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Sudan crisis traced to varied cultural roots

Specialists delve into origins of tragedy

By MICHAEL BUSK
News Writer

Editor's Note: This is the second article in a two-part series focusing on the background of and possible solutions to the current crisis in Sudan.

The current ethnic cleansing crisis in western Sudan — with two-year death toll estimates in the hundreds of thousands —

actually traces back to grains of sand.

In an interview with The Observer, Juan Mendez, special advisor to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan for genocide, said he estimated the recent death toll in the region to be as high as 170,000 and perhaps even higher. Some Darfur experts have estimated the death



Mendez

count to be more than 300,000.

Yet the origin of the situation is not located with any specific ethnic group, but with the Sahara Desert, which began to encroach on Northern Darfur, making water scarcer and increasing inherent tensions between ethnically Arab nomadic herders and African farmers.

As precious resources became harder to find, camel- and horse-riding Arab marauders began to raid African farming communities, stealing crops and cattle, according to the international watchdog organization Human Rights Watch. Despite com-

plaints to political leaders, the black African Darfurians felt the Arab-dominated Khartoum government was deaf to their concerns.

According to Robert Dowd, C.S.C., a political science professor and Africa specialist, tensions gradually became heightened as "black African groups in the Darfur region began to feel that they were being discriminated against and neglected by the government in Khartoum."

Some of these African Darfurians formed self-defense groups in the 1990s to defend against the Arab bandits, which

gradually formed into two large rebel groups.

"These movements began to attack government installations in the area," Dowd said.

The groups' ultimate aim was to end the economic marginalization of African Sudanese and to gain some African self-governance in Darfur. Not surprisingly, the Sudanese government grew anxious at the hostility of these groups and in 2003, an armed conflict began between them and government forces.

Since the Khartoum govern-

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Saint Mary's to perform its own 'Monologues'

Students, faculty create alternative play

By DANIELLE LERNER
News Writer

In the spirit of Eve Ensler's award-winning and controversial play *The Vagina Monologues*, members of the Saint Mary's community will join together in presenting the SMC Monologues Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. in Carroll Auditorium. The Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination (CARE), along with Feminists United and the Sexual Identity and Diversity CoLT, is sponsoring this innovative event in an effort to spread awareness regarding the issue of violence against women. CARE president Ginger Francis said.

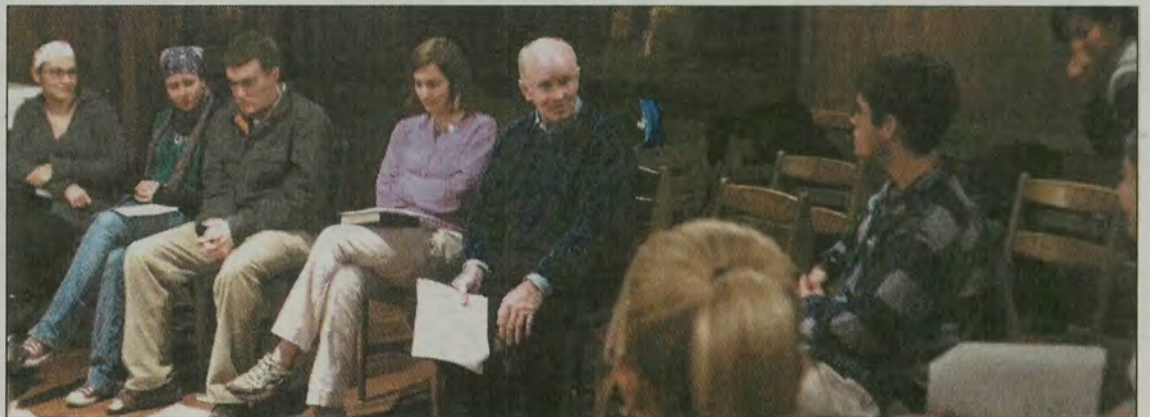
Francis, a junior, wanted to bring the message behind Ensler's *Monologues* "closer to home."

"We wanted to bring the production home to hear our community and see how women feel on this campus," she said. "It helps show that violence against women is not only real in our world, but it's happening around us. This is real in our community."

The community, however, has not always been so receptive. In previous years Saint Mary's has joined thousands of other organizations to take part in the annual V-day celebration. When an official performance of *The Vagina Monologues* in 2000 caused an overwhelmingly negative response from not only the immediate campus community but also such groups as the Board of Trustees, Parents' Council and alumnae, the students took it underground by hosting unofficial readings

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Service reflects on death penalty



GEOFF MATTESON/The Observer

Father John Gilmarten, center, led students and faculty in a prayer service Thursday. The session, part of Death Penalty Awareness week, aimed at reflection upon current death row inmates.

By JEN ROWLING
News Writer

The Community of Sant'Egidio held a special prayer service Thursday night at the Log Chapel to pray for and reflect upon those sentenced to the death penalty.

This group, which began in 1968 as a small group of high school students in Rome, now consists of over 60,000 members from over 70 countries. The community works for jus-

tice, including a global campaign opposing the death penalty.

Thursday's service began with the attendees gathered in a circle participating in worship songs, gospel readings and the reading of a letter written by death row inmate Dominique Green. The prayer service then turned toward more personal encounters with the death penalty.

Notre Dame graduate student Melissa Broome reflected on the murder of her father

when she was 11 years old. The murderer was a 23-year-old father and the son of a pastor. Broome's family lived in what she described as a safe California town.

"We lived on the right side of the track," she said.

Despite the perceived safe surroundings, Broome's father was murdered during a robbery of his store.

Broome remembers, as a child, telling her mom she did

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Haitian scholar brings awareness

Activist visits campus in order to 'stretch minds and hearts'

By LYNN SIKORA
News Writer

Haitian scholar and activist Djaloki Dessables has been visiting Saint Mary's campus this week to deliver a series of interactive presentations to discuss the importance of cross-cultural awareness and the vital need to establish cultural diversity for our own survival as human beings.

"I am here to stretch minds and hearts out of the comfort zone," Dessables said. "This requires us to be in touch with cultures with non-Western roots."

Dessables hopes to help people understand the world is diverse. There are many ways to experience the understanding of humanity such as through life, reality and truth.

"I am coming with a gift — an unexpected gift for people who don't know they need to receive it," he said. "I hope they will accept it because it is something that cannot be forced."

Dessables believes some of the answers for a sustainable future can be found in forgotten civilizations because they are considered to be poor,

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KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Students ate traditional Haitian dishes this week.

Grant allows SMC accountants to travel

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Assistant News Editor

The Saint Mary's business department, with the financial backing of the College's Lilly grant funds, took 30 sophomores interested in business careers on an overnight trip to Indianapolis. The group left Tuesday morning and will return this afternoon.

The annual trip, which has been taken place for 20 years, has traditionally been to visit firms and companies in downtown Chicago. In the

past, students had to pay their own way, which occasionally made it difficult for some individuals to attend, professor Claude Renshaw said.

However, in December 2003, the Lilly Endowment of Indianapolis named Saint Mary's one of 37 Indiana colleges and universities to receive \$38.9 million from a program called "An Initiative to Promote Opportunity through Educational Collaboration" which aims to keep college graduates in the

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INSIDE COLUMN

A bittersweet day

Today my term of the best student job at Notre Dame comes to an end.

Many students do not have the same definition as me — working at least 30 hours every week, giving up a lot of your social life and putting everything else second to your job.

It's hard to explain to people when you talk about leaving the office as the sun rises, breakfast cooks in South Dining Hall or your roommate awakens while you crawl into bed.



Matt Lozar

Editor in Chief

But ask the person taking over for me, and she'll agree. Ask the Editors in Chief from the past 38 years, and you'll get the same thing.

There's something about this job that makes it all worth it.

Racking my brain for the past couple of weeks to figure what it is, I've come to a conclusion.

It's the people down here in the basement of South Dining Hall with me.

I'll always remember the way the staff came together for the Notre Dame presidential change, a U.S. Presidential election and Notre Dame football coaching change.

The way the news and sports staffs sucked it up to turn what could have been three stories into eight-page special sections.

Three events that resulted in leaving the office past 5 a.m. after a 15-hour day.

Three events worth every minute of that hard work.

Three events that couldn't have been covered so well without my hard-working staff.

I'm not just paying lip service by saying that.

I can honestly say without them, especially Meghanne and Joe, the coverage of those events wouldn't have been as good. We couldn't have gone as in-depth or as broad with our stories covering those monumental events.

But it's not the professional relationships that make this place what it is, it's the personal ones. When you work from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. with people, and do it all over again the next day, a bond develops.

A bond that certainly won't be forgotten just because my name's not underneath Editor in Chief anymore or because my four years underneath the Golden Dome have run out.

So now I have two months to be a college student. It starts on Thursday with a drive to Miami for a weeklong cruise in the Caribbean.

It'll continue through the end of the semester with watching baseball at the Eck and on my dish, frequenting the local watering holes during the week and maybe studying. (Okay, let's be honest, I'm a second semester senior).

Finally it'll end with a Senior Week to remember and hopefully a picture-perfect graduation weekend.

Thanks Notre Dame, it's been one hell of a ride.

And if you didn't like me, I at least did one thing right.

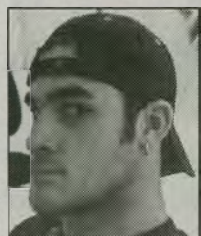
The crossword was in the paper every day.

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CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, the first line of the "ROTC regarded in positive light" story on page 1 read "Despite the Catholic Church's opposition to the war in Iraq..." The Church itself has not declared opposition to the war. The line should have read, "Despite Pope John Paul II's opposition to the war in Iraq..."

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE?



Chris Ban
senior
off-campus

"Napoleon Dynamite. Moon boots."



Lisa Lombardi
senior
off-campus

"The question is — why isn't Good Will Hunting my favorite movie?"



Sarah Mattos
junior
Farley

"Tupac. The Resurrection."



Matthew Mundorf
sophomore
Keough

"Nine Queens (Nueve Reinas). It has some of the most intriguing plots. Unexpected ending, good twists."



Charity Sadoy
senior
Howard

"Braveheart because it reminds me of my boyfriend Steve Hill."



Michael Tesfay
junior
Morrissey

"Scarface... what better way to learn business ethics than from a drug-dealing killer?"



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Members of the Saint Mary's Board of Trustees gathered for Mass Thursday evening in the Regina Chapel. The Mass, offered by Board member Ken Molinaro, was open to students, faculty and staff.

OFFBEAT

Florida streaking goes awry

KEY WEST, Fla. — A prosecutor who may have had a little too much to drink thought it would be funny to run naked across a parking lot and hop into a friend's car.

It was funny, until he jumped into the wrong car.

Albert Tasker, who works for the Monroe County State Attorney's Office, apparently got in the back seat of a car occupied by a woman waiting for her boyfriend.

The woman screamed and her boyfriend appeared. After the woman called 911, a Key West

police officer found the naked Tasker in the middle of the parking lot.

Blind man who bit dog charged

EDINBURGH, Scotland — A blind man who allegedly bit his guide dog has been charged with animal cruelty.

David Todd is accused of sinking his teeth into the animal's head in a busy street, Scottish police said Thursday.

A police spokesman said: "Any attack on a defenseless animal, particularly one trained to help people, is appalling."

An eyewitness reported seeing the 34-year-old bite the dog and kick it repeatedly at a shopping mall on Feb. 8, a spokeswoman for Lothian and Borders Police said.

Officers arrested the suspect on Feb. 10 and charged him with animal cruelty and breach of the peace, the spokeswoman said.

Police took the Labrador retriever mix into protective care and handed it to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Karen Richman will give a lecture titled "Haitian Vodou: Arts, Culture and Religion" today at 3 p.m. in the Snite Museum of Art.

"The Laramie Project," a play based on the 1998 murder of gay college student Matthew Shepard in Laramie, Wyo., will be presented this weekend in the Decio Mainstage Theatre of the DeBartolo Center. Prices are \$12 for the general public, \$10 for Notre Dame faculty and staff and senior citizens, and \$8 for students.

A seminar on Praying with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit will be held on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in the Presbytery basement. The seminar will be lead by mystical theologian Fr. Edward O'Connor, CSC.

Bud Welch will lead a discussion titled "From Rage to Reconciliation" on Sunday at 5:30 p.m. in the West Wing in Noble Dining Room at St. Mary's. Welch's daughter, Julie, was killed in the Oklahoma City Bombing.

The Notre Dame men's and women's fencing teams will participate in the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse.

Elizabeth Mazurek, Associate Professor, Department of Classics will present a colloquium Monday at 4:30 p.m. in 131 Decio Hall entitled, "Ovid and the Judgment of Paris."

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

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RecSports seeks donors

Blood drive registration table located at Rolfs

By LISA SCHULTZ
News Writer

Most students entering Rolfs Recreational Center are concerned with their own health. This week, however, RecSports and the South Bend Medical Foundation switched the focus to the well-being of others.

Blood donor recruiter for the South Bend Medical Foundation Jeanna Stuber said the blood drive registration table was set up at the front door to encourage walk-ins to take time out of their day to donate. The Rolfs entryway location was strategically chosen.

"I found out about the drive because it's at Rolfs," senior Chris Keogel said.

In addition to walk-in volun-

teers, 68 donors signed up in advance on Wednesday and over 70 signed up to donate on Thursday. This exceeded the Foundation's goal of 50 donors each day. All donations go to the Foundation's Central Blood Bank and are used in St. Joseph County. Stuber said that while there currently is no specific shortage in blood reserves, there is never a surplus.

Aside from the sheer volume of donations, another objective was achieved from this drive.

"We like to come to college campuses to get younger donors into a lifetime habit of donating blood," Stuber said.

Drives at Rolfs typically occur in October and at one point in the summer as well.

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Students donate blood at Rolfs Wednesday. The drive was organized by the South Bend Medical Center and RecSports.

New ID system set for fall '05

Special to the Observer

In response to student requests, and prompted by concern about identity theft in higher education, Notre Dame will discontinue using student Social Security numbers (SSNs) as primary identifiers as of June of this year.

SSNs will be replaced by a new identifier, called "ndID," which will be viewable online by students beginning with registration for the summer 2005 session.

"The University is timing this important change with the implementation of new administrative software," University Registrar Harold Pace said. "The transition from SSNs to new ndIDs should be relatively pain-

less."

Pace noted that, in most cases, the easy-to-remember NetIDs (used in conjunction with a secret password to log onto the Notre Dame network) could be used in lieu of ndIDs when prompted for a unique identifier by one of Notre Dame's online services.

The ndIDs will appear on class rosters and other internal student lists produced by the Office of the Registrar during the summer and fall sessions of 2005.

Social Security numbers still will be collected as part of the admission and financial aid process, but will only be used to meet specific financial business needs and will no longer be used as a primary identifier or appear

on printed lists within the University.

Current students can determine their ndID by viewing the number on the back of their ID card, above the bar code. This eight-digit number starting with "00" is converted to the new ndID by adding a "9" as the first digit. As an example, if the number printed on the ID card is "00123456," the new ndID is "900123456."

New students entering the University after June, or any current student replacing his or her ID card after June, will have the new ndID printed on the ID card. The ndID will become active for University faculty and staff when the new administrative software for Human Resources becomes available in June 2006.

ND physicists chosen as fellows

Special to the Observer

Three Notre Dame physicists have been elected fellows of the American Physical Society (APS) and the Institute of Physics (IOP), United Kingdom.

Ikaros Bigi and Malgorzata Dobrowolska-Furdyna, professors of physics, were named APS fellows, and Jacek Furdyna, Aurora and Tom Marquez Professor of Physics, was named a fellow of the IOP. Bigi was cited for correctly

predicting large CP violation in B meson decays. Dobrowolska-Furdyna was cited for her seminal contributions to the understanding of the role of electron spin in optical transitions in semiconductor compounds. Furdyna was elected in recognition of his status in the physics community.

The APS fellowship program was created to honor members who have made advances in knowledge through original research and publication or

who have made significant and innovative contributions in the application of physics to science and technology. Each year, no more than one-half of 1 percent of the then-current membership of the society is elected.

Bigi's research is directed mainly toward developing theoretical ideas that will suggest novel methods for uncovering new physics beyond the standard model of high energy physics.

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ment was also attempting to quell another, even longer-standing uprising in Southern Sudan, they lacked the resources to fully engage on both fronts and accordingly hired and armed a large Arab militia force to combat the Darfuri rebel groups. These militias are known by Darfurians as Janjaweed — literally, “those who attack on horseback.”

Although the Sudanese government has consistently maintained that both its own soldiers and the Janjaweed militias have used exclusively to combat rebel troops, both the Janjaweed and the official Sudanese armed forces have specifically targeted black Darfuri civilians, systematically destroying hundreds of villages, according to Human Rights Watch. Often, the Sudanese air force has attacked villages with bombs or machine guns, after which a joint force of Janjaweed and the Sudanese army kill the remaining Darfurians and raze the village. Moreover, Sudanese soldiers and Janjaweed militias have carried out a systematic campaign of rape throughout Darfur as part their ethnic cleansing. The ultimate goal of this killing and rape has been to eradicate the potential population pool for the rebel groups that oppose the oppressive Khartoum government, Dowd said.

“What we find happening in Darfur amounts to a final solution in the eyes of the government in Khartoum,” Dowd said. “The final solution is the elimination of black Africans in the region.”

This final solution has been in large part effective, leaving hundreds of thousands dead and decimating Darfur’s adult male

population. Many of the women left behind without homes and husbands have borne children of rape, furthering the Khartoum government’s goal to ethnically cleanse the Darfur region of non-Arab Africans.

The crisis in Darfur eventually gained some attention in the international community, and the atrocities there were deemed ethnic cleansing by the United Nations in March 2004. The Bush administration went a step further, declaring that genocide had occurred there, sending hundreds of millions of dollars in humanitarian aid money and promising to send more.

Although the Khartoum government and Darfuri rebel groups signed a ceasefire in April 2004, it has been largely without effect, as human rights violations have continued on both sides, according to Human Rights Watch. The optimists claiming that violence in the region has been reduced fail to recognize that it has decreased largely because the Sudanese government has been so successful in ridding Darfur of its black African population, according to Human Rights Watch. Most of those who have not been killed have generally fled to neighboring Chad, and nearly all international commentators recognize that the situation in Darfur is far from resolved.

