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ROTC professors deployed to Iraq war

By KEVIN ALLEN
News Writer

University engineering professor Jeffrey Talley, a member of the Army Corps of Engineers Reserves, was deployed to the Middle East in early February. The second-year professor, who is affiliated with the Department of Civil Engineering and Geological Sciences, was called up for training in December of last year, prior to his recent U.S. departure.

Talley, an Army Reserve lieutenant colonel, is currently in Iraq with the 416th Engineering Command. Peter Burns, chairman of the department of Civil Engineering and Geological Sciences, said that Talley has not disclosed his exact location in Iraq.

"Since the beginning of the war, his e-mails have been sporadic," said Burns. "But he has checked in with us so we know he's okay."

Burns said he has no knowledge of a faculty member in the College of Engineering ever having to temporarily leave the University for military service.

The Army Corps of Engineers, Burns said, is most likely working to build bridges for the advancing U.S. and British forces and securing infrastructure for troops and for Iraqi citizens. Assuming U.S. and British forces are victorious, he said, the Corps will probably also play a part in reconstruction efforts at the conclusion of the war.

He added that with the threat of chemical and biological weapons being used by the Iraqi military, Talley's expertise in environmental engineering may become even more important in the war effort.

Three professors in the Army ROTC program have also been recently deployed. Two are in the Middle East to support the ongoing operation in Iraq. The other is a civil affairs officer in a reserve unit that was sent to Kosovo as part of a peacekeeping mission. Army ROTC Lt. Col. David Mosinski said he was not at liberty to release the names of the three ROTC

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David Wood, Army ROTC Instructor, teaches a class in Pasquerilla Center. Two ROTC faculty members have been deployed to serve in the Iraq war.

Groody bound for national championships

Theology professor, priest, blends Scripture with ski slopes

By ANDREW SOUKUP
News Writer

Over half his life ago, Daniel Groody sat during his family's vacation to Vermont glued to a television. On the screen, he watched as an Austrian downhill skier named Franz Klammer soared down the mountain at the 1976 Olympics. Groody loved the 75 mph velocity at which Klammer rocketed down the hill as he toed the fine line separating self-control from reckless abandon.

Klammer won the gold medal in the downhill. Groody desperately wanted to duplicate Klammer's success.

That night, Groody went to bed and prayed to God for the chance to ski in the Olympics. "And if it's not too much trouble, I really want to win a gold medal," Groody remembered praying.

Today, twenty-seven years after he uttered that prayer, Groody will tug on his skin-tight racing suit, strap on his parabolic skis and pull his goggles over his eyes at the top of the mountain at a former Olympic resort in Salt Lake City. Today, Groody will be skiing in the national championships in the giant slalom.

Ironically, the prayer Groody uttered over a quarter of a century ago became a metaphor for the rest of his life.

No, he never made the Olympics. He became a priest.

Now 38 and a theology professor at Notre Dame, Groody is a full-time priest and educator whose ministry, research and teaching are his top priorities. Skiing is little more than a hobby, albeit an unusual one for a person who devotes his life to God. The fact that Groody qualified for the national championships with almost no training speaks volumes about his tal-

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Photo courtesy of Dan Groody

Father Dan Groody, theology professor, races in preparation for the U.S. National Skiing Championships.

Visitation welcomes students

By TERESA FRALISH
Associate News Editor

In an effort to increase minority student enrollment among its freshman class, Notre Dame will welcome over 150 minority high school seniors to campus this weekend for Spring Visitation.

The program, which is sponsored by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, brings high school seniors who have already been accepted to the University but are undecided about whether they will enroll to Notre Dame for a taste of student life. Students began arriving on campus Thursday, said Iris Outlaw, director of Multicultural Student Programs and Services, which helps coordinate the Spring Visitation program with the admissions office.

"The numbers look really, really good," said Outlaw. "Our challenge now is to convince the students that Notre Dame is for them."

Three student coordinators, Margaret Mason, Richie Dang and Stephen Arevalo, have worked with MSPS and the admissions office to plan activities that emphasize diversity at Notre Dame. Dang and Arevalo could not be reached for comment and Mason refused to comment.

Over the weekend, the visitors will attend workshops on financial aid and student life at the University and talk with administrators and alumni about Notre Dame. A student organization fair highlight-

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Saint Mary's rises to goal in Lilly Challenge

By LAUREN O'BRIEN
News Writer

Saint Mary's faculty and staff have made significant progress since June toward their goal for the Lilly Challenge that matches each dollar donated to the school.

Lilly Endowment, Inc., a private philanthropic foundation, allocated a potential $138 million in the "Initiative to Strengthen Philanthropy for Indiana Higher Education Institutions." Each institution has the possibility to receive up to $3.5 million in matching funds.

In order to raise $3.5 million by December 2003, there are three constituencies at Saint Mary's that are able to donate: alumnae, faculty and staff and students and parents.

The College's Lilly Faculty and Staff Campaign has set a goal of $250,000.

Fundraising activities for the campaign have included a Holiday Bake Sale in December, which raised $1,500; a Mardi Gras Potluck Luncheon in February, raising $1,025 and Wednesday's Hard Hat Tour of the new Noble Family Dining Hall, which raised an estimated $200.

In addition to participating in fundraisers, faculty and staff can also contribute to the

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Inside Column

"If you want peace..."

Mike Chambliss

Wire Editor

When the war with Iraq began, I was pretty uncomfortable about it. I thought that I wanted peace, so naturally I tried to work for justice. But it seems justice didn't want me to work for it. It was very uncommunicative, it didn't let me know what it needed done, it didn't pay me anything.

Me: What do you want me to do?
Justice: Screws?
Me: No, do. Do. What should I do?
Justice: Nah-uh. Not here. Use the bathroom.

After that, I was unemployed for a few days, but I stayed positive about what else was out there, which I think was my secret.

I stayed "with it." I decided to ignore the war with Iraq and join a war that is more my speed. I joined the war on drugs.

Drugs are bad — that seems to be pretty well accepted. I say no to them all the time. They don't even ask me anything and I say no because I know that anything they ask me will be bad (like them).

So I hopped a bus to Detroit as my alter ego, Chad Underhill. I planned on using my body to turn drugs into not-drugs, but first I had to purchase some product. I asked around in Detroit and eventually I was pointed to a man in a puffy coat.

I regained consciousness in a nearby alleyway to find a man named Barry nuzzling me.

"Want to ride up to Detroit with me?" asked Barry.

What? Wasn't I already in Detroit?

"I'm krunked up," stated Barry.

My ears perked a little bit when I heard this. It meant that Barry and I were fighting the same war, plus he sounded really enthusiastic.

Barry produced a bottle and shot me a knowing look.

"This stuff has got to be drugs, this is the real deal," I thought, "Liver do your thing!"

We both took a swig. "I'm set for the day!" proclaimed an awed Barry.

I, on the other hand, was shocked.

Right then, I knew that Barry wasn't like me. I told him off big time, "The war is not nearly over. You don't just stop fighting like that. I don't think I'll be joining you in Detroit."

I quit fighting soon after my disheartening encounter with Barry. I'm actually back working for justice. Yeah, I know, but it's better than nothing.

Besides, the drug war was considerably cutting into the time I had free to spend looking at Japanese-style anime pornography at the various computer labs located around campus. J/K. TTYL!

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

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Corrections

In the caption to the picture of Ralph Nader published Thursday, the location of Nader's speech was misidentified. The lecture was held in the Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business.

In Thursday's story "Review unlikely to return to South Quad," the article should have stated that only Student Senate resolutions pertaining to the Office of Student Affairs must be forwarded to the Campus Life Council.

The Observer regrets these errors.

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- "Cartography and Irish Romanticism," Claire Connolly 3 p.m. at 424 Flanner Hall
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What's Happening @ SMC

- Commencement Announcements 11 a.m. at Berezny Game Room
- Tennis vs. Aquinas College 3:30 p.m. at Angela Athletic Facility tennis courts
- Play: "Medea" 8 p.m. at Moreau Center for the Arts

What's Going Down

Student receives harassing call
A student reported receiving a harassing telephone call at Welsh Family Hall Thursday.

Student loses wallet
A student reported losing her wallet at an unknown campus location Wednesday.

Student's bike stolen
A student's bike was reported stolen from the east side of DeBartolo Hall Wednesday. No suspects have been named in the incident.

Student vehicle towed
A student's vehicle was towed for violating a parking code in the C01 Student South Stadium Lot Wednesday.

~complied from the NDSP crime blotter

What's Cooking

North Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Shrimp spaghetti, gorgonzola sauce, tomato pizza, cheese French bread pizza, seafood supreme pizza, cheese and vegetable pot pie, broccoli-cheese-rice casserole, French green beans, apple cobbler, cheddar-crumbed scrod, Swiss oatmeal, cherry blintz, sunshine french toast, salmon and crabmeat burgers, fried clam strips, buffalo shrimp, hushpuppies
Today's Dinner: Seafood Normandie, long grain and wild rice, apple cobbler, cut corn, winter-blend vegetables, sliced carrots, cut green beans, salmon and crabmeat burgers, jumbo fish sandwich, crinkle fries, onion rings, thai fried rice, tomato pizza

South Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Stuffed shells, mushroom marinara, tomato pizza, bianco pizza, vegetable calzone, macaroni and cheese, cauliflower, Cajun-baked orange roughy, cheese and vegetable pie, long grain and wild rice, fried clam strips, small grilled pizza, grilled mahi-mahi, fishwich, battered wedge fries, onion rings, fried tofu rice, cheese enchilada, baked potato, cut corn
Today's Dinner: Cheese lasagna, black olive marinara, fried buffalo shrimp, breaded cheese sticks with marinara sauce, Seminole red snapper with oranges, fishwich, battered wedge fries, onion rings, egg foo yong surimi

Saint Mary's Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Pasta, marinara, eggplant and pepper tostada, butternut squash, Italian vegetable hero, garden fresh saute, fish and chips bar, ziti parmesan casserole, cheese pizza, California stromboli, honey lime crab loafer, roasted turkey breast, spicy hummus, almond cookies, lemon bars, garden vegetable soup, cuban vegetable soup, carrot and onion cole slaw
Today's Dinner: Grilled Kenyan tilapta, potato pancakes, garden burger, pasta marinara, baked apples, chocolate fondue bar, chicken breast parmesan, home style vegetables, BBQ chicken pizza, cheese pizza, tortellini casserole, vanilla mousse, marble cake

Local Weather

	TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
HIGH	65	54	41	39	48	50
LOW	31	31	24	29	39	42

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Foley outlines Student Senate's achievements

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
News Writer

After a slow start this year, the Student Senate has proven they can take on major issues and begin to make real and important changes in student life.

Foley

"The year started off tough with the alcohol policy changes. [Senate] got a slow start because they focused so hard on that," said Trip Foley, Student Body Vice President.

After dealing primarily with the alcohol policy issue for some time and attempting to represent student opinion on the issue, something Foley said they did very well, the Senate began to tackle other key issues.

The primary issues this year's Senate has been involved with are Teacher-Course Evaluations, the proposed Flex-10 plan, a resolution on in-hall dances and the split of the Economics Department.

Foley said that conversations on these issues will continue into next year, but that the Senate has made good progress on all of them.

Foley said that he, Sorin Hall Senator Jeremey Staley and Jim Ryan of the Academic Council will meet next week with the Faculty Senate to discuss TCEs. They have already met with representatives of other departments involved with the TCE decision.

Foley said that this is an important issue to the current Senate, and it will continue to be a point of discussion within the incoming Senate.

"Pat Hallahan and Jeremy Lao are going to follow up with this," said Foley, "and Jeremey Staley will continue to work on it also."

While any changes to the TCE policy would probably not take effect this year, Foley said, "I'd like to have the Faculty Senate act on it before the end of the year." Such action would make it easier for changes to take place earlier next year.

The proposed Flex-10 plan, an issue that was part of last year's presidential campaign for Foley and current Student Body President Libby Bishop, is also of major interest to students. This issue, however, was not discussed until early this semester.

"It took a while to get on the right people's radar," said Foley.

Foley said that ND Food Services will conduct a broad survey soon, to gauge how students utilize their food plans in general.

Through the survey, he said, Food Services will look for areas in which they can scale back and things students would be willing to trade in order to obtain a Flex-10 plan.

"There are issues they've [Student Senate] been working hard on — TCEs and Flex-10. What is important to remember is that it takes time to effect change. They've laid the ground work and I think we'll see the changes from that next year "

Trip Foley
Student Body Vice President

"It's certainly a money issue," Foley said. By cutting back in certain areas, he said, Food Services may be able to provide students with such a plan. They will also look for new sources of funding.

The debate on this issue, Foley said, is also one that will likely continue into next year.

"It's sure to stay on people's radar in the coming year," he said. "Pat and Jeremy put in a lot of work on this, and I know they will follow up with it because it is an issue that is important to students in general."

Foley said the Senate did an effective job of representing the student body perspective on the issue of the Department of Economics split.

They sent a letter to Father Edward Malloy, University President, asking that the administration bear in mind student opinion and reaction in all future decisions that affect them. Malloy replied to their letter, agreeing that student opinion is important, and he said that the administration shares the Senate's goal of acting in the best interests of students.

"An agreement was worked out and a good compromise was reached," Foley said.

The in-hall dance policy is a major issue that recently resurfaced in Senate debate. A resolution was passed Wednesday, to be sent to the Campus Life Council at their meeting on April 14, asking that in-hall dances be reinstated for a probationary period of one year.

Foley said that the Senate believes that the changes in the alcohol policy have reduced incidents of alcohol poisoning on campus.

"Any moves to that end are good moves," Foley said.

He said the Senate hopes that the positive changes toward more safety and responsibility for students will cause the administration to reconsider putting the dances back in the dorms.

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Student Body Vice President

"Most people can agree that the dances this year have not been successful at all, and we need to get them back in the residence halls," Foley said.

The issue will be discussed at the Campus Leadership Council meeting April 14. If the resolution is passed, the administration will most likely closely examine the in-hall dance policy.

A second resolution on the agenda for the CLC on April 14 deals with weekday parietals, and it was passed by the Senate last week.

The Senate's resolution called attention to the number of students studying in groups. This number has doubled since 1993, Foley said.

The Senate suggested that students have resources in their rooms conducive to studying that justify later weekday parietals.

"There really is a need to consider having an extra hour during the week," said Foley.

Other major issues have come to the table in Senate meetings this semester.

One such resolution, passed Wednesday with the in-hall dance resolution, involved a request that Naval Science classes be considered a minor.

This suggestion will go to Father John Jenkins, the director of military affairs in the Office of the Provost, for consideration. It will also most likely go before the Academic Council for debate.

"I would think there's going to be more discussion on this," Foley said.

The distribution of student football tickets, an issue that Foley said arises every year, came up again at Wednesday's Senate meeting.

Howard Hall senator Brin Anderson gave a report that outlined new processes for ticket distribution in response to student complaints.

"They're going to have to look at that. I imagine there's going to be more discussion," said Foley.

The Senate has tackled some major issues this year, and Foley said that they have accomplished much.

"There are issues they've been working hard on — TCEs and Flex-10. What is important to remember is that it takes time to effect change. They've laid the ground work and I think we'll see the changes from that next year," he said.

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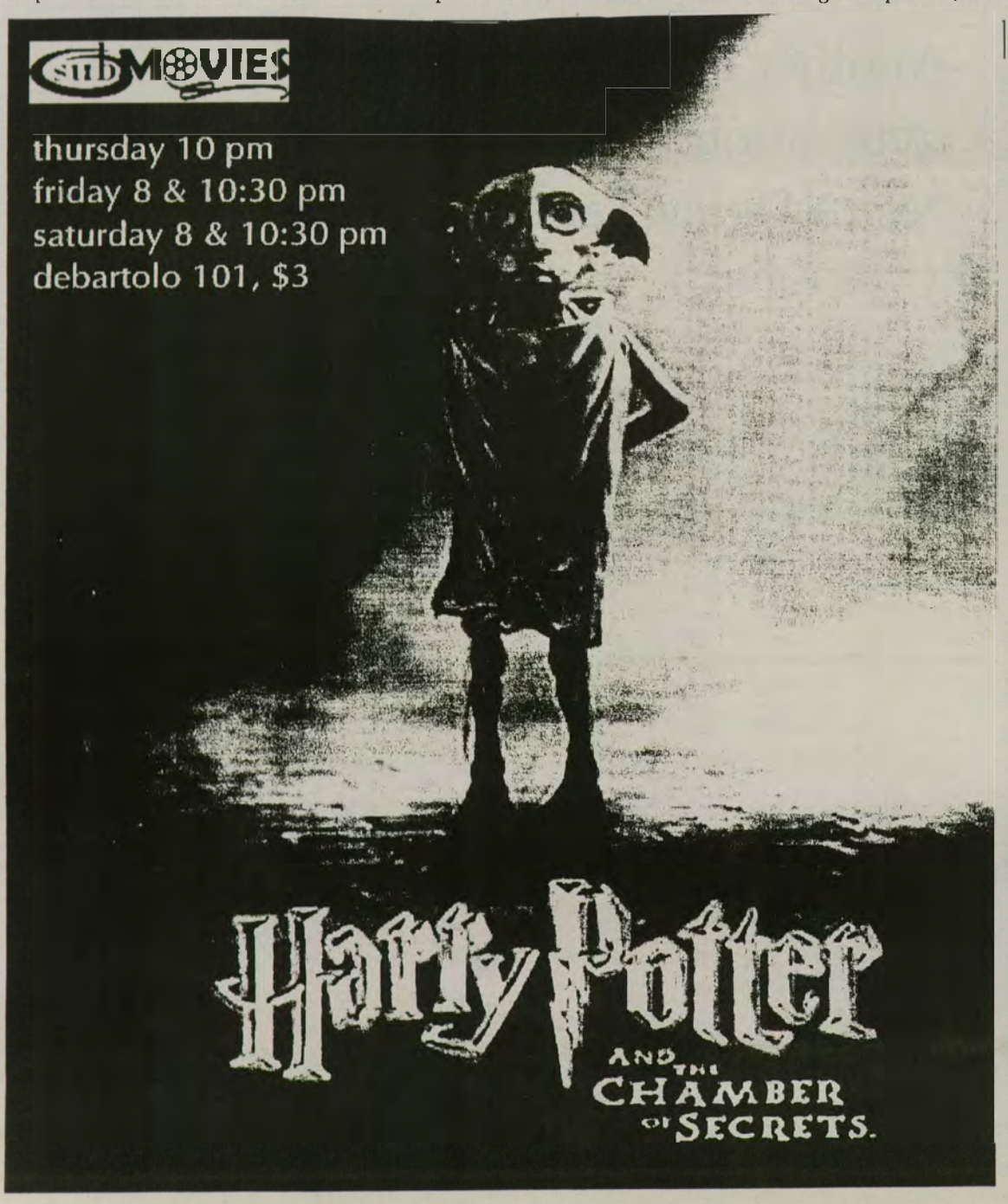
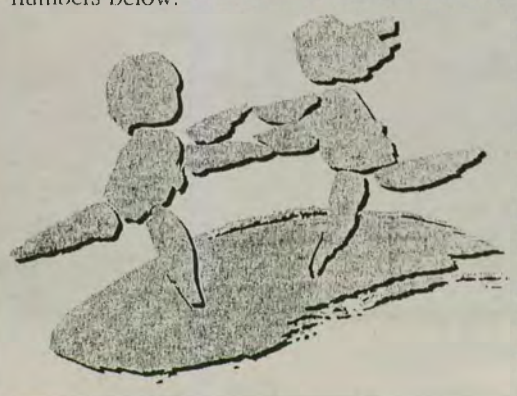


ECDC Registration

The Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC) is currently registering kindergarten age children for the 2003-04 School Year. 2003 Summer Day Camp registration for children ages 2.5-10 will occur in early March. 2003-04 School Year registration of preschool age children will take place in early April. For more information and ECDC Parent Meeting & Tour dates, please call one of the numbers below.



