteriously at Polo Open

Spectators at the Sunday match had a massage table set up in the room where the horses were in tears. Bystanders and volunteers were in tears. This was a combination of the three.

While polo club officials and several independent veterinarians insisted the deaths appeared to be accidental, it remained a mystery that puzzled and saddened those close to a sport that has long been a passion of Palm Beach County's ultra-rich.

"The players, the owners of the horses were in tears. Bystanders and volunteers were in tears. This was a very tragic thing," said Tony Coppola, 62, an announcer for the International Polo Club Palm Beach in this palm tree-lined town some 15 miles west of the millionaire enclaves of Palm Beach.

Spectators at the Sunday match had difficulty making out what was happening when the frenzy of workers and trucks hovered around the horse trailers. Soon blue tarps were hung over some shuffling to obscure their view.

The match was canceled, replaced by an exhibition game, to keep the crowd busy. Rumors swirled and the death toll climbed.

Some horses died on scene. Others were shuttled to clinics for treatment, but there was nothing that could be done. Their fate was sealed.

All the dead horses were from the Venezuelan-owned team Lachuzia Caracas, a favorite to win the title at what's described as the World Series of this sport. The team included about 40 thoroughbreds in all, maybe more. The team has not made any public comments since the deaths.
Process of identifying bodies begins in Md.

Associated Press

TOWSON, Md. — Investigators began the task Monday evening of identifying four bodies found inside a hotel guest room earlier in the day in suburban Baltimore, as well as figuring out how the people died.

The bodies were discovered at the Sheraton Baltimore North Hotel in Towson, just north of Baltimore and just inside the Baltimore Beltway, said Baltimore County Police department spokesman Bill Toohey. Police received a call at 2:56 p.m. Monday reporting that four people were dead in a room.

The occupants of the room did not check out when they were expected to Monday afternoon, Toohey said. That’s when hotel staff unlocked the door and found the bodies. Cpl. Michael Hill, another police spokesman, said it was not known whether all four people were hotel guests.

“We can’t say how this happened or exactly when it happened so to release anything would be very, very premature at this point,” he said. “We don’t know even what kind of investigations we’re dealing with at this point.”

Several hotel employees declined to comment.

K.C. Kavanagh, spokeswoman for Sheraton Hotels and Resorts, said Sheraton Baltimore North is a franchise property and the owner of the hotel is GF Hotels.

“This is just a terrible tragedy and our team is terribly saddened by this event,” Kavanagh said. “We’re doing all we can to assist the police and it’s a matter that’s in their hands at this time.”

A call to GF Management Co. in Philadelphia was not immediately returned.

Several marked and unmarked police cars and two forensic services vans were parked outside the hotel entrance.

Nick Gelston, 30, an electrician from Bel Air, said he stayed at the hotel Saturday night to attend a friend’s wedding. He was back there Monday afternoon because his car had broken down and he had to leave it at the hotel.

“I hope it was nobody who was with us,” Gelston said, adding that he wasn’t aware that any of the wedding guests had stayed on the 10th floor.

Mississippi juvenile center cited

Lawsuit filed claims occupants physically, emotionally abused

Associated Press

Jackson — A south Mississippi juvenile detention center subjects young people to physical and emotional abuse, forcing them to live in squashy cells infested with insects and the stench of human excrement, a federal lawsuit alleged Monday.

An attorney for the private company that runs the Harrison County Juvenile Detention Center said he had not seen the lawsuit and denied there were major problems at the facility.

The lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court in Gulfport on behalf of a 17-year-old boy referred to only by the initials “D.W.” and seeks class protection of others in the facility.

Alleges, among other things, that D.W. “endured a brutal physical assault from adult staff members” and was denied appropriate mental health care after he tried to commit suicide.

The abusive conditions at the Juvenile Detention Center include punitive shackling, staff-on-juvenile assaults, 23-hour a day lock-down in filthy jail cells, unsanitary conditions resulting in widespread contraction of scabies and staph infections, dangerous overcrowding that forces many youth to sleep on the concrete floor, and inadequate mental health care, the lawsuit alleges.

Harrison County was named as the defendant in the lawsuit, which says the county pays Mississippi Security Police Inc., a private company based in Pascagoula, $1.6 million a year to house juveniles.

Harrison County’s administrator, Pam Urich, said the county had not seen the lawsuit and could not comment on it.

“I’ve had clients go in there and not one of them has ever said anything about abuse or anything of that nature,” Hulteman said.

As for staph infection, Hulteman said that’s a problem even in sterile environments like hospitals. And he denied the facility is routinely overcrowded, though he acknowledged it sometimes exceeds its designed capacity by 48 percent of the need to hold youth accused of serious crimes.

Members of the Mississippi Youth Justice Project, a project of the Southern Poverty Law Center, filed the lawsuit.

Sheila Bedi, the SPLC’s regional juvenile justice attorney, said the population of the detention center is sometimes as high as 60 and that most of the youth there are involved in minor crimes like disorderly conduct.

She said it’s problematic for a for-profit company to run a juvenile correction center, “When there’s a market incentive to imprison children, the entire community suffers.”

Bedi said the group hopes to work with Harrison County to improve conditions at the facility.

The lawsuit claims D.W. “spent 23 hours a day locked in a squashy, vermin-infested jail cell” and was forced to sleep on the floor “with only a thin mat that smelled of urine.”

The lawsuit claims that more than 30 other youth at the center echoed the descriptions of filthy, crowded conditions and violent staff.

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GM workers laid off as gov't deadline looms

Associated Press

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. started firing 1,600 white-collar workers Monday, continuing its effort to slash costs and qualify for more government aid. On the same day it revealed it spent $2.8 million in the first three months of this year to lobby federal lawmakers.

Meanwhile, Fiat's CEO left Italy to lobby here, just as Chrysler has cut 29,000 salaried workers in the U.S. and is looking for a way to avoid a Chapter 11 filing. In addition to the GM lobbying costs, Chrysler has paid $3.3 million in the first quarter lobbying the U.S. government on a range of issues, including the economic stimulus package, and environmental, consumer safety and health issues.

"We're a part of arguably one of the most regulated industries and we provide a voice in complex policy discussions," GM spokesman Greg Martin said.

GM's lobbying costs fell 15 percent from the $3.3 million it spent in the fourth quarter of 2008, but they rose from the $2.7 million GM spent in the third quarter.

Detroit Free Press vice president and editor Paul Anger, right, celebrates as Pulitzer Prize co-winners Jim Schaefer, hidden at left, and M.L. Ericck, center, congratulate each other.

Detroit Free Press

Bloomberg

Although Bank of America said higher revenue from the purchase of Merrill Lynch & Co. helped offset a surge in credit costs, it took a $13.4 billion charge for credit losses during the first three months of this year. The amount of its problems more than tripled to $25.7 billion in the fourth quarter, CEO Ken Lewis said he couldn't predict the number the bank's credit morasses would end.

