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Notre Dame prepares for Easter weekend

24 new Catholics prepare to join Church

By TRICIA DEGROOT
News Writer

Holy Week is a time of endings and beginnings.

For Catholics, Easter is the end of the liturgical year and the beginning of new life in Christ. For the catechumens of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program (RCIA), the week marks the end of their spiritual journey and the beginning of new life in the Church.

This year, Notre Dame's RCIA program — headed by Tami Schmitz of Campus Ministry — will welcome 24 new Catholics. Eleven of these are known as catechumens, who celebrate all three sacraments of initiation (baptism, confirmation and the Holy Eucharist). Thirteen are

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CLEMENT SUHENDRA/The Observer

The Basilica of the Sacred Heart anticipates welcoming between 1,100 and 1,200 individuals to each of its three Easter masses, including students, faculty, South Bend residents and alumni.

Basilica, dining hall await holiday crowds

By KATIE PERRY
News Writer

Although the lack of classes may cause scholarship to dwindle this weekend, Easter break will simultaneously reinforce other University values of religion and family.

The celebration of the Resurrection on Sunday, following a series of days commemorating the passion of Christ, marks the end of the Roman Catholic Holy Week. Because of the sacred significance of this time, Notre Dame does not hold classes on Good Friday or on the Monday directly following Easter.

While many students will go home and spend the long weekend with family, others will observe the Easter holiday on

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SENATE

United in Diversity discussed

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

With the end of their terms in sight, members of the Student Senate strove to make the most of their Wednesday night meeting by packing in discussions about voicing support for the recognition of United in Diversity, securing a campus-wide legal downloading service and installing a copy machine in the LaFortune computer cluster.

Though not the first item on the agenda, a resolution was brought to the floor supporting the official University

recognition of the student-run gay-straight alliance, United in Diversity. The group was denied club status for the second year in a row on March 3.

Ryan Abrams, member of the Committee on University Affairs, presented the resolution and spoke for its necessity on account that, as he said, "a lot of students feel unwelcome or alienated," and current University support structures are not sufficiently addressing the problem.

The resolution denies the claim that the goal of United in Diversity is not in keeping with Notre Dame's Catholic identity — one of the major

points of argument against its recognition — citing the University "spirit of inclusion" and goal to respect and accept the full spectrum of diversity in the community.

"I don't know if recognizing United in Diversity would create a welcoming environment for homosexuals at Notre Dame, but it would be a step in the right direction," Abrams said.

Anna Gomberg — president of AllianceND, the group behind United in Diversity — spoke to senators about the necessity of gaining official recognition.

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Straightforward Weis addresses Mendoza



KERRY O'CONNOR/The Observer

Head football coach Charlie Weis makes a point in his lecture at the Mendoza College of Business Wednesday evening.

By KATIE PERRY
News Writer

Perhaps influenced by the ambience of his surroundings, Charlie Weis marketed himself with such slogans as "I'm a bottom-line kind of guy" and "I'm not big on making excuses" at the Mendoza College of Business Wednesday.

Candidly speaking at a discussion sponsored by the Notre Dame Marketing Club, the new Irish head football coach projected his frank and open personality to more than 50 students, faculty and staff members. The forum at the Jordan Auditorium marked the latest in a blitz of Weis question-and-answer sessions held on campus so far this semester.

Before opening up the floor to inquiries, Weis addressed the audience from the floor — not the stage — and refused a microphone, which he deemed "tacky."

In a signature showing of his guileless language, the class of 1978 Notre Dame alumnus and former offensive coordinator of the New England Patriots advised audience members to "seize the moment" and make the most of life's fleeting opportunities.

"What if the day I met my wife I wouldn't have talked to her? Well, I would have a lot more money, but I would be unhappy," Weis said.

Further illustrating his point, Weis discussed the ambitious move in 1989 that would eventually catapult his career as a football coach. It was in this year that the determined Weis offered to work for the New York Giants without pay. Nine months later, Weis was hired as an assistant by legendary coach Bill Parcells.

"Hard work can only get you so far," Weis said. "You're going to

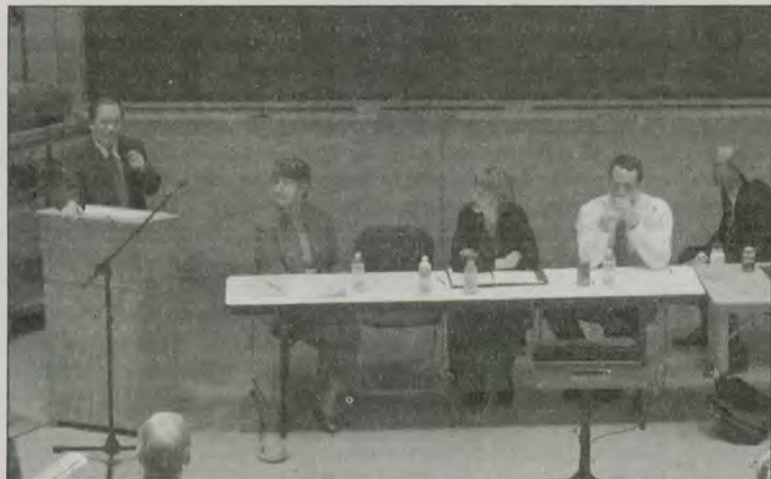
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Speakers clarify Social Security

By STEVE KERINS
News Writer

The Higgins Labor Research Center and Notre Dame's department of economics and policy studies sponsored a nonpartisan panel Thursday entitled "The Future of Social Security: A Non-Partisan Panel Discussion on Prospects for Reform."

The panel included Professor Teresa Ghilarducci of the department of economics and policy studies; Lance Wescher, a doctoral student



KERRY O'CONNOR/The Observer

Doug Nguyen, left, speaks as panelists Nancy Griffin, Teresa Ghilarducci, Lance Wescher and Bob Walsh listen.

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INSIDE COLUMN

The dome: more than just gold

It was excruciatingly hot, and my roommate and I were moving our belongings into our tiny freshman-year double. My dad brooded and questioned why he was paying all this money for me, his only child, to leave home and stay in this room. At probably the most inopportune time of that roller-coaster-of-emotions weekend, when my dad was trying to fashion a bookcase, my roommate's father said, "It's just amazing. You are so lucky."



Meghanne Downes

Senior Staff Writer

I looked up. My dad glared. Neither one of us could imagine what was so amazing about the 100-plus-degree hallway on the 4th floor of Walsh Hall. My roommate's dad, a double Domer, started to ramble on about how we were lucky to have room 435 because he believed it was the closest women's room to the Dome. In his eyes, we were privileged — we could wake up and look at the Dome.

Coincidentally, our bunk beds were next to the window.

His comments buoyed my spirits somewhat. But I'm not going to lie. I didn't really get his mesmerization with the Dome. See, I didn't grow up rooting for Notre Dame. I had never ever been to a football game. I certainly didn't come here for a Dome that was gold. State capitals have domes — some are gold. I came to Notre Dame because it is Catholic and it provides students with an excellent education.

Needless to say, it took me a while to understand what was so great about the Dome. But I roomed with a girl whose dad was a double Domer and whose three sisters were Domers. She breathed Notre Dame. By my first football game, she had taught me the fight song and other Notre Dame traditions. I was fully prepared and began to become enamored with that aura of Notre Dame. When finals rolled around, I began going to my "hovel" on 11th floor Hesburgh. My hovel, or desk, had a picture-window view of Dome and the Basilica, and I loved watching the sun set from there.

I love Notre Dame. But please know, it's not because the structure at the top of the Main Building happens to be dome-shaped. I love Notre Dame because of its distinctiveness and because of the crazy people that it graduates who, despite their intelligence, go insane over everything that represents the blue and gold. I love that one of my friends memorized the Notre Dame Football Media Book at the age of seven, makes nightly trips to the Grotto, dons ridiculous get-ups for basketball games and rushed to the bookstore as soon as he could to order his class ring. That's Notre Dame. And that dome structure represents the embodiment of Notre Dame tradition.

Notre Dame thrives on tradition. It's why the candles are lit at the Grotto. It's why people sing the fight song at The Backer. It's why families — with mom, dad, sister, bother and even grandma and grandpa — line up on orientation weekend, football weekend, Junior Parents Weekend and commencement weekend at Main Circle or the "Jump Momma, Jump" statute to take pictures in front of the Dome.

These pictures document the memories of the tradition.

My mom, who did not graduate from college, called me last week wanting to know why she wasn't going to have a Golden Dome at "her" graduation. Even my dad got over his initial issues and insisted on gathering the family up to take one of those pictures at Main Circle. We waited — on a football weekend no less — for people to stop cutting in front to get the perfect shot.

It's not just me. Yesterday, I heard that someone's mom sent him a black graduation robe. He took his picture in front of the Dome before the scaffolding was nearly complete (he intends to Photoshop out what he can).

When my 93-year-old grandma made her only trip to Notre Dame, it was important for her to see the Dome. After all, it is the school's most recognizable landmark. But somehow, I think it represents more than that. Why else would Notre Dame put it on the medal that we get at orientation and on the side of our class rings?

Will the tradition of Notre Dame still exist without a pristine Dome at graduation? Yes. Will I be disappointed that my cap-and-gown pictures lack that Dome? Yes — and I don't think I will be the only crazy Domer who will feel that way.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Meghanne Downes at mdownes1@nd.edu

CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error, a quote was attributed to Lane Weaver instead of Chris Nichol in the March 22 edition of The Observer.

Due to an editing error, a quote was attributed to Mairead Case instead of Catherine McGeeney in the March 23 edition of The Observer. The Observer regrets these errors.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO GET IN YOUR EASTER BASKET?



Ashley Shelton
sophomore Walsh

"Brownie batter. Not brownies; just the batter, please."



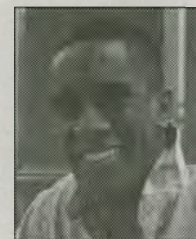
Amanda Hettler
freshman Pasquerilla West

"Harsher punishments for parole violations ... and world peace."



Lauren Messina
junior Pangborn

"Trey Williams, of course."



Trey Williams
junior Siegfried

"Pastel-colored polos ... collars popped."



Michael Bell
senior off-campus

"A chocolate squirrel."



ERIN VRANISH/The Observer

A student watches in delight as two of her classmates race around on South Quad, gathering easter eggs in their backpacks.

IN BRIEF

The men's baseball team will take on Georgetown University in a doubleheader beginning at noon today in the Eck Center.

The 2004 film *The Passion of the Christ* will show at 7 p.m. and 10 tonight in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. For tickets, call the DeBartolo box office at 1-2800.

The men's tennis team will take on Michigan at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The 1959 film *Ben Hur* will be shown Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. For tickets, call the DeBartolo box office at 1-2800.

Professor Kathleen Pyne will give a talk entitled "Georgia O'Keeffe: Visions of the Sublime" in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art Tuesday at 3 p.m.

Theology on Tap [will take place at 10 p.m. Wednesday at Legends. The event is sponsored by Best Buddies as part of Disability Awareness Month.

The Nanovic Institute is sponsoring a showing of the 2000 Portuguese film "Captains of April" at 7 p.m. next Thursday as part of its series of contemporary films "European Cinemas, European Histories."

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

OFFBEAT

Woman charged in hugging muggings

WEST MIFFLIN, Pa. — A woman was charged with stealing money and other items in recent weeks by walking up to six elderly victims, giving them a big hug — and then stealing their wallets or other loose items in the process.

Mary Ann Johnson pretended to know the victims who are too polite to refuse her hugs, police said.

It wasn't immediately clear Tuesday if

Johnson has an attorney.

N.Y. teacher found guilty of exam hoax

NEW YORK — A Bronx schoolteacher was charged with coercing a former homeless man into taking his state certification exam for him, authorities said.

Wayne Brightly, 38, allegedly bullied a former college classmate into taking the exam in July, using a fake identification and Brightly's Social Security card,

the city Department of Education said Tuesday.

Authorities said Brightly's stand-in was Ruben Leitner, 58. Leitner had met Brightly when the two were students at Brooklyn College in the late 1980s and had tutored him for the exam beginning in 2001 after Brightly failed at least twice, authorities said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
LOCAL WEATHER					
	HIGH 43 LOW 35	HIGH 34 LOW 20	HIGH 46 LOW 37	HIGH 42 LOW 33	HIGH 46 LOW 28

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Security guard credits other with saving life

Associated Press

BEMIDJI, Minn. — A novice security guard who survived a student's shooting rampage at a high school described a frenzied scramble to warn students out of harm's way — and credited a fellow guard with saving lives by sacrificing his own.

In an interview Wednesday with The Associated Press, LeeAnn Grant said security guard Derrick Brun, 28, ignored her pleas to run and rose from his desk to confront shooter Jeff Weise.

"Derrick saved my life," the 20-year-old Grant said. "I know he bought me time by confronting Jeff, for me to even get that much farther away with the students. Derrick's my hero," she said. "He didn't even look scared. He didn't look worried. He knew what he was going to do."

Grant said she and Brun were working at the doors of Red Lake High School as usual on Monday. Three of the four doors were locked; the open door funneled students through a metal detector.

She described Weise stepping out of his grandfather's police truck — taken after the 16-year-old boy had killed the man and his companion, according to authorities — and sending two shotgun blasts into the air.

Just four years older than Weise, she had known him for

years and recognized the 6-foot, 250-pound student at once. His black trench coat billowed open and Grant saw more guns on the boy's belt.

She had no gun, no bulletproof vest and a little girl and a little boy at home. She had just begun working as a security guard in August.

Outside, the gunman tried one door, then another.

"He looked right at me. I made eye contact with him," Grant said. The boy quickly found the open door.

"He walked in and fired another shot and I was telling Derrick, 'Come on, let's go. Let's go, Derrick. Run. We need to save these kids, we need to do something.' And I radioed in ... 'There's a guy coming in the school and he's shooting and he has a gun.'"

"Derrick just sat there at his desk. ... He just kept staring at Jeff. I kept hollering for him to come with me. He wouldn't come, he just stayed there."

The noise drew students toward the front doors. Some thought maybe there was a fight, and they wanted to see, Grant said.

"I start yelling at them, 'Run! There's a guy with a gun here! Just run!' And then I took off to try to protect them," she said. "I turned back a little bit, and you could see Derrick kind of getting up, going right toward Jeff. And then I heard two shots again."

Saint Mary's professor honored

By ANGELA SAOUD
Senior Staff Writer

Almost 110 Saint Mary's students and faculty members met last night to honor professor Mary Connolly as the winner of the Student Academic Council's (SAC) third annual Women Honoring Women award.

Connolly was recognized for her dedication to students both in and outside the classroom, as well as for instilling a strong sense of spirituality into each of her students.

Coordinator of SAC Mary Pauline Moran said Connolly's dedication to the women of Saint Mary's sets her apart from the crowd.

"Professor Connolly is someone her students can go to any time they need her — for academic questions or for personal reasons," Moran said in her introduction speech. "She helps us to take a step back and realize the beauty all around."

Three other candidates were also nominated for the award — director of the Office of Civic and Social Engagement Carrie Call, professor Astrid Henry and Athletics Director Lynn Kachmarik.

Moran said each woman was exceptional in her own way.

"These four finalists always go above and beyond their call of duty at Saint Mary's, and students have noticed that and would like to recognize them



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

The four candidates for the Women Honoring Women award — Henry, Connolly, Kachmarik and Call — posed last night.

this year," Moran said. "They deserve recognition for all they do for the College."

In February, students were asked to submit a letter of recommendation for female faculty or staff they felt best encompassed the mission statement of the group — including furthering women's achievements by encouraging students to grow intellectually, spiritually and personally. Of the recommendation letters submitted, four women moved on to the Nominations Committee, where the winner was chosen by secret ballot.

In addition to having some of the outstanding faculty and staff members present at the dinner, other award nominees and top college administrators, including College president Carol Mooney, were also in

attendance.

Students in attendance were nominated by department chairs to represent their major at the event.

"These students are considered exceptional within their department and the campus at large," Moran said. "It is only fair that they receive recognition as well."

After senior Molly Welton announced Connolly as this year's recipient, Connolly thanked everyone in attendance for allowing her to be a part of their lives.

"Each person has a part in shaping the women around them," Connolly said. "No one at Saint Mary's earns an award by herself."

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Attention Graduating Seniors!!

Notre Dame's Office of Undergraduate Admissions anticipates hiring Admissions Counselors this spring!

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Preferred start date is July 1, 2005.

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from the department of economics and econometrics; Bob Walsh and Doug Nguyen of the Social Security Administration; and Nancy Griffin, the state director of the American Association of Retired People (AARP) of Indiana. The discussion was moderated by Bob Montgomery of WSBT radio, the South Bend CBS affiliate.

Panelists tried to clarify aspects of the Social Security system that cause frequent confusion and underscored the controversy surrounding President Bush's plan to introduce private personal savings accounts into the system.

Professor Ghilarducci, the first speaker, presented on "Social Security Funding: The International Experience."

"[I am going to] lay out the facts and let you all make up your own mind," she said.

Ghilarducci compared Social Security in the United States to equivalent programs around the world, noting elderly Americans currently have a higher poverty rate than their counterparts in many industrialized nations.

She called America's stance on poverty among the elderly either "just not that successful" or "just not aggressive."

Ghilarducci also said many nations have lower worker-to-retiree ratios than the United States, whose current ratio is approximately three to one.

"[Many believe that] the fact that we're moving from three to one to two to one is the problem ... it isn't," she said. "The problem is economic growth."

Forty percent of retirees' incomes in the United States comes from the public sector, which includes Social Security, and 10 percent comes from the private sector, Ghilarducci said. The government funds the program, specifically a payroll tax.

Ghilarducci briefly discussed Chile, a nation with a privatized retirement system.

"We're making choices about the distribution of risks," she said.

Ghilarducci finished by saying the United States can solve any Social Security funding concern simply by increasing taxes, decreasing benefits or increasing the rate of return on trust funds.

"The solution to Social Security and unemployment is the same solution," she said. "You have to have a healthy economy."

Nguyen, of the Social Security Administration's regional office in Chicago, and Walsh, of the office in South Bend, spoke next about the structure and history of Social Security in the United States.

"Over 47 million Americans receive a monthly benefit," he said. "Social Security is the only income for 20 percent of these retired workers."

The Social Security also helps to administer the Medicare and Supplemental Security Income Programs, Walsh said.

Walsh offered words of caution concerning Social Security benefits.

"There is only a 40 percent [average] replacement rate for earned wages. People should try to replace 70-80 percent of their earned income," he said. "[It's] a valuable program for women and minorities. [It's] the only source of income for 40 percent

of today's African-American seniors."

Citing the size of the Social Security trust fund, Walsh said Social Security is "doing very well" today.

Nguyen discussed the structure of the Social Security administration, focusing specifically on the Board of Trustees and its most recent report, released Thursday afternoon. He also reviewed recent demographic trends in the United States, including birth rates and life expectancy.

"There's a projection that [birth rates are] leveling out," he said. "Immigration also plays a factor."

Nguyen reviewed projections for the Social Security trust fund. By 2017, he said, "the outflow will exceed the incoming payroll. Nguyen said by 2042 the only approximately 74 percent of benefits will be paid if nothing changes in the current system.