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Yet Groody admits that as much as he loves to ski, his first priority is to his duties as a priest. In fact, he readily admits that the competitive nature of skiing appears to directly contradict the principles of love and compassion central to the priestly ministry.

For a time, Groody didn't think he could ski and be a priest at the same time. Then again, he had a hard time believing that he should be a priest, too.

An avid skier even after he broke his leg the first time on the slopes in third grade, Groody first joined the Notre Dame ski team as an undergraduate in the mid-80s and thought he might become a businessman.

But after several unfruitful summers working as a publicist, Groody started feeling a calling for something else — the seminary.

"I resisted it at first," he admitted. "I ran away in the other direction, and it kept coming up. Finally, I wasn't at peace."

Groody had good reason to resist at first. He had a girlfriend, a comfortable life and a promising career. To enter the priesthood, Groody thought, meant everything — even his love of skiing — had to be left behind.

"I had," he said, "to divest myself of images of what a priest was — never get married, not interested in women, didn't ski."

Still unsure of his decision, Groody entered the seminary believing he had to cast aside that which he enjoyed before entering the priesthood. That meant his fanciful childhood dreams of qualifying for the Olympics, of flying down a snow-covered mountain faster than a car on a freeway had to be exchanged for a life of no women and lots of prayer.

But after a year in the seminary, he took a cross-country bike trip from Portland, Ore. to Portland, Maine with a friend. He left with lots of questions, but returned with even more answers.

Journey of a lifetime

"All kinds of terrain, mountains, valleys, people running us off the road — that sort of became a metaphor for life," he said. "As I was sweating through the questions I had about priesthood, that gave me a good way of looking at it, a way to think about the vast terrain of life. When I saw priesthood as an adventure, it really became a challenge."

Content with his decision, Groody began deciding how he would fulfill his responsibilities as a priest. But he still didn't think skiing could be a part of his life.

However, one of the requirements before a priest may take his final vows is that he take a 30-day retreat by himself. The silence is intended to help the future priest both develop a deeper connection with God as well as understand their own personality better.

Fittingly, Groody took his 30-day retreat in Colorado, the heart of ski country. There, he said God revealed a way to connect his love of skiing with the love a priest must possess.

"I remember God revealing to me that the same things I developed in skiing were the same things I could bring to myself as a priest," he said. "When I first entered the seminary, it was like I had to leave it behind, I really felt that's what God said.

"But in Colorado, it felt like God was saying I want you to approach the priesthood the same way that you approached skiing. But the gold medal is no longer going to be a gold medal. It's going to be in your own heart, and that was the shift for me."

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> **Father Dan Groody**
> **Theology professor**

More than 20 years after his retreat, Groody still defines his ministry as one of the heart, where he uses compassion and love to explore the lives of the less fortunate. Skiing is but a hobby, something the priest says he is lucky to do five times a year.

Instead, Groody devotes the bulk of his time to his teaching – he currently teaches three classes at Notre Dame — and research that is based on his experiences working with migrant workers in the Southwest. His experiences in California led Groody to publish a book examining how the migrant community accepted Christianity and how they could help the Church as a whole.

"I put this loosely, but my life has been a ministry to people who are losers in the eyes of the world," he said. "But in my eyes, they are winners in the most fundamental ways. They are the ones who have really a tremendous faith and diversion to God."

Natural talent

So in the midst of his devotion to his faith, how does Groody manage find time to train at a level that allowed him to qualify for the national championships?

"I don't," he simply said.

In many ways, Groody truly did give up skiing when he entered the priesthood. The only occasions on which Groody thinks he skis come when he attends various events on the University's behalf. Often, he'll go to a conference, give his talk, and then take a few extra days to ski a local mountain. That's it.

Since he entered the priesthood, Groody said he has never taken a vacation solely for the purpose of skiing, and he knows he is not nearly as good as he could be.

But from time to time, Groody does catch himself briefly -- very briefly — wondering how good he could be had he stuck with skiing.

For example, in early January, Groody gave a talk at Santa Fe, N.M. and then headed to Taos Mountain, where he planned to enter a race that wasn't scheduled to end for another two months.

The rules of the race were simple. Ski down the hill as fast as you can, and, if your time is among the top three in your age group at the end of the time period, you go to the national championships.

Groody remembers going to the top of the hill and standing in a parka and his brand new skis. He watched as the guy ahead of him, who was decked out in the latest racing apparel, ski the fastest time to date on the mountain.

Then the priest went down the hill and skied the second-fastest time.

From then on, checking the times on the Taos Mountain site became as much a daily routine for Groody as praying, "my little reward for ending the day," he said.

Championship bound

When his time held up and the priest learned he qualified for the national championships, an excited Groody made reservations for Salt Lake City. There, he will ski against racers who ski hundreds of time a year on a course where the time will be set by U.S. Olympians. Depending on how close his time is within a certain percentage of the Olympians, he will get a gold, silver or bronze medal.

Then it's back to Notre Dame to teach.

"It's fun to think about," what might have happened had he devoted himself entirely to skiing, he said.

But Groody is foremost a priest, not a professional skier. "My whole definition of success has been turned around," he said. "A gold medal, I have them over my head but it doesn't mean a lot in the long run. What does mean a lot is the quality of the heart, which can touch people's lives and make them for the better. That's the way I look at my definition of success."

But that doesn't mean Groody separates skiing from the priesthood. In fact, he integrates the two to form who is as a person. For a man who describes skiing as a metaphor for his life, Groody appreciates a certain ironic twist. When he's hurtling down a mountain at 65 mph, spiritual concepts like trust flash through his mind. When something unexpected happens in life, Groody imagines himself on a ski slope to recapture his confidence.

Even Groody's office reflects the dual psyche within the priest. A picture of the priest shaking hands with the Pope hangs next to a Latino religious painting while winter landscapes flash as a screensaver across his computers.

Just like Groody can't imagine skiing without being a priest, neither can he imagine being a priest without skiing — although he knows the combination is odd. "It is so against the grain of what my life is about," he said. "But it is competing against yourself, trying to bring out the best person you can be and bring out the glory of God by using everything you can."

Today, Groody will stand at the top of a ski slope for the national championships, appropriately dressed in a Notre Dame-blue racing suit with yellow boots. At the resort where the 2002 Olympic skiing competition was held, Groody's modest dreams are far from the gold medal visions Klammer inspired 27 years ago.

But Klammer helped inspire something else in Groody, too.

"Something about the way Franz Klammer skied that downhill was something about the way I wanted to live my life. I sometimes feel I live the way I ski," Groody said. "Life is a terrific adventure. To really get everything out of life, you have to give everything you have to it, even if it's kinda risky.

"To bring that competitive sense into other areas of my life would be positively destructive," he continued. "But it's nice to know that it is still a part of my life, that there is a part that can kick into that gear when it needs to."

At that, the priest cracked a wide grin. For he knows that deep inside him, next to the man who devoted his life to God, still exists the young man who whispered a prayer asking for a shot at the Olympics.

Groody might have grown up, but that young man never did.

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IRAQ

Coalition bombing rocks downtown Baghdad

Associated Press

BAGHDAD

The heaviest bombardment in days, including an attack on one of Saddam Hussein's presidential compounds in the heart of Baghdad, rattled the capital late Thursday night with flames and smoke filling the night sky.

Before the attack, the Iraqi defense minister warned U.S.-led forces would have to fight for the city street by street.

"The enemy must come inside Baghdad, and that will be its grave," Defense Minister Sultan Hashem Ahmed told a news conference in a downtown hotel. "We feel that this war must be prolonged so the enemy pays a high price."

The braggadocio was followed by the latest series of missile attacks on Baghdad, including one of the strongest blasts felt in days. Shortly after 11 p.m. Thursday (3 p.m. EST), the heart of the city was rocked by explosions.

A building inside the "Old Palace" complex — a presidential compound hit in earlier attacks — was targeted in the precision bombing strike. The compound, on the west bank of the Tigris River, includes a camp of the Republican Guard; it was also targeted last week.

One massive blast sent flames and dense, orange smoke reaching into the sky. In addition to the attack in the center of the city, other very strong explosions were heard southwest of Baghdad.

Iraq's satellite television channel was cutting in and out after the airstrike. The U.S. forces had hoped to knock out Iraqi television and radio to disable Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's propaganda outlets.

There also was bombing in the Mosul area in northern Iraq beginning about 10:30 p.m. (2:30 p.m. EST).

Hours earlier, loud explosions were heard in and around Baghdad, with witnesses saying an unknown number of people were killed and injured in an attack on a housing complex for employees of a weapons-producing facility.

The Military Industrialization Authority of Iraq complex is in the Al-Youssifiah area, about 12 miles south of the capital.

An explosion about 700 yards west of the Information Ministry sent scores of journalists fleeing. Anti-aircraft guns on the roof of the ministry opened fire, witnesses said, but there was no word on damage or casualties.

One of Baghdad's main telephone facilities also was hit early Thursday, causing service disruptions.

AFP

Billowing smoke rises from an explosion in the presidential compound in Baghdad following Thursday night's U.S.-British air raids. The attacks, which used precision bombs and missiles, targeted command and communications facilities.

Iraqi officials, speaking before the late night attacks, said 36 civilians were killed and 215 injured in U.S. bombing a day earlier.

"They are targeting the human beings in Iraq to decrease their morale," Iraqi Health Minister Omeed Medhat Mubarak said of the air attacks. "They are not discriminating, differentiating."

The American military said there was no proof the deaths Wednesday were caused by U.S. missiles.

Faith-based measure fails, lawmakers look to tax breaks

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Unable to pass even a watered-down version of the president's faith-based initiative, congressional sponsors said Thursday they would remove all efforts to open government programs to churches and other religious groups from the bill.

Their legislation instead will just provide tax breaks for donations to charities, including religious groups.

"I would have liked to have gotten the whole enchilada, but in the United States Senate this year, you're lucky to get anything, and I'll take anything," said Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa. "We just thought it was a great trade off."

Santorum said the Bush administration has succeeded in rewriting government regulations to open programs to religious groups, making legislation less urgent. He also said the tax provisions will aid charities, including many that are religious.

Santorum said House Republicans had agreed to go along with the scaled-back bill — a remarkable shift since the legislative effort began two years ago.

The initiative, at the center of Bush's "compassionate conservative" agenda, met stiff opposition from the start.

After a bitter debate, a divided House approved Bush-supported legislation opening a dozen new social programs to religious groups. It allowed these groups to hire or fire based on their religion, and allowed them to skirt state anti-discrimination laws.

The bill was strongly opposed by civil rights groups and others, and when it got to the Senate, sponsors Santorum and Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Ct., scaled it back.

Their bill initially offered tax breaks and made it clear that religious groups may not be excluded from government contracts for reasons such as having a religious name or displaying religious symbols.

Still, critics objected.

Some Senate Democrats argued that the bill specifically should bar groups from using federal funds to proselytize. They said it should expressly prohibit groups from getting tax dollars from discriminating against beneficiaries or employees of other religions. Without this clarification, the administration would interpret the law on its own to allow these things, argued Sens. Jack Reed, D-R.I., and Dick Durbin, D-Ill.

Unable to overcome these objections, Santorum said he was stripping the contested language from the bill.

Reed said Thursday that he was encouraged by the move but was waiting to see exactly what would pass Congress.

A prominent opposition group was less restrained.

"This is a huge step in the right direction," said Rev. Barry Lynn of Americans United for the Separation of Church and State.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Serbian cops shoot suspected assassins

Belgrade police shot and killed two major suspects in the assassination of Serbian Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic as they resisted arrest late Thursday, the government said.

Dusan Spasojevic and Milan Lukovic were leaders of the Zemun Clan, a crime gang that has been accused of masterminding the March 12 assassination of Djindjic, the Interior Ministry said in a statement.

E.U. states move to ban some oil tankers

European Union governments agreed Thursday to ban all single-hulled tankers by 2010 in an attempt to reduce the risk of spills like the one that befouled the coast of northwestern Spain last year.

The ban would be phased in, with a ban on single-hulled tankers carrying heavy crude oil taking effect in July if approved by the European Parliament.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Shuttle data recorder may yield clues

Salvaged tape from Columbia's data recorder may hold vital information up until just a few seconds before the shuttle disintegrated over Texas, accident investigators said Thursday.

While the 9,400 feet of magnetic tape was being duplicated at Kennedy Space Center this week, a time tag on it confirmed that some type of imprint exists until 18 seconds past 9 a.m. on Feb. 1, the board said. After that, the tape is blank.

Sniper suspect to get psychiatric tests

Lawyers for sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad received permission Thursday to hire a psychiatrist and a psychologist to evaluate his mental health. But the judge temporarily denied requests to hire private investigators.

The mental health experts were not identified during the 45-minute hearing before Prince William Circuit Judge LeRoy Millette Jr.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Jury awards $14M in '98 car crash case

A jury has ordered the state and a Clark County man to pay $14 million to the families of four people killed in a 1998 automobile accident at an intersection in southern Indiana.

The Clark County jury agreed with the plaintiffs' contention that motorists were not adequately warned about the danger of the intersection, which was essentially blind to drivers coming up a hill.

Bloomington enacts public smoking ban

The Bloomington City Council approved a ban on smoking in public and most workplaces, but gave private clubs and over-18 clubs extra time to comply.

The panel passed the ordinance by an 8-1 vote Wednesday night.

Council members also approved an amendment that would exempt private clubs and 18-and-over businesses with lawful smoking areas from the smoking regulations until Jan. 1, 2005.

Lilly

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campaign through payroll deduction or a direct gift. The donor may determine where their donation and the Lilly matching dollars are designated.

"It doesn't matter what you give," said Kay Ball, Saint Mary's Director of Development. "You just participate at whatever level you can."

Faculty and staff have met 60 percent of their $250,000 goal, with nearly $150,000 contributed so far. Ball said she fully expects them to meet or exceed their goal this year.

Student campaigns are also actively progressing toward their goal in the Lilly Initiative.

Traditionally, each Saint Mary's senior class has raised money for a Senior Leadership Fund. The fund is allocated to the area of senior choice.

Last year, the Class of 2002 donated funds to the construction of the future Student Center. A plaque will be mounted in the building as a tangible reminder of their generosity.

The Lilly Challenge presents a unique opportunity for students to begin donating to their Senior Leadership Fund earlier than usual, at a time when Lilly Endowment is willing to match their contribution.

"We hope that this will establish a pattern of giving after students graduate," said JudeAnne Wilson, Assistant Director of the Annual Fund. "Everyone across the board is rising to the occasion."

The Quarters Campaign is another component of the initiative that has generated strong student participation.

The campaign committee will collect quarters door-to-door in the residence halls during the second week of April. It is anticipated that this will bring each class closer to their 100 percent participation goal.

Alumnae are also expected to exceed their goal of $3 million. Many alumnae who already donate to the College have increased their donations to take advantage of the Lilly Initiative.

Although the current totals for the student and parent and alumnae campaigns are not yet available, the amount raised for the Lilly Initiative has reached $3,450,000 with nine months remaining in the campaign.

"This campaign has really inspired people, especially with the economy the way it is," Ball said.

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ROTC

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professors, nor the locations where they are now stationed.

With the departure of these three professors, only two remained to in the Army ROTC department.

Mosinski said the deployed professors had to leave quickly, but the remaining two have made a smooth transition.

"They are experienced instructors and they enthusiastically took on the extra workloads and each picked up extra classes," said Mosinski. "They did a tremendous job and we didn't miss a beat."

The department was shorthanded for about five weeks until two temporary instructors joined the department last week. An adjunct professor has been hired to teach Talley's class this semester, as well.

None of the professors in the Navy or Air Force ROTC programs have been deployed for duty. Students participating in ROTC cannot be deployed because they are contracted with the ROTC program.

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Visitation

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ing campus cultural clubs will be held this afternoon from 3:30 - 5 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

Additionally, many social events sponsored by campus groups are planned for this weekend, which began Thursday evening with "Lumpia Night," sponsored by the Filipino American Students Organization.

Students will also have the opportunity to attend "Latin Expressions" tonight at the Century Center in downtown South Bend and the Black Cultural Arts Council's Fashion Show, themed "Tell It Like It Is," which will be held Saturday evening in the Stepan Center.

Though these events are usually held sometime in the spring, MSPS works with student cultural clubs to plan the events during Spring Visitation so that minority students are presented with a wide variety of activities for the weekend, said Outlaw.

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College plans to add $200 technology fee

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD
News Writer

Saint Mary's has added a $200 technology fee to the 2003-04 student tuition to raise necessary funding for ongoing technology upgrades and campus software licensing.

The College's Department of Information Technology decided to update its network capacity, in a move that will affect both on- and off-campus students.

"Much of our maintenance licensing expired last summer, so basically we've been using older software," said Keith Fowlkes, Saint Mary's director of Information Technology.

Fowlkes said that his office has facilitated upgrades to Microsoft programs only. Others, such as Macromedia and Adobe, are slated for future upgrades.

In addition to the College's need to upgrade its programs, initial funding comprised of grant funds and a 1998 bond issue ran out in the summer of 2001, further necessitating the addition of a technology fee.