The bank will spend $2.58, or 8.0% percent, to $8.02 as the overall market slumped. Last week Wall Street was happy with better-than-expected results from JPMorgan Chase & Co., Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and Citigroup Inc., but investors have been rethinking that optimism because the first quarter was dominated by the financial meltdown. Some suggested it could be a critical time for not sounding enough of a warning before the crisis.

"If I had to guess, I feel that the focus here is going to be for some reluctance to give prizes for after-the-fact reporting no matter how good it is," period," said Dan Whitman, outgoing editor of Columbia Journalism Review, which focuses on journalism's watchdog function.

The Las Vegas Sun won for obtaining a cache of steamy text messages that destroyed then-Mayor Oscar Goodman's political career. Three Pulitzer were awarded for coverage of Barack Obama's historic election, but in a surprising turn, no one prize was handed out for the other big story of 2008 — the financial meltdown. Some suggested it could be a critical time for not sounding enough of a warning before the crisis.

"There's not going to be follow-through for a client of a high-priced call girl ring — a discovery that led to his resignation," the Detroit Free Press won for full-year earnings between $4 and $4.25 per share. Analysts forecast $4.14 per share.

"It's quite notable that the watchdog function of journalism is underscored in this year's awards. The watchdog still barks, and the watchdog still bites," said Miller Tabak and Co. analyst Les Funtleyder, a client of a high-priced call girl ring — a discovery that led to his resignation.

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Gun control rally held in Colo.

'Die down' occurs on 10th anniversary of Columbine shootings

Associated Press

DENVER - Dozens of people participated in a "Die down" at Colorado's state Capitol Monday to demand stricter gun control and mark the 10th anniversary of the Columbine High School shootings.

Thirteen people representing those killed at Columbine lay like spokes of a wheel at the west steps of the Capitol. They had wrapped blue and white ribbons around their necks, the official colors of the suburban Denver school.

Others knelled nearby as the names of the 23 injured in the Denver school were read.

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Dementia patient found dead in woods

Associated Press

AUGUSTA — After hearing news reports about a 75-year-old woman with memory problems who disappeared into the remote Maine woods, Claire Young had a talk with her husband, William, who has dementia.

Snowmobilers had rescued the missing woman. But Claire Young knew it could have ended differently if her 77-year-old husband had been the one missing. She and her husband made a note to keep a closer tab on his activity.

Strangely, police say, William Young later got a compass out of storage and laid it on his bedroom dresser as he prepared to drive up to the north woods in search of Beverly Rutherford, apparently believing she was still lost.

The compass still lay there three days later, when his frozen body was found 150 miles north of his home in Auburn.

"Mrs. Young said that during the conversation with her husband she expressed some concern that he did not end up in a similar situation," said Lt. Pat Dorian of the Maine Warden Service.

"For some reason, Mr. Young felt compelled to head to the Kokadjo area and find her," Dorian said. "I don't have any doubt in my mind that this is what happened."

People with dementia can often make sense one moment, then behave irrationally the next, said Beth Kallmyer, a spokeswoman for the Alzheimer's Association in Chicago. There's no way to know what triggered Young's decision to drive about 150 miles from his home to look for Beverly Rutherford.

"That's the frustrating thing for families — wandering," Kallmyer said.

At least a dozen similar searches have been conducted in the past 20 years in the area where both Young and Beverly Rutherford disappeared, Dorian said.

For some reason, people with mental and physical illnesses appear drawn to the rugged, heavily forested region, Dorian said. But Young's case is apparently the first in which someone felt compelled to search for someone with whom they might have shared a medical condition, he said.

Beverly Rutherford had driven to the area from her home in South Portland and was wearing only one boot when she was found on a snowy, icy trail three days before Young disappeared. She suffered no serious injuries.

Like Rutherford, Young had no family or personal ties to the area, Dorian said. He might have been motivated by a desire to help others in need, Dorian said.

A retired assistant principal at Lisbon High School in southern Maine, Young volunteered with area organizations even after he stopped working, his wife told the Lewiston Sun Journal.
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Torture is in the eye of the beholder

The Justice Department recently released four memos detailing the enhanced interrogation techniques used by the CIA on senior Al Qaeda operatives under the Bush administration. The tactics employed have been described as "brutal," "harsh," "shocking," "turbulent," "barbaric" and just about every other synonym in the book. Despite President Obama's high-minded claim of acting in the name of truth and transparency, it should be abundantly clear to any non-Obamaniac that the decision to release these memos was politically-motivated. Fearing a flurry of criticism on everything from the economy to his Worldwide Apology Tour, Obama hoped to shift attention to everyone's favorite target: George W. Bush. And while liberals howl in sanctimonious outrage and our enemies overseas gleefully add new weapons to their propa­ganda arsenals, just what has the release of these memos really accomplished?

According to Obama, "exceptional circum­stances" called for the release of the memos. Just what sort of "exceptional circum­stances" are you referring to, Mr. President?

His response: "Withholding these memos would only serve to deny facts that have been in the public domain for some time. This could contribute to an inaccurate accounting of the past, and fuel erroneous and inflammatory assump­tions about actions taken by the United States."

Well I am glad we now have more evidence to prove what we already knew. Needlessly reopening old wounds when most Americans would just like to move on and tackle more pressing issues, like the abysmal state of the economy, is obvi­ously warranted despite the potential risks entailed, including jeopardizing our national security, a charge leveled by five former directors of the CIA.

Incidentally, a number of other high-ranking officials have severely questioned Obama's decision. "I cannot think of a rational public policy consideration for releasing these," says Dan Barkett, former counsel to the White House. "The release of these opinions was unnecessary as a legal matter, and is unwarranted as a matter of policy," writes for­mer Attorney General Michael Mukasey. "It will be to the interest of the American public to prevent the release of these memos."

Indeed, a recent Wall Street Journal editorial points out that the administra­tion has effectively bound its own hands, and the hands of all future administra­tions, in using these coercive measures against high-level, captured terrorists (I apologize. I meant perpetrators of "man­caused disasters") to gather intelligence enabling our troops to effectively execute the "Oversized contingency operation" (formerly known as the War on Terror) and save innocent lives. Never mind the fact that gathering accurate and timely intelligence is crucial to preventing terror­ist attacks, as we learned the hard way on September 11.

Those who claim that these techniques are already prohibited would do well to recall that Obama merely suspended their use until further investigation could be performed by a task force, as the editorial states. Now that they have been released, there would be little reason to authorize methods that are known to the enemy.

One possible silver lining in this debacle is that the administration's desire to incite further outrage could potentially backfire, as the American people now have a chance to judge for themselves these tattered tactics used instead of the label of "torture."

So what methods did the Office of Legal Counsel authorize in the memo?