Here at Notre Dame, a group of concerned students has attempted to raise awareness of the crisis in Darfur. In October, they began the Green Ribbon campaign, passing out green ribbons on campus to show solidar-

ity with suffering Darfurians and to protest the atrocities taking place there. Thus far, the group has distributed about 3,000 ribbons, said Stephanie Aberger, one of the Green Ribbon campaign student coordinators.

The group is now in the process of sending a letter to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice requesting that the U.S. government work to effect an immediate arms embargo of Sudan, provide the necessary funds for the fledgling African Union to protect vulnerable Darfurians and to endorse the International Criminal Court to prosecute those Sudanese and Janjaweed leaders who have perpetrated genocide.

The students responsible for the Green Ribbon campaign have also succeeded in organizing a large symposium, entirely student-run, on the future of Darfur. The conference, which took place Wednesday, included three primary speakers: John Prendergast, former advisor on Africa to President Clinton, Larry Minear, director of the Humanitarianism and War project at Tufts University, and Francis Deng, research professor of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University and the former Sudanese ambassador to the United States. The students who organized the symposium managed to raise over \$10,000 through various University grants, Aberger said, and they hope the conference will raise awareness of Darfur and promote creative solutions to the crisis there.

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Robert Dowd
Africa specialist

Haiti

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primitive and backwards. Saint Mary’s is the first stop on Dessables’ American speaking tour of schools and churches. The College established a contact with Dessables when the justice education program held a Haiti immersion course during Fall Break 2003. Dessables said he felt very honored to receive the invitation to speak on campus.

“The future of humanity lies in the hands of women,” Dessables said. “I am very supportive of what women can do for a new real world.”

Dessables’ visit is sponsored by the Center for Women’s InterCultural Leadership, Sisters of Nefertiti, Justice Education Program, InterCultural Studies Program, the department of religious studies, Anthropology Club, Residence Hall Association, Peacemakers and the ND Haiti Program.

Justice education program director Jan Pilarski views the visit as a wonderful way to expose students to a culture of people who have great hope and leadership despite the pain and struggle of their country.

“Haiti is a place of real learning — it is a good way to live,” she said. “They have a deep connection to spiritual life and a sophisticated understanding of world politics in relation to their daily lives.”

Haiti Awareness Week is another attempt to introduce students to other kinds of black history. With an influx of Haitians coming to America, it is vital to understand their African and American roots, Pilarski said.

Notre Dame will hold a public lecture at the Snite Museum on today at 3 p.m. about the vodou art exhibit on display.

“Just looking at the art is not enough — you have to understand it too,” Dessables said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Serb general indicted for massacre

BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro — A senior Bosnian Serb general indicted for his alleged role in a massacre of thousands of Muslims during the Bosnian war surrendered to the United Nations war crimes tribunal Thursday.

Retired Gen. Milan Gvero was a close aide to wartime Bosnian Serb commander Gen. Ratko Mladic, a top war crimes fugitive. Gvero is charged with the forceful expulsion and murder of Muslims on the eve of and during the 1995 Bosnian Serb onslaught on Srebrenica, where more than 7,000 Muslim men and boys were executed.

According to the indictment unsealed in The Hague on Thursday, Gvero was accused of belonging to "a joint criminal enterprise" that included Mladic and former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic.

Syria said it will move troops soon

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Syria said Thursday it will begin withdrawing its troops in Lebanon closer to its own border, a move designed to blunt international demands for a complete pullout and to ease a groundswell of anti-Syrian sentiment.

But a dissatisfied United States said the move was not enough and demanded a full withdrawal from the Mideast nation.

"This needs to happen immediately," State Department spokesman Tom Casey said. A resolution by the U.N. Security Council "calls in clear, unequivocal terms for all foreign forces to withdraw from Lebanon."

NATIONAL NEWS

Canada rejects U.S. missile program

TORONTO — Prime Minister Paul Martin said Thursday that Canada would not join the contentious U.S. missile defense program, a decision that will further strain brittle relations between the neighbors but please Canadians who fear it could lead to an international arms race.

The Bush administration has tried to make a public show of understanding that Martin heads up a minority government that could fall over such a contentious debate. But after the announcement, U.S. Ambassador Paul Cellucci told reporters he was perplexed over Canada's decision, which he said effectively allows Washington to decide what to do if a missile was headed toward Canada.

Man kills two with AK-47 in rampage

TYLER — A man with an AK-47 assault rifle opened fire in a historic town square Thursday, killing his ex-wife and a bystander in a rampage prompted by a child support dispute. The gunman was later killed.

Four people were wounded, including the gunman's son and three law officers.

The gunman, David Hernandez Arroyo Sr., was shot in the melee outside the county courthouse before fleeing the scene. He fired at officers through the rear window of his pickup truck in a chase that lasted several miles, Tyler police chief Gary Swindle said.

Authorities believe he may have been shot through the same window during the chase. He was pronounced dead on arrival at a hospital.

LOCAL NEWS

Middle school teacher charged

PAOLI, Ind. — A former southern Indiana middle school teacher has been charged with having sexual relations with a female student over a three-year period that started when she was 13 years old, police said.

Erich Zink, 29, of Salem, surrendered the Orange County Jail on Tuesday on an arrest warrant charging him with a count sexual misconduct with a minor, a charge punishable by six years to 20 years in prison if convicted.

Pope breathes with respirator

Successful tracheotomy clears airway, helps pontiff breathe after return to hospital

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II underwent a successful operation Thursday night to insert a tube in his throat to relieve his breathing problems, hours after he was rushed back to the hospital for the second time in a month with flu-like symptoms of fever and congestion, the Vatican said.

The pontiff was conscious in his hospital room after the tracheotomy, breathing with the help of a respirator, the Italian news agency ANSA reported.

A top aide to Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi who visited the pope Thursday said John Paul was "serene" after waking up from the anesthesia. The pope raised his hand and attempted to speak with doctors but was told not to try, Cabinet Undersecretary Gianni Letta told reporters at Gemelli Polyclinic Hospital in Rome.

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said the tracheotomy lasted 30 minutes and that the outcome was "positive." The pope had approved the procedure, which the Vatican characterized as elective — underscoring that it was not done as an emergency measure.

The frail, 84-year-old pontiff, who was taken to the hospital shortly before 11 a.m. in an ambulance, was to spend the night in his hospital room, Navarro-Valls said.

But the tracheotomy may require a longer hospital stay and have serious consequences for the pope's abilities to carry out his duties since he will not be able to speak, at least initially, while the breathing tube is in his throat.

Medical experts said the respirator was a serious development. "The fact that he is on a respirator is not good. The fact that



For the second time this month, Pope John Paul II has been hospitalized. Thursday the leader of the Catholic faith had a tracheotomy to clear his airway.

he was readmitted so quickly is not good. All this suggests there's a serious problem," said Dr. Michael Kaplitt, a Parkinson's disease expert at New York Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center.

Before the tracheotomy, outside medical experts had said John Paul may have pneumonia. However, Navarro-Valls' statement made no reference to pneumonia, saying the pope suffered a narrowing of his larynx.

President Bush, flying home from a European trip, said in a statement: "On behalf of all Americans, Laura and I send our heartfelt best wishes to Pope John Paul

II. The Holy Father is in our thoughts and prayers and we wish him a speedy recovery and return to the service of his church and of all humanity."

In recent days, the pope appeared to be recuperating from an illness that kept him in the hospital for 10 days earlier this month. On Wednesday, he gave a 30-minute audience by video hookup, reading a statement in six languages before waving and giving his blessing at the end.

With each successive appearance, he seemed a little stronger, a little more alert, and his voice rang out with greater clarity.

That made Thursday's reversal all the more shocking for the faithful

from Nigeria to the Philippines to St. Peter's Square, and raised more doubts about his ability to carry on.

"We have prayed for the pope to live as long as possible so we can still share our joy with him," said Zofia Gebala, a 73-year-old retiree, as she left a church in Wadowice, the pope's birthplace in southern Poland. "We are praying for him every day, for his well-being. But it's all in God's hands now."

Vanessa Animo Bono, 32, a Catholic being treated at Gemelli, expressed fear because of the pope's recent treatment. "He is one of the few popes who is actually able to listen to people."

Bush challenges Russian leader

Associated Press

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia — Struggling to repair troubled relations, President Bush prodded Vladimir Putin on Thursday about Moscow's retreat from democracy but the Russian leader bluntly rejected the criticism and insisted there was no backsliding.

"Strong countries are built by developing strong democracies," Bush said he told Putin. "I think Vladimir heard me loud and clear."

"Russia has made its choice in favor of democracy," the Russian leader replied.

Confronting criticism that he is quashing dissent and consolidating power, Putin said Russia chose democracy 14 years ago and "there can be no return to what we used to have before."

Four years after Bush said he had gotten a sense of Putin's soul and found him trustworthy, the two leaders talked for 2 1/2 hours at a hilltop castle in hopes of easing mounting distrust between Moscow and Washington. Bush said he had not changed his opinion of Putin and wanted to remain friends.

"This is the kind of fellow who, when he says 'Yes,' he means yes,

and when he says 'No,' he means no," Bush said.

Yet Bush challenged Putin about his government's behavior, saying that democracies reflect a country's customs and culture but must have "a rule of law and protection of minorities, a free press and a viable political opposition." He said he talked with Putin about his "concerns about Russia's commitment in fulfilling these universal principles" and about Putin's restrictions on the press.

"I'm not the minister of propaganda," Putin said, standing alongside Bush at a news conference.

CARE

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separate from the College. With hopes of reuniting students and administration, this year's SMC Monologues will share nearly 30 readings submitted anonymously by students, faculty, staff and Sisters of the Holy Cross. So far, the responses are promising, Francis said.

"We were floored with the amount of responses," she said. "We have administration behind us and have heard nothing but positive feedback."

Students are not the only ones looking forward to the weekend. Catherine Pittman, associate professor of psychology and faculty advisor to CARE, said she is proud to be a part of this event.

"I believe that the SMC Monologues are one of the most important events I have been involved with at Saint Mary's," she said. "It provides an opportunity for students to reflect on their experiences in one of the most personal and sensitive realms of their lives: their sexuality."

Other faculty members echoed Pittman's enthusiasm.

Women's studies coordinator Astrid Henry gave the Monologues a full endorsement.

"I enthusiastically support the SMC Monologues and their performances this weekend," said Henry. "Women telling their stories about their bodies and their sexualities is the central mission of The Vagina Monologues, and I think the SMC Monologues continues that tradition while taking it in a new direction."

With the first production only a day away, anticipation is mounting among both participants and the community as a whole.

"I'm just really excited about how much more applicable this is to the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame community," said junior participant Marisa Sandahl. "I hope,

if anything, people realize that the body is not something to be afraid of. Awareness and prevention go hand in hand."

The SMC Monologues are intended for a mature audience only, as some of the content portrays instances of rape, violence and sexuality. Regardless, audience members are sure to experience a wide range of emotions.

"I am particularly impressed by our students' creativity and energy, not to mention their willingness to honestly

and courageously write about their own experiences," Henry said. "Some Monologues are heartbreakingly sad, some express anger and some are laugh-out-loud funny, but all help to tell the story of what it means to be a woman."

"Saint Mary's women don't sit on the sidelines and watch."

Catherine Pittman
CARE faculty advisor

Although The Vagina Monologues have been known to invoke feelings of discomfort among some, Pittman feels these feelings are vital in the quest for awareness and the battle of prevention.

"Of course, we are concerned about provoking dis-

comfort," she said. "But we know that such discomfort is necessary if we want to change our community to be more aware of sexual assault, to be more accepting of diversity and to be more understanding of ourselves."

Despite varying views on Eve Ensler and the controversy surrounding her work, the message behind the V-day movement is aimed at stopping violence against women. With sexual crimes being committed against one in four college women, the impact of these offenses cannot be ignored.

"It is hard to face the idea of violence against women," Francis said. "But this is about more than that. This is

about celebrating being a woman and not only finding a voice within yourself, but also in the world."

Many feel this initiative represents the values and attitude encompassed in a Saint Mary's woman.


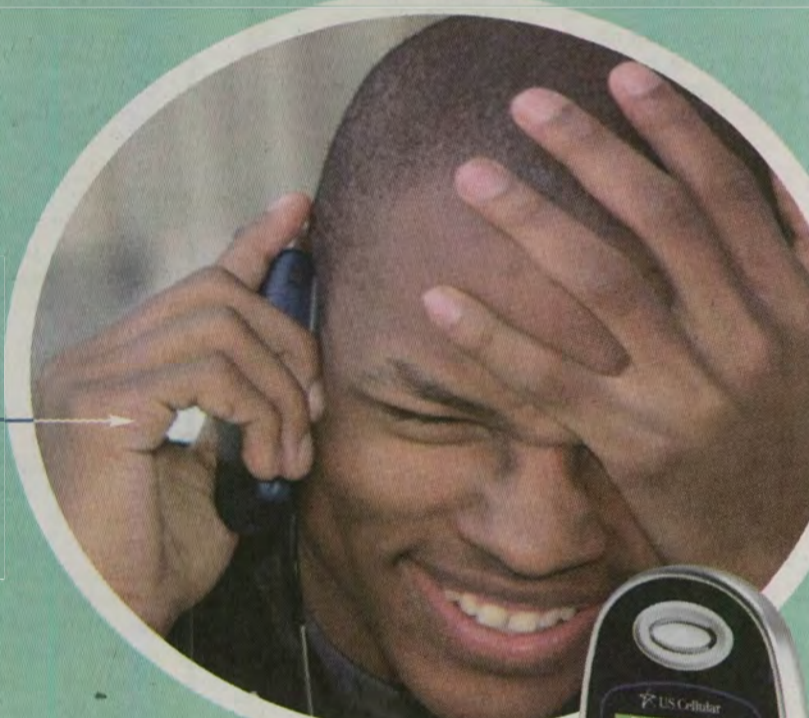
"Saint Mary's women don't sit on the sidelines and watch," Pittman said. "They act. They lead. They speak out. And that's what SMC Monologues is all about."

Admission to the production is free with a suggested \$3 donation at the door. All proceeds benefit SOS, the rape crisis center for St. Joseph County.

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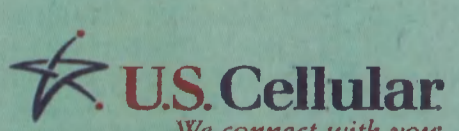

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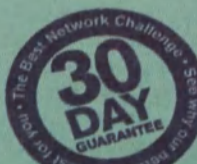
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IN BRIEF

Mittal leader will cut 45,000 jobs

CLEVELAND — The leader of Netherlands-based Mittal Steel Co. NV says he wants to cut the company's work force by about 45,000 jobs after it merges with International Steel Group Inc. The cuts would amount to nearly 30 percent of the combined steelmaker's work force.

Owner Lakshmi Mittal said Wednesday during a speech to analysts in Chicago that he would like to see Mittal's 155,000-employee work force drop to about 110,000 workers in about five years.

The combined company would have about 10,000 workers in northwest Indiana — 5,000 at the current Ispat Inland mill in East Chicago, along with 1,600 for ISG in East Chicago and 3,700 at ISG's Burns Harbor mill.

Mittal, who spoke Wednesday for more than an hour on a range of issues about the company's financial plans, was addressing an analyst's general question about how big the company's work force was. The conference was broadcast on Mittal's Web site.

Nash Finch agrees to \$225 million deal

MINNEAPOLIS — Nash Finch Co. said Thursday it has agreed to pay \$225 million for two Roundy's Inc. wholesale food distribution centers in Indiana and Ohio, as well as two stores in Ohio.

The deal is expected to improve productivity and buying efficiencies and to add immediately to earnings, Minneapolis-based Nash Finch said.

The food distribution company said it will acquire the Roundy's distribution centers in Westville, Ind., and Lima, Ohio, which together represent about \$1 billion in annual food distribution sales and serve more than 500 customers, mainly in Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Michigan.

Nash Finch does not expect to close any facilities as a result of the acquisition.

Plans for first NY Wal-Mart revoked

NEW YORK — A real estate developer scrapped plans to build the city's first Wal-Mart store amid intense pressure from residents and union leaders.

The decision, announced by city officials Wednesday, comes as a blow to the retail giant, which has sought for years to move into the lucrative New York City market.

Boeing contract ruled invalid

Involvement with former senior Air Force official seen as a conflict of interests

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Air Force improperly favored The Boeing Co. on a \$4 billion contract to upgrade C-130 cargo planes, congressional investigators said Thursday.

The Government Accountability Office sided with Lockheed Martin Corp., BAE Systems and L-3 Communications Inc., which complained last year that the C-130 contract award was tainted by the involvement of a former senior Air Force official who has admitted giving special treatment to Boeing.

Darleen Druyun, who later took a job at the Chicago-based airplane maker, is serving nine months in prison for violating federal conflict of interest laws.

"The record ... shows that the Air Force conducted discussions in a manner that favored Boeing," according to a two-page summary from the GAO, the investigative arm of Congress.

"On the basis of the record presented, the Air Force has failed to demonstrate that Druyun's acknowledged bias did not prejudice the three protesters," the report said.

The GAO said it normally would have recommended an entirely new competition. But because much of the C-130 contract has been in place for more than three years, that may not be practical, the agency said.

The report recommended that the Air Force hold new competitions for the remaining parts the contract and look into how to compensate the three companies that protested the award to Boeing.

A Lockheed spokesman said Thursday the company was pleased by the GAO report.

Boeing said in a statement that its work on the



Boeing's ex-chief financial officer Michael Sears, left, leaves court with his lawyer, Sears hired Darleen Druyun, whose role with Lockheed Martin led to the formation of an illegal contract, congressional investigators said.

C-130 modernization contract continues on schedule.

"We will await the Air Force's decision on GAO's recommendations. In the meantime, Boeing will continue to support the Air Force's requirement to field a vastly more capable and modernized C-130 fleet under the current development contract," Boeing spokesman Paul Guse said.

Doug Karas, an Air Force spokesman, said the resolution of the protest allows the Air Force "to continue moving forward in repairing the harm caused to its acquisition system by the illegal and unethical actions of Miss

Druyun. We commend GAO's prompt adjudication of the protest and will address their ruling accordingly."