"It takes money to keep up with new technology," Fowlkes said. "We're rounding the corner right now on five-year upgrade needs for our campus network."

To build on the campus network's infrastructure, the Department of Information Technology will install a calendaring system, user information database and a new system for e-mail — a significant improvement from the IMP system upgrade last month.

Current Internet connections will be enhanced, providing on-campus students with a faster Internet connection. Off-campus students will be accommodated with a "package shaper," enabling faster and more flexible access outside of campus.

Proceeds from the fee will also help to cover operation costs within the Information Technology Resource Center.

A grant from the Huisking Foundation will pay for additional ITRC renovation costs.

New computer-based audio/video production will make the ITRC the hub for the "campus channel," a television channel featuring student-produced programming, campus news, world news, sports and weather.

The ITRC is in the process of forming a Cable Television Advisory Board and is planning to initiate the campus channel during the 2004-05 academic year.

A cable television channel was instituted at colleges where Fowlkes previously worked. Based on its success on other campuses, Fowlkes said he is optimistic that the channel will thrive at Saint Mary's.

"We have so many incredible offerings on this campus for technology and we just want to keep them up," he said. "We're doing this primarily for students so they can be exposed to the latest technology, so when they graduate, they'll be ready to use whatever software is placed in front of them."

Other colleges and universities around the country have an additional technology fee outside of student tuition.

Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio has a $120 per semester fee. At Ball State University, the fee is $130 per semester and at Indiana University, Bloomington, it's $400 per year.

Saint Mary's will continue to underwrite the bulk of the technology costs.

"The $200 will help us provide more and better technology for our students," Fowlkes said. "We hope students will understand that technology is expensive, and to maintain the technology we have on campus is crucial to the education of students here at Saint Mary's."

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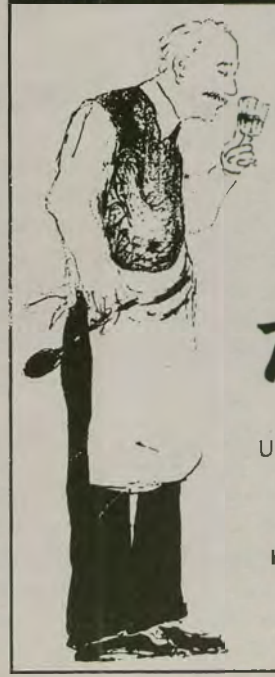

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S&P 500

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AMEX

824.32 ↑ +3.44

NYSE

4,829.71 ↓ -14.92

TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

COMPANY	%CHANGE	$GAIN	PRICE
SIRIUS SATELLIT (SIRI)	+2.83	+0.02	0.69
NASDAQ-100 INDEX(QQQ)	-0.72	-0.19	26.37
MICROSOFT CORP (MSFT)	-0.83	-0.21	25.04
SPDR TRUST SER (SPY)	+0.08	+0.07	87.15
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-1.17	-0.16	13.50

IN BRIEF

Crude futures spike on supply fears

Oil prices rose above $30 a barrel Thursday for the first time since war broke out in Iraq, as concerns about worldwide supplies replaced early hopes for a quick end to the military conflict.

The price of oil on futures markets has risen nearly 13 percent since last Friday, when it dropped to a three-month low.

Crude oil for May delivery rose $1.74 on Thursday to close at $30.37 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange after trading as high as $30.45. Oil is up 13 percent from last Friday, when it closed at $26.91.

Lenk to head Gap online presence

Clothing retailer Gap Inc. announced Thursday it has entrusted its online division to fallen entrepreneur Edward "Toby" Lenk, who engineered one of the Internet's biggest riches-to-ruins stories.

The 41-year-old Lenk founded eToys Inc., an online pioneer that soared to a $10 billion market value in 1999 and then crashed into bankruptcy court in early 2001. As part of its liquidation, eToys sold its name and other intellectual assets for $3.4 million to KB Toys Inc.

In his new job, Lenk will run the e-commerce sites for one of the world's best-known retailers. His responsibilities include oversight of online sales for Gap, Old Navy and Banana Republic, as well as the retailer's customer call centers.

ConAgra profits fall in 3rd quarter

ConAgra Foods reported Thursday its third quarter earnings fell 5.8 percent, citing costs related to the September sale of its fresh beef and pork business, lower foodservice sales to fast-food restaurants and lower margins for spice products.

The nation's second biggest food company earned $161 million, or 30 cents a share, in the three months ended Feb. 23 compared with $171 million, or 31 cents a share, a year ago.

U.S. economy still struggling

◆ Some analysts forsee another recession in '03

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The economy that turned sluggish at the end of last year isn't doing much better now — and may well be doing worse — as war uncertainties and the stagnant job market make consumers and businesses more cautious. Some analysts worry about a slide back into recession.

Since the 2001 recession, the economy has tried, unsuccessfully so far, to get back to full throttle.

Optimistic analysts believe the economy in the current January-March quarter has grown at a below-normal annual rate of around 1.5 percent to just over 2 percent. More pessimistic economists are suggesting growth of under a 1 percent rate, and some believe the first quarter could show the economy shrank, a step toward recession.

"I don't think anybody really wants to make significant financial commitments in view of the jobless recovery, the geopolitical situation and higher energy prices, which are eating into purchasing power," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Wells Fargo.

The broadest measure of economic health — gross domestic product — slowed from a decent 4 percent annual growth rate in the third quarter of 2002 to 1.4 percent in the final quarter, the Commerce Department reported Thursday.

That final quarterly estimate was unchanged from a month ago. GDP measures the total value of goods and services produced within the United States.

While Sohn believes the economy will grow at a lackluster 2 percent rate in the first quarter, Carl Tannenbaum, chief economist at LaSalle Bank is more bearish, forecasting 0.5 percent growth rate. "The chance of having a negative first quarter is very real," he said.

Getty Images

Shoppers descend a stairway at the nearly empty International Plaza Mall in Tampa, Fla. Many retailers are feeling the effects of a slow consumer economy as the war in Iraq continues.

The government will release its initial estimate of first-quarter GDP on April 25.

On Wall Street, stocks moved lower. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 28.43 points to close at 8,201.45.

In a second report Thursday, new claims for unemployment benefits last week fell by a seasonally adjusted 25,000 to 402,000, a two-month low, the Labor Department said. Even with the drop, claims are at a level suggesting the job market remains sluggish.

Since the end of 2001, economic growth has been jagged, with a three-month period of strength followed by a quarter of weakness.

That muddled climate — along with concerns about the war, higher oil prices and a turbulent stock market — has made businesses reluctant to make major financial commitments, namely capital investment and hiring. That is the biggest factor restraining the economy's recovery.

Although businesses largely have restrained spending, consumers have been the main force keeping the economy going.

But recent economic reports show consumers are becoming more cautious, especially as the job market has worsened. The unemployment rate rose to 5.8 percent in February as the economy lost a whopping 308,000 jobs.

Economists believe the jobless rate moved up to 6 percent in March and may creep higher in coming months. The employment report for March will be released next week.

In the fourth quarter of 2002, consumer spending grew at a rate of just 1.7 percent, a sharp pullback from the 4.2 percent rate in the third quarter. Some economists believe consumer spending in the first quarter may have slowed further.

"Higher energy prices are basically picking the pockets of consumers," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group.

Taubman caught in takeover war

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

Simon Property Group Inc. and Westfield America Inc. on Thursday proposed four nominees to the board of Taubman Centers Inc., the latest bid to gain the upper hand in a hostile takeover battle among rival shopping mall companies.

Simon and Westfield are seeking election of the nominees at Taubman's annual shareholders meeting, which has not yet been scheduled but occurred May 30 last year.

In offering a slate of board nominees that includes former U.S. Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti, Simon and Westfield are trying to overcome a corporate governance structure at Taubman that has so far stymied a $1.7 billion buyout offer.

Simon Chief Executive David Simon and Westfield America's Peter Lowy issued a statement saying they trusted Taubman would not delay its annual meeting and "will allow shareholder democracy to proceed."

Taubman responded with a news release accusing Simon and Westfield of "subjecting the company to a proxy contest to elect their nominees solely to advance their own agenda."

In addition to Civiletti — an attorney general in the Carter administration and now chairman of a law firm — the proposed slate includes Douglas Crocker II, trustee and vice chairman of Equity Residential; Roberta Karmel, a law professor and former commissioner of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; and Michael Koenecke, a former mergers and acquisitions head at Merrill Lynch and First Boston Corp.

Indianapolis-based Simon, North America's largest shopping mall owner, began its hostile takeover bid in November. Taubman is a much smaller rival based in the Detroit suburb of Bloomfield Hills that owns high-end mall properties Simon wants for its portfolio.

Taubman's properties include 30 shopping centers in 13 states.

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Basilica of the Sacred Heart

807 Mass
8:00 p.m.
CoMo Student Lounge

Junior Retreat #2
Friday and Saturday
Potato State Park

Marriage Preparation Retreat
Friday and Saturday
Fatima Retreat Center

sunday 3.30

RCIA Session
10:00-11:00 p.m.
Coleman-Morse Student Lounge

Senior Night
Follow up to Senior Retreat
4:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Parish Center

tuesday 4.01

Confirmation Session #13
7:00-8:45 p.m.
Siegfried Hall Chapel

Campus Bible Study
7:00 -8:00 p.m.
114 Coleman-Morse Center

wednesday 4.02

When Did I See You Hungry?
Film-Screening & Meet the Director
7:00 p.m.
Hesburgh Center Auditorium

Graduate Student Christian Fellowship
8:00 p.m.
Wilson Commons

Interfaith Christian Night Prayer
10:00 p.m.
Morrissey Hall Chapel

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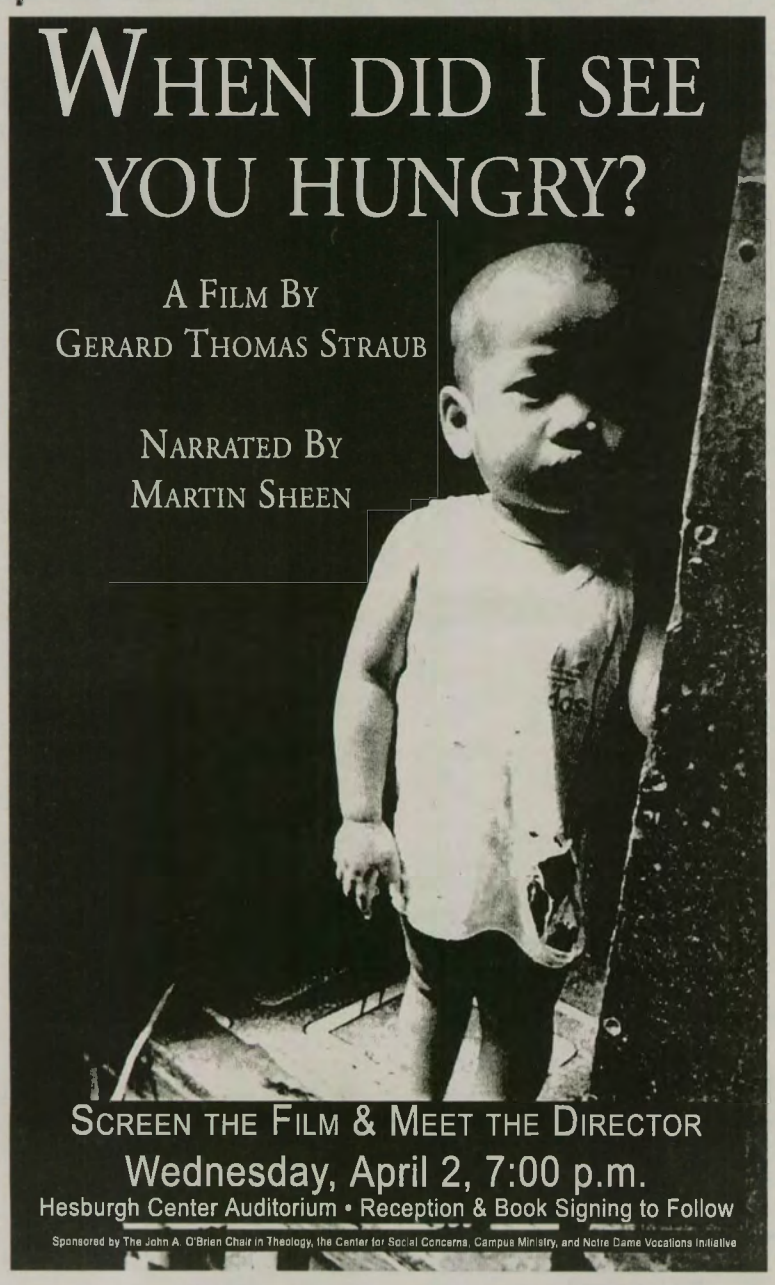

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Women's History Month

Where are the women?

by Chandra Johnson
Assistant to the President & Assistant Director, Cross Cultural Ministry

I traveled to Cuba over Spring Break. As part of with the theology class, "From Power to Communion," we met with various leaders in the Havana community–priests, young adult and elder lay ministers, scholars, social service administrators, journalists, and a foreign ambassador. They each had their own distinct opinions on Castro's leadership and Cuban society. We were fortunate, though. Before we left the U.S., Fr. Bob Pelton led us through Latin America's implementation of Vatican Council II documents in both glowing and critical terms. He was honest and up front about its successes and failures in the Americas. The course preparation was an exercise in patriotic formation with an understanding of gospel values and Christian diplomacy. As American citizens, we were challenged to enter Cuba with open minds and a willingness to learn from the Cuban people.

While sitting in the Miami airport on our return home, I asked Fr. Bob how he got to be this way.

"What way?," he said.

I said, "You know...you see everyone the same. There's a creative tension driving your theology and ecclesiology that keeps you open to difference."

He thought for a moment and responded, "Probably Chile–I spent a lot of time there."

"It has to be something more," I pressed.

He thought again and said, "It was my mother. I watched her not be afraid to see others as equal. She taught me how to be a Christian."

Even then, Christ's message of liberation and respect of human dignity drove the behavior and prophetic actions of women who were in the wrong place at the right time.

I have thought about Bob's mother many times in the past week, as the U.S. troops led the war effort in Iraq simultaneous to the close of Women's History Month. I find myself wondering how she would respond to the recent events and what she would teach her son about being both an American and a Catholic. I wonder about our Notre Dame women, and how the current events are shaping our roles as Christians and American citizens. Where are we in the whole scheme of things?

Like all prophets, you will find us in the most unlikely places. We're standing atop a beautiful building as the patroness of our great University. We're at Enron, WorldCom and the FBI, alerting hierarchies of the eminent death of organizations if current practices and policies don't change. We're flying jets and populating brigades to protect our country. We're in the Christian canon, among raucous crowds of thrill seekers, waiting for Jesus to pass so we can wipe the dirt from his face. We're at the foot of the cross, holding steady his pierced head and broken bones as he's placed in the tomb. We're up at dawn, returning with burial cloth, and accepting the directive to receive and proclaim the message of salvation. And last but not least, we're in Bethany with our intuition and our oil. Out of place once again, we pour nard over Jesus's head in sorrowful anticipation of his persecution and death. Even then we knew the value of sacred assertion, as the use of New Testament oil sparked an interest echoed in the current debate over the use of Old Testament crude oil. Even then Christ's message of liberation and respect of human dignity drove the behavior and prophetic actions of women who were in the wrong place at the right time.

The Rosary for Peace began in Sorin Hall Monday night and I thought of Fr. Bob's mother, the corporate whistleblowers and the many women throughout Christian history who have not been afraid to do what they knew to be right and good and pleasing to God. With my eyes closed, I listened to the prayers and heard the voices of many Notre Dame women. We were there, praying hard for a peaceful resolution to the world's discontent. As 21st century women whose power and influence is embedded in God's love for us, our lives must continue to be the prophetic voice of the gospel's truth. The world needs our assertive intuition and holy boldness now more than ever. As we close out Women's History Month and continue our lenten observance, let us not be afraid to be used by God.

mass schedule

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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Saturday Vigil Mass	Sunday	
5:00 p.m.	**10:00 a.m.**	**11:45 a.m.**
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around campus (every Sunday)

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Spanish Mass	Law School Mass	MBA Mass
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Sunday's Scripture Readings **1st:** 2Chr 36: 14 – 16, 19 – 23 **2nd:** Eph 2: 4 – 10 **Gospel:** John 3: 14– 21

SMC students win recognition

By MEGHAN CASSIDY
News Writer

Five Saint Mary's students and a professor were recognized for their writings on the African-American experience at this year's Southern Conference on African-American Studies, Inc., held Feb. 19-23 in Charleston, S.C.

"These awards announce Saint Mary's College as an up-and-coming presence in African American Studies," said Alexis Brooks-DeVita, an English professor and the faculty delegate to the conference.

Brooks-DeVita invited students Cyd Appelido, Novella Brooks-DeVita, Jessica Domingo, Danielle Greer and Apryl Underwood to attend the conference, based on essays they had written as an assignment in her "African-American Women's Autobiographies" class last semester.

"I wanted to take a group of ethnic minority students to hear what experts in this field would say about their work," Professor Brooks-DeVita said. "For a minority student here, she can feel like her work is irrelevant, so to not only hear what African American scholars are saying, but to be recognized by the best of them was a feat."

Saint Mary's competed against Morehouse College, the nation's prominent all-male school for African American studies, along with other schools of the same caliber.

"At first, everyone was all asking, 'Who are these Saint Mary's girls? We've never heard of them before.'" Domingo said. "It was very positive to then see them so affected by what we said."

Judges awarded the Saint Mary's group The Reanitsa K. Butler Memorial Scholarship.

"Saint Mary's set a whole new standard. We didn't exactly know the rules, but we went in, ignorant and brave and offered an important dynamic they had not seen before" Brooks-DeVita said. "I was thrilled they had such an impact on the conference."

Senior Novella Brooks-DeVita won The Lillie Newton Hornsby Memorial Collegiate Essay Award for her essay, which will be published in SCAASI's scholarly journal, The Griot, this spring.

"It was nice to see such a strong reaction," she said. "Everyone there was so intense and passionate about what they study, so to get their recognition was pretty important."

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Police arrest 215 war protesters

Associated Press

NEW YORK

About 215 protesters were arrested Thursday after they lay down on Manhattan's Fifth Avenue, blocking traffic in the latest of a series of demonstrations against the war.