Well for starters, there is waterboarding. Shoving prisoners into a wall. My God. Our government has severely questioned the techniques or the interrogation allto­gether if the detainee's medical or psycho­logical condition indicates that the de­tainee may suffer significant physical or mental harm. The CIA has also tested methods on service members in order to ensure that no long-term phys­i­cal or mental effects would result. To be sure, enduring such treatment would be far from pleasant. However, classifying the tactics as "torture" is a substantive exaggeration. We must remember that in the wake of September 11, President Bush was under extreme pressure to ensure that Americans were no longer vulnerable to similar, or even worse, attacks. Thank goodness we had a man in the White House who had the courage to put national security concerns ahead of political ones.

This column cannot be said of its current occupant.

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I write in response to Brendan Dorr's recent letter, "Cover up the crosses," April 20) regarding the White House decision to cover up a cross and the letters "IHS" at Georgetown during a speech given by President Obama. While it is lamentable that images sacred to Christian faith were covered up, it is even more lamentable that our current society requires these actions on the part of our president.

We are lucky enough to live in a nation founded on principles of religious freedom and separation of church and state. However, we are unlucky to live in a nation where any association with religion on the part of a public official is a source of outcry. Any image with a public official with religious symbols could be construed as favoritism, which would violate any impartiality necessary to maintain a separation of church and state and to protect religious freedom.

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I disagree, however, with his stance on abortion and religious freedom and separation of church and state. I might be reaching here, but I'm worried most graduates were hoping to hear something a bit more profound. Snl doesn't bring it back.

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The movie revolves around the search for seven Dragonballs by the main characters. Piccolo, portrayed by James Marsers, wants to gather them to destroy or conquer the world. He says both at one point or another in the movie, which is one example of the film’s poor standards for continuity. Also racing against the clock is Goku (Justin Chatwin) and his cohorts, who want the Dragonballs in order to stop Piccolo. Either side will achieve their goal by gathering all seven Dragonballs and summoning the dragon Shen Long, who can grant “one perfect wish.”

One of the best examples of how important this race against the clock is when Roshi gets upset with Yumcha, he just levitates himself during the eclipse. At the beginning of the movie, this is how Goku and Bulma are lucky enough to stumble upon them Piccolo just seems to know where the Dragonballs are and affinity. Not only does Piccolo waver between wanting to destroy and conquer the world — two very different concepts — but supposedly the only time the Dragonballs can be used in a single take and on location at First Avenue nightclub in Minneapolis, Minn. Prince takes command of the entire audience with an energetic, aggressive stage presence which leaves no questions as to why he’s considered one of the best live shows, even today.

For a musician with such a large ego, it’s amazing that Prince’s performances don’t overpower the movie. Price allows his rival, Morris Day, to steal a couple of scenes. Day’s performances don’t reach the same emotional highs as Prince, but they’re just as entertaining. “Jungle Love”’sashboard comes off as authen­ tic. Beyond that, the story­ line is full of holes. There are shallow. But if you’re a Prince allow his rival, Morris Day, to steal a couple of scenes. Day’s performances don’t reach the same emotional highs as Prince, but they’re just as entertaining. “Jungle Love”’samation. “Jungle Love”, with an energetic, aggres­ sive stage show, provides a wonder­ fully flamboyant stage show complete with animal sounds and a dancing hype man. In fact, Day’s over­ the-top and uncontrolled acting provide a compelling reason to watch the film on their own.

While the climax of the storyline revolves around Prince’s relationship with his father, the high point is when Prince and the Revolution take the stage to play the title track. As an expres­sive Prince allows his rival, Morris Day, to steal a few scenes. Day’s performances don’t reach the same emotional highs as Prince, but they’re just as entertaining. “Jungle Love”’s dashboard comes off as authen­ tic. Beyond that, the story­ line is full of holes. There are several relationships which are left unexplained. The shooting looks worthy of a musical punch line by changing his name to a symbol (+), for those who missed it), he had put together one of the most impressive decades of the past 30 years. While his musical peak occurred with the release of “Sign O’ the Times,” his cultural peak followed the release of the film “Purple Rain” in 1984.

In a modern viewing, the movie cannot be taken seri­ ously. Its immersion into the 80’s plays for laughs. In more than one scene, a club full of people dance in uni­ form. The clothing and make-up (on both sexes) looks more at home at a costume party. Not even the slang comes off as authen­ tic. Beyond that, the story­ line is full of holes. There are several relationships which are left unexplained. The shooting looks worthy of a much lower budget and the attempts at symbolism are shallow. But if you’re watching a film starring Prince for its cinematic value, you’re missing the point.

What it lacks in sub­ stance, the movie more than makes up in entertain­ ment. At its core, it’s a two hour long music video and by keeping music as its focus, it excels. While Prince’s music serves as the score for the film, the finest moments are the music performances. Most of these scenes were shot in a single take and on
STATE OF PLAY
REWARDS A HARD-WORKING TEAM

By CORNELIUS ROGERS
Scene Writer

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Journalism. Politics. Murder. Conspiracy. Watergate. No, "All the President's Men" was not re-released in theaters. Rather, the thriller "State of Play" opened this weekend. The film delivers a complex plot rife with the suspense of D.C. politics, journalism, and, of course, murder. As if the suspenseful plot wasn't enough, the film packs an all-star cast. Newer stars, such as Rachel McAdams and Jason Bateman, hold their own alongside big names, such as Russell Crowe, Helen Mirren, Ben Affleck and Robin Wright Penn. The film's complex plot and excellent acting are sure to give viewers a lot of bang for their buck.

Coming to the foreground of the film is Cal McAffrey, played by Russell Crowe. Cal is a seasoned veteran reporter who is interested in only one thing — getting to the real story out there. To this end, he will overcome any legal or ethical obstacles, including lying to a source without their knowledge. Method actor Russell Crowe fully immerses his persona into the role of Cal. His disheveled hair and the weight he put on for the role are likely to convince viewers that he is long past his physical prime.

Partnered alongside Cal is Della Frye, played by Rachel McAdams. She is an online political blogger, which Cal, whose loyalty is to the printed page, refers to as "online uphacker." Ms. McAdams is quite convincing as an older woman, partly due to her character's older name, and partly due to her acting talent. While the film's plot itself delivers many surprises, another surprise is the great chemistry between Crowe and McAdams. The two actors portray a fierce duumvirate. Old vs. New. Journalism vs. Blogging. And of course, Man vs. Woman. The odd thing about this chemistry is that there is no sexual tension, whatsoever. The film does not fall into this cliché romantic storyline. The characters cannot bring themselves when Cal has an affair with the wife of his best friend, Stephen Collins (played by Ben Affleck). Affleck's acting is noteworthy. He does a fairly convincing job as the passion­ate Congressman set on dismantling a malicious defense contractor. But his acting can be a tad overdramatic at times. Nevertheless, he has certainly outgrown the days of "Psychos" and "Daredevil.

