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Senator addresses social issues at SMC

By SHANNON NELLIGAN
News Writer

Senator John Broden, D-Ind. addressed the Saint Mary's Community last night about his role as an ally and advocate of social workers. Broden represents the interests of most of the South Bend and half of the Mishawaka constituency.



Broden

Broden's most recent action to aid social workers in their effort to help Indiana's elderly is his work on the passage of Senate Bill 493. The bill intends to expand Indiana's in-home care system, CHOICE. CHOICE was first imple-

mented in the early 1980s and modeled after the successful systems in Washington and Oregon where 45-55 percent of healthcare funding is allocated to home and community based healthcare.

"States who allocate a good portion of their funds toward home and health based care systems often find that they realize a savings in their budget. This is because they are shifting funds from institutional healthcare," Broden said.

The senator believes that there is a real need to expand health care for the marginalized in society, including the working poor and the elderly. His current constituency in South Bend has a large population of widowers who are in great need of care.

"Children and people on the margins are going to suffer, but no one wants to pay for it. You have to decide between raising taxes or cutting pro-

grams," he said. "Everyone wants programs but no one wants to pay for it."

In order to pay for the expansion of the CHOICE program in the midst of Indiana's \$800 million budget deficits, Broden supported the passage of a cigarette tax last year. This did not make up for the deficit and has lead to the possibility of large cuts of up to \$263 million in Medicare.

"Cuts to Medicare will be detrimental to the healthcare system because the federal government will not be able to match funds," Broden said.

Broden refuses to allow the

budget shortage to halt his crusade in helping the poor in his constituency. He believes that a soda tax is one way to decrease the budget deficit. The tax will be a one-cent per

gallon tax, but will not appear on a purchase of a 20 oz. Soda.

"This will not allow for a total relief of the deficit but it will lead towards a transition fee while still providing for intuitional care with its

projected \$168 million in revenue," Broden said.

The social workers in the audience were most concerned with how they could help in persuading their government and community to

promote greater social services despite the objections.

He encouraged civil negotiation and contacts with the adversaries. By treating people with respect and dignity legislation will eventually be considered and passed.

Writing letters and working with interest groups like AARP were also given as methods to get the attention of legislatures.

"Few voice their opinion about current legislation to their representatives," said Broden of how constituents could aid in the legislation process. "It's the greasy wheel that gets the oil."

Broden is a graduate of South Bend's St. Joseph's High School and Notre Dame's law school.

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Students depart for spring break destinations

By NATASHA GRANT
News Writer

With spring break beginning today, many students are already on their way to a week of fun. According to Kayleen Carr, assistant manager at Anthony Travel, cruises are the most popular travel means, particularly among the senior class. Carr said that over three hundred people booked cruises headed to exotic locations like Jamaica and Grand Cayman Island. She also said this is a great improvement over the less than 200 people who booked cruises last year.

Carr said that she believe that the rise in cruise passengers is due in part to the cost. She said that cruises were a better deal this year.

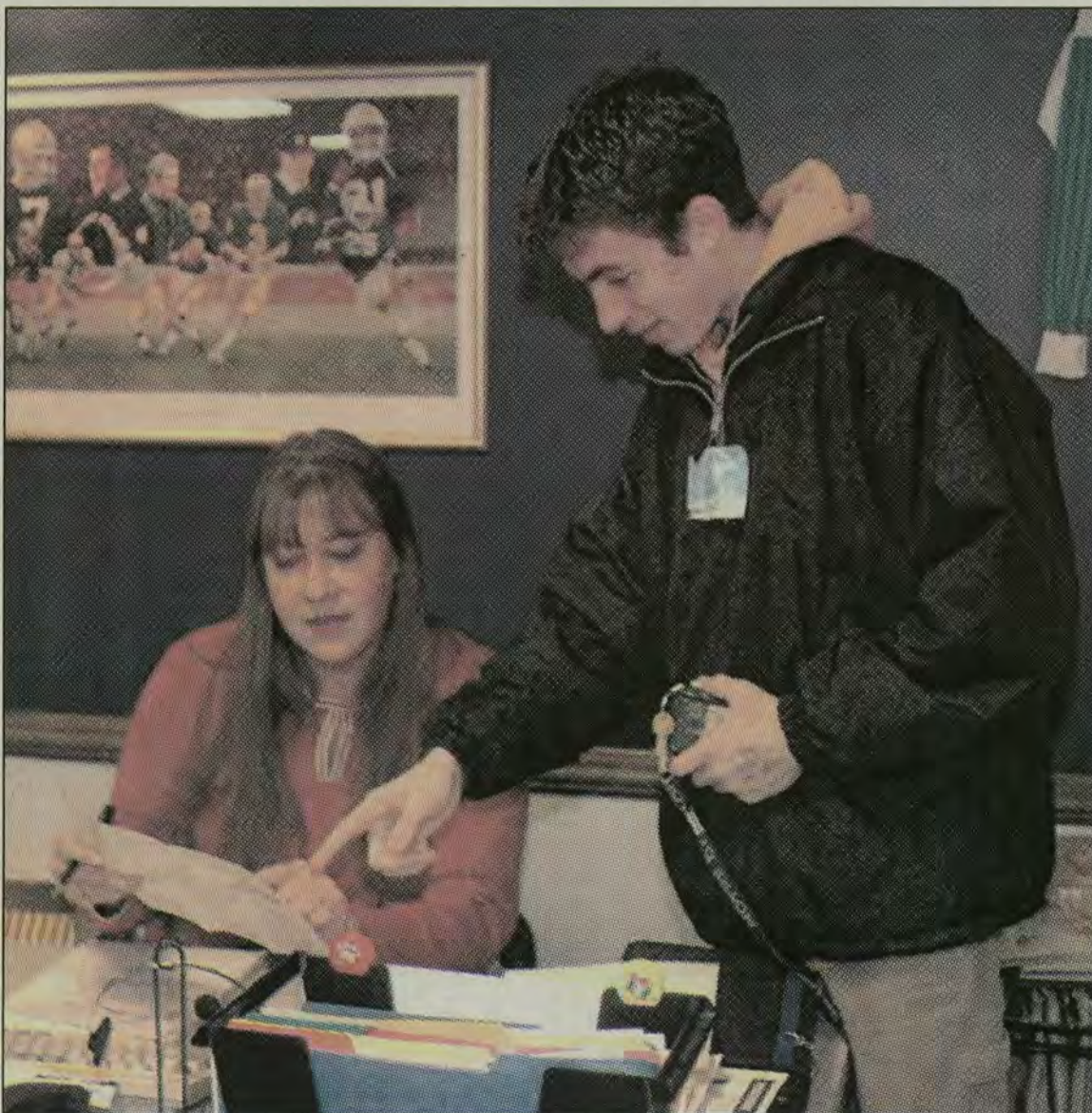
"It seems that the market is saturated. There are so many slots to fill and prices are down," Carr said. She believes that as more and more companies enter the market, prices will continue to improve.

Students like Kristine Rosario, who booked a week-long cruise to the Western Caribbean, couldn't be happier.

"It's an idea we had to get some friends together for spring break. The cruise came out to be the best alternative," Rosario said of her trip.

Rosario said that a trip to Cancun, Mexico had also been a consideration.

Flights to various cities in Mexico, and to Jamaica were other popular trips that Carr booked. She said that the price of flights has been down, so there hasn't been much of a slow-down in the amount of students booking flights in the United States and abroad.



SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

A travel agent provides information for freshman Will McGinn inquiring about bus schedules to Chicago as he makes plans for his spring break.

"We book a lot of students who visit friends internationally," Carr said. Although, she says that fewer people chose that option this year.

Lena Caligiuri is not among the group who chose to stay stateside. Caligiuri is headed

to Italy and London to visit friends. Caligiuri said the discounted price of tickets was an added incentive for booking her flight.

"[Flights are] a lot cheaper if you get an international card while you're under 21," she

said. "For a small fee, the card is a good bargain for students planning to do much travel abroad."

Caligiuri said that she is not concerned about airport secu-

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Airport security strong

By MATT CHAMBLISS
News Writer

Students departing this weekend to their spring break destination from South Bend Regional Airport have no reason to be concerned about a terrorist attack, South Bend Director of Security John Schalliol said. According to Schalliol students should not be worried about falling victim to a terrorist act because airport security in South Bend has been updated to follow federal procedures.

On Feb. 27, the nation's terror alert status was lowered from orange (high risk) to yellow (elevated risk) in response to a decreased terrorist activity threat level.

At South Bend Airport, an orange alert status meant that every car had to be searched before being allowed to drive up to the front of the terminal. This policy was enacted in compliance with the federal regulation that all cars entering within 300 feet of an airport during an orange alert status must be searched.

However, since the alert status has fallen back to yellow, the car searches are no longer necessary, although security personal

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INSIDE COLUMN

Men, put your shirts on

As a cast member of "The Vagina Monologues" I attended a forum that took place Thursday night, in order to promote a discussion between those who protest the Monologues and members of the cast. All interested students — regardless of their opinion on the show — were welcome to attend as well. Several of the issues posed against the Monologues were great points that motivated conversation between different members of the cast and the opposing students through which misperceptions were cleared and constructive criticism was taken into consideration for later performances of "The Vagina Monologues."

Sofia Ballon

Lab Technician

However, I am deeply concerned about the criticism raised about the monologue "My short skirt." The background of this monologue is based on several stories about rape in which aggressors were not convicted solely because the female victim had been wearing provocative clothing (thankfully such kind of claims do not hold up in today's court).

The message this piece promotes does not only refer to the unfairness of such kind of legislation, but it also deals with women's self-image and their freedom to wear whatever they please because they want to. Women should not have to think about who is going to look at them, and should not have to worry about receiving glances or arousing provocation in men.

One male student talked about having gone to Saint Mary's earlier that day and finding all the girls in the classroom wearing pajama bottoms "probably because they knew men were not going to be there."

I bet you are already tired of all the letters and articles about the dress code of the women of Notre Dame, but I just want to state for the record that I choose to wear pajama bottoms when I want to, fully aware that men are walking all over the campus. Women should be able to dress in the manner they want to express themselves, their style and their traditions — regardless of how men will look at them.

What is even worse is when women themselves criticize other women's clothing (and I must claim I've been guilty of this, too), promoting judgments against people who are exercising their freedom to wear what they want to wear.

If I feel like wearing mesh shorts to class that have "Irish" printed across the back it's probably because of the warm South Bend summer (far, far ago) and that I like to sport my ND gear, not because I want to entice men to look at me from behind. I believe women should have the right to wear what they please without having to worry of what other people are thinking or doing around them because just as one girl with a short skirt is criticized for looking "slutty," the girl who wears a hoodie and sweatpants is just as criticized for looking "sloppy" and this must stop.

Now here's where I get to the purpose of my title. Just think of how socially acceptable it is for men to wear whatever they please. Sweats — they're athletes. Suits — they're SBG candidates. Shorts and no top — hey it's warm. A good six pack is just as bound to incite comments and looks from the ladies, as a short skirt sparks comment in men, yet I don't see any students asking them to put their shirts on.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Sofia Ballon at sballon@nd.edu.

CORRECTIONS

In Monday's story, "ND organizes anti-war events," The Observer incorrectly reported that Books Not Bombs was a group. It was actually a slogan for the National Day of Student Action. Also, six speakers instead of three talked at the rally, including Professors David Cortright and Daniel Philpott and graduate student Carmen Pauls Wiens.

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Apartments receive ND Internet connection

The Cripe Street Apartments are finally connected to the University's internet network.

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President Bush addressed the country Thursday night preparing the nation for the possibility of war.

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The fight for gay marriage

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Scene previews performance of "The Stuff of Dreams"

Minneapolis Guthrie Theater performs original play by Bill Corbett at Washington Hall.

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Mens Basketball team tries to shake slump

The Irish are struggling through the end of their season, losing three straight games, with NCAA tournament starting soon.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- ◆ Lecture with Derek Neal "Effects of the Decline in employment and earnings among African-American Men" 1:30 p.m. at DeBartolo Hall, room 213
- ◆ Mens and womens track, Alex Wilson Invitational. 7 p.m. at Loftus Sports Center
- ◆ Theatre "The Stuff of Dreams" by Billy Corbett Guthrie Theater tour production 7:30 p.m. at Washington Hall

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ Art Exhibition "Women in Holography" 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Moreau Art Galleries
- ◆ Hartman-Stickley Piano Competition 1:30 p.m. at Moreau

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

Student pick-pocketed

A student reported the theft of money from her coat pocket in LaFortune. There are no suspects.

Abandoned bike found

Wednesday, an abandoned bike was found in the B1 faculty and staff south lot and is being kept by NDSP for safekeeping.

Student finds license

Wednesday, a student found a driver's license in the C1 student lot and turned it into NDSP for safekeeping.

NDSP issues speeding ticket

Thursday, a NDSP officer issued a state citation for exceeding the posted speed limit on Juniper road.

Car towed for parking violations

Two student vehicles were towed for parking violations on Wednesday at the Hesburgh Center for International studies.

Student reports missing bike

A student reported that her locked freestanding bike was taken from the east side of LaFortune Student Center. There are no suspects.

-compiled from the NDSP crime blotter

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Al prosciutto pizza, betsy flannigan grilled chicken breast, boulangere potatoes, brown sauce, chicken gravy, whipped potatoes, mixed vegetables, cherry crisp, orzo with portobello and cream, broccoli quiche, cut corn, sliced carrots, baked potato, BBQ beef sandwich, fried potato skins, onion rings

Today's Dinner: Honey-glazed ham, baked beans, brown sauce, pork gravy, whipped potatoes, mixed vegetables, cherry crisp, vegetables rabat, cous-cous, baked potato, broccoli, cauliflower, scrambled eggs with cheese, french toast sticks, Lyonnaise potatoes

South Dining Hall




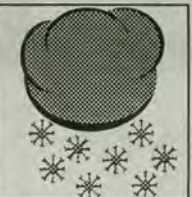


Today's Lunch: Beef ravioli, spinach fettuccine, pesto sauce, tomato pizza, apple turnover, BBQ beef sandwich, shrimp spaghetti, rotisserie chicken, oriental vegetables, roasted rosemary potatoes, red beans and rice, corn dogs, fishwich, crinkle fries, soft pretzels, stir-fry beef and southwestern pasta sauce, basil-garlic linguine

Today's Dinner: Buffalo chicken lasagna, spinach fettuccine, pesto sauce, tomato pizza, apple turnover, vegetables marinara, capri-blend vegetables, baked turbot jardiniere, beef bourguignon, kluski noodles, bourbon-baked ham, baked sweet potatoes

Saint Mary's Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Biryani rice with cashews, baked potatoes, broccoli cuts, fettucine pasta toss, sweet potato biscuits, tortellini, texas style briskett, lyonnaise potatoes, corn & tomatoes, chicken fajita pizza, cheese pizza, Bread sticks, vegetable and cheese chimichanga, refried beans, nachos, cheese sauce

Today's Dinner: Pasta fantastica, veggie cutlet with mushroom daice, harvard beets, vegetable corn muffins, tempura vegtable bar, broccoli, zucchini, cauliflower, sauteed chicken breast, cheese stuffed shells, rice pilaf, seasoned corn, garlic tomato surprise

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OIT connects Cripe Street to network

◆ University Village will be last housing complex to connect

By NICOLA BUNICK
News Writer

The Office of Information Technologies has connected the Cripe Street Apartments, one of the last remaining student housing complexes without network access, to the University's Internet network.

Installations were finished earlier this week. The University's Cripe Street Apartments, located north of the campus property line, provide housing for married students without children.

Until now, residents of the

apartments have been accessing the Internet through dial-up modem connections. With the new system, users will have faster and easier access to the Internet. The network will provide residents of the apartments with Internet capabilities similar to those found in University residence halls.

"This project has been in the plans for about two months" said Tom Kilmek, OIT manager of network engineering, who oversaw the Cripe Street installation.

"The bulk of the work took place over the last six weeks. The electrical crew had to wire in the apartments, then install the network."

Now that the new installations are in place, the University Village, Notre

Dame's housing for students with children, remains the only student-housing complex without access to the University Internet network. The University has tentative plans to install the network at University Village, but officials currently do not have a specific time frame for when the project would take place.

"Interest in getting high-speed networks to both Cripe Street and University Village has basically been an issue of funding" said Kilmek.

"Fortunately with Cripe Street, it was less expensive because fiber optic cables to each apartment [which were necessary for the network] were already in place."

Even with the cables already in place, the project cost the university about

\$25,000.

Currently, OIT is working with Telecom, the company which provides telephone services to the University Village, to coordinate plans for a possible installation of fiber optic cables in the complex.

"When [Telecom] goes in to upgrade the voice system [at University Village], that would be an opportune time for us to run fiber optics," said Kilmek.

It's unclear when that installation would take place, but once the building is properly wired, it would then be possible to connect it to the network.

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Microsoft hands out dividends

Associated Press

SEATTLE

It's payday for Microsoft investors.

Microsoft Corp. is issuing its first dividend Friday, shelling out more than \$850 million to shareholders, from the smallest investor right up to co-founder Bill Gates.

At 8 cents a share, the annual payout won't be huge to the average investor, analysts said. But it still marks a significant change for the Redmond, Wash., software company that went public in 1986 and has long hoarded its cash — now \$43.4 billion — for research, acquisitions and legal claims.

Of course, there are the not-so-average investors.

Gates, who directly owns more than 1.2 billion shares of stock in the company he helped found in 1975, will receive a dividend of about \$96.5 million. Microsoft chief executive Steve Ballmer will receive about \$37.7 million.

Another 27 executive officers and directors will receive a total of about \$9.5 million, based on shares reported in the company's proxy statement.

Microsoft announced the dividend in January, and issued a two-for-one stock split in February. The company has about 10.7 billion shares outstanding.

When announcing the dividend, chief financial officer John Connors noted that Microsoft was the only company of the 30 in the Dow Jones industrial average not to issue a dividend. With many of Microsoft's legal troubles nearing conclusion, Connors said the company felt it could afford the dividend.

The payment, though modest compared to other companies in the S&P 500, is still a monumental change for Microsoft, said Howard Silverblatt, an analyst in Standard & Poor's quantitative services division.

Saint Mary's revamps e-mail server

By SHANNON NELLIGAN
News Writer

Saint Mary's campus e-mail has undergone a facelift to interface and upgrade the Webmail system currently used by the College. This is a transition phase between the old system and the planned upgrades due to begin this summer.

The update to the new e-mail format requires no systems upgrade. Access to the new Webmail interface is available to students to log on

to via the SMC@Home Web site. However, the

SMC@Home site is only accessible from Saint Mary's campus computers, but students who live off campus can obtain the new URL from SMC@Home

while on campus. Students are encouraged to add it to

their own computers.

According to the Director of

Information Technology Keith Fowlkes, student response to the upgrade has been overwhelmingly positive.

"We do recognize that the new Webmail interface is still very slow. The new overall e-

"The new overall e-mail system will be much faster and feature an even better Webmail interface."

Keith Fowlkes
director of Information Technology

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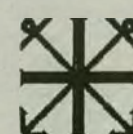
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MEXICO

President Fox says room for compromise on Iraq

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY

President Vicente Fox said he sensed there is still room for compromise in the United Nations during a telephone call with President Bush Thursday, and called on "the other extreme" presumably France and Germany to try and reach an agreement on Iraq.

Fox's comments reflected Mexico's desire to avoid an open split with its major trading partner, the United States, and

indicated that a compromise solution could win support from other Security Council countries who, like Mexico, won't back an openly pro-war resolution.

"The American position, as I was informed of it today by President Bush, opens the door to changes in what was previously a hard-line stance, as well as possible modifications of the U.N. resolution they are planning to present."

"That allows us to dialogue, and seek a compromise," Fox told a meeting of businessmen Mexico has joined with fellow

Security Council member Chile, as well as Canada, in seeking such a compromise resolution.

"We still have a few days to reach this compromise," Fox said.

Fox said he told Bush Mexico could not support any unilateral action against Iraq, but said Bush had never sought to pressure Mexico or threatened any kind of economic retaliation if Mexico votes against a U.S. resolution.

Many Mexicans fear the United States will punish its southern neighbor if it votes

against it in the Security Council. But during an interview Thursday in Tucson, Arizona, Foreign Secretary Luis Ernesto Derbez denied the United States was pressuring Mexico.