The "die-in" temporarily closed the avenue between 49th and 50th streets, near St. Patrick's Cathedral and the Saks Fifth Avenue store and across the street from Rockefeller Center. Most of those arrested face charges of disorderly conduct and obstructing governmental administration, police said.

Anti-war groups had called for civil disobedience, hoping to draw more attention than the largely lawful protests held daily in the city since hostilities began in Iraq.

"Nothing else gets attention," Fordham University student Johannah Westmacott said as she jotted down officers' badge numbers.

The protest drew hundreds of demonstrators, filling a block of Fifth Avenue in the midtown business district. As helicopters hovered overhead, the protesters — some beating drums — chanted "Hey-hey, ho-ho, Bush's war has to go" and "Peace now!"

Officers arrested those who refused to rise. They cuffed many with plastic restraints before half-carrying them into waiting police trucks.

The "die-in" was intended to symbolize Iraqi war victims, said organizers of M27, the ad-hoc coalition behind the event.

It was one of a number of scattered demonstrations Thursday in New York as part of a "no business as usual" protest theme. A dozen people demonstrated outside Tiffany & Co., and five were arrested after a scuffle with police near CNN's offices.

Protesters were sporadically heckled by passing businessmen and construction workers. One man in a red-white-and-blue bandanna and hardhat plastered with ironworkers' union and Harley-Davidson stickers argued toe-to-toe with a ponytailed protester with long sideburns.

One counter-demonstrator held a sign that read: "Traitors, have you forgotten Sept. 11?"

Police Commissioner Ray Kelly said Wednesday that anti-war protests were costing millions of dollars in overtime and drawing police resources away from crime-fighting and anti-terrorism operations.

Bush, Blair pledge to preserve war in Iraq

Associated Press

CAMP DAVID, MD.

With Iraqi troops dug in around Baghdad, President Bush pledged Thursday to battle Saddam Hussein's forces "however long it takes to win." Bush and British ally Tony Blair said the U.N. could help rebuild postwar Iraq, but left uncertain who would create and run a new government.

Blair, standing alongside Bush at the president's mountaintop retreat, declared in words similar to Bush's that "Saddam Hussein and his hateful regime will be removed from power."

During their overnight meeting in Maryland's Catoctin Mountains, the leaders discussed conflicts in the Middle East as well as Iraq. Strategy sessions about the Iraq battle and postwar plans conjured grainy images of a Camp David retreat 60 years ago, when President Roosevelt met Winston Churchill during World War II.

"For nearly a century, the United States and Great Britain have been allies in the defense of liberty," Blair, Britain's prime minister, said. "We shared in a costly and heroic struggle against Nazism."

The leaders asked the United Nations to restart its oil-for-food program, which fed about 60 percent of Iraq's 22 million people until war shut off the flow. Bush said the issue "must not be politicized."

That was a dig at France, Russia and other anti-war allies who are arguing over how the program should be administered, aides said.

They suggested the allies were using the issue to underscore their opposition to the war.

Bush and Blair refused to put a timetable on war, mindful that stiffer-than-expected resistance in southern Iraq and the looming battle for Baghdad could test the patience of their constituents. Amid concerns that the war could last months, Bush said fighting will continue "however long it takes to win."

For months, the president avoided talk of how long and difficult the conflict could be as he tried to rally Americans against Saddam. Looking tired on Thursday, the president bristled at repeated news conference questions about the potential length of fighting.

"However long it takes. That's the answer to your question, and that's what you got to know," he said.

Thumping his lectern, the president added, "This isn't a matter of timetable, it's a matter of victory. And the Iraqi people have got to know that, see. They got to know that they will be liberated and Saddam Hussein will be removed, no matter how long it takes."

Joining the president in front of a field of British and American flags, Blair said he and Bush had decided to seek new U.N. resolutions on humanitarian relief, postwar plans for Iraq and a promise to keep Iraq's territorial boundaries intact.

Blair, under fire at home for backing war in Iraq, has advocated a more aggressive role for the United Nations in administering postwar Iraq than has Bush.

"No doubt the United Nations has got to be closely involved in this process," Blair said.

A senior White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Bush and Blair agreed in private talks that the U.N. should play a key humanitarian role in Iraq.

They also agreed that the U.S.-British military coalition fighting in Iraq must be in charge of the initial efforts to bring security and stability to Iraq, the official said.

Beyond that, the official said Bush and Blair put off key decisions about political reforms — including who creates and controls an interim government — and long-term security issues until later in the war. Or even after it.

"There are huge numbers of details to be discussed with our allies as to exactly how that is going to work," Blair said. "The conflict is not yet over."

The leaders discussed plans for postwar Iraq after receiving a joint briefing by their war teams, including by satellite from London, Washington and Qatar. They also spoke by phone with leaders of Australia and Poland, the other nations with combat troops in Iraq.

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ROTC Pass and Review deserves outdoor location

The Observer Editorial

As students enter the final push of this academic year, other 18-to 22-year-olds are piloting helicopters, firing missiles and operating tanks in the war in Iraq. Their sacrifice should particularly resonate with Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, as the faces they pass on the way to class each morning aren't very different from those now marching to Baghdad. Despite the vigorous disagreement between those who support and oppose the war in Iraq, both sides should find common ground in the need to support the servicemen and women in Iraq and around the world who are serving on behalf of all Americans.

This appreciation for members of the military should extend to those who represent it on this campus: the cadets and officers in Notre Dame's ROTC program. The University can decisively communicate its respect and support for everyone serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students who will serve after graduation by moving the ROTC Presidential Pass and Review back to South Quad. The Pass and Review's current location — tucked out of sight inside the Loftus Sports Complex — does not show the proper respect for both the ROTC program and others on campus by limiting community participation in the event. It is not right for those who oppose the military to be able to protest out in the open for all to see while ROTC is kept under wraps and out of the public's view.

The Pass and Review ceremony brings together the Air Force, Army and Navy branches, who march before University President Father Edward Malloy in a show of respect for their civilian commander. ROTC cadets drill for months to achieve the proper organizational discipline for this event, which also includes the presentation of awards to senior cadets and speeches by Malloy and former President Father Theodore Hesburgh. Historically held outdoors, the Pass and Review was moved inside several years ago because of inclement weather — and, some have contended the threats of protestors who oppose ROTC's presence on campus have kept the Pass and Review inside.

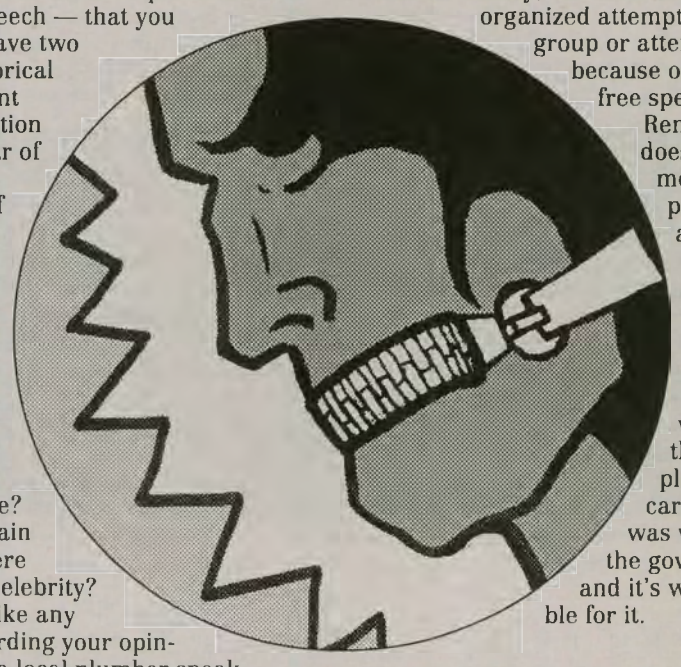
Regardless of the reason for the move indoors, now is the time to move the Pass and Review back outside. Holding the ceremony on South Quad will convey the appropriate respect for the cadets who work hard while at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's to prepare for the challenges of military service they face after graduation. It serves as a way to honor the service and sacrifice of those now fighting in Iraq, including Notre Dame graduates like Marine 1st Lt. Dustin Ferrell, who was wounded Saturday in the line of duty. The outdoor location will also allow other members of the Notre Dame community to attend and participate, whether they come to honor the cadets or tactfully protest the organization represented. Such openness is critical for stimulating debate and discussion, which are both essential components of the liberal education the University strives to provide for its students.

By respecting those who may one day soon be fighting for America, they can prove that the University's time-honored motto, "God, Country, Notre Dame," still holds true today.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Don't condemn opposing opinions

In the debate over the war in Iraq, "freedom of speech" has become a very controversial term with its meaning used on both sides of the debate. However, a recent trend has been developing that is, at least to me, disconcerting if not downright McCarthyistic. When someone makes a public statement — exercising their free speech — that you disagree with, you essentially have two options: offer a rational or rhetorical rebuttal or criticize the statement itself. It seems that the latter option has become increasingly popular of late.



This is not inherently bad — if speech is inappropriate for someone's role in society, that is grounds for their criticism. If for example, a respected news anchor, ethically bound to relative objectivity, such as Peter Jennings or Dan Rather, were to publicly speak out in either opposition or favor of the war, that would be inappropriate.

But where do we draw the line? Are celebrities obligated to remain mum on their stance? If so, where does one cross the border into celebrity? When does it cease to be a job like any other and come with rules regarding your opinion? Would you be offended by a local plumber speaking out against the war? Perhaps a prominent lawyer or entrepreneur? I would hypothesize that mere notoriety does not obligate one to quiet dissenting opinions. In the example of the news anchor, Tom Brokaw is expected to be objective, but surely the Dixie Chicks are not.

But wait. Isn't criticism of a statement free speech in and of itself? Possibly, but when a group of citizens engages in an organized attempt to silence a particular person or group or attempts to damage a person's career because of their views, that violates their free speech.

Remember, a violation of free speech does not have to be an act of government. Whenever a crowd of people purposefully attempts to drown out a speaker, boycott a musical group or publicly protest a celebrity appearing in a movie because of their opinion, that violates free speech. You can call anyone you'd like, including your radio station, to tell them you disagree with the Dixie Chicks, but to threaten a boycott of stations that play their music is to threaten their career. This is called blacklisting. It was wrong during the Red Scare, when the government was responsible for it and it's wrong now with citizens responsible for it.

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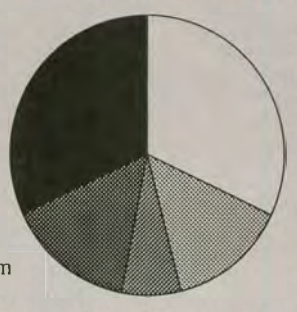

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The military don't start wars. Politicians start wars."

William Westmoreland
former U.S. general

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VIEWPOINT

Friday, March 28, 2003

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

One last view of Iraqi officialdom

During spring break a group of 13 Notre Dame students went to Washington, D.C. on a CSC seminar called "Christian Responses to a Violent World." I was a part of this group which met a number of opinion makers in Washington and discussed with them various aspects of the impending war. Our meetings greatly enriched our knowledge of the subject matter and made us more informed, alert, understanding and responsive to the world around us. Once in Washington I tried to contact the Iraqi Interest Office, the unofficial Iraqi embassy in the United States, to talk to them about the current situation. Though Iraq cannot have a formal embassy in the United States, it maintains an Interest Office in the Algerian embassy.

My call to the Iraqi Office confused them initially for they were not able to decide whether or not to meet us. Eventually, after speaking with a couple of officers they allowed me, the lone non-American, to come to their office, after which they would decide about meeting with the whole group.

The next morning I almost missed their office for it neither had any visible security nor a front office — the entrance was through a back door. I knocked on the door, but got no response. I was on my way out when a man approached me from behind and greeted me in Arabic. I replied to his greeting and he continued in Arabic to which I responded that I do not know Arabic. He smiled and knocked at the door which immediately opened.

Once in, he asked me my purpose. After listening to my request he conversed with the other Iraqi, a woman, in the office and replied that there was no one in the mission that could speak to me and that I should leave. Saddened by this refusal I took my leave when someone drove into the parking lot. This person pointed me towards him and said that maybe he could be of some help to me.

Immediately, I leapt to the parking lot and greeted this person. He asked me why I had come here and after listening to my request asked me to follow him inside the office. This person was so courteous that he even shared his umbrella with me (it was raining) and held out the door open for me to enter. Once inside he said that I could meet the Principal Officer if I could wait until 11 a.m., to which I agreed.

I waited in this small makeshift office room with those two people I had initially met, who soon started watching the Arab Al-Jazeera TV network. Both of them were visibly scared and worried about what lay ahead for them and their country and talked anxiously amongst themselves.

Eventually, after a wait of about an hour I was called up to the office of the Principal Officer. It was a lavish, oakwood office with a picture of a youthful Saddam Hussein and an Iraqi flag at his back. He was watching an Arab soap opera and greeted me warmly when he saw me come in. He was delighted to know that I was from a Catholic university and suggested that the timing of the recent priest scandals that hit the U.S. Catholic Church were specifically planned by the Bush Administration to minimize the impact of Vatican opposition of a war in Iraq.

He also noted that the Christians in Iraq, especially the Catholics, are not anti-Saddam for they feel much safer under a secular government which respects their religious freedom — something which I later found out to be quite true. He lamented United States interference in the internal matters of his country and asked "Can we tell Bush how to run his country?" He said that the fate of Saddam was a matter for the Iraqi people to decide and not for a person who got elected in a fraudulent election. We talked about issues for a while and then after getting his agreement to meet my peers I took my leave.

After that meeting I tried to contact the Principal Officer multiple times during the rest of the week but was unable to get through. Apparently, he had "diplomatic flu" and could not meet us. I was sad that my peers could not meet the Officer for this meeting gave me a unique perspective of the Iraqi regime which I saw was not composed of evil, blood-thirsty megalomaniacs but of normal humans like us who also feel emotions of pain, anxiety, fear and doubt. The meeting reinforced in me the Christian values to hate the sin but not the sinner, making me realize that people can always change and that peace, gift of God, can only be achieved through non-violent means.

Yaqoob Bangash
sophomore
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March 27

It would be worse without Bush

One of the most disturbing aspects of "Operation Iraqi Freedom" has been certain critics' portrayal of the incompetence of the Bush Administration. We must understand that our current leaders are faced with one of the most difficult administrations that any presidency has ever encountered. In contemporary America, we are faced with an escalating economic recession and the watershed of a new era of warfare — a war on terror. After the tragic attacks of Sept. 11, our nation's path was altered dramatically, but I am confident that our government officials are taking the necessary steps to ensuring the pursuit of life, liberty and happiness.

Despite any issues the critics might have with Bush, take a moment and put the situation into perspective. What if the attacks of Sept. 11 had occurred during Bill Clinton's administration? Even worse, what if Al Gore was our current president during this new war on terrorism? In evaluating these possibilities, I believe that the security of our country along with the world would be much more threatened if Bush was not in power.

While Clinton was rolling around in the mud and dirtying his sheets with his classy intern Monica Lewinsky, military spending was cut and intelligence suffered. During the impeachment trial, the CIA presented a golden opportunity to Clinton to act on an intelligence lead and eradicate Osama bin Laden. In receiving this information, Clinton and his advisors thought it would be better politically to resolve the scandal first and then deal with this notorious terrorist. Some months later, the USS Cole was bombed in Yemen. Who was responsible? None other than Osama Bin Laden.

Bill Clinton is accredited with much more praise as an administrator than he deserves. His two consecutive terms were blessed with international harmony (for the most part) and economic prosperity. While I acknowledge Clinton as a self-made, intellectual administrator, he sacrificed the security of our nation in order to appease crude terrorists. As a member of the ROTC here and future serviceman in the fleet, I would be apprehensive of a president such as Clinton or Gore.

Teddy Roosevelt once said, "Speak softly and carry a big stick" in regards to international relations. In proclaiming this, Roosevelt stressed the importance of first addressing diplomatic measures and then resorting to military action if necessary. Unfortunately, Clinton did not live up to this wonderful adage. In a way, he spoke "too" softly and allowed for potential adversaries to walk all over him. The United States became soft and extremely vulnerable during his administration. The art of diplomacy is only as strong as the clenched fist that backs it up — and our power was not respected under Clinton.

Just imagine if Sept. 11 occurred during the administration of Bill Clinton or Al Gore. The attacks were a flagrant strike against the United States and an unmistakable indication for military retaliation. Granted, Clinton would respond to this attack, but with what measure? With what resolve? With what swiftness? Instead of concentrating effort in eradicating Al Qaeda and the Taliban, I could picture Clinton on his back, lying next to Monica, in a calm, complacent manner, trying to phone up Osama bin Laden and work out a peaceful resolution.

In our current situation with Iraq, I can see Clinton bending over to the will of France, Russia and China and neglecting our country's responsibilities of helping to maintain world security. Yes, this might be exaggerated, but it illustrates my primary premise: be grateful and respectful of our current president, for he chooses to ensure peace through strength. He chooses to make war so you can make love. He chooses to protect our country through swift action and not submissive words. He chooses our interests, and not those of our adversaries. To all of you anti-Bush critics, just think — it could be worse.

Matt Somma
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March 27

Nader inspires

It's not often that I am inspired by politicians and too often that I am discouraged by them. Ralph Nader's lecture March 26 at the Mendoza College of Business on the topic of legislating corporate ethics inspired me. I have heard our President George W. Bush speak. I have heard my governor speak. I've spoken with congressmen, listened dutifully to the banter of rock stars and talking heads. Never has a speaker called me to greater sense of personal responsibility and moral fortitude than Ralph Nader, except Pope John Paul II, who told the shivering crowds at World Youth Day in Rome to "be the saints of the next generation."

Ralph Nader was articulate, animated, and extremely well prepared. He challenged the auditorium at every turn. When was the last time a politician recommended a book to you and assumed you were literate enough to read? Nader recommended 10. He reminded me why I came to Notre Dame in the first place — to become educated and to change the world by being a better citizen in it. This fall I sat through one freshmen orientation speaker after another, one football metaphor after another, and I learned two things.

First, life's a game and you've already won it by getting into Notre Dame. Second, since we've grown up with corporate-brand-name ethics, the only important thing is having the University of Notre Dame on your diploma. Of course we know that this is not the only important thing about Notre Dame, nor is it the only perspective that the University espouses.

The vast majority of Notre Dame students came here because they worked incredibly hard in high school to get the best Catholic education this country has to offer. Too often we succumb to apathy and bourgeois mediocrity. Nader reminded us of how privileged we are to be here, at this University and in this country. Here's to the administration for bringing Ralph Nader and speakers of his caliber to challenge us. Here's to students of all political persuasions for coming out just to be educated. It feels good to be inspired.