On the other side of the camera, the film is directed by Kevin Macdonald of "Last King of Scotland" fame. His three writers are pros when it comes to the subject of politics and conspiracy. The film is written by Matthew Michael Carnahan ("Lions for Lambs"); Tony Gilroy ("The Bourne trilogy" and "Michael Clayton"), and Billy Ray ("Breath"). Unlike most films that take place in Washington D.C., the film avoids the cliché of a one-sided political message. Instead, it offers a glimpse at the dark side of journalism, with reporters who will violate several laws and ethical codes, including withholding evidence from the police, to get to the bottom of a story. But the reporters are not the only ones to blame because they are under pressure from newspaper owners who are solely interested in making a profit. (Oddly enough these owners never appear in the film.) Bombing out the cabal, there are Congressmen with varying agendas investigating the shadowy dealings of a private defense contractor. But just who is more corrupt? The many pointed fingers are just part of the greater narrative of intrigue and subterfuge.

In short, if you are hungry for a political thriller that is mysterious enough to keep you interested but not complex enough that you get lost, combined with a tremendous wealth of superb acting talent, then "State of Play" will satiate your palate.

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STATE OF PLAY
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"Prison Break" has broken free of the marathon that got cancelled mid-sea­son with large storylines unresolved. Now in its fourth and final season, "Prison Break" opens up its season finale before its season finale. However, this is not just a one-man show. If anything, their felt ending it this season would provide an ending that would be kept. With the rest of the show and would reward the loyalty of its fans. This will prevent the writers from dragging the show out long past its prime. (They can only escape from prison so many times.) But as the series winds to its close, let's look back on how it all began and how it got to where it is now.

The tale began like any other. It was a tale of brotherly love. Not set in Philadelphia, but rather Joliet, Ill. Sentenced to jail and framed for a crime he did not commit, Lincoln Burrows (Dominic Purcell) faces the death penalty. Coming to his rescue is his brother Michael Schaffold ( Wentworth Miller), the structural engineer who throws himself in jail alongside his brother. Michael's cunning and will are just part of the blueprint of the prison that he tattooed to his body are their only hope for escape.

While they hatch their escape plot they encounter benevolent friends, like cellmates Fernando Arteaga (Anthony Nolano), and despicable enemies like the eloquent Southern pedophile Theodore Bagwell, (otherwise known as "Big Bob" or "Robert Knepper"). The brothers also manage to find other allies, like their "Prison Break" Season. Michael is smitten by prison lawyer Sara Tancredi (Sarah Wayne Callies), and Lincoln falls for his attorney, Veronica Donovan (Robbin Tunny).

But how could romance blossom when secret service agent Paul Kellerman (Paul Adelstein) was hired by a secret evil corporation known as The Company to kill the brothers and anyone close to them? More about the mystery surrounding the death of the man that Lincoln supposedly "killed" is revealed in a shocking season finale where the brothers and six other cons escape from prison.

But breaking out was only the beginning. As the second season began, the ghost of Michael Schaffold met his match in the formidable genius of Alexander Mahone (William Fichtner), the FBI agent assigned to track down the fugitives. For every smart move Michael had, he had an equally impressive countermove. Just as cunning as Michael, he managed to track down half of the fugitives and had several close encounters with the brothers. But like all "Prison Break" characters he was not perfect. He had some skeletons in his closet, and in his backyard.

Also, the second season showed viewers more background to the characters and how they acted while on the run. Some relationships flourished, while others were cut short by an untimely death. The second season had the highest body count by far, but such can be expected when the stakes are as high as pursuit of a million dollars and exposing a secret government conspiracy. In an explosive showdown full of many twists and turns, the gang ended up in Panama by the end of the second season.

Season three began with half of the characters in a Panamanian prison with no guards. The biggest threat this season was two-fold. 1) If someone threw down a chicken foot, it meant a fight to the death that was imminent. 2) Meet sexy Company agent Grenchen Morgan (Jodi Lyn O'Keefe); she will do just about anything to make sure Michael breaks out of that Panamanian prison, with the mys­terious James Whistler (Chris Vance).

This season was only 13 episodes long due to the writer's strike, but that did not mean any less emotional with the tragic death of a beloved character.

However, season four begins by telling us this "death" never actually took place. This is just one piece of exciting news as the gang of ex-cons are offered an unusu­al deal by Homeland Security agent Don Self (Michael Rapaport). If the gang can work together to help bring down the evil Company that set them up, they will be granted full immunity. But as "Prison Break" often reminds us, no one can be trusted and the characters soon find themselves scattered across the U.S. and on the search for Sophia—a hard drive that contains vital information to the Company.

This brings us to the current state of affairs. It looks like the writers are trying to meddle with the notion of brotherly love that started the show in the first place by pitting Michael and Lin against each other. Hopefully they are just pulling our legs for a more dramatic fraternal reunion. And the family drama is even more prevalent as the brothers' mom, long thought to be dead, emerges. Her loyalties to her sons and to the Company are both questionable.

What's in store for the final episodes? The writers claim episode 22 will be a flash forward a few years in the future to see where everyone ends up, that is for those who don't end up in body bags. A two-hour-hour movie will bridge the gap between the present and the future making the show more of a true series finale. Will Michael and Lincoln finally open their scuba shop in Panama? Will Alexander Mahone ever get to see his wife Pam again? Will the irascible and verbally博ver T-Bag finally get what's coming to him? You'll have to tune it at 8 p.m. on Monday nights to find out.

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INDIANAPOLIS — Ohio's Mike Brown had a look of determination on his face as his Cavaliers took the court against the Indiana Pacers on Tuesday night.

"We've got to win," Brown said. "We've got to win."}

Brown's Cleveland Cavaliers set the tone for the night with a strong first quarter, leading the Pacers 29-19. The Cavaliers maintained their lead throughout the game, ultimately winning 111-101.

"I'm proud of our guys," Brown said. "They fought through some tough moments and came out on top."
A round the Nation

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

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Boston Marathon

Deriba Merga crosses the finish line first for the men's division at the Boston Marathon Monday, Salina Kosgei won for the women's division. This year's race marked the best placements for American racers since 1985.

Associated Press

BOSTON—Ethiopia's Deriba Merga overcame the disappointment of his Olympic fade to win the Boston Marathon on Monday, and Kenya's Salina Kosgei won the closest women's race in the history of the event. Americans took third in both races for the best U.S. finish since 1985.

Merga, who was passed in the last quarter-mile and finished fourth in Beijing, pulled away before Heartbreak Hill and won in 2 hours, 8 minutes, 42 seconds—almost a full minute ahead of Kenya's Daniel Wanjiru and American Kara Goucher led the three as they crossed the ManPike into Kenmore Square with one mile to go, but she was outkicked down the stretch and finished nine seconds back.

"I just wanted it for everybody that wanted it for me," said Hall, who took the early lead and was shoulder-to-shoulder with the leaders until they passed from Wellesley into Newton, with about 10 miles to go. "And I've been in the Rosa Parade, so that's a pretty big deal." Kosgei won a sprint with defending champion Dire Tune, trailing the lead several times in the final blocks of Boylston Street before hitting the tape less than a stride ahead of the Ethiopian in 2:32:16.