Wescher then addressed evaluating different proposals for the future of Social Security. He used hypothetical scenarios to illustrate future trends.

"The Social Security system that we choose today may not have an impact on the working population in 2050," he said, noting any projection would depend on many outside factors.

"Where the plans differ significantly is how you're going to invest [your] money," he said. "If money is returned in the form of tax cuts, there are no growth prospects."

There is a need to consider risks inherent in any plan for Social Security, Wescher said. "Social Security is fundamentally an insurance program, not a retirement savings program."

Wescher reviewed the govern-

ment's prospects for success when investing in stocks of private companies, which, he argued, are variable and depend largely on the state of the company and the economy.

"It puts [individual accounts] in a more realistic light," he said.

Griffin was the final speaker of the evening, Indiana's state director of the AARP. She reviewed a number of plans that would reduce or eliminate the future funding shortage to keep Social Security solvent beyond 2042.

Among her suggestions were raising the current cap on Social Security taxes from \$90,000 to \$140,000 over ten years, raising the age for benefits eligibility to 70 by 2083, raising the Social Security tax by five-tenths of a percent, and slightly lowering monthly benefits starting in 2018 to compensate for increased life expectancy.

"There is a full range of options that we could use now [to maintain Social Security]," she said.

Griffin said there is a necessity to preserve the program as an insurance policy for retirees, survivors and the disabled.

"Social Security is designed to be there for all Americans," she said. "It's the only thing that is."

The panel concluded with a question-and-answer session. Questions focused largely on the structure and practices of the Social Security system, its purpose and the proliferation of ideas on how to keep the program solvent in years to come.

Kate Antonacci contributed to this report.

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Views of death are changing

Associated Press

First came Karen Ann Quinlan. Then there was Nancy Cruzan. Now there's Terri Schiavo.

Each time, a young woman was left in a horrible limbo between life and death following a personal disaster: the fateful mixing of alcohol and a tranquilizer; a car accident; a collapse at home and heart failure, possibly from an eating disorder.

Over 30 years, their tragedies not only captured the nation's sympathy and attention, they have spurred new laws, new medical practices and, ultimately, changes in the ways that society views death.

Now every state in the nation recognizes a person's legal right to define how far they want medical care to go if they become very ill — and where they want to set limits. Many doctors make sure to talk with seriously ill and elderly patients about how their life might end. A community of surviving families, lawyers and doctors has been pushing for years to create a path for the end of life that gives as much thought to dying as society does to life's beginning.

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one lead

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iran agrees to extend nuclear talks

PARIS — Iran refused to scrap its uranium enrichment program as it wrapped up the latest talks on its nuclear program with European powers Wednesday. But Tehran appeared willing to maintain a temporary freeze on the program that U.S. officials say could be used to clandestinely make atomic bombs.

High-level negotiators in Paris reported a "positive climate" in the talks, which come amid U.S. concerns that Tehran is masking plans to build weapons by insisting on possessing the enrichment technology needed to refine nuclear fuel for a civilian reactor.

"There was a constructive and positive climate," French Foreign Ministry spokesman Jean-Baptiste Mattei said after negotiators met for seven hours.

Arab summit revisits peace plan

ALGIERS, Algeria — Arab leaders ended their annual summit Wednesday without producing any new initiative for peace with Israel, reissuing instead a three-year-old Saudi plan that already was rejected by leaders of the Jewish state.

The Arab leaders also stayed away from strong stands on other key issues facing the Mideast, including democratic reform and Syria's presence in Lebanon.

The summit did decide to do a better job of marketing a 2002 peace plan for Israel by sending a committee to explain it to Europe, the United States and other nations.

NATIONAL NEWS

Texas explosion leaves workers dead

TEXAS CITY, Texas — An explosion rocked a BP oil refinery Wednesday, killing an undetermined number of people, injuring more than 100 and sending flames and black smoke billowing into the sky, authorities said.

BP spokesman Neil Chapman confirmed fatalities but did not have a total number. The fire was extinguished after a few hours, and workers were searching through rubble for survivors or bodies. The cause of the blast was not immediately known.

Plant worker Charles Gregory said he and several co-workers were inside a trailer getting ready to clean the tank when the floor started rumbling. "After that is when it exploded," he said.

"It was real scary," he said. "Have you ever heard the thunder real loud? It was like 10 times that."

Army orders updated tourniquets

FORT KNOX, Ky. — The Army is rushing to U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan a new and easy-to-use plastic tourniquet that could save more lives on the battlefield.

The nylon and plastic device, which uses a one-inch Velcro strip, was demonstrated Wednesday by Fort Knox soldiers. It is considered much faster and easier to use than more traditional equipment.

The Army has ordered 172,000 of the new tourniquets and will begin distributing them next month.

LOCAL NEWS

Johnson & Johnson to buy Guidant

INDIANAPOLIS — Guidant Corp. shareholders are scheduled to vote April 27 on Johnson & Johnson's planned \$25.4 billion acquisition of the Indianapolis-based medical device maker.

Shareholders of record as of March 21 will be eligible to vote, Guidant said in a news release Wednesday. Guidant will mail shareholders a proxy statement and prospectus before the meeting.

Johnson & Johnson is to pay \$76 in cash and stock for each share of Guidant under the deal announced Dec. 15.

Williams escapes death penalty

Truck driver convicted on 38 counts of transporting illegal immigrants to U.S.

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A truck driver was convicted Wednesday for his role in the deaths of 19 illegal immigrants who clawed at the walls of his sweltering tractor-trailer and screamed for air as he smuggled them across Texas.

The 2003 journey was the deadliest human smuggling attempt in U.S. history.

Tyrone Williams, 34, was found guilty on 38 counts of transporting illegal immigrants but was spared the death penalty because the jury could not agree on whether he bore direct responsibility for the deaths.

The judge also declared a mistrial on 20 counts of conspiracy and harboring after the jury deadlocked on those charges during 2 1/2 days of deliberations. One of those charges also carried the death penalty.

Williams, who smiled when he learned he would not face the death penalty, could get life in prison.

Prosecutors said during the nine-day trial that Williams was paid \$7,500 by a smuggling ring to transport more than 70 illegal immigrants from Harlingen to Houston in May 2003. The refrigeration unit on Williams' trailer was not turned on for the trip, and authorities said temperatures inside reached 173 degrees.

Survivors testified that as the heat in the trailer became unbearable, the immigrants took off their sweat-drenched clothes and crowded around holes they punched in the truck so they could breathe. They also kicked out a signal light to try to get the attention of passing motorists.

Prosecutors said Williams ignored the immigrants' screams and their banging on the sides of the truck,



Tyrone Williams, a Jamaican citizen, was accused of driving and abandoning an airtight trailer packed with more than 70 illegal immigrants.

and even called the operators of the smuggling ring on his cell phone to demand more money because he feared they would damage his rig.

Williams eventually abandoned the trailer about 100 miles southwest of Houston after opening the doors and finding some of the immigrants lying in the trailer. He was arrested a few hours later.

Seventeen people, including a 5-year-old boy, died inside the trailer of dehydration, overheating and suffocation. Two others died later.

Authorities who found the trailer at the truck stop described seeing piles of half-naked bodies piled 4 feet high on the vomit-covered floor and bloody claw marks on its doors where the immigrants had tried to get out.

U.S. District Judge Vanessa Gilmore set an April 11 hearing on whether to retry Williams on the 20 deadlocked counts, but no sentencing date was set. Williams could face the death penalty again if prosecutors decide to retry him on a conspiracy count.

Defense attorneys argued that while Williams was guilty of transporting the immigrants, the ring's other members were responsible for the deaths because they packed too many people into the trailer.

Defense attorney Craig Washington said Williams could not understand the immigrants' pleas because he does not speak Spanish, but when Williams found out what was happening, he bought 55 bottles of water for them at a truck stop and shoved them through the hole in the trailer.

IRAQ

Iraqi training camp militants killed

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The squad of Iraqi commandos was homing in on what they thought was a militant hide-out in central Iraq, when residents pointed them toward a different target nearby — a remote, marshy camp on the shores of Lake Tharthar, a U.S. Army spokesman said Wednesday.

At high noon, 85 militants at the training camp were killed in one of the highest guerrilla death tolls of the two-year insurgency, Iraqi officials said. They said citizens emboldened by the January elections increasingly were turning in intelligence tips.

The Tuesday commando raid, backed by U.S. air and ground fire, turned up booby-trapped cars, suicide-bomber vests, weapons and training

documents, Iraqi Maj. Gen. Rashid Feleih told state television. He said the insurgents included Iraqis, Filipinos, Algerians, Moroccans, Afghans and Arabs from neighboring countries.

"What's really remarkable is that the citizens this time really took the initiative to provide us with very good information," Feleih said.

In three days, according to Iraqi and U.S. officials' accounts, troops have killed at least 128 insurgents nationwide. On Sunday, U.S. soldiers killed 26 insurgents south of Baghdad, while a fight during an ambush on an Iraqi security envoy killed 17 militants on Monday.

"This string of successes does have positive repercussions in that it may convince Iraqis not supporting the insurgents — but not supporting the United States either — to perceive that

the tide is turning and not go with the insurgents," said Nora Bensahel, a Washington-based Iraq analyst for Rand Corp.

But while it's been "a fairly successful few days," Bensahel cautioned that "there's a long, long way to go."

The U.S. military gave the first report of the Lake Tharthar raid, saying that seven commandos and an unspecified number of militants were killed. The military declined Wednesday to confirm the Iraqi government's death toll of 85 militants, and it was impossible to check the figure independently.

But 85 deaths would make the raid the heaviest hit militants have taken since the opening days of the U.S.-led attack in November on the city of Fallujah, where more than 1,000 insurgents died.

Easter

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campus at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Before the conclusion of Holy Week, the Basilica will have held more than 15 services and welcomed thousands of worshippers through its large wooden doors. Though the pews typically hold 800 people, additional seating will be required for Easter services. Each of the three Sunday masses is expected to garner 1,100 to 1,200 individuals, Basilica rector Father Peter Rocca said.

"A vast majority of the people in attendance are students, as well as faculty and staff," Rocca said. "The Holy Cross community of priests, brothers and seminarians usually participate as well."

Residents of South Bend eager to visit the illustrious house of worship — as well as Notre Dame

alumni from across the nation — are also expected to attend Easter services at the Basilica, Rocca said.

Due to the large influx of people during Easter weekend, Basilica staff must meticulously plan services in advance. According to Rocca, provisions like the inclusion of an additional mass, the designation of certain doors as entrances and exits and the use of security to assist with traffic flow all work in tandem to ensure Basilica events run smoothly.

The celebration of the Passion is what Rocca calls a "central mystery of [the Catholic] faith." Indeed, the inherent importance of religion to the University is reflected in on-campus events and the cancellation of classes to allow for students to be with their families on this weekend.

"Experiencing the great love Christ has for us all, even to suffering, dying and rising for us, is a very powerful mystery in the lives of believers," Rocca said. "It goes

to the heart of what it means to be a believer."

Law student Courtney Eschbach has been a part of Easter services at Notre Dame for two years as a member of the women's liturgical choir and a teacher in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program.

"My first year here, I remember being completely bowled over by the beauty of the services at the Basilica — every last detail from the decorations to the music is designed to truly draw the participants deeper into the mystery of Christ's passion," Eschbach said. "Taken as a whole, Triduum at the Basilica is truly a special event."

One of the more highly-touted events of the Easter Vigil is the acceptance of RCIA members into the Catholic community. According to Eschbach, one of the most moving moments of the mass is the "thunderous" applause the catechumens receive from the congregation

after they have been confirmed.

"I think this emphasis on community is reflective of the culture the University tries to create everywhere from the residence halls to the classrooms," Eschbach said.

Following Easter services at the Basilica, there will be another opportunity to celebrate the holiday in a communal setting. South Dining Hall will serve a buffet-style Easter dinner in each of the dining rooms. The meal will include such foods as carved roast leg of lamb, orange-honey glazed ham, chicken breast with walnut plum sauce and New York cheesecake.

"It's a really strong menu with a lot of popular items," South Dining Hall general manager Marc Poklinkowski said.

The meal — which features foods reserved solely for this particular day — will feed many of the thousands of churchgoers pouring from the Basilica after Easter mass. According to

Poklinkowski, South Dining Hall served 2,411 people last year and expects roughly 2,600 to attend Sunday.

Students are invited to partake in the buffet as part of their normal meal plan. Non-students of all ages are also welcome to attend and pay at the door.

"Word seems to be getting out, as we seem to be having more and more families coming each year," Poklinkowski said. "We also see a lot of University employees showing up with their families."

Like the special Holy Week masses at the Basilica, the Easter meal is the most significant event of the year for South Dining hall in terms of time spent and resources used.

"It acknowledges the importance of the holiday and is reflective of the rich traditions of the University," Poklinkowski said.

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Senate

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Not only would club status allow the group to plan events, communicate and gather more easily. Gomberg said it would fill a space left void by the University's current support services — the Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs and Campus Ministry.

"The tenor of a student organization that addresses these needs, one that is not bound up by the administration or by Campus Ministry, is completely different than anything currently offered," she said.

Katie Boyle, chair of the Committee on University Affairs, spoke to the ideological as well as the practical issues of recognition, saying the University's rejection of the club "speaks very loudly" and does not help undo any of the negative press on the subject.

Frequently emphasized during the conversation was the existence of similar groups at peer institutions like Georgetown and Marquette, and the resolution was amended to include Saint Mary's on the list.

"It disgusts me when every year they reject the club status," O'Neill senator Matt Walsh said. "To use respectful language, it makes me mad. Correct me if I'm wrong, but I have never heard any student say that the existing system works great."

Though no one spoke out against recognition, Committee on Academic Affairs chair Vijay Ramanan cautioned that, when approaching the administration, students should be sure to recognize the complexity of the matter, or they will gain little ground in the discussion.

Boyle said while student government does not have any real power in the area of recognizing clubs, the resolution would bring the issue more necessary publicity.

The resolution passed with no opposition, a copy of which will be sent to head of Student Activities Brian Coughlin and the Campus Life Council. Ironically, one of the first acts this group of senators performed after taking office last year was passing a similar resolution.

A representative from the

Ruckus network — a legal downloading service offering a selection of media and community content spoke to the Senate about his company and the possibility of its installation at Notre Dame.

Ruckus currently offers 850,000 songs — but only from complying artists, so no Dave Matthews — and holds licenses for 2,500 movies that it puts up on a rotational basis, as well as shows like "Seinfeld." After the system was installed at no cost to the University, students could join on an "opt-in" basis, choosing a music-only plan at \$15 per semester, a movies-only plan at \$20 or everything for \$30.

Any content downloaded from Ruckus is licensed for 30 days — after which point the user must renew it if they still subscribe, or lose the file — and cannot be transferred to an iPod or other MP3 player or burned to a disk. A pay-by-track service, akin to iTunes, is in the works that will give students the option of spending between 79 and 99 cents on each track they wish to transfer.

Once students graduate, they must either continue with a slightly higher monthly fee, or lose everything they download. A summer subscription must also be paid for non-graduates who plan to continue the service during the next school year.

Ruckus also offers Ruckus Campus, a Web site open even to non-subscribers and tailored specifically to the Notre Dame community, that the representative called "Facebook on steroids." Besides offering spaces for profiles, message boards and blogs, the site would also have Ruckus Studio, on which student artists could put their original music or movies to share with the rest of campus. A section called Mind Tap aims at more academic tastes, with everything from interview tips to interviews with actual alumni.

Ruckus is looking to launch at 17 schools by next fall and is almost halfway there with eight schools up and running. A resolution on the prospects of Notre Dame joining their ranks will likely be introduced at next week's meeting, and if approved, the representative said his company could have the system installed within 17 business days.

To cap off the meeting, senators unanimously passed a

resolution supporting the installation of a copy machine in the LaFortune computer cluster next fall. The machine will be put in on a trial basis to gauge usage and will run at 10 cents per copy.

In other Senate news:

♦ Senate approved Siegfried senator James Leito and student union secretary Nancy Walsh as this year's Irish Clover Award winners, an accolade that recognizes outstanding service to the students of the Notre Dame community. The Senate also approved political science professor Alvin Tillery as recipient of the Frank O'Malley Undergraduate Teaching Award.

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need opportunities and make the most of them."

Weis expressed a desire to "make the most" of the opportunity of coaching at Notre Dame.

One way to achieve this goal is through finding and attracting talent for his team, he said. Weis likened the recruiting process to common business strategy by explaining the three most important techniques in enlisting athletes: selling the school, selling the coaching staff and building relationships.

For Weis, the first two proved easier than the last. Because of the limited time to recruit players, — he began the process in December — he found himself making over 50 phone calls a day

to "just about everyone in the country."

The number of telephone conversations may not have translated to what one would consider enduring, personal relationships, but they did lend themselves to Weis' straightforward and up-front style. Conversations ended after just three minutes if a recruit showed little or no interest, Weis said.

Weis expressed a desire to learn more about the various departments and areas of study at Notre Dame so he can translate this knowledge into a form of leverage for courting potential players.

With regard to his future aspirations, Weis plans on a successful run at Notre Dame.

"I plan to retire from here after my sixth-grade son graduates [from Notre Dame]," Weis said.

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Composite Volume: 2,282,433,720		

AMEX	1,467.50	-3.49
NASDAQ	1,990.22	+0.88
NYSE	7,127.18	-31.79
S&P 500	1,172.53	+0.82
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	11,739.12	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	4,910.40	-26.90

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 100 TR SER I (QQQQ)	+0.36	+0.13	36.26
SUN MICROSYS INC (SUNW)	+1.24	+0.05	4.08
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	+0.79	+0.19	24.18
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	+0.16	+0.02	12.51
INTEL CP (INTC)	+1.61	+0.37	23.39

Treasuries			
30-YEAR BOND	-0.57	-0.28	48.63
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.07	-0.03	46.07
5-YEAR NOTE	+0.42	+0.18	42.94
3-MONTH BILL	-1.46	-0.41	27.61

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GOLD (\$/Troy oz)	-6.20	425.40
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Exchange Rates	
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EURO	0.7698
POUND	0.5346
CANADIAN \$	1.2160

IN BRIEF

Ford trucks under investigation

WASHINGTON — The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said Wednesday it would investigate more than 3.7 million Ford Motor Co. pickups and sport utility vehicles for a defect in a cruise control switch that led to a January recall.

The agency said it would examine Ford F-150 pickups from the 1995-1999 and 2001-2002 model years, and Ford Expeditions and Lincoln Navigators from the 1997-1999 and 2001-2002 model years.

NHTSA officials said they have received 218 complaints of engine fires from the cruise control switch in those models. No injuries or fatalities have been reported.

The new investigation does not include the 2000 model years of the vehicles, which was covered by the January recall of nearly 800,000 vehicles. Ford said the cruise control switch could short circuit and cause an engine compartment fire when the vehicle was parked or being driven, even if the cruise control was not being used.

Brokerages fined for concealment

WASHINGTON — In three unrelated cases, federal regulators fined Citigroup Inc. and Putnam Investments \$20 million and \$40 million respectively and a smaller brokerage firm \$100,000 to resolve allegations that they concealed from customers the fact that brokers were paid to recommend certain mutual funds, creating a conflict of interest.