Anna Nussbaum
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Farley Hall
March 26

Fight for freedom

Paul Graham's March 26 column focused on the high cost of the war against Saddam Hussein's regime and the alternative domestic projects that may consequently suffer from lack of funds. When debating the pros and cons of any war, price should not be an issue.

As Americans, we are fortunate enough to enjoy the freedoms and opportunities that many countries do not have. At times, we must fight to preserve these freedoms. There is no price too high to protect our country from potential biological, chemical or nuclear terrorist attacks made possible by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. While protecting ourselves, we are also liberating an oppressed country from tyrranical rule and providing them with the ability to pursue the freedoms and opportunities that we often take for granted.

War calls for sacrifices. Our brave men and women in the military are potentially making the ultimate sacrifice, and we need to make sacrifices on the homefront in order to preserve our freedoms and opportunities for the future. It is wrong to even consider sacrificing freedom based on the cost necessary to protect it.

Benjamin Schoen
class of '00
March 27

THE OBSERVER
SCENE campus

Razzle dazzle'em

The Pasquerilla East Musical Company brings Broadway to Notre Dame

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

Contrary to what some people may believe, everyone should have a few Broadway show tunes in their lives.

With New York 700 miles away, students can still take advantage of the chance to see popular Broadway numbers performed by students this weekend at the "Pasquerilla East Musical Company Musical Revue 2003: A Night on Broadway."

The numbers, taken from musicals like Grease! and Les Miserables, were prepared by students who auditioned for the show before spring break. The group has had barely three weeks to pull the show together and learn four group numbers.

The show has encountered a few snags along the way, including pianist Lauren Prieto spraining her hand a week before the show. Since break, student directors Brian Grundy and Shawna Monson have been working to organize the show and get the numbers up to their final performance level.

"Some of the acts were performance quality at auditions," said Monson. "Others needed a little more work."

For opening night, however, all the acts will be up to snuff and beyond. The show opens with a cast rendition of "Razzle Dazzle" from "Chicago," and as they remind you, "What if, in fact, you're just disgusting? Razzle dazzle'em, and they'll never catch wise!"

After opening with a bang, the show slows down a little with some ballads and solo performances. Numbers like "I Enjoy Being a Girl" from "Flower Drum Song" performed by Natalie Martinez and "Your Daddy's Son" from "Ragtime" performed by April Trimble are favorites with audiences everywhere and are performed powerfully in the Revue.

As in any musical review the comic numbers are some of the most fun. "Mr. Cellophane" and "Cell Block Tango" from "Chicago," performed by KC Kenney and a group of six girls from the cast respectively, light up the second half of the show.

The highlights of the show are undoubtedly the larger group numbers. The cast learned "Razzle Dazzle" and most of the group numbers and choreography by Erin Porvaznik in the weeks since spring break. The guys may leave the stage after "Let if Go" from "The Full Monty" wearing more clothes than the guys from the Keenan Revue, but the act is entertaining nonetheless.

One of the independent group numbers includes an original musical skit called "The Prodigal Son" by cast member Tommy Curtin. The senior music major composed the skit for a series of summer camps for high school students organized by the Notre Dame Vocational Institute last summer.

"The Prodigal Son" not only features an appearance by the devil and his consorts but also a singing cow played by Ramin Saghafi. The skit will be a hit with anyone who enjoys "VeggieTales."

The numbers in this year's Revue are divided into titled sections in honor of this year's theme, "What are you trying to say?" The sections, including "Concerning Love," "Concerning Leaving" and "Concerning Philosophy," are preceded by inspiring or at least relevant quotes on the subject.

This is the second year PEMCo has put on a musical revue, and the group hopes to continue the tradition in future years.

"There are important things that need to be said, and one of my favorite ways to say them is with musical theatre," said Grundy.

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Caitlin Kennelly, Beth Duran and April Trimble perform "Hey, Big Spender" by Fosse.

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Natalie Martinez, Matt Patricoski and Jenny Radelet perform the original musical skit, "The Prodigal Son," by Notre Dame senior music major Tommy Curtin.

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The cast of Pasquerilla East Musical Company Musical Revue 2003: "A Night on Broadway" comes together to open the show in style with "Razzle Dazzle."

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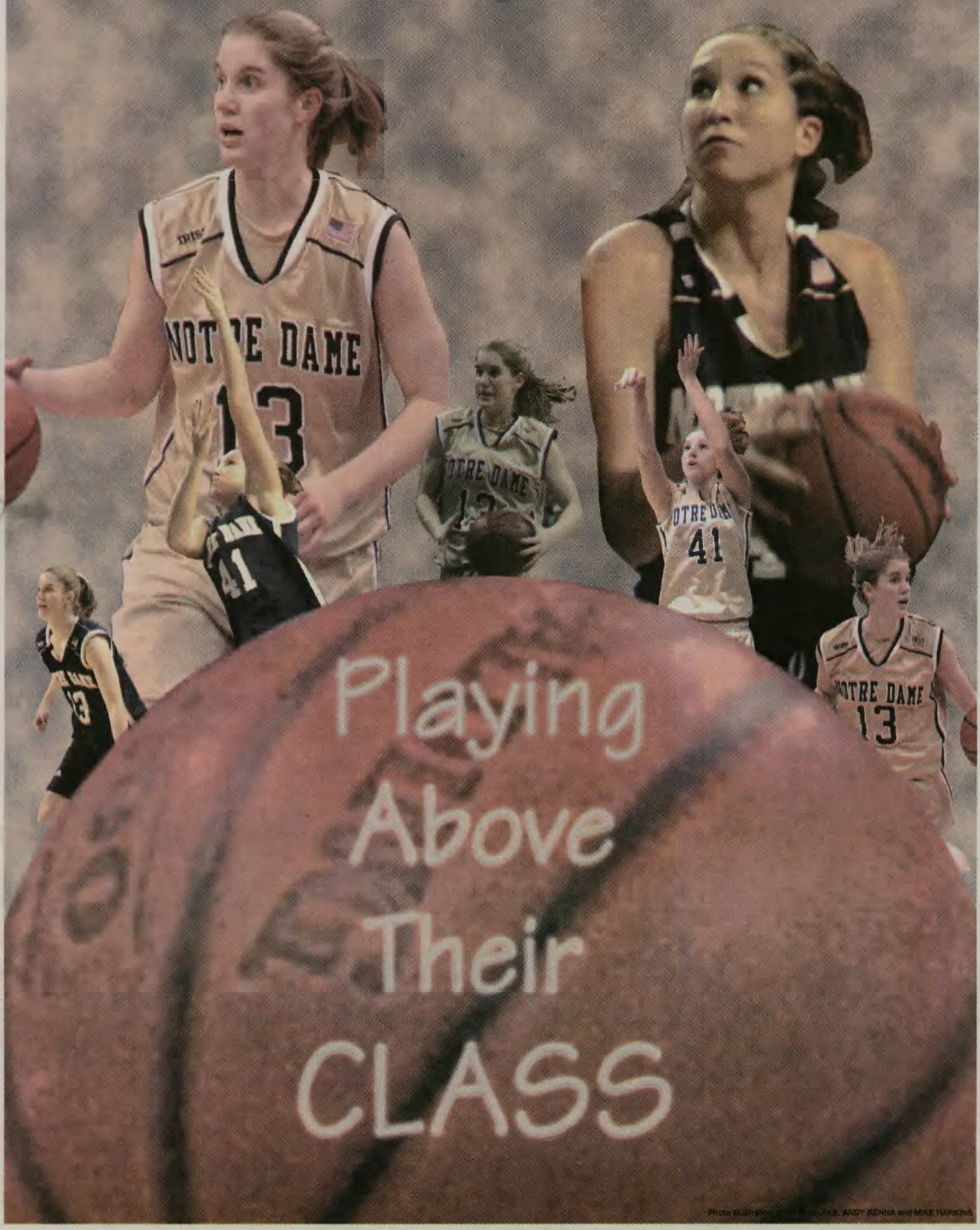

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Irish want to depend on 'D' just one more time

By KATIE McVOY
Senior Staff Writer

When her team lost 71-54 to the Boilermakers on national television in January, Irish coach Muffet McGraw labeled that the low point of the season. Now, as they head into the Sweet Sixteen to face Purdue once again, the Irish are riding high.

"I think for us looking back at that game, we were very disappointed with the outcome," McGraw said. "We're not talking about it, we're not going to show any film of that game. But we all know we can play better than that."

In the last week, Notre Dame has done the unthinkable — twice. The No. 11 Irish upset No. 6 Arizona and No. 3 Kansas State, a far cry from the unstable Irish that faced Purdue earlier this season. Sunday, the Irish will need the best of that improved team to turn the tables on that earlier low point and keep riding the high. As the underdog, they can go in and give it their all.

"I kind of like being the underdog in this situation, because you can go into the game with nothing to lose," freshman Megan Duffy said.

The possibility of the Irish defeating No. 2 Purdue is not unreasonable, in fact, it's not such a long glance back in the history books to see the last time that happened. In 1996 the No. 12 Irish upset No. 5 Purdue in the first Irish NCAA tournament win. But, as they head into the third round of this year's tournament, McGraw would rather face a team she isn't so familiar with.

"I would [like to play someone new]," McGraw said. "It was exciting for us to play Kansas State, who we never played before. At the end of the year you want to go outside your league, because you see them on TV but you don't know so much about them."

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Megan Duffy
Irish guard

What the Irish do know is that Purdue enters Sunday's game with a prolific offense, similar to the ones the Irish faced in Arizona and Kansas State. Once again, it's the Irish defense that is going to have to step up and shut down the Boilermakers.

The Irish know that a good defense will set the tone for their offense. After Tuesday night's victory, Le'Tania Severe said that a good defense makes a good offense and the Irish are hoping their defense can win the game one more time.

"A defense can always regain control," forward Jacqueline Batteast said. "... If the defensive end stops them from scoring we can win by scoring less points."

In their last outing, Notre Dame's defense held a team that normally scores 75 points to just 53. Against Arizona, the Irish only allowed 47 points to a team that usually scores 72.

"I think our defense has been outstanding the last couple of games," McGraw said. "We've really done what we set out to do."

But Notre Dame is going to have its hands full with Purdue. Leading the balanced Boilermaker attack is Shereka Wright, who scores an average of nearly 20 points a game. While Wright aims to score inside the paint, the Irish will have to watch out for Beth Jones who could be trouble from outside the arc.

"They have great balance," McGraw said. "I think that Beth Jones is someone you really have to guard on the perimeter. Even if she doesn't take the shot or make the shot you have to have someone guarding her."

Action gets under way Sunday at UD Arena at 2:30.

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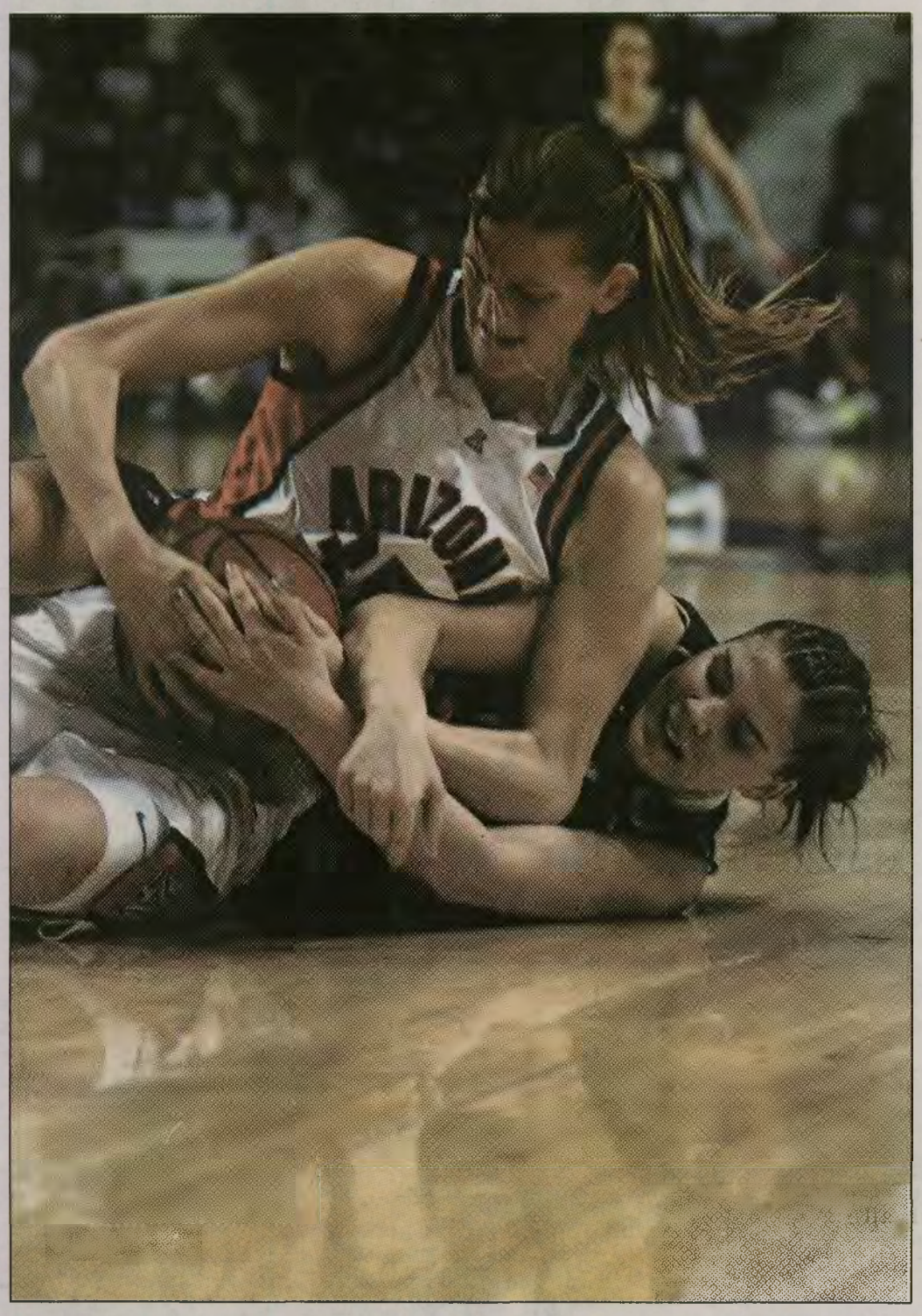

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Teresa Borton fights for the ball against an Arizona player during Notre Dame's victory in round one of the NCAA tournament. The Irish have relied on solid defense to bring home wins against their last two opponents.

	Coaching	Style of Play	Post Players	Perimeter Players	Bench	Intangibles
Notre Dame	McGraw has coached her No. 11 Irish past two teams that were supposed to beat Notre Dame. Since January, the Irish have settled down and won ten of their last 13, and McGraw has a lot of tournament experience.	Notre Dame's triangle offense has been of little importance. Of later, their style has been to shut down the opponent, holding both tournament opponents to more than 20 points under average. With that done, they scrap it out under the hoop.	The Irish post players have not been scoring as consistently as earlier this season. However, LaVere has really stepped up for Notre Dame in the post season, scoring in double figures in both Irish victories.	Ratay was on fire in game one, but the Irish have not consistently been able to rely on the 3-point shot. With Batteast struggling, Ratay needs to have an on game if they are going to score outside the arc.	The Irish bench is deep — several Irish players have come in to put points on the board and play good defense.	The Irish are riding a high. They have upset both of their NCAA opponents and are looking for a little revenge for the loss Purdue dealt them earlier this season. They have been successful away from home.
Purdue	Curry is only in her fourth season at Purdue, but she has led the Boilermakers to success all four years. The Irish have struggled against the Boilermakers every year since Curry took over.	Purdue puts up big numbers on offense, relying on a balanced inside and outside game. They have consistently defeated opponents by 20 points, dominating on points and boards.	Wright is enough to cause trouble for the Irish in the paint. The junior scores nearly 19 points a game and has grabbed important double-doubles. Coupled with the rest of the Boilermaker post players, it could spell trouble for Notre Dame.	Jones will require a defender, regardless of whether or not she is shooting and scoring. That will draw some of Notre Dame's defense away from the post, a big plus for Purdue.	The Boilermakers rely, for the most part, on their five starters. But top reserve Heikes has added a serious portion of the offense.	Purdue had Notre Dame's number earlier this season. The Boilermakers have been consistent all season, losing only five games. They have a chance to go all the way and they're going to play like they do.
Analysis	The Irish can't seem to find what it takes to beat Curry and her Boilermakers. She has consistently beaten the Irish in the last several years, despite the loss in the 2001 championship game.	If the same Notre Dame team that has played this tournament shows up again, it's going to be a match down to the wire. But Purdue has been consistent all year, so the Boilermakers get the edge.	Only Wright and Noonan are consistently in double figures for Purdue, but the Boilermakers will be trouble for the Irish on the boards. Not to mention, Notre Dame's post has not been as prolific.	Both Jones and Ratay can be dangerous outside the arc and will remove at least one defender from the team's inside game.	Notre Dame makes more use of its bench than Purdue. If the Boilermakers starters can't get the job done, they can't expect a real spark from their reserve players.	The Irish are playing with nothing to lose. They have managed to topple two giants on the way to Sundays game and they will be pumped up enough to try to topple just one more.

Ahead of their time

Duffy and LaVere may be freshmen by name, but in the NCAA tournament they have played like anything but

By KATIE McVOY
Senior Staff Writer

When she heads home to Dayton Sunday, it's an older Megan Duffy that will greet her family. In fact, it seems that, despite the fact that First Year of Studies is still next to her name in the campus phone book, Megan Duffy has left her freshman status behind.

In the last two games, games that are big enough to make a seasoned veteran nervous, Notre Dame's Duffy and classmate Courtney LaVere have played like anything but freshmen. In fact, it seems that Irish coach Muffet McGraw has added two more seniors to her team.

"They don't play like freshmen," McGraw said Tuesday. "... Those two freshmen really play like seniors."

Going home going strong

Duffy will head home on Sunday, hoping to add one more win to her 4-0 record at UD Arena. And she will go home playing what is arguably her best basketball all season.

"Megan has had a great tournament," McGraw said.

Duffy has stepped up for the Irish this March. Against Kansas State, the freshman point guard scored 10 points, four of witch came when it really mattered.