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IN BRIEF

Demetrius Byrd in critical but stable condition after crash
MIAMI—Former LSU receiver Demetrius Byrd was in critical but stable condition Monday after a car accident in Miami, and his agent said the NFL prospect was expected to recover fully.

"I just spoke with Demetrius' mother and she said that he has mostly bumps and bruises," Byrd's junior college coach, Tim Hatten of Pearl River Community College, told ESPN's Joe Schad. "She said his injuries are not life threatening and should not be football threatening."

Agent David Dunn said in a statement that initial reports indicated Byrd would be OK. The statement did not give Byrd's injuries or any details about the crash Sunday.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with Demetrius and with his mother, Sharon, and the entire Byrd family," Dunn said.

Celtic's GM comes back after hospitalization
BOSTON—Celtics general manager Danny Ainge attended Boston's shootaround Monday after being released from a hospital following a heart attack but was not at the second game of the playoffs against the Chicago Bulls.

Ainge was released from Massachusetts General Hospital on Sunday, three days after he was admitted and had surgery. The 50-year-old Ainge did not speak with reporters Monday.

"It meant a lot" to see Ainge at the morning shootaround, Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. "He came in today, then we told him to go home. It was great to see him."

Asked if he thought the intense Celtics would watch Monday night's game at home, Rivers said, "I don't know if anybody in his house will be able to turn the TV off."
Double-digit victory caps off sweep for Red Sox

**Oholendof allows two hits over seven on way to shutdown; Votto drives in two in the seventh to push Reds past Astros**

**Justin Masterson** (1-0), who replaced injured starter Daisuke Matsuzaka, held the Orioles to one run and four singles in 5 1/3 innings. He walked two and struck out three.

**Cesar Izturis** drove in Baltimore’s run with an infield hit. Pedoria drove the ball hard but Ramon Ramirez made a sliding catch in short left.

**"We didn't pitch well, except for yesterday," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said. "Baltimore sent four starters to the hill today and we didn't walk the plate and swing the bat."**

**Further information was available.**

**"We didn't pitch well, except for yesterday," Baltimore manager Buck Showalter said. "The Red Sox had some run support, and they were able to get the job done."**

**"I would like to be able to swing like Pedroia. He doesn't have to worry about mechanics," the big slugger Ortiz joked about the MVP second baseman who hits in front of him.**

**"Ortiz entered the game hitting just .170 with one extra-base hit. He also doubled in the first inning on Monday to go 2-for-4 and knock his average up to .196.**

**"Well, it can turn on you in a chilly morning with its advan土耳其 of some sloppy baserunning," the big slugger Ortiz joked about the MVP second baseman who hits in front of him.**

**"But the best part of it was I didn't have a lot of opportunities," Baker said. "Of course the manager Cecil Cooper said. "All those zeros suggests something is working.**

**"As a staff, I think we get a big rush when we pitch each other. We do seem to be building confidence and competitiveness to see who can pitch the best," Ohlendorf said. "I know we're a little bit behind with how we've done so far this year, but we'll be able to build on it."**

**Oholendof allowed two hits over seven innings during Pittsburgh's third shutout in four games and Nate McLouth drove in four runs as the Pirates put up 11 runs for the first time in eight starts since being traded to the Pirates by the Yankees last season. He shut down a team that had scored a combined 16 runs in its previous two games, giving up only singles to leadoff hitters Emilio Bonifacio in the first and Troy Tulowitzki in the sixth in the fourth. Oholendof struck out five and walked one.

**"The Pirates' first three batters reached in the first with back-to-back-to-back singles by Jack Wilson, Jack Wilson and Gonzalez," said Oholendof. "I don't think we put a good swing on him [Gonzalez] in the ninth. ... He had a good slider sinking right-handers, I think that's the key to his five runs.**

**"We still haven't gotten the big hit," Pence said. "But the actual attendance was 16,279, which is a little bit behind with how we've done so far this year, but we'll be able to build on it.""
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NBA
Last-second shot gives Celts victory
Allen scores 30, hits tie-breaking three-pointer with two seconds left to beat Bulls

Associated Press
BOSTON — Ray Allen landed the final blow in a memorable duel with Ben Gordon on Monday night, scoring the Boston Celtics back into their first-round series.
Allen made a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 2 seconds left and finished with 30 points, lead­ ing the Celts a 112-111 win over the Chicago Bulls in Game 2 on Monday night.
Gordon nearly carried Chicago to a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series. He scored with 12.3 seconds left to tie it, the final hoop of his playoff career-high 42 points.
Then Boston set up a play for Allen, who took a pass from Rajon Rondo and connected from the right side.
Allen scored 28 points after getting some advice from coach Rivers.
"Doe said going into the half, 'Be aggressive, but let it come to you,' " Allen said. "I never think I'm not in my rhythm. It carries a grinder as a shooter. As a scorer you're always trying to find something.
Allen and Gordon each had several clutch baskets in the second half as the University of Connecticut guards battled for control of the game. After Tyus Thomas missed a shot from midcourt as time expired, Allen headed for his bench where injured Kevin Garnett delivered a couple of congratulatory slaps - to his head and chest.
Allen said he doesn't like "being made a fun over." But that was unavoidable after he broke out of his shooting slump. He scored just four points on 1-for-12 shooting and missed the final shot in Chicago's 105-103 overtime win Saturday.
"It felt like we were at UConn in the summertime playing pickup," Gordon said. "He is a great shooter and I knew he would break out eventually.
The next two games of the series are scheduled for Chicago on Thursday night and Sunday.
"We feel very confident because we feel like we have never played good bas­ ketball yet," Boston's Paul Pierce said. "Our best is yet to come.
The Bulls showed they could compete with the Celtics, who could be without Garnett (strained right knee) for the rest of the playoffs.
"We got a split and that's tough to do against the defending champs," Gordon said.
Consecutive 3-pointers by Gordon gave the Bulls a 109- 104 lead before the Celts rallied. Glen Davis made two free throws and Rondo connected on a long jumper to give Boston a 112-111 lead with 1:01 to play.
Gordon followed with a 16- foot jumper and Allen coun­ tered with a 3-pointer that put Boston ahead 115-113 with 25.3 seconds remaining.
Then it was Gordon's turn. He connected from near the foul line after the Celtics called a timeout to set up their final play.
Rondo dribbled on the left side and Allen worked himself free, caught the pass in rhythm and converted as the crowd went wild.
On his way to the locker room after Thomas missed the last shot for Chicago, Rivers shouted, "yeah, yeah," pumped his fist and exchanged high fives with fans. Then, headed to his postgame news conference, Rivers joked, "nice and death, never a doubt." DAVIS had 26 points for sec­ ond-seeded Boston, passing his career high of 24 points on March 21, and Rondo had a triple-double — 19 points, 16 assists and 12 rebounds.
Pierce added 18 points and Kendrick Perkins contributed 16 points and 12 rebounds.
John Salmons had 17 points and Brad Miller scored 16 for Chicago.
The Allen-Gordon shootout "almost looked like they turned it into a personal bat­ tle," Rivers said. "You know, who's the best UConn player to ever play. And it was amaz­ ing.
And physical.
"We were exchanging jabs there, and I don't mean shots," Allen said. "I mean he caught me with an elbow, I got him right back with an elbow. It was ... competitive.
"Chicago coach Vinny Del Negro cited the Celtics' rebounding as a key to their win.
"They had 21 offensive rebounds," he said, "and it's going to be hard to win any game, not even a playoff game, if you give up that many offensive rebounds.
The Celtics nearly lost despite controlling rookie point guard Derrick Rose, who sat out most of the first quar­ ter with two fouls. He finished with 10 points, seven assists and six rebounds after leading the Bulls with 36 points and 11 assists on Saturday.
Rondo missed the last 5:03 of the first half with a minor right ankle sprain but returned to start the third quarter. Backup forward Leon Powe didn't return to the bench after going to the locker room early in the second quarter. Rivers said he didn't know anything about Powe's condition "but it didn't look good."
Bruins lead series 3-0 after victory