The Securities and Exchange Commission announced the separate settlements Wednesday with Citigroup, the biggest U.S. financial institution; Putnam, the seventh-largest mutual fund company; and brokerage Capital Analysts Inc. Citigroup, Capital Analysts and Putnam, a unit of Marsh & McLennan Cos., neither admitted nor denied wrongdoing as part of the agreements. The SEC also alleged that Citigroup sold a type of mutual fund shares known as Class B shares to certain large-scale customers who could have earned a higher return from another type of shares.

Capital Analysts, a brokerage firm based in Radnor, Pa., agreed to pay a civil fine of \$100,000 and \$350,000 in restitution plus interest.

Trustees foresee early deficit

New report suggests Social Security to run out earlier than previously expected

Associated Press

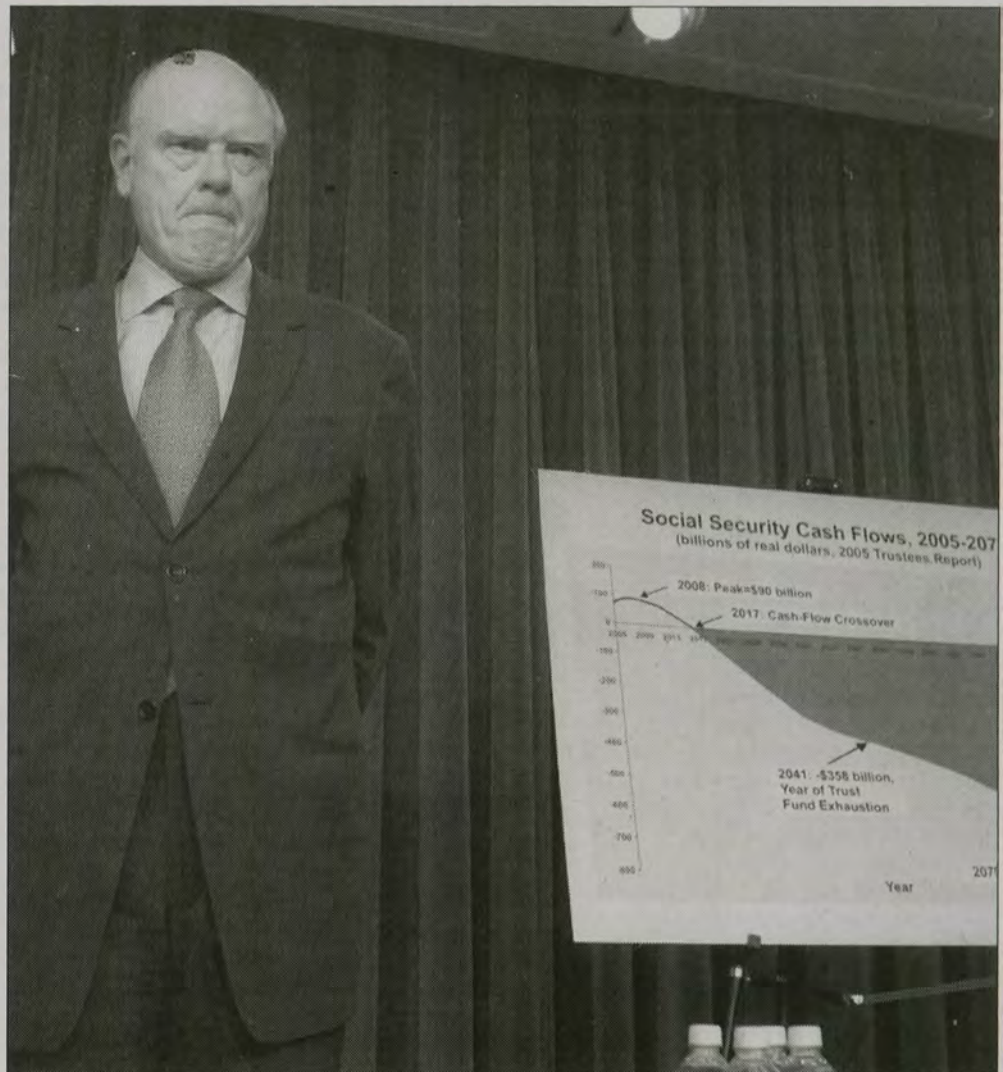
WASHINGTON — Social Security will begin paying out more in benefits than it receives in taxes in 2017, twelve years from now and a year earlier than previously estimated, trustees said Wednesday in a forecast adding fuel to the debate over changes President Bush wants.

The trustees estimated that the program, which is about to be inundated with baby boom retirees, would go broke in 2041, also a year earlier than in their previous annual report. After then, benefits would have to be cut by more than 25 percent if payroll taxes aren't increased.

The Bush administration said both findings underscored the urgency of its effort to overhaul Social Security this year, in part by creating retirement investment accounts for younger workers. Democrats said the trustees' report undercut the president's efforts to portray the program as in immediate crisis.

That label would appear to apply to Medicare, the health care program for the elderly and disabled. The trustees, who also oversee that Great Society program, noted that Medicare began paying out more in benefits than it received in taxes as of last year. They also predicted it would go broke in 2020, one year later than they estimated in 2004, but more than two decades before Social Security.

"The numbers leave nothing to doubt about the financial condition of the Social Security system," Treasury Secretary John Snow, chairman of the six-member trustees' board, said during a news conference. "The report underscores the fact that we need to do something."



Treasury Secretary John Snow, who is also chairman of the board of trustees for Social Security and Medicare, stands by a chart detailing future Social Security Cash flows.

Mike Leavitt, the new Health and Human Services secretary and another trustee, said that Medicare and Medicaid — the health insurance program for the elderly at the state level — face daunting financial problems.

The trustees estimated that the premiums Medicare beneficiaries pay for doctor visits will increase about 12 percent next year — from \$78.20 a month now to \$87.70 in 2005. This year's premiums are 17 percent above what they were in 2004.

Leavitt said the administration had begun to address Medicare in 2003 with new performance standards for doctors, as

well as programs that encourage better health through things as simple as an annual physical.

Senator Harry Reid of Nevada, the top Democrat in the Senate, disagreed with Snow, declaring, "Today's report confirms that the so-called Social Security crisis exists in only one place: the minds of Republicans."

Reid also argued that enacting the key feature of the president's proposal — allowing younger workers to invest up to 4 percent of their income subject to Social Security taxes — would make the fund insolvent in 2030, some 11 years earlier than the trustees project-

ed. Snow branded Reid's former statement as "counterfactual," noting that the first of the 78 million baby boomers will begin to retire in 2008, accelerating benefit payments while reducing the number of workers paying into the system.

White House spokesman Trent Duffy also brushed off the 2030 estimate, saying, "President Bush wants to save Social Security permanently so that date never comes."

The trustees said that Social Security's unfunded obligations total \$4 trillion over the next 75 years, an increase from last year's projection of \$3.7 trillion.

Sony PSP gaming system released

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — First "Star Wars" movies, then Harry Potter books. Now, Sony Corp.'s new PlayStation Portable is getting the midnight-release treatment reserved for the most hyped of pop culture products.

What remains to be seen is whether the handheld entertainment system can live up to consumer expectations — and whether Sony has manufactured enough to meet demand.

Sony said Wednesday it had stocked North American retailers with 1 million units for Thursday's launch. With gamers expected to line up in anticipation, many stores were planning midnight hours to get the units on

sale at the first possible moment.

Sony hopes the sleek, portable system — which allows users to play games, view movies and pictures and listen to digital audio — will transcend the traditional young, male gaming demographic.

Both storefront and online retailers have taken pre-orders for the system since it was announced in September. And Sony has sold more than 1.2 million units in Japan since the system's launch there on Dec. 12.

"We will have 1 million units on store shelves starting tonight at midnight, and expect them to sell those units very quickly," said Sony spokesman Patrick Seybold. "We

have additional supplies, even if the initial units are sold out on the first day."

By the middle of the year, the company plans to increase production to 2 million units per month.

Retailers saw similar demand when Nintendo's \$150 dual-screen handheld hit the U.S. market in November, selling out its initial 2 million units worldwide.

The PSP Value Pack will retail for a suggested price of \$250. That buys the gaming unit, stereo headphones, a 32-megabyte Memory Stick Duo, battery and charger, a wrist strap, a soft carrying case and a Universal Media Disc.

RCIA

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called candidates, who have already been baptized but are seeking full association with the Church.

The catechumens will be celebrating their sacraments this Holy Week, while the candidates will be initiated into the Church on April 10.

Each of these candidates and catechumens has a sponsor, many of whom are Notre Dame students. Sponsor Leigh Radigan said she takes this role very seriously.

"Because Christ is present to us only in community," Radigan said, "and because we believe that the Church is the institution of Christ and His community on Earth, the role of sponsor/candidate, or sponsor/member of the elect, is essential in the faith journey."

Many students elect friends as sponsors so as to experi-

ence their new journey with a comfortable guide.

"A person experiences the love of God through others," Radigan said, "and if that love is powerful enough to call them into a deeper life of faith within Holy Mother Church, then it is not hard to see how such a person would want to choose a friend to walk with them."

Candidate Sarah Roseberry said that their "faith-centered" friendship inspired her to choose Radigan as her sponsor.

"She was instrumental in answering so many of my initial questions," Roseberry said.

Each sponsor participates in different activities to best fulfill this role of spiritual mentor.

"I go to RCIA with Spence [McSorley, a catechumen] and basically my job is just to walk with him," Chris Scaperlanda, another sponsor, said. "We have lunch weekly just to talk about life and stuff, and if he has any questions, he comes

and talks to me."

Radigan and Roseberry said they go to class and mass with the RCIA group every Sunday and meet an additional few times a week to go to mass or just to talk over a cup of coffee.

Many of the sponsors and their candidates or catechumens are making a special effort to meet during Holy week.

"During holy week, he [Spence] and I are trying to go to as many of the services together as possible," Scaperlanda said.

The candidates view these next few days as a final preparation for their sacraments.

"I think a lot of my preparation for Holy Week has just been making sure that faith is a part of my daily life, which means a lot of 'me time' to reflect on my life, and a lot of time at daily mass and prayer and such," Roseberry said.

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JAPAN

Bobby Fischer freed from detention center

Prodigy halts efforts of U.S. deportation

Associated Press

USHIKU — Chess legend Bobby Fischer was freed Thursday from a Japanese detention center and immediately headed for flight to Iceland, bringing to a halt efforts to deport him to the United States.

Fischer, sporting a long, gray beard, jeans and a baseball cap pulled down low to cover his face, left the immigration detention center in this city on Tokyo's outskirts early Thursday morning.

The eccentric chess icon was taken into custody by Japanese immigration officials in July when he tried to leave the country using an invalid U.S. passport.

As he was taken away in a black limousine provided by the Icelandic Embassy, his vehicle was mobbed by a few dozen photographers and reporters. Fischer did not emerge from the car or make any comment.

Fischer was accompanied by his fiancée, Miyoko Watai, the head of Japan's chess association, and an official from the Icelandic Embassy. They were headed for the airport to try and catch an afternoon flight to Denmark en route to Iceland, where he has been granted citizenship.

Fischer, who has been held in detention since his arrest, claims his U.S. passport was revoked illegally and sued to block a deportation order to the United States, where he is wanted for violating sanctions imposed on the former Yugoslavia by playing an exhibition match against Russian Boris Spassky in 1992.

This week, Iceland's Parliament stepped in to break the standoff, awarding citizenship to Fischer. Iceland is where Fischer won the world championship in 1972, defeating Spassky in a classic Cold War showdown that propelled Fischer to international star-

dom.

Fischer, 62, could still face extradition to the United States — Iceland, like Japan, has an extradition treaty with Washington.

Thordur Oskarsson, Iceland's ambassador to Japan, said before Fischer's release that Washington sent a "message of disappointment" to the Icelandic government over its vote to grant Fischer citizenship.

"Despite the message, the decision was put through Parliament on humanitarian grounds," Oskarsson said.

In Washington on Tuesday, the State Department said it had officially asked Japan to hand over Fischer because of the charges against him.

"That's what we've asked for," said Adam Erel, deputy spokesman for the State Department. "Mr. Fischer is a fugitive from justice. There is a federal warrant for his arrest."

Japan's Foreign Ministry, which has denied that there has been any pressure from Washington, had no immediate comment. The U.S. Embassy also declined to comment.

Tokyo initially refused Fischer's request to go to Iceland, saying Japanese law only allows for Fischer's deportation to the country of his origin. But following Iceland's decision Monday, Japanese Justice Minister Chieko Nono said officials would consider the possibility of allowing Fischer to go there.

Fischer became an icon in 1972 when he dethroned Spassky in a series of games in Reykjavik to claim America's first world chess championship in more than a century.

But a few years later he forfeited the title to another Soviet, Anatoly Karpov, when he refused to defend it. He then fell into obscurity before resurfacing to play the exhibition rematch against Spassky in the former Yugoslavia in 1992.

Schiavo's parents suffer setbacks

Federal appeals court refuses to replace dying woman's feeding tube

Associated Press

PINELLAS PARK, Fla. — Terri Schiavo's parents saw their options vanish one by one Wednesday as a federal appeals court refused to reinsert her feeding tube and the Florida Legislature decided not to intervene in the epic struggle. Refusing to give up, Gov. Jeb Bush sought court permission to take custody of Schiavo.

The desperate flurry of activity came as President Bush suggested that Congress and the White House had done all they could to keep the severely brain-damaged woman alive.

As of Wednesday afternoon, Schiavo had gone five full days without food or water; doctors have said she could survive one to two weeks.

Supporters of Schiavo's parents grew increasingly dismayed, and 10 protesters were arrested outside her hospice for trying to bring her water.

"When I close my eyes at night, all I can see is Terri's face in front of me, dying, starving to death," Mary Schindler said outside the Pinellas Park hospice. "Please, someone out there, stop this cruelty. Stop the insanity. Please let my daughter live."

The Schindlers have vowed to take their fight to the U.S. Supreme Court, which refused to get involved previously. Their attorneys planned to file an appeal with the high court later Wednesday, said Rex Sparklin, a member of the legal team. Republican leaders in Congress also were

preparing arguments for the Supreme Court in support of the parents.

Schiavo's tube was pulled Friday afternoon with a Florida judge's approval. By late Tuesday, her eyes were sunken and her skin, lips and tongue were parched, said Barbara Weller, an attorney for the Schindlers. The hospice has refused to provide details about her condition.

Schiavo suffered brain damage in 1990 when her heart stopped briefly from a chemical imbalance believed to have been brought on by an eating disorder. Court-appointed doctors say she is in a persistent vegetative state with no hope of recovery.

Her parents argue that she could get better and that she would never have wanted to be cut off from food and water. Schiavo's husband, Michael Schiavo, has argued that his wife told him she

would not want to be kept alive artificially, and a state judge has repeatedly ruled in his favor.

The battle played out on several fronts Wednesday.

A three-judge panel from the Atlanta-based 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against the family early Wednesday, and hours later the full court refused to reconsider; the vote breakdown was not provided.

Jeb Bush and the state's social services agency filed a petition in state court to take custody of Schiavo and, presumably, reconnect her feeding tube. It cites new allegations of neglect and challenges Schiavo's diagnosis as being in a persistent vegetative state. The request is based on the opinion of a neurologist working for the state who observed Schiavo at her bedside but did not conduct an examination of her.

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Planned Parenthood charges state officials

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Planned Parenthood officials charged Wednesday that efforts by two state attorneys general to seize patient medical records from the organization's clinics are aimed at discouraging women from seeking abortions and other reproductive health care.

Kansas Attorney General Phill Kline and his Indiana counterpart, Steve Carter, deny that's the case. They say the documents are needed for investigations of child sexual abuse and — in Kansas — possible illegal late-term abortions.

Kline is seeking the medical files of about 90 women and girls from two abortion clinics, which are contesting on privacy grounds.

Planned Parenthood sued the state of Indiana last week to stop the seizure of medical records there, saying investigators were on a "fishing expedition," possibly to identify the partners of sexually active 12- and 13-year-olds. None of the records requested in Indiana involved abortions.

The state actions follow an

unsuccessful attempt last year by then-U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft to subpoena abortion records from several Planned Parenthood affiliates as part of the government's defense of a new law barring certain late-term abortions.

Karen Pearl, interim president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, called the efforts to get access to the records an "attack on medical privacy."

"Politicians with rigid anti-choice agendas are trying to rip apart the covenant that we have as providers with our patients," she said at a news conference.

Kline, attending a seminar in Washington, held his own news conference to rebut the allegations.

"Our investigation has been going on for a year and it's been secret until the clinics actually sought to open it up before the Kansas Supreme Court," Kline said. "So it's impossible for me to have the motivation of frightening women when I intended this entire investigation to remain secret."

IRAQ

War destroys Baghdad's beauty

Historic 'Garden of God' falls to bottom of quality of life survey

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Baghdad, whose name means the "Garden of God," has fallen from grace. Known for centuries as one of the most beautiful cities in the world, its landscape has been marred by concrete blast walls, barbed wire, steel barricades, sandbags and crumbling buildings pockmarked by bullet holes or gutted by explosions.

Things have gotten so bad that the Iraqi capital has dropped to the bottom of a quality of life survey of 215 cities, conducted by the London-based Mercer Human Resource Consulting.

"We used to be under sanctions and the economic conditions were dire, but never was the city so ugly. Between the chopped trees and the burned houses, it's a total mess," said 61-year-old Fadhila Dawoud, a teacher who used to take her students on picnics along the banks of the Tigris. Now they hold picnics in the school courtyard.

That could change if the mayor has his way, and if the government comes through with promised funds. Work has already started in some areas, where residents are rebuilding

homes and shops.

Once dubbed the "City of Peace," Baghdad was founded in the eighth century by Caliph Abu Jafar al-Mansur as the capital for his rising Muslim Abbasid empire. The city soon became the heart of medieval Muslim civilization — a mecca of arts, culture and architecture.

Forming half-circles on the two sides of the Tigris, its suburbs, parks, gardens, mosques and marble mansions earned it the reputation as the richest and most beautiful city in the world.

Since then, Baghdad has survived the 13th-century mayhem inflicted on it by the Mongols, the 16th-century marginalization by the Ottomans and two decades of war and sanctions under ousted dictator Saddam Hussein.

Saddam himself didn't help with beautification — most of the apartment complexes, government buildings and palaces built under his orders would not have won any architecture prizes. And then there were the dozen of statues and oversized portraits of the Iraqi leader that decorated those buildings.

After the U.S.-led invasion in March 2003, the city of 5 million became one large military

barricade: Humvees and tanks roaming the streets, helicopters rattling above, checkpoints and soldiers everywhere.

A two-year insurgency attacking homes and government buildings compounded the scars on the city's face, undermining its ailing infrastructure and tattering the remaining grace.

Beautiful date palm groves that lined the 10-mile-long airport road — a visitor's first impression of Baghdad — had to be removed to prevent gunmen from hiding in what has become one of the city's most dangerous battlefields.

The rampant lawlessness has also encouraged people to take over buildings previously occupied by government offices and construct squatter settlements.