In the final 60 seconds of a very close match-up, Duffy stepped to the charity stripe four times. She sent the ball straight home all four times.

"I feel really good about her being on the line," McGraw said. "She's not someone who really allows pressure to get her."

Playing well in pressure situations isn't new to Duffy. This season she has found some success playing when the heat is on. For that reason, McGraw isn't that surprised that she has been able to step up this tournament and find success amidst the oppositions' screaming fans and with the eyes of the nation upon them.

"She has played well all year long in pressure situations. She's had a lot of success already," McGraw said. "She's a very confident person."

What's more, Duffy has begun to step up to the kind of leadership position that is required from a guard. The freshman, who needed some time to adjust to Notre Dame's triangle offense, has started to be vocal on the floor.

"I think Megan's got leadership potential," McGraw said. "She is somebody that never hangs her head after a mistake."

And Duffy is confident with that role.

"I think during the season, we had a stretch where we needed leadership and I'm just going in with the attitude that whatever this team needs, I'll do it," Duffy said. "I guess whether they like it or not, it's kind of something that I think it's my role as appoint guard and something that I need to do."

Coming up big

For LaVere, hitting the big shots when it matters isn't so new.

"[LaVere] has stepped up in every big game that we have had this year," McGraw said. "She has had a big game and had double-doubles in about every big game."

The freshman post player made her first start as the new year turned, as the Irish struggled through that month, — becoming the light in the darkness.

"I think that when we were struggling, someone had to step up and I was confident enough to know I could help the team win the games," LaVere said.

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> **Muffet McGraw**
> **Irish coach**

LaVere, who started the season as a bench player, joined the starting line-up, and then found herself back on the bench, has played several roles for the Irish. Although she started against Kansas State because Katy Flecky was injured, she provides an excellent spark from the bench.

Offensively, LaVere makes shots when she needs to.

"If we're struggling offensively, I feel like I can score," she said. "So I want the ball and I'll call for it."

What's even more important for the Irish, she has been consistent. In the early season, Notre Dame had trouble finding a consistent scorer until LaVere stepped up. Despite a few games LaVere struggled through due to illness, she has been someone the Irish can rely on.

"She's always been there and has been our most consistent player," McGraw said.

> *"We get along so well. I think we really balance each other well."*
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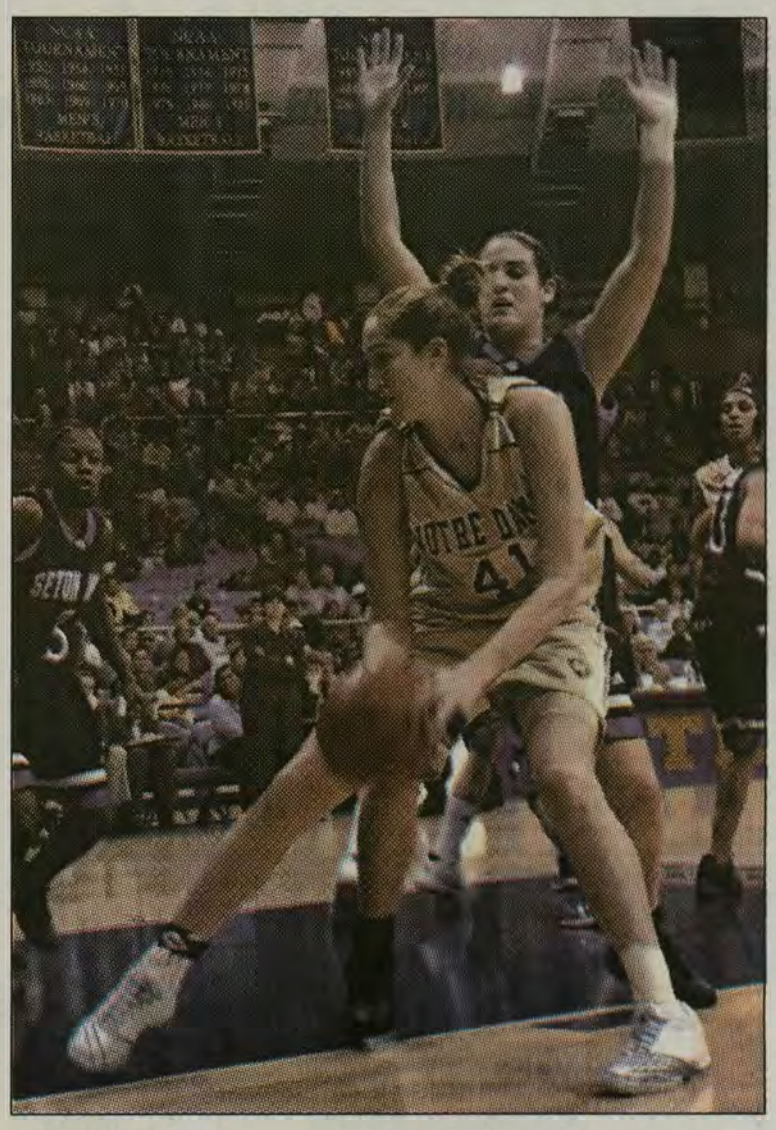
> **Courtney LaVere**
> **Irish forward**

LaVere credits her success on Notre Dame's team as a combination of the triangle offense and the recent success of the whole Notre Dame team.

"On offense our first look is in the post, that helps," LaVere said. "I just think that our team is doing pretty well and making the right shots."

By the time the tournament rolled around, LaVere, who needed some time to adjust, was really feeling like she knew where she belonged.



Above: Megan Duffy drives down the court during an Irish victory against Pittsburgh. Duffy, the freshman point guard, had 10 points, including four clutch free throws, against Kansas State.
Right: Courtney LaVere drives inside against Seton Hall in March. LaVere, who has alternated starting and playing off the bench, has provided a spark for the Irish. She has scored in double figures in both tournament games the Irish have played, totalling 29 points for the post-season.

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"I'm settling in, but it took me awhile to get used to it," she said.

Finding some seniority

The two freshman have made their presence known, and not for freshman mistakes. LaVere and Duffy have come up big for the Irish in big upsets. Really, they're not even freshman anymore.

"When you look at those two, they are not really freshman anymore," McGraw said. "Once you get to the NCAA tournament, I think you have to think of them as sophomores."

But Duffy and LaVere are just having a good time. And they both feel like they're building a relationship that won't just end with the tournament.

"We get along so well," LaVere said. "I think we really balance each other well. We have a really good relationship on and off the court which will carry us the next four years."

But in three years, they'll actually be seniors, not just playing like them.

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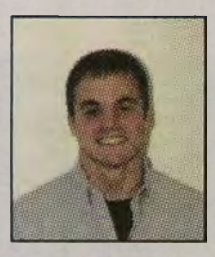
They think they can

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor



Joe Hettler

Sports Editor

If you thought the Irish womens basketball team would still be playing on the second weekend of the NCAA Tournament, you're either Miss Cleo or you knew something that the rest of the college basketball community didn't.

Because, after watching the Irish this season, they shouldn't have stood a chance against two very good basketball teams — Arizona and Kansas State.

But no one told Notre Dame they couldn't do it. For all they knew, the Sweet Sixteen was reachable. And they were going to get there — no matter whom they had to take out on the way.

The week before the NCAA first round games, Notre Dame's first opponent, Arizona, nearly won the PAC-10 Championship game, falling just short to Stanford 59-49. Meanwhile, Kansas State barely lost to highly-ranked Texas Tech in the quarterfinals of the Big 12 Tournament. It was only Kansas State's fourth loss at that time.

While their future opponents played solid basketball, the Irish scored a dismal 39 points in a loss to Villanova in the second round of the Big East Tournament in their last game before the postseason.

Not exactly the way you want to enter the tournament.

But Notre Dame and coach Muffet McGraw didn't seem too worried after the game. They had struggled shooting and lost to a good team. But McGraw knew that her team had still managed to win 8 of their last 11 games and had shown signs of promise, especially on defense.

So after losing, the Irish got a whole week to practice and improve. They worked on bettering their game and playing solid defense. They tried to find a way to peak for the tournament.

After watching them hold two opponents under 55 points in back-to-back tournament games, it's safe to say they got better in both areas.

It was interesting watching the Irish in that first tournament game against Arizona. They shot horribly in the first half, but no one panicked. The Irish looked confident in the second half. They looked like a team that expected to win.

Once they upset Arizona, only God could have known they were about to snap Kansas State's 22-game home winning streak two nights later. Mere mortals simply can't make those types of predictions.

But there Notre Dame was, 48 hours after upsetting Arizona, beating a Kansas State team that had never lost at home during the 2002-03 season.

And if you looked at the Irish players, you could see that confidence in their eyes.

The Irish didn't care what the odds were, they were proving to the country just how well they could play.

A 22-game home win streak? Who cares. 10,000 purple and white colored fans? Bring it. No chance against 29-4 Kansas State? Think again.

Now the Irish face an even bigger challenge Sunday at 2:30 p.m. — Purdue. Notre Dame played the Boilermakers at home on national television earlier this year and lost 71-54. McGraw later said it was the low point of the season.

But the Irish will be in familiar territory again against Purdue.

No one is giving them a chance. No one thinks they can win. No one believes they can pull off another upset.

But after their first two tournament games, no one should be surprised when a confident, determined Irish team takes the floor in Dayton, Ohio this weekend.

And especially when that same team gives the Boilermakers all they can handle.

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Muffet McGraw and her No. 11 team have taken down two opponents ranked higher. They're ready to do it again.

THE SWEET SIXTEEN

MIDEAST REGIONAL

No. 1 Tennessee
Pat Sumner has once again led her team to a No. 1 seed.

No. 4 Penn State
Penn State has taken solid wins against both of its tournament opponents.

SATURDAY 2:30 P.M.

No. 6 Colorado
Colorado is coming off of a solid upset against UNC.

No. 2 Villanova
Nova is coming off an unbelievable upset of Connecticut in the Big East tournament.

SATURDAY 12 P.M.

MIDWEST REGIONAL

No. 1 Duke
Duke is the first womens basketball team to win four consecutive ACC titles.

No. 5 Georgia
The injury ridden Bulldogs boast six freshman and sophomore players.

SATURDAY 9 P.M.

No. 6 New Mexico
New Mexico heads into the Sweet Sixteen after defeating No. 3 Mississippi State.

No. 2 Texas Tech
Texas Tech was the only team that took out Notre Dame's last opponent twice.

SATURDAY 11:30 P.M.

NCAA WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR ATLANTA

EAST REGIONAL

No. 1 Connecticut
The Huskies are the undisputed best team in college basketball this year.

No. 5 Boston College
Boston College squeaked by Vanderbilt to make it to round three.

SUNDAY 12 P.M.

No. 11 Notre Dame
The Irish are coming off of two upsets and are on a roll looking for one more.

No. 2 Purdue
Shereka Wright and Beth Jones are going to cause serious trouble for the Irish.

SUNDAY 2:30 P.M.

WEST REGIONAL

No. 1 LSU
LSU has been in the top five all season and only lost three regular season games.

No. 5 Louisi Tech
Louisiana Tech, coming off an upset, is looking to knock off its state rival.

SUNDAY 7 P.M.

No. 6 Minnesota
Minnesota knocked off the final No. 3 in the tournament, when it defeated Stanford.

No. 2 Texas
Texas edged Kansas State for its first-ever Big 12 regular-season title.

SUNDAY 9:30 P.M.

THE OBSERVER

SCENE theatre

Friday, March 28, 2003

Medea loosed at Saint Mary's

One Corinthian woman said, "Death is here...."

By KRISTIN CORDOVA
Scene Writer

An eerie music loiters across the black silence, portending unnatural acts and tantalizing first-time viewers of the "Medea." Raising questions about revenge, the nature of justice and natural laws, Medea rocks Greek culture. She brings out Greek arrogance against foreigners and questions the very foundations of their culture.

The Saint Mary's Department of Communication Studies, Dance and Theatre presents Euripides' chilling tragedy, "Medea," adapted by Robinson Jeffers, this weekend in the O'Laughlin Auditorium. An introduction to Greek culture precedes the play, beginning about half an hour prior to the main performance.

For those of you who aren't familiar with the "Medea", it makes "Oedipus the King" look like a bedtime story and puts the rage of Achilles to shame. Medea is a fierce Asian princess, who married the Greek hero, Jason the Argonaut. For love of Jason, she murdered both her father and her brother. As the play opens, she wails inside the house because her beloved husband dropped her for a new princess, younger model and more cash. When we see her for the first time, her eyelids droop as if in a trance and pain seems to wash over her body like the lapping tide, licking her wounds in repeated rhythm. There is witchcraft, violent murders and cruel cackling from Medea. But you'll have to show up at Saint Mary's this weekend to see the rest.

Going to see Merideth Pierce, a senior theatre major, rage about the intimate stage setting, in truly tormented Medea-fashion, is worth the trip alone. Before she ever appears onstage, the agony in her unseen cries pierces the nervous opening speech of her faithful old servant, played by sophomore, Betsy Brown.

Merideth admitted that she was "scared to death" of Medea at first glance but has come to understand how a larger-than-life character, like Medea, could be perverted by this "downward spiral" to such extreme, unnatural acts.

First-time Saint Mary's

Director Leigh Taylor also noticed Merideth's increased understanding of her role. Despite being originally concerned about how a 21-year-old girl was going to achieve the depth of a character like Medea without any life experience that could even come close to comparable, Taylor found herself well pleased with the results.

Because of all the conflicting issues in this work, Taylor hoped to leave the audience in "wonder" about "how far a person can be driven." Although Medea never seems quite human during the play, her supernatural qualities are reemphasized by the fact that she seems to be exempt from divine justice at the end of the play.

Because the play is acted and staged on the auditorium stage, this presentation of the "Medea" has an intimate feel. The scenery, created by Thomas Boelman, helped add to the conception of Medea's character as "larger than life." Large columns coiled with snakes, huge doors that always open of their own accord, tall black walls and raised golden images that one would imagine on Greek pottery, decorated Medea's house. The scenery was excellent because it provided the necessary setting, while not drawing the audience's attention away from the intense dialogue that demands their focus.

There are some great lines in this play, and this presentation definitely does it justice. Medea says, "Hate is a bottomless cup that I shall pour and pour ..." If that's not enough incentive to go check it out, in the closing lines, Medea gives Jason a callous response when he asks her what he should do. She says, "Go out under the stars; it's not me they scorn."

"Medea" will be performed Friday March 28 at 8 p.m., Saturday March 29 at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. as well as on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the O'Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's. Contact the box office at 284-4626 to purchase tickets or for further information.

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Five women in "Medea," a chilling tragedy by Euripides, pause to console a friend. Liesl Yost, Adrienne DeGraff and Meg Lawrence play three of the women.

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Medea, played by senior theatre major Merideth Pierce, talks with Creon, played by Fred Syburg.

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Adrienne DeGraff, one of the three women, lays down on center stage, helping to contribute to the intimacy of the presentation, coupled with the classic scenery of columns and Greek pottery of Medea's era.

NBA

Wade's 20 second half points puts Marquette in Elite Eight

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS

Marquette is back where it hasn't been since the days of Al McGuire.

Dwyane Wade scored 20 of his 22 points in the second half to lead the third-seeded Golden Eagles to a 77-74 victory over No. 2 seed Pittsburgh in the Midwest Regional semifinals Thursday night at the Metrodome.

Chevon Troutman scored seven of his 15 points in the final 2:56 to lead a furious Panthers rally, but Marquette hung on and Pittsburgh was eliminated in the round of 16 for the second straight season.

Marquette (26-5) will play top-seeded Kentucky on Saturday, with the winner advancing to the Final Four in New Orleans. The Wildcats beat Wisconsin 63-57 earlier.

Brandin Knight led Pittsburgh (28-5) with 16 points. His 3-point attempt with about four seconds to go could have tied it, but he came up short.

Diener, who scored 55 points in the Golden Eagles' first two victories over Holy Cross and Missouri, was held to four points on 2-for-8 shooting.

Trailing by 10 with 3:56 to go, the Panthers scored nine straight points — seven by Troutman — to pull within one three times. But Wade made sure Marquette didn't lose the lead.

With the shot clock running down, he drove the lane and sank a twisting layup high off the glass to make it 75-72 with 23.4 seconds remaining.

Knight — a 53 percent free-throw shooter for his career — made two foul shots to cut the lead to 75-74.

Scott Merritt — who had 17 points — hit a pair of free throws on the other end, bumping it back to 77-74 with 11.4 seconds to go.

Knight dribbled down the floor, pump-faked Wade in the air and launched a 3, but it banged off the rim. Todd Townsend grabbed the rebound and passed to Diener, who was fouled.

Diener missed both foul shots with 2.3 seconds left, but Carl Krauser's attempt from halfcourt at the buzzer sailed over the basket as gold-clad Marquette students stormed the court.

Kentucky 63, Wisconsin 57

Keith Bogans stood in front of the bench and cupped his hands together, silently pleading for his Kentucky teammates to pull through without him.

As they have all during a remarkable winning streak, the Wildcats showed their balance and power Thursday night and gave the injured Bogans his wish.

With Bogans out because of a sprained left ankle, Marquis Estill scored a career-high 28 points and the Wildcats ran their winning streak to 26 games, holding off scrappy Wisconsin 63-57 in the Midwest Regional semifinals.

Bogans, the Wildcats' top scorer and floor leader, was hurt late in the first half. The star guard's status for Saturday was uncertain.

Top-seeded Kentucky (32-3) will try for another trip to the Final Four when it plays Marquette.

If Bogans can't play, the Wildcats will need another big game from the 6-9, 240-pound Estill, who hit 12-of-18 shots.

Bogans sprained his ankle with 3:32 left in the first half. Wisconsin's Kirk Penney lost the ball under the basket, turned around to run back down the floor and fell over the Kentucky star.

Bogans winced on the bench during a timeout, lobbied to get back in and then limped on the court with just under two minutes left. But hampered and in obvious pain, he headed to the locker room with 53 seconds to go in the half.

He didn't take part in warmups before the second half but finally limped to the Kentucky bench five minutes in.

When Bogans finally rejoined the bench, the Wildcats went on a 12-4 run and held Wisconsin without a field goal for more than six minutes, taking a 50-44 lead with 9:19 left and looking as if they were ready to pull away.

But the fifth-seeded Big Ten champs, bolstered by thousands of thundering red-clad fans who had an easy drive across the Wisconsin state line to the Metrodome, wouldn't go away.

Kentucky's defense also tightened up in the second half on Penney, who had 17 first-half points and then just three the rest of the way.