Associated Press

MONTRÉAL — Michael Ryder put his past behind him and the Boston Bruins one win from their first playoff series win in 10 years.

Ryder scored late in the second period against his former team and Tim Thomas made 23 saves to lead Boston to a 4-2 win over the Montreal Canadiens on Monday night.

Phil Kessel, Shawn Thornton, Chuck Kobasew also scored for Boston, which increased its lead in the Eastern Conference quarterfinals to 3-0 despite the absence of left wing Milan Lucic, who sat out a one-game league suspension.

Ryder, a healthy scratch for all but four of Montreal's 12 playoff games last season, put Boston ahead 17:21 into the second period.

"I didn't forget about last year. I don't really think about it," said Ryder, who signed a three-year, $12-million free agent contract with Boston. "It feels like I've been here for so long now, actually, and the guys are great and they've welcomed me in and it's good just to be a part of the team. We're rolling good right now."

The former Canadiens left wing jumped on a rebound of Dennis Wideman's shot from the right point and beat Carey Price with a shot into an open left side.

"I'm sure everybody would like to hear the "justice", but that's not for me to say," said Bruins coach Claude Julien, who was himself relieved of his duties behind the Canadiens' bench mid-way through the 2005-06 season by Montreal GM — and current head coach — Bob Gainey.

"I think we're just kind of happy we were able to sign him," Julien said of Ryder, "and he's played a big role for us this year."

Kobasew scored into an empty net with 37 seconds remaining.

Chris Higgins and Yannick Weber scored for Montreal, which has lost seven in a row, including its last four games of the regular season.

"At this point, there's not too much positive there," Canadiens Sakic Koval died. "Every game, there are things you try to build on but what we're doing right now is not enough. We have to find a way to get the goals. It doesn't matter how you do it, to get the win."

Price, pulled Saturday after allowing five goals through the first two periods, made 26 saves in his third straight start.

The Bruins, who won't own a playoff series since 1999, jumped to a 2-0 lead in 11:52 in.

Ovechkin's linemate who had three assists. "It's just one game. We have to regroup and come back Wednesday."

"We worked harder and we had to fight for our lives," said Nicklas Backstrom.

Despite playing only six career NHL games, Varlamov made a surprise start in Game 2 after Jose Theodore was ineffective in the opener. He was the hard-luck loser in New York's 1-0 victory and earned the nod again.

Varlamov, 4-0-1 in the regular season, made coach Bruce Boudreau's decision look brilliant with the help of Washington's potent attack.

"He's played in the finals of the Russian elite league, which to him is probably like our Stanley Cup," Boudreau said. "He's played in the world championship, and the fact that he doesn't understand a word we're saying probably really helps him."

After being held to three goals in two games, one at even strength, the Capitals showed how they ranked third in the NHL in scoring during the regular season.

Ovechkin cut down on his shooting after recording 19 shots in the first two games and having another 17 attempts blocked, and showed off his passing. He earned assists on Alexander Semin's two goals in the first period and was on the ice when Brooks Laich added a power-play tally in the second.
NBA

Parker’s 38 helps Spurs even series

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tony Parker had 38 points and eight assists as the San Antonio Spurs evened the series with the Dallas Mavericks 105-84 on Monday night in Game 2 of their first-round playoff series.

Dallas was trying to send the Spurs to consecutive home playoff losses for the first time since 2002, but couldn’t contain San Antonio’s speedy point guard. Parker had 27 points in the first half.

"He was just trying to be aggressive," Parker said. "It was a must win for us. Big game.

Jason Terry finished with 16 points for Dallas, which suffered one of the worst losses in the playoff rivalry.

Game 3 is Thursday in Dallas.

The Mavericks beat the Spurs 105-97 on Saturday night for their first road playoff victory in three years. But it was hardly rare territory for San Antonio. The Spurs have come back to win four series after losing Game 1 since 2002. They put together a convincing response in the second game and the frustration for Dallas could be seen all the way down its bench. Mavs owner Mark Cuban punched a water cooler as San Antonio pulled away in the fourth.

The Mavericks haven’t won a playoff series since 2006. Winning the opener was a start, but they’ll have to figure out another way to stop Parker in Game 3.

Parker finished 16-of-22 from the field. He had 19 points in the first quarter alone, equaling the Mavericks’ total.

Parker started with about 5 minutes left in the first and a raucous ovation — and with the leading man out of the game, many fans headed to the exits as Parker took his seat.

The Mavericks were a favorite target all season for Parker, who averaged more than 31 points and seven assists in four regular-season games against Dallas. He had 24 points in Game 1 but the Mavs kept him under control with double-teams, including the pesky Jose Barea. The approach didn’t work this time.

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Main Street Pub 21, The Delivery Boys

Main Street Pub proved why they are the top team when they handily dispatched The Delivery Boys 21-11 Monday night.

As the rain drizzled on and off, the undeterred crowds packed the bookstore courts in anticipation of the tough match up. The two teams began play, clearly favoring mad skills over fancy match- up. The two teams packed the bookstore courts.

The game started out rough and intensely. Main Street Pub's defense forced The Delivery Boys to take off-balance shots and miss key offensive opportunities.

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Michigan will make the trip to Eck Stadium Wednesday for the second game of the home-and-home series. Junior A.J. Pollock said he thinks placing more emphasis on one opponent than another can be dangerous in a sport like baseball. 

"If we put more emphasis on this game than any other game it goes against what baseball is all about," Pollock said. "It's not like football.

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The Wolverines have been at home for 12 of their last 14 games and only had to travel to East Lansing to face the Spartans for the other two. After a series at Cincinnati, Notre Dame was home this weekend and will travel to Louisville next weekend.

Maust said that to be successful against a tough opponent like Michigan, the team needed to break the game into one-inning games. That way the task seems more manageable.