"If there was pressure from the United States, we could handle it, but there isn't" he said. "There are statements. There are opinions. There is no pressure."

Recent polls have shown that a majority of Mexicans oppose war, and on Wednesday, Congress approved a resolution

urging Fox to support a peaceful resolution to the conflict.

Also Thursday, Mexican university researcher Benjamin Ruiz who is scheduled to leave Friday to work as a U.N. weapons inspector in Iraq - said "my objective is to stop war that to me seems stupid."

In an interview with The Associated Press, Ruiz, 52, said he was proud to be serving as a U.N. inspector, adding that his job was to tell the truth. However, he also said he believed the inspectors should try to avoid a war with Iraq.

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rity but she is concerned about her reception in Italy.

"I am concerned about anti-American attitude over there so I have to try and blend in," she said.

But, Caligiuri added that the warm weather in Italy would help make it worthwhile.

Carr believes that the weather might be another driving force behind students need to escape South Bend, having booked several trips within the last couple of snowy weeks.

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Airport

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are still taking the extra precautions that have been the norm since the Sept. 11 attacks. Schalliol advised students to show up at least an hour and a half before their scheduled departure so they can get through the security procedures with time to spare.

According to Schalliol there is a minimal chance of a terrorist attack at the South Bend Airport. He went on to add that bigger airports such as Chicago's O'Hare would be much more appealing targets for terrorists.

"I think the chances are very low. We just don't have the people here to make that type of an impact. We wouldn't get near the media coverage," Schalliol said.

Notre Dame students departing from South Bend Airport did not express concern either.

"I don't think it's very likely that anything will happen flying out of South Bend. I haven't really thought about it," said sophomore Jaclyn Ballotta, who will fly out of South Bend today.

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UNITED NATIONS

Britain to offer Iraq weapons deadline

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS

As opposition hardened against a war with Iraq, Britain offered Thursday to compromise on a U.S.-backed resolution by giving Saddam Hussein a short deadline to prove he has eliminated all banned weapons or face an attack.

With some 300,000 U.S. troops massing for battle, British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw made clear that any compromise must still include an authorization for military action. But Straw's demand, made a day before a crucial Security Council meeting, was unlikely to be acceptable to key council powers that favor more weapons inspections to disarm Iraq peacefully.

President Bush, in a rare prime-time news conference Thursday, said the United States will call for a Security Council vote even if it appears certain that the resolution will be defeated but he added that he isn't afraid to go to war if the council rejects the resolution.

"We're days away from resolving this issue in the Security Council," Bush said. "No matter what the whip count is, we're calling for a vote. ... It's time for people to show their cards and let people know where they stand in relation to Saddam."

"As far as ultimatums, we'll wait and see," Bush also said.

The resolution, co-sponsored by the United States, Britain and Spain, says Iraq missed its "final opportunity" to disarm peacefully and paves the way for war.

The United States faces an uphill struggle to get nine "yes" votes and avoid a veto by one of the permanent members opposed to war soon. On Thursday, China threw its support behind France, Germany and Russia, which have vowed to prevent the resolution's passage.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan appealed to council members to discuss the crisis calmly, noting there were several proposals on the table.

"The positions are very hard now," he said. "I am encouraging people to strive for a compromise to seek common ground," adding, "to make concessions, you get concessions."

Secretary of State Colin Powell arrived in New York on Thursday to try to win support for the resolution from undecided council members.

He said the threat posed by Saddam must be dealt with now, not after thousands of people die when his "horrible weapons" of mass destruction are used.

Powell and other foreign ministers will attend a Security Council meeting on Friday where chief weapons inspector Hans Blix and his counterpart, Mohamed ElBaradei, will brief members on Iraq's cooperation in eliminating its banned weapons.

For many council members, Friday's reports will be key in deciding whether to vote for the U.S.-backed resolution.

ElBaradei, the chief nuclear inspector, suggested Thursday he would tell the council that abandoning the weapons inspections makes little sense so long as the Iraqis are actively cooperating.

"That's clearly the gist of my presentation: In my area, inspection is working. We are making progress. There's no reason to scuttle the process," ElBaradei, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, told The Associated Press on a flight from Vienna, where the IAEA is headquartered.

In a hint of own report, Blix said Wednesday that Iraq is now cooperating "a great deal more" in providing evidence about its weapons programs and engaging in "real disarmament." He said he would welcome more time for inspections, but wouldn't ask for it.

Straw, the British foreign minister, told a news conference after meeting Annan that London was prepared to negotiate language in the resolution. He also said he was open to possible amendments that address concerns raised by the divided council.

He did not spell out the details during a news conference. But British diplomats floated the idea of attaching a short deadline with the resolution, either as an amendment or a statement that would accompany it. The deadline would give Saddam a brief period to prove he has no more banned weapons, or face war.

"We are open to discussion on the wording, but the principle we are holding firm to," he said, emphasizing that Iraq has squandered its final opportunity to disarm peacefully.

U.S. diplomats in recent days have signaled a willingness to hear suggestions on the wording so long as there were no changes to the substance of the draft. U.S. officials said

Washington had "not completely signed off" on the British ideas.

British diplomats said discussions were going on among capitals and at the United Nations, but it was too early to talk about the amount of time Saddam would be given. Several council diplomats expressed surprise that British hadn't approached them to discuss their ideas.

Russia's deputy U.N. Ambassador Gennady Gatilov said his government hasn't been approached yet about the British suggestion, but he said talk of a short deadline on the existing resolution "sounds cosmetic."

"Just to add something to the existing draft in terms of putting deadlines, short deadlines, one week of course, it will not fly because it doesn't change ... the substance of the draft," Gatilov said.

Pakistan's U.N. Ambassador Munir Akram, whose country is considered a swing vote, said he also hadn't heard directly from the British. But he said his understanding was that they were suggesting "a delayed fuse."

Asked whether that was acceptable, Akram replied: "If you don't want to set off the firecracker in the first place, whether the fuse is lit or not is immaterial."

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Bush: We can invade Iraq without U.N. approval

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush, preparing the nation for the possibility of war, said Thursday night the United States will drive Saddam Hussein from power if it comes to war in Iraq — with or without support from France, Germany and other skeptical allies.

"It's time for people to show their cards and let people know where they stand in relation to Saddam," Bush said at a prime-time news conference.

Bush said he had not decided whether to invade Iraq but that it was only a matter of days before a U.N. Security Council vote on a U.S.-backed resolution authorizing force.

"Our mission is clear in Iraq," the president. "Should we have to go in, our mission is very clear: disarmament. It will mean a regime change. No doubt there's risks in any military operation. I know that."

Bush said it was up to Saddam to avert war. "It's his choice to make whether or not we go to war. He's the person that can make the choice of war or peace. Thus far he's made the wrong choice."

The president's news conference came on the eve of a crucial Security Council meeting. On Friday, chief weapons inspector Hans Blix and his counterpart, Mohamed

ElBaradei, will report on Iraq's measure of cooperation in eliminating its banned weapons. Their assessment could weigh heavily in determining the outcome of the Security Council's vote on a resolution to authorize force.

France, Germany, Russia and China say they oppose such a resolution. Bush said he would call for a vote even if it appears certain the United States will lose.

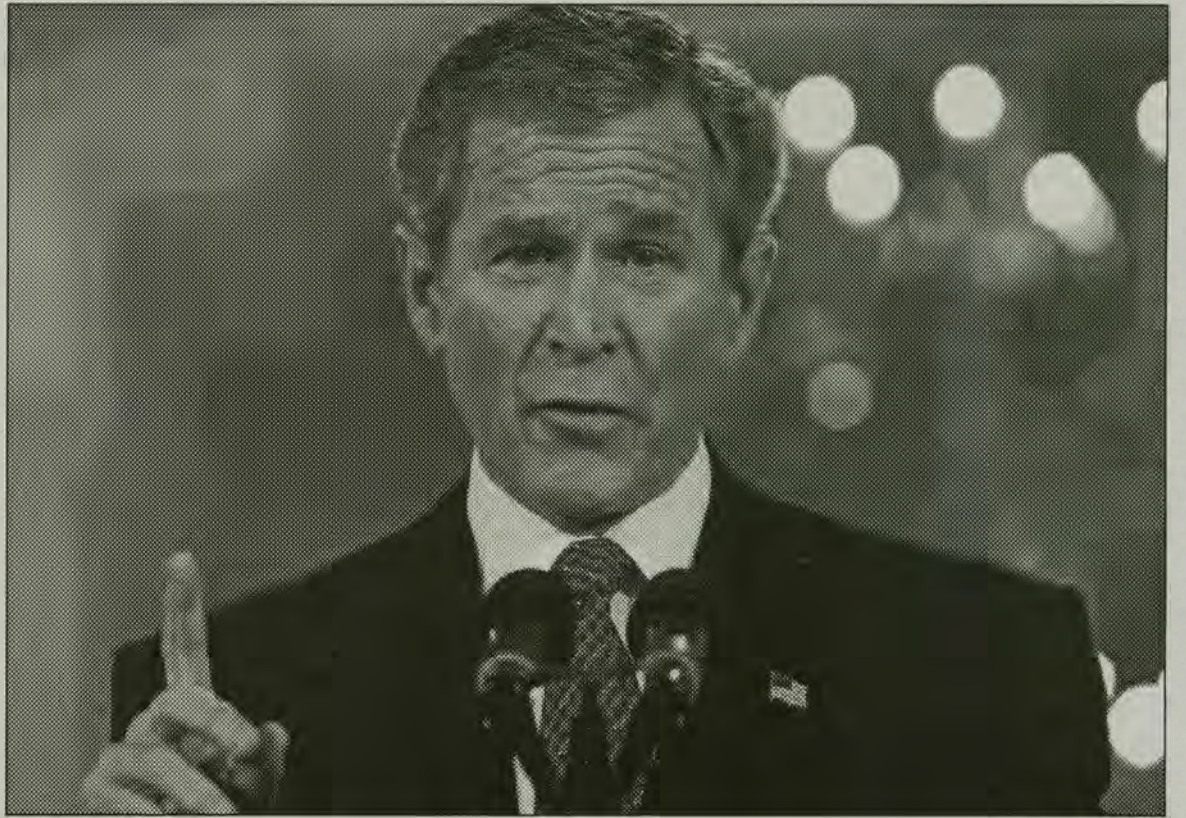
Bush answered questions for about 40 minutes after making his case against Saddam in a 10-minute opening statement in the East Room.

Asked how his faith was guiding him through these deliberations, Bush said: "I pray daily, I pray for guidance and wisdom and strength." He added that if he decides to send troops into war, "I would pray for their safety and I would pray for the safety of innocent Iraqi lives as well."

Bush, growing teary-eyed, said it was a "humbling experience" to know that people he's never met "have lifted me and my family up in prayer. It's been a comforting feeling to know that."

Turning to another hot spot, Bush said the best way to deal with rising tensions with North Korea is to involve other nations in the region, such as China, South Korea, Japan and Russia.

"I think the best way to deal



LARRY DOWNING/Reuters

President Bush addresses the nation Thursday evening. Bush, in a rare prime-time news conference, said that the United States would be justified in attacking Iraq without the approval of the U.N. Security Council.

with this is in multilateral fashion by convincing those nations that they must stand up to their responsibilities, along with the United States to convince Kim Jong Il that development of a nuclear arsenal is not in his nation's inter-

ests," Bush said.

Bush's news conference was part of an intensifying campaign to prepare Americans for the possibility of a war that could be just days away. Military leaders say U.S. forces are now ready to strike Iraq.

More than 230,000 troops are now arrayed around Iraq and more are on the way, awaiting a final go-ahead from the president.

"If we have to use force, I think a lot of nations will be with us," Bush said.

ALGERIA

Airline crash in Sahara kills 102; lone soldier survives

Associated Press

ALGIERS

An Air Algerie passenger jet, one of its engines ablaze, crashed shortly after takeoff deep in the Sahara Desert on Thursday, and 102 people were killed, officials said. A young soldier survived.

The Boeing 737, flight 6289, crashed after taking off from Tamanrasset bound for the Algerian capital, Algiers, 1,000 miles to the north.

Terrorism was not suspected, said an airline spokesman, Hamid Hamdi.

"There was a mechanical problem on

takeoff," he said. "There is no element that leads us to think there was a terrorist attack."

Witnesses at the Tamanrasset airport and airline officials said one of the plane's two jet engines caught fire as it was taking off.

APS, Algeria's official state-run news agency, and airline officials at the scene said 102 had been killed. But an official at the airline's office in Algiers told The Associated Press that he couldn't immediately confirm the number of deaths.

"Unfortunately, we know only of one survivor," said Hamdi, identifying him as a young Algerian soldier who was in a

critical but stable condition in a Tamanrasset hospital.

Algeria, an oil- and gas-rich nation in North Africa, has been torn by a decade-long insurgency by Islamic militants that has left tens of thousands dead.

Seven French citizens were among the 97 passengers, APS reported. Hamdi said he knew of six Europeans aboard. The remaining passengers and six crew members were Algerians, he said.

Hamdi said 39 passengers were headed for Algiers and that 58 others were to disembark at a stop in Ghardaia.

Prime Minister Ali Benflis set up a crisis unit at airports in Algiers and

Tamanrasset to deal with the crash, thought to be the first in the history of Algerian commercial aviation. An investigative unit was also set up at the Tamanrasset airport.

Hamdi, the airline spokesman, insisted that the downed plane had been well maintained.

"This Boeing 737-200 was, at takeoff, in perfect working order," he said. State-run Air Algerie was established in 1953 and this was its first crash, he said.

Interior Minister Yazid Zerhouni and Transportation Minister Abdelmalek Sellal were headed to the scene.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Arafat said to appoint prime minister:

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat told aides Thursday that he will appoint his deputy, Mahmoud Abbas, as prime minister, and not a Palestinian billionaire as he first planned, senior Palestinian officials said. Arafat told a meeting of top officials of his Fatah movement that he will name Abbas, also known as Abu Mazen, at a session next week of the Palestinian Legislative Council, said Ahmed Qureia, speaker of the council.

Armenian opposition alleges vote fraud:

President Robert Kocharian was re-elected in a second-round landslide, election officials said Thursday, but the opposition charged the vote was riddled with fraud and vowed not to recognize it. International monitors also criticized the vote and the campaign period leading up to it as falling short of recognized standards for open elections.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Ex-NASA official cites safety faults:

A former NASA official who led a study three years ago that faulted the way the agency dealt with safety risks told the Columbia investigation board Thursday that the same problem appears to have played a role in the shuttle disaster. Henry McDonald, an engineering professor, appeared as a witness as the board held its first public hearing on what caused the shuttle to break up over Texas on Feb. 1, killing all seven astronauts.

Energy Dept. predicts more gas hikes:

Gasoline prices are expected to continue their upward climb and reach a record national average of \$1.76 a gallon in April, the Energy Department forecast Thursday. It predicted gas prices will average about \$1.70 a gallon for regular brands through the summer driving season.

Lawyer claims permission for fireworks:

An attorney for Great White disputed claims Thursday that the band made a habit of using pyrotechnics without notice and said it had oral permission to use the effects blamed for starting a deadly nightclub fire. Attorney Ed McPherson said tour manager Dan Biechele always made sure he spoke with each club to get permission because pyrotechnics were a new part of the heavy metal band's act and were not included in some of the contracts.

'Taliban John' Lindh attacked in prison:

John Walker Lindh, the American imprisoned for taking up arms for the Taliban in Afghanistan, was attacked by a fellow inmate and slightly bruised, his lawyer said Thursday. Law enforcement authorities confirmed the 21-year-old Lindh was attacked but would not disclose a possible motive.

U-WIRE

Thousands participate in campus anti-war protests

High school and college students across the country walked out of class Wednesday to protest a war with Iraq, holding a series of rallies organizers predicted would be the biggest campus demonstrations since the Vietnam War.

Tens of thousands of students at more than 300 colleges and universities pledged to join in the protests, according to the National Youth and Student Peace Coalition. Thousands of students also rallied for peace in Britain, Sweden, Spain, Australia and other countries.

The Books Not Bombs protests were also geared to call attention to the effects of a war's costs on education, health care and the economy. But the focus was the looming threat of war with Iraq.

Manon Terrell, a 19-year-old sophomore, missed three classes to take part in a rally at Stanford University, where about 300 people carried signs that read "It's the Middle East, not the Wild West" and "The majority of us didn't vote for this war."

"This is a personal thing for me because my friends are going to fight this war," said Terrell, a civil engineering major. "It's not going to be Bush and his cronies in business suits on the front

"It's the Middle East, not the Wild West and the majority of us didn't vote for this war."

Manon Terrell
student

1,500 protesters and a small number of Bush supporters holding a counter demonstration gathered at Penn State University.

After an hour-long rally, about half the protesters marched four blocks to the municipal building, where Mayor Bill Welch accepted petitions asking the

lines. They're going to take people of color and poor people."

Dozens of Stanford professors endorsed the rally, either by telling students there would be no penalties for leaving class or by canceling class.

About 500 students walked out of class at the University of Maryland. In Milwaukee, 40 students lined the sidewalk in front of the Marquette University student union during an hour-long protest.

"It's good to let people know students have a say in what happens in the world," said Abir Chaudhry, 19, who carried a sign that read "God Does Not Bless America Only."

Sporadic rain fell as about 100 people took part in a "Mall Walk for Peace" at a suburban Albany, N.Y., shopping mall to protest the arrest of 61-year-old man who wore a T-shirt that read "Peace on Earth" and "Give Peace a Chance" while he shopped two days earlier.

borough council to oppose war with Iraq and resist elements of the USA Patriot and the Homeland Security acts.

About 125 students and a few faculty members turned out in gray, drizzly weather for a rally at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Ross Meyer, a junior and founder of a student peace group, said he was disappointed by the turnout.

"I am patriotic and loyal to my country," he told the crowd. Someone called out to urge the crowd to support the government if the United States invades Iraq.

Two sisters, Kate and Allie Dunn, traveled to a New York City anti-war rally from suburban Westchester County to express their support of the Bush administration.

"Remember 9-11?" asked a sign carried by 18-year-old Kate.

Farther north, around 100 people took part in a "Mall Walk for Peace" at a suburban Albany, N.Y., shopping mall to protest the arrest of 61-year-old man who wore a T-shirt that read "Peace on Earth" and "Give Peace a Chance" while he shopped two days earlier.

Another anti-war group, Not in Our Name, called on workers to call out sick and business owners to close up shop Wednesday as part of a "national mora-

torium to stop the war on Iraq." It could not immediately be determined whether any widespread sick-outs had occurred.

Andrew Pearson took the day off from work to hang anti-war banners from highway bridges and later joined a demonstration at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

"We're trying to show folks across North Carolina that people are ready and willing to disrupt their daily lives to stop the war," Pearson said.

Joe McTaggart, 49, who skipped work and joined about 100 demonstrators in Raleigh, N.C., said he thinks a war is "going to be such a disaster I had to come out."

"There's a lot of people who are against the war, but don't say anything," he said.

In Virginia, where many colleges were on spring break, only two students showed up for a demonstration at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond.

"If this were something the world wanted to do together, I

would support it," said Jim Sparks, a 32-year-old biology graduate student. "It is a big mistake to go it alone."

"It's good to let people know students have a say in what happens in the world."

Abir Chaudhry
student

Prime minister lectures at Texas University

By RASHA MADKOUR
Daily Texan

Kim Campbell holds many "first" titles. From the first female president of her high school's student council to Canada's first female attorney general, minister of justice and national defense, Campbell became Canada's first female prime minister in 1993, where she attained the highest approval ratings in 30 years.

Campbell spoke on the University of Texas-Austin campus Wednesday about social gender constructs both from an academic and political perspective.

Currently a visiting professor of practice at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, Campbell said the social norms and schemata shortcuts that help us understand things associated with sex are very important.

"Sex is the single most important characteristic that determines how people treat us," Campbell said. Although these gender schemata may sometimes be accurate, "they have the power to override our empirical observations. Our perceptions are a reflection of what we expect to see," she said.

This phenomenon is also manifested in people's self-perception, Campbell said.

"How we think of ourselves before we perform a

task can directly affect how we perform a task," she said. "I was raised to believe girls could do anything."