Even democracy has taken its toll on Baghdad. Posters and banners of candidates running in the landmark Jan. 30 elections — a collage of mismatching colors — are still plastered everywhere, tainting traffic circles and walls two months after the vote. Huge black banners of religious invocations and photos of Shiite saints — a breakthrough for the country's majority Shiites oppressed under Saddam — are randomly scattered around the city.

UNITED NATIONS

France proposes prosecution plan

International Criminal Court will try Sudanese war crime suspects

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — France on Wednesday presented a U.N. resolution allowing for the prosecution of Sudanese war crimes suspects at the International Criminal Court, forcing the United States to choose between accepting a body it opposes or casting a politically damaging veto.

The Security Council has been deadlocked for weeks on the issue of holding people accountable in Sudan, drawing criticism that it has become mired in haggling while conflict continues to rage in the country's western Darfur region.

The United States circulated three Sudan resolutions Tuesday — one authorizing a peacekeeping force, another imposing sanctions and a third tackling the

issue of where to punish those responsible for atrocities. It said a vote on the final issue would have to be put off because of the divisions in the council over the court.

But France, Britain and others were determined to handle the issues at once.

At a closed council meeting Wednesday, the United States first introduced the resolution to deploy peacekeepers on which there is broad council agreement.

France's U.N. Ambassador Jean-Marc de La Sabliere then introduced a draft resolution that would refer Darfur cases since July 1, 2002 to the International Criminal Court. That was the recommendation of a U.N. panel that had found crimes against humanity — but not genocide — occurred in Darfur.

"We've gone to great lengths to

make sure that the text on the table is one that was most likely to be acceptable or at least not objectionable to any colleagues," Britain's U.N. Ambassador Emyr Jones Parry said.

In a clear concession to the United States, the resolution said citizens of countries that have not ratified the treaty establishing the ICC who take part in operations in Sudan wouldn't be subject to prosecution by the court.

The United States is not party to the court, and objects to the world's first permanent war crimes tribunal in part because it fears its citizens could face politically motivated prosecutions.

"The United States position on the International Criminal Court is well-known and unchanged," said Richard Grenell, spokesman for the U.S. Mission, refusing to elaborate.

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An unattractive option

The University has made its statement. The regilding process of the golden dome will continue through graduation ceremonies in May.

To the chagrin of many graduating seniors, there will be no scenic Commencement weekend family photos in front of the landmark administration building, no gleaming gold in the background — none, at least, without metal scaffolding surrounding it.

It is unfortunate that those responsible for instituting the regilding process did not provide students with sufficient notice of the project. The University's intentions were revealed quietly the Friday before spring break, when few students remained on campus and President Bush's visit captured the attention of those who did.

Workers began erecting scaffolds the following Monday, when even fewer students were around to see it. All subsequent student reaction, therefore, has been that of surprise — rightfully so — and of resentment. The University had a responsibility to make the community aware. When it gave notice at an ill-timed moment, Notre Dame underestimated the negative student perception of its decision, and did not adequately anticipate the reaction that ensued.

Though that reaction was somewhat slow in coming, it reached full force this week as the implications of the regilding began to sink in. Taking action on behalf of his classmates, senior class president Darrell Scott did a thorough job gathering information on the University's last regilding process in 1988. Scott found evidence that University officials pushed back the process until after graduation that year.

But while Scott and his contemporaries showed impressive initiative pursuing a moratorium on the regilding process, they

did not have the resources to fully understand the University's reasons for erecting scaffolds and for beginning at this specific time of year.

This year's project is decidedly different from the work done on the building 17 years ago. This spring and summer, workers are not only regilding the dome. They are also taking on necessary additional projects, such as making structural repairs and sealing cracks in the statue of Our Lady.

Whether the University intentionally or unintentionally withheld notice and specifics of the regilding, the work itself allows little breathing room. The nature of the process does, in fact, demand a six-month time frame, which South Bend weather narrows to only this time of year.

It is not wrong for students to charge the University with a certain degree of oversight. Indeed, the prestige of Notre Dame and its demographic of students mean many parents do not have frequent access to the campus, particularly students attending Notre Dame from foreign countries.

Parents making their sole trip to campus should not be deprived of seeing the dome and capturing its memory. And all parents' graduating sons and daughters are justified in their disappointment at being prevented from preserving the perfect memory on film.

But a picture isn't everything.

Notre Dame is a top national university that will provide all of the same seniors who have voiced opposition to this project with a solid degree, friends for life and memories that run deeper than photographs and graduation day.

So for now, seniors must recognize the regilding as a necessary evil, even though that option — like the golden dome surrounded by scaffolding — does not seem too attractive.

The Observer Editorial

The whole truth, and nothing but...

Notre Dame rocketed to the top of the political correctness charts with the Vagina Monologues and the Queer Film Festival (QFF). That moment of glory is past. It remains only to note some key points regarding the QFF.

Charles Rice

Right or Wrong?

The key strategy of the "gay" movement is to gain recognition of homosexual activity as a mainstream lifestyle. The sponsorship of QFF by Notre Dame lent important support to that strategy.

Our leaders' repeated sponsorship of QFF was the predictable outcome of their refusal to affirm the full and positive Catholic teaching. That teaching, in the Catechism, has three points:

1. Persons with "homosexual tendencies . . . must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided."

2. Homosexual acts are "intrinsically disordered. They are contrary to the natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life." "Scripture . . . presents [them] as acts of grave depravity."

3. The homosexual inclination is not a sin. But, as an inclination toward an objectively disordered act, the inclination is itself "objectively disordered."

Notre Dame's Spirit of Inclusion commendably promotes "an environment of mutual respect . . . in which no one is a stranger and all may flourish." When it was adopted in August, 1997, I asked a Vice-President why it did not specify, in accord with explicit papal teaching, that the homosexual inclination is disordered. She replied that the 1992 draft of the Catechism did not include a statement to

that effect. On Sept. 8, 1997, however, the final text revised the Catechism to state that the homosexual inclination is "objectively disordered." Through an apparent transcription error, incidentally, Bishop D'Arcy's forthright statement on QFF quoted the 1992 text of the Catechism on that point rather than the final language.

Homosexual acts, and the inclination to them, are disordered not because of Church teaching, but because they are contrary to nature. Not even the Faculty Senate could repeal that law of nature. If, as the Catechism states, the acts are "objectively disordered," how could the inclination to those acts be anything but disordered? But, if, as our leaders imply, the inclination is not disordered, why may it not be acted upon?

The problem is that Notre Dame still refuses to affirm that the homosexual inclination is disordered. So why is that a big deal? Because the failure to affirm that the inclination is disordered could lead students to conclude that the homosexual lifestyle itself is not disordered and is therefore a legitimate alternative, prohibited only by the teaching of an arbitrary Church.

This inference is strengthened by the solicitude shown by our leaders to those with homosexual inclinations, beyond that shown to students afflicted with other disordered inclinations. Notre Dame participated, rightly, in the national Eating Disorders Awareness Week. The University offers "smoking cessation programs to all members of the campus community who desire them." To treat an inclination to smoking as a disorder is politically correct. To do so with the homosexual inclination is not. This disparity reflects the reality that the de facto

official religion of Notre Dame is political correctness.

Ex Corde Ecclesiae lists as one of the "essential characteristics" of the Catholic university: "Fidelity to the Christian message as it comes to us through the Church." It would be contrary to that "Christian message" for Notre Dame to host an event that portrayed any disordered activity, such as excessive drinking or shoplifting, as a good lifestyle, even if the event included a panel to discuss whether those activities were really good. A Catholic university knows that they are morally wrong. It should not sponsor a program that presents them as debatably moral activities. Nor should it do so with homosexual activity. Moreover, a Catholic university knows that the inclination to any disordered act is itself disordered. It should not mislead its students by omission of that truth.

The 1986 Letter to Bishops, approved by John Paul II, said, "[T]he proper reaction to crimes committed against homosexual persons should not be to claim that the homosexual condition is not disordered . . . [D]eparture from the Church's teaching or silence about it . . . is neither caring nor pastoral. Only what is true can ultimately be pastoral. The neglect of the Church's position prevents homosexual men and women from receiving the care they need and deserve."

Notre Dame students are entitled to the truth. All of it.

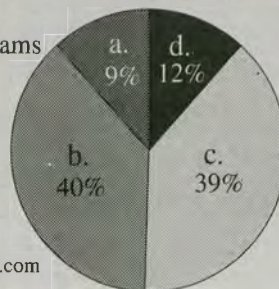
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OBSERVER POLL

In your NCAA bracket, how many teams do you have left in your Sweet 16?

a. 1-4	9%
b. 5-8	40%
c. 9-12	39%
d. 13-16	12%



*Poll appears courtesy of www.ndsmcobserver.com and is based on 150 responses.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Turn your face toward the sunshine, and all shadows fall behind."

Helen Keller
American author and activist

East, Easter, Eastest

Holy Week consists of seven days culminating with the most significant feast on the Catholic Church's calendar: Easter Sunday. The week is filled with traditions — carrying palms into Palm Sunday Mass, the washing of the feet on Holy Thursday and the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

Molly Acker

Nobody Likes a Dumb Blonde

As a Catholic, I regularly observe all of these customs. However, from recent conversations with other students regarding the upcoming Easter break, it has become apparent that most families have also incorporated plenty of secular traditions into their Easter experiences. By partaking in both religious and non-religious rituals, we can observe Easter as both a Church holiday and a family holiday.

The most obvious of the secular traditions is, of course, the Easter Bunny. The historical origins of the Easter Bunny are derived from the pagan festival "Eastre," a celebration of spring and fertility. As we all know, the bunny is among the most fertile animals known to man, which caused 17th century Germans to incorporate the Easter Bunny into the holiday, to involve children in the celebration. The Germans are also credited with another tradition rooted in fertility: the custom of children receiving colored eggs.

In my own family, we have always had the tradition of the Easter Bunny, even though we have not always believed in him. One of the more memorable nights in Acker Family lore occurred on Holy Saturday night when I was four years old. I refused to go to sleep, because I was strongly opposed to the idea of having a large rabbit hopping around my house, even if he was going to bring me treats. Desperate to get some sleep, my parents finally assured me that no animals would be coming into the house that night. Furthermore, they gave me the opportunity to thank them in advance for any candy or presents that I might find when I awoke the following morning.

Nearly two decades have now passed since my parents confessed that, aside from the Cadbury commercials, bunnies don't really have anything to do with Easter candy. Still, my mom continues to hide Easter baskets for both my brother and me every year, despite the fact that he is now 24, and I am 21.

Another time-honored tradition that will be renewed this weekend is the Easter bonnet. As a little girl I always needed to have an "Easter bonnet, with all the frills upon it" (as the Irving Berlin song goes), but I had just about outgrown the custom by the time I was 11 years old. However, after I beat my older brother in our Easter tennis match

that year, I found the bonnet to have a second purpose. Never one to be praised for his good sportsmanship, my brother threw his racket in disgust after he lost, and it hit me square in the head. The bonnet was the perfect way to hide the bump that resulted from his little "John McEnroe moment." Luckily, there have been no such incidents in recent years, seeing that I no longer wear bonnets.

Another favorite Easter activity of ours was the fiercely competitive annual egg hunt that was held near my grandparents' house in Florida. In order to keep all of the children happy, there were special golden eggs for everyone. One of my most vivid Easter memories occurred when I was hot on the trail of my golden egg, only to have my efforts thwarted when a lizard crawled up my dress.

Because Easter is the most important Catholic holiday, we were always taught to celebrate with an eye towards the religious aspect of the feast. In my house, this meant that every year during Holy Week, my dad would make us sit with him and watch *Ben-Hur* and *The Ten Commandments*, two biblical epics starring Charlton Heston. Perhaps this one has more to do with my dad's taste in movies than any religious message, but it is nonetheless part of the family tradition.

This is not to say that my family loses sight of the true meaning of the holiday. On Easter Sunday, we all pile in the car and go to Mass, where we encounter another of our holiday traditions: our inability to find an empty seat. No matter how early we arrive, we never find a place to sit. I typically blame my lack of a seating arrangement on the so-called "Chreasters" — the people who only go to Church on Christmas and Easter. Still, all the standing usually helps us work up our appetites, which is perfect for the large family meal that we always share after Mass.

Like all holidays, each family celebrates in its own way with a unique set of customs. After reflecting upon some of the rather unorthodox rituals that occur within my family during the Easter season, I have come to realize that while it is important to keep sight of the fact that we are celebrating Jesus' resurrection and our salvation, we can also recognize Easter as an opportunity for families to gather and spend quality time together.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dome repairs needed now

On March 4, 2005, the University announced we would be undertaking a major effort to regild the Golden Dome atop the Main Building, beginning March 7.

The project, as was originally articulated, outlined the need to regild the Golden Dome for the first time in 18 years; a means to redress and refresh our campus landmark. The project, however, is far more significant an undertaking than cosmetic correction and unfortunately could not be delayed until after Commencement.

On behalf of the University administration, we hear and understand your disappointment surrounding the scaffolding and construction. We appreciate and sympathize with the visual impact it will have on you at graduation. Unfortunately, there is no way it could be avoided.

Although the Main Building is safe for continued use, the dome suffers from structural damage and water leakage that are impacting the integrity of the landmark. While the regilding process itself will be

lengthy, the project also encompasses structural repairs, stripping of the finish from the base of the dome prior to repainting, repairing and sealing of cracks in the statue of Mary, and, finally, the hand-applied regilding. This process will take at best six months due to the structural and base repairs. This was not a factor in the last Golden Dome facelift and could not be delayed to a May start because weather plays such a critical role in restorative architectural projects of this sort.

The Golden Dome remains our University's most cherished landmark. We must continue to protect the integrity of the structure as well as its beauty. We ask your understanding and cooperation in recognizing the need to assure the Golden Dome shines brightly for the future.

Thank you all for your patience, understanding, and most importantly, your undying passion for Notre Dame.

John Affleck-Graves
 Executive Vice President
 March 23

Hope for Schiavo on Good Friday

"I'm begging you, don't let my daughter die of thirst."

This is exactly what is happening to Terri Schiavo — she is dying of thirst. And it is piercing her mother's heart like a sword.

On the cross, Jesus vocalized the words, "I thirst" (John 19:28). Yes, his thirsting was physical, but it was also spiritual. He thirsted for water and for souls, for a liquid and for love, for something to drink and for a people to accept him. Like Terri's mother, the mother of Jesus probably said in her own heart, "I'm begging you, don't let my son die of thirst."

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta used those two words — "I thirst" — as a driving force behind her ministry. She knew she was quenching the thirst of Jesus as she quenched the various thirsts of others. Today, we find before us a woman slowly dying of thirst because her feeding tube was removed five days ago.

I have the saddest feeling that Terri will die this Friday, on Good Friday. If so, she would die from the same hardness that caused Jesus' death: our inability to see the beauty of this person and to recognize her true self.

To me, it seems as though the question of Terri's life really cannot be answered in medical or legal terms. Instead, this brings to light one of the key areas where religion helps to inform society. How can doctors, nurses, lawyers and judges determine

when someone is, in their very essence and at their core, alive and when they are not? How can we, using medical and legal terms, define such a thing?

Somehow, though, we have ruled that Terri Schiavo — the true Terri Schiavo — is dead, and what remains is an inanimate shadow of her. Because our society thinks that the real Terri is dead, we are willing to let this shadow die, too. In fact, we are willing to cause the death of this "shadow".

As it was with Golgotha, I find myself to be driving in the nails and hanging on the cross. I feel sadness and pain with Terri, while I know that I am part of the culture that is slowly drawing the life out of her. I am thirsting and causing the thirst.

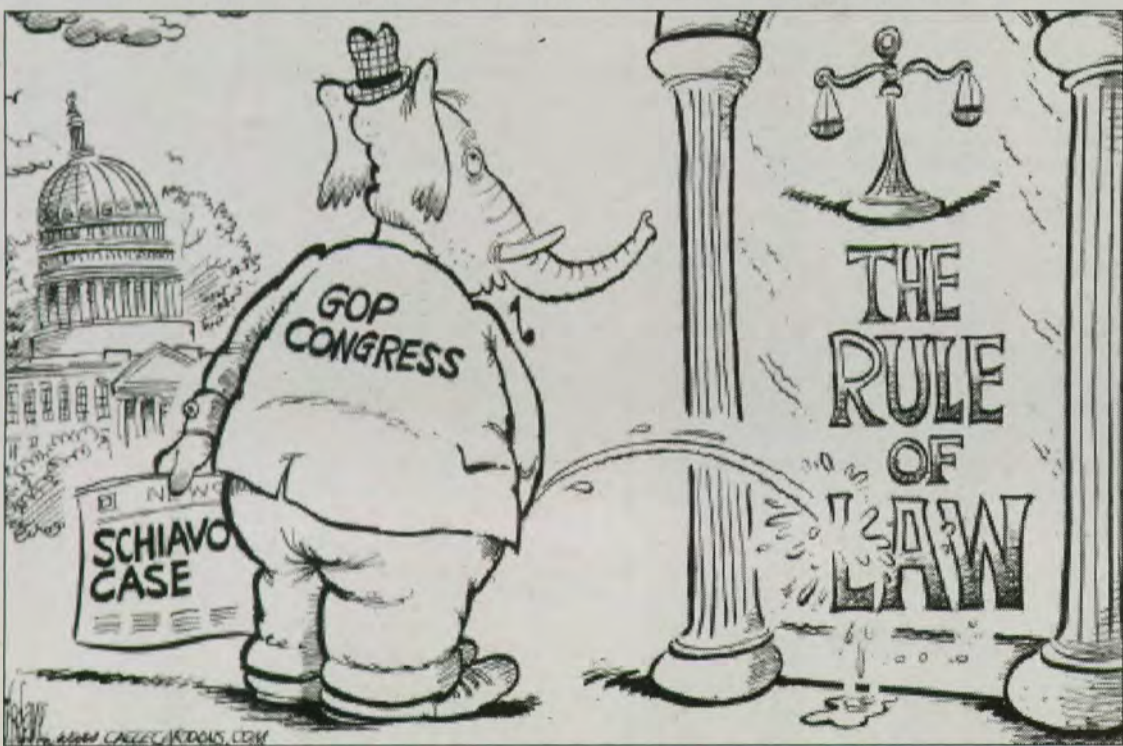
It is a tragic tension to find oneself both persecuting and being persecuted.

I hope against hope that Terri will live, and that her feeding tube will be reinserted. I am praying for a miracle — maybe she will, somehow, find words to speak, or else our hardened hearts will soften. I thirst for Friday to come and go without Terri dying, maybe life in the stead of death will come on Good Friday.

Wouldn't that be something, if resurrection came before death? It is possible, you know. Only once did resurrection have to come after death.

Lenny DeLorenzo
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 March 23

EDITORIAL CARTOON



CONCERT/ALBUM REVIEW

Stroke 9 evokes sentimental emotions

By CHRISTIE BOLSEN
Assistant Scene Editor

The first bar Saturday to reach maximum capacity was not State. It was Legends, which achieved one in, one out status and left a line of people waiting on the steps outside, straining to hear chords of their high school and junior high memories floating from the stage as Stroke 9 played inside.

Even though the band's newest album, "All In," was released in November, it is safe to say the eager audience was mostly interested in reliving a time when they wrote notes in study hall and wore mini backpacks in lieu of old lady purses.