Last week, the GAO upheld Lockheed's protest of a \$2.5 billion Air Force contract awarded to Boeing to build precision bombs that can be launched from a fighter plane, bomber or unmanned aircraft. Lockheed had protested the award because of Boeing's ties to Druyun.

Boeing's ex-chief financial officer, Michael Sears, was sentenced to four months in prison last week for his role in hiring Druyun.

It was unclear Thursday

how much of the \$4 billion contract would be reopened for competition. Boeing won a development contract, valued at about \$970 million. But officials were not sure how much of the remaining \$3 billion would be put out to bid and how much would remain with Boeing.

Keith Ashdown, vice president of Taxpayers for Common Sense, a government watchdog group, called the GAO report "further confirmation that Darleen Druyun unscrupulously steered billions of dollars of Air Force contracts to the doorstep of the Boeing Co."

ChoicePoint breach puts users at risk

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Warren Lambert thought it was just another piece of junk mail until he read the letter more closely and learned that con artists may have obtained his Social Security number, name and address — just what they need to steal his identity and ruin his credit.

Lambert is one of nearly 145,000 Americans rendered vulnerable by a breach of the computer databases of ChoicePoint Inc., a leading trafficker in a growing pool of information about who we are, what we own, what we owe and even where we go.

The Georgia-based company began mailing the warning letters after acknowledging this month that thieves

opened more than 50 ChoicePoint accounts by posing as legitimate businesses.

Lambert, a retired banker in San Francisco, now spends several hours a day phoning customer service agents, poring over credit card statements, ordering credit reports and checking bank accounts.

He worries that thieves will eventually do to him what sheriffs detectives in Los Angeles say they've done to more than 700 other people — reroute his mail, ring up credit card debts, buy a car or even commit a felony in his name.

"Now I have to be on a credit monitoring service and look over my shoulder for the rest of my life," said Lambert, 67. "I feel sorry for the younger victims who are eventually going to buy a house or a

car. They'll try to buy and then they'll discover that their credit is ruined."

More than 9.9 million Americans were victims of identity theft last year, crimes that cost the nation roughly \$5 billion not including lost productivity, according to the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. The Federal Trade Commission ranks identity theft as the No. 1 fraud-related complaint.

Many victims are dumbfounded by the dearth of federal and state laws aimed at protecting their credit histories and other information about them that data brokers gather and sell to institutions including news organizations, banks and, increasingly, companies vetting prospective employees. Victims are also frustrated by the amount of time it takes to re-establish identities.

Young cellular phone users difficult to track

Growing population poses problem for pollsters

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — They're mainly young, single and urban. They move frequently, usually renting rather than owning their homes. Pollsters call them "cell phone only" because they don't own traditional phones.

As this hard-to-track population grows, so does the problem of accurately incorporating them into polling and scientific surveys that seek to measure everything from health and business practices to political attitudes.

For now, the problem is most pressing in areas of research where the attitudes of young adults are sought, like surveys of radio listener preferences.

Paul Lavrakas, a public opinion researcher at Nielsen Media Research, organized a meeting in New York City this month where pollsters and others involved in survey research discussed ways to address the cell-phone-only issue. One major aim is to learn how to deal with this population before the next presidential election.

"What the industry doesn't know how to do is how to statistically balance those reached by cell phones with those reached on land lines," said Lavrakas.

The cell-phone-only population is growing fast. In 2001, it comprised about a half-percent of the population. Now it's estimated at 7 percent. Among people age 15 to 24, almost one in five have only cell phones, according to Clyde Tucker, a researcher at the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The industry has to deal with the cell phone issue while it's still manageable or it will be doing that research work when cell phones have become a problem for surveys — "and that's not a good practice," said Mike Brick, a statistician at Westat, which handles scientific surveys for the federal government.

The cell-phone-only issue is just the latest challenge facing

survey researchers. People have shown less willingness to talk to survey researchers, especially on the phone. Many polls are conducted on the telephone, the fastest and most efficient way to do a survey. But some surveys are done face to face.

Raj Naik, a 26-year-old employee of a software company who lives in Rosslyn, Va., is a good example of the "cell phone only" crowd.

He got rid of the traditional phone because most of the calls he received "were calls I didn't want to take." Naik said he wouldn't mind getting calls from survey researchers "if those calls aren't costing me anything, but as soon as someone calls me on my cell phone, it's costing me something."

That's part of the problem for pollsters: Cell phone users don't expect to get survey calls. When they do, many are uncooperative.

"People say, 'Do you know you're calling me on my cell phone?'" said Charlotte Steeh, a Georgia State researcher who has done experimental cell phone surveys. "Some people mentioned the privacy issue, saying, 'How did you get my number? I only give it out to family and friends.' Some just hang up immediately."

Rob Stuart, a 23-year-old personal trainer in Washington, said he doesn't see a need for a land line.

"I might get one if I had a family or someone else living with me or if I was working out of my house," he said.

Leading up to the 2004 presidential election there was concern polling would suffer because of difficulties reaching cell phone users. Surveyors accommodated for this by giving extra weight to young adults, and the phone polls turned out to be generally accurate.

"The industry dodged a bullet this time," said Scott Keeter of the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press.

Drugs may reduce AIDS cases

New combination could prevent mother-child transmissions

Associated Press

BOSTON — Scientists fighting the ravages of AIDS in the Third World have shown convincingly that a short and relatively inexpensive combination of HIV drugs could reduce mother-to-baby transmission rates in Africa far more effectively than the single pill now used.

But the cost of the drug combinations could still be prohibitive in some of the most impoverished parts of the world.

Scientists have long been searching for an alternative to the AIDS drug now widely used in the Third World, nevirapine. Nevirapine is cheap and highly effective at preventing babies from contracting the AIDS virus from their mothers. But up to two-thirds of women become resistant to the drug.

The drug combinations appear to have an extremely low rate of resistance, and offer a relatively inexpensive and easy-to-take alternative for many women.

"This is very promising for low-income countries," said one of the researchers, Dr. Francois Dabis of Victor Segalen University in Bordeaux, France.

However, the drug combination would likely cost more than double the usual \$8 for a single dose of nevirapine for mother and newborn. As it is now, some countries cannot even afford nevirapine.

"It's important not to be rapidly overoptimistic," said Dr. Mary Fowler, a U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention specialist in mother-to-baby HIV transmission. "The translation from trials to programs

is incredibly challenging."

The findings were presented in Boston on Thursday at the 12th Annual Retrovirus Conference, the world's chief scientific meeting on AIDS.

In impoverished lands, nevirapine is widely given in single doses to infected pregnant women in labor and then to their newborns.

In the United States, the complete three-drug HIV cocktail has cut mother-to-baby transmission rates to around 2 percent. But patients in the United States are given longer treatments, and drugs that are far more effective and expensive than those tested in Africa.

The African studies — one in the Ivory Coast, one in Botswana — reduced rates at four to six weeks after birth to about 5 percent, the lowest ever recorded in Africa. Nevirapine in single doses typically reduces that rate from around 35 percent to 12 percent.

In the Ivory Coast study, French and African-based researchers used single-dose nevirapine in 329 women, but coupled it with two other common AIDS drugs: AZT and 3TC, sold collectively as Combivir. The Combivir was given to the mothers during pregnancy and for three days after birth. The newborns were also given single-dose nevirapine and AZT.

At 6 weeks of age, fewer than 5 percent of the newborns were infected. Drug resistance was also extraordinarily low in the mothers. Only 1 percent became resistant to nevirapine, and just 8 percent to 3TC.

In the Botswana study of 1,179 births, mothers were given multi-week AZT alone,

and in combination with single-dose nevirapine.

The World Health Organization is expected to consider broadening its guidelines soon in light of research on such new regimens. Its recommendations now include single-dose nevirapine and an AZT-nevirapine regimen.

"For a minimum additional cost, we may get many benefits," said Dr. James McIntyre, an AIDS researcher in South Africa.

However, several researchers cautioned that single-dose nevirapine will still be needed in many places.

"It is essential to preserve single-dose nevirapine as an option when more complex regimens are unavailable," said Mark Isaac, vice president of policy at the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation in Washington.

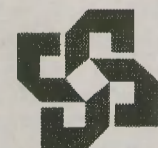
A separate arm of the Botswana study also gave a boost to advocates of breast feeding for HIV-infected women. Some babies were breast-fed and treated with AZT for six months, while others were given formula. More of the first group contracted HIV, as expected, since the virus can be passed through breast milk. However, the two groups had almost identical rates of HIV-free survival after 18 months.

Doctors have long known that the AIDS virus can be transmitted through breast milk. But many are reluctant to discourage breast-feeding in the Third World, since formula feeding has been linked in the past to more baby illnesses and deaths from a variety of causes.

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state. The grant has provided funding for Saint Mary's faculty and students for various academic and career-oriented projects and trips within the state, such as this week's trip to Indianapolis. "We tried to come up with different ideas [for grant use] and one of them was this annual trip to Chicago," Renshaw said. In the fall, Renshaw created and submitted a proposal for the trip to Indianapolis to the committee that oversees the grant money. He was given \$2,500 to pay for a chartered bus and hotel rooms, making the trip virtually free for him and his students. Each participant is

paying just \$10 out of pocket. While in Indianapolis, the group will visit several notable companies and potential future employers such as Union Federal Bank and Deloitte & Touche. "We have a contact at each place, and primarily they are through Saint Mary's graduates," Renshaw said. "That is the neat thing about all this, is that it is a Saint Mary's network." The alumnae club of Indianapolis held a reception for the students Tuesday evening. Renshaw said he is uncertain whether Indianapolis

will become the permanent destination for the trip. "I think we can do it next year if we want to and then we can evaluate it ... and maybe we will be pleasantly surprised," he said. Participant Erica Valdez said she is looking forward to seeing Indianapolis and visiting several accounting firms. "I think it is a better experience [than Chicago] because ... we will be able to be there for two days instead of one," she said. Jessica Adach also said the switch from Chicago should have its benefits. "It is kind of interesting to

"I know that it will be nice to make some connections ... we don't meet too many alums around campus."

Jessica Adach
trip participant

go to Indianapolis instead of Chicago because I have been to Chicago a lot so it will be a different perspective," said Adach. While Adach, a Florida native, admitted she is unlikely to remain in Indiana after she obtains her degree, she expects the trip to help introduce students to a side of the state many have never seen — its economic potential. She is also looking forward to meeting Saint Mary's graduates at work in the real world while not having to worry about spending a lot of money. "It should be good meeting with alumnae," she said. "I know that it will be nice to make some connections ... We don't meet too many alums around campus."

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Penalty

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not want the murderer to die at the time. However, she said she understood when her mother told her she was too young to grasp the situation. As Broome aged, she realized her father's murderer had become nameless and faceless to her. She said she felt this realization was "proof that the system strips away humanity." Broome said that one night she had a dream her father's murderer had been executed. She described waking up panicked. "There is a man in prison in L.A. who took my childhood one afternoon," Broome said. This belief, however, does not change her strong opposition to the death penalty.

"I know what life is and I know it is not in my power to demand it be taken away," she said. Broome said the murder of her father is not made any easier by the fact another man will die. She does not want the son of the murderer to feel her grief, and said she felt the execution of an individual affects innocent victims. Broome also said the execution of her father's murderer could never fill the void left in her life. "My heart is not full of hate," she said. "It is full of grief." Father John Gilmarten, who came to Notre Dame this week to share his experiences with the death penalty, reflected on his friendship with death row prisoner Michael Ross. Ross requested the death penalty hoping it would bring peace to

those victims affected by his actions. Gilmarten spent time with Ross building a friendship and said Ross regarded him as a spiritual advisor. Prior to Gilmarten's arrival at the jail, the death row inmate had only spoken with fellow inmates and guards. Ross was scheduled to be executed Jan. 28. Gilmarten said newscasters and policemen surrounded the premises. "It was a show, it was terrible," he said. Ross's execution has once again been postponed, Gilmarten said, adding that the day Ross was to be executed, he said to Gilmarten, "When you hug me, remember for 13 years I never touched another person." Gilmarten said that through their relationship, Ross learned that God had forgiven

him for what he had done. The prayer service was part of a series included in Death Penalty Awareness Week. Other activities include a March 1 speech by Madison Hobley, a former inmate found innocent of murder after 14 years on death row and a keynote address by former governor of Illinois George Ryan. Ryan's speech will entail his unprecedented 2003 decision to issue a moratorium against state executions, which freed Hobley and three other death row inmates while commuting the sentences of 163 others. The speech will be followed by an open panel discussion titled "The Death Penalty in Indiana."

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Melissa Broome
graduate student

"I know what life is and I know it is not in my power to demand it be taken away."

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PVS case causes a dispute

Judge, father argue over IV removal

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Before she was the severely brain-damaged patient at the center of a legal dispute over whether she should live or die, Terri Schiavo was a young woman who desperately wanted to be thin.

At 26, she was strikingly beautiful with delicate features. But she had spent her childhood and high school years as a chubby and shy girl, standing just 5-foot-3 and weighing 200 pounds at her heaviest.

When she finally lost 65 pounds in her late teens, men started to pay attention — including the man who would become her husband, Michael Schiavo, who was tall and handsome.

But keeping the weight off was a struggle for Terri Schiavo, and years later — after her heart stopped briefly, cutting off oxygen to the brain — a malpractice case brought against a doctor on her behalf would reveal she had been trying to survive on liquids and was making herself throw up after meals. The Schiavos' lawyer said her 1990 collapse was caused by a potassium imbalance brought on by an eating disorder.

It is a cruel twist lost on no one close to the case: A woman who is said to have struggled with an eating disorder is now in the middle of a court battle over whether her feeding tube should be removed so that she can starve to death.

Gary Fox, a lawyer who represented Terri and Michael Schiavo in the malpractice case, said the disease is the "lost lesson" in the Schiavo case.


"While there is no cure for bulimia, there were things that could and should have been done for her that would have controlled it," he said in a recent interview.

Terri Schiavo, 41, is now locked in what some doctors say is a Persistent Vegetative State (PVS), with no hope of recovery. In one of the nation's longest right-to-die disputes, her husband is fighting with her parents to have the feeding tube removed; a court order preventing its removal expires at 5 p.m. Friday.

Like almost every element in the case, whether Schiavo really was bulimic is in dispute. Her father, Robert Schindler, said he does not believe his daughter had an eating disorder and thinks her husband had something to do with her collapse. Michael Schiavo has denied hurting his wife.

During the malpractice case, at least one of Schiavo's friends testified they knew she was bulimic because after meals out, she always immediately excused herself to go to the bathroom. Her husband also knew she had peculiar eating patterns but did not realize they were dangerous, Fox said.

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Basketball celebrates 100 years

When fans think of Notre Dame athletics, they think football and national championships, Heisman Trophies and legendary games.

But when fans think of Notre Dame basketball, a moment here and there along with a couple of coaches and players come to mind.

This weekend's celebration of the 100th anniversary of men's basketball at Notre Dame presents a perfect opportunity to change that.

Unlike the much-repeated legendary history of the Notre Dame football program, the knowledge of the men's basketball program usually goes unsaid, except for the banners hanging from the rafters of the Joyce Center.

Yes, the sight of UCLA in South Bend on Sunday will bring back memories of the Irish ending the Bruins' 88-game winning streak in 1974 — a memory even casual Notre Dame basketball fans can recall.

But how many people knew the Irish were the last team to beat the Bruins before that streak started?

The much-repeated chants of 20-1 in the Feb. 8 upset of previously undefeated Boston College made national headlines.

But how many people knew the chants originally occurred in 1977 when Digger Phelps urged the student body to line

the court and yell 29-1 prior to the upset of No. 1 San Francisco?

And that's just the tip of the iceberg.

Notre Dame basketball is about more than Digger Phelps, Mike Brey, Austin Carr and Chris Thomas.

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It's about Notre Dame handing four separate teams their first loss after those squads had won 20 or more games to begin their seasons — more than any other school.

Few people know about the illustrious history of Notre Dame basketball because Brey has just brought the program back on the map. The 1990s were a dark era after 20 successful seasons under Phelps — when making the NCAA tournament became expected and not a cause for celebration.

This weekend, welcome back the former players returning to the Joyce Center as the Irish continue their trek to March Madness.

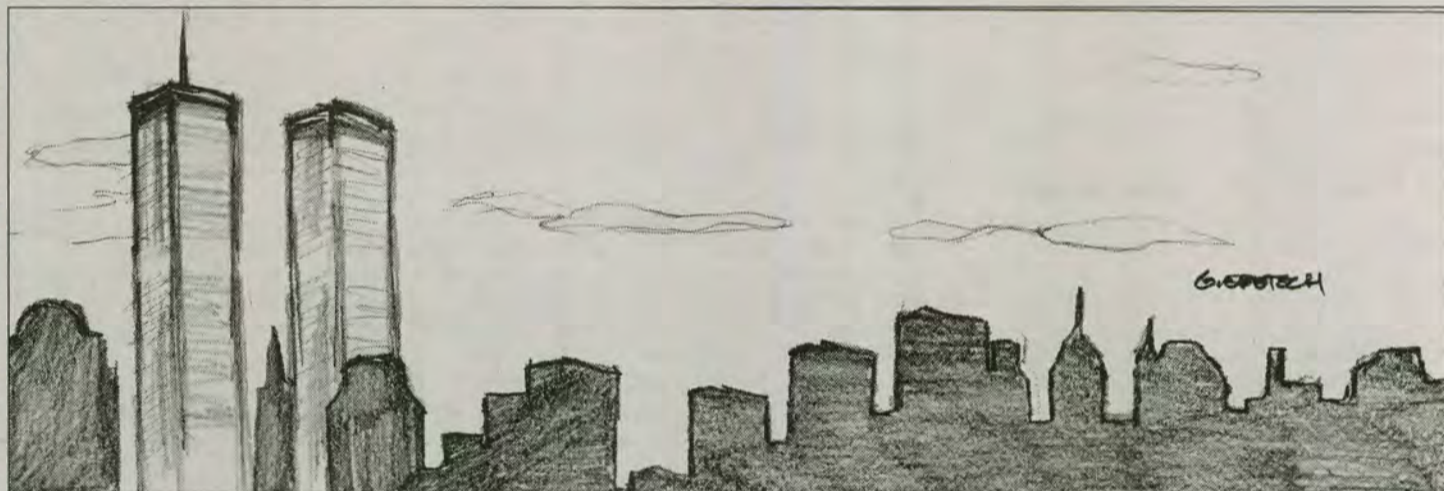
Then after you hear their names, records and accomplishments, go out and pick up one of the well-written books recently composed about Notre Dame basketball.