With regard to leadership and women, Campbell said gender schemata don't associate women with competence. As a child, Campbell

said she was told she was "really smart for a girl," and later in life was identified as an anomaly or as having achieved success by "sleeping"

her way to the top.

These characterizations "rob the merit of women's achievements."

"Your success isn't luck. It's a reflection of your qualities," Campbell told audience members.

While acknowledging that women have come a long way, "We still have history to make," she said.

Campbell offered some ways to work toward progress.

"We can become gender-literate to recognize the dynamics when they occur. We can pro-actively use leadership to challenge the status quo. This is not a men-versus-women thing," she said.

Title IX which prohibits gender discrimination in participation in educational programs is an example of how "visionary leadership made a quantum leap," Campbell said. Female participation in sports flourished as a result of Title IX, proving that one can never tell what people can accomplish by what they actually

do, she said.

The talk was the fifth in a series put on by the University's Muriel Siebert

Foundation. Siebert was the first woman on the New York Stock Exchange. The objective of these lectures is "to give students an image

of famous role models, be they male or female" so that they may be able to glean something from their experience," said Jane Macon, a UT alumna and attorney with Fulbright & Jaworsky.

Julia Wagner, a mechanical engineering and Plan II

senior, said she was honored that Campbell took the time to speak to students and share her views on gender schemata and how to change them.

"Any woman that has achieved such success is an inspiration," Wagner said.



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822.10	↓ -7.75
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COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ-100 INDEX (QQQ)	-0.24	-0.06	24.49
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INTEL CORP (INTC)	-1.65	-0.28	16.70
SIRIUS SATELLIT (SIRI)	-7.56	-0.04	0.49
SUN MICROSYSTEM (SUNW)	-2.40	-0.08	3.25

IN BRIEF

Microsoft to pay first-ever dividend

It's payday for Microsoft investors. Microsoft Corp. is issuing its first dividend Friday, shelling out more than \$850 million to shareholders, from the smallest investor right up to co-founder Bill Gates.

At 8 cents a share, the annual payout won't be huge to the average investor, analysts said. But it still marks a significant change for the Redmond, Wash., software company that went public in 1986 and has long hoarded its cash — now \$43.4 billion — for research, acquisitions and legal claims.

Microsoft announced the dividend in January, and issued a two-for-one stock split in February. The company has about 10.7 billion shares outstanding.

Visa fights fraud by hiding numbers

Visa will begin limiting the display of credit card account numbers on receipts to combat identity theft.

While many merchants already truncate the 16-digit card numbers on receipts, Visa will require, beginning July 1, that new credit-card machines display only the last four digits, company chief executive officer Carl Pascarella said Thursday.

All machines that accept Visa cards must comply with the change by mid-2006, Pascarella said.

Owners to keep Tyco in Bermuda

A proposal to have Tyco International move its headquarters from Bermuda to the United States failed to win enough shareholder support at the troubled conglomerate's annual meeting Thursday.

However, shareholders unhappy with scandals involving top management scored a very rare victory with approval of a resolution to subject executive severance packages to a direct shareholder vote.

The non-binding resolution won 58 percent to 42 percent at the meeting, which took place in Hamilton, Bermuda.

Vivendi loses \$25.6B in 2002

◆ Media giant's loss biggest-ever in France

Associated Press

PARIS
Vivendi Universal said Thursday it was examining all options for its U.S. entertainment assets as the debt-laden media giant posted the largest loss in French corporate history.

Vivendi's net loss of 23.3 billion euros (\$25.6 billion) snatched the corporate record set only a day earlier by France Telecom when it posted 20.7 billion euros (\$22.7 billion) in losses.

Chairman Jean-Rene Fourtou called 2002 "an extremely difficult year," but vowed Vivendi would return to profitability in 2004. This year will be "a year of transition and of financial and economic progress," he said.

Fourtou also said Vivendi was in talks with various potential buyers for its U.S. television and film businesses. Those include the world's largest music company, Vivendi Universal Music, as well as the Universal film studio and theme parks and the USA and Sci-Fi cable networks.

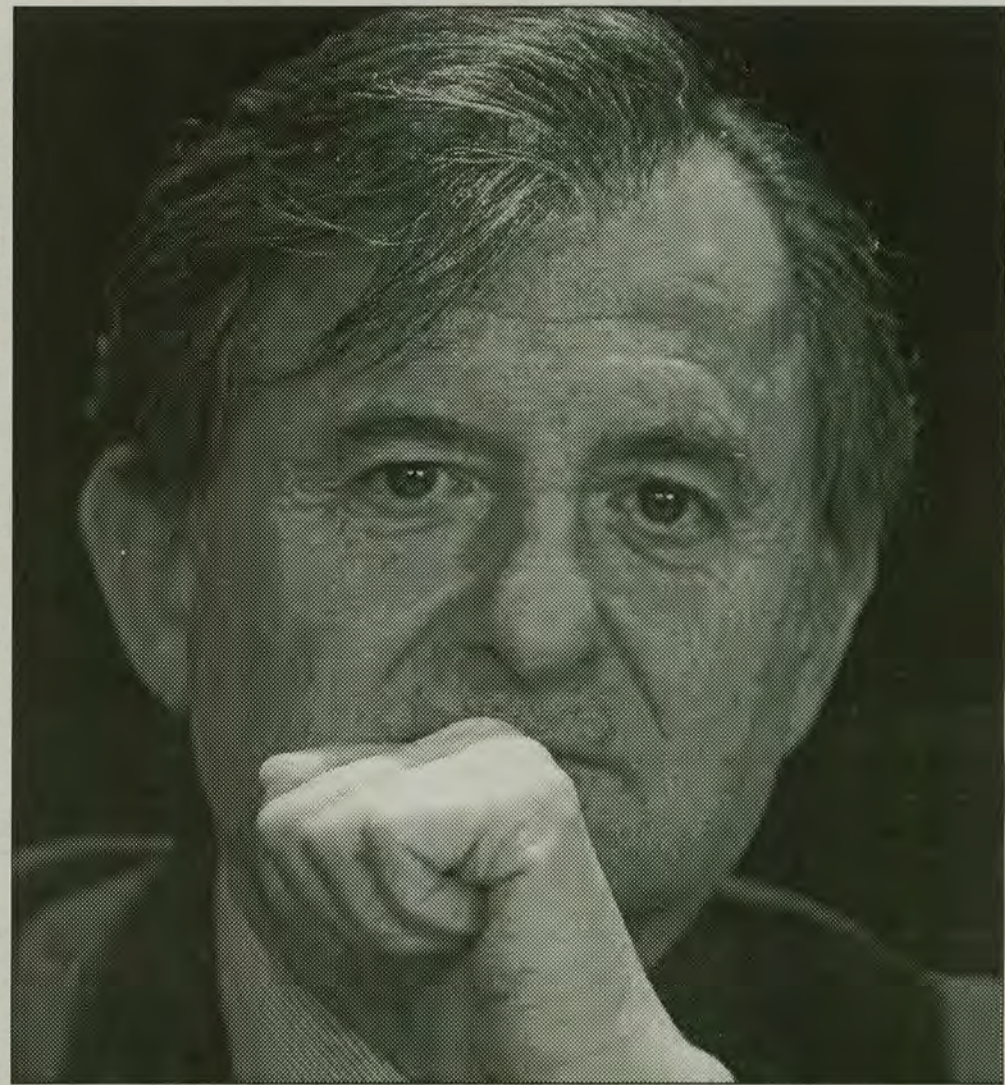
Fourtou confirmed that he met with Sumner M. Redstone, the head of U.S. media conglomerate Viacom, in Los Angeles to discuss the possible disposals.

But he refused to provide details, saying he was considering all options.

"I do not want to answer your questions about what I plan to sell," Fourtou said. "I am talking to everybody."

Vivendi barely staved off bankruptcy last year as it struggled to cope with billions of debt, a collapsing share price, boardroom infighting and no clear strategy.

The company's 2002 earnings were weighed by a hefty charge of 18.4 billion euros (\$20.2 billion)



PASCAL LE SEGRETAIR/Getty

Chairman and CEO of Vivendi Universal, Jean-Rene Fourtou, attends a news conference Thursday in Paris. The French media concern posted a loss of \$25.6 billion, or 23.3 billion euros for 2002, the largest loss in French corporate history.

that reflected the sharp decline in the value of its media assets. A year earlier, the company posted a loss of 13.6 billion euros.

Revenue totaled 28.1 billion euros (\$30.8 billion), compared to 57.4 billion euros (\$63 billion) in 2001.

"The results are bad, but encouraging. ... Our main problem was confidence, which we have to restore," said chief financial officer Jacques Espinasse.

Through a fire sale of assets, Vivendi was able to reduce its debt last year by 25.8 billion euros (\$28.3 billion) to 12.3 billion euros (\$13.50 billion) as of Dec. 31, the company said. This compares with net debt of 37.1 billion euros a year

earlier.

Fourtou vowed to press ahead with his 7 billion euro (\$7.7 billion) asset disposal program over the course of this year to return Vivendi to solid footing.

To accomplish that goal, Vivendi will almost certainly have to sell all or part of its entertainment empire, which was acquired just two years ago by then-chairman Jean-Marie Messier as part of a massive spending spree that almost sunk the company.

The potential sale of the assets, which include the record label of pop band U2 and the studios behind "The Grinch" could turn into one of the largest

entertainment auctions in years.

Vivendi's board met Thursday, with the entertainment assets' future believed to top the agenda. Vivendi officials refused to discuss the outcome.

"We don't want to negotiate under the media spotlight," Espinasse said.

While Viacom appears to be leading the field, other contenders include General Electric Co.'s NBC and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

Former oil tycoon Marvin Davis has made a \$20 billion bid for all the entertainment assets. But Davis appears to be interested in acquiring all the entertainment assets, not various pieces.

February retail sales disappoint

Associated Press

NEW YORK
Winter storms dealt a major blow to February sales at the nation's retailers, where business has already suffered amid the weak economy and worries about a possible war with Iraq.

As merchants reported their February results Thursday, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. announced sales at the low end of its expectations, and apparel retailers and department stores were again the hardest hit. Consumers had no incentive to buy spring fashions like micro-miniskirts in the frigid cold, analysts said.

But some retailers were exceptions, including Pacific Sunwear of

California Inc. and Gap Inc., both of which reported that sales at stores open at least a year, or same-store sales, beat Wall Street expectations. Same-store sales are considered the best gauge of a retailer's health.

Overall, though, "this was a weak reading, and it is the same story line. But the only difference is that the weather complicated the issue," said Michael P. Niemira, vice president of Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Ltd. "Weather is a passing problem, but concern about war and the economy is a lingering issue and therein lies the problem."

Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi's same-store sales tally of 78 stores was up only 0.8 percent in February, compared with an increase of 6.2 percent

a year ago, when unusually warm weather helped spur sales of spring clothes. Niemira said it was the weakest performance since last November, when the index was unchanged.

The biggest blow in February came when a snowstorm blanketed the Northeast during the President's Day weekend, forcing many stores to close and wiping out the much-anticipated sales bonanza needed to jumpstart the spring season.

Niemira estimated that the holiday storm as well as extreme cold weather and other storms in the Northeast and Midwest last month shaved about 1 to 1.5 percentage points on average from the monthly sales figures at national chains.

N.J. man tortures hamsters

Associated Press

SOMERVILLE, N.J.

A man caught torturing hamsters he had just bought from a pet store has been sentenced to three years probation.

Richard Mattia was also ordered Wednesday to undergo substance abuse and psychiatric counseling as part of the plea bargain he reached with Somerset County authorities.

He initially was charged with animal cruelty and then faced drug possession after police found 18 packets of heroin on him when he was arrested.

Mattia was charged last October after a Watchung pet store employee saw him squeezing the hamster. Authorities said Mattia also clipped the hamsters' teeth so it wouldn't bite him.

Mattia also faces animal cruelty charges in Mountainside and is scheduled to appear in municipal court there next week. Those charges were filed by the New Jersey Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals after two dwarf hamsters were found at Mattia's home last year.

Officials said one of the hamsters died after it was bruised and its teeth were damaged by nail clippers. The second hamster survived and, along with the hamster from the pet store case, was adopted.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Calif. man pleads for marijuana

Associated Press

VANCOUVER

A former California gubernatorial candidate is seeking political asylum in Canada because he says he'll be prosecuted for marijuana possession if he returns to the state.

Steve Kubby, 56, claims he needs to smoke marijuana at least once an hour in order to control symptoms of a rare adrenal cancer.

Canadian federal prosecutors, however, are challenging Kubby's refugee claim and say he's just trying to avoid jail in California on a peyote conviction.

In December 2000, Kubby was convicted in California of two drug possession charges and sentenced to four months in prison. He and his family fled to Canada after the sentence was handed down.

Then, last April the former Libertarian candidate was arrested in Canada on an immigration warrant. He faces Canadian criminal charges of production of a controlled substance and possession for the purpose of trafficking.

Clinton, Dole to debate on '60 Minutes'

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Former President Clinton and his 1996 election opponent Bob Dole are joining the CBS newsmagazine "60 Minutes" for weekly debates on national issues in the show's old "Point-Counterpoint" style.

The two agreed to 10 segments, starting Sunday night, but CBS executives say the network will consider extending the debates into next season.

Clinton said he often watches some of the political shows on cable television that degenerate into screaming matches.

"There may be a market for people who want light instead of heat," the former president

said.

The retired politicians taped their first segment Friday morning, declining to identify the topic. Asked who won, Clinton said, "He did."

"I got a 'B,'" said Dole, the former Senate majority leader. "He got a 'B-minus.'"

Clinton said that given their old jobs, both men

want to be careful about what they say regarding any potential war with Iraq. All citizens want to be supportive of the armed forces, he said.

Clinton, who has reportedly been offered several television opportunities, said the CBS idea appealed to him because "60 Minutes" is a serious show. "It's just once a week and not too long, so we won't be in anybody's way,"

he said.

CBS would not say how much he and Dole will be paid.

The segments will revive the "Point-Counterpoint" segments popular until they stopped airing in 1979, but will instead be called "Clinton/Dole" one week and "Dole/Clinton" the next week.

Executive producer Don Hewitt said the planned format calls for one debater to pick a topic and write a 45-second script that would be faxed to his opponent. The response would also be 45 seconds. After the initial arguments, the first debater would get 15 seconds to rebut, followed by a final 15 seconds from the opponent.

"It is going to be provoca-

tive but not mean or nasty. That would be a first for us," quipped Dole, whose sharp tongue occasionally got him in trouble during his political career.

Clinton said their wives - Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., and Sen. Elizabeth Dole, R-N.C. - were "both terrified" about what they may say.

"They should be," Dole added.

Clinton said, "All I can do is make a blanket plea that neither of them be held responsible for what we say."

Producers of "60 Minutes" hope the Clinton-Dole debates will boost ratings. The show has been in the top 10 for the past 20 years, but its popularity dropped recently, with the loss of about a million viewers in the last year.

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Bob Dole
former Senate majority leader

CUBA

Castro wins sixth term as president

Associated Press

HAVANA

President Fidel Castro was elected a sixth term Thursday and he wasted no time in criticizing the United States, warning that Cuba doesn't need its foreign office.

The 76-year-old leader made the veiled threat about the status of the U.S. Interests Section in Havana as an angry response to a public visit last month by section chief James Cason to a meeting with Havana dissidents.

"Anyone can see that this is a shameless and defiant provocation," Castro said of Cason's meeting with the dissidents.

"Perhaps the numerous U.S. intelligence agents working at the Interests Section could

explain to him that Cuba can easily do without this office — a breeding ground for counter-revolutionaries and a command post for the most offensive subversive actions against our country."

Castro, the world's longest ruling head of government, acknowledged he won't be around forever after being elected by Cuba's parliament to another term that would have him governing until he is 81.

"I promise that I will be with you, if you so wish, for as long as I feel that I can be useful - and if it is not decided by nature before," the 76-year-old Castro said in a rare reference to his advancing age and mortality. "Not a minute less and not a second more."

"Now I understand that it was not my destiny to rest at

the end of my life," added Castro.

Castro, now in power for 44 years, holds the title of President of the Council of State, this communist-run island's supreme governing body. The sole presidential candidate in Thursday's vote, Castro wore a dark suit and tie rather than his typical olive green military uniform.

Deputies later re-elected Ricardo Alarcon to his third five-year term as speaker of the parliament. Alarcon is Castro's point man on Cuba-U.S. relations.

Castro was elected by National Assembly deputies to his fifth presidential term five years ago.

Castro has been Cuba's unchallenged leader since 1959, though he was elected

president only in 1976. The second-longest ruling head of government is President Gnassingbe Eyadema of Togo, who has been in power since 1967.

More than 97 percent of Cuba's voters in January elected Castro and the rest of the 609 candidates who ran uncontested for parliament, including Juan Miguel Gonzalez, the father of Elian Gonzalez, the boy at the center of the 2000 international child custody battle.

A handful of international reporters who were invited to the Feb. 24 meeting by dissidents were surprised to find Cason there. The diplomat, who arrived in Havana about six months ago, gave reporters a brief interview, reading from prepared notes.



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U-WIRE

9th circuit puts Pledge of Allegiance ban on hold

By CHRISTINE PATTERSON
The Daily Universe

PROVO, Utah

The Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals issued a 90-day stay on its ruling banning the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools, enabling a California school district to appeal the decision to the Supreme Court.

For at least the next three months, students in California and the eight other states in the ninth circuit will continue to say the pledge in class.

"Our Board of Education believes strongly that our students should be allowed to recite the pledge," a statement from Elk Grove Unified School District said.

"We are proud to defend the Pledge of Allegiance, and we are confident that we will prevail in this case."

The Elk Grove, Calif., district was the target of a lawsuit filed by Michael Newdow, a

Sacramento, Calif., atheist who alleged that his daughter shouldn't be forced to take part in reciting the pledge, according to the Associated Press.

Newdow argued that the recitation of the pledge in public schools violates the establishment clause of the constitution and the separation of church and state.

A decision by the Supreme Court would override recent rulings in Utah making the pledge mandatory in public schools.

Frederick Gedicks, a professor of law at Brigham Young University, said there's a large class of church-state interactions that refer generally to

God that in a doctrinal sense are violations of the establishment clause and the principle of separation.

"We're talking about things like 'God save this honorable court,' people swearing on the Bible and 'In God we trust' printed on coins," Gedicks said.

"These are generic acknowl-

edgements of religion that show up periodically.

It's almost like there's a de minimis exception that below a certain level, the courts are just not going to be that concerned."

Gedicks said there is a legal premise for banning the Pledge of Allegiance in schools, but thinks the public recitation of the pledge is a modest imposition on those who would prefer not to say it.

"In a technical sense it draws attention to some students and causes them to differentiate themselves from their classmates, which may not be a good idea," Gedicks said. "But, I don't think this a battle they should fight."

No decision has been issued

yet on whether the Supreme Court will hear the case. The Court's doctrines on manifesta-

tions of worship or references to God, like in the case of school prayer, tend to be separationist.

Gedicks thinks that all things being equal, the Supreme Court would

probably reverse the lower court's decision if they decided to hear the case.

The Elk Grove district will ask the Court to hear their case within the next two months.

"If the Supreme Court takes the case, its going to have to alter its doctrine," Gedicks said.

Some school districts in California, which would have stopped reciting the Pledge of

Allegiance in class on March 10th without the 90-day stay, support Elk Grove's decision to appeal.

"Our teachers have been very supportive of the saying the pledge in class," said Kathy McNamara, superintendent of Banning Unified School District in California. "We're glad for the 90-day stay and we'll continue to say the pledge until they tell us we have to stop."

McNamara said every morning various students are invited to sing the national anthem for the student body at Banning High School.

An assembly including the presentations on the pledge and other displays of patriotism is scheduled for fifth graders in the District.

"We hope that the Supreme Court will reverse the decision," McNamara said. If they tell us we have to stop saying the pledge, we will. But, we'll continue to sing the national anthem and have an observed patriotic moment every day."

Students cope with troop departures

By HOLDER SHANNON
North Carolina State U.

RALEIGH, N.C.

With the deployment of more than 200,000 U.S. troops to the Middle East region, many students at North Carolina State University are dealing with loved ones going overseas.

Mark McLawhorn, a senior in art design, found out two weeks ago that his younger brother, Philip, is possibly going to Turkey. Philip has been in the Air Force for about four years. Though McLawhorn is not daily affected by his brother's deployment, his mother is having a difficult time.