Stroke 9 did not disappoint, playing its biggest hits from its first major label release, 1999's "Nasty Little Thoughts," as well as other hits and new material.

Speeding further down memory lane,

the set list included a cover of the terrible dance phenomenon, the Macarena, which conjured visions of those awkward days when the audience would consent to be seen performing the moves in public. The good-natured fans who danced onstage deserved applause, even though seeing it again was like a big neon "What were we thinking?" sign.

Stroke 9's treatment of other covers fared much better — an especially rocking performance of Snoop's "Gin and Juice" nearly outdid the Stroke 9 staple, "Little Black Backpack." Watching lead singer Luke Esterkyn croon about his Seagram's Gin and Tanqueray was so funny that the fight song almost sounded boring in comparison. The band also paid tribute to the quintessential alt-rock nerd band Weezer, with a rendition of "My Name is Jonas," although one disgruntled fan yelled out, "Play your own songs!"



Photo courtesy of mtv.com

To the delight of the packed crowd at Legends Saturday night, Stroke 9 played all of the biggest hits from its 1999 debut, "Nasty Little Thoughts."

Unfortunately, for both former and current Stroke 9 fans, it probably would have been better for the group to continue with Weezer covers than its own brand of less infectious, albeit similarly quirky pop-rock from its latest album. Just like most junior high boyfriends and girlfriends, the music is admittedly fun but probably will not stick around when something better comes along. If a listener does not take himself or his music too seriously, though, "All In" deserves a fair chance.

Inexplicably, one of the most enjoyable tracks is the seemingly random and potentially annoying "Words To Live By." True to the band's "songs about girls" genre, but with a twist, it plays like an ADD get-to-know-you question game but prettier. "Do you like to heavy pet? Do you wanna make a bet? Did you surf the

morning set?" Another standout track is the acoustically glittery "My Advice," which slows the pace and spotlights the group's fun penchant for spelling bee vocabulary. "It's cold, I know I resuscitate my feelings daily for you / It necessitates this healing, not to bore you."

The rest of the album bounces along brightly. "Set You Free" is a lyrical paradigm of the band: "She stops talking to me / With spiraling eyes that keep on twirling / And that ring, does it shine for me? / Like you said when I was shaking my rusty tambourine around your head."

Its songs still scream "Total Request Live," but if you like parties and you hate goodbyes, Stroke 9 still has what it takes.

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All In Stroke 9

Records, Man!



CONCERT REVIEW

The Updogs rekindle spirit of rock 'n' roll

By JULIE BENDER
Scene Music Critic

People used to live, breathe and bleed rock 'n' roll. There was a time when rock music was at the forefront of existence, causing generational divisions and stirring social movements along the way. Music used to be more than just entertainment — it used to matter.

These days, fans are hard-pressed to find that former passion for rock. The best music out there is heard in small clips on Cadillac and Buick commercials. If you are lucky enough to see a band's reunion tour, you can sometimes catch a glimpse of what rock used to be. But even the concert experience has been soured with \$65 price tags, compared with Woodstock's original \$7 admission.

Discouraging though the times may be — especially for those of us born a generation too late — there are moments now and then when the original spirit of rock is resurrected.

One of these moments was Friday night.

With Reckers as a venue, friends, fans, family members and a few hangers-on gathered to experience a campus cover band known as The Updogs. Comprised of five musicians originally from Zahm Hall — Chris Davis on lead guitar, Joe Harris on bass, Jon Jahr on

keyboards, Kyle Chong on percussion and Drew Updike on lead vocals — The Updogs played a set list eclipsing the best of the decades from the 1960s up to the present.

Scheduled to begin at 10 p.m., the band warmed up for 25 minutes before catapulting into their opener, AC/DC's "You Shook Me." Raw energy radiated from the stage as Davis tore into the famous Angus Young riff, and that energy never let up once during the non-stop set of guitar-driven rock.

Next on the list was an early Who song, "I Can't Explain," which saw Updike do his best Pete Townshend windmill impressions on air guitar. Luckily for the audience, however, no instruments were destroyed in the typical "Who" fashion this early in the evening.

The third song of the night brought the band into their element with The Doors' "Roadhouse Blues." Strutting the stage like a young Jim Morrison, Updike proved a magnetic stage presence with the band musically countering his every dip and dive. The group's exuberance was contagious, and the audience became the necessary sixth man of the band, singing and dancing to the driving rhythm.

For nearly two hours, the band continued in this manner, tearing through the likes of The Five-Man Electrical Band, The Kingsmen, Jon Bon Jovi,



JULIE BENDER/The Observer

The Updogs covered some of the best rock songs from the 1960s up to the present at Reckers on Friday night.

Journey and Led Zeppelin. More recent bands were not ignored as the group touched on the latest garage rock sounds of The Strokes and Jet.

Closing the night, the band played the classic, "Old Time Rock 'n' Roll" sung by Bob Seger. The lyrics, "Today's music ain't got the same soul / I like that old time rock 'n' roll," never rang truer as the audience, pulled from their seats, demanded an encore presentation. Though mildly unprepared for such enthusiasm, the band responded

with the ever-appropriate "Piano Man." Jahr's keyboards set the mood, and the band followed suit for the evening's final number.

And, right there, as the last notes faded out, with the band and the fans linking arms and swaying to this classic sing-a-long, for a moment the missing element of rock 'n' roll was found, just one more time.

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ALBUM REVIEWS

'Handwriting' is a transcendent experience

By MATTHEW SOLARSKI
Scene Music Critic

Does the wide world of indie music really need another precocious, rural-raised American wunderkind named Conor? All right, so perhaps he spells it with two n's and obfuscates it further by adopting the phonetically-equivalent sobriquet "Khonnor," but the background of Vermont's Connor Kirby-Long will invariably evoke comparisons to that other Conor all the kids are talking about — Conor Oberst, of Nebraska.

As "Khonnor," Kirby-Long crafts heartfelt, introspective bedroom pop for the fuzzed-out information age. As weapon of choice, he employs not the guitar (although guitars have their say on "Handwriting") but the laptop computer, baptizing his musings in colorful swirls of noise and textured elec-

tronics. The result, to coin a portmanteau of sorts, is luscious "bedtop pop."

This music Khonnor concocts falls somewhere along the vast landscape stretching from trailblazing IDM artists like Fennesz and Dntel to heartstring-pullers Death Cab For Cutie and Oberst's outfit, Bright Eyes. Kirby-Long wears his influences proudly upon his sleeve, just as he laundry-lists them in the "thank you" section of the liner notes: Sonic Youth, My Bloody Valentine, Radiohead, and The Walkmen (who, bizarrely enough, he thanks twice). Given his tender age of seventeen, Khonnor showcases an impressively evolved taste in music.

The thirteen songs on "Handwriting" are hardly songs at all, at least in the traditional sense. Rather, they are records of instances, flashes of memory and emotion, passing impressions, drifting across the room like midday shadows of clouds. When this record

works best, as on the soaring "Megans Present" or the woozy, somnambulant "Daylight And Delight," the effect is practically chill inducing. In the proper context, such as a post-date midnight drive home, the melodies and atmospherics here could serve as tinder for a blossoming romance, or even resurrect a moribund one.

In many ways, "Handwriting" is the record Bright Eyes' "Digital Ash in a Digital Urn" could have been, and indeed Khonnor with a K demonstrates an acumen for electronic arrangements that easily trumps that of the with a C. Lyrically, the younger Khonnor lags far behind the elder Conor — but then he lags behind in years, too, and lyrical revelation seems the least important aim of "Handwriting." However, whereas the music induces chills, the lyrics do on occasion induce cringes. Much of Khonnor's script admittedly reads like notebook marginalia, scrawled during a moment's afflatus in one of the high school classes he purportedly hates (in fact, the young man cheekily declares in the liner notes that "no portion of this album's profit" will go to his high school). And not even a heavenly choir of angels could render lyrics like "these plastic plates" and "sliced like mother's chicken breast" in a mellifluous manner.

One could also consider "Handwriting" an abstracted answer to the Postal Service's electro-pop milestone, "Give Up." The music operates in much the same way, embellishing lyrical climaxes and creating exalted moments of its own in



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Although Khonnor's lyrics are not the best, his electronic arrangements are excellent.

between. Yet the swells of distortion and relative lack of verse-chorus structure place "Handwriting" in a realm decidedly far from that of radio-groomed pop music.

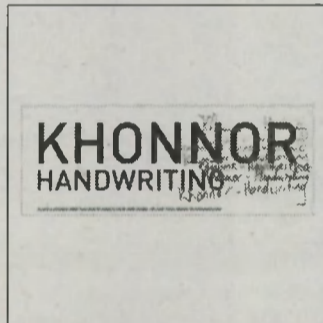
Although vindicated to an extent by his youth, Khonnor blunders from time to time, particularly when he mars otherwise gorgeous arrangements with needless high-pitched vocal distortion. However, it is through these very shortcomings that Khonnor avoids the ultimate tragedy — releasing a perfect record at age seventeen.

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Postal Service, Blonde Redhead deliver

By MATTHEW SOLARSKI
Scene Music Critic

The little side-project that could, Ben Gibbard and Jimmy Tamborello's The Postal Service, seems more ubiquitous than the "LOVE" stamp these days. A full two years after the largely unheralded release of full-length "Give Up," Sub Pop is still dangling aural carrots before the ears of moonstruck listeners eager for new material.

Interestingly, it opted to press "We Will Become Silhouettes" as the third single off of "Give Up." The track, a sunny, almost insouciant account of nuclear holocaust (and a sing-a-long, no less), was chosen over more distinct material like the Human League-

inspired duet "Nothing Better," the heartfelt "Clark Gable" or even crowd-favorite "Brand New Colony."

Nonetheless, "We Will Become Silhouettes" sounds as fresh as ever, removed from its context nestled toward the center of "Give Up." The song manages superficial charm with its lithe electronics, while the dialectic created between lyrical content and delivery is nothing short of a postmodern masterstroke.

The gem here is "Be Still My Heart," a thoroughly satisfying non-album track that is on par with the finest moments on "Give Up." Gibbard's characteristic thrift-shop romanticism is in top form as he beseeches his amorous organ against overreaction, for "this could be a brand new start / with you." If "Be Still" proves indicative of the material on the inevitable sophomore effort, Postal Service fans have good reason to rejoice.

After two solid numbers and a passable remix of "Nothing Better," Matthew Dear's remix of "Silhouettes" comes as something of a disappointment. While a decent rendition in its own right, the track contains virtually none of Dear's signature moves — the clip-clop beats and layered, looped vocals that have made him a preeminent presence in techno. In place of blips and beeps Dear provides a sparse arrangement centered upon a strummed acoustic guitar loop. It works, perhaps, on a subversive level, but falls flat on its face on the dance

floor.

Blonde Redhead dazzles with "Butterflies"

Having graced listeners with the mesmerizing "Misery Is a Butterfly" just last spring, it comes as a most welcome surprise to find a follow-up EP on shelves during this season of love and flowers. "The Secret Society of Butterflies" collects the b-sides from the New York-based art rock trio's UK Singles, including a new song and renditions of three of "Misery's" standouts. Also included on this 4AD release are two music videos, for "Equus" and "Melody."

Blonde Redhead treats the eyes as well as the ears, adorning this release with an exquisite photo collage cover that perfectly compliments the aesthetic standards set by "Misery's" gorgeous packaging. The images also testify to the sounds ensconced within, a kaleidoscopic melding of the band's early distortion-laden leanings and a newfound penchant for the baroque and the cinematic. The result, a dazzling neo-orchestral concoction, at times eerie, and continually mystifying.

"Butterflies" opens with a new version of "Messenger," featuring vocals from David Sylvian, one-time frontman for 80's glam rock icons, Japan. Sylvian does swift justice to Blonde Redhead's words, lending the band a folky quality that distinguishes it from the sophisticated musical arrangement and breeds

The Secret Society of Butterflies

Blonde Redhead

4AD



cohesion through contrast. Listeners are next treated to a new song, "Tons Confession," a hypnotic number constructed from warbling guitars layered over spectral synthesizer tones that recall Boards of Canada. Blonde Redhead rounds out this stellar release with a French version of "Melody" and an alternate rendition of "Misery is a Butterfly's" title track.

As though they were culled from a music box in a dust-bedecked attic, atop an old Victorian mansion in which the notion of misery itself was conceived, the four songs here are bound to haunt even the most world-weary of listeners.

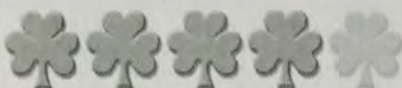
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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Wisconsin-Milwaukee ready to face Illinois

Panthers coach Bruce Pearl wants to keep focus on basketball

Associated Press

ROSEMONT, Ill. — The few dozen Illinois fans barely mustered a yawn, let alone righteous indignation, at the sight of Bruce Pearl coaching his team through a practice.

Come gametime Thursday night, though, the Wisconsin-Milwaukee coach knows the reception will be as hostile as any he's ever seen.

It's been 16 years since Pearl gave the NCAA a secretly recorded tape that he said was proof Illinois was cheating. He moved on a long time ago, and no one connected to the incident is left at Illinois.

But for Illinois fans, the bitterness toward Pearl remains as fresh as it was the day sanctions were imposed. Instead of another step toward the Final Four, the Illini's game against the 12th-seeded Panthers in the Chicago Regional on Thursday night has become a chance to finally avenge past wrongs.

"Regardless of who takes the floor against Illinois, do you think that team's going to be cheered?" Pearl said Wednesday. "Will there be a little more noise because I'm coaching the opposition? Sure there will. I understand that."

Pearl was a young assistant at

Iowa in 1989 and working hard to sign Deon Thomas, a Chicago prep star who was one of the top recruits in the country. Thomas had given the Hawkeyes a verbal commitment but later changed his mind, opting to stay close to home and go to Illinois.

Pearl kept chasing Thomas, though. Convinced Illinois was up to something shady, Pearl secretly tape-recorded one phone call in which Thomas seemed to confirm that Illini assistant Jimmy Collins had offered him \$80,000 and a Chevrolet Blazer. To this day, Thomas denies Illinois did anything improper, saying his comments were simply those of a naive 17-year-old trying to get Pearl off his back without offending him.

"I'm not that person that coach Pearl tried to say that I was. That's not me at all," Thomas said Tuesday from Israel, where he plays professionally. "For him to go out and tell lies and then pass them off as the truth in order to hurt someone or try to gain some notoriety or whatever he was hoping to get from it, it's wrong."

The tape touched off a 16-month investigation by the NCAA. Though Illinois was cleared of the allegations involving Thomas and Pearl's tape, other infractions were found and Illinois was barred from postseason play in 1991.

Thomas went on to become Illinois' all-time leading scorer,

but he says his ability to trust people was forever shaken. Both Pearl and Collins saw once-promising careers derailed. The only job Pearl could get was at Division II Southern Indiana.

"It's a tough situation," said Illinois coach Bruce Weber, who was an assistant at Purdue at the time. "You've got two coaches involved, it's their livelihood. Maybe one guy went a little too far. I don't know. That's not my call. It wasn't good for either person, to be honest. But you've got to go on with life."

Pearl maintains he did nothing wrong, and says he would do the same thing again.

"That's the only thing that he has," said Thomas, who never talked to Pearl again after that phone call. "If he admits that he did something wrong, who would trust him? Who would even think about having him work for their university?"

Though Pearl knows his presence adds intrigue to the matchup, he doesn't want it overshadowing Thursday's game. The Panthers (26-5) have enough to worry about, playing the top-seeded Illini (34-1). UWM used its vaunted press to stun Alabama and Boston College last weekend, but Illinois is better equipped to handle it with its three standout guards.

The Panthers know they're not going to sneak up on anyone again, either. Illinois knows all about Ed McCants and Joah Tucker, sharpshooters whom Weber called two of the best



Wisconsin-Milwaukee coach Bruce Pearl celebrates with his daughter Leah after upsetting Boston College on Saturday.

players left in the tournament.

"They obviously have the mental edge and have the capacity to bring it every game," McCants said. "I don't think that's going to change. They're going to bring it hard."

And not because Pearl will be on the other sideline.

The players were barely in grade school back when Pearl

turned in Illinois. The brouhaha has as much meaning for them as short shorts and canvas sneakers.

"Personally, I really don't know much about the situation," Illini guard Deron Williams said. "Growing up in Texas, I really didn't watch Illinois basketball until they started recruiting me."

Sutton, Olson set to lead teams in Sweet 16 showdown

Associated Press

ROSEMONT, Ill. — Lute Olson and Eddie Sutton are grandfathers, basketball lifers and fellow members of the prestigious 700-win club in college coaching.

When it was suggested that Thursday night's matchup between Arizona (29-6) and Oklahoma State (26-6) in the Chicago Regional semifinals pitted two "deans" against one another, Olson was quick to respond.

"We're old, yes," said the 70-year-old Olson, whose white mane is seldom out of place.

"I'm a little jealous of him," said the 69-year-old Sutton, who walks a bit gingerly. "He's a year older than I am. Look at him, he could go to Hollywood.

Look at me, what happened to me along the line?"

After endless hours in gyms, locker rooms, and practices during careers filled with both satisfaction and heartbreak, Sutton and Olson have survived three decades of major college coaching.

Their teams have met just twice in that long span, and those were in the regular season — Arizona won both times in 1993 and 1994.

But Thursday night's showdown in suburban Chicago is a meaningful one for sure. The winner takes another step toward a place where both coaches have been several times — the Final Four. Sutton has made three trips to college basketball's showcase, Olson five.

"It's surprising we've never played in the NCAA as many times as he's been there and as many times as we've been there," Sutton said.

Olson is 740-255 in 32 years, including 22 years at Arizona where he won a national title in 1997. The Wildcats have been to the NCAA tournament 21 straight seasons.

Sutton's record is 781-298 in 35 years, and he's led the Cowboys to 13 NCAA appearances, including the Final Four a year ago when the Cowboys knocked off top-seeded St. Joseph's in the regional finals. A national title has eluded him as his long career winds down.

Sutton and Olson are currently 2-3 among active Division I men's coaches in

victories, trailing Bob Knight.

Both started their coaching careers at high schools and worked their way up to junior colleges. After a series of stops along the way, both have established two of the country's premiere programs. Sutton's stopovers included Creighton, Arkansas and Kentucky before Stillwater. Olson was at Long Beach State and Iowa before Tucson.

"I've known Eddie for probably 30 years, a fine gentleman," Olson said. "I think a good coach will adjust to talent they have and I think Eddie has done that very well."

"He's still a very strong disciplinarian. Guys are not going to be doing crazy things in the full-court offense or they will have a seat next to him to

explain why," Olson said.

Just as Olson earlier worked out rough spots with star guard Salim Stoudamire, one of the nation's top-long range shooters, Sutton is hoping to find a way to get one of his top players Joey Graham, out of a two-game funk.

"I said yesterday if my hair had been black four years ago, Salim would have turned it white," Olson said. "From mid-March last year to mid-March to this year I've never dealt with a kid who changed as much as Salim has."

Graham, the Cowboys' second-leading, totaled just 15 points in the Cowboys' wins over Southeastern Louisiana and Southern Illinois. And that won't do it Thursday night against the Wildcats.