You'll be surprised at what you find.

The Observer Editorial

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sept. 11 collapses not explained



I was intrigued to see that Wednesday World Trade Center structural engineer Leslie Robertson spoke on campus and briefly addressed the World Trade Center collapses. However, I was extremely disappointed to find yet another vague and confusing explanation from him regarding the collapses. This comes on the heels of news that only nearly half of the Sept. 11 victims' remains have been identified due to insufficient DNA evidence.

There is a growing concern among the general population that the explanation of what happened to the towers on Sept. 11 is glaringly insufficient. The shock of images of the towers collapsing is gradually being replaced by skepticism about how this event could have happened. For example, how could fire produced by jet fuel inside of the planes get hot enough to melt the steel inside the towers? Kevin Ryan, a site manager for a division of Underwriters Laboratories (the product compliance and testing company that certified the steel used in the World Trade Centers) was recently fired for voicing his concerns that while "experts" told us that the towers collapsed due to steel melting at 2000 degrees Fahrenheit, the World Trade Center steel was ASTM E119 certified, meaning it withstood temperatures of 2000 degrees Fahrenheit for several hours in testing. Evidence suggests that the weak and quick-burning fires in the World Trade Center only exposed the steel to 500 degrees Fahrenheit. If you are an endorser of FEMA's "Truss Theory," take into consideration that the report left out the presence of cross trusses, and the fact that the tower's inner cores were not stacked but a collection of columns. The core structure of the towers is inconsistent with the "zipper theory" which purports to explain the rapid demise of

the towers. Observational evidence that shows concrete (notably already turned to dust before hitting the ground) fell at the same speed as the actual building is even more disturbing, taking into account that this implies that the towers encountered an inexplicable absence of resistance as they collapsed straight down, along the path of most resistance.

This brings me back to the recent news story of the unidentified remains of victims. A New York City firefighter put it best when he said, "You sift through two 110-story office buildings, and you don't find a chair, you don't find a desk, you don't find anything." Is this consistent with a collapse brought on by the force of a plane hitting the towers? Why do we still get the story that Building Seven was leveled because of internal fires when so many other buildings have withstood more intense fires for so long? These few small observations are really just the tip of a massive iceberg being discovered by a surprisingly large part of the population genuinely confused and genuinely angry about the lack of legitimate inquiry into what really happened on Sept. 11. There is a movement occurring that is larger than a few cheesy flash videos. What I've quickly noted above in no way represents the main or even best arguments against the official explanation. I'd encourage anyone curious to check out www.911truth.org.

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OBSERVER POLL

Do awareness weeks really raise awareness on campus?



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness — only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate — only love can do that."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
civil rights activist

Why Europeans doubt Bush

It is difficult to gauge what is worse — bitter rivals or bosom buddies. Sometimes the actions of either group net identical results, almost as though they are one and the same. Such is the case with the relationship between European leaders and President George W. Bush. Europe is convinced that as best allies or worst enemies, Bush will not make serious efforts to include them during his second term.

Gary Caruso

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On Monday in Brussels, a seemingly insignificant series of small incidents spoke volumes on what type of arm's-length inclusiveness Bush plans for Europeans. As was usual during last year's American campaign appearances, the White House dictated the visual messages placed on the stage backdrops, the visual insignias on the podiums as well as the stage placement of podiums, chairs and flags. Bush set a tone that the U.S. was the eight-hundred pound elephant in the room and had no intention of changing.

In another effort to avoid difficult questions during the president's so-called campaign town hall meetings last year, the White House went to the extreme effort to hand-pick the entire audience for Bush's major speech. It was another sign that the next four years will not change much. Europeans loudly heard that while Bush speaks of improving relation-

ships abroad, he will absolutely not participate with those whom he most needs to engage, namely his policy opponents.

Most importantly, though, to better control the content and message that appeared in the United States, the White House insisted on two separate press offerings during Bush's photo opportunity opposite French President Chirac — the first for foreign press, followed by a session for American reporters. To further manipulate the subliminal visual message for the American audience, the White House dared to alter the stage between press sessions.

Initially, the stage held a blue and white backdrop with the words "Belgium Brussels" centered behind two chairs. Four flags adorned the stage. Two flags sat at each side of the backdrop about two feet apart behind each president so that both flags, one French and one American flag, appeared over the shoulder behind each president in television close-up shots. During the first foreign press session, European broadcasts and the CNN European web site clearly showed a French flag behind Bush.

However, at the following American session, White House staff moved the French flag behind Bush so that it was almost totally obscured in the framed close-up head shots broadcast in the United States. The blatant repositioning made the French flag's white and red portions appear to be just another

stripe within the American flag. The White House successfully portrayed "God Bless America and its freedom fries" back home.

Diplomacy is a vital element of world and American security. Yet Bush's handlers have successfully portrayed "Old Europe" as weak and out of step. This president continues to play to the testosterone element of American society by stubbornly refusing to mend harsh feelings and admit that Europe has value in the world. What harm would it have been for our president to proudly display a French and American flag behind him as a visual reassurance to the world that he truly does want harmony with our traditional allies?

While most Americans accept Bush's three changing excuses for invading Iraq — "weapons of mass destruction," "better to fight there than here" and "Saddam was bad and Iraq is better off now" — Europeans do not hold the same Texas definition of diplomacy. They wonder why, for example, the United States does not simply invade Cuba, just 90 miles from our coast, because "Castro is bad and Cuba would be better off."

Europeans know that Americans give their president a pass because of the World Trade Center attacks, yet French papers proclaimed that they were all Americans as well after the attack. They are upset that this week's visit exuded a tone that Europe should get over it, that Bush would do it

again without them again if he so desires. Diplomacy Texas style is rooted in the 2000 American election.

Like it or not, Bush took his 537-vote win in Florida as a mandate to govern without looking back. While some say the margin was only one vote, courtesy of the Supreme Court, the fact remains that Bush's handlers have charged forward as though they had a Nixon or Reagan landslide. Although Bush barely garnered 52 percent of the vote in 2004 with only one more state in his win column, his handlers march at their usual zeal.

It is ironic that most of Bush's agenda may not have succeeded if not for our sense of fear and revenge emanating from the attacks of Sept. 11. Americans have given Bush a blank check to fight terror, even in a benign Iraq over radical Iran or Syria. Europeans know that despite Bush's claim that differences regarding Iraq should be left in the past, they know Bush will proceed with or without them. That is the type of diplomacy Europe may cope with for now, but will continue to doubt.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Darfur — a call to action

After attending the Darfur symposium on Wednesday I was appalled by the atrocities that are being committed on a daily basis in Sudan. But what really angered me was the continued inaction on the part of the United States and the rest of the international community on this issue. President Bush spoke in his Inaugural Address about spreading freedom and liberty throughout the world.

If ever there was a time to give these words some concrete meaning, the time is now. The people of Darfur are becoming the victims of a systematic campaign of displacement, rape and murder by the Janjaweed militias that are supported by the Sudanese government. President Bush should be praised for labeling the atrocities in the Sudan as genocide, but because we refuse to act to put any kind of force behind our rhetoric, the genocide continues.

As a result of the continued inaction on the part of our government and the international community, we are allowing 10,000 Darfurians to be killed on a monthly basis. In this day and age after we have witnessed the horrors of Armenia, the

Holocaust and Rwanda, atrocities like this should be unacceptable. Despite the horrific events that have already occurred, there is still an opportunity for Americans to raise ourselves to the challenge and bring a peaceful settlement to the situation in the Sudan.

We must all speak out as Americans, as Catholics, as supporters of freedom and justice, as Republicans and as Democrats, as people of good will; we must speak with one voice and demand action on behalf of the Darfurians who are in dire need of our assistance.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



"GRAB A BRUSH, TONY, AND I'LL SHOW YOU HOW WE MEND FENCES IN AMERICA!"



The 77th Aca



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Kate Winslet, right, is unlikely to win an Academy Award. Jim Carrey was once again overlooked in nominations.



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Clint Eastwood is likely to win Best Director for his work on "Million Dollar Baby." Hillary Swank might also be lined up for an Oscar for Best Actress.



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Uma Thurman gave an excellent performance in "Kill Bill, Volume 2," but did not receive an Oscar nomination.

The 2005 Oscar race has been one of the closest in recent history. At first it seemed "The Aviator" was the clear front-runner. Since then, the tables have turned somewhat, as the dark horse candidate "Million Dollar Baby" has started to overpower the Miramax machine. I've gone back and forth several times in several categories despite going 37 for 39 last year, where nearly all of the winners were foregone conclusions. Expect this to be one of the most exciting and hotly debated Academy Awards in recent history

Brian Doxtader

Scene Columnist

Best Picture

What will win: "The Aviator"

Why it will win: Martin Scorsese's grand biopic of mogul Howard Hughes may not be the obvious frontrunner, but it will still likely win the Oscar for a variety of reasons. It won the Best Picture (Drama) Golden Globe and leads the Oscar pack with 11 nominations, which is often a good sign. No Scorsese film has ever been named Best Picture (this includes such past revered nominees as "Taxi Driver" and "Raging Bull"), so the Academy will take that into consideration. Finally, it has the overpowering Miramax machine

behind it, which is both a good thing and a bad thing, since it tends to smother Academy voters. It's possible that "Million Dollar Baby" will overcome its dark horse status and win over Oscar voters, but the last time that a true dark horse won was back in 1981, when the Oscar went to "Chariots of Fire." As for "Sideways," it's started to fall out of favor, with A.O. Scott from The New York Times declaring it the most overrated film of the year.

What should win: "Million Dollar Baby"

Why it should win: This was a really, really difficult call. On one hand, three of the five best picture nominees are phenomenal films ("Million Dollar Baby," "Sideways," "The Aviator"). On the other, none are quite so affecting and emotionally charged as "Million Dollar Baby." Eastwood has crafted a remarkable film that is nearly on par with his previous Best Picture winner, "Unforgiven." This

is probably the best picture of the nominees.

Best Director

Who will win: Clint Eastwood ("Million Dollar Baby")

Why he will win: In 1976, Martin Scorsese failed to receive a nomination for "Taxi Driver," his first Best Picture nominee. The Oscar that year went to John G. Avildsen, who won for "Rocky," written by first-time actor-turned-writer Sylvester Stallone. In 1980, Martin Scorsese received a nomination for "Raging Bull" and lost to first-time actor-turned-director Robert Redford for "Ordinary People." In 1990, Martin Scorsese received a nomination for "Goodfellas" and lost to first-time actor-turned-director Kevin Costner for "Dances with Wolves." It would only be fitting if Scorsese loses this year to actor-turned-director Clint Eastwood (who has previously won the directing award for "Unforgiven"). This is not to detract from the considerable talents of Eastwood, who directed "Million Dollar Baby" with a rare power and understatement almost completely missing in contemporary Hollywood. Besides which, the Academy tends to favor directors who work well with actors, and Eastwood evoked powerful performances from not only Hilary Swank and Morgan Freeman, but also delivered remarkably himself.

Who should win: Martin Scorsese ("The Aviator")

Why he should win: No Scorsese film has ever won the Best Picture Oscar. This includes such venerable American classics as "Taxi Driver," "Raging Bull" and "Goodfellas," all of which lost to inferior films. The director has proven his mettle time and time again

and continues to make solid movies to this day, even after his film school brat contemporaries (Lucas, Coppola, DePalma) have dipped into substandard filmmaking. This could and should be his year, and the Academy may try to reconcile retrospective injustice by awarding Scorsese the long-deserved Best Director award. Although his work on "The Aviator" is slightly more craftsman-like than in previous films, he remains a technical master and manages to bring an indelibility to "The Aviator," as he has with nearly all of his previous work.

Best Actor

Who will win: Jamie Foxx ("Ray")

Why he will win: If there is one thing the Academy loves more than actors playing real-life historical figures, it's actors playing characters with disabilities. Jamie Foxx has the best of both worlds here - not only does he play Ray Charles impeccably (down to the late great singer's quirks and blindness), but he also inhabits that Oscar-loved category of the comedic actor breaking into serious roles (Tom Hanks in "Philadelphia," Robin Williams in "Good Will Hunting"). Beyond even that, Foxx has been nominated in both the Best Actor and Best Supporting Actor award for two different roles (only the second actor to ever do so, after Al Pacino's 1992 double-nomination for "Scent of a Woman" and "Glengarry Glen Ross," respectively). Additionally, the surprise nomination of Ray in the Best Picture category will help bring more attention to Foxx's performance. This race is all but over.

Who should win: Leonardo DiCaprio ("The Aviator")

Why he should win: This was a surprise nomination, but a welcome one. DiCaprio doesn't look a thing like Howard Hughes, but he, like Jamie Foxx, gets to play a real-life figure with a disability. DiCaprio wisely concentrates on the roguish freewheeling spirit that made Hughes such a fascinating person. He is also a good actor, which he has proven in a variety of roles, from "What's Eating Gilbert Grape?" (for which he received a nomination) to "Catch Me If You Can." He may have finally overcome his "pretty boy" status, as Johnny Depp and Brad Pitt had to do, by carefully choosing roles. His performance in "The Aviator" finally solidifies the arrival of a new DiCaprio - DiCaprio the actor rather than DiCaprio the teen idol. While he will likely eventually win an award (as Johnny Depp will no doubt eventually win), it may come too late, as that notorious sympathy award rewarding actors for superior previous work (Al Pacino for "Scent of a Woman," Paul Newman for "The Color of Money," John Wayne for "True Grit"). Instead of going through all that trouble later, why not give him the award now, when he truly deserves it?

Best Actress

Who will win: Hilary Swank ("Million Dollar Baby")

Why she will win: Swank returns five years after her first Oscar win (for "Boys Don't Cry") with a true knockout performance. If there's one thing that Eastwood knows how to do, it's direct actors. Gene Hackman won the Oscar for "Unforgiven," Tim Robbins and Sean Penn both won Oscars for "Mystic River." But it's Swank herself who modulates her performance into one that is multi-layered and surprising - demonstrating a dramatic mettle the Academy will certainly notice. Plus, there is a certain irony here - the last time she was nominated was five years ago, when she beat Annette Bening (for American Beauty) in a two-horse race. Bening received a nomination this year for Being Julia, her first nomination since American Beauty.

Who should win: Kate Winslet (Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind)

Why she should win: Eternal Sunshine may be the most woefully under-appreciated film of the year, but the Academy wasn't foolish enough to bypass Winslet's pitch-perfect performance. In the nine years since her first nomination (for Ang Lee's Sense and Sensibility), she has consistently proven her dramatic worth. That being said, this is hands-down her best performance. Winslet inhabits Clementine beautifully, balancing quirkiness with sensitivity and a touch of graceful pathos. While she likely won't win this year, it really is a shame, because her portrayal may be the most memorable performance of the year.

Best Supporting Actor

Who will win: Thomas Haden Church (Sideways)

Why he will win: This is a really tough field to call. All of these actors gave solid performances and no single actor sticks out. That being said, Giamatti's Best

Academy Awards



actor snub may be rectified by a win for Church despite the fact that the duo's characters are so closely linked. The Academy may not take that into consideration, to the point that it reveals a noticeable imbalance — Church may win while Giamatti fails to even get nominated.

Who should win: Morgan Freeman (Million Dollar Baby)

Why he should win: Freeman hasn't won yet, despite nods for Driving Miss Daisy and The Shawshank Redemption. He is still one of the most respectable and consistent actors in Hollywood, so an Oscar is well deserved. This may not be Freeman's best performance (that honor still likely goes to Shawshank), but it comes pretty close, so a win would garner no complaints. No other actor truly stands out in this field as more deserving than Freeman (other than Church, who will likely win): Clive Owen is still young (although his time will come), Jamie Foxx will likely not win two Oscars in the same year and Alan Alda's nomination was a surprise, which makes a win for him extremely unlikely. Freeman deserves the Academy Award this year and could quite possibly win it. It is a pretty even race between Church and Freeman.

Best Supporting Actress

Who will win: Virginia Madsen (Sideways)

Why she will win: At first it seemed as if Cate Blanchett was the obvious frontrunner in this field, but since then, Virginia Madsen has emerged as the favorite. Her wonderfully charismatic performance in Sideways is most notable for a wonderful mid-film monologue that may be one of the most memorable in recent history. It's a good possibility that Madsen will win, but it is a close field. Don't expect surprise nominee Natalie Portman to win, however, for a variety of reasons. Not only is she still very young, but the Academy probably still has painful memories of Star Wars: Episode II (which would stave off the potential embarrassment of awarding her now and then witnessing an equally wooden performance in the upcoming Star Wars: Episode III, due in May).

Who should win: Cate Blanchett (The Aviator)

Why she should win: Here's some irony. Cate Blanchett could win her first Oscar for playing the most-nominated and winningest actress of all time. Blanchett catches the details of Katharine Hepburn's idiosyncrasies, and her greatest triumph is her uncanny mimesis of the late great actress's vocal inflections, neatly covering up the fact that they don't look very much alike. She brings depth to the role and carries her scenes with magnetic aplomb (nearly stealing the film away from DiCaprio). With her second nomination and three across-the-board excellent performances this year (Jim Jarmusch's Coffee and Cigarettes, Wes Anderson's The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou, and Martin Scorsese's The Aviator), Blanchett has proven her versatility and screen presence. There were some very good performances this year, but the award should go to Blanchett, not only for The Aviator, but for the other films she made in 2004.

Best Original Screenplay

Who will win: John Logan (The Aviator)

Why he will win: Despite the controversy surrounding Logan and his supposed re-appropriation of other sources, he will likely still emerge with the Oscar because of The Aviator's overall strength as a film. His script is balanced, though the dialogue is surprisingly less memorable than in other Scorsese films. Despite this caveat, The Aviator still has a strong screenplay, even if it isn't as strong as other aspects of the film.

Who should win: Charlie Kaufman, Michel Gondry, and Pierre Bismuth (Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind)

Why they should win: This is the best screenplay of the year — it is witty, funny, sad, romantic and emotional without being overly sentimental. The screenplay is a true triumph in ingenuity and the sort of postmodern romance story that tends to polarize its audience. The best screenplay award has somehow eluded Kaufman, whose previous work (Being John Malkovich, Adaptation) was some of the best, most clever stuff written since Pulp Fiction. While this screenplay certainly has a chance of winning, Academy voters first have to overlook The Aviator as well as Eternal Sunshine's own general quirkiness. This is a genuine, beautifully written screenplay.