"The biggest impact of him leaving was on my mother ... just because whenever someone's children [are] in the military, there's a threat that they may never make it back to American soil," McLawhorn said.

His mother seems to be dealing with Philip's departure fairly well, but she steers clear of movies such as "Saving Private Ryan." McLawhorn feels that his brother is "saving lives of other people" rather than "fighting against an enemy" but would rather not disclose what his brother's duty is other than "running detail."

McLawhorn is unsure of whether his brother is in danger because "nothing has happened yet."

"Maybe if this was day one and we were trying to drive down the streets of Baghdad, then that would be something, but there is no notion of what is going to happen," he added. "Something is going to happen, there's too much politics and bravado

wrapped up in it now, regardless of how many missiles Hussein destroys or claims to destroy."

McLawhorn is undecided on the future of a war with Iraq, commenting, "I don't think I'll ever see it as a clear-cut

fight against good versus evil, like a World War II scenario where you had a Hitler, because it's more broad. Right now, it's about Saddam Hussein, but next year, it could be about North Korea or some new thing we haven't heard of."

Even though he is not sure of the Iraq situation, he still feels American pride.

"It still is the greatest country on the earth at the moment. There are things that you are able to do here that you can't do anywhere else. The people out in the

street protesting the war wouldn't be able to do that if it weren't for the people in the military guarding our borders," McLawhorn said.

Joshua Smith, a graduate student in physics, has a brother-in-law stationed in the Persian Gulf. Smith's brother-in-law, Mark, has been in the Navy for about seven years and has been in the Middle East since July.

"I don't think he's in danger, like if he was a pilot. He works on an aircraft carrier,

and he isn't a combat person; he's a support person. If the aircraft carrier that he was on was under attack, I think the United States would be in some serious trouble. I just don't think that the situation will escalate to that level. So,

I really don't feel like he is in any danger," Smith said.

Having family stationed in the Middle East has not changed Smith's view of the possibility of war.

"Basically, I make my own judgments on these sorts of things.

Mark's in the Navy, and that's his job," remarked Smith. "If he goes to another part of the world to fight a war that I may or may not agree with, it's still his job. It's just like the police officer who gives you a speeding ticket — he's just doing his job, regardless of how you feel about it."

At this time, Smith is against a war with Iraq.

"I think that war is a pretty barbaric idea; since the beginning of civilization, there have been wars. I don't think at this point in our history it is necessary to fight a war, but I do realize that sometimes war is necessary," he said. "I would be for a war if it were demonstrated that that the Iraqi regime posed an imminent threat to the United States and its interest. I haven't been convinced of that yet, and so I don't think that it is necessary right now."

Students with family members being deployed may be confused on where to stand on the Iraqi issue, but they are not confused about supporting the military. Most say they will support their loved ones regardless of their own personal beliefs about war.

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student

Man faces trial for attempt to buy child

By NATE TABAK
Daily Californian

OAKLAND, Calif.

An infamous child predator must stand trial for allegedly trying to buy a 4-year-old boy for \$500 in Berkeley, Calif., a judge ruled Wednesday.

Kenneth Eugene Parnell, 71, sat stoically in a wheelchair in Alameda County Superior Court as a prosecutor played recordings of him arranging to make the purchase.

Parnell gained infamy for kidnapping 7-year-old Steven Stayner in 1972 and keeping him for seven years. Stayner told police Parnell had molested him.

Parnell was arrested at his West Berkeley home on Mathews Street Jan. 3 after he allegedly gave the informant, Diane Stevens, \$100 for a birth certi-

cate of a child that she claimed was waiting outside in a car.

He was charged with attempted purchasing of a person, attempted child theft and solicitation to commit a kidnapping.

Stevens described in testimony Wednesday how she met Parnell, who went by the name "Gene" in 2001, through her brother who was his in-home caretaker.

Stevens said her brother told her about Parnell's past during that time.

After Stevens' brother died in December, Parnell called her to buy a case of the nutritional beverage Ensure.

Stevens said their contact over the next year stuck to drink transactions until Dec. 12, when he offered \$500 for her to "get him a child" between 4 and 6 years old that he would raise as his own.

"I was stunned," Stevens said.

The Reverend Paul J. Foik Award Committee invites nominees for the award, which is given annually to a library faculty member who has contributed significantly to library service to the Notre Dame community or to the library profession through personal scholarship or involvement in professional associations. The award is named for the Holy Cross priest who served as director of Notre Dame's library from 1912 to 1924 and was a leading figure in the library profession in the first quarter of the 20th century. It is among those announced at the President's faculty dinner in May. Previous winners, beginning with the first award in 1991, included Maureen Gleason, Robert Havlik, Joseph Huebner, Rafael Tarrago, Janis Johnston, Charlotte Ames, Dwight King, Jr., Stephen Hayes, Katharina Blackstead, Margaret Porter, Lucy S. Payne, and Laura Bayard.

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Homework paid off with reading day

Doing your homework really does pay off. That's what Saint Mary's student government representatives found out this week when the reading day proposal was finally approved for implementation into the 2003-04 academic calendar.

Spearheaded by Student Body President Kim Jensen and Vice-President Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl, the reading day proposal was a comprehensive project that involved many student government representatives' input and commitment. Because Jensen and Jablonski-Diehl made this project not only their undertaking, but the undertaking of the entire student government, they achieved something that will have tangible results for College students.

The amount of work the pair put in is impressive. Organizing themselves and what they wanted to do, Jensen and Jablonski-Diehl delegated responsibilities to Board of Governance commissioners,

Student Academic Council representatives and even to class councils. Working together they researched 130 different institutions, looking not only at whether or not these colleges and universities had study days, but how many class days they had each semester and how many credit hours they required for graduation. And that is just the beginning of the amount of data collect-

ed. Jensen and Jablonski-Diehl also conducted a student survey to gauge reaction to different scenarios of how a study could be implemented by using the percentages and input to draft their final written proposal.

More impressively, instead of restricting the reading day proposal to what Jensen and Jablonski-Diehl could accomplish, the pair included all members of student government in the effort, fulfilling their campaign promise to add a study day to the

academic calendar. Adding study days to the calendar has been a promise student government representatives have been making to the student body for the past 10 years, but give Jensen and Jablonski-Diehl credit for finally succeeding.

Previous student government administrations did not completely undertake the study day endeavor. No other administration in the past 10 years took the time to thoroughly research or put together a comprehensive proposal, therefore making it difficult for faculty and administrators to take the need for study day seriously.

Today, the student body can be proud of what its student government representatives have accomplished and how they accomplished their goal. By being prepared and acting in a professional manner, student government gained the attention and respect of the College's faculty and administration.

It really does make a difference when you do your homework.

The
Observer
Editorial

A look at the war from Cairo

Our study-abroad advisor from Notre Dame visited Cairo today, and she mentioned that there have been numerous letters in the Observer about worries for students studying abroad. Also, the office in Hurley Hall has received many phone calls from parents concerned about their kids in the different programs.

I always appreciate it when friends ask me how I am holding up and how safe I feel, but I wish I could bring all those people here to see what it's really like. My friend and fellow domer, Aaron and I, are doing just fine in Cairo. I assume the same is true for all the students abroad elsewhere.

On the streets, when people ask me where I am from, I refuse to hide and say I am from Canada. I always say proudly that I am an American. I hope, too, in several months time to have that same pride. Usually this leads into a discussion about Iraq. Yesterday, outside the mosque of Amr ibn al-As, I chatted in choppy Arabic with three old Egyptian men about the grave situation in the Middle East. They told me how they loved American people, and I told them how I loved Egyptian people. We decided that next week we ought to gather again outside the mosque and invite Saddam Hussein and President Bush to join us to discuss their differences. Not once did I feel uncomfortable.

Not once have I ever felt threatened here traveling or conversing, even in a section called "Old Islamic Cairo," whose name would probably scare many who have not been here. Insane traffic seems to be the only threat. I do not claim to have been to Iraq. Cairo is not Baghdad, I know, but Baghdad is not too far, nonetheless. I do not claim to have more perspective than anyone else at home. However, this experience inevitably shapes my perspective.

I hope some time to meet Aaron's two roommates who are from the Gaza Strip and maybe find out what life is like as a Palestinian. I enjoy getting harassed and surrounded by little

Egyptian kids, who probably are not that different from kids in Baghdad and who probably are not that different from kids in South Bend.

I am fascinated by the anti-war demonstrations that take place on campus, because there are hundreds of police in riot gear ready to suppress any freedom of expression. The government just renewed the "emergency laws" in order to prolong this police-state for another three years, to everybody's disappointment. You see, there is little freedom here — even in Egypt — and these students want freedom more than anything, but they also do not want war and they fear American intervention.

I do not buy stories that Bush is only in this for oil or to finish something his father started. Weapons of mass destruction and changing the Iraqi regime are serious, truthful matters. In trying to soak all this in, though, my only truthful conclusion is that war is not the answer in this case. I knew that before I came here. This area is too complex to fully explain in this letter, so this may be an unsatisfactory answer to many: But, full-fledged diplomacy is the only way now. My hope is that Bush (and his advisors) knows what war will mean for people in this area and for Americans. My biggest fear is that he doesn't know.

No matter what happens here, I appreciate my friends' and family's concern. I am sure others abroad (and their families) are apprehensive, rightfully so, about what is going to happen in the world. But, please do not worry too much. If the war does happen, we will stay until the end of the semester because I am pretty sure we'll be fine.

Terence J. Fitzgibbons

junior

Cairo, Egypt

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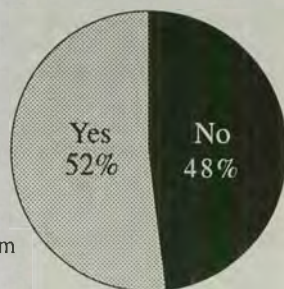
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Do you feel that local bars take adequate steps to ensure the safety of their customers?



*Poll appears courtesy of NDToday.com and is based on 49 responses.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You can live to be a hundred if you give up all the things that make you want to live to be a hundred."

Woody Allen
comedian

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You're welcome,
Father Poorman

Dig hole in sand, insert head, cover sufficiently.
I congratulate those of us on campus who stand on principle and law. I am a black and white person most of the time as well. This doesn't mean, however, that I'm blind to the truth.

First, I'd like to say that I'm addressing the minority here. I realize that most people on campus are in touch with reality and don't like to directly endanger the lives of their classmates or advocate a stance that does so.

John Little

There are those few, however, like Zahm Hall R.A. Lenny DeLorenzo, who are content to support any stance which to them looks good on paper, espouses their supposedly elevated Catholic morals and aligns itself with a law that they openly admit is completely ignored.

Frankly
Obnoxious

When persons like this announce and support a drop in statistics of on-campus emergency room trips, they are correct; exactly as was stated in last Friday's letter "Thanks Father Poorman." These persons however, are sure to admit that drinking itself has not decreased — only the on-campus incidents. What does this mean?

It means that those who were drinking on campus last year, and getting help, are now off campus in the same situation, passed out on someone's floor. And while this may be considered a great thing to lazy R.A.'s who would prefer less work commensurate with their free stay on campus, I feel it's pretty safe to assume it is not in the best interest of the campus as a whole.

At some point, it becomes time to reconcile both reality and the law. Efforts to control on-campus drinking, not eliminate it, will meet with success. Unfortunately, I doubt anyone here would have the courage to try an innovative program like an on-campus student drinking license or the like.

I do feel for the law-abiding claims of the morally self-righteous. They are standing on a principle, something I have done many times in the past and will certainly do in the future. I think perhaps it is unfortunate that they do so at the peril of not just the social atmosphere, but the lives of their schoolmates. Perhaps it is a sacrifice they are willing to make. And who could fault them for following the lead of the Office of Student Affairs (OSA).

This brings me around to the focal point of this controversy: The Office of Student Affairs and its affable leader, your very own, Father Mark Poorman. Having neither received, nor expected, a response from the OSA last week, I would like to forward a response from an alumnus, a challenge to Father Poorman. The simple request is that he provide "greater transparency with respect to the studies they have conducted and the basis for [his] decisions." What can it hurt? If the decision was based on an honest assessment of students, using an honest measure of what is dangerous drinking activity, my argument is out the window. If it wasn't, well, hate to tell you, the cat's already out of the bag.

The same man also asked me to "urge current students and alumni to write to the Board of Trustees expressing their dissatisfaction with the present situation (something considerably stronger [than what the] student body president presented)." But we all know how likely that is to happen. It would be nice if students would stand up for themselves in such a way, but I better move on to something that's feasible.

This University operates on and for money — lots of it. One might even say it has been an overbearing focus of the administration starting with the Malloy presidency. Another alumnus recalled to me that in the past, Fathers "Joyce and Hesburgh used to rule the University by regularly asking one question, 'How will the students be affected by this?'" This isn't the case today. Administrators seem to be more concerned with the CSC, "cash, strictly cash" and volatile clergy politics than in what all their positioning is doing to students.

The biggest weakness that I've been able to locate in the administration is their focus on greed. (Appeals to morality, justice, safety and reality have simply been ignored.) It seems from my copious amount of responses, I was fairly far off the mark with my assessment last week that alumni agree with Poorman's policy. Most alumni from the early '70s forward seem to agree about the shortsightedness and danger of the Poorman hegemony. Even the older alums seem split on the issue. For my part, should Poorman become the next University president, not a dime of mine will find itself in the University coffers during his tenure. I'd suggest that students and alumni make the same pledge.

John Little is a senior MIS major who was shocked to learn he had to write a column for Friday on Thursday morning. He received 55 e-mails from alumni last Friday. Fifty-two agreed with his viewpoint. E-mail him your burning rage and tears of wisdom at jlittle@nd.edu. As always, his views are not representative of The Observer. In fact, he's fairly certain they denounce him.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The fight for gay marriage

This past Tuesday a landmark event happened in Massachusetts. After almost two years of preparation, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court heard the case of Goodridge v. Department of Public Health, in which seven same-sex couples are arguing against the unequal marriage laws of Massachusetts. If the justices rule in favor of the plaintiffs, it would pave the way to make Massachusetts the second state to legally recognize a union between same-sex partners.

Richard
FriedmanA Skewed
Perspective

The debate over same-sex unions has been raging in various state and federal courts since 1993 when a male couple first challenged the marriage laws of Hawaii. The largest victory for gay right activists came in December of 1999 when the Vermont Supreme Court ruled that the state's marriage laws were unequal and ordered the state legislators to correct the inequalities. What resulted was the Vermont civil union which allowed the same state benefits, civil rights and protections to same-sex couples as to married couples.

Recently, New Jersey has also been very much involved in court battles, as a case was filed seeking equal rights for gay and lesbian couples in June of 2002. Directly opposing these three states, 32 states including Hawaii have legally redefined marriage as only occurring between a man and a woman or specifically denied state protections to same-sex couples.

This idea of banning civil unions or denying same-sex partners the same rights of legal protection as heterosexual couples is completely unacceptable. As most recently illustrated on a large scale by the tragic events of Sept. 11, not allowing for civil unions causes all kinds of unequal, unfair and unreasonable problems for homosexual people. Due to their lack of legal status, homosexual couples are unable to make all sorts of legal and medical decisions that heterosexual couples can make for each other.

Why should a heterosexual person be allowed to make medical decisions for a partner to whom they have been married one year, whereas a homosexual person who has been together with his or her partner for over 20 years has no input?

The arguments against civil unions have often been hollow or religiously based. And, while I am not at all against religion helping to shape our societal values and ideals, our Constitution is based on a separation of church and state. This is something that is often forgotten when it comes to homosexual partners. Many people agree with the separation of church and state as is evidenced by the recent rulings about removing the 10 commandments from courthouses or by trying to remove "under God" from the pledge of allegiance, but then use religiously based arguments to counter the idea of legalizing gay marriage.

One of these arguments is the often stated idea that marriage is about procreation. This idea is obviously based in the religious ideas that sex is a part of consummating a marriage and that sex is about unity and procreation.

Since a homosexual couple can not procreate, they cannot be married. But marriage is not just about sex. Instead, marriage is also about the

expression of love between two individuals. Two men or two women can love each other to the exact same extent that a man and a woman can, so how is it that the man and woman are following the ideal of marriage whereas the two men are not?

Looking more directly at legal marriage, this argument holds even less weight.

Legal marriage has nothing to do with sexual activity between two people, but rather the vast majority of rights provided to legally married couples are in terms of legal protection, custody, medical decisions and inheritance. And while people often express disdain for people who legally marry only for these benefits, I have never heard of anyone proposing that we ban marriages of this sort. It is only when it comes to homosexual couples that the idea of controlling who receives these benefits comes up. If two men love each other and plan to spend their whole lives together, the men should be afforded the same sort of legal rights that any heterosexual couple receives.

Another often used reason why same-sex couples should not be legally sanctioned is that by doing so we will be effectively undermining the whole idea of family as a unit with children. This is a

rather outdated view, however, as the specific definition of a family continues to change. It also falls apart when you consider that there are many married couples that have never had any intention of having children, but many homosexual couples that have raised children.

A third argument is that homosexual couples lack lasting commitment to each other. Not only is this idea completely absurd, it is contradictory as well. How can you use an argument that homosexual people show no real commitment to each other to argue that those same people should be denied the rights to have any sort of legally established and recognized commitment?

Providing an institution such as civil unions for homosexual couples would not only dispel this incorrect idea, it would help provide the couples with an increased commitment to each other due to its public nature.

Homosexual civil unions have been supported by three states as well as several other countries throughout the world. The fact that so many states have taken such direct efforts to contradict the efforts of some states towards progression and equality is really unfortunate. Marginalizing and denying equal rights to some citizens is rather hypocritical for a country that claims to be about progression and equal rights for all. There is no difference between what two men or two women can feel for each other or the level of commitment they can have for each other, so there should be no reason why they cannot be afforded the same sorts of equal rights and protections that are available to heterosexual couples.

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'The Stuff of Dreams'

*A mysterious host conjures up four famous characters as if dreaming*By COLLEEN BARRETT
Scene Writer

Tonight at 7:30, five of Western theater's most famous characters will meet on the main stage of Washington Hall.

In the Guthrie Theater's premier production tour of "The Stuff of Dreams," an original play by Bill Corbett, Notre Dame students and members of the surrounding community will experience an exchange between five recognizable dramatic figures.

On an empty stage, the characters appear as if in a waking dream. The audience is led to believe that the dream has been conjured by the mysterious cloaked figure who acts as a host. The other four figures are the title characters from Sophocles's "Antigone," Edmund Rostand's "Cyrano de Bergerac," Nora from Henrik Ibsen's "A Doll's House" and Willy Loman from Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman."

The host challenges the four characters to tell their individual stories in hopes of finding the most compelling, play-worthy life among them. Antigone is a headstrong teenager, uncompromising in her view of herself as history's most tragic figure. In his turn, Cyrano laments his unrequited love and his personal appearance, which has resulted in a life of indignity. Ibsen's Nora, who appears not as the woman in "A Doll's House," but the woman she became after she walked out on her life, claims no unusual power. However, the experts from the play and her own words reveal the strength it took this 19th century woman to walk away from her life and start over. Willy Loman

approaches the mysterious host as he would a sales client, and throughout the evolution of his own tale, Loman realizes the consequences of spending his life chasing unrealistic expectations and unreasonable dreams.

After the four characters have finished telling their stories, the host reveals himself to be Shakespeare's Hamlet, and tells of his own tragic life. He claims that he has suffered as much as the other four, but the complications of his own situation make his story the most compelling.

Throughout the play, the audience is under the impression that it is witnessing the host's dream, but at the end of the play, one of the characters turns to the audiences and asks the others, "Who are they?"

Suddenly, the audience realizes — the dream is its own.

"We're approaching the production very simply," said director Jeff Hall-Flavin. "Since theatre is a very human art form, the emphasis is on the actors — they're featured by stripping away everything except the essentials. The hope is that this will engage the audience as active participants."

The Guthrie Theater's hope to have an active audience isn't simply a dream. Invited by Summer Shakespeare's founder and Artistic Director Paul Rathburn, the men and women of the Guthrie Theater attended classes yesterday to provide insight about the stage to students.