The Badgers made their last surge when Mike Wilkinson had a layup and Devin Harris made two spectacular driving baskets to cut the lead to two with just under seven minutes left.

Again the Wildcats went inside and Estill muscled in for another basket and then hit two free throws as the Wildcats regained a six-point lead.

Wisconsin rallied to within one when Harris hit a 3-pointer and Wilkinson drove for a basket with 1:33 remaining.

But Erik Daniels tipped in a miss by Estill with 1:03 left to give Kentucky a 58-55 lead. And after a traveling call on Wilkinson with 49 seconds remaining, Estill made one of two foul shots with 32 seconds left, pushing the lead back to four.

After Wilkinson missed twice from the line with 23 seconds remaining, Kentucky hit four free throws in the closing seconds.

Kansas 69, Duke 65

Nick Collison played the game of his life. And that's what Roy Williams needed to get that elusive win over Coach K.

Collison scored a career-high 33 points and had 19 rebounds while playing all 40 minutes to lead the Jayhawks over Duke 69-65 in the semifinals of the West Regional on Thursday night.

A 6-foot-9, 255-pound forward Mike Krzyzewski tried to recruit to Duke, Collison scored seven straight points to give second-seeded Kansas a 63-57 lead with 5:41 remaining.

The Jayhawks were on top the rest of the way.

Collison made 14-of-22 shots, scoring mostly from inside.

Kansas (28-7) will face Arizona on Saturday with the winner going to the Final Four. Kansas led Arizona by as many as 20 points before losing a 91-74 decision to the Wildcats in Lawrence, Kan., on Jan. 25.

Williams, in his 15th year as coach of the Jayhawks, was 0-3 in matchups with Krzyzewski, including a 72-65 defeat in the national championship game 12 years ago.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Mets coach Baylor diagnosed with bone marrow cancer

Associated Press

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla.

New York Mets coach Don Baylor has been diagnosed with cancer in his bone marrow but hopes the chemotherapy treatments won't cause him to miss any games.

"I know what I have to do and I plan to do it," Baylor said Thursday. "It's a good time to get it done and get it behind me. It's treatable, so why not treat it now?"

Baylor, 53, will undergo four days of oral and intravenous chemotherapy beginning Monday — when the Mets open the season against Baylor's former team, the Chicago Cubs — to treat the multiple myeloma. The treatment will be repeated once every 28-to-36 days as initial therapy.

"There's a fairly high upfront success rate, somewhere in the vicinity of 60-70 percent," Dr. John Olichney said about the possibility of complete remission. "The problem is that there are recurrences."

"He had a lot of questions. I suggested to stay busy if he can do it. I think what I've done is probably the solution to keep your mind free."

Mel Stottlemyre
Yankees coach

Yankees pitching coach Mel Stottlemyre was diagnosed with the same type of cancer in April 2000. Stottlemyre underwent stem cell replacement and missed the final three weeks of the regular season and the postseason. Doctors will use Baylor's stem cells for his treatment.

"My family will give me comfort, but I have to do this alone," Baylor said.

Stottlemyre returned to the team the next spring and still is the Yankees' pitching coach. Baylor talked with Stottlemyre about his experiences.

"He had a lot of questions," Stottlemyre said in Tampa. "I suggested to stay busy if he can do it. I think what I've done is probably the best solution to keep your mind free. There's been advances. I assured him things are better today than three years ago in the application of chemo and that sort of thing. He sounded very positive, which I think he needs to be. One of the good things about him as intense a competitor he was, he's the right type of person to go through it."

The stem cells can be taken out, separated from the blood and frozen, treated and given back at a later time. The treatment tries to reduce the malignant plasma cells in the bone marrow so doctors can remove the healthy cells and give then high doses of chemotherapy before giving Baylor back his own stem cells.

The cancer was detected as a result of spring training physical last month and an examination determined Baylor had an abnormal monoclonal protein. He underwent bone marrow tests in New York on March 12, and the tests determined he had an overgrowth of abnormal white blood cells in the marrow.

Baylor told the team Thursday. Olichney agreed that the chemotherapy wouldn't hinder the former Cubs and Colorado manager at the start of treatment but said it might cause him to miss some road games as the therapy progresses.

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Freshman Ryan Doherty pitches in Notre Dame's 8-3 win over Toledo in Tuesday's home opener. The Irish are hosting Georgetown at Eck Stadium Saturday and Sunday.

Baseball

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paces the Hoyas with a .464 average and 15 RBI, followed by outfielder Robert O'Hare, who has hit .410 in starting 10 of Georgetown's 18 games this year.

Georgetown's pitching, meanwhile, has been suspect, as the staff has posted a team ERA of 6.58 for the season. The top threat on the mound for the Hoyas could come from freshman righthander Warren Sizemore, who is 3-1 on the season with a 3.56 ERA. He leads Georgetown pitchers with 30 1/3 innings on the hill.

The Irish continued to see solid production at the plate in the two midweek games, with Notre Dame cranking out 20 hits and plating 16 runs in the two games.

Freshman Cody Rizzo continued to impress, with his 4-for-6 performance at the plate in the pair of midweek games, pushing his average to .358 for the season.

"Our players know that it's important that we get the job done at home..."

Paul Mainieri
Irish coach

Rizzo also drove in five runs and crossed the plate three times in the home-opening games.

Second baseman Steve Sollmann improved from his 1-for-13 performance in the Big East opener with a pair of 2-for-5 days Tuesday and Wednesday. The junior still leads the team in batting with a .367 average.

After the pair of games, Mainieri gave his team a day off Thursday to gear up for the important weekend series. The Irish coach realizes the importance in taking these early conference home games.

"When you're at home, you've got to take care of business," Mainieri said. "Our players know that it's important that we get the job done at home, so we [took] Thursday off, and we will get back to practice on Friday and get ready for Georgetown."

Play is scheduled to begin Saturday at noon with a seven-inning opener of the doubleheader before the full-length nightcap at 3 p.m.

The teams wrap up play Sunday at noon at Frank Eck Stadium.

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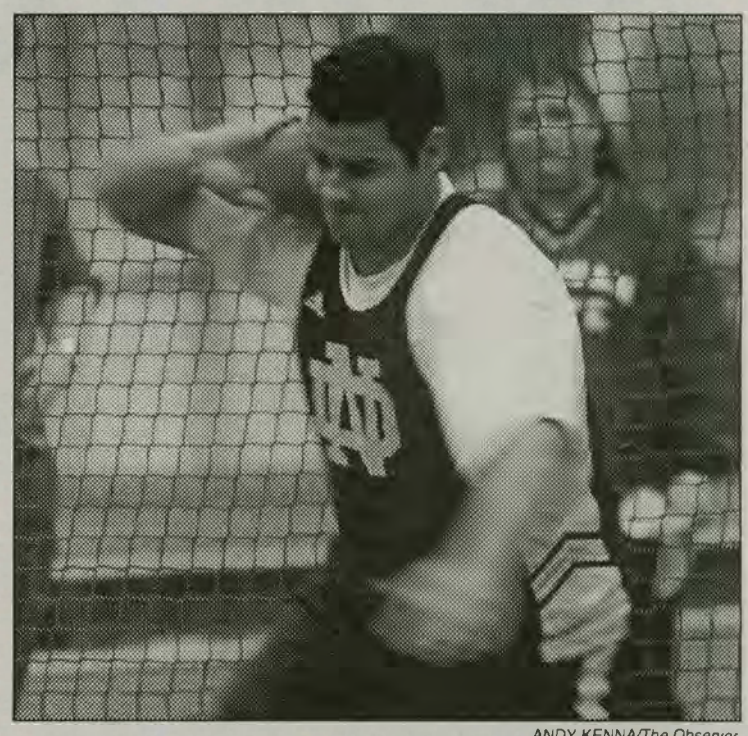
TRACK AND FIELD

Irish traveling all over the country



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Thrower Juan Alba competes in the shot put earlier this season. The Irish are going to three events this weekend.

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame track and field teams look to continue to enjoy the outdoor season, as they travel to three sites this weekend.

The Irish track team travels to Stanford in Palo Alto, Calif. for the Stanford Invitational.

For the women, Lauren King and Molly Huddle will run in the 1,500-meter race Saturday. Also running Saturday is Kerry Meagher, who will be competing in the 800 meter race. Meanwhile, Ana Morales will start off the Irish on Friday, running in the 1,500 meters as well.

On the men's side, the Irish have significantly more competitors. Friday, Vinni Ambrico will run in the 1,500 meters. Saturday will see Thomas Chamney compete in the 800 meters, and Eric Morrison and Kevin Somok in the 1,500-meter race.

Also competing for the men is John Keane, who will run the 5,000-meter race. Chris Staron will compete in the high jump, and Godwin Mbagwu will enter both the long jump and the triple jump.

In other action, some of the Irish women will travel to Gainesville, Fla. to compete in the Florida Relays. Tiffany Gunn will compete in the 400-meter hurdles. The Irish will also have teams for the 4x100-meter, 4x200-meter and 4x400-meter relays.

Finally, while their fellow teammates are enjoying the sun, more Irish athletes travel to Western Michigan for the Western Michigan Invitational.

The three meets are both today and Saturday.

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MENS GOLF

Cold Kentucky awaits Irish

By ERIK POWERS
Sports Writer

Could the University Club of Kentucky be the site of an Irish resurgence? Notre Dame invades the University of Kentucky's golf course Saturday with aspirations of their first victory of the spring season.

The Irish have had two meets since tournament play resumed. After finishing eighth in the rain-abbreviated Big Red Classic, Notre Dame placed 12th in the Conrad Rehling Alabama Spring Invitational. Two weeks of practice later, the Irish are looser, more confident, and poised to return to their fall season form.

"We're getting back to where we were before the winter break," freshman Scott Gustafson said. "We worked the rust off during the two meets over spring break."

"Whenever we golf, we come prepared for all different conditions."

Scott Gustafson
freshman

Mark Baldwin, Brandon Lunke, Eric Deutsch and Gustafson are expected to anchor the Irish this weekend. Freshman Tommy Balderston, who had established himself as one of the team's top golfers, might not make the trip. After finishing second on the team at the Conrad Rehling Invitational, Balderston has been hampered by "golfer's elbow."

"The doctors are not sure how to treat it other than painkillers," Gustafson said. "He might not go."

If Balderston cannot compete, either sophomore Ryan Marshall or junior Bill McCaughan will assume his place. Both golfers have been pushing the top five squad, yet have not broken into recent tournament lineups.

None of Notre Dame's four freshmen has played at the University Club, yet inexperience is something that the team has overcome all season. In addition to windy weather possibly playing a factor at the fairly wide-open course, frigid temperatures await the Irish. Saturday's high is predicted to be 48 degrees, but Sunday's high is forecast at a chilly 33 degrees.

"It's definitely something that we'll have to adjust to," Gustafson said. "Whenever we golf, we come prepared for all different conditions."

Notre Dame might be more prepared for the conditions than anyone else. Gustafson and Deutsch are from Minnesota, while Baldwin is from New Hampshire. Every team will be playing under the same conditions over the weekend, but the Irish have the advantage of conditioning in chilly climates.

After this weekend, only two more meets remain for Notre Dame before the Big East championships. Each of the 54 holes moves the team one step closer to a chance at an automatic NCAA berth. But the Irish have more on their minds than worries of peaking at the right time. This weekend, they have a tournament to win.

"Winning the Big East Tournament is our best chance to advance — it's in the back of our minds. We're building up to it," Gustafson said. "But in each tournament we definitely do the best that we can. Every [tournament] is big."

The first two rounds of the Johnny Owens Invitational begin at 8 a.m. Saturday. The final round begins at 8 a.m. Sunday.

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SMC SOFTBALL

'Eager' Belles kick off MIAA season at home

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's softball program has gotten off to a tremendous start this season. Going into the weekend, the Belles stand at a respectable 10-6-1 record.

With a young cast and only one senior, much of its early season success could be attributed to the new coaching style of first year manager Anna Welsh.

Taking over a team that has struggled, particularly offensively, in the past, Welsh has gotten the most out of her players in a majority of the Belles games so far.

"I teach the fundamentals of the game as well as the strategies of the game that will give us the edge on the competition."

Anna Welsh
Belles coach

The Belles are averaging over four runs per game, scoring 73 runs in their first 17 contests.

All indications are the women are eager to play and win under their new coach.

"My coaching style is that of a very aggressive, strategic and fun nature," Welsh said. "I teach the fundamentals of the game as well as the strategies of the game that will give us the edge on the competition."

Recently, the Belles went 1-3 in a tournament in Indianapolis, defeating No. 10 Olivet Nazarene University, 3-2, in the first of two match-ups between the two teams.

Yet the team struggled at the plate. It took an all-around great individual performance from freshman Kate Sajewich — on the mound and at the plate — to put Saint Mary's over the top against Olivet Nazarene.

But with 10 wins under their belt, the Belles have proven they can at least compete on the road. The next step is bringing the early season intensity and the offensive production seen on its Fort Myers trip to league play.

Saint Mary's begins MIAA league play this weekend, as they host Olivet College Saturday at 1 p.m.

Welsh is confident her team can bounce back from the challenging tournament of last weekend and show what they are capable of at home on Saturday.

Hitting from junior Katrina Tebbe, senior Susan Kutz and freshman Greta Linde will be key for the Belles.

"I have instilled an attitude in my team that consists of working hard, having fun and learning the game," Welsh said.

And, she hopes, an attitude of winning.

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Future

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it's a sign that the program is rapidly moving among college basketball's elite.

In a locker room filled mostly with dry eyes and dreams of what could have been, Matt Carroll gave his teammates one final piece of advice before the team became somebody else's team, anybody else's team, but not Matt Carroll's team.

"Fellas, look what we've done this year," Carroll told his teammates after the 88-71 loss. "You guys have ended the season on a lot of momentum. You have to use this to get ready for next summer and get ready for next year."

It's what Irish teams have done before.

Two years ago, Notre Dame fell in the round of 32 because they lacked the tourney maturity to avoid getting wowed. The memory of that defeat motivated them over the summer to set a goal of making some noise in the tournament, not just making the tournament.

And so the next year, Notre Dame hung tough against top-seeded Duke before falling because they didn't know how to close out top teams. The narrow loss helped galvanize the Irish toward wanting to make the Sweet Sixteen.

And so this year, Notre Dame made the Sweet Sixteen before losing to a much more talented, much more experienced Arizona squad that knew how to handle itself in March's final weekend.

For one team in the Arrowhead Pond Thursday night, the Sweet Sixteen was just a stepping stone for larger dreams in the present.

For the other, the Sweet Sixteen was a stepping stone for the future.

Arizona's experience advantage was no more obvious than early in the first half. After Torin Francis threw down a fast-break dunk to give the Irish a 26-25 lead — the last lead the Irish would hold — the Wildcats put a choke hold on Notre Dame from which the Irish could never escape.

Suddenly, a one-point Irish lead turned into a one-point Wildcat lead. Then a three-point lead. Then a five-point lead.

And after Matt Carroll missed a wide-open 3-pointer, starting a trend when the Irish would miss four very quick, very bad shots, Arizona continued its 22-3 run and the Irish were toast.

"We," Brey said, "kind of buried ourselves."

In another year, in another season, maybe the Irish will have the experience to stay with a sharp-shooting talented team like Arizona. But they didn't Thursday, and so the guard changed faster than anyone wearing blue and gold wanted it too.

Out went Carroll and Dan Miller, who set a team goal in the summer of making sure the Irish made the Sweet Sixteen — and then made sure the Irish met that goal, too. They finished their college careers shooting a combined 8-for-27 in their final game.

But in came Francis and Chris Thomas, who showed they might be able to lead the Irish up another step in another year.

While Thomas busily scored 20 points despite facing a tough Wildcat defense, Francis enforced his will on the Wildcats frontcourt. He scored a career-high 25 points on 10-for-11 shooting, including a 3-point bomb in the game's final minute.

"We might have to run some more plays for him to shoot the 3," Thomas cracked after the game.

"We will," Brey added shortly after he pulled Francis into the shower room and told him the Irish needed him to be a leader more than ever next season.

The Irish accomplished tremendous things under Carroll and Miller's leadership. They helped pull a team many thought was destined for the NIT into the Sweet Sixteen.

Now, where will their successors go?

"The bar has been raised," Thomas said.

"Hopefully coach will give us a couple days off, then we'll be right back working on next season.

At this, Brey and Francis — the only two others at the post-game press conference as the Irish seniors symbolically stayed in the locker room — smiled.

Notre Dame's present may have ended Thursday night.

Meanwhile, their future began.

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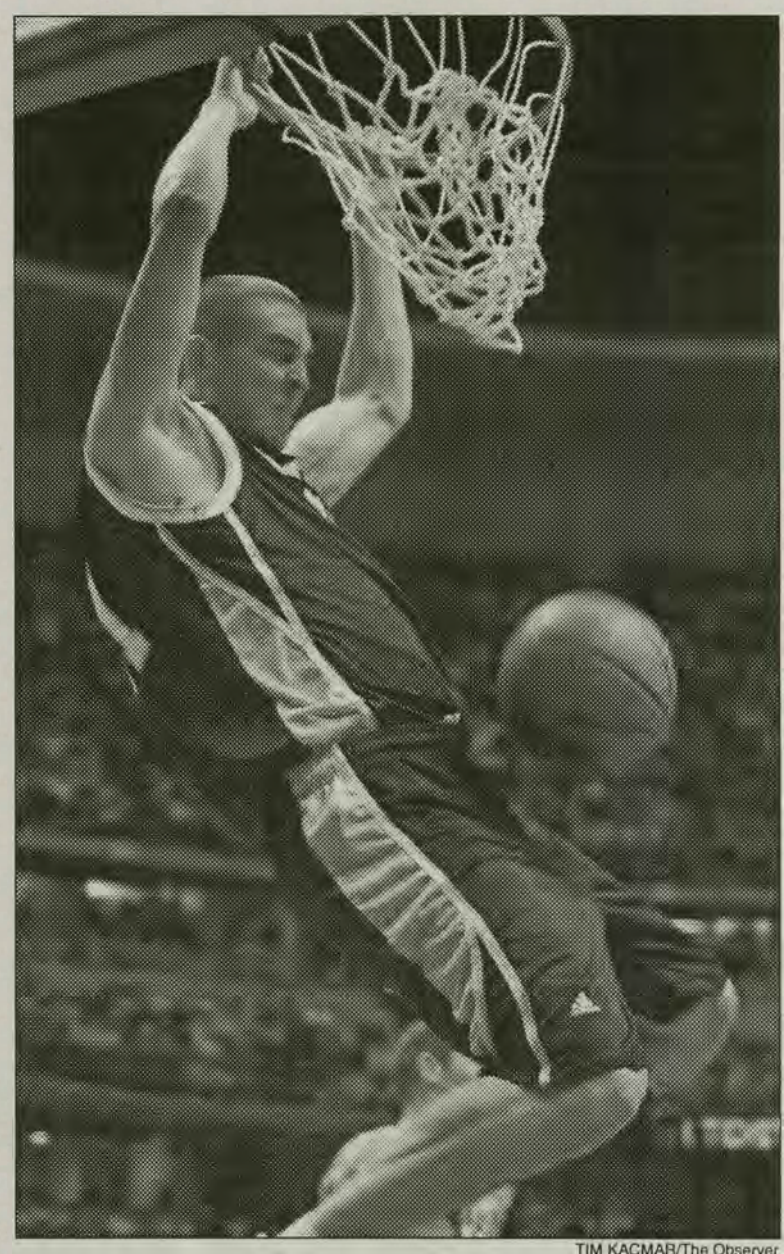

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Irish forward Dan Miller gets a dunk in Thursday night's game against Arizona. Miller combined with fellow senior Matt Carroll to shoot only 8-for-27 in their last collegiate game.