"They have good hitters, good pitchers, and it may look like it's too much to handle, but if you break it down and focus on the process and try to take it inning by inning, break that big thing up, then it's very ... achievable," he said.

To continue the success the Irish had Saturday, Pollock said, the team must play loose.

"The pressure was off on Saturday. We lost 19-3, what's that, down to 77 in the first two rounds and in this kind of event you'd like a 73 or 74 at worst. We're just not quite getting four guys to put up the numbers for us." The Irish will finish the tournament tomorrow, and with a low scoring differential between the teams ahead of them, they have a good chance to finish strong.

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"Three scores were good," Holt said. "But an 80 negated the good three rounds."

"If I was y through the round on Monday, play was suspended due to weather. After the players got back out on the course, the Irish weren't able to regain the momentum they had possessed earlier in the day. Senior captain Lisa Maunu was one-under until finishing the round with two bogeys on the 17th and 18th holes to end the round at one-over and tied for the individual lead.

"She played really well, but finished bogey-bogey," Holt said about Maunu's round. "She wasn't very happy, but she still played a solid round."

Other notable scores for the Irish included junior Annie Roper's round of one-over to finish in a tie for eighth after two rounds and freshman Becca Huffer shot two-over to finish in eighth after two rounds.

Holt said the team realized the opportunity they missed on Monday to catch up to Louisville, and that it might be hurting the team's morale.

"The team was in position to get about eight shots back," Holt said. "Morale isn't very good right now because of the weak finish."

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Big East

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Dustin Zhang, shot five-over or worse in each of the other rounds. "We played a little better, but we still can't get a fourth score that really helps us out," Kubinski said. "We've had to count 77 in the first two rounds and in this kind of event you'd like a 73 or 74 at worst. We're just not quite getting four guys to put up the numbers for us."

The Irish will finish the tournament tomorrow, and with a low scoring differential between the teams ahead of them, they have a good chance to finish strong.

"The scores are really bunched up second through fifth, so it's a real opportunity for us to move into second tomorrow," he said. "We've come back from 12 down, and granted we're down a lot more than that, but if you get three or four guys who can shoot in the 60s, you can make up a lot of ground."
Underrgraduate Male Athlete of the Year:

1. Carl Andersen
   - Senior Carl Anderson, one of the top basketball players on campus, led Morrissey Manor to their second straight Interhall Basketball title and undefeated season with 17 points in the championship game. Carl's athleticism and ability to shoot it from anywhere make him a tough opponent and an impressive player to watch. In addition to playing basketball, Carl also plays Interhall and CoRec football where he is one of the league leading wide receivers for both his Interhall and CoRec football teams.

2. Alex Klupchak
   - Alex Klupchak, a senior from O'Neill Hall, can be found most afternoons playing several hours of pick-up basketball at Rain. Alex has a confidence and intensity that can be matched by few other players and his quickness and ability to both drive the lane and shoot it from deep make him a constant threat. As a captain and leading scorer of his CoRec and Interhall basketball teams, he led them both to appearances in the championship games, putting up 23 points in the Interhall Final. When not on the hardwood, Alex plays wide receiver on O'Neill's Interhall Football team and refuses countless basketball and football offers.

3. Casey McGushin
   - Casey "Pistol" McGushin is the captain and leading scorer for Sen's Interhall Basketball team where his driving ability and accuracy from deep behind the arc make him the Otter's number one threat. In addition, Pistol plays quarterback on the Otters' Interhall Football team and is the captain of the Little Giants flag football team who had an undefeated regular season, beating opponents by an average of 52 points.

Underrgraduate Female Athlete of the Year:

1. Kathleen Stanley
   - Kathleen Stanley helped McGlinn Hall capture the Interhall Women's Basketball & Flag Football championships. McGlinn upset the top seeded Purple Wavers of PW in a 41-33 victory to win the Interhall Women's Basketball title. In addition, Stanley plays in multiple soccer leagues, Interhall Lacrosse, and was a member of CDF Late Night who made an appearance in the CoRec basketball final.

2. Mary Kerr
   - Mary Kerr was a major component of Pasquerella West's Flag Football team as their top wide receiver. She also led the Purple Wavers to the number one seed in the Women's Interhall Basketball tournament where they fell to McGlinn in the championship game. In addition, Mary was a key contributor on several CoRec teams including Flag Football, Basketball, and Broomball.

3. Jenni Gargula
   - Jenni Gargula plays quarterback for Welsh Family's Interhall Flag Football team that lost the championship game in the final minutes. Over the past three years, she has a perfect record in the regular season as the Whirlwinds' quarterback. Jenni also brings an unmatched intensity to the point guard position on the Whirlwinds' Interhall Basketball team.

Graduate Male Athlete of the Year:

1. Matt Hamel
   - After losing on penalty kicks in the GFS Soccer championship game, Matt Hamel helped the Insurance Wavers capture the CoRec Basketball title en route to an undefeated season. Hamel brings an unmatched intensity and determination to all sports as the leading scorer of the GFS basketball team. Hamel, and a strong defender on his CoRec Soccer team. In addition to playing basketball, soccer, broomball and volleyball, Hamel is one of the top officials for both soccer and basketball.

2. Braden Turner
   - Braden Turner represents MSA in a variety of sports including basketball, flag football, and volleyball. He was captain of the MSA flag football team and a member of the MSA soccer team that lost in the finals on penalty kicks.

3. David Standa
   - As captain of his self-titled team, Dave Standa led his team to the GFS baseball title with a victory over CEGEDS. Dave played GFS basketball on Team Flannel who made it to the semifinals before losing to the eventual champs. He is also a key contributor to his league leading Pacer Hockey team, Threat Level Midnight, who has beaten their opponents by an average of 10 goals.

Graduate Female Athlete of the Year:

1. Susan Pinnick
   - Susan Pinnick represented the MSA program well, playing on many sports as she could. She was a member of MSA soccer team that lost the championship game on penalty kicks and a key component of her undefeated CoRec soccer team. In addition, Susan played basketball, flag football, and volleyball.

2. Chrissy Vaughn
   - Chrissy Vaughn was the captain of the Mighty Mendoza GFS soccer team that won their league. She always brought enthusiasm and leadership to her team as a key contributor to their successful season.

3. Brittany Baron
   - Brittany Baron is the leader of MSA athletics as the captain of both their soccer and basketball teams. She was a member of the CoRec championship basketball team, Insurance Wavers, and the GFS soccer runner-up as well as flag football and volleyball.

Team of the Year:

1. Interhall Men's Basketball Champions: Morrissey Manor Basketball
   - By averaging 65 points a game, Morrissey Manor completed an undefeated season and claimed the number one seed in the Men's Interhall Basketball Championship. Led by senior Captain Carl Andersen's 17 points, they were able to defend their Interhall basketball title with a 69-62 victory over O'Neill Hall.

2. CoRec Flag Football Champions: Weapons of Mass Destruction
   - Weapons of Mass Destruction struggled in the regular season, but a 2-2 record was just enough to get them into the playoffs where their season took off. They upset both the number one and number two seeds en route to the CoRec Flag Football Championship.