Summer Shakespeare is a sponsor of the Guthrie Theater, ensuring that South Bend is a regular stop for the company's performances. Besides offering their expertise in the classroom, the Guthrie



MICHAL DANIEL/Proofsheet

Brian A. Grandison as Hamlet and Jon Andrew Hegge as Cyrano de Bergerac engage in a sword fight.

Theater has a large pool of resources for Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students. From a director's advice to elaborate costumes to a tip about theatre performance, the Guthrie Theater will provide a new way for students to uncover the difficult and various facets of live theatre.

But on the eve of spring break it may be difficult to get the student body to trudge through the biting wind and brave the icy sidewalks on a trek to Washington Hall. Rathburn knows, however, that there will still be a number of students on campus tonight. "Our challenge is, how can we make sure every student takes advantage of this world class theatre?" he said.

One way is to offer the tickets for only \$7 to students and \$18 for the general public. Another is to offer them a chance to see theatre's classic dramatic figures trade quips.

"The Stuff of Dreams" will be performed tonight and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. Tickets are on sale at the LaFortune Box Office.

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Ann Kim as Antigone and Laura Esping as Nora Helmer embrace.



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Brian A. Grandison as Hamlet breaks up a disagreement between Jon Andrew Hegge as Cyrano de Bergerac and Mark Rosenwinkel as Willy Loman.



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Jon Andrew Hegge as Cyrano de Bergerac and Brian A. Grandison as Hamlet gaze upon Ann Kim as Antigone while she stares off into the distance.

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'The Men of March'

*A journey inside the lives of college basketball coaches and their teams*By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

The premise behind Brian Curtis' "The Men of March" is simple: spend a full year following four college basketball coaches around the country and chronicle every aspect of their lives from recruiting to dealing with the media. And if Curtis' book only provided unique perspective gleaned from a behind-the-scenes look at major basketball programs, it would still be a good read.

But the fact that Notre Dame coach Mike Brey is one of the four coaches Curtis observes makes "The Men of March" that much more entertaining to Notre Dame basketball fans.

A former sportscaster for Fox Sports Net in Los Angeles, Curtis spent the 2001-02 season following Brey, UCLA's Steve Lavin, Illinois' Bill Self and Iowa's Steve Alford. His comprehensive look at the life of a college basketball coach from the perspectives of these four men covers the college basketball season from Midnight Madness through the Final Four and the NBA Draft.

Virtually every aspect of coaching is covered in "The Men of March", but Curtis analyzes each aspect of coaching by placing it in the larger context of a

team's season. For example, instead of merely explaining Notre Dame's pre-game ritual, Curtis follows the team on a road trip to Chicago, where his portrayal of the team's pre-game Mass sheds light on an event few get to see. At another point, Curtis discusses the unique relationship between coaches and officials by highlighting a Notre Dame game where Brey drew a technical foul.

One of the most interesting aspects of Curtis' book is how he provides an inside perspective of events that drew national attention. When Alford's team hit a December slump and the Iowa coach contacted former Indiana coach Bobby Knight, Curtis provides a unique glimpse into how Alford and Knight rebuilt their once-rocky relationship.

But there are dozens of little nuggets Curtis includes from memorable points in the four team's seasons. Brey, for example, likes to sit by himself in virtual uninterrupted silence before games. If upset

at halftime, he'll yell at his team for a few minutes, leave to discuss adjustments with coaches while his players sort things out and then return to calmly deliver the new game plan. Curtis' explanation of Brey's interaction with a struggling David Graves last season only makes one wonder how he responds in other situations. And how Brey dealt

with Harold Swanagan's frustration over his brother's arrest shows the importance of helping players through a basketball season.

Notre Dame fans, however, will be disappointed that Brey is the least represented of the four coaches. While Curtis does an excellent job showing the complicated process through which Brey arrived at Notre Dame, how the Irish coach deals with media and what he is like off the court, he spends less time talking about Notre Dame games than he does with other teams. That isn't necessarily a bad thing, as the perspective provided by other teams helps makes the story one about college basketball and not just life in South Bend, but fans who buy the book because Brey is in it might find themselves flipping through a lot of pages.

That still doesn't detract from what is an excellent insider view of a college basketball season. Curtis covers such a broad spectrum of topics that it sheds new light on the difficulty of coaching college basketball. "The Men of March" only appeals to a narrow audience, but the crazed

basketball fanatic who buys Curtis' book won't be let down.

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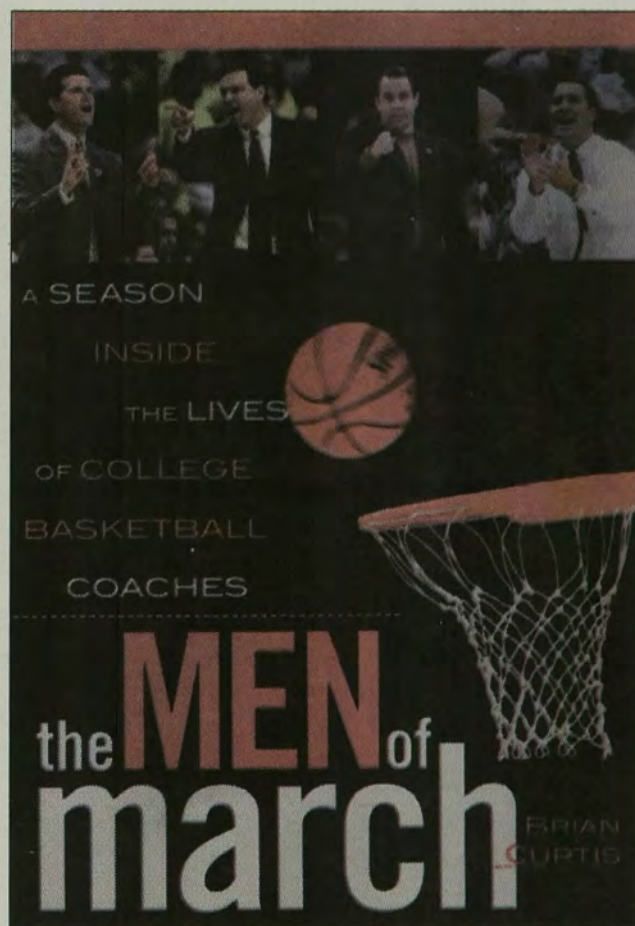


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Brey strives to get a point across in a timeout huddle to David Graves, Chris Thomas, Matt Carroll and Jere MaCura.



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Mike Brey and Mike Krzyzewski share a private moment before their second-round game in the 2002 NCAA Tournament in Greenville, South Carolina.

NCAA BASKETBALL

Frye leads uninspired Wildcats to victory

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz.

Channing Frye scored 24 points, one shy of his career high, and grabbed 12 rebounds in an otherwise uninspired Arizona performance Thursday night as the No. 1-ranked Wildcats beat Oregon State 72-60.

The Beavers (13-13, 6-11 Pac-10), in their first year under former Arizona assistant Jay John, lost at McKale Center for the 20th year in a row, but they stayed with the Wildcats throughout.

Luke Walton was the only other Arizona player in double figures with 12 points. He also had seven assists to reach 100 for the fourth season in a row. Hassan Adams had six points, three steals and two blocked shots.

The Wildcats' Salim Stoudamire was 0-for-4 shooting and scoreless in 12 minutes in the first half. He didn't play in the second. Coach Lute Olson said he benched Stoudamire because of the one-on-one style he was playing in the first half.

Brian Jackson scored 16 for Oregon State, including 3-of-6 on 3-pointers. However, he was only 2-for-8 inside the 3-point line. Philip Ricci added 15 points and Jimmie Haywood had 12. The Beavers were just 9-for-21 at the foul line, 7-for-17 in the second half.

Arizona (24-2, 16-1) clinched the Pac-10 title with its sweep at California and Stanford last week, and the Wildcats came out sluggish against the slow-down style of Oregon State.

Arizona used a 16-2 run to take a 22-10 lead on Adams' 15-footer with 8:20 to go in the first half.

The patient Beavers came back time and again, though.

Lamar Hurd's 10-footer cut Arizona's lead to 32-28 with 1:11 to go in the half, but the Wildcats scored the next eight points to go up 40-28 at the break. Frye had a three-point play, Andre Iguodala had a breakaway dunk off an Oregon State turnover, and Walton sank a 3-pointer just before the halftime buzzer.

Arizona got off to a listless start in the second half, and the Beavers went on an 11-4 run to cut it to 44-39 on Hurd's three-point play with 16:54

remaining.

Jackson's 3-pointer with 10:16 to play cut the Wildcats' lead to 58-54.

Walton scored inside to start a 6-1 spurt that boosted the lead to 64-54 on Adams' steal and breakaway stuff with 7:32 remaining, but even though Ricci was on the bench with four fouls, the Beavers didn't fold.

Jackson's final 3-pointer made it 64-58 with 5:45 remaining.

Frye's dunk with 3:10 left put Arizona ahead 69-60, then Walton made one of two free throws and the Wildcats led 70-60 with 1:56 remaining.

Duke 72, Florida State 56

The P.A. announcer at Cameron Indoor Stadium told exiting Duke fans he would see them in New Orleans.

The 10th-ranked Blue Devils believe they still have a lot of work to do to even come close to the site of this year's Final Four.

Shelden Williams had 12 points and season-high 17 rebounds and Duke forced 24 turnovers in a 72-56 victory over Florida State on Thursday night.

But coach Mike Krzyzewski was angry after the win by a second-half letdown and by a lack of emotion from the home fans, who he said have become spoiled by his program's success.

"I've never seen Cameron like it was in the second half," Krzyzewski said of the lack of emotion. "It's indicative of the attitude that's been surrounding our team all year long, you know, 'We're Duke and we should win instead of giving these kids [support].'"

"We've won too much. This has been such a good year for us. We're 21-5 and these kids have played their butts off and it's like nobody knows — especially our fans."

Captain Chris Duhon said the Blue Devils once again failed to close out a game in proper fashion.

"It's one of those inner things, it's like hunger or determination or a chip on our shoulder, something that we need to go out every night to prove," he said. "Until we find that, it's going to be tough for us."

The Blue Devils (21-5, 11-4 in the Atlantic Coast



Reuters

Duke's Daniel Ewing stops Florida State's Nate Johnson during the first half of the teams' game on Thursday.

Conference) rebounded from blowing a double-digit lead late in a weekend loss at St. John's and avenged a defeat to the Seminoles a month ago in Tallahassee, Fla.

Dahntay Jones added 14 points for Duke in his last game in Cameron.

The Blue Devils, one of five teams in the Top 10 all season, moved one game behind ACC-leading Wake Forest with a game left this weekend at North Carolina. The ninth-ranked Demon Deacons play N.C. State on Saturday and can nail down its first outright regular-season title since 1962 with a victory in Raleigh.

Maryland is tied with Duke with a game left at Virginia on Sunday.

The Seminoles (13-14, 4-12) finished in sole possession of last place in the regular-season standings for the first time since joining the league in 1992. That lands Florida State in its third straight play-in game in the ACC tournament next week in Greensboro.

"Everybody predicted we

would be in this position," FSU coach Leonard Hamilton said. "I feel we have been competitive and we think we've earned a certain measure of respect, but this is the position we've earned, we didn't win enough games. You can't take moral victories away from playing people close and playing well."

Tim Pickett was coming off a career-high 32-point game against Virginia, but got off to a slow start before finishing with 11 points for the Seminoles. Mike Mathews led Florida State with a career-high 18 points, all in the second half.

Duke didn't take long to gain control of its 28th straight home win, leading by as many as 23 in the opening half as the Seminoles had trouble establishing any offensive flow against Duke's pressure defense.

It was in sharp contrast to Feb. 2 when Florida State shot 60 percent during a 75-70 defeat of the Blue Devils.

"They didn't look like the same team we beat," Pickett

said. "They were more aggressive and we didn't match their intensity. Their hands were everywhere and we didn't finish our cuts."

Florida State, last in the ACC in scoring at 68.7 points a game, had its worst first half of the season, failing to score on 24 of its first 27 possessions as the Blue Devils went up 28-7 less than 14 minutes in.

Williams was strong on the inside with 11 points and 11 rebounds in 16 first-half minutes. The freshman played just nine minutes in the first meeting with one point and no rebounds.

The Seminoles closed to 44-27 in the early stages of the second half, but Jones and Daniel Ewing scored on three-point plays and J.J. Redick added a driving layup to push the lead to 25 as Duke completed its 14th undefeated home season at Cameron.

Williams grabbed the most rebounds by a Duke player since Carlos Boozer had 16 against Wake Forest on March 9, 2002.

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NBA

21 is the lucky number in Spurs victory

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO

The San Antonio Spurs had a high roller's dream night Thursday against the New Jersey Nets.

Tim Duncan, who wears No. 21, scored 21 points and grabbed 21 rebounds, and Tony Parker added 21 points, 10 in the fourth quarter, as the Spurs fended off a too-little, too-late charge by the Nets en route to a 92-78 win.

The win was San Antonio's 17th in its last 21 games.

The Nets, who lost their fifth in six games, cut the Spurs' margin to 83-77 with 1:41 left on consecutive jumpers by Jason Collins and Kenyon Martin. But San Antonio finished with a 9-1 run capped by a 3-pointer by Duncan at the final buzzer after New Jersey, the outcome assured, stopped playing defense.

The Spurs, who allowed Phoenix to shoot 59 percent in a loss Tuesday, limited the Nets to 36.6 percent from the floor.

Jason Kidd, guarded mostly by the 20-year-old Parker, shot 4-for-19 for 11 points, about half his season average, but he exceeded his norm with 13 assists.

"If the ball is not going in, you have to find another aspect of your game," said Kidd, whose name tops the list of potential free agents the Spurs might pursue in the offseason.

The Spurs certainly would

like to roll the right numbers with Kidd. But on the question of free agency and the Spurs, Kidd tried to rein in the chatter and at the same time teased reporters, saying "you guys have kind of taken it overboard, but we'll see what happens come July 1," the date his current contract expires.

Reserve Manu Ginobili scored 18 points for the Spurs, and he energized his team with seven assists and five steals.

"He has really been a spark for us and just is fun to watch," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said of the rookie from Argentina. "Sometimes he scares me out there, because I don't know what is coming, but he is so creative and we have to give him that freedom to just make things happen."

Ginobili, who has scored in double figures in four of the past five games, said, "Tonight just felt very easy out there."

Bruce Bowen had 11 points and Stephen Jackson 10 for San Antonio.

David Robinson left in the third quarter with a strained lower back, an injury that has plagued him all season. He scored eight points and had five rebounds in 24 minutes.

San Antonio jumped to a 13-4 lead, making five of its first eight shots while the Nets managed only a pair of baskets in their 11 attempts from the floor.

Kittles hit a corner jumper and then a 3-pointer to start



Tim Duncan of the San Antonio Spurs shoots over Jason Kidd of the New Jersey Nets during Thursday night's game.

Allsport

a 10-0 New Jersey spurt that gave the Nets their first lead at 14-13 late in the first

quarter.

The teams stayed close through most of the second period before an 11-footer by Duncan began a 10-3 burst that put San Antonio up 40-32 about a minute before the break.

Aaron Williams made a layup with 7.3 seconds left in the half, and then Kidd stole the inbounds pass and got the ball to Kittles for a 17-foot jumper at the buzzer, drawing the Nets to 40-36.

Kidd made only two of his 11 shots in the half, while Martin went 3-for-9. Duncan secured his double-double early by scoring 10 points and grabbing 14 rebounds in the first two quarters.

San Antonio got its lead over 10 points late in the third period and kept it there most of the way.

Bulls 119, Warriors 105

Eddy Curry had 24 points and 10 rebounds as the Chicago Bulls beat Golden State and snapped the Warriors' six-game winning streak.

The Bulls' victory was just their fifth in the last 19 games, but gave them 22 wins — one more than last season.

Curry's fellow prep-to-pro teammate Tyson Chandler added 23 points and 14 rebounds as the Bulls scored their most points this season following controversial statements by rookie guard Jason Williams.

Williams said Monday the team needed to shake things

up, suggested there was a rift between players and coaches and hinted maybe it was time some players move on — maybe even him. He started the game on the bench.

Jamal Crawford was in the starting lineup in his place, although Chicago coach Bill Cartwright said before the game Williams was not being punished for airing his gripes.

Crawford had 15 points and a career-high 10 assists in 31 minutes, while Williams scored nine points with three assists in 17 minutes. Jalen Rose scored all 21 of his points in the second half.

Gilbert Arenas scored 28 to lead Golden State and Antawn Jamison added 22.

Leading by five at the half, the Bulls ran out to 16-point lead after three quarters, getting a pair of 3-pointers from Donyell Marshall and one each from Crawford and Rose.

But the Warriors turned to their bench and scored the first seven points of the fourth quarter to make it 88-79 with just under 10 minutes remaining.

Then Williams and Rose hit jumpers as the Bulls regained control and pulled away again to break a three-game losing streak.

With Golden State center Erick Dampier in early foul trouble, Curry and Chandler went to work. Curry scored 19 points and Chandler had 12 points and 12 rebounds in the first half.

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Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
New Jersey	38-18-6-4	86	4-3-3-0
Philadelphia	34-17-11-2	81	5-3-2-0
NY Islanders	30-24-9-2	71	4-2-4-0
NY Rangers	27-31-9-2	65	5-3-2-0
Pittsburgh	25-32-4-5	59	3-7-0-0

Eastern Conference, Northeast Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Ottawa	40-18-7-1	88	6-4-0-0
Toronto	37-24-4-1	79	7-3-0-0
Boston	28-26-8-3	67	1-5-3-1
Montreal	24-27-8-7	63	3-4-1-2
Buffalo	19-31-8-6	52	4-3-1-2

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Washington	31-25-7-4	73	5-4-0-1
Tampa Bay	28-22-10-5	71	6-2-2-0
Florida	20-25-12-9	6	4-4-1-1
Atlanta	22-33-5-4	53	3-5-2-0
Carolina	19-31-8-6	51	1-5-3-1

Western Conference, Central Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Detroit	36-17-9-3	84	9-0-0-1
St. Louis	33-18-8-6	80	5-3-0-2
Nashville	26-25-9-4	65	8-2-0-0
Chicago	24-27-10-5	63	1-7-0-2
Columbus	23-33-7-2	55	2-7-1-0

Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Vancouver	39-17-10-0	88	7-1-2-0
Colorado	32-15-11-7	82	7-1-0-2
Minnesota	32-23-8-1	73	5-5-0-0
Edmonton	26-23-8-8	68	1-6-2-2
Calgary	20-31-10-4	54	2-5-2-1