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NCAA TOURNAMENT

Coaches match wits with season on the line

No. 1 Washington and No. 4 Louisville clash in Sweet 16

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — To learn more about the coaching icon his team will face next, the only thing Washington guard Will Conroy had to do was turn on the TV.

"I was just watching a special about him in the room," Conroy said Wednesday.

The subject of the special: Louisville's Rick Pitino — he of the slicked-back hair, the movie-star looks, the 447 career victories, the four Final Four appearances and, yes, the one made-for-television documentary.

Little-known Lorenzo Romar is in charge of trying to outwit Pitino in the Albuquerque Regional semifinals Thursday. Romar has 151 wins, is making his third trip to the NCAA tournament and coaches a team that hasn't been to a Final Four in 52 years — not counting a movie a few years ago, "The Sixth Man," in which the Huskies won it all.

It was fictional, of course.

"I think there's still a perception of, 'Isn't that cute, Washington is in the Sweet 16,'" Romar said. "I think every game we've played, there has

always been some doubt about us."

For good reason, Romar doesn't want to make the semifinal — the winner will face Texas Tech or West Virginia — about himself and Pitino. And honestly, it figures that the most balanced matchups will take place on the floor, not the sideline.

Pitino has a .739 career winning percentage and has been this far in the tournament six times before — five with Kentucky, where he won the national title in 1996, and once before that with Providence.

Romar made it out of the first weekend for the first time this season. Casual fans may still recognize him more for his five seasons of journeyman's work with the Warriors, Bucks and Pistons than for what he's done in eight years as a college head coach.

"I've never felt like it was me against them," Romar said of the way he approaches coaching matchups. "At the same time, when I was in the NBA, and I'm playing against Julius Erving, you know your role in that deal."

Led by Conroy, Tre Simmons and 5-foot-9 guard Nate Robinson, Washington (29-5) surprised almost everyone when it was chosen as the top seed in the Albuquerque region. The Huskies are, by most accounts, one of the most lightly regarded top seeds in the histo-

ry of the tournament.

Louisville (31-4) earned a shockingly low fourth seed, and this is the tailor-made opportunity for the Cardinals to show that was a mistake.

A master of motivation, Pitino has milked that snub for all its worth.

The Huskies, meanwhile, are tired of hearing they're overrated.

"They're a great team and maybe they deserved a No. 1 seed, too," Robinson said. "But this game is just a game to get to the Elite Eight and that's the

only way we're looking at it."

If the Huskies were to make it, it would mark the program's first trip that far in the tournament since 1953 when they lost in the national semifinals and took third in the consolation game.

That's not counting, of course, the 1997 movie starring Marlon Wayans that culminates with the fictional Huskies winning the national championship.

Romar has had a taste of the title — in 1995, when he spent his third of four years as an assistant to Jim Harrick at UCLA.

When Romar left St. Louis — where he went 2-0 against Pitino — and returned to his alma mater in 2002-03, he was faced with a team that had gone 31-58 over the past three seasons, a program with a few good players but no real history.

"The first thing we had to do was create a culture, a winning culture," Romar said. "And not just the score at the end of games, but a model of how to do things as a program."

That wasn't Pitino's challenge. He followed Denny Crum, who turned the Cardinals into one of the nation's top programs over a remarkable, 30-year run. They slumped a bit, but was there anyone who really doubted Pitino could get them back up to par — and quickly?

"You're always hoping that by the time your first graduating

class leaves, you can turn around your program," Pitino said. "We were very lucky. We improved right away."

Led by Francisco Garcia (15 points a game) and Taquan Dean (who made a Louisville record 103 3-pointers this season), the Cardinals come into The Pit having won 20 of 21.

Pitino, always known for his pressing, pressuring style, has had to adjust this year, as injuries and illnesses left Louisville short-handed. Last week, for instance, the Cardinals smothered Georgia Tech with a 2-3 zone — about the last thing you'd expect from a Pitino team.

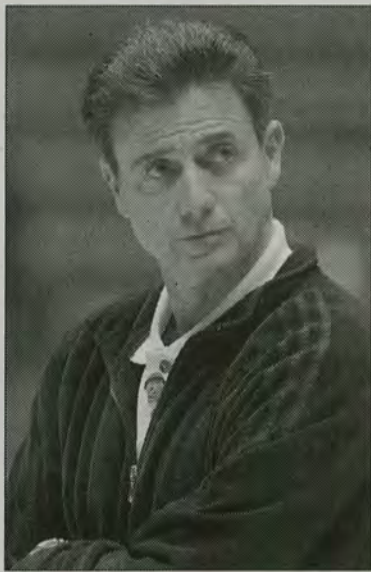
"We've played some games in the 50s and 60s, we've played some games in the 90s. It all depends on our health status," Pitino said.

Washington would prefer this game to be in the 90s. The Huskies have been running all season and more than making up for the lack of a dominant big man. At 6-foot-8, forwards Bobby Jones and Mike Jensen are the team's tallest major contributors.

Who will win the matchup of Xs and Os?

Romar isn't conceding anything.

"At this point, not much is going to change with the Xs and Os," Romar said. "We are what we are, and Louisville is what they are."



Rick Pitino watches his team practice for their matchup with the Huskies.

Knight credits wife for 'perspective' in games

Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — When Bob Knight coaches in the round of 16 for the first time in more than a decade Thursday night, one of his most trusted advisers won't be on the Texas Tech bench.

The Hall of Fame coach brings a seasoned staff, 39 years of coaching, 854 victories and 27 NCAA tournament appearances into the game against West Virginia.

There is also his wife, Karen Knight — a former standout high school coach who brings sharp perspective from the stands.

"It's a different set of eyes with a really good mind, is what we're talking about," Knight said. "It's been great for me to have somebody right there all the time."

Karen Knight made a rare public appearance — and offered a glimpse of her husband's softer side — after Tech upset Gonzaga on Saturday. The coach brought her down from the stands, and

she hugged him throughout a nationally televised interview, tears streaming down her face.

But Karen Knight offers much more than emotional support. In fact, the Oklahoma Girls' Basketball Hall of Fame member has been a key part of the brain trust that has helped turn around the Tech program.

Karen Knight, who has been married to Bob Knight since 1988, is the coach's hoops sounding board. Her husband says she's the better coach of the two Knights, and she suggests defensive strategy and helps players with technique during practice.

"The first time I ever talked to her about [basketball], I understood how much she knew," Bob Knight said. "I knew that immediately."

The marriage is Knight's second. He has two sons — Tech associate basketball coach Pat Knight and Tim Knight, the school's assistant athletic director for men's basketball special proj-

ects — from his first marriage.

Knight declined to talk about how he and Karen Knight met. Karen Knight does not do media interviews.

"She's been really good," Bob Knight said. "And not the least of it is her understanding about the whole thing, about how difficult this is, and how hard losing is. She has experienced all that."

She also has known the good and bad times during Bob Knight's career.

He won three national championships and 662 games at Indiana, but things turned sour when school officials said the coach known for his temper violated a zero-tolerance behavior policy.

Even before then, the Hoosiers had struggled on the court. Indiana made it to the round of 16 in 1994 but struggled afterward, losing in the first round four times. In those final years, Karen Knight knew her husband was unhappy.



Bob Knight speaks with his Texas Tech players during practice yesterday in Albuquerque, N.M.

"And she had to live with that, and I don't think that was easy for her, my disposition toward the whole thing," Bob Knight said.

Even now, bad feelings remain.

In a national radio interview after the Gonzaga win, he was critical in response to a question about his replacement there, Mike Davis.

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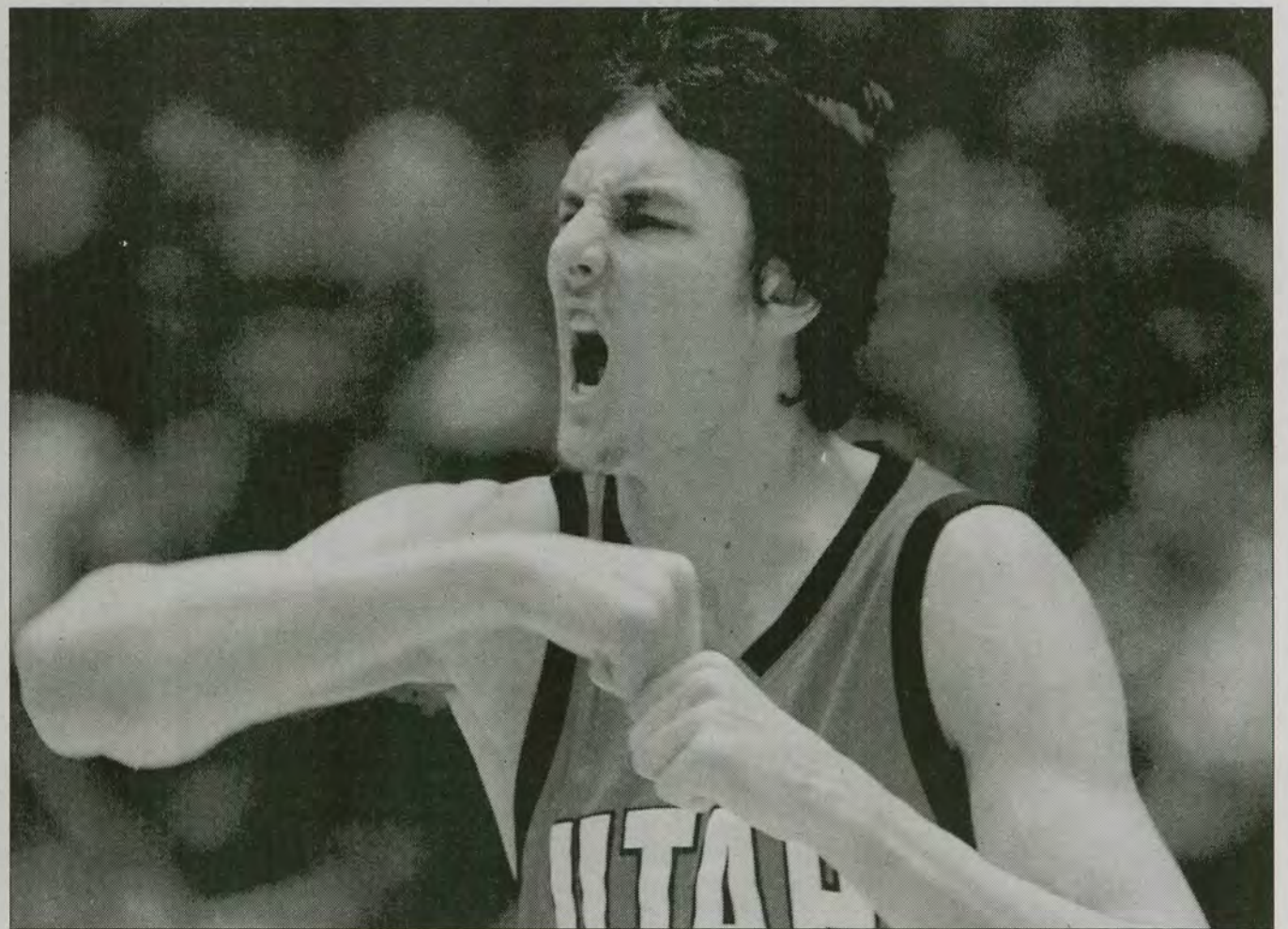
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10	Hofstra	5-1	159
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	team	overall record	league record
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2	Villanova	10-4	0-0
3	Boston College	11-5	0-0
4	Pittsburgh	10-5	0-0
5	Georgetown	12-8	0-0
6	Rutgers	9-7	0-0
7	St. John's	8-8	0-0
8	Notre Dame	8-9	0-0
9	West Virginia	8-11	0-0
10	Seton Hall	4-10	0-0

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL



Andrew Bogut celebrates during Utah's win over Oklahoma in the second round of the NCAA tournament on March 19. Bogut led the Utes in scoring this season with 20.4 points per game.

Utah's Bogut leads All-American voting

Associated Press

Andrew Bogut was just another international player when the college basketball season started, not even meriting an honorable mention in the pre-season All-America balloting.

All that has changed now for the 7-foot sophomore from Australia. The Utah center was the leading vote-getter on The Associated Press' All-America team announced Tuesday.

Bogut, who averaged 20.4 points and was second in the country in rebounding at 12.4, was joined on the first team by

senior forwards Wayne Simien of Kansas and Hakim Warrick of Syracuse, junior guard J.J. Redick of Duke and sophomore guard Chris Paul of Wake Forest.

The voting was done on a 5-3-1 basis by the same 72-member national media panel that selects the Top 25 each week. The balloting was conducted before the NCAA tournament began.

Bogut received 60 first-team votes and 330 points, 22 more than Redick, who had 53 first-team votes.

Simien and Paul each had 289 points with Simien getting 45 first-team votes, one more than Paul.

Warrick also had 44 first-team votes and got 283 points.

Bogut was the only member of the first team not to have received any recognition after last season. In fact, he was the only one of the five not to have been at least an honorable mention selection in the pre-season All-America balloting. Now Bogut is considered a sure lottery pick, and the possible top pick, if he decides to declare for the NBA draft.

"The thing that impresses me the most about Andrew is his ability to get better as the year went along," first-year Utah coach Ray Giacoletti said.

"I've never seen a guy his size with the versatility he has and the will to win he has."

Redick is one of the best shooters in the game from long range — 40.5 percent on 3-pointers — and the free throw line — 93.7 percent. The 6-4 Redick averaged 22.1 points and played 37.3 minutes per game for the short-handed Blue Devils, who won the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament for the sixth time in seven years and are in the round of 16 for the eighth straight year. Redick is the first Duke All-America since Jason Williams was selected in 2001 and 2002.

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IN BRIEF

NASCAR's suspensions for crew chiefs overturned

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Hendrick Motorsports insists it's a by-the-book organization that plays within NASCAR's rules.

If Jimmie Johnson and Kyle Busch failed inspection, then it had to be a mechanical issue, not cheating.

An appeals panel agreed.

The National Stock Car Racing Commission on Wednesday rescinded the two-race suspensions NASCAR levied against crew chiefs for Johnson and Busch, and instead placed both on 90 days probation.

Chad Knaus and Alan Gustafson were penalized 10 days ago because the cars they prepare for their drivers failed post-race inspection in Las Vegas.

George Silbermann, chairman of the three-man appeals committee, noted that the decision was by majority vote and was not unanimous.

"This decision pertains specifically to the evidence presented in this appeal," he wrote. "The commission's rulings do not have a bearing on existing or announced NASCAR enforcement policies."

Super Bowl in New York may become a reality

KAPALUA, Hawaii — The Super Bowl is coming to the Big Apple in 2010. Maybe.

Now all the New York Jets have to do is get approval for their stadium project on the West Side of Manhattan, which is no slam dunk.

NFL owners voted 31-1 Wednesday to award the 2010 game to New York, provided the 75,000-seat stadium, whose cost now has reached nearly \$2 billion, is built.

"Today is a landmark day," Jets owner Woody Johnson said, "and the 2010 Super Bowl in the New York Sports and Convention Center will be a historic event. We're thrilled about this announcement."

Sorenstam starts year off rolling

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. — Annika Sorenstam came to the California desert last year with a big goal befitting her status as the dominant player in women's golf. She wanted to do what no one had ever done — win all four LPGA major championships in one year.

By the final round of the first major of the year, that goal was history. Sorenstam was never in contention in the Nabisco Championship, and she would go on to win only one major, the LPGA Championship.

With a new year, though, comes new opportunity. And this year brings even more.

Sorenstam begins play Thursday in the Nabisco with a shot at all four majors once again, but the way she's been playing perhaps that goal is too modest. After all, Sorenstam has won her first two tournaments so far this year.

NBA

Philadelphia tops Detroit behind Iverson's 39

Pistons were unable to defend title against surging Sixers squad

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson toyed with Detroit's unusually anemic defense, finishing with 39 points and 10 assists in the Philadelphia 76ers' 107-84 win over the Pistons.

Andre Iguodala played 42 minutes and was in the game until the final buzzer, long enough to get a triple-double with 10 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists. It was the first triple-double by a rookie since Kirk Hinrich on Feb. 28, 2004.

Coach Larry Brown can't come back soon enough for the Pistons, who looked downright sluggish in their second road loss in two nights after winning five straight.

The Pistons entered the game ranked second in the league in fewest points allowed with 89.4. Detroit's opponents were shooting 43 percent. That all went out the window early against the Sixers, who made their first eight shots, then nine of their first 10 and led by 14 points in the first quarter.

Iverson was at his best, getting involved in every possible way. He had some hustle steals, nifty passes and crowd-pleasing fastbreaks.

He picked off one pass at the top of Detroit's 3-point arc and finished with an easy layup. He also got out of double-team in the lane with a hard pass around one defender to Samuel Dalembert for a

reverse dunk.

Iverson stretched over two defenders for a running layup that left some Pistons shaking their heads, and he lobbed a high pass to a streaking Iguodala on the left side for a thunderous alley-oop.

Iverson and Iguodala had some help in keeping the Sixers in the eighth spot of the Eastern Conference playoff chase. Chris Webber had 19 points and Samuel Dalembert added 11. The Sixers shot 54 percent and had 27 assists on 41 baskets.

Detroit was without leading scorer Richard Hamilton, who was out with a sprained left ankle. Rookie guard Carlos Delfino made his second start in place of Hamilton and scored three points.

Rasheed Wallace scored 17 points and Chauncey Billups had 15 for the Pistons, who were coming off a 91-76 loss Tuesday at Cleveland.

Phoenix 120, Charlotte 105

Shawn Marion had 26 points and 10 rebounds to help Phoenix win a franchise record 28th road victory by beating the Charlotte Bobcats on Wednesday night.

The Suns are now 28-7 on the road, besting the mark of 27-14 set in 1993 and 1995. The victory was also Phoenix's ninth straight on the road, which tied the club record.

More importantly, the victory kept Phoenix ahead of San Antonio in the race for the Western Conference's best record.

Joe Johnson also scored 26 points for the Suns. Amare Stoudemire had 23 points and

14 rebounds, Jim Jackson scored 15 and Steve Nash finished with 11 points, 10 assists and no turnovers.

It was clear from the opening tip that the Suns are a far better team than the expansion Bobcats, who trailed by double digits less eight minutes into the game.

Stoudemire opened the game with a 19-footer, then Nash stole the ball from Bernard Robinson, who was making his first start of the season, and used a crowd-pleasing behind the back pass to feed it into Marion for a dunk.

Before the Bobcats knew it, Stoudemire had added a dunk and Quentin Richardson hit a 3-pointer for a 9-2 lead that had them gasping for air during a frustrating timeout.

The Suns stretched their lead to 29 in the second quarter, and took a 70-47 lead into the break.

Mathematically, it wasn't the worst Charlotte lost of the season — that was a 112-80 loss to Philadelphia on March 11. But it had the makings to be just as bad until a strong second-half effort made it respectable.

The Bobcats cut it to 13 in the third quarter while many of the Suns' starters were on the bench. Then Jason Hart hit a 3 to cut it to 91-81 with just over 10 minutes to go.

Then Phoenix sent its starters back in, and promptly took control when Richardson fed an alley-oop dunk into Marion.