3. CoRec Basketball Champions: Insurance Wavers
   - The #4 seed Siegfried met the #1 seeded Stanford Griffins in the Interhall Men's Hockey championship after both teams had to go into OT to win their semifinal games. The Siegfried Ramblers pulled off the 3-1 upset over the heavily favored Stanford Griffins to take home the championship trophy.

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2. Men's Interhall Football Championship: Siegfried vs. Keenan
   - The top-seeded Siegfried Ramblers defeated the seventh-seeded Knights of Keenan Hall 14-13 to capture the Men's Interhall Football Championship trophy and complete an undefeated season. Despite the inspired play of the Knight's wide receiver, James Zeller, Siegfried was able to seal the victory when they stopped Keenan's attempt at a two-point conversion with just over two minutes to play.

3. GFS Soccer Championship: Team MSA vs. Pick Up United
   - Forty minutes isn't enough to settle the GFS Soccer Championship as the game went into overtime tied 2-2. Top seeded Pick Up United pulled out the victory over third seeded Team MSA in Penalty Kicks 5-3.

Fan of the Year:

1. Zahn Hockey
   - Defending Interhall Hockey Champion, Zahn House, could always be found with a large contingent of fans including fans in costumes of all sorts. Even as the team started to struggle, their fan base stayed strong during the early morning hours at the JACC ice rink.

2. Welsh Flag Football
   - Welsh Fans were never short of fans, especially for Flag Football. Even Father Greg never missed a game. It's hard not to play well when you have the fun support that the Whirlwinds do. chearing them on to an undefeated regular season and an appearance in the Interhall Championship game.

3. Purple Rain
   - GFS Flag Football team, Purple Rain, always had a ton of support from their fans, even bringing a mascot. The fans for Purple Rain stayed strong even as the weather turned cold and rainy for the playoffs where the team lost in a hard fought semifinal game to Pal's Spawns.

Voting is open until midnight, Sunday, April 26th Check out http://web.recsports.nd.edu/recspy/index.php
**BASEBALL**

**Heated rivalry**

Irish begin home and home series vs. UM

By BILL BRINK

Sports Writer

The animosity between the two teams certainly doesn't run as deep as it does in football, or in this day and age hockey, but junior pitcher Eric Maust, for one, hates Michigan. You don't see any signs in here that we hate Michigan, but I guarantee if you ask anybody who really likes Michigan, "I can't stand them. There's a few teams that I really cannot stand at all, and Michigan and USC are up there, easily in the top three." The Irish travel to face the Wolverines tonight at 7:05 p.m. at the Wilpon Baseball Complex in Ann Arbor, Mich. The Irish junior pitcher Eric Maust throws a pitch against Villanova April 4 in a 9-3 victory. The Irish swept the Wildcats in a three-game series.

**WOMEN'S GOLF**

Team eyes final round comeback

By ALEX WEST

Sports Writer

Normally, cutting into a 16-stroke lead in the Big East championship can be looked at as a successful day of play, but the Irish really felt that they could have done a little more damage in Monday's second round. Despite the feeling of a missed opportunity, they were still able to cut No. 19 Louisville's 16-stroke lead down to just 12 strokes after firing a team best 296.

Coach Susan Holt, although happy with her team's performance, said she knew her team left some opportunities out on the course.

**MEN'S GOLF**

Scodro, Fortner top-ten individually at Big East championship

By ERIC PRISTER

Sports Writer

The Irish struggled to find consistency from the team as a whole over the first two days of the Big East championship, in which they find themselves in fifth place with just one round remaining. "We just need a little bit more from our five," Irish Coach Jim Kubinski said. "We felt good coming in, like we had five guys that could keep us in play, but honestly we've only had two or three good scores in the first two days." Notre Dame posted a seven-over 295 on day one and a four-over 292 on the second day of the tournament, leaving them 19 strokes behind the leader, Louisville, but only eight strokes behind second-place Marquette. Freshman Max Scodro and junior Doug Fortner have led the Irish thus far, posting solid rounds early in the tournament. Scodro has been under par on both days, starting the tournament with a one-under 71 on Sunday and then following that Monday with a two-under 70, putting him at three-under and in a tie for third overall. Fortner is currently in sole possession of eighth place after shooting a one-over 73 on the first day followed by a one-under 71 on day two. "[Scodro] and [Fortner] have done a fantastic job," Kubinski said. "Both of them have a chance to win the tournament tomorrow as individuals."

Beyond that, the Irish have not gotten much help. Sophomores Jeff Chen and Connor Alan-Lee each contributed two-over 74s but they, along with sophomore Eric Maut, for one, hates Michigan. The Irish travel to face the Wolverines tonight at 7:05 p.m. at the Wilpon Baseball Complex in Ann Arbor, Mich. The Irish junior pitcher Eric Maust throws a pitch against Villanova April 4 in a 9-3 victory. The Irish swept the Wildcats in a three-game series.

**ND SOFTBALL**

Bargar takes mound vs. NU

By CHRIS MASOUD

Sports Writer

Normally a respite from Big East play is a godsend for a team that just finished a seven-game road trip undefeated and uninjured. But as the Irish host Northwestern today at Melissa Cook Stadium, the Wildcats will be an unwelcome presence this late in the season.

Northwestern (27-9, 12-2 Big Ten) has won 16 of its last 18 games, good enough for second in the Big Ten and No. 7 overall in the nation according to the ESPN.com/USA Softball Poll. The Wildcats are coming off a split against Purdue last weekend, with scores of 0-2 and 10-8, respectively.

Not to be outdone, the Irish (31-13, 13-3 Big East)

**BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL**

Holla Back to face Main Street in finals

By ALEX WEST and NATHANIEL LEE

Sports Writers

Hallelujah Holla Back defeated a resilient and talented Kramer Properties team 21-17 Monday night to move onto the final game of the Bookstore Basketball tournament.

Early in the game, Kramer and Hallelujah traded baskets, Kramer was leading 9-8, relying mostly on jump shots. The game changed when freshman Joseph Fauria dunked over Kramer's Joe Marnell to tie the game and fire up his teammates.

"I, Joe Fauria, had this monstrous dunk on Marnell," Fauria commented after the game. "If anybody wants to bring a picture of that 'posterization' to me in St. Ed's, I will sign it for them."

Hallelujah lead 11-10 at halftime, and was never able to open a lead greater than four in the second game. A free throw by Dayne Crist sealed the game for Hallelujah as they moved onto the finals.

Fauria went on to compliment all of his teammates efforts in the game, including fellow football players Dayne Crist and Jonas Gray, as well as Pat Kelly and Griffin Naylor.

"We all played well," Fauria said. "We're bringin' gangsta back to Catholicism."

Kramer captain Joe Marnelo attributed Hallelujah's size to some of their success.

"They were a lot bigger than us," Marnelo said. "We..."