Western Conference, Pacific Division

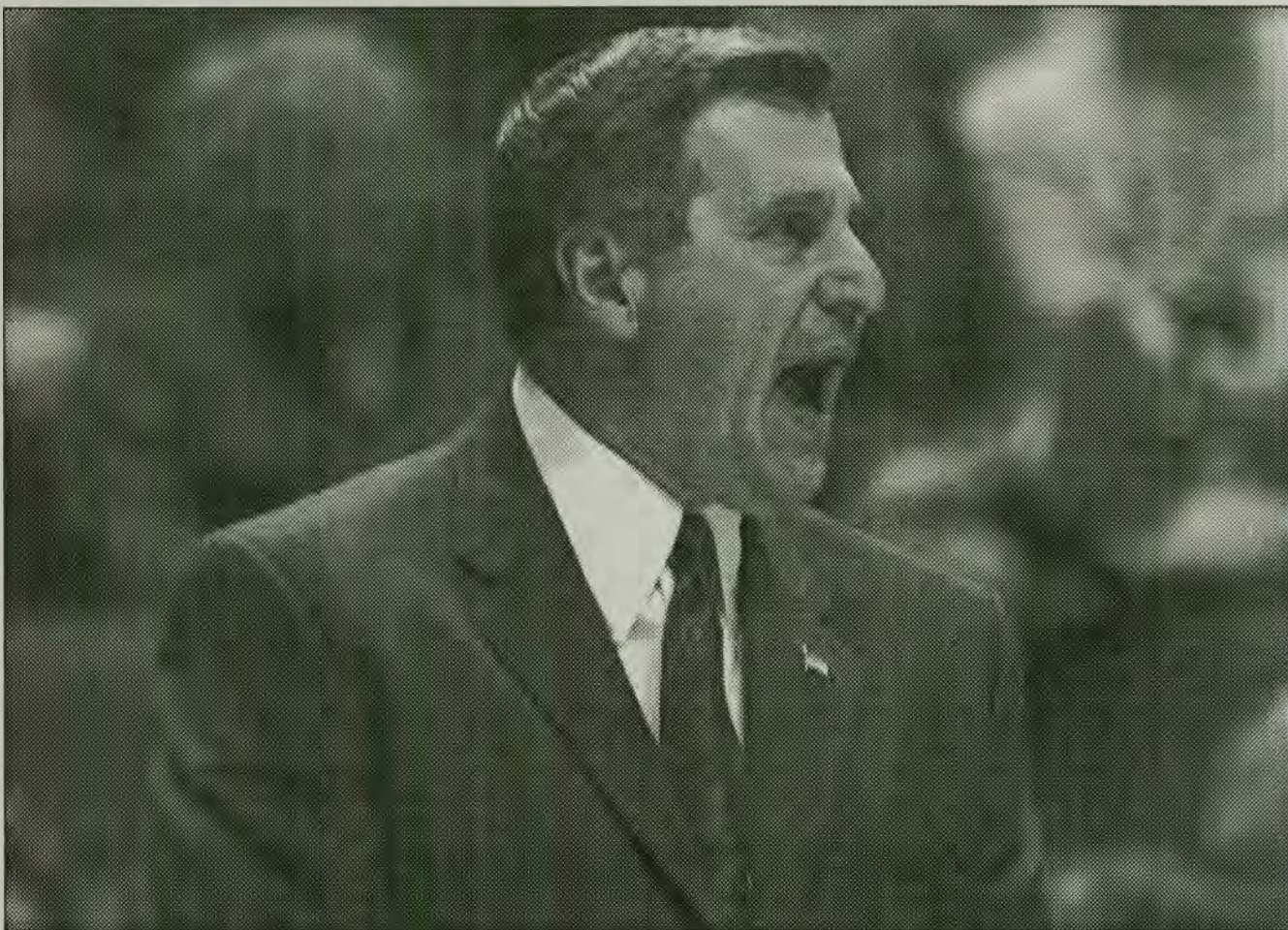
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Dallas	36-13-15-2	89	4-2-3-1
Anaheim	30-24-8-4	72	4-5-1-0
Los Angeles	28-29-4-4	64	6-4-0-0
Phoenix	25-27-8-4	62	6-3-1-0
San Jose	24-29-6-5	59	4-6-0-0

Baseball Polls

ESPN/USA Softball Collegiate Poll

	team	record	point
1	UCLA	22-1	449
2	Arizona	21-2	412
3	Nebraska	12-1	409
4	Washington	17-0-1	405
5	Texas	19-2	387
6	Oklahoma	12-3	335
7	LSU	16-5	328
8	Cal State Fullerton	16-7	318
9	California	14-6	285
10	Arizona State	17-6	280
11	Georgia	21-3	276
12	Stanford	14-6	269
13	South Carolina	12-5	199
14	Florida State	14-6	182
15	DePaul	5-2	181
16	Massachusetts	5-3	159
17	Oregon State	16-7	155
18	Michigan	8-6	145
19	Texas A&M	15-7	131
20	Alabama	14-9	130
21	Ohio State	8-6	118
22	South Florida	21-4	83
23	Oregon	12-5	59
24	Oklahoma State	9-3	59
25	Minnesota	19-4-1	27

NCAA MENS BASKETBALL



ICON SPORTS

After being hit with another scandal, Jim Harrick's tenure as Georgia's basketball coach could be in jeopardy. Harrick's son and assistant coach at Georgia was fired Wednesday for violating NCAA regulations.

Problematic Harrick hopes to stay at Georgia

Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga.

Before each practice, Jim Harrick scrawls a message to his players on a white board next to the court.

On Thursday, the words seemed especially relevant: "Today is the first day of the rest of your life. Forget the past and start thinking about the future."

If only it were that easy for the Georgia coach.

Harrick has had so many problems in his past that it might be tough for him to survive the latest scandal.

He was fired at UCLA for lying on an expense report. Rhode Island is looking into alleged transgressions that occurred on Harrick's watch. And now, he faces the most

serious challenge of his career at Georgia.

A former Bulldogs player, Tony Cole, accused Jim Harrick Jr. of paying off bills, doing schoolwork and teaching a sham class on coaching. Harrick Jr., an assistant on his father's staff, was fired Wednesday.

A day earlier, the elder Harrick defiantly predicted his son would be cleared and nothing more than minor violations would be uncovered. He also challenged his portrayal as a renegade coach who breaks rules.

"I've never had a violation," Harrick said. "Go ask the NCAA."

On the other hand, he acknowledges occasional lapses in judgment on the recruiting trail. Desperate for

a backup point guard in 2001, Harrick pushed hard to get Cole enrolled at Georgia, even though he had bounced around to numerous high schools and junior colleges.

Cole didn't have much impact on the court, but he made plenty of news off it: Midway through his only season with the Bulldogs, he was among three athletes accused in a campus rape.

While the charges were eventually dropped, Cole was kicked off the basketball team for repeated violations. He struck back by accusing Harrick Jr. of breaking NCAA rules.

"Yeah, I admit to making some poor decisions in recruiting," the elder Harrick said. "You can't go 30 years

and not make a mistake."

Harrick is mystified by the way he was treated at UCLA, where the first major scandal of his career led to his firing shortly before the 1996-97 season.

On Monday, Rhode Island announced it was investigating whether players had their grades changed and received money from Harrick's staff and school boosters. In addition, Harrick Jr. was accused of falsifying hotel and meal reports for recruits.

The elder Harrick hopes to survive the latest blow to his troubled coaching career and remain at Georgia.

"We've got a nice program going here," he said. "I don't want anything to spoil it."

It may be too late.

IN BRIEF

Bulls bench Williams

In the first game since he called for the Chicago Bulls to shake things up, Jay Williams was part of the change — he was taken out of the starting lineup.

Jamal Crawford made the start Thursday night as part of a lineup shuffle that also included Donyell Marshall replacing Trenton Hassell for the game against the Golden State Warriors.

After Monday night's loss to Orlando when he went scoreless, Williams said the Bulls needed to spice up their approach, suggested there was a rift between players and the coaching staff and hinted that maybe some players needed to move on, maybe even him.

Bulls coach Bill Cartwright said Thursday that Williams was not taken out of the starting lineup as punishment for airing his gripes.

"I think Jamal has played good," Cartwright said.

"I feel like this is our best group. ... I'd like to come out with more thrust."

Cartwright said he talked Thursday morning with Williams, the No. 2 pick overall in last year's draft.

"All Jay has to do is play, play the way he has his whole life," Cartwright said.

"He needs to play and not worry about things."

Before Thursday, Williams had started 51 of the 55 games in which he had played. Crawford was making just his 12th start in 61 games.

In other moves announced Thursday, the Bulls activated center Dalibor Bagaric and placed forward Eddie Robinson on the injured list because of a pulled right hamstring that has kept him out of the last six games.

The 7-foot-1, 290 pound Bagaric has scored six points and grabbed 10 rebounds in four games this season. He was the Bulls' third first-round pick in the 2000 draft.

Robinson has started nine of the 53 games he has played in this season. The 6-9, 210-pounder has averages of 5.7 points a game and 3.1 rebounds.

Swiss plan Cup celebration in Geneva

The America's Cup will arrive Saturday in Switzerland, making its return to Europe after an absence of 152 years.

Cup winners Alinghi, carrying the trophy aboard a charter flight from Auckland, will land at Geneva airport in the early afternoon and will be met by federal, regional and municipal dignitaries.

A public celebration of Alinghi's victory in the world's premier sailing competition will be held in the evening in downtown Geneva, Alinghi syndicate spokesman Bernard Schopfer said Wednesday.

The Cup leaves Auckland on Friday afternoon, ending an eight-year stay in New Zealand.

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NHL

Brown's 2 goals help Sabres defeat Maple Leafs

Associated Press

TORONTO

Curtis Brown had two goals, and Miroslav Satan extended his points-scoring streak to seven games as the Buffalo Sabres defeated the Toronto Maple Leafs 4-2 Thursday night.

Taylor Pyatt had the other goal for Buffalo, which handed Toronto its third straight loss. Shayne Corson and Robert Svehla scored for the Maple Leafs.

Satan also had an assist, giving him 10 points in his streak. Brown has four goals in his last five games and 15 overall.

Brown made it 3-1 on the power play at 4:36 of the third period when he took a pass from Satan beside the net and beat Ed Belfour over his left shoulder.

With less than two minutes left in the game, Svehla took a pass from Mats Sundin and fired it past Martin Biron to pull Toronto within a goal.

The Maple Leafs nearly tied it with less than a minute left, but Biron gloved Gary Roberts' shot. Then Brown hit an empty net with 10 seconds remaining.

Pyatt gave the Sabres a 2-1 lead late in the second period when he took a pass from Dmitri Kalinin in the left faceoff circle, skated in and beat Belfour between the legs for his eighth goal. It was Pyatt's first goal since Jan. 24 — also against Toronto.

The Maple Leafs opened the scoring 1:46 into the second period when Corson redirected Wade Belak's centering pass past Biron for his seventh goal.

Buffalo tied it less than three minutes later when Satan's weak wrist shot from the point deflected off Alexander Mogilny and past Belfour for his team-leading 24th goal.

Toronto — without penalty minutes leaders Tie Domi and Darcy Tucker because of suspensions — didn't lack for toughness.

After Bryan McCabe checked Adam Mair into the boards early in the first period, Rob Ray fought Alexei Ponikarovsky.

Less than three minutes later, McCabe and Mair battled, and 31 seconds later Corson and Chris Gratton fought. Five seconds after, Belak and Eric Boulton tussled.

In the second period Belak, dropped his gloves and punched Boulton, and both were assessed minors.

Biron finished with 31 saves. Belfour had 22.

Blue Jackets 5, Canucks 4

Rick Nash thought he might have breached the rules of sportsmanship by celebrating too much after his first overtime goal in the NHL.

Nash scored on a breakout to hand Vancouver its first overtime loss as the Columbus Blue Jackets beat the Canucks.

"I think I got a little too excited, but that's all right," Nash said with a grin. "It's an exciting moment and the guys were really happy."

Vancouver, which had leads of 2-0 and 3-2, was 5-0-10 in overtime before Nash scored with 2:58 remaining in the extra period. Columbus was just 1-2-7 beyond regulation.

No wonder the Blue Jackets were piled on Nash and celebrated as if they had just won their division instead of escaped last place in the West.

"With the Vancouver Canucks, one thing you don't want to do is get into a shootout," said Ray Whitney, who had two goals and an assist for the Blue Jackets. "You've got two of the best forwards in the league. Tonight we had timely goals, the power play was working really well and what can I say about Rick Nash? That's one hell of a goal, especially on this ice late in the game. To be able to make that move, it's going to be exciting for people here in Columbus for a few years, that's for sure."

Columbus defenseman Jaroslav Spacek, who had a goal and two assists, passed from the defensive circle and hit Nash in stride near the Vancouver blue line. Nash, the No. 1 overall pick in last summer's draft, swooped in on goaltender Alexander Auld while defenseman Marek Malik

tried to slow him down with his stick. Nash waited until Auld committed before putting the puck over Auld's right shoulder for his 14th goal.

Asked where the goal ranked in his young career, Nash said, "It's up there. Obviously, my first goal in the NHL was really exciting. But this goal is up there. I think the bigger thing was getting the team a win. That's the main thing, the two points."

Todd Bertuzzi and Markus Naslund each had a goal and an assist and Sami Salo had two assists for the Canucks, who are five points ahead of Colorado in the Northwest Division and two points behind Dallas for best record in the West.

"I think we invited them back into the game," Naslund said. "We had a lead there. If we would have just kept on going and played disciplined, I think we would have been all right. It's more not preparing mentally for the game and trying to make too many pretty plays — not grind it out and play our game plan."

Hurricanes 4, Penguins 0

Jeff O'Neill scored Carolina's first two goals and the Hurricanes ended a two-month road winless streak by beating the reeling Pittsburgh Penguins.

The Hurricanes came into the game with an NHL-low 51 points, but had an easy time with a Penguins team that has tumbled into the league's bottom five even with Hall of Famer Mario Lemieux in the lineup.

The Penguins lost their seventh straight, and fourth in a row at home, during a streak that is beginning to resemble their 10-game winless run that

ended last season.

Lemieux began the night tied with Vancouver's Markus Naslund for the NHL scoring lead with 85 points, but was held scoreless for the second straight game and the third time in five games.

Carolina was 0-11-2-2 on the road since a 4-2 win at Boston on Jan. 4 and had lost five in a row overall. The Hurricanes, Stanley Cup finalists a year ago, had won only three times since Dec. 22 and had scored only five goals in their previous five games.

It got so bad for Pittsburgh shortly after Kevyn Adams' seventh goal made it 4-0, the Hurricanes spent nearly the entire second half of the period on a nine-minute power play resulting from Ville Nieminen's

four-minute instigating penalty and five-minute fighting major.

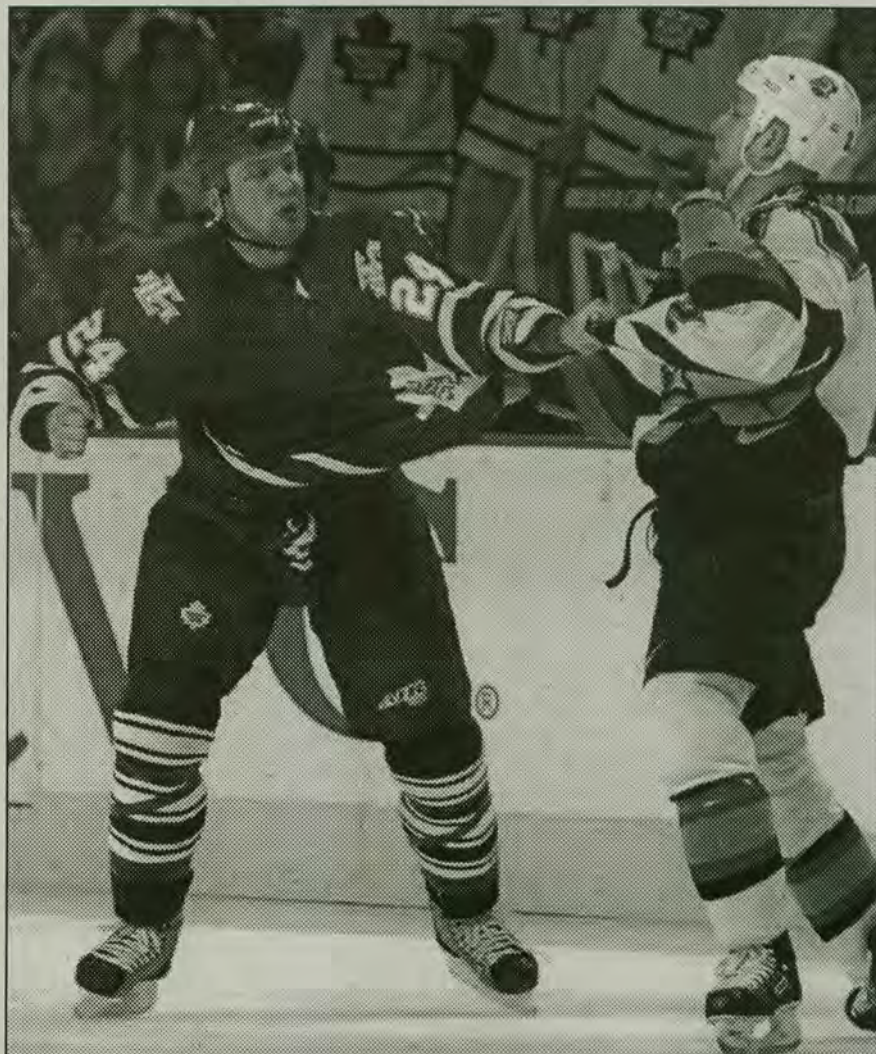
The Hurricanes had a two-man advantage for the first two minutes of the lengthy power play as Steve McKenna also was sent off for instigating and fighting, but did not score.

O'Neill gave the Hurricanes the only goals they needed, taking advantage of Richard Lintner's giveaway on an intended clearing pass to score at 2:34 of the first. The pass deflected off Ron Francis' skate directly to O'Neill, who wristed it into an open net as goalie Sebastien Caron couldn't scramble back in time to defend.

Francis needs four more points to match Gordie Howe's record of scoring at least 50 points in 22 seasons.

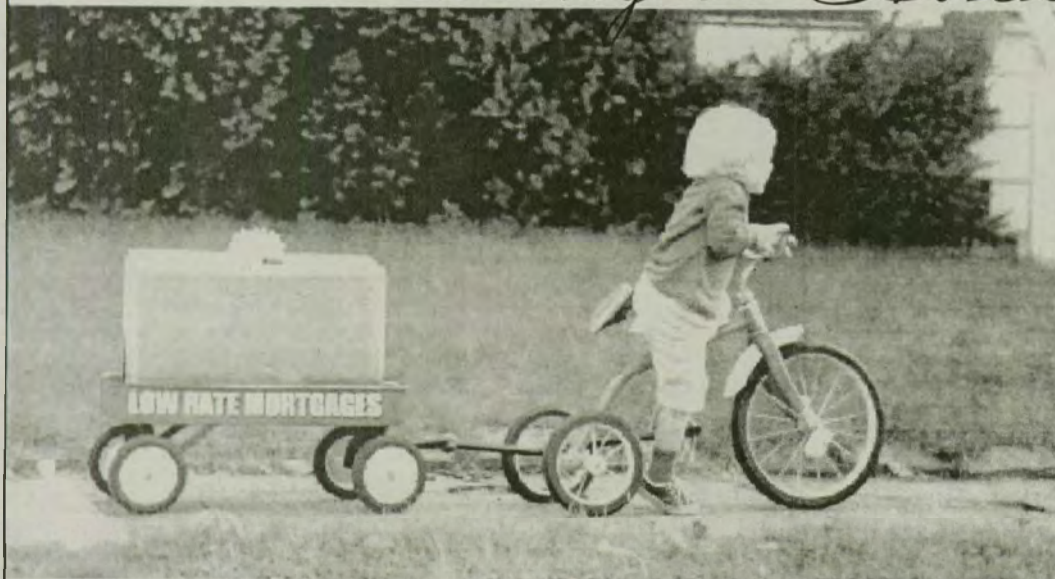
O'Neill scored his 26th, this time on a power play, in the second before Bruno St. Jacques scored his first NHL goal on a shot that deflected off defenseman Han Jonsson's hip.

Carolina goalie Kevin Weekes was barely tested in getting his third shutout of the season and 21st of his career, turning aside 21 mostly harmless shots. Pittsburgh managed only two shots in the first period and five in the third.



Defenseman Bryan McCabe of Toronto mixes it up with Buffalo center Adam Mair during Buffalo's 4-2 victory in Toronto Thursday.

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Hoyas

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tle. We have to be ready to start at the beginning of the game, and we have one more chance in the regular season to do that against a Georgetown team that is very challenging as well."

The Irish will try to get back on track Saturday with a road trip to visit the Hoyas (14-12, 6-9).

"We're going back to Georgetown and hopefully we will start something new in that gym,"

Irish point guard Chris Thomas said. "It doesn't matter if we come out with a win or loss, as long as we get some of our old habits back and gain some confidence."

After beginning the season 11-4 and near the top of the Big East, Georgetown endured a streak of six straight defeats, including a heart-breaking 93-92 double overtime loss to Notre Dame in the Joyce Center Feb. 1st.

The last time these two teams squared off in the MCI Center in Washington D.C., the matchup proved a game for the ages, with the Irish coming away with a 116-111 victory in the marathon four-overtime battle.

With a history of close games

in the series — the last two contests have gone to multiple overtimes — Notre Dame would like to go ahead early and avoid another close finish. The Irish have appeared a little exhausted in their recent struggles, and they would like to have an easy one before beginning play in the Big East Conference Tournament Wednesday.

"We're not tired. Coach Brey has prepared us well, but there is just something about how we start the game," Notre Dame senior captain Matt Carroll said after the loss to Syracuse. "It's our own fault."

"It's disappointing that we've lost the last two games at home, and that we lost on Senior Night. But there's a lot of basketball left ..."