After an Emeka Okafor dunk for Charlotte, Nash hit a long jumper and Jackson hit consecutive 3-pointers to push the Suns' lead back up to 16.



PHOTOGRAPHER/The Observer

Sixers forward Andre Iguodala, right, blocks a shot by the Pistons' Tayshaun Prince in a triple-double performance and a Sixers win.

Hart led Charlotte with 21 points off the bench. Gerald Wallace returned from a seven-game absence with bruised ribs to score 17 points in 30 minutes.

Chicago 94, Toronto 85

Eddy Curry scored 16 points and the Chicago Bulls defeated Toronto for the eighth straight time.

Rookie Andres Nocioni added 10 points and eight rebounds for the Bulls, who have won three straight overall.

Chicago led by as many as 21 points, but Toronto got back in contention by taking advantage of seven turnovers in the fourth quarter. The Raptors used a 12-1 run to close within eight points, but Antonio Davis'

three-point play pushed the Bulls advantage back to 91-80 with 3:56 left.

Tyson Chandler pumped his fist after giving the Bulls an 11-point lead with 2:12 left.

Jalen Rose scored 30 points for Toronto, which shot a season-low 32 percent.

Toronto point guard Rafer Alston scored 15 points on 6-for-21 shooting, while Rose shot 8-for-22. Chris Bosh, slowed by foul trouble through most of the game, scored nine points on 3-for-10 shooting.

The Bulls opened the second quarter with a 19-0 run and outscored Toronto 40-20 in the period for a 61-41 lead at the break. The 40 points were the most by Chicago in a quarter this season.

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NBA

Garnett, Griffin lift Timberwolves over Hornets

Minnesota leads throughout in its second straight game

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin Garnett had 24 points and 13 rebounds and Eddie Griffin came up with some key plays down the stretch to help the Minnesota Timberwolves hold off pesky New Orleans, 107-102.

After New Orleans scored six straight points to pull within five in the fourth quarter, Griffin hit two free throws and converted a three-point play to give the Wolves a 97-89 lead with just over four minutes to play.

Griffin finished with 12 points and 10 rebounds for the Timberwolves, who didn't trail for the second straight game, though New Orleans did make things interesting for most of the second half.

Jamaal Magloire led the Hornets with 20 points and 17 rebounds and J.R. Smith added 20 points and seven assists, but it wasn't enough to keep New Orleans from losing for the seventh time in nine games.

The Timberwolves are going to need to keep winning if they hope to leapfrog Denver and sneak into the Western Conference playoffs. Denver, which did not play on Wednesday, holds a 2 1/2 game lead over the Timberwolves with 13 games to play.

Just like they did two nights ago in a victory over the Rockets, the Timberwolves nearly let a 20-point lead slip away.

Troy Hudson scored 12 of his 18 points in the first quarter and Minnesota shot 63 percent in the first half to take a 15-point lead at the break.

New Orleans battled back, using a big advantage on the offensive boards to close the third quarter with a 9-2 run. Bostjan Nachbar knocked down two 3-pointers during the spurt, the last one coming from the corner just before the quarter ended that made the score 80-74.

New Orleans had seven players in double figures, including Dan Dickau, who had 17 points and six assists, but was a liability on defense.

New York 107, Boston 82

The New York Knicks were in no mood to be swept in the season series by the Boston Celtics, and they summoned some unusual feistiness in get-

ting that point across.

In a game that featured seven technical fouls and a flagrant foul in the first half, the Knicks made one of the NBA's hottest teams look rather ordinary in a victory over Boston.

It was just the second loss in 13 games for the Celtics since they reacquired Antoine Walker, and they looked nothing like the offensive juggernaut that had surpassed 100 points in six straight games.

Walker shot just 5-for-20, Paul Pierce was 2-for-5 and Ricky Davis shot 2-for-10 as the Celtics shot only 38 percent, had their seven-game winning streak snapped and were held to a season-low point total.

Jamal Crawford led New York with 21 points, two of them coming when he passed the ball to himself off the backboard, caught it and dunked. Trevor Ariza added 14 points, and Tim Thomas and Maurice Taylor had 13 apiece.

The Knicks won for the third time in four games, keeping their slim playoff hopes alive. A big test begins Friday as New York travels to Seattle to start a four-game road trip, playing its fourth straight game against a division leader. New York began the night in 11th place in the Eastern Conference, 3 1/2 games behind eight-place Philadelphia.

Boston had its most lopsided loss of the season.

The Celtics had won their previous three meetings with New York by an average of almost 19 points, but it became clear early on that the Knicks seemed to resent those beatings.

Crawford and Davis picked up double technical fouls for yelling at each other less than two minutes into the game, and Pierce and Thomas received double technicals moments later after another brief verbal spat. With the game less than 3 minutes old, Raef LaFrentz was assessed a flagrant foul for taking too big of a swipe at Michael Sweetney.

New York led by as many as nine in the first quarter, let Boston get back within two points midway through the second quarter, then used a 19-1 run to take a 54-34 lead. Jerome Williams and Maurice Taylor ended the run with dunks, Williams hanging and swinging from the rim after his.

Los Angeles Clipper 116, Milwaukee 108

Corey Maggette scored 34

points and the Los Angeles Clippers sent the Milwaukee Bucks to their seventh straight road loss.

Elton Brand had 24 points and 10 rebounds for the Clippers, who nearly squandered a 26-point lead. Brand scored a season-high 31 points against the Bucks in a two-point loss at Milwaukee on Feb. 4, triggering an eight-game losing streak that torpedoed the Clippers' playoff aspirations.

Michael Redd scored 31 points for the Bucks, who have lost six of eight overall. They are 0-13 on the road against Western Conference teams this season and 2-25 over two seasons.

Los Angeles never trailed in beating Milwaukee at home for the fifth straight time and earning a split of the two-game season series.

The Bucks, who fell behind 46-20 with 8:51 left in the second quarter, got as close as 104-98 with a 15-4 run led by Anthony Goldwire and Zaza Pachulia.

Goldwire, starting his second straight game at point guard in place of Mo Williams, who is out with a bruised left knee, helped fuel the rally with seven of his 13 points. Redd made three free throws after getting fouled by Quinton Ross on a 3-point shot, and Pachulia's tip-in made it a six-point game with 2:52 left.

But Maggette helped seal the win with a layup and a 3-pointer, and Brand hit a 14-footer that restored the Clippers' double-digit lead with 1:04 left.

The largest deficit the Bucks have overcome in a victory this season was 13 points, on Nov. 10 against Charlotte and March 8 against Atlanta.

Bobby Simmons, the only player to appear in all 68 games for the Clippers, came off the bench for the first time this season and scored seven of his 16 points in the fourth quarter. He was playing his second straight game with a sore left leg after getting kicked during Saturday's overtime loss against Sacramento.

Injury-plagued Clippers guard Shawn Livingston, the fourth overall pick in the draft, made his first NBA start after seeing action as a reserve in 15 previous games. He had two points and a career-high 11 assists in 25 minutes.



Milwaukee's Desmond Mason sails in for a shot against the Clippers' Quinton Ross in the Bucks' 116-108 loss.

Livingston had four assists, a layup and two rebounds during the Clippers' game-opening 11-4 run. They extended the margin to 46-20, outscoring Milwaukee 25-9 during a 7:11 span with Simmons contributing a 3-pointer and a pair of 20-footers.

Bucks reserve center Toni Kukoc responded with 13 points during a 5:19 stretch, but it hardly made a dent as Milwaukee cut just five points off the Clippers' 26-point lead.

Joe Smith, who came in averaging a career-high 52.5 percent from the field this season with Milwaukee and 61.7 percent in his previous eight games, attempted only three shots in 33 minutes and missed two.

Dallas 109, Golden State 97

Dirk Nowitzki had 29 points and 10 rebounds, and Keith Van Horn scored 24 points in the Dallas Mavericks' fourth straight victory over the Golden State Warriors.

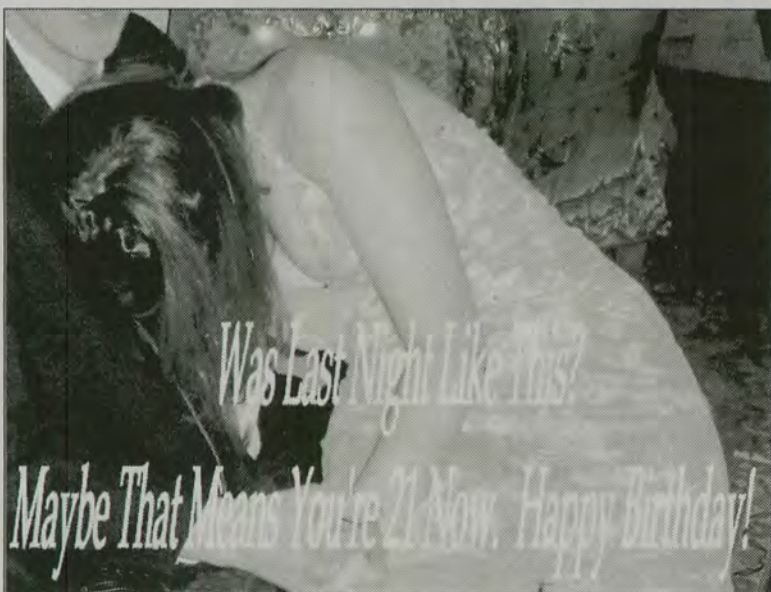
Nowitzki also traded shoves

with Baron Davis and Jason Richardson in a game featuring 12 technical fouls, Mike Dunleavy's jersey-tossing ejection and plenty of trash talk.

After tempers finally cooled, Dallas remained unbeaten in three games under new Mavericks coach Avery Johnson, a former Warriors guard — though the wins came against three teams that are a combined 99 games under .500.

Dallas has lost to Golden State just four times in the last seven years, and the Mavs repeatedly scored from outside while the Warriors missed open shots on the other end. Jason Terry had 23 points and eight assists while hitting all 13 of his free throws, and Van Horn had his best game since joining the Mavs, going 8-for-11 and hitting two 3-pointers.

Davis had 22 points and eight assists before fouling out for the Warriors, whose winning streak was snapped after three straight victories over probable playoff teams.



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SMC TENNIS

Conditions force Belles to postpone

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

Wednesday was a chilly day for Saint Mary's tennis.

The Belles' match against Olivet College was cancelled due to frigid weather conditions. Coach Dee Stevenson said the match against the Comets will be rescheduled for next Thursday.

"It's NCAA rules that if it is lower than 45 degrees, then you're not allowed to play the match," junior co-captain Kristen Palombo said. "That's a general rule for our safety."

Safety is particularly important to the Belles after finding out sophomore Grace Gordon will miss the remainder of the season. MRI results on her knee came back Wednesday showing a torn anterior cruciate ligament, Gordon said. Gordon currently had a 4-2 record playing number five singles, and, with her partner Palombo, they have a 4-2 record as number two doubles.

"We're really going to miss her," Palombo said.

The Belles' next match is next Wednesday at home against the University of Chicago.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish head east for Easter break

Road trip to include games against both Hofstra, Villanova

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

Notre Dame will hit the road this weekend, taking on Hofstra on Saturday and Villanova on Monday.

However, none of the players will miss out on an Easter family meal. With ten Irish players hailing from Long Island, a home game atmosphere is assured.

"So many of our players are from the area," Notre Dame

coach Kevin Corrigan said. "A lot of them will be able to spend the Easter holiday with their families. It really works out well."

No. 9 Notre Dame will need every advantage possible when facing No. 13 Hofstra. The Pride lost to the Irish 19-11 last season but they are not being overlooked.

"I really don't expect to score as much as we did last year," Corrigan said. "Last year's game was a lot like our win [22-6] last week over Butler. It was just one of those days where everything went right for us."

Irish defenseman D.J. Driscoll agreed the Pride pose a stiff challenge.

"I really don't think we'll have an easy day against them this year," Driscoll said. "They return a lot of players, including one of the best defensemen in the nation in Brett Moyer. It should be really competitive. We'll have to be at the top of our game."

Moyer was named a pre-season first team All-American by Inside Lacrosse magazine. He leads the team with 24 ground balls and is a two-time all-Colonial Athletic Association player.

Moyer and junior attackman Chris Unterstein, the CAA player of the week, have led the Pride to two straight wins over opponents ranked in the nation's top 15.

Hofstra downed No. 15 North Carolina 12-8 last Wednesday and beat No. 11 Princeton 9-8 on Saturday. Unterstein had three goals and five assists in those victories.

The Hofstra match will be the fourth game the Irish have played against a top-25 opponent so far this season.

The rigorous schedule forces the Irish to play at the top of their game every weekend to avoid defeat.

"To tell you the truth, we've had great practices this week," Corrigan said. "I thought the guys might come in with big heads because of the win over Butler last weekend. But they were very focused and practiced really well this week."

The game against Villanova will take place Monday at 1 p.m. in Villanova Stadium. The Wildcats have not played the Irish since 2000, when Notre Dame won 17-9 in South Bend. The teams have not played at Villanova since 1999, a game the Irish won 14-10.

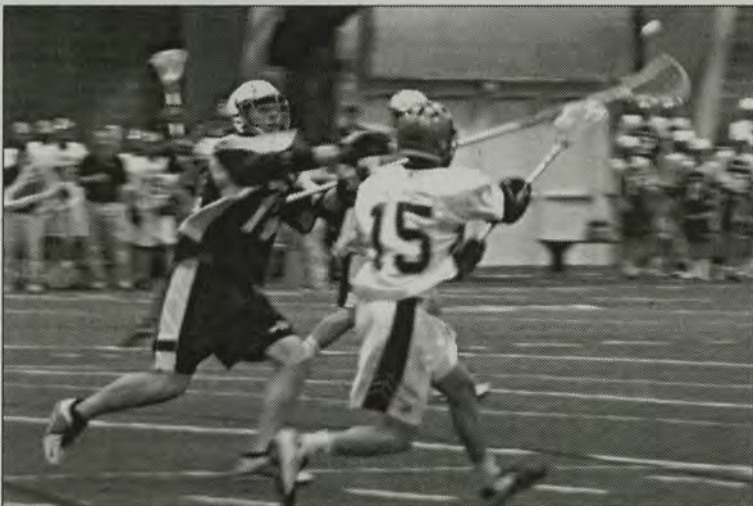
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Senior attacker Matt Malakoff battles for the ball against Butler in a 22-6 victory on March 19.



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MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Sprinters, distance runners and throwers split up



Adam Currie, No. 5, competes in the 800-meter event at the Meyo Invitational at Notre Dame on Feb. 5.

BETH WERNET/The Observer

By JOHN EVERETT
News Writer

Much like a baseball team playing a split-squad game in spring training, the Notre Dame men's track and field team will be sending athletes to two different meets this weekend.

A group comprised of distance runners and hammer-throwers will head west to the Stanford Invitational in Palo Alto, Calif., while a diverse contingent of sprinters, hurdlers and field competitors will travel south to Waco, Texas for the Dr. Pepper Invitational, hosted by Baylor University. The Stanford Invitational will be held on Friday and Saturday. The Dr. Pepper Invitational will take

place on March 26.

Those competing in Palo Alto include Eric Morrison and Brett Adams in the 1500-meter race and Kurt Benninger in the 5000 meters.

The Stanford Invitational attracts teams from all over the country. Irish runners present will compete against runners from USC, UCLA, California, Washington and Washington State. There will also be a large number of unattached performers at the meet.

Among the Irish traveling to Waco will be hurdlers Selim Nurudeen and Austin Wechter, javelin thrower Derek Goguen and pole vaulter Justin Oppel. For Nurudeen and Oppel, the meet will be a homecoming of sorts, as both are from the Lone

Star State. Nurudeen hails from Friendswood, Texas, while Oppel is from Amarillo. Many of Notre Dame's opponents will also be from Texas, as Baylor, Texas A&M and Texas Christian University will all be heavily represented.

Irish assistant coach Tim Connelly explained the rationale behind splitting up the team.

"Stanford is usually a good meet for distance runners, and with the favorable conditions we're hoping to get a bunch of NCAA regional qualifying marks out of the way," he said. "The weather [in Palo Alto] doesn't favor sprinters, so they'll go down to Baylor."

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ND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Irish to compete at Stanford and Baylor on break

Team hopes to smooth transition into spring outdoor competition

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

So much for easing into the outdoor track season.

A core group of Irish women's distance runners will compete this weekend in one of the most competitive meets of the season — the Stanford Invitational Friday and Saturday in Palo Alto, Calif. This will be the first outdoor meet for these runners who rested last weekend.

The field is expected to be large and extremely competitive this weekend. This meet is considered one of the premier events in the country, as it will attract several track powerhouses from the West Coast. This includes the host Cardinal, who finished 8th as a team at the NCAA indoor champi-

onships.

The Irish are expected to send the same distance squad that ran to a second-place finish at the Big East meet last month. These athletes include Stephanie Madia, Sunni Olding, Katie DeRusso, Amy Kohlmeier, Elizabeth Webster, Jackie Carter and Brienne Schmidt. Coach Tim Connelly defended his decision to run in the meet, showing confidence in his athletes.

"I wouldn't bring these girls unless I thought they could compete," he said. "There are only a handful of opportunities to run in a top meet like this. We want to take advantage of this NCAA-level competition."

While the distance runners are at Stanford this weekend, a limited number of sprinters, hurdlers and throwers will be at Baylor University for the Dr. Pepper Invitational. This meet will feature many of the athletes who competed at the University of Arizona last weekend, including NCAA regional qualifier

Maryann Erigha and long sprint standout Okechi Ogbuokiri.

Connelly explained that the transition to outdoors is usually more difficult for the sprinters and hurdlers.

"They're running different races outside," he said. "Instead of the 60, they are running the 100; instead of 100-meter hurdles they now run 400-meter hurdles. It's the

same for the throwers. Outside we add the javelin and the discus. These athletes need the outdoor experience."

"Regionals is a realistic goal for a number of our athletes."

Tim Connelly
Irish coach

The goal for all athletes this week is to achieve standards that will qualify them for the NCAA regional meet. Connelly felt confident that these marks were within the reach of several of his athletes.

"If you look at the standards, they are reasonable. Regionals is a realistic goal for a number of our athletes, certainly the ones going to Stanford. We qualified 15 women across all events last year, and I think we can have a similar number go this year," said Connelly.

Those not competing this weekend are expected to make their outdoor debut when Notre Dame sends a full squad to their meet next weekend at Purdue.

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NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Associated Press announces 2005 All-American awards

Associated Press

Seimone Augustus plays with dazzling skill, a crowd-pleasing flair and, according to her coach, plenty of smarts.

With that combination, it's no wonder the LSU star was a unanimous All-American.

Augustus led The Associated Press women's basketball All-America team, which was announced Wednesday. She was the only player picked for the first team by all 45 members of the national media panel that also votes in the weekly AP poll.

"People marvel at her mid-range jumper. I marvel at the fact she's always wide open when the opposition has practiced all week [to stop her]," LSU coach Pokey Chatman said. "That's because she's cerebral. She understands what cuts to make and when to pick up the basketball."

Augustus, a 6-foot-1 junior, received the maximum 225 points in the voting and was joined on the first team by Kansas State's Kendra Wecker (192), Duke's Monique Currie (180), Ohio State's Jessica Davenport (163) and TCU's Sandra Irvin (153).