Best Adapted Screenplay

Who will win: Alexander Payne and Jim Taylor (Sideways)

Why they will win: One of the best-reviewed films of the year succeeded on two main elements: the performances and the script. Payne's road-trip/buddy-movie transcends its origins precisely because the script is so well written. The Academy will not overlook this film, especially if it fails to win the Best Picture — the Best Screenplay award will be something of a runner-up prize for Sideways.

Who should win: Richard Linklater, Ethan Hawke, Julie Delpy and Kim Krizan (Before Sunset)

Why they should win: This is a beautifully written film (by the director and the two stars from characters created by Linklater and Kim Krizan) and one of the best screenplays of the year. As a philosophically tinged examination of love and relationships, Before Sunset is the kind of sensitively written, minimalist film that draws the viewer into the lives of its characters. The dialogue flows easily between the two characters as a kind of naturalistic duet that forms a framework into which the bigger themes of the film are woven. It is likely it won't beat Sideways, but it probably deserves to — Linklater, Hawke and Delpy have written a wonderful script.

Oscar Oversights

It was inevitable that there would be some oversight in the nominations, as happens every year. This year's nominations are even more glaring than usual, as entire films were completely (or nearly completely) overlooked. Some notable sins of omission:

◆Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind was overlooked in several categories, including Best Picture, Best Director (Michel Gondry) and Best Actor (Jim Carrey, who still has never received an Oscar nomination).

◆The Passion of the Christ and Fahrenheit 9/11, both strongly ideological and controversial films, received no major nominations. Michael Moore's lobbying for a Best Picture nomination (and thus sacrificing Best Documentary eligibility) backfired, while Mel Gibson's general disinterest in the Oscars (he's already won Best Picture and Best Director for Braveheart) and Hollywood's negative reception to the film likely hurt its chances.

◆Paul Giamatti, once thought to be a possible frontrunner in the Best Actor race, was not even nominated for Sideways.

◆Julie Delpy was woefully overlooked for her performance in Before Sunset.

◆The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou, Wes Anderson's quirky film starring Bill Murray, failed to receive any nominations.

◆The Motorcycle Diaries did not receive a Best Foreign Language Film nomination.

◆Mark Wahlberg was overlooked for his quirky role in I Heart Huckabees.

◆Zach Braff's debut Garden State (which he wrote, directed and starred in) received no nominations. The most notable oversight was in the Best Original Screenplay category.

◆Liam Neeson was not nominated for Kinsey.

◆Jude Law received no nominations, despite acting in six films this year.

◆Kill Bill Volume 2 received no nominations, possibly due to the confusion over the film's split into two parts, one released in 2003 and one released in early 2004. This film had potential to be nominated in several categories, including Best Picture, Best Director (Quentin Tarantino), Best Actress (Uma Thurman), Best Actor (David Carradine) and Best Original Screenplay (Quentin Tarantino).

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The quirky "I Heart Huckabees" failed to garner any nominations, despite an excellent performance by Mark Wahlberg.



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Cate Blanchett may lose the award for Best Supporting Actress to Virginia Madsen, despite her excellent portrayal of Katherine Hepburn in "The Aviator."



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Unlike his counterpart Thomas Haden Church, Paul Giamatti did not receive a nomination for his performance in "Sideways."

MLB

Chicago's Iguchi adjusting to the major leagues

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Tadahito Iguchi's body clock is a bit out of whack, so when he hit a home run on his second day of spring training, it was a rather remarkable accomplishment.

Yeah, sure it was just batting practice, but he's still trying to shake off jet lag after arriving at the Chicago White Sox spring camp two days ago.

"Not bad for 3 o'clock in the morning," White Sox general manager Ken Williams said Thursday.

"Yesterday was a little strange. I didn't sleep well," Iguchi said through an interpreter.

Iguchi's homer off veteran reliever Cliff Politte will surely be big news back home where there is a 15-hour time difference.

His every move is being monitored by about two dozen Japanese journalists and cameramen. Every ground ball he fields in practice is charted. He has his own news conference in a yard next to the complex.

His presence caused a much bigger stir than a year ago when Japanese saves leader Shingo Takatsu joined the White Sox.

Iguchi, signed to play second base, will make \$2.3 million this year and \$2.4 million in 2006. Chicago has a \$3.25 million option for 2007 with a \$250,000 buyout.

Now he's working to adjust to just about everything. He had visited the United States about 10 times previously, including a trip to the 1996 Olympics where Japan won the silver medal in baseball.

"Coming straight to the big leagues from Japan is different. I grew up in this game and went through every level," White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen said.

"Today it is tougher. I don't think it's because of the language and the culture, but because they are in the spotlight right away," he said. "When you come from Japan and come straight to the big league level, you have something to prove. I think Shingo last year did a tremendous job and I'm expect-

ing the same with Iguchi."

Iguchi, 30, batted .333 with 24 homers and 89 RBIs last season. He's won two stolen base titles, three Gold Glove awards and been an All-Star four times.

In his eight-year Japanese career with the Fukuoka Daiei Hawks, Iguchi hit 149 homers and stole 159 bases to go with a .271 average.

"Fortunate," he said of his homer off Politte. "Not really surprising, but I'm not a home run hitter. I just need to get hits."

Takatsu struggled in spring training a year ago (6.75 ERA) but finally got untracked and then took the closer's job in mid-June.

He was 6-4 with a 2.31 ERA in 19 saves and became such a popular figure at U.S. Cellular Field that the White Sox started playing a gong over the public address system when he was called into a game.

Iguchi, expected to dislodge Willie Harris at second base, noted that major league pitching seems to have more movement than he's used to.



White Sox second baseman Tadahito Iguchi takes ground balls during spring training infield practice in Tucson, Ariz. AP

MLB

Palmeiro may sue Canseco for steroid use accusations



Oriole Rafael Palmeiro plays catch during spring training. The Baltimore slugger is considering suing Jose Canseco. AP

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The Baltimore Orioles' Rafael Palmeiro is leaving open the possibility of filing a lawsuit against Jose Canseco, who said he introduced the first baseman to steroids in 1992 when both players were with the Texas Rangers.

Canseco cited Palmeiro as a steroid user in his new book. In an interview on the CBS television show "60 Minutes," Canseco said he injected the drug into Palmeiro.

Palmeiro issued a statement last month in which he denied he ever used steroids, and he emphatically backed up that assertion Thursday after his first practice of spring training. Palmeiro also said he's considered hiring the law firm of Orioles owner Peter Angelos to take legal action against Canseco.

"The one thing I can say is I

have the best law firm and the best lawyer standing in the wings in Peter Angelos," he said. "I have options available for me. He stands behind me and he's ready. I will look at all my options and I'll decide."

Palmeiro, 40, ranks among the greatest hitters in baseball history. The four-time All-Star has 551 career homers, 2,922 hits and a .289 batting average.

He would prefer to focus on preparing for his 20th big league season, but the topic kept swinging back to steroids during an impromptu interview session in the Baltimore dugout at Fort Lauderdale Stadium.

"I can't worry about those things. Along the way, there's always going to be someone saying something about you, whether it's true or not. You just go on," Palmeiro said. "My job right now is to get ready for baseball. My mind has to be here."

Orioles manager Lee Mazzilli told Palmeiro that he has the full support of the team.

"It's totally unfair because it's always hearsay," Mazzilli said. "I think in this country you're innocent until proven guilty. They don't have to defend themselves. If you feel good about yourself, you shouldn't worry about what people say."

Palmeiro is at a loss in trying to figure out why Canseco chose to include him as one of several players that used steroids.

"He and I grew up playing ball together in the Miami area, but we never did anything together other than play on the same team," Palmeiro said. "We went our separate ways after high school and I never saw him again until he was in the big leagues and I was in the minors. He and I have never been close friends or anything. We were teammates, but that's about it."

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Anderson leads Michigan St. past Wisconsin

Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Alan Anderson got choked up — and it had nothing to do with earning a spot in Michigan State's record books.

Anderson didn't miss and scored a career-high 28 to lead the 10th-ranked Spartans to a 77-64 win over No. 20 Wisconsin on Thursday.

He was 10-of-10 from the field and 7-of-7 from the line, becoming the fourth Michigan State player to take at least 10 shots without missing.

But the senior forward paused and stammered as he spoke after the game because the Spartans snapped a 12-game losing streak against ranked opponents and a six-game skid against Wisconsin.

"It was our last chance against those guys," Anderson said. "This one was big, man. They took our home-winning streak from us. They took a couple of championships, too. That's why we were so emotional."

The Spartans (20-4, 11-2 Big Ten) have won 10 of 11 since losing to the Badgers on Jan. 16, winning their last nine by double digits.

Those lopsided victories didn't quiet their critics because of the streak against ranked opponents since the regional finals of the 2003 NCAA tournament.

"I don't think I could be happier for our players," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. "This has been hard on them. It wasn't like they conquered the world, but we beat a good team soundly."

Wisconsin's Alando Tucker had 18 points, Mike Wilkinson scored 16 points and reserve Zach Morley added 11.

The Badgers (17-7, 8-5) have lost three of five, allowing Indiana to pull into a third-place tie in the Big Ten standings.

"We don't like to say it happens at Wisconsin, but they outworked us," Tucker said.

The Spartans beat Wisconsin for the first time since Feb. 27, 2001 — thanks to Anderson.

Anderson, whose previous career high was 18 points, scored 11 straight points early in the first half. His one-man spurt gave Michigan State an 11-point lead, which it maintained easily.

"He did a great job of penetrating and taking care of business around the basket," Wisconsin coach Bo Ryan said. "You name it, he did it."

Anderson matched a field-goal percentage mark at Michigan State with three other players. Ron Charles made all 12 of his shots in a game in 1980 while Carlton Valentine ('86) and Bob Chapman ('77) both went 11-for-11.

"I don't think I missed a shot in warmups," Anderson said. "I said, 'Man, this feels good.'"

Paul Davis had 13 points and 11 rebounds for the Spartans while Shannon Brown and Maurice Ager each had 11.

Anderson gave the Spartans a big cushion by himself a couple minutes into the game.

He scored all Michigan State's points during an 11-2 run, which gave the Spartans a 15-4

lead with 13:53 left in the first half.

"He got hot early and hit all the big shots," Tucker said.

Michigan State led by as much as 14 before halftime and didn't let the Badgers get closer than eight after Anderson's scoring barrage. Anderson scored 15 points in the first half to help Michigan State take a 33-25 lead.

It didn't take long for the Spartans to earn a comfortable lead again. Offensive rebounds led to seven of their first eight points in the second half, giving them a 41-27 lead with 17:55 left.

"Those [offensive rebounds] reminded me a little bit of our teams in the past," Izzo said. "Those are backbreakers."

The Badgers didn't pull within single digits again until there was just over a minute left.

No. 24 Cincinnati 80 Marquette 68

With Marquette missing its best player, all No. 24 Cincinnati had to do was let its two formidable power forwards take over the game.

Eric Hicks and Jason Maxiell were up to it again.

Hicks scored 17 points and Maxiell added 14 on Thursday, leading the Bearcats to a win in Marquette's first game without leading scorer Travis Diener, lost for the season with a broken hand.

Cincinnati (21-6, 9-4 Conference USA) got up by 28 points in the second half before coasting, one of the Bearcats' worst habits. Marquette hit some late 3s, cutting the lead to seven points in the final minute against Cincinnati's reserves.

"We get passive," coach Bob Huggins said. "We come out and play really, really hard, then get a lead and get passive."

We get comfortable, and it's hard to play this game comfortable."

Marquette (18-9, 6-8) had trouble finding shots without Diener running the show. Cincinnati is No. 2 in the nation in forcing opponents to miss, holding them to 36.8 percent — exactly what Marquette shot.

Diener, one of the nation's top point guards, led the conference in scoring (19.7 points per game) and assists (7 per game) when he broke his hand Tuesday during practice. He had surgery and will miss the rest of his senior season.

Steve Novak led Marquette with 25 points, going 7-of-12 from behind the 3-point arc. Sophomore guard Dameon Mason took Diener's spot in the lineup and had 17.

Diener was upbeat and smiling as he walked around the court during pregame warmups, slapping hands with teammates as they stretched on the floor. Huggins spotted Diener, walked over to him, shook his hand and warmly wrapped an arm around his shoulders.

Huggins said something that made both of them laugh, then pumped his hand again before walking away to attend to his team.

Then, the Golden Eagles found out just how much they're going to miss Diener.

Marquette had won three of

its last five games, showing signs of stabilizing. Without Diener, the Golden Eagles looked lost on offense. They couldn't get into a flow without the school's career 3-point leader on the floor.

"When they called plays, I know a lot of people weren't in the right spots," Hicks said. "There was confusion at times. I could tell they missed not having Diener out there."

Coach Tom Crean called a 30-second timeout after Cincinnati surged ahead 13-4 in the opening minutes. Diener walked pensively around the perimeter of the huddle, and a fan in the Cincinnati student section held up a sign that read: "No Diener No Chance."

Crean thought his team missed Diener's leadership at the outset.

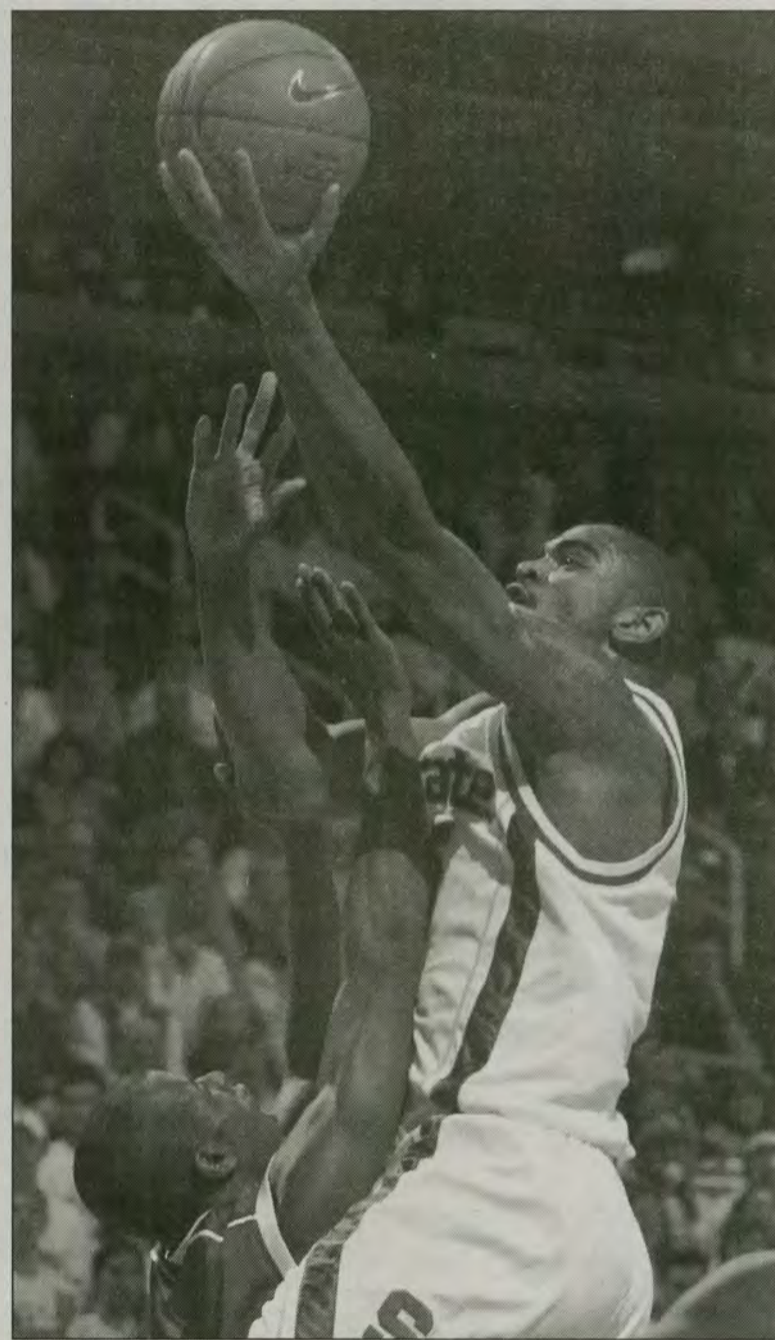
"Probably, but that's not an excuse," Crean said. "We've got to learn to deal with it. We figured it out in the second half."

Cincinnati got open 3s over Marquette's zone, packed in to try to contain Maxiell and Hicks. Nick Williams made three of his first four shots from behind the arc, putting the Bearcats in control early. Williams finished with 16 points.

Freshman walk-on guard Ryan Patzwald made a three and a jumper during an eight-point spurt, and Hicks made a turnaround jumper and three-point play that put the Bearcats up 38-21 at halftime.

Marquette had only two assists in the first half, underscoring how much it missed Diener.

Hicks and Maxiell scored Cincinnati's first 10 points in the second half.



Michigan State's Alan Anderson, right, puts up a shot over Wisconsin's Sharif Chambliss during the first half Thursday.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Horns, Hawks loom on horizon



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Lauren Connelly unleashes a serve during Notre Dame's 4-3 loss to North Carolina Feb. 20 at the Eck Tennis Pavillion.

this season at 6-0 with a conference record of 4-0. Last weekend, Texas took on Nebraska and Oklahoma State in a double header. The Longhorns were flawless in their matches, upending both teams 7-0.

The Hawkeyes look to be a tough chore as well. Although Notre Dame won last year 6-1, Iowa has fortified its roster since then, boasting rankings in both singles and doubles. Hillary Mintz is ranked at No. 78 singles and also at No. 59 doubles with teammate Meg Racette.

Mintz and Racette each played an integral role in the team's 7-0 victories over Marquette and Bowling Green last weekend. Louderback expects the team will be just as competitive this weekend.

"They kind of had a slow start, but they've been playing real well in the last few meets," Louderback said. "They're very talented just like all of the teams on our schedule. We don't really have any off meets."

Louderback added their rigorous and demanding schedule is what will propel them to a strong finish towards the end of the season when they face especially tough competition in the NCAA championships.