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Arizona senior point guard Jason Gardner defends Notre Dame sophomore point guard Chris Thomas Thursday night at the Arrowhead Pond.

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after Torin Francis made a fast-break dunk to put the Irish ahead by one. Arizona's Hassan Adams came off the bench and provided a spark for the Wildcats, making back-to-back layups to put Arizona in front 29-26. Adams had six points and three steals during the run.

"[Notre Dame] came out and shot the lights out early," Olsen said. "All year long, we've been a team that's been able to put together really good runs and really good runs usually happen as a result of our defense."

By the time it was over, the Irish trailed 47-29 and could never recover.

"During that run we quick-shot a couple of times and they went down and scored so quick, we kind of buried ourselves," Brey said. "They're so hard to stop because they come at you from so many different angles."

Notre Dame stayed within striking distance thanks to Francis, who canned all eight of his field goals, including one with 22 seconds left in the half to get the Irish within 53-40. The freshman ended the game with a career-high 25 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

The Wildcats shot 53.5 percent in the half and 5-of-8 on 3-pointers. The Irish hit 48.6 percent of their shots and half of their 10 3-point attempts.

But it was the way Arizona toughened on defense that made the difference. They forced the Irish into 19 turnovers for the game, nine more than the Wildcats, themselves, had. Arizona also held Notre Dame to only eight second half field goals and 33.3 percent shooting.

"Nobody's crying in that locker room. We had a great year."

Mike Brey
Irish coach

The second half started out strong for Notre Dame when Chris Thomas drilled a 3-pointer, pulling the Irish within 10 points. But Arizona responded with a 10-2 run to extend their lead to 63-45. Salim Stoudamire and Gardner each nailed 3-pointers during the run for Arizona.

The closest the Irish got during the rest of the game was 12 on a Dan Miller free throw with 11:55 remaining, but Arizona went on another 16-3 run to go up by 25. Luke Walton led the Wildcats during that stretch, scoring eight points for Arizona. The Wildcat lead reached as many as 26 in the second half.

Matt Carroll and Miller each had 11 points on 4-for-14 and 4-for-13 shooting, respectively, in their final games in Irish uniforms.

Brey was proud of the way his team played, especially over the course of the season.

"Nobody's crying in that locker room," he said. "We had a great year. I'm really proud of this basketball team, given where we started and how we were thought of back in October."

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MENS LACROSSE

Key GWL stretch awaits Irish

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

After ending a three-game losing streak last weekend with a 17-3 clobbering of unranked Hartford, the No. 13 Irish (4-3) will host Great Western League rival Denver Sunday at Moose Krause Stadium in the hopes of regaining its early season momentum.

The Irish fought hard against an early season schedule that featured six ranked teams in Notre Dame's first seven games. Notre Dame jumped out to 3-0 with wins over Penn State, Penn and North Carolina, but the Irish fell to top-ranked Virginia, Loyola and Hofstra to send the team to the .500 mark at 3-3.

The 4-3 record, however, does not do head coach Kevin Corrigan's group justice. Two of the three losses were decided by one goal. Loyola needed a Craig Georgales goal with 41 seconds remaining to fight off a ferocious Notre Dame comeback and win, 9-8, and Hofstra got a rare seven-goal performance from Jim Femminella to edge the Irish, 9-8. Notre Dame could very well be 6-1 at this point.

"We look at every game like we should win it," Corrigan said. "We're disappointed if we don't [win it], but [if we lose] then we ask ourselves what we could have done differently. We've talked about that we didn't shy away from playing anybody in the early season, and that's why our kids come here, I think, to play people like that."

The Hartford match came just in time for a team that was used to seeing one top-ranked contender after another.

"It was mostly a good break from the tough loss [to Hofstra] on Friday night," Corrigan said. "It was nice to not have to come back to practice and talk about the loss. We said, 'Let's just get back there and play again.'"

If anything, the tough early season schedule will motivate the Irish to continue to dominate teams like Hartford, and, hopefully, Denver as well.

Now, the Irish look to construct a winning streak of their own as they face Denver. Notre Dame leads the career series against Denver with a 6-0 record, and has never failed to score in double-digits against the Pioneers. Notre Dame leads Denver in head-to-head goals, 97-42.

"The next twenty days is a huge stretch for us," Corrigan said. "We have five league games in twenty days. We'll find out what we have in the next couple of weeks."

The game is scheduled for Sunday at 1 p.m.

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WOMENS LACROSSE

Hokies host Irish in conference clash

◆ Road-tested Notre Dame meets struggling Virginia Tech

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

Coming off two close losses to ranked teams, the womens lacrosse team will look to get back on the winning track as they head to Blacksburg, Va. to face the Virginia Tech Hokies Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

For the Irish, returning to life on the road will be familiar, as they've played only one of their first five games at home. In all, seven of their first nine games are on the road before they play five consecutive home games.

The match-up against Virginia Tech will be the second Big East game for the Irish this season, as they already have a win at Boston College. Virginia Tech has struggled to a 1-7 record early in the season, including 0-2 in the conference. The Irish are 2-3 overall, with all three losses coming to teams ranked in the IWLCA Rankings.

For the Hokies, this could be a bad time to face the Irish, who have lost their last two games, in close finishes to Yale and Ohio State.

The Irish, now ranked No. 14 in the IWLCA after beginning the season in the top 10, will look to respond as they did after their first defeat when they went out and beat Ohio 19-4.

For the first time in the program's history, the Irish have a nominee for the Tewaaraton Trophy that goes annually to the top player in men and women's lacrosse. Senior all-American candidate Danielle Shearer is one of 21 nominees, and leads the Irish with ten goals and nine assists through the first five games.

Against Ohio, Shearer also became the second player in Notre Dame history to reach 100 goals in a career, and is chasing the Notre Dame records for goals (122), assists (68) and points (190) all held by 2001 graduate Lael O'Shaughnessy. Heading to Virginia Tech, Shearer has 105 goals and 49 assists, for 154 points.

After battling the Hokies, the Irish will travel to Syracuse for a game against the Orangemen, giving the Irish another chance to knock off a highly ranked opponent. The Irish return home to face Connecticut on April 5.

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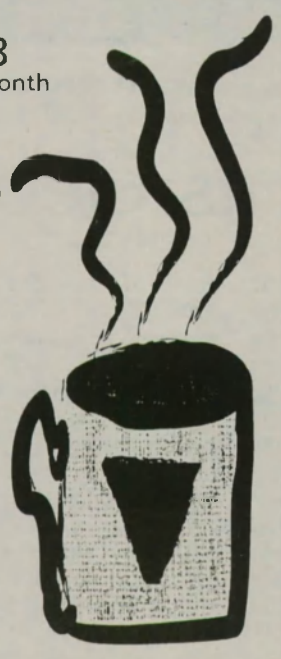
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Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

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Philadelphia	42-28	.600	7-3	1/2
Boston	38-34	.528	2-8	5 1/2
Orlando	38-34	.528	6-4	5 1/2
Washington	34-37	.479	4-6	9
New York	32-40	.444	5-5	11 1/2
Miami	22-50	.306	2-8	21 1/2

Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Detroit	45-25	.643	8-2	-
Indiana	41-30	.577	3-7	4 1/2
New Orleans	40-32	.556	5-5	6
Milwaukee	34-38	.472	3-7	12
Atlanta	29-44	.397	5-5	17 1/2
Chicago	26-46	.361	5-5	20
Toronto	22-48	.314	2-8	23
Cleveland	14-57	.197	3-7	31 1/2

Western Conference, Midwest Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Dallas	54-17	.761	7-3	-
San Antonio	50-20	.714	8-2	3 1/2
Minnesota	46-26	.639	6-4	8 1/2
Utah	42-29	.592	7-3	12
Houston	37-34	.521	6-4	17
Memphis	26-45	.366	6-4	28
Denver	16-56	.222	4-6	38 1/2

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Sacramento	50-21	.704	8-2	-
Portland	44-27	.620	5-5	6
LA Lakers	41-30	.577	6-4	9
Phoenix	37-34	.521	4-6	13
Golden State	35-37	.486	5-5	15 1/2
Seattle	33-37	.471	5-5	16 1/2
LA Clippers	22-49	.310	3-7	32

Womens College Lacrosse
Big East Conference

team	W	L	Pct.
Georgetown	2	0	1.000
NOTRE DAME	1	0	1.000
Syracuse	2	1	.666
Rutgers	0	0	.000
Connecticut	0	0	.000
Boston College	0	0	.000
Virginia Tech	0	0	.000

Mens College Baseball
Big East Conference

team	W-L	Pct.
Connecticut	3-0	1.000
Pittsburgh	2-1	.667
NOTRE DAME	2-1	.667
Boston College	2-1	.667
Seton Hall	1-2	.333
Villanova	1-2	.333
Georgetown	1-5	.167
West Virginia	0-0	.000
Virginia Tech	0-0	.000
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NCAA BASKETBALL

Allsport

Jim Harrick Sr. is all smiles before a game earlier this year against South Carolina. Harrick resigned as the head coach of the University of Georgia mens basketball team Thursday amid allegations of academic fraud.

Harrick resigns as Georgia coach

Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. Georgia coach Jim Harrick resigned Thursday amid a scandal in the basketball program that also cost his son a job as an assistant.

Harrick was suspended with pay March 10 pending a joint investigation by the university, the NCAA and the Southeastern Conference into alleged academic fraud.

The scandal prompted the school to ban the No. 25 Bulldogs (19-8) from playing in the SEC and NCAA tournaments.

The decision came after it was discovered that at least one player received an A in a class taught by assistant coach Jim Harrick Jr. despite never attending.

University officials said that under a resignation agreement, the elder Harrick will receive his remaining base pay, broadcast payments and a Nike payment, which total $254,166.

"This entire situation has been, and is, regrettable for the athletic program and the university," athletic director Vince Dooley said in a statement.

"Coach Harrick is an accomplished coach of the game of basketball; however, I believe his resignation and retirement at this time to be in the best interests of the athletic association and the university, and coach Harrick obviously believes it is in his best interests, as well."

Harrick was fired by UCLA in 1996 — a season after winning the national title — for lying about an expense report.

Harrick then went to Rhode Island and took that school to the regional finals of the 1998 NCAA tournament. He was accused of improprieties during his two years there.

A former secretary at Rhode Island said Harrick had grades changed for players, had student managers write papers for players and arranged for players to receive lodging, cars and money from boosters.

In addition, Harrick Jr. was accused of falsifying hotel and meal reports for recruits when he worked for his father at Rhode Island.

The Georgia investigation began after Tony Cole, kicked off the team last year, accused the younger Harrick of paying his bills, doing schoolwork and teaching a sham class on coaching.

IN BRIEF

Bennett undergoes foot surgery

Minnesota Vikings running back Michael Bennett will have surgery Friday on his broken left foot and is expected to be sidelined for six weeks.

Bennett felt discomfort while working out at the Vikings' practice facility on Tuesday, coach Mike Tice said in a statement released by the team Thursday. Bennett was diagnosed with a fracture, and is expected to make a full recovery following surgery and rehabilitation.

A message left with Bennett's agent, Patrick Dye, was not immediately returned.

Last season, Bennett became the first Vikings running back to play in the Pro Bowl since Robert Smith in 1998.

Bennett rushed for five touchdowns and 1,296 yards last season, his second in the NFL after being drafted by the Vikings in the first round out of Wisconsin in 2001. He tied for third on the team with 37 receptions and ranked third in the NFC in yards rushing.

Andretti enters final race as driver

Michael Andretti entered four cars for the Indianapolis 500 on Thursday. What made the task unusual for Andretti is that his name was appearing on the paperwork for the final time as a driver.

Andretti, who co-owns the new Andretti Green Racing team, plans to retire after the May 25 race and run the team with drivers Tony Kanaan, Dario Franchitti and rookie Dan Wheldon.

"This is a bit of a strange feeling for me," said Andretti, who delivered the entries to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway himself. "This is the first time I've had to do this, and I'll say it feels kind of odd to be handing in the one for my very last race."

Andretti, a former CART champion, has led the most laps (398) of any driver who has never won at Indianapolis. His best finish at Indy was second in 1991, behind Rick Mears.

"We're extremely excited to be fielding four cars for this race," said Andretti, the 40-year-old son of 1969 Indy winner Mario Andretti. "The one goal I still have [as a driver] is to win this race. I've tried 13 times to win it, and for one reason or another, I never had. I'm going into this race with my heart and mind set on winning it."

Sonics suspend Forte for one game

The Seattle SuperSonics suspended guard Joseph Forte for one game Thursday for conduct detrimental to the team.

General manager Rick Sund did not provide any details about the conduct that led to the penalty.

Forte will miss Friday's game against the Memphis Grizzlies.

MENS TENNIS

Irish to face Hurricanes

◆ Win at Miami would improve team's chances of making NCAA Tournament

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

After a win over Virginia Tech last Sunday that put the Irish atop the Big East conference standings, Notre Dame will face its second — and last — conference opponent of the regular season Sunday when they travel to the domain of the 25th-ranked Miami Hurricanes.

Miami's match against Notre Dame will be the Hurricanes' 10th consecutive home match, and it will give the Irish more outdoor playing experience as they prepare for the Big East Championships.

Additionally, Notre Dame needs to beat some highly ranked teams in order to increase its case for entry into the NCAA tournament.

If they do not win the Big East Championships in late April, the Irish will have to rely on their ranking to earn them an at-large bid.

Notre Dame has two opportunities to greatly improve their rank, starting with Sunday's bout with the Hurricanes. Then on April 13, Notre Dame will travel to Kentucky, which is currently ranked 12th.

The Irish will also have a few opportunities to improve their record, with matches approaching against Ball State and Indiana State, ranked 62 and 63 respectively.

The last time the Hurricanes competed, they defeated Dartmouth 5-2. They were supposed to host Tennessee last Sunday, but that match was postponed and eventually cancelled due to downpours.

Fortunately for the Irish, one of Miami's stars, No. 18 Todd Widom, will likely miss the match due to illness. Widom has not played since the Hurricanes' Mar. 13 upset of Texas Christian.

In last year's Big East tournament, Widom, ranked 22nd at the time, upset Notre Dame's Javier Taborga, who was ranked 14th. Despite that, the strong Irish squad was able to defeat Miami 4-1, adding to a 6-1 triumph earlier in the season.

Notre Dame's performance this weekend could give a likely indication of how they will finish in the Big East Championships. A win Sunday will significantly increase their odds of reaching the NCAA Tournament, while a loss will most likely require them to seek vengeance on Miami come late April.

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ND WOMENS TENNIS

Tough road stretch ahead

◆ Match at No. 35 Ohio State is first of 3 against ranked opponents for Irish

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

With no more matches on their home courts for the rest of the reason, the Irish womens tennis team is preparing to face a string of highly-ranked teams on the road before entering the Big East Championship in late April.

The final stretch of a challenging season begins Saturday at No. 35 Ohio State.

The Buckeyes, returning home after seven road matches, are 9-3 overall and 3-0 in the Big Ten, and are coming off two consecutive losses to Louisiana State and Central Florida.

Like the Irish, the Buckeyes have had many close wins and close losses. A large proportion of both team's matches have finished up 4-3.

Notre Dame is fresh off two confidence-building wins over Big Ten opponents Purdue and Michigan, and the Irish are looking to continue that domination Saturday, although a tougher match is expected.

The Irish are used to playing formidable opponents though, as their schedule has been full of nationally-ranked competition.

Notre Dame has played 11 out of their 17 matches against ranked opponents, and each Irish loss has been to a ranked team.

Both the Buckeyes and the Irish defeated No. 33 Michigan at the respective home courts, and Notre Dame also scored a big win over Texas, currently ranked 30th.

The Eck Pavilion has generally been favorable to the Irish, who are 8-3 at home, however, Notre Dame has only gone 2-4 on the road.

Ohio State may be aching for some vengeance against the Irish. Last year, when the Buckeyes visited Notre Dame, the Irish won 5-2, despite Ohio State starting ahead by winning the doubles point.

Wednesday, Notre Dame will face one of the nation's best teams — No. 17 Illinois. Then, after a trip to Indiana, Notre Dame will travel to Miami to take on the No. 19 Hurricanes, their last opponent before the Big East Championships, which are also in Miami.

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ROWING

Warmer weather providing Irish ample practice time

◆ Indiana and Purdue among opposition at Indiana Classic

By CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG
Sports Writer

The sun has been shining over Notre Dame and womens rowing coach Martin Stone couldn't be more pleased.

The team, which has only been on the water for a little over two weeks, is capitalizing on the unusually warm weather conditions as it prepares for this weekend's Indiana Classic.

Before its Spring Break regattas in Tennessee and South Carolina, the team had only practiced in the boats once since November. The rowers quickly acclimated themselves to the water, though, and garnered victories at both Tennessee and Clemson, and most recently, raced side by side against Michigan last weekend.

"The weather makes a huge difference and has given us the opportunity to get out in the boats," said Stone. "Just as in any other weather-dependent sport, we work best when the conditions are favorable. We have been learning from our races, rotating rowers, and identifying areas to work on. The girls have been very receptive in practice."

Practices out in the boats enable the rowers to both solidify team unity and hone technical problems. The rowers are determined to challenge their noteworthy 2