Dan Miller
Irish forward

We don't come out with a sense of urgency like we do in the second half."

But with one game left on the regular season schedule, the Irish have one last chance to fix

whatever has been breaking down before kicking off post-season play at the Big East Championships in New York's Madison Square Garden.

"It's disappointing that we've lost the last two games at home, and that we lost on Senior Night," Irish forward Dan Miller said. "But there's a lot of basketball left, and we have a chance to make a great run."

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Florida

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losing streak three other times.

However, unlike last weekend where the Irish faced two top-20 teams in three days, none of Notre Dame's six opponents that they will face during spring break has a national ranking.

After facing the Commodores, the Irish will meet host North Florida Sunday, followed Monday by the first of two games against Navy.

The Irish get a day off Tuesday before resuming the series against Jacksonville Wednesday evening, and playing Eastern Illinois Thursday.

Notre Dame closes out the series next Friday and Saturday with the second match against the Midshipmen and a meeting with Creighton.

The Blue Jays are the only team of the six opponents which the Irish faced last year. The two teams split the two

games in the 2002 series, held at the Express College Classic in Round Rock, Tex. In addition, Creighton is the only team out of the six Irish opponents to have a winning record against Notre Dame (2-1).

The Irish have historically been known to get off to slow starts. Notre Dame opened the 2002 campaign with a 9-10 record before earning a trip to the College World Series.

In order for the Irish to break out of their slump, they will need to rely more on the offensive firepower that was severely lacking at the Metrodome last weekend. After averaging over six runs per game in the opening four-game series in Arizona, the Irish scored only five runs in three games against some stellar pitching.

In addition, the Irish pitching corps must step up. They will need to improve on their team ERA of 7.23 and to lower their opponents' batting average, which is currently .317.

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MENS TENNIS

Irish grab first home win

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

The Irish finally won their first home match of this season after going undefeated at the Eck Pavilion last year.

No. 46 Notre Dame defeated No. 57 Michigan 5-2 Thursday, and the Irish are showing signs of improved confidence as they prepare for the talent-laden Blue/Gray National Classic over spring break.

The momentum that put the Irish ahead 4-0 to clinch the victory was initiated by the claiming of the doubles point. Each of Michigan's points came only when the score did not matter.

"We got off to a good start in doubles," sophomore Luis Haddock said. "That kind of kept us going. We haven't won at home. It was finally huge that we could win [the way we did]."

While the No. 1 Irish doubles team lost, the bottom two, which have at times been points of concern for the team, ensured that Notre Dame would start the match with the initial point on the board.

Junior Nicolas Lopez-Acevedo and sophomore Paul McNaughton won at the No. 3 flight, 8-5, over the Wolverines' Anthony Jackson and Josef Fischer. Lopez-Acevedo and McNaughton have not competed together in match play since Jan. 26. After their win, junior Brian Farrell and Haddock, both Irish captains, defeated Vinny Gossain and Chris Shaya, 8-6.

"It feels good," McNaughton said. "It's a new feeling for us, especially at the No. 3 doubles, because we haven't done very well at that position. It really felt good to win one."

Although sophomore Brent D'Amico and junior Matt Scott lost at the No. 1 flight, the team was comforted by the fact that the other duos were able to come through on a day when the best were not at their best.

"That's a great sign," Scott said. "I'm really proud of [McNaughton] and [Lopez-Acevedo]. They fought hard. They came up big when they needed to. It's a big confidence booster when you can't bring your 'A' game and you have your two other teams to back you up. They saw that they were capable of playing well and playing with big teams, and I think that gave them some confidence."

The Irish believe that their participation in the Pacific Coast doubles tournament last weekend gave the doubles lineup some valuable experience and practice time, which seems to have served as a confidence booster.

In singles play, D'Amico notched his first victory in almost a month with his 6-2, 6-1 win over Shaya. D'Amico began the spring season 6-0 before he lost two consecutive matches and missed a third due to injury. Overall, D'Amico, who was 1-3 last spring, has been an important asset to the young Irish squad.

Other key assets are starting to emerge for Notre Dame.

Lopez-Acevedo, a transfer from Bowling Green, came through with a 6-3 win in straight sets over Gossain. The junior has won four of his past six singles matches.

A freshman clinched the day's win for Notre Dame. Patrick Buchanan, who has won five of

his past six matches, topped Michigan's Fischer 7-5, 6-3.

Haddock, ranked 88th nationally, was upset by No. 101 Michael Rubin, 7-6 (7-4), 6-1, which gave the Wolverines a futile point. The Irish junior captain was injured during the match, but the condition is not serious. Haddock's doubles partner Farrell also lost, 7-5, 6-3. The team's third captain, Scott, won the final match on the court, and showed his excitement with a little celebration after he finally triumphed over Michigan's Anthony Jackson, 6-1, 4-6, 1-0 (10-8). Jackson defeated Scott last fall, and the Irish player was eager for revenge.

Over spring break, Notre Dame will compete for the prestigious green blazers awarded to the victors of the Blue/Gray National Tennis Classic in Montgomery, Ala. Two years ago the Irish won the green, and last year they advanced to the finals.

Overall, the team is looking forward to playing outdoors, and with trips to Miami and Dallas approaching after the break, they won't have to count on South Bend weather to get a chance to leave the indoor courts.

"Definitely I think we'll have a little better outdoor team," Haddock said.

Scott thinks the Irish are already a little better, though.

"I think we'll do fine adjusting outdoors," Scott said. "I think [Thursday's win] is a good stepping stone to turning our season around today."

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WOMENS TENNIS

Irish hope to sparkle in the southern sun

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

The Irish will be spending spring break in Tempe, but before that they will travel to Provo, Utah, where they will take on No. 49 Brigham Young.

After a week of practicing under the Tempe sun, Notre Dame will then take on No. 7 Arizona State.

The Irish expect a tough fight this Saturday.

"[Brigham Young] is a team that always fights to the very end in every single spot of their lineup," Irish senior Katie Cunha said. "I think they have a little bit of the home-court advantage being in the [high] altitude."

The No. 19 Irish earned their first upset victory of the season last weekend when they defeated No. 13 Texas, and the team is planning on carrying the momentum from that win into Saturday's match.

"If we play like we did last weekend, we should win," Cunha said.

After Brigham Young, Notre Dame will spend the rest of break in Arizona.

"We're just going to get down there to Tempe and practice hard all week, just get used to the out-

door courts and the weather and then play some ball on Friday," Cunha said.

One of the best parts of traveling to Arizona State, according to Cunha, is non-tennis related.

"First of all, we're looking forward to getting out of the weather," she said.

Other than that though, the Irish are excited for the opportunity to do battle with a top-ten power.

At about the midway point in the season, the Irish are making advancements despite their challenging schedule.

"I think we've had some hard-fought matches," Cunha said. "I really think that our doubles are coming together. All the girls played solid last weekend. I think everything is starting to come together for us."

Although the team is relatively young, the Irish are slowly gaining importance experience.

"The freshmen are starting to get used to the individual matches," Cunha said. "We're getting a little more comfortable with our lineup. I think we're getting pretty good right now."

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Sophomore Sarah Jane Connelly hits a backhand. The Irish will be spending spring break in Tempe after travelling to Utah.

MENS GOLF

Irish still green as spring season gets under way

By ERIK POWERS
Sports Writer

The fall season had an inauspicious start for the Irish. At the Inverness Intercollegiate Invitational, the team finished 14th out of 15 teams and 46 strokes behind tournament champion Florida. But freshman Eric Deutsch turned in a positive performance, entering the third day in fifth place before fading late.

Deutsch's performance was

a microcosm of the fall season. The Irish have been starting strong and then tailing off. In four of its five fall meets, the team has posted its best overall score in the opening round. By the end of the fall season the squad had finished in the top half of tournaments three times, peaking at 5th of 14 teams at the SMU Stonebridge Invitational.

Tomorrow marks the dawn of the spring season for the Irish. Like the fall, the team will be especially green.

Freshmen Scott Gustafson,

Tommy Balderston and Deutsch have competed in all five tournaments this year and appear to be the core of the team for the remainder of the season. Fellow freshman Mark Baldwin, who battled mononucleosis last semester, was in four tournaments and his 11th place finish with a 211 was the fourth-lowest 54-hole score ever by a Notre Dame golfer. Senior captain Brandon Lunke anchors the squad with a team-best 73.33 average.

Because of improved sched-

ule-making at the request of coach John Jasinski, the Irish participate in two different tournaments over spring break than last year. This Saturday and Sunday, the Irish invade Ocala, Fla. with eyes set on a championship against a wide-open field. Lamar won the championship by three strokes over Michigan State last year, but while the Spartans return to the Big Red Classic, the Cardinals will not.

No ranked teams from the Precept fall season coaches

poll will compete at the Lake Diamond Golf and Country Club either. The Irish will face No. 7 Minnesota and No. 18 Purdue at the Conrad Herling Invitational in Brookwood, Ala. Minnesota, last year's champion, heads a stiff class of competition. The meet runs from March 13 to March 16.

The next two weeks afford the Irish an opportunity to shed the rust from four months away from competition. While the team has been far from dormant, the South Bend winter has deprived the Irish the luxury of daily course play above freezing temperatures.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish look to exorcise last year's demons

By AARON RONSHEIM
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame softball team (6-6) has a chance this weekend to exorcise some of last year's demons when they face No. 3 Nebraska at the Kia Classic during spring break. Last year the Cornhuskers ended Notre Dame's season with a 5-3 victory over the Irish in the regional final. A win would have given Notre Dame its first ever berth in the College Softball World Series.

"They know how much it hurt to lose that game at regionals last year," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "I think that the girls' emotion will take care of itself in this game."

Besides the past team history on the field, which included a Notre Dame victory at Nebraska last season, Gumpf has a personal relationship with the Cornhuskers. Gumpf played for Nebraska from 1989-1992 and would want nothing more than a win against her alma mater.

"I don't think I need to say much about this game," Gumpf

said. "The girls know that Nebraska is a tough team and they know how I feel about them."

The Cornhuskers are 12-1 this season, with their only loss coming against No. 1 UCLA. They've also defeated seven ranked teams.

The Cornhuskers have an explosive offense, boosting a .337 team batting average. Leading the explosive attack is senior outfielder Lisa Wangler, who is batting .432 with five home runs and 20 runs batted in.

In order to shut down the Cornhusker offense, the Irish will need their young pitching staff to step up. Inconsistency has been the biggest worry for Gumpf and her coaching staff, but she is hoping that will improve soon.

"Our pitching needs to be more consistent," said Gumpf. "I think we are ready in every other area, and I think we are very close to where we need to be."

To keep pace with the Nebraska offense, Notre Dame will have to continue the offensive tear they were on last weekend in Louisiana. The

Irish hit 10 homeruns and pounded out 45 hits in their last five games. With the offense back in gear, some of the pressure is taken off the pitching staff.

"It relaxes you," pitcher St e f f a n y Stenglein said.

"It also allows you to throw your own game and you don't have to be perfect."

One of the offensive stars for the Irish last weekend was senior third baseman Andrea Loman.

Loman was named Big East Player of the Week for her performance in Louisiana. Loman went 8-for-16 at the plate, which included three doubles, one homerun and two stolen bases.

Another encouraging sign last weekend was the hitting of shortstop Andria Bledsoe. Bledsoe broke out of an early season slump by blasting three homeruns and has raised her average from .111 to .306 over

the last few games.

As a team, the Irish are batting .270 and have five players hitting over .300.

The Irish will begin their California trip with a double-header Sunday against Cal

S t a t e Northridge (11-9). Even

though the Matadors are only two games over .500, they have played a t o u g h schedule, w h i c h includes a victory over

No. 4 Michigan and losses against No. 22 Alabama and No. 1 UCLA.

Junior outfielder Christen Bedwell leads the Matador offense, hitting .419 with eight RBI and two homeruns. Besides Bedwell, the Irish will have to worry about sophomore pitcher Kia Fennell, both when she is on the mound and at the plate. Fennell is 6-2 in the young season and has an impressive 2.10 ERA. At the

plate, Fennell is equally impressive with a team leading 14 RBI and a .413 batting average.

Besides facing Nebraska at the Kia Classic the Irish will take the field against Fresno State and DePaul in round robin play before starting tournament play.

Against Fresno State (4-8), the Irish will likely face Bulldog pitcher Jamie Southern. Even though Southern is 3-5 this season, she boosts an excellent 0.61 ERA and has struck out 79 batters in 59 innings.

The DePaul Blue Demons (6-2) are ranked No. 13 in the country because of a good pitching staff that has a great one-two punch with senior Lindsay Chouinard (3-2, 0.75 ERA) and junior Sarah Martz (3-0, 0.90 ERA).

"Against DePaul we have to play solid and hit the ball well," Gumpf said. "They have two good pitchers. We can't make mistakes against a team like DePaul. They are very aggressive and will capitalize on our mistakes."

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles looking for fresh start with new coach

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's softball team will travel to Fort Myers, Fla. this week to play 11 games in four days beginning Sunday, March 9.

Behind first-year coach Anna Welsh, the Belles will open the season away in hopes of growing accustomed to each other and to the new staff.

Last year, the Belles went 4-4 on the trip, defeating Drew University, 4-0, Salve Regina University, 4-2 and Bentley University, 4-0 and 8-2, respectively.

Only Salve Regina and Transylvania University return to the Belles' schedule from last year.

Welsh, a two-sport athlete at Olivet Nazarene University in Illinois and an NCAA All-American in softball, joins Saint Mary's with a unique

coaching style and a confident attitude.

Welsh will not have much help from upperclassmen, either. Only one senior returns to the Belles' squad, catcher Susan Kutz. Libby Wilhelmy, Kate Sajewich, Katie Amick and Bridget Grall will anchor the Belles pitching staff.

Amick will be a key team member, as she is the only player for the Belles who bats left-handed. Welsh could use her in key hitting situations.

The roster includes nine freshmen, no sophomores, five juniors and Kutz. Freshman third baseman Meghan Marenkovic will probably

start for the Belles and numerous other freshmen will start or split time with juniors.

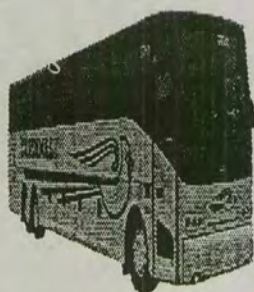
Welsh, who also first got into coaching by becoming the student assistant coach her senior year at Olivet Nazarene, has since coached at Nazarene, Notre Dame and Bethel College summer softball

camp. Assistants Don Miller and John Antonucci hope to help Welsh develop a young but solid core of softball players into a competitive MIAA program.

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MENS LACROSSE

Irish must face test in early season game

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

The last time the mens lacrosse team opened a season 5-0, the squad advanced to the 2001 NCAA Final Four.

To reach that goal this season, the Irish must win at No. 12 North Carolina Saturday. The No. 11 Irish (2-0) will then face two more top 15 teams in a seven-day span.

While Notre Dame knows it will have to work for a win in every contest, the team is testing itself early in what head coach Kevin Corrigan hopes to be a repeat of two seasons ago.

"I don't think we're going to see any teams this talented on the same trip [again]," Corrigan said. "In these three straight games we will find out a lot about ourselves."

Notre Dame will face No. 12 North Carolina and No. 1 Virginia on the road and No. 8 Loyola at home. Last season, the Irish dropped a close 7-5 contest to Virginia and a 7-6 nail-biter to Loyola.

This season, however, the Irish have started with two solid wins over two solid programs. Notre Dame beat now No. 13 Penn State on the road 10-9 and blew out Ivy League opponent Penn at the Loftus Sports Center, 14-5. Junior Matt Howell had three goals and two assists against the Quakers, freshman Patrick Walsh had two goals and three assists and freshman Matt Karweck scored three goals in a game that featured an impressive, even distribution of points across the roster.

Now, the Irish will face a North Carolina squad that has played in just as many games but has a few more battle scars to show for it. The Tar Heels lost in quadruple overtime to Navy in its season opener, and then defeated Bucknell to move to 1-1. North Carolina has been tested, as have Virginia (2-0) and Loyola (3-0). Virginia beat Syracuse 16-15 last weekend and sit tied atop the rankings with Johns Hopkins, a team that defeated then-second ranked Princeton, 10-8. Loyola took care of Hofstra, 10-4.

"Anytime you play teams that are as talented as them, you have got to establish what you are and aren't going to do and try to impose the style and tempo that is most comfortable to your team," Corrigan said. "We'll see if we're ready to do that."

Notre Dame hopes to continue to get scoring from all over, particularly from the impressive freshman class that has emerged early on.

"We're young but we like the way we've been playing," Corrigan said. "We have to be careful not to let the tempo get away from us and see if we can play with enough discipline to do that."

Notre Dame's match against Virginia, originally scheduled to be played at either Klockner Stadium or on the U-Hall Turf Field in Virginia, has been moved to Charlottesville, Va., and will be played on Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

Notre Dame will be in action in North Carolina Saturday at 1 p.m.

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TRACK

Irish looking at last chance

◆ Men hope to add more qualifiers to NCAA

By LISA REIJULA
Sports Writer

With this season's conference meets completed, collegiate track and field teams across the nation now have the NCAA Championship as their goal.

Notre Dame will host the Alex Wilson Invitational this Friday and Saturday in Loftus Fieldhouse. The Invitational is unique, a "last chance" meet for athletes looking to qualify for the NCAA Championships, held in Fayetteville, Ark., on March 14 and 15.

Teams will be sending between one and 10 members to the Invitational to either improve their qualification times or post their first qualification. The Loftus track is considered fast, so many teams are hoping their athletes will reach an automatic time and qualify.

The meet this weekend

should prove to be more exciting than the average meet, as every race represents a chance to make it to the Championship. Races will be close, with the top athletes from across the country vying for a qualifying time.

For the Irish, some athletes have already qualified for the Championship, while others are looking to make their mark this weekend.

Sophomore hurdler Selim Nurudeen will be in the hunt for a qualifying time in the 60-meter event. Ranked 24th on the NCAA descending order list, his best time this season is 7.83. At this year's conference meet, Nurudeen placed second and was awarded all-Big East honors.

On Friday evening, the men's distance medley relay team will seek an NCAA qualification time in their event. The automatic time of 9:36.05 is within the reach of the team, made up of Eric Morrison, Ryan Postel, Thomas Chamney and Luke Watson.

Watson already qualified for the NCAA Championship.

A proven leader for the men's team, Watson's victory in the Mayo Mile earned him a spot in Sports Illustrated's "Faces in the Crowd" this week.

Watson won a Big East Championship in the mile while recording the best mile time of the collegiate indoor season with his 3:57.83 effort. He has qualified for both the mile and 3,000 meters, an event in which he is ranked fifth in the nation. It has not yet been determined which event Watson will run at the NCAA meet. This weekend Watson will run the anchor leg of the DMR with the goal of earning a spot in the NCAA field.

Irish teammate Morrison will look to join Watson in the mile event. The sophomore posted a strong time of 4:01.90 in the Mayo Mile, a performance that ranks him 19th in the country.

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◆ Women glad for one more look at NCAA competition

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HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

In what some may deem as one of the "last chance" meets in the nation, hundreds of the nation's best track and field athletes will compete this Friday and Saturday at the Alex Wilson Invitational at Loftus Sports Center.

With the Big East conference meet over after a second-place finish, the Notre Dame women's track team looks to qualify more athletes for the NCAA Championship.

Senior pole vaulter Jaime Volkmer cleared 4.00 meters to earn a Big East individual championship, and is currently 19th on the NCAA list. Teammates Laura Huarte and Jill VanWeedlen join her, as they look to clear

4.05 meters to secure spots. Volkmer would be the first Irish pole vaulter to earn a spot in the NCAA Championship.

In the high jump, All-Big East volleyball player Emily Loomis looks to qualify for her second-career NCAA Championship, as she is currently 19th on the NCAA lists.

In what promises to be a competitive race, the women's mile includes Lauren King, who has already qualified in the 3,000 meters. Teammate Molly Huddle is fourth in the 3,000 meters, and looks to qualify in the mile as well.

Freshman Petra Dankova, an all-Big East performer in the triple jump, looks to improve on her ranking of 33rd, as she looks for an automatic qualifying jump.