Wecker received 36 first-team

votes, Currie 29, Davenport 22 and Irvin 20.

Augustus and Wecker were third-team selections each of the past two years and both were on the preseason All-America team.

"It means a lot to me to be picked and have everybody select me to be first team," Augustus said. "I am very appreciative of this honor."

Chatman and the rest of the Lady Tigers certainly appreciate having Augustus around.

A year ago, Augustus led LSU to its first Final Four. This season, the Lady Tigers were ranked No. 1 longer than anyone, won the Southeastern Conference regular-season championship and earned the top overall seed in the NCAA tournament. And it all started with Augustus.

She averaged 20.1 points and 4.5 rebounds while shooting 55.4 percent in the regular season, complementing that mid-range jumper with an ability to take the ball to the basket, post up and find an open teammate when double-teamed.

Augustus also is talking more, and Chatman likes that, too.

"She has become a more vocal leader. Not loud, but vocal," Chatman said. "I think I

heard her whisper ... when they were having a team meeting. No one heard her, but the fact she's taking those steps is something she's worked on."

LSU and Baylor were the only schools with two players on the three All-America teams.

Temeka Johnson, LSU's feisty 5-3 point guard, was a second-team pick. Baylor had Sophia Young on the second team and Steffanie Blackmon on the third.

Also on the second team were Minnesota's Janel McCarville, Stanford freshman Candice Wiggins and Mississippi State's Tan White. The other third-team selections were Notre Dame's Jacqueline Batteast, North Carolina's Ivory Latta, Texas' Tiffany Jackson and DePaul's Khara Smith.

Wecker has been such a key figure in the women's basketball resurgence at Kansas State that her jersey number already has been retired. The 5-11 senior, the Big 12's career scoring leader, averaged 20.6 points and 10.1 rebounds in the regular season.

"It's exciting and a great honor," Wecker said. "It's definitely a tribute to my teammates and the success we've had as a team."

Strong around the basket, Wecker also could burn opponents on the perimeter. She went 8-for-9 on 3-pointers while scoring a school-record 41 points against Illinois State this season.

"I think that is perhaps one of the greatest individual performances I have ever seen," said Duke coach Gail Goestenkors, who attended that game. "She can beat you in so many ways."

Currie, a 6-foot junior, had to become the go-to player at Duke following the departure of three-time All-American Alana Beard and Iciss Tillis. She responded to that calling by averaging 17.6 points, seven rebounds and 3.3 assists in leading the Blue Devils to a share of the ACC regular-season championship.

"I am really proud of Monique," Goestenkors said. "The way she has helped this team accomplish so much this season shows what kind of player and leader she is. She had a lot of responsibility placed upon her."

Davenport didn't receive a single vote for the preseason All-America team, but made herself known while leading Ohio State to a share of the Big Ten title. The 6-4 sophomore

averaged 19.3 points and 9.1 rebounds, shot 59 percent and blocked 109 shots.

She scored 36 and 32 points in back-to-back games in late January and was durable, playing the full 40 minutes in five straight games in February.

"This has been a great year," Davenport said. "I am excited about the recognition. My teammates and I have worked hard this season to accomplish all that we have. I am thankful for everything we have done."

When it comes to blocking shots, Irvin has no peer. The 6-3 senior, the niece of former NFL star Michael Irvin, broke the NCAA's single-game and career records for blocks and averaged 20.1 points and 12 rebounds.

Irvin set the game record while putting up an eye-popping triple-double: 20 points, 18 rebounds and 16 blocks against UAB. She is TCU's first All-American in women's basketball.

"That's what everybody keeps telling me — that I'm the first to do a lot of things at TCU," Irvin said. "It's a big accomplishment and definitely something I wanted to do. TCU gave me a chance to make that happen."

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the score indicated.

Bayliss worked the team hard this week, both indoors and outdoors.

"We've worked some more on our doubles, and we're

working on getting back indoors, taking the ball early, which is a component of indoor play," he said, noting that the team was also focusing on ground stroke drills.

"We have been sort of watching the weather day-to-day," said Bayliss. "Monday we went outside and practiced ... Now it looks like we're going to be indoors [at Ann Arbor]."

The lineup has featured a rotation of eight singles players this year.

"I've felt like we have eight players who are capable of playing singles and winning," Bayliss said. "If someone looks particularly good in practice, I might be so inclined [to alter the lineup] ... We are tinkering with doubles and possibly making some changes in terms of combinations."

Bayliss is unconcerned with the team's drop in the ranking from No. 16 to No. 20.

"At this point, the rankings aren't particularly important," he said. "They only become important during the NCAA tournament."

On Easter Sunday, the team will travel to No. 68 Purdue for their second match of the break.

"That'll be a pretty quick turnaround after the Michigan

match," Bayliss said. "We can handle that — we played three days in a row in Montgomery."

The Irish will take the

courts in Ann Arbor at 1 p.m. at the Courtney Tennis Center.

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deficit into a 6-2 lead.

Matt Edwards, Mike Dury and Greg Lopez each had two hits for the Irish.

Irish coach Paul Mainieri came into the game with a planned rotation and used eight pitchers to cover the nine innings. Derek Olvey got the start and threw two innings while allowing only one hit.

Freshman Wade Korpi (1-0) pitched a one-hit fifth inning to pick up his first career collegiate win.

The victory over Cincinnati ended a two-game slide for Notre Dame.

An area of concern that continued on Tuesday was Notre Dame's defense, as Cincinnati turned four Irish errors into three unearned runs. For the season, the Irish have committed 32 errors and yielded 33 unearned runs.

Of Notre Dame's regular starting position players, Lilley leads the team with a .400 batting average and an on-base percentage of .575. Edwards leads the team with 24 RBIs and five home runs.

The Hoyas are coming off a 12-8 loss to Mount St. Mary's Tuesday. The Hoyas gave up three runs in the top of the first and third innings, forcing the team to play catch-up all game.

Senior Jim Supple leads Georgetown with a .446 batting average and is tied for the team lead in RBIs (17) with Bill Quinn.

Mike Gaggoli has made three starts this season for Georgetown and compiled a 2.43 ERA to go along with a 2-0 record. Reliever Mike Halloran (3-1) leads the Hoyas in appearances with 10 and has a 1.98 ERA.

Seton Hall (4-10) visits Saturday for another conference doubleheader before the Irish return to non-conference play Tuesday, hosting Western Michigan (5-7).

During the past 12 games against the Pirates, the Irish are 11-1, with the lone loss coming last season in East Rutherford, N.J.

The seven-game homestand ends Wednesday against Chicago State, who has started the season losing its first 20 games.

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Backs

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and Oregon State's Derek Anderson (358 yards, four touchdowns).

"A lot of games could have gone different ways ... but that's why you play football and that's why we were 6-5," Zbikowski said. "We didn't get it done."

Bill Lewis, assistant head coach of defense and defensive backs coach, comes way of the NFL's Miami Dolphins to coach Zbikowski's end of the field. Lewis sees no point in looking back.

"I'm not concerned about what happened in the past," Lewis said. "We cannot control that. What we're concerned about is what we do from this point forward with the guys that we have in the program."

The guys Lewis has in the program are young and inexperienced.

Zbikowski (70 tackles), Mike Richardson and Freddie Parish IV are the only defensive backs returning who saw significant minutes last season, since Dwight Ellick, Quentin Burrell, Preston Jackson and Carlos Campbell all will graduate.

That leaves players like Terrail Lambert, Junior Jabbie, Ambrose Wooden,

Chinedum Ndukwe and Leo Ferrine on the current roster.

Incoming recruits David Bruton (Miamisburg, Ohio), Ray Herring (Melbourne, Fla.) and Kyle McCarthy (Youngstown, Ohio) will join the group in the fall.

Lewis, however, is already confident in his players with the limited interaction he has had.

"We've had a circuit-type workout where all the players rotate through the seven or eight stations," Lewis said. "I've heard favorable reports about the defensive backs as they pass through other areas ... and that's good to hear, because they have a great attitude as far as working."

Notre Dame's defense gave up 24.1 points on average last season — a number that could have been even higher except for a solid red-zone defense. But opponents were able to move the ball up and down the field with ease when they resorted to a passing attack.

Though Lewis said he is not concerned with the past, last year's futile attempts at stop-

ping opponent passing games could be one reason he is leaving the starting slots wide open for competition.

"I'm not concerned who was on the field and who wasn't on the field," Lewis said. "I'm concerned about where we go from here."

Lewis said he would stress fundamentals to his players over grand defensive schemes. He also said he is looking forward to returning to college football, in which defensive backs can jam receivers until the quarterback releases the ball. Compared to the 5-yard contact rule in the NFL, this allows for more physical play.

Zbikowski was encouraged by Lewis' promise to evaluate talent that did not see the field last season along with those who saw significant minutes.

"Everyone's going to have to prove themselves," he said.

"Everyone's a freshman again."

The statement rings true, as Z b i k o w s k i exhibits freshman-type excitement to get the spring rolling.

"I think we've got a chip on our shoulder right now, and we're gonna keep that chip on our shoulder until we get to where we want," Zbikowski said.

"This is a young, enthusiastic group with a lot to prove."

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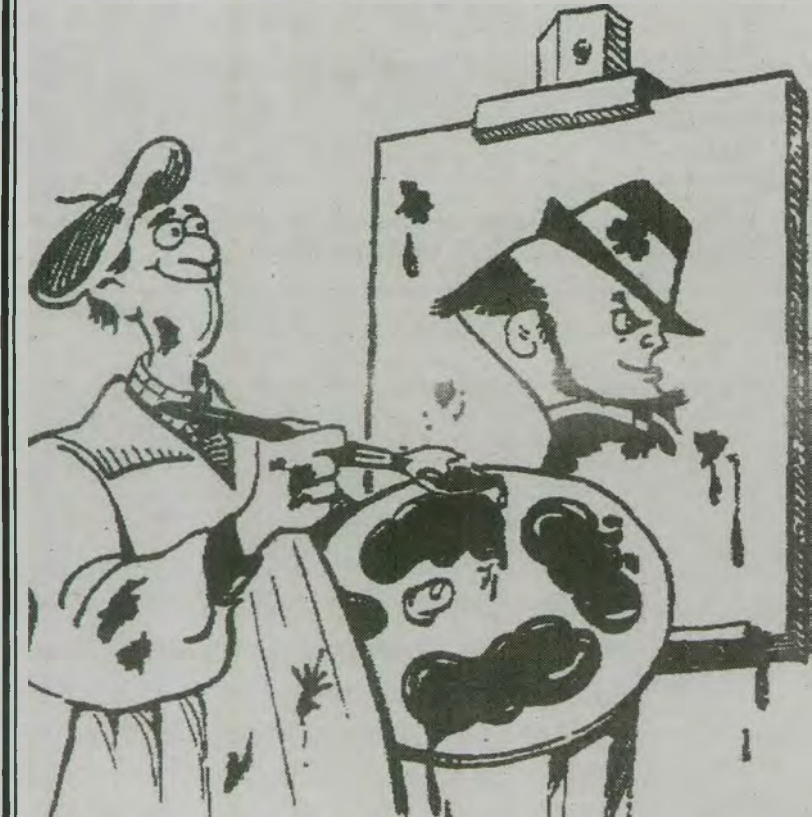
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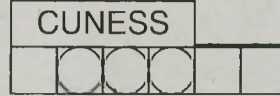
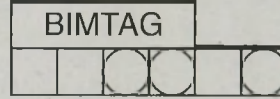
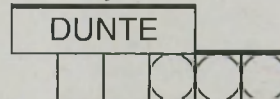
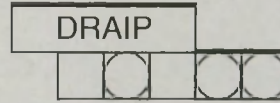
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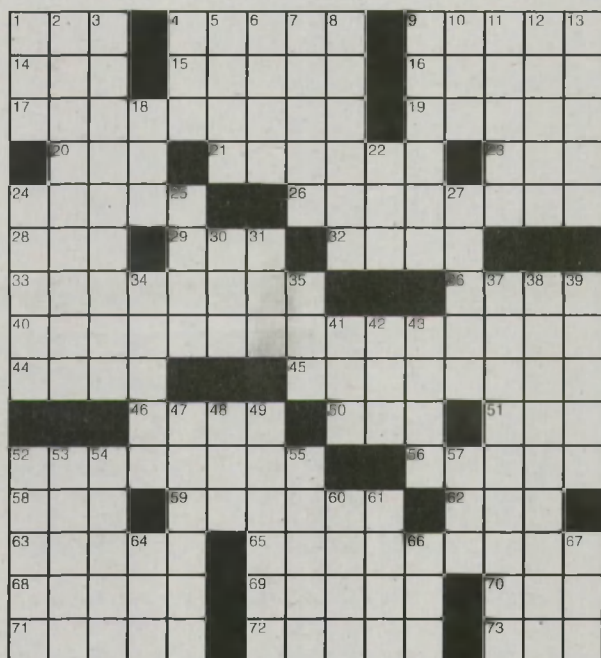
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BASEBALL

Big East action starts today at Eck Stadium

Irish take on Hoyas in home doubleheader

By **MATT LOZAR**
Senior Staff Writer

The defense of their regular season Big East championship starts today.

Hosting Georgetown (12-8) this afternoon, Notre Dame (8-9) returns to Frank Eck Stadium for a conference doubleheader, with first pitch scheduled for 12:05.

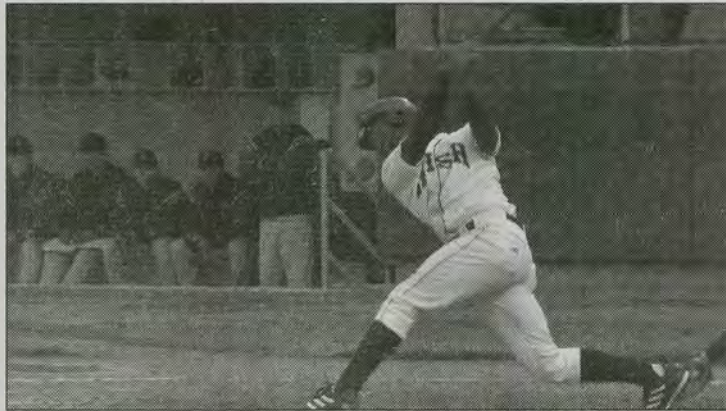
Notre Dame has won its last

23 games against Georgetown — a streak dating back to April 20, 1996.

The Irish are coming off a 10-4 win on Tuesday against Cincinnati. Second basemen Brett Lilley became the first Notre Dame freshman to ever collect five hits in a home opener.

A leadoff homerun from Craig Cooper in the bottom of the fourth against the Bearcats setup a five-run inning where the Irish broke the game open, turning a 2-1

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Junior Alex Nettey swings at a pitch in a game against Cincinnati Tuesday. Notre Dame won 10-4.

BRAD CARMEAN/The Observer

MEN'S TENNIS

Big Ten matches await

By **KATE GALES**
Associate Sports Editor

It's another big weekend against the Big Ten.

The Irish, who have had a week to rest their racquets from a 6-1 loss to No. 2 Illinois, face Michigan on Saturday and Purdue on Monday.

"Illinois just moved up to No. 2 this week, and I think we have to be realistic and understand that that wasn't a terrible loss," coach Bobby Bayliss said.

Michigan, ranked No. 56 in the ITA poll released Tuesday, defeated Michigan State 6-1 last night.

Earlier this season, No. 20 Notre Dame narrowly escaped with a 4-3 score in East Lansing.

"Michigan is the better team, I think, but Michigan State's a very difficult place to play," Bayliss said.

The Irish came out flat against Illinois, a team featuring two highly-ranked doubles players. Brent D'Amico was dangerously close to an upset of Ryler Deheart, ranked No. 4 in the country, at the second spot in the singles lineup. Irackli Ackhvediani posted the only score for the Irish at No. 5 with a three-set victory, and Patrick Buchanan's dramatic comeback attempt made the match closer than

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FOOTBALL

The primary secondary



Sophomore strong safety Tom Zbikowski returns a fumble for a touchdown against Michigan State last season.

CLEMENT SUHENDRA/The Observer

Young defensive back unit eager to start over this spring

By **PAT LEONARD**
Sports Writer

Tom Zbikowski played his first full season as a sophomore in 2004. That was a only a few months ago, when the Buffalo Grove, Ill. native was considered one of the younger players on the defense due to lack of experience at the college level.

But with four senior defensive backs graduating and a fresh start under head coach Charlie Weis, Zbikowski could become the tone-setter for the Irish secondary heading into

Spring Football.

"We're looking to be the strength of the defense and one of the best in the country," he said of the defensive backs unit. "I'm up for the challenge, and I think the [younger guys] are up for the challenge, to prove ... we can play with anyone."

Such a task would be a far cry from what Notre Dame accomplished last season.

The Irish surrendered 281 yards passing per game and were lit up by numerous quarterbacks, including Purdue's Kyle Orton (385 yards, four touchdowns), Pittsburgh's Tyler Palco (334 yards, five touchdowns), USC's Heisman Trophy-winning Matt Leinart (400 yards, five touchdowns)

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Batteast, Duffy named Associated Press All-Americans

By **HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN**
Sports Writer

Senior Jacqueline Batteast and junior Megan Duffy were the leaders of this year's Irish and have received national recognition as a result.

Batteast and Duffy earned Associated Press All-American honors Wednesday, with Batteast earning third-team honors, and Duffy chosen as an honorable mention, one of 27 players to earn that honor.

The awards were chosen by 45 members of a national media panel who also conduct the week-

ly women's basketball poll.

Batteast earned honorable mention honors last year, and this year earned a spot on the team after what was arguably the best season of her career. She was named the Big East Player of the Year and was MVP of the Preseason WNIT. The finalist for the John R. Wooden Women's Award and Naismith Award, Batteast averaged 16.9 points and 6.6 rebounds per game. The senior was also named first-team All-Big East for the second straight year, and this is the fourth time she has been named to an All-Big East team.

Duffy was named first team All-Big East for the first time in her

career after averaging 12.3 points and 5.4 assists per game.

She led the conference in steals per game with 2.73, and in free throw percentage, shooting at an 89.5 percent clip. The point guard also had a 1.73 assist-to-turnover ratio, sixth in the Big East.

The duo ended their season Monday night with a loss to Arizona State 70-61 in the second round of the NCAA Tournament in Fresno, Calif. The Irish finished second in the Big East, behind Rutgers, and were 27-6 on the year. The 27 wins are the third highest in school history.

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Junior Megan Duffy dribbles the ball in a game against Michigan State on Dec. 2.

CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

SPORTS AT A GLANCE

ND TRACK

Men's and women's track will compete at Stanford and Baylor this weekend.

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SMC TENNIS

Today's match was canceled due to cold weather. The Belles rescheduled for Wednesday.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Over Easter break, the team will travel east for games at Hofstra and Villanova.

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NBA

**Minnesota 107
New Orleans 102**

Kevin Garnett had 24 points as the Timberwolves held off the Hornets.

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NBA

**Philadelphia 107
Detroit 84**

Allen Iverson scored 39 in the Sixers' runaway win over the Pistons.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Wisconsin-Milwaukee Coach Bruce Pearl is ready to move beyond a scandal that occurred 16 years ago.

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