"We've already got a solid doubles team," Louderback said. "And now we're focusing on singles. I think the more chances our kids have competing this season, the stronger our singles will become."

The Irish will take the courts against Texas on Saturday at 12 p.m. and against Iowa on Sunday at 9 a.m.

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By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

The No. 20 Irish are looking to redeem themselves after two heartbreaking losses to No. 5 Duke and No. 9 North Carolina.

Notre Dame (4-4) nearly pulled off a pair of upsets last weekend, winning the doubles points and holding early advantages but ultimately falling 4-3 to both teams. This weekend, coach Jay Louderback hopes the results will be just the opposite as the Irish take on No. 13 Texas (6-0) on Saturday and No. 57 Iowa (4-2) on Sunday.

"Last weekend, we just had trouble finishing our matches," Louderback said. "We can't let them get into third sets like we

did against Duke and North Carolina. This weekend is another opportunity for us to compete against a top team."

Texas looks to be the most challenging opponent the Irish will face this weekend. Last year, Texas defeated Notre Dame 5-2, winning two of the three doubles matches and four of the singles matches. The team returns many of its top players, including No. 80 Kendra Strohm and the No. 26 doubles duo of Katie Buckert and Strohm.

Freshman Courtney Zauft, ranked 97th in the nation, also joined the already impressive lineup.

This year's match looks to be equally tough.

Texas remains undefeated

FENCING

Fencers pointing to national meet

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

Consider this weekend's event a transition tournament. Notre Dame, who is No. 2 in the women's poll and No. 4 in the men's, will play host to the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships. The tournament, though a postseason event, has no relevance to the NCAA finals or regionals, the latter of which are next weekend.

"It's our first tryout for NCAAs, but the Conference [tournament] is not the place to qualify," head coach Janusz Bednarski said.

With that in mind, the Irish are still approaching the event with the same goal as always — winning.

"It's a prestigious event, and we want to be champion," Bednarski said.

The Irish men will be led by senior epeeist Michal Sobieraj, who is still hunting for his first NCAA title. Sobieraj currently owns the men's single season record for wins, with 65 this year.

"He's one of the most talented fencers on our team," Bednarski said.

The women will be led by their two defending NCAA champions, sophomore sabre Valerie Providenza and defending three-time foil champion Alicja Kryczalo. Freshman Mariel Zagunis, the 2004 Olympic gold medalist, has also

had a strong season and looks to continue that success this weekend.

The tournament marks Notre Dame's return to action after a two week layoff. In that time, the team has spent practice time focusing on fundamentals and technique.

"We have returned to practice to improve tactical elements that they lost during the bouting season," Bednarski said.

Bednarski was happy that his team got some time to prepare itself for the final push for a championship that begins in part this weekend.

"The two weeks were very helpful for us," he said, "they gave us practice before regionals."

Before the off stretch, the Irish had competed for four consecutive weekends in dual meets where they saw at least one top-10 team, including No. 1 Ohio State in consecutive weekends. Perhaps the most important part of this weekend's event is that they will once again face Ohio State before the NCAA tournament begins.

"We have the opportunity to fence against the strongest team in our region before regionals," Bednarski said. "It's the end of the season, and we need to check how we stand on both sides [men's and women's]."

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ND SOFTBALL

Balmy Palm Springs awaits softball team

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

A week after flying out to California only to see rain cancel four of the five games they were scheduled to play, the Irish are hoping for a little more cooperation from nature this time around.

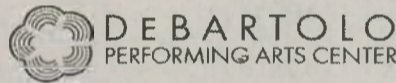
Notre Dame (4-2) is scheduled to play in the Palm Springs Classic in Palm Springs, Calif., this weekend in the team's third straight road tournament. The Irish

expect to face a wide variety of opponents, including three ranked teams.

The team's 12-1 loss to Pacific was the worst loss for the Irish last season, but Notre Dame will have a chance for redemption this Saturday when they take on the No. 20 Tigers.

The Irish open with two games on Friday — against Loyola-Marymount and then a battle with No. 4 UCLA.

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Connecticut	10-3	18-6
Syracuse	10-4	23-5
Pittsburgh	8-5	18-6
Villanova	8-5	18-6
Georgetown	8-5	16-8
NOTRE DAME	8-6	16-8
West Virginia	7-7	17-8
Seton Hall	3-10	11-13
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Providence	2-11	12-15
Rutgers	2-11	9-15

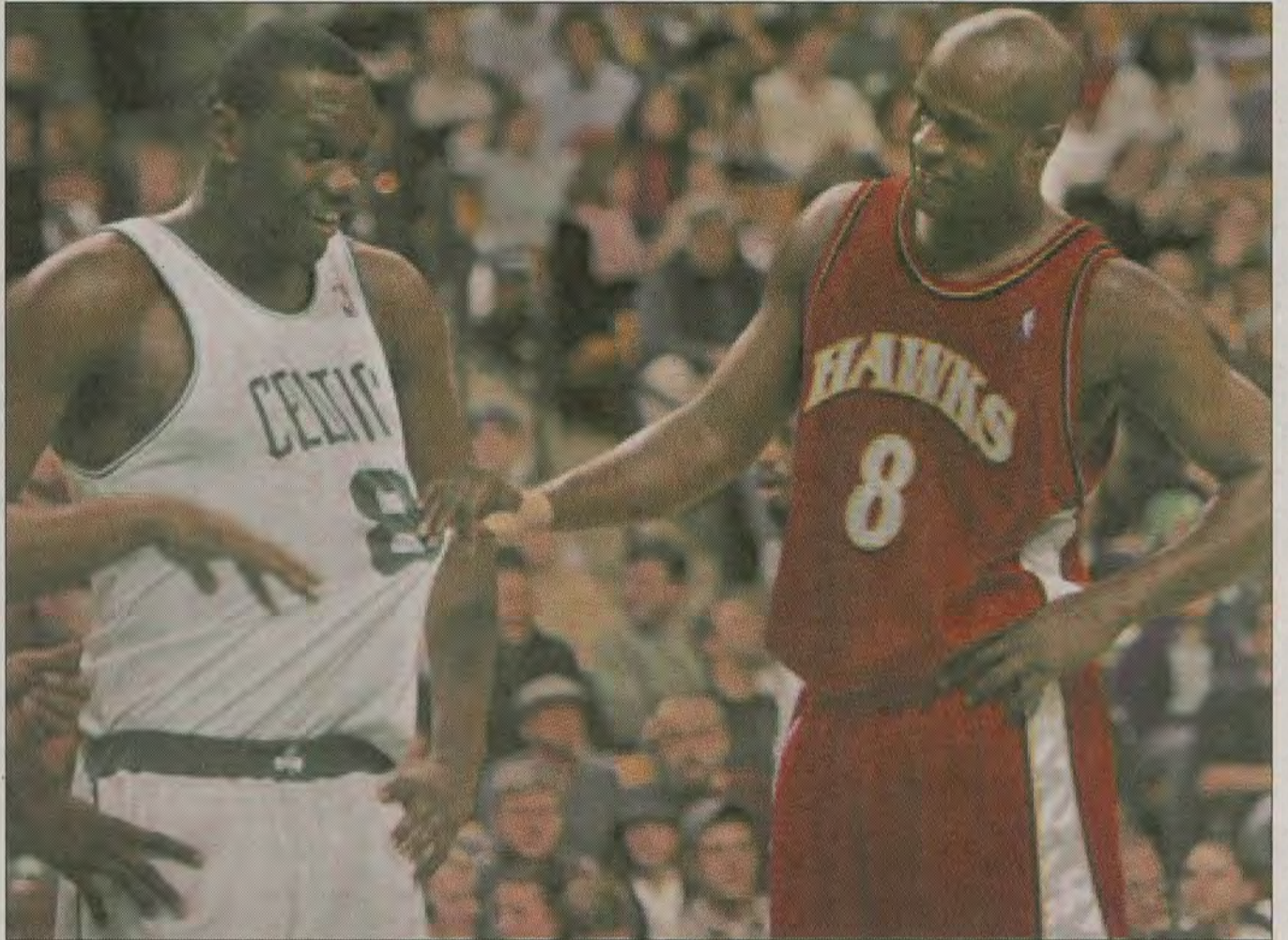
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team	conf.	overall
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Connecticut	12-2	19-6
NOTRE DAME	11-3	23-4
Villanova	10-4	17-8
Boston College	8-6	17-8
West Virginia	7-7	16-9
St. John's	6-8	17-8
Seton Hall	6-8	14-11
Georgetown	5-9	10-15
Pittsburgh	4-10	12-13
Syracuse	3-11	11-14
Providence	0-14	1-24

Baseball America College Top 25

	team	record	last week
1	Tulane	7-0	4-0
2	Louisiana State	7-0	5-0
3	Texas	11-0	4-0
4	Cal State-Fullerton	5-1	1-0
5	South Carolina	6-0	3-0
6	Georgia	3-0	3-0
7	Miami	8-2	1-2
8	Baylor	5-2	2-2
9	Arizona	9-1	3-1
10	North Carolina	4-0	4-0
11	Texas A&M	5-2	4-0
12	Florida	5-2	3-1
13	Stanford	7-5	0-3
14	Rice	7-1	4-0
15	Mississippi	3-1	3-1
16	Vanderbilt	2-0	2-0
17	Georgia Tech	5-1	3-0
18	UC Irvine	6-2	1-1
19	Washington	1-4	1-1
20	NOTRE DAME	3-1	3-1
21	Winthrop	8-1	4-1
22	Southern California	4-0	1-0
23	Florida State	11-1	3-0
24	Texas Christian	5-2	2-2
25	Oral Roberts	4-2	1-2

NBA



Antoine Walker, right, jokingly admires his former jersey with Celtics rookie Al Jefferson. Walker will wear that jersey again, as he was traded back to Boston Thursday in a deal that involved Gary Payton.

Deadline reached with deals

Associated Press

The weakest division in the NBA suddenly looks a little stronger, with Antoine Walker back on the Celtics and Chris Webber in Philadelphia.

The NBA trade deadline came and went Thursday with a total of 11 deals involving 35 players being agreed to in the final 24 hours before the cutoff.

Baron Davis was traded from New Orleans to Golden State for Speedy Claxton and Dale Davis, Keith Van Horn went from Milwaukee to Dallas for Calvin Booth and Alan Henderson, and Houston acquired several veterans

to add to the league's oldest roster.

Walker went to Boston in a four-player trade, with Gary Payton, Michael Stewart, Tom Gugliotta and a No. 1 pick going to Atlanta.

Rodney Rogers and injured forward Jamal Mashburn were dealt from New Orleans to Philadelphia for Glenn Robinson, who has not played this season. It was the second trade in a span of less than 24 hours by 76ers general manager Billy King, who pulled off a blockbuster Wednesday night by acquiring Webber from the Sacramento

Kings for forwards Corliss Williamson, Brian Skinner and Kenny Thomas.

In other deals:

◆ San Antonio acquired center Nazr Mohammed and guard Jamison Brewer from New York for forward Malik Rose and two future No. 1 draft picks

◆ Cleveland acquired guard Jiri Welsch from Boston for a future No. 1 pick.

◆ New York acquired forward Maurice Taylor from Houston for guard Moochie Norris, forward Vin Baker and a second-round draft pick.

◆ Houston got guard Mike

James and center Zendon Hamilton from Milwaukee for guard Reece Gaines and two future second-round picks.

◆ Golden State sent center Eduardo Najera to Denver, guard Luis Flores and a No. 1 pick to Denver for forward Nikoloz Tskitishvili and guard Rodney White.

◆ Charlotte dealt veteran Steve Smith to Miami for forward Malik Allen.

Webber was on the telephone with former Michigan teammate Jalen Rose when Webber received a call from Kings coach Rick Adelman to inform him of the trade.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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IN BRIEF

Woods coasts in match play championship

CARLSBAD, Calif. — Two-time defending champion Tiger Woods won his 13th consecutive match at the rain-soaked Match Play Championship on Thursday.

Woods coasted to a 4-and-3 victory over Nick Price, as nine of the top 10 seeds advanced to the second round.

Top-seeded Vijay Singh beat Shingo Katayama 4 and 3, Phil Mickelson led by as many as four holes before dispatching short-hitting Loren Roberts 3 and 1, and Retief Goosen went the distance with Stephen Leaney, winning 1-up.

Fifth-seeded Mike Weir was the only loser among the top 10, falling to Kirk Triplett 1-up.

Sergio Garcia, the No. 6 seed, easily beat Alex Cejka 4 and 2, but the remaining top 10 needed at least 18 holes to win. Seventh-ranked Pdraig Harrington edged Jeff Maggert 1-up, and No. 9 Davis Love III beat Chris Riley by the same score.

Cubs, Sosa, at odds

MESA, Nev. — Chicago Cubs manager Dusty Baker and some of his players are disputing some comments Sammy Sosa made when he reported to the Baltimore Orioles' camp.

At a news conference Wednesday, Sosa was asked about comments by Cubs players who said he and the team were better off following the Feb. 2 trade. Sosa apparently interpreted that as the Cubs saying they didn't need him anymore.

"They lie," Sosa was quoted as saying in several newspapers.

The Cubs insisted Thursday that's not what they said or meant.

"Did I say that?" asked Cubs pitcher Kerry Wood. "I never did say it, so apparently somebody else lies. Not him. I'm not talking about him. I never said we were better without Sammy. I said I think both teams got better in the offseason not because we got rid of Sammy but because of some other moves we made. I don't

have to justify myself. The comments I made, none of them were directed at Sammy. I did nothing but wish Sammy the best of luck, and I'll continue to wish Sammy the best of luck."

Gagne sprains ligament

VERO BEACH, Fla. — Los Angeles Dodgers closer Eric Gagne sprained a ligament in his left knee Thursday during the team's first full-squad workout of spring training, and will undergo an MRI exam.

Gagne didn't seem particularly concerned, but trainer Stan Johnston said the 29-year-old right-hander probably will have his activity limited for about a week. Johnston said the injury needs about six weeks to fully heal.

"Any time you hurt something, it's usually going to take that long," Johnston said. "We want to do a precautionary MRI to see what the damage is. It was hard to examine him because he was apprehensive at times."

ND WOMEN'S TRACK

Irish runners to rest this weekend

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's track team will enjoy a well deserved bye this weekend, just six days after finishing second at the Big East Indoor Championships.

The Irish were scheduled to travel to Boston to compete in the USATF Championships, a national championship-caliber event featuring several profes-

sional athletes. Instead, Notre Dame has chosen to keep all their athletes home to rest. Coach Tim Connelly explained the logic behind the decision.

"The girls competed real hard last week. The competition was intense, and it was a very long week — we left Wednesday night and didn't get back until Monday morning," Connelly said. "After a week like that, we need some time off to get everyone rested for NCAA's and let people catch up on work."

Connelly was pleased with his team's performance last week at the conference meet. Knowing that Pittsburgh was the prohibitive favorite, the Irish came closer to the Panthers than Connelly figured they would. Junior Stephanie Madia's performance drew special recognition from Connelly.

"She [Madia] ran a great meet, running second in the mile and the 3,000, and running strong in two relays," he said. "To run four races at that level was incredible."

The only negative Connelly drew from the Big East meet was junior All-American Molly Huddle's foot injury. Huddle, running in her first meet of the season because of a foot injury she sustained in cross country, suffered an injury on a different bone in her foot. The injury is blamed on running before the previous ailment was healed, Connelly said, lamenting the decision to run Huddle last weekend.

"It simply wasn't worth it," he said. "This will be a longer recovery period because we will be sure not to rush her back from this injury."

The Irish will run next in the Alex Wilson Invitational at Loftus Center starting a week from today, which will be the final meet before the NCAA championships.

"We'll be running kids that are close to provisional times, and other athletes who have provisional times, but will be looking to move up in the rankings to assure themselves a spot in the small but competitive NCAA field," he said.



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

A member of the Irish 4x400 meter relay team runs during the finals of the Meyo Invitational Feb. 5.

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MLB

No pain in ankle for Red Sox ace



AP

Red Sox pitchers David Wells, left, and Curt Schilling share a laugh during spring training Thursday.

Associated Press

FORT MEYERS, Fla. — Curt Schilling's manager was encouraged, but the perfectionist pitcher was less than thrilled Thursday after throwing off a mound for the first time since winning Game 2 of the World Series.

Sixteen days after beating St. Louis, the Boston Red Sox pitcher had ankle surgery.

"This was a day when I didn't feel as good as I wanted to feel," Schilling said after his 47-pitch, 16-minute workout at Fort Myers, Fla. "My ankle didn't hurt, so I guess that's a positive for people other than me."

Pitching opening day against the New York Yankees on April 3 — probably against former Arizona teammate Randy Johnson — remains a possibility, and Schilling's competitive nature is driving him toward that.

But he wants to make sure he's healthy at a much more

important time.

"I think he looked terrific," manager Terry Francona said. "He wants to be dotting every corner right now and throwing splits, and that's just not going to happen."

Schilling's 21-6 record and 3.26 ERA in his first season with Boston boosted the Red Sox into the playoffs, where his bloody sock became the symbol of his determination to do whatever he could to help them win the World Series for the first time in 86 years.

He had one of the worst outings of his career in the first game of the AL championship series, allowing six runs in three innings of a 10-7 loss to the Yankees.

Before his next start, a tendon that had been slipping out of place was stitched to his skin.

With blood seeping through the sutures, Schilling allowed one run in seven innings during Boston's 4-2 win.

"I didn't feel as good as I wanted to feel."

**Curt Schilling
Boston pitcher**

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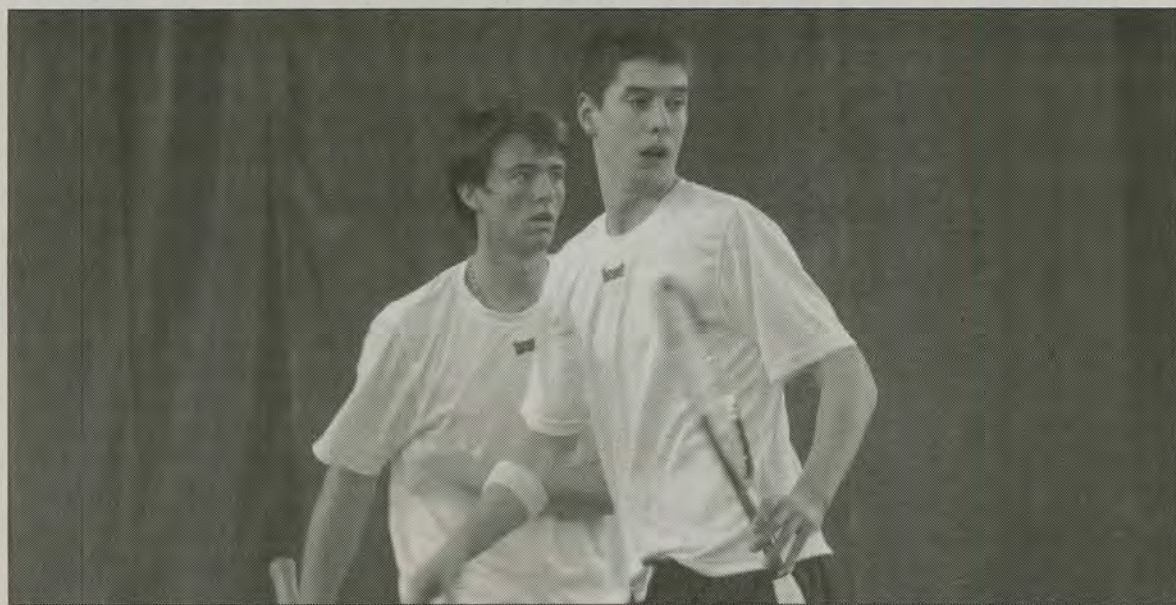


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MEN'S TENNIS

Cavaliers pose challenge for Irish



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Brent D'Amico and Ryan Keckley, right, look on during a 5-2 Irish victory over North Carolina Jan. 29 at the Eck Tennis Pavillion. No. 24 Notre Dame will play at No. 2 Virginia Sunday.

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Sports Writer

When facing the No. 2 team in the nation on the road, any extra edge is always welcome. Luckily for the Notre Dame men's tennis team, Irish coach Bobby Bayliss knows the lay of the land on this road trip.

No. 24 Notre Dame (10-2) will head to Richmond, Va. and take on No. 2 Virginia (8-1) on Sunday. Originally scheduled in Charlottesville, the match has been moved to the Country Club of Virginia — where Bayliss, who hails from Richmond, worked as the assistant tennis pro while in graduate school.

"It's a big challenge but it's a great opportunity," Bayliss said. "It's going to be fun to play in front of a vocal and knowledgeable crowd at the Country Club. There're a great number of UVA alums who live in Richmond as well as some Notre Dame alums, so I think we'll have a good following."

Notre Dame is coming off a 4-3 road victory against Michigan State last Tuesday that came

down to the wire. On a four-match winning streak, the Irish will face a difficult test against a powerful Cavalier squad.

"Their lineup is loaded from top to bottom," Bayliss said. "For example, their No. 6 player, Darrin Cohen, is ranked No. 36 in the United States among all college players. That gives you an idea of their depth. Their No. 1 player is ranked No. 7 in the nation. Straight on down, they have a very loaded lineup."

Although the Irish have stayed close to home this spring, playing only two matches on the road, Notre Dame is undefeated on the road thus far. Their last victory against Michigan State allowed the team to test its mettle in a pressure situation on the road. Although the team dropped the doubles point, they bounced back and pulled out the win. That experience should prove valuable this Sunday.

"I think that anytime you're in a close match — like the one at Michigan State — and you're fortunate enough to win it, you grow a little into your confi-

dence to handle tough situations," Bayliss said. "I think that's going to benefit us as the year goes on."

Virginia is coming off a dominant week of competition at the USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championship. Entering the competition as the No. 9 seed, the Cavaliers defeated three top-10 opponents to reach the final — No. 7 Stanford, No. 2 UCLA and No. 6 Mississippi.

Although the Irish dropped their only match against a top-10 team this year — No. 9 Duke — they'll get another shot this weekend.

"It's a big challenge but it's a great opportunity," Bayliss said. "We've had the best success lower in the lineup and I think any team we play — on paper — that's where we have the greatest chance of success. I think we have chances to do well but we're going to have to be pretty focused."

We have to play our best match of the year to have a chance to win."

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Penn State packs sharp bite

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
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The Irish will kick off their 2005 season this Sunday when they visit Penn State, taking a No. 11 preseason ranking into University Park.

The Irish, who have high expectations coming into the season, don't expect their first game to be easy. Penn State and Notre Dame have played a series of close games in the past.

"We expect a great game because if you look at the history of this game, it's usually a one or two goal [contest]," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said.

This year should be no different. Penn State will present Notre Dame with a tough game, as the Nittany Lions are ranked No. 18 in the country in the pre-season poll.

Corrigan stressed the strengths of Penn State, focusing on the Nittany Lions' midfield and transition game as key strengths that the Irish need to focus on.

"They are very strong in the midfield, they got a lot of good

midfielders, and they cause you a lot of problems there," Corrigan said. "That's something that we're going to be concerned about, just keeping them out of the transition."

Corrigan acknowledged the importance of executing in all facets of the game. For the opening game of the season, getting in rhythm is crucial.

"It's the first game of the year and you can't get too caught up in your opponent," Corrigan said. "We don't like to do it at anytime, but we certainly want to make sure that for the first game of the year were concentrating on our

own execution."

Notre Dame has a lot of talent on their team coming into the season opener.

The Irish are coming off an impressive 2004 season, when they finished 7-5 overall with a No. 12 overall ranking.

In addition, the Irish retain six starters and 17 monogram winners from last year's team.

While all of that looks good on paper, coach Corrigan does not feel that rankings matter much at this point.

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

ND tries to boil water at Purdue

By MIKE TENNANT
Sports Writer

Several Irish swimmers will head to Purdue this weekend for the Boiler-Make-It Invitational.

The meet is primarily an end-of-the-year hurrah for a number of younger swimmers, head coach Bailey Weathers said.

"For kids that didn't get to go to Big East, this is kind of their big meet," Weathers said.

But the meet could also serve as a stepping stone for two swimmers in particular. Sophomore Jessica Stephens and freshman Caroline Johnson will both participate this weekend with the hopes of posting better times before the NCAA Championships approach March 17-19.

"We're trying to see if we can improve their times in terms of getting them to the NCAA's," Weathers said. "We think they need to be a little faster."

Both swimmers have already posted NCAA "B" cuts, meaning they will be considered for the NCAA's, but only the faster "A" cuts are guaranteed spots in the championships.

Stephens posted "B" cuts in the 200-yard individual medley and the 200 breaststroke, while Johnson posted "B" cuts in the 50-yard freestyle, the 100 backstroke and the 100 freestyle.

Both swimmers had good meets last week in East Meadow, N.Y., and were named All-Big East.

Stephens won the 200 backstroke and was a member of the title-winning 400 medley relay team. Johnson did not take any individual titles, but was a member of all four of the Irish championship relay teams. She was the first or second swimmer in the 400-yard medley and the 200, 400 and 800-yard freestyle relay teams. The 800-yard freestyle team even set a school record last week.

Also swimming in the meet will be a number of younger swimmers who did not get a chance to compete in East Meadow.

Raine Paulson-Andrews, a freshman, is a member of the national swim team in her native Jamaica.

She participated in the Pan American Games and achieved All-America status in the 50-yard freestyle as well as in the 200- and 400-yard freestyle relays.

Sophomore Krissy Archer was a co-recipient of the Beeler-Hipp Award, presented to an outstanding freshmen in honor of Meghan Beeler and Colleen Hip, both of whom were killed their freshman year. Archer is primarily a sprint-freestyle swimmer.

The meet will contain mostly Big Ten schools.

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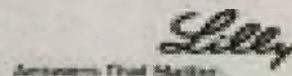
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ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish hit the road for opener against Ohio

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

Finally, a chance to wash out that bitter taste.

After rattling off a program-record ten straight wins to kick off its 2004 campaign, Notre Dame dropped five of its last seven contests, including a first round NCAA tournament heart-breaker to Northwestern that saw the Irish squander leads of 4-0 and 7-3 in an eventual 10-8 loss.

While pleased with a season that saw the Irish rise to No. 2 in the national polls, the early exit left coach Tracy Coyne and company feeling they could have achieved even more.

"The NCAA game [against Northwestern] — we were winning and then made some costly mistakes at the end," Coyne said. "It was a great season. We felt proud of a lot of our accomplishments, but I think we felt a little bit of dissatisfaction with our ending."

But after setting Notre Dame records in goals (206) and points (297) last year, the Irish may be hard pressed to replicate the offense that facilitated last season's success.

Gone are the squad's top three and four of its top five scorers — first team All-American Meredith Simon, third team All-American Abby Owen, Lauren Fischer and Kassen Delano — from a year ago. Together, the five accounted for 128 of 206 (62 percent) Irish goals, with Simon's 46 tallies contributing to a Notre Dame single season record 74 points.

With a number of new faces on offense this year, Coyne plans to alter the team's approach to complement the current squad's talents.

"Any time you bring in new people [on offense], you're going to have a different look to your offense," Coyne said. "We're tailoring some of our plays and things like that to what the strengths of this team are."

The different approach has worked well thus far, as the Irish

wrapped up a 3-0 preseason with a pair of victories last Saturday and Sunday over Dartmouth and Boston University, respectively. After taking care of Team Canada Feb. 11, the Irish knocked off the Big Green 7-6 in frigid Hanover, NH before making the short trip to Boston, where Notre Dame topped the Black Bears 13-10 the following afternoon.

"We played outside, and it was 25 degrees, and we played back to back Saturday and Sunday," Coyne said. "We had a lot of adversity we had to overcome, so I was pretty happy [with the results]."

"I think [the preseason] pointed out things that are going well and things that need to be improved. It accomplished what you want [the preseason to accomplish] — what you want to get out of it."

After eight months, Notre Dame can take the first step in erasing the displeasure of last season's abrupt finish when it travels to Athens, Ohio to open the 2005 season against Ohio University on Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m.

The Irish beat the Bobcats, 13-8, last April at Moose Krause Stadium in their most recent meeting.

"Last year they gave us a really good game," Coyne said. "I think we've been a team on their schedule that they're looking to beat so we know that we have to go into that game ready to play an opponent that is going to give us a tough challenge."

Part of that challenge will be shutting down Canadian national team member Dana Dobbie.

"Dana is very good," Coyne said. "She's a tall and dominating attacker, but they graduated a lot of players, so I think that they're going to be a different team, also."

"We're going into it slightly blind, but we didn't know much about Dartmouth or Boston University, either, so I think we can go into the game and adjust accordingly as the game goes on."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Final three games crucial

Irish reach last few tests with the ball, future in their court

By PAT LEONARD
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With three games to play in the regular season, Notre Dame (16-8, 8-6 Big East) has its fate in its own hands.

The Irish will finish their schedule with three home games at the Joyce Center, a court that has been friendly to say the least to head coach Mike Brey and company this season.

"Having our home crowd at our back is a big advantage for us," Irish guard Colin Falls said. "We've been playing a lot better at home than we have on the road this year."

Falls makes a slight understatement. Notre Dame is 12-2 at home, losing only to DePaul and Syracuse, and 4-6 away from the JACC.

"Since the Syracuse loss, obviously our biggest wins for our NCAA tournament resume have been on this court," Brey said.

As of Monday, Notre Dame had played more games against teams in the top 50 of the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) — than any team in the country with 11. After a

March 5 date with Pittsburgh, that number should increase to 12.

The RPI is a system that ranks programs in a somewhat similar manner to that of the college football BCS.

"Whatever they throw us in the postseason, be it the Big East tournament bracket and hopefully the NCAA tournament, no one can look at me and say, 'Boy, that's a tough draw,'" Brey said. "We've already had a tough draw."

The tough draw dealt to Brey's squad called for seven road games in a 10-game stretch, ending with an 88-74 loss to Connecticut Saturday.

"It's been nice that we've been able to get some rest after that segment," Brey said.

But the loss to the Huskies highlighted for the Irish coach Notre Dame's number one concern heading down the stretch.

"The one thing we need the [big guys] to do consistently the rest of the regular season and in the postseason is rebound the basketball," Brey said. "They've got to rebound the basketball consistently no matter if they're scoring or they're not."

Center Torin Francis, forward Dennis Latimore and center/forward Rick Cornett combined for only nine boards as Connecticut out-rebounded the Irish 43-26.

Notre Dame grabbed more rebounds than Providence (45-32) in a road win last Saturday but was out-rebounded, 30-23, in a Feb. 16 victory against Georgetown.

The Irish play UCLA Sunday, then host Rutgers March 3 and Pittsburgh March 5.

Amid the inconsistent play of the Irish frontcourt, Cornett has emerged as a difference-maker.

"Rick is a very talented player," Quinn said. "Especially against Providence, he came in and just dominated down low."

Cornett scored 14 points and grabbed 14 rebounds against the Friars.

Despite positives and negatives that arise around any program, Notre Dame has one goal: to return to the NCAA tournament.

As teams lose down the regular season stretch and seeding becomes more permanent as conference tournaments approach, the Irish remain focused on their task at hand.

The circumstances up until the Big East tournament fall to their advantage.

"Wacky things happen in the Big East, but there are still things [we can do] to take care of our own destiny," Falls said.

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UCLA

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The 6-foot-7 forward, who Brey describes as playing much longer than his size, scored 39 points against Arizona State on Feb. 10 and is averaging 18.7 points and 8.1 rebounds per game.

"Thompson is a tough matchup because he is their second big guy but he steps out on the floor," Brey said. "It makes a guy like Jordan Cornette very, very important to defend that multi-dimensional

4-man."

On the other side of the ball, the Irish are continuing to search for a consistent balance between the guards and forwards.

"I think it's very important because when we play our best we've had a good balance of inside, outside," Brey said. "We want to continue to work on that and get our big guys even more confidence. They've been there some nights and other nights they haven't."

However, with all that set aside, Sunday's game will still be a memorable occasion for many fans who do not make up

the Leprechaun Legion.

In Notre Dame's 100th season, Irish fans from all corners will be in town for the game between the two schools whose paths have crossed many times before.

After all, the alumni filling the Joyce Center will still have visions of Dwight Clay's game-winning jumper some three decades later.

"I'd like our guys to understand the history of Notre Dame and UCLA, and what it did for college basketball on television back in the 70s and 80s," Brey said. "It wakes up a lot of memories for our fans that have been following ND basketball for a long, long time."

Quinn is one of Notre Dame's players who understands the significance of this game from the perspective of those athletes who came before him.

"It means a lot to people that have played here in the past because of how storied the rivalry is and some of the history behind some of the UCLA-Notre Dame matchups," Quinn said.

Sophomore guard Colin Falls echoed this sentiment.

"There's a lot of history with this game, it's a fun game," Falls said. "I know all the alumni are excited and that excites us."

But the historical aspect is only one side of this game, and the team knows there is a much more important goal that must be accomplished this weekend.

While the players recognize the importance of this game to the program as a whole, thinking about history will be far from their priority Sunday.

Instead, the Irish are choosing to focus on their immediate task — earning another quality win.

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On behalf of the Sorin Society, please accept our sincere gratitude for your cooperation and join with us in welcoming these benefactors to campus. Special thanks too, to all the students participating in the weekend -- the event simply would not occur without you.

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Recruits

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and some of these assistant coaches and start forming relationships with them," Frank said. "And probably just as important is the parents being there and meeting the coaches. I think that it's more of a preliminary introduction — this is Notre Dame and this is what we can do. So, it's an orientation, if anything. Obviously they're going to try to get people excited about Notre Dame."

On Sunday, juniors and their families — or high school coaches, in some cases — will meet with the entire Irish

coaching staff. From there, they will meet with individual coaches. Weis said each assistant coach is assigned an area of the country and that is how the juniors will be split up. The group then will have lunch and attend the men's basketball game.

Weis sees the game as an opportunity for both the men's basketball team and Irish fans.

"I happen to be a big fan of other sports," he said. "I'm not selfish. I don't look at this as just an opportunity for football. I'm looking at this as we can kill two birds with one stone on Sunday. Our basketball team's on the bubble, and really for this game against UCLA, we need to win the game. So you would hope the student body

would be going to the game anyway, and our basketball team would like the help of the student body because it makes a difference when they're into the game.

"I get a residual effect of this. When I'm sitting there, I get 80 juniors from across the Midwest, and this is their first live impression of Notre Dame."

Weis said this is the first step to improving recruiting, after Notre Dame has finished outside the top 10 the past two years.

"The first opportunity for us to reshape the direction of our football program happens at that same event [Junior Day], because there's only so many things the NCAA allows you to

do," he said. "This is one thing you can do — you can get them on campus."

Weis said this is just one of a few Junior Days that will happen this spring, all of which are important to recruiting for next season. He reiterated that the campus plays an important role.

"You win and lose recruits a lot of time based on what kids on campus actually say when they're there," Weis said. "I never want anyone to mislead someone, but there was more than one time this year when a kid was out somewhere and someone would say 'don't come here.' When they say that, those guys are saying, 'hold it — their own students are saying don't come here.'"

As for Sunday, Weis wants it to be a special experience for the 80-some juniors.

"I'm trying to make Sunday as a day when you go into the place and it's electric," he said. "What I do know is in the selling of Notre Dame, truly pitching Notre Dame, it's got to be a group effort. There's plenty of people that love the place, but they might not be the people that they're listening to. So what I'm trying to do is that the student body has to realize, that just as the football team is an extension of them, they're an extension of the football team when it comes to recruiting."

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Seniors

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average and grabs 5.9 boards per game. Her presence in the paint has opened up Notre Dame's offense and created more scoring opportunities.

The two, along with guard Megan Duffy, serve as the team's tri-captains and have been the voice of the Irish in 2004-05. Batteast said she and Borton set a goal before their senior campaign and they plan on attaining it.

"Right now we're the class of '05 and we are really, really trying to leave this program how we found it — after a national championship," Batteast said. "We're trying to go to the Final Four, and we've taken care of business so far so well see how it goes."

Notre Dame has been impressive in nearly every game, knocking off seven top 25 opponents and avoiding any bad losses. If the Irish finish the season strong, they will be in a good position for a No. 2 or No. 3 seed when the NCAA Tournament bracket comes out.

But right now, Batteast and Borton are focused on beating West Virginia. The Mountaineers have won three straight games and spanked Providence 99-59 Feb. 22. Meg Bulger, the sister of

St. Louis Rams quarterback Marc Bulger, paces West Virginia with 20.5 points per game, while teammates Sherell Sowho and Yolanda Paige add 12.6 and 11.3 points, respectively. Paige also tallies more than nine assists per game, first in the nation.

"[Bulger] is a great, great shooter," McGraw said. "We have a lot of concerns about our ability to guard her. She's playing really well."

A hot West Virginia team will not be the only challenge Notre Dame faces Saturday, especially for Batteast and Borton.

The team's only seniors must deal with the emotions of playing in front of the Irish faithful for one final game.

"I got a little emotional the second-to-last game when they made the announcement that the last game was coming," Batteast said. "So I hope I'll be OK."

Borton agreed. "I think it's been the best season so far during my four years," she said. "I've really enjoyed all my teammates and I think we have a great atmosphere here with the team chemistry. ... It's going to be a little emotional, I'm guessing because I've had so many good memories here."

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Dayton

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and Trubee lead an experienced rotation.

While Dayton might be an oft-forgotten northern team around the nation, Mainieri realizes his ball club faces some stiff competition.

"We're expecting some really great competition down there. Dayton is one of those programs from the Midwest that maybe doesn't have a national reputation, but their kids are very hard-nosed players. They play good baseball."

"We play teams from the Mid-American Conference on a regular basis during the middle of the week, and every time we play those teams we have dog-fights. Dayton is not in the Mid-American Conference, but they're like one of those teams."

Mainieri believes the Irish need to be hard-nosed themselves.

"If we get some base runners, we're going to put our runners

in motion and try to put a lot of pressure on the other team. That's our game, and whether it's against Texas A&M, Dayton or anybody else, we're going to play the game the way that we play it."

After Thursday surgery for a hand injury suffered in last weekend's opening game, junior DH Matt Bransfield is out for at least the next couple of weeks.

Shortstop Greg Lopez, still recovering from a hamstring injury that limited him solely to a defensive role last Sunday, should be ready to go come Saturday.

"[His hamstring] is still a little bit tender," Mainieri said. "He'll be ready to play. We're just not sure how much."

A team of great depth, the Irish turn to junior outfielder Alex Nettey, sophomore DH Danny Dressman and junior utility man Eddie Smith for major contributions.

"Certainly Alex Nettey and Danny Dressman are going to get a significant amount of playing time this weekend, especially with Bransfield being out, and,

then of course Eddie Smith being in this position of filling in for any of our infielders. Depending on what we do with Greg Lopez, how his hamstring is healing, it's quite possible that Smith could get another start," Mainieri said.

Nettey, who leads the team with a .571 batting average in seven at-bats and owns a perfect 1,000 fielding percentage, provided a spark on the opening trip last weekend.

He and Dressman combined for clutch hits, while Smith turned key double plays at shortstop. Whatever the nine-man combination might be, there are certainly no easy outs in the Irish lineup and no drop offs in the Irish defense.

"I think it's the sign of a good team when you can count on a lot of different players and that you use your entire roster. We just need everybody ready to go in there, so that when we call on them, everybody can count on them doing the job," Mainieri said.

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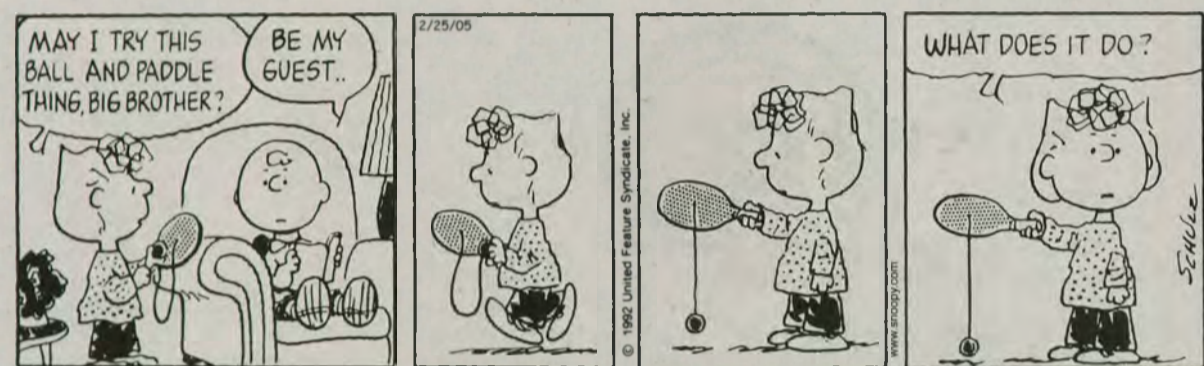

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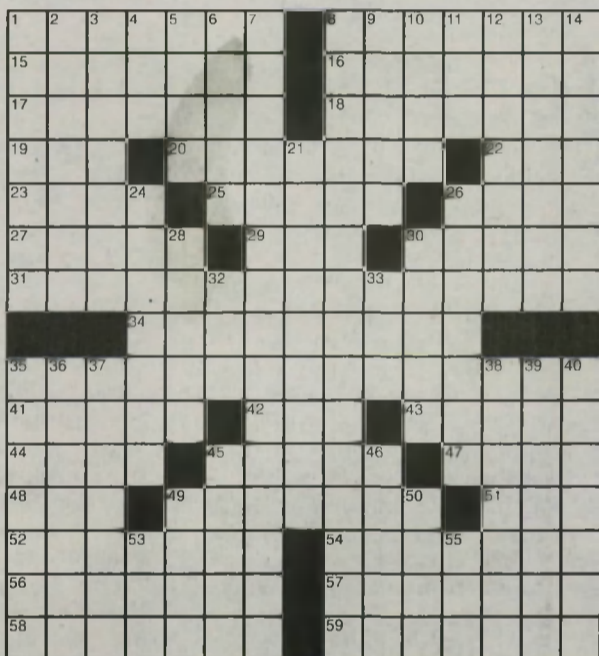
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 Answer: What the bookie gave the waiter — A NICE "TIP"

CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 Address
 - 8 Rapper's beat
 - 15 From China, e.g.
 - 16 Stuck
 - 17 "Not sol"
 - 18 Stand that a politician might take
 - 19 Sleeping unit?
 - 20 Makes up, in a way
 - 22 Heelless shoe, for short
 - 23 Dohnányi who composed "Ruralia Hungarica"
 - 25 Delhi chestful
 - 26 Detroit's _____ Arena
 - 27 Millennium starter
 - 29 Dark side of China
 - 30 Upset
 - 31 "Doesn't bother me"
 - 34 Kind of agreement
 - 35 2003 Sandler/Nicholson movie
 - 41 Robert Frost farm site
 - 42 Big Japanese computer firm
 - 43 Defense device
 - 44 "Finlandia" composer Sibelius
 - 45 Must, slangily
 - 47 Sister _____, title character of a 1970 film
 - 48 Funny
 - 49 Flimsy, as chances go
 - 51 Mr. abroad
 - 52 With no time to lose
 - 54 Fifth, e.g.
 - 56 Beer drinker's terse critique
 - 57 Not knowing
 - 58 In myth, loser of a shouting match with Hermes
 - 59 Oath-taker
- DOWN**
- 1 Take suddenly
 - 2 Longtime Penn State football coach
 - 3 Ascetics of yore
 - 4 _____ tilt
 - 5 Sea palm or badderlocks
 - 6 Singing groups
 - 7 Somehow
 - 8 Causes for penalties
 - 9 Some parodists
 - 10 Tic-_____ (candies)
 - 11 Court figure: Abbr.
 - 12 Singing effect
 - 13 Microbiology topic
 - 14 CBers' numerical system
 - 21 Commercial fishing aids
 - 24 Forest plant with triangular fronds
 - 26 Some duplexes



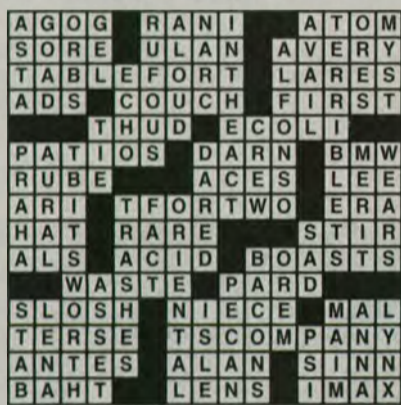
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- 28 Blog predecessor
- 30 U-Haul competitor
- 32 Game played with counters
- 33 Zine
- 35 Lies next to
- 36 Is unobliged to
- 37 Make a subtle transformation, as in color
- 38 "The Bronx Zoo" star
- 39 Tell tales
- 40 Movie extra
- 45 Relish
- 46 Play to _____ (tie)
- 49 Dethrone
- 50 Emmy winner Falco
- 53 Avoided bloodshed
- 55 _____ Toguri (Tokyo Rose)

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Billy Zane, 39; Kristin Davis, 40; Eddie Murray, 49; Edward James Olmos, 58

Happy Birthday: This can be a good year or a bad one, depending on how you treat the people around you. It's a good time to eliminate those who drag you down and become closer to those who share the same beliefs and ethics as you. The more you can do to even out your life and simplify your future, the more satisfied you will become. Your numbers are 8, 12, 22, 31, 39, 40

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Be careful not to make decisions based only on what you can see when there will be so much that is yet to be revealed. It may not be easy, but you will have to be patient in order to avoid making a mistake. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): This is not the day to be uncertain about your abilities. Give it your best shot and you will get what you want. Love is in a high cycle, so take advantage of it and enjoy the one you care most about. 5 stars
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Just when you think you have everything done, something else will come up that sends you off on another whirlwind. Don't get so involved in whatever you are doing that you miss out on an opportunity that could change your future. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): If you overreact to things that don't really matter, you will miss out on the eventual happenings going on in your own back yard. Change may not be something you like, but it will be to your advantage. 4 stars
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You would rather be giving the orders than taking them, but today is all about hard work and achievement. A financial change will come as a surprise. Don't leave anything to chance. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Not everyone will understand what you are trying to do, but as long as you have a handle on the situation, you will be successful. Emotional matters may lead you astray if you aren't grounded. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may have to deal with institutions or government agencies today. Expect the unexpected and be prepared to deal with whatever comes up. This can be a turning point if you are willing to give and take. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A new creative direction is in the picture. Combine your talents to come up with an angle that will put you on top of any competition you face. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't start something new or make changes, especially if it requires dealing with other people. Emotional matters will escalate, and unforeseen problems will crop up. A low profile is in order. **

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You have everything in place and everyone willing to do what you want, but if you are too sure of yourself, you will probably make a costly mistake. Don't think too big. Stay within your boundaries and you will gain ground. *****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Everything will come back to ownership, legalities and money. Prepare to give up a few things in order to rid yourself of a responsibility you don't want or need. It's a new day, and your future looks bright. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may feel a little weepy today if you haven't taken care of personal matters like you should have. Letting bad situations hang over your head will hold you back. Keep making changes until you find yourself in a more suitable situation. ***

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Bruin up a challenge



GEOFF MATTESON/The Observer
Guard Colin Falls drives past Indiana's Mark Johnson Dec. 8.

By **BOBBY GRIFFIN**
Sports Writer

This Sunday, the Irish will welcome UCLA to the Joyce Center for one of Notre Dame's most storied college basketball rivalries.

But this year there will be more at stake for the Irish than continuing a tradition.

With the season winding down, and both the Big East and NCAA tournaments quickly approaching, the Irish cannot afford any setbacks.

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"Final three games crucial" page 21

So while the Notre Dame alumni pack the arena, and the memories of the snapped 88-game win streak remind the Irish faithful of their glory years, this current Notre Dame team will have much more on their minds than celebrating the past.

In the teams' last meeting, Notre Dame defeated the Bruins 75-60 at UCLA.

In that game, Irish guards Chris Thomas and Chris Quinn scored 21 and 20 points respectively on combined 15-31 shoot-

ing. This year, the game is even more important.

With Notre Dame currently sitting at 16-8, and 8-6 in the conference, this is not the time for the Irish to simply resign Sunday's game to its historical significance. "Our main goal is to get into the NCAA tournament, and with three regular season games left we're in a good position where we are at right now," Quinn said. "There is a lot of

basketball to be played and we have to do a lot of things well to get to where we want to get."

With two Big East matchups looming next week, the Irish are going to need to pick up another quality win Sunday.

"It would be a very good addition to an NCAA tournament resume that we are trying to build given the fact that they are a top-50 RPI team," Brey said.

UCLA has a talented, young squad, Brey said. The Bruins play well on the perimeter and have decent size down low.

The Irish coach singled out forward Dijun Thompson as a particular player that concerns him.

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FOOTBALL

ND hosting "Junior Day"

Top prospects arrive for recruiting event slated for Sunday

By **HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN**
Sports Editor

Less than a month removed from Signing Day, new head coach Charlie Weis and his coaching staff are recruiting hard for the class of 2010.

Approximately 80 juniors will be on campus Sunday for

a Junior Day, Weis said Wednesday. The players will meet with the coaching staff and attend the men's basketball game against UCLA at 2 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

"It's a pretty large number," Mike Frank of irisheyes.com said. "For something like this, it's a pretty good-sized group of guys."

The key juniors will be cornerback Phillip Strozier out of Kansas City, Mo., and local product A.J. Edds, Frank said. Notre Dame will also be recruiting three quarterbacks — Demetrius Jones out of

Chicago, Zach Frazer of Pennsylvania and Jason Burke, all of whom will be here Sunday.

The high school juniors, hailing mostly from the Midwest, have to pay their own way to visit Notre Dame but were invited by the Irish coaching staff, Weis said. Frank said Sunday is a key part of the recruiting process.

"I think it's important, but probably more important is for some of these kids to get a chance to meet coach Weis

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BASEBALL

Team to face Dayton at HoHoKam Park

By **TOM DORWART**
Sports Writer

Despite a week of midterms looming, the No. 20 Irish baseball team is revved up for its weekend trip to Arizona. The Irish (3-1) face the Dayton Flyers (3-2) in a three-game series — and not just in any old ballpark.

The teams square off at HoHoKam Park, the spring training home of the Chicago Cubs, in front of Cubs General Manager Jim Hendry and a handful of scouts.

"How can you not be excited to play in a major league ballpark?" coach Paul Mainieri said. "I'm sure the players are going to be excited to go out there and do their best."

The series gets underway Saturday with a 2 p.m. game, which pits Notre Dame ace Tom

Thornton (0-0) against Dayton right-hander Craig Stammen (1-1). At 5:30 p.m., sophomore Jess Stewart (1-0) will take the mound for the Irish in the second nine-inning game of the day. Flyers' ace Luke Trubee (2-0), who has already tallied a team-leading 13 strikeouts and two wins, will try to continue his early-season dominance. To top off the weekend, Irish sophomore Jeff Samardzija (1-0) gets the call for a noon Sunday game.

Thornton is coming off a solid five-inning outing last weekend in the first game against Central Florida. Stewart allowed an unearned run in the second battle against UCF and nabbed the win. Samardzija picked up his victory against Florida A&M. He pitched five strong innings and allowed an earned run in the third. For the Flyers, Stammen

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Batteast, Borton to be honored

By **JOE HETTLER**
Sports Writer

What started four years ago with six, ends Saturday with just two.

Jacqueline Batteast and Teresa Borton, the only two remaining players from the 2005 recruiting class, play their final game at the Joyce Center this weekend against West Virginia at 2 p.m. when the No. 10 Irish (23-4, 11-3 Big East) face the Mountaineers (16-9, 7-7).

Batteast and Borton will be honored before Notre Dame's conference matchup on Senior

Day. The pair has seen its class dwindle from six to two after Allison Bustamante, Kelsey Wicks, Katy Flecky and Jill Krause all left the Irish program.

"I thought it was pretty cool that six of us came in, and I would be always thinking about how Senior Night would be with people coming out and how long it would take," Batteast said. "But now, it'll be pretty quick."

But for Irish coach Muffet McGraw, what the 2005 class lacks in numbers they make up with performance and leadership.

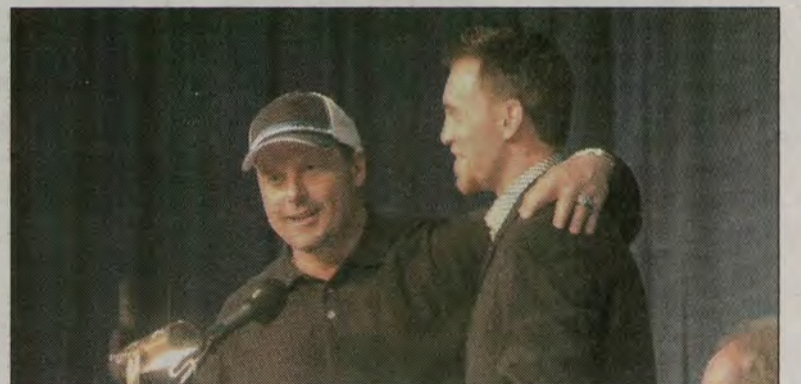
"You can tell from the success

of our team how good our leadership has been this year," McGraw said of Borton and Batteast.

Batteast, an All-American last season, has continued to lead the Irish on both ends of the floor this year. She averages 17.7 points and 6.6 rebounds per game and passed Alicia Ratay for fourth on the all-time scoring list with 20 points against Georgetown on Feb. 12.

Borton has battled through injuries to help Notre Dame in numerous ways. She is third on the team with an 8.6 scoring

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DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer
Houston Astros pitchers Roger Clemens, left, and Brad Lidge speak at the Notre Dame Opening Night Dinner Feb. 10.

SPORTS AT A GLANCE

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame at Ohio University

Sunday, 1 p.m.

The Irish visit the Bobcats in their season opener.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame at Virginia

Sunday, 12 p.m.

The Irish head to Richmond to play the No. 2 Cavaliers.

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING

"Boiler-Make-It" Invitational

Saturday-Sunday

Irish to compete in "last chance" meet at Purdue.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame at Penn State

Sunday, 1 p.m.

The No. 11 Irish kick off the season against the Nittany Lions.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Texas, Iowa at Irish

Saturday-Sunday

No. 20 Notre Dame hosts No. 13 Texas and No. 57 Iowa Sunday.

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FENCING

Midwest Fencing Conference Championships

Saturday-Sunday at Notre Dame

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