In the 5,000 meters, Jennifer Handley hopes to make the cut as well, as she competed in the 2002 NCAA outdoor meet in the 10,000 meters.

Finally, Tiffany Gunn,

Kristen Dodd, Kymia Love and Ayesha Boyd look to qualify in the 4x440 relay. Dodd, Love and Boyd have the experience necessary, as all three earned All-America honors in this relay just a year ago.

Notre Dame also has a few athletes who have already secured spots in the field.

Huddle and King both have qualified for the 3,000 meters, with Huddle holding the school record.

Another school-record holder, long jumper Tameisha King, has already qualified, as she is 12th in the NCAA.

The Irish as a team look to send as many athletes to Fayetteville as possible, despite the stiff competition the Alex Wilson Invitational proves to provide. The meet starts at 7 p.m. on Friday and carries over to 1 p.m. Saturday at Loftus Sports Center.

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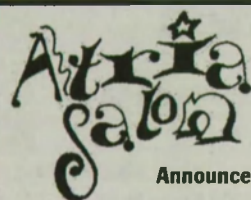
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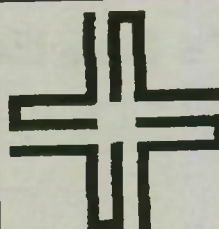
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HOCKEY

Irish keeping playoff hopes alive this weekend

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

Assuming everything goes according to plan, the Irish hope to return to something more than books and tests when spring break nears its end.

They hope to return home for a playoff game.

With a good showing against Northern Michigan on the road this weekend, that hope could change into a reality.

Currently, the Irish sit tied for fifth place in the CCHA along with three other teams, one of which is Northern Michigan.

If the Irish (14-14-6, 12-11-3 CCHA) can collect at least three points against the Wildcats, they will be in a good position to secure home ice for the first round of the playoffs. The top six finishers in the league receive home ice.

A month ago, an Irish bid for home ice appeared almost impossible, with Notre Dame, at one point, standing as low as ninth place in the 12-team conference. Since the start of February, a surge has seen the Irish win five of their last seven and has put the team in position to earn the home ice advantage.

Last weekend, the Irish split a home-and-home series with Western Michigan, in which the home team won each contest. The Broncos defeated the Irish 4-2 on Friday in Kalamazoo, but the Irish responded with a 5-2 win Saturday at the Joyce Center.

In Saturday's game, on Senior Night, senior goaltender Tony Zasowski and freshman Matt Amado were the heroes. Zasowski, making *just his fifth start of the season, stopped 25 of 27 shots, and Amado scored the eventual game-win-

ning goal.

The other seniors aided the team in its victory as well. Evan Nielsen assisted on Amado's goal, Connor Dunlop and John Wroblewski scored the insurance goals, Michael Chin assisted on Dunlop's goal and Jake Wiegand started his first game at defense for the first time in his Irish career.

The seniors and the rest of the Irish are in for a tough test when they travel to Marquette, Mich., to take on the Wildcats (17-15-2, 13-12-1 CCHA). The Wildcats are coming off last weekend having achieved a split against Ohio State in Marquette.

Following an impressive 5-2 win over the Buckeyes on Friday, the Wildcats lost by a score of 4-1 the following Saturday.

A pair of talented senior forwards lead Northern Michigan offensively. Chris Gobart leads the team with 37 points, including 10 goals, while Mike Stutzel is right behind with 36 points and an impressive 23 goals, good enough for third in the CCHA.

The Wildcats are led in net by junior Craig Kowalski, who holds a respectable 2.77 GAA for the season. Kowalski usually doesn't have to work too hard, as he plays behind a defense that only gives up an average of 27.2 shots a game. By contrast, the Irish give up an average of 33.7 shots a game.

If there's a strength for the Wildcats, it's their special teams. They are ranked in the top five in the CCHA in both power play and penalty kill percentage, and have yet to give up a shorthanded goal while scoring three of their own.

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FENCING

Irish hope to qualify for tourney

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Editor

If they want a chance at their first national title since 1994, then Saturday is a very important day for the Irish.

Notre Dame looks to qualify 12 fencers for the NCAA Championships at Saturday's Midwest Regional Championship at Ohio State University.

"Our goal is to qualify as many as we can. Our goal is to qualify 12 which will be hard and not easy," Notre Dame coach Janusz Bednarski said. "For us it is easier to get the better results if we have a full 12-fencer team."

To automatically qualify for the national championships, a fencer must finish in the top four at the regional competition in his or her respective weapon. A formula is used to determine the final standings by combining regular season performance with the finish at the regionals.

Each school can qualify a maximum of two fencers at a weapon on the mens and womens side.

Four berths at each weapon are allotted to the Midwest Region because of the low number of schools in the area. With the strength of the schools in the region, especially Notre Dame and Ohio State, some fencers will be left out because of the numbers game.

"Our region is stronger

with Ohio State having high-class fencers so the competition is growing," Bednarski said. "It's a political reason because we should get more spots in the region due to the strength. It is based on the number of schools, so we can't increase the number of spots. I think it is wrong and we should have the ratio that if you are stronger, you are better."

At last year's regional competition, the Irish qualified 11 fencers automatically and had to wait for sabre Matt Fabricant to earn an at-large bid to give the Irish a complete squad at the NCAA Championships.

Bednarski believes the biggest challenge for the Irish this year will be at womens sabre, which has been their weakest weapon so far this season. Junior captain Destanie Milo qualified for the past two NCAA Championships while junior Maggie Jordan qualified for the 2001 NCAA Championships at foil as a freshman.

"Destanie Milo and Maggie Jordan have to give everything, have a good day and have a little luck to qualify for nationals," Bednarski said. "Womens sabre will be the key for us, but we are trying hard."

The Irish got good news with both Milo and Jordan being seeded in the top four of the region.

Mens epeeists Jan Viviani and Michal Sobieraj, womens

epeeists Anna Carnick and Kerry Walton and womens foilists Alicja Kryczalo and Andrea Ament should qualify easily for this year's NCAA Championships.

At mens sabre, seniors Gabor Szelle and Fabricant will face tough competition from the Ohio State sabre team, but have a very good chance at qualifying.

The biggest internal battle for the Irish comes at mens foil. Senior captain Ozren Debic has the top seed and wrapped up one spot, but the other spot is up for grabs between senior fourth-seeded Forest Walton and second-seeded sophomore Derek Snyder.

Walton qualified for the NCAA Championships as a freshman and earned All-American honors as a sophomore before spending last season studying abroad. As a freshman, Snyder finished seventh and was a second team All-American.

Despite dropping the conference championship last weekend to the Buckeyes, the Irish feel confident heading into this weekend's important regional competition.

"According to the current seeding, we have a chance," Bednarski said. "If we have strong results, that should elevate us to qualify 12."

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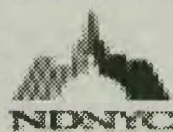
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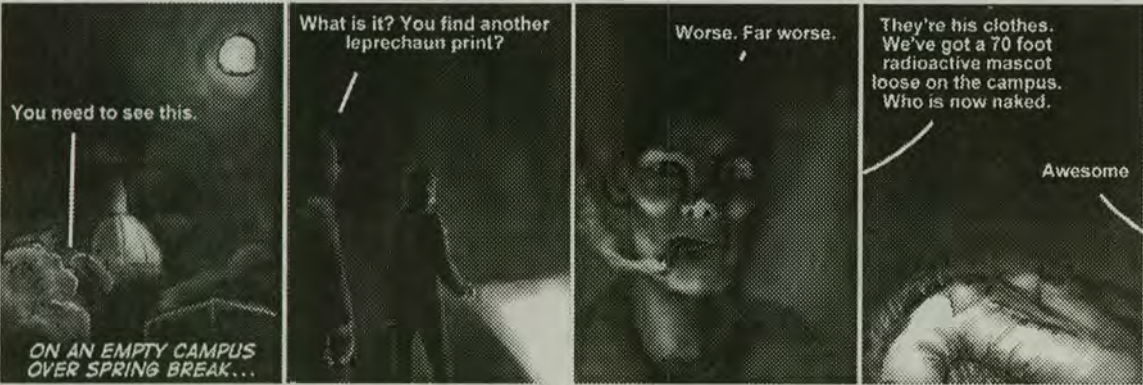
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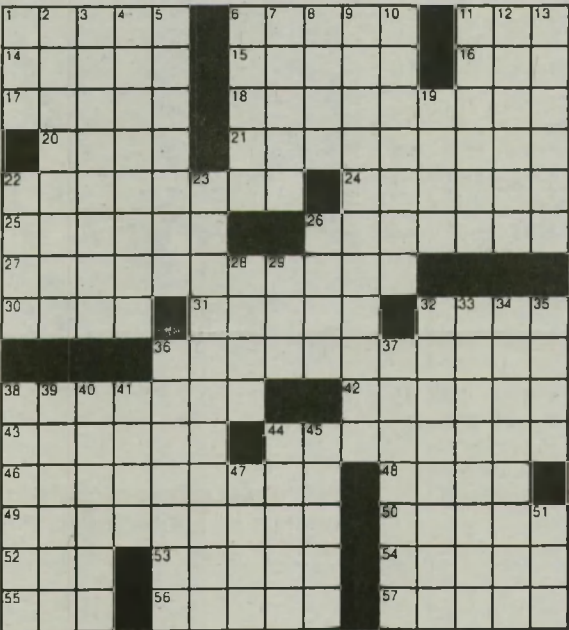
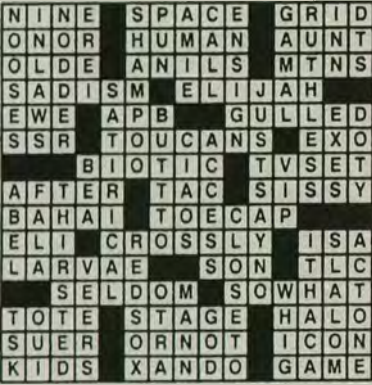
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- 1 Woman in a "Paint Your Wagon" song
 - 6 They may go on park walks
 - 11 Kind of pad
 - 14 Like musical instruments
 - 15 Loose on
 - 16 Violinist Jean-Ponty
 - 17 "Thief" (1950 movie)
 - 18 Not separate from
 - 20 Mountain goat's perch
 - 21 Site of Churchill College
 - 22 1967 Pulitzer-winning novel by Bernard Malamud
 - 24 Radioactive isotope
 - 25 One who suspends an action, in law
 - 26 Aigner, noted designer of shoes and handbags
 - 27 Romantic verse starter
 - 30 Feller
 - 31 Hand-held entrees
 - 32 city atty.
 - 36 Brando, notably
 - 38 Web-surfing needs, at times
 - 42 Ideals
 - 43 Early 20th-century art movement
 - 44 Marcher's instrument
 - 46 Tough spots
 - 48 No more
 - 49 Essays
 - 50 Pick up
 - 52 Shoe spec.
 - 53 Like typical Georgian woods
 - 54 Council member, maybe
 - 55 Places for sgts.
 - 56 Popeye's creator
 - 57 Procedures: Abbr.
- DOWN**
- 1 W.W. II area
 - 2 Collectible for a so-called paleontologist
 - 3 Up
 - 4 Check on
 - 5 Some ballet twosomes
 - 6 Find a job for
 - 7 Fix, as a road
 - 8 Little bit
 - 9 Quintessential news headline
 - 10 Olympics no-no
 - 11 Came home feet first, maybe
 - 12 Overpower in battle
 - 13 Be up to something
 - 19 Red or white
 - 22 Renowned 1939 film setting
 - 23 Site of raw material?
 - 26 Suffix with smack
 - 28 Stinkers

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- ACROSS**
- 29 Command level: Abbr.
 - 32 With real effort
 - 33 Allowances
 - 34 Duke in "King Henry VI"
 - 35 Skipping syllables
 - 36 Fender benders, e.g.
 - 37 Puts side by side
 - 38 Household expenses
 - 39 Lay out
 - 40 Wears down
 - 41 Solemnity
 - 44 Kentucky college
 - 45 From Nineveh: Abbr.
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SPORTS

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WOMENS BASKETBALL

Streaking Irish look to make waves

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Sixth-seeded Notre Dame is playing their best basketball at the right time of the season as they head into the their first round Big East Tournament game against No. 11 seed Pittsburgh Saturday at 8 p.m.

The Irish, winners of seven of their last nine, are looking forward to the challenges awaiting them in Piscataway, N.J.

"We're playing well right now and we're building momentum," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "7-2 in our last nine, there are a lot of positives that come from that."

Notre Dame has had at least one player step up her game in all seven wins.

"I think everyone has had a good game for us when we needed it," McGraw said. "Now we're just waiting for everyone to have a good game at the same time."

Senior guard Alicia Ratay has been the spark plug for Notre Dame's recent run. The Lake Zurich, Ill., product has made big shots when the Irish have needed it the most.

"She has really taken the load off of everybody else," McGraw said. "She's done a great job. We've done a good job of getting her the ball, too. She's always been there when we've needed a bucket."

Now the Irish hope to delve deep into the conference tournament. Awaiting them is a familiar foe in Pittsburgh.

Notre Dame beat Pittsburgh Feb. 26 77-69. The Panthers are making their first Big East tournament appearance in three years and are 0-12 all-time against the Irish. The winner of the game will face No. 3 seed Villanova Sunday at 8 p.m. The Irish already defeated the Wildcats earlier this season on Jan. 25, 58-56.

But right now, McGraw is more concerned about getting past the Panthers than looking ahead.

"We need to focus on beating Pittsburgh," McGraw said.

However, McGraw did admit that it's a no-lose situation if Notre Dame ends up playing Villanova. The Wildcats have an RPI ranking of six and are ranked No. 18 and No. 20 in two national polls.

"If you beat [Villanova] that's great, but if you lose you don't lose all that much," McGraw said.

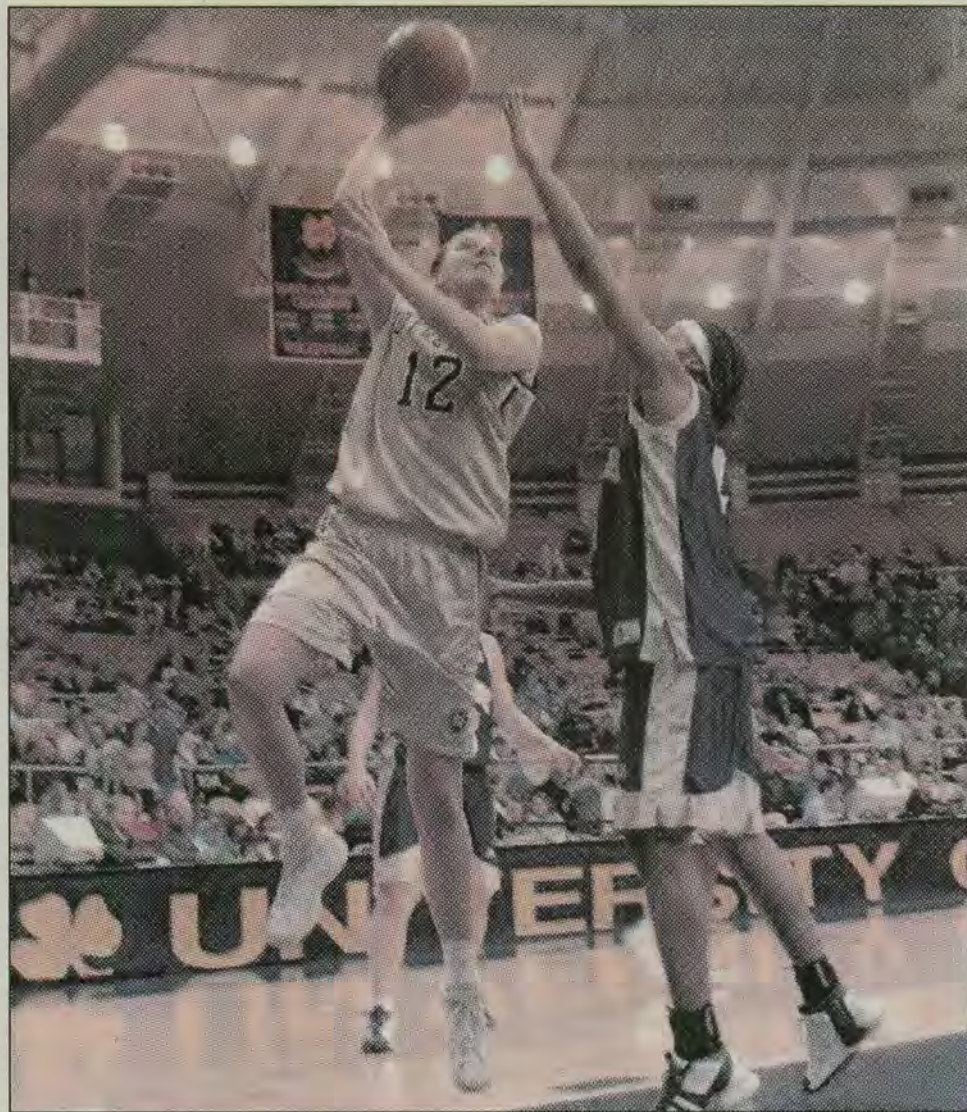
In their last meeting against Pittsburgh at the Joyce Center, McGraw was very displeased with her teams play. After starting the game on a 15-3 run, Notre Dame found themselves tied at 19 midway through the first half. The Irish allowed Panther center Mandy Wittenmyer to score 23 points while guard Laine Selwyn added a double-double.

Courtney LaVere led the Irish with 14 points. Notre Dame had five players score in double figures in that contest.

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"We need to focus on beating Pittsburgh."

Muffet McGraw
Irish coach



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Irish center Teresa Borton shoots a layup in Notre Dame's most recent matchup with Pittsburgh. The Irish and Panthers face off tomorrow night.

MENS BASKETBALL

Irish try to shake slump

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

At a time of the year when most teams are hoping to peak for the NCAA Tournament, the Irish are struggling to get through the end of the season.

For the first time since January 2002, the Irish have lost three straight games, the most recent a 92-88 loss at the hands of No. 12 Syracuse in front of a packed crowd in the Joyce Center.

"If we haven't learned our lesson after three losses, I don't know what it will take," Irish coach Mike Brey said of his team's recent struggles.

No. 16 Notre Dame (21-8, 9-6 in the Big East) has lost four of its last six games, with its only two wins in that stretch coming over conference bottom-dwellers West Virginia and Virginia Tech.

But after a hot start that saw Notre Dame knock off

such college basketball powers as then No. 2 Texas, No. 9 Maryland and No. 10 Marquette and reach the coveted 20-win plateau in just 25 games, the Irish are still all but assured a spot in the NCAA Tournament bracket.

But Brey doesn't want to leave the tournament seeding solely in the hands of the selection committee. He wants his team to make a statement at the end of the season and in the Big East Tournament to secure a high seed.

"After everything this team has done throughout season, they are not going to hang their hat on that," Brey said. "We have to be ready for bat-

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Irish coach

BASEBALL

Trip to Florida should ease recent struggles

By BRYAN KRONK
Sports Writer

Tan-seeking partygoers won't be the only Notre Dame students in Florida over spring break.

The Notre Dame baseball team will take residence in Jacksonville starting Saturday, playing seven games in eight days over the break.

The Irish (3-4) kick off the series with a matchup with Vanderbilt at 3 p.m. Saturday.

Notre Dame heads into this week of games coming off a 1-2 weekend at the Dairy Queen Classic in Minneapolis last weekend. After coming up short against no. 16 Nebraska

and Minnesota, the Irish were able to fend off No. 7 Wake Forest in a 2-1, 13-inning affair. Pitcher J.P. Gagne threw six shutout innings in relief of starter John Axford, who gave up one run in seven innings. For his outstanding efforts — and after earning his first win of the season as a result — Gagne was tabbed as the Big East Pitcher of the Week Tuesday.

Sunday's victory for the Irish averted what would have been the squad's first-ever five-game losing streak under head coach Paul Mainieri. Under his leadership since 1995, the Irish have only suffered a four-game

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MENS LACROSSE

Notre Dame at North Carolina Saturday

The Irish continue their rigorous early schedule at Chapel Hill.

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Notre Dame hosts Alex Wilson Invitational Today and Saturday

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Notre Dame 5
Michigan 2

With the win over the Wolverines, the Irish got their first home win this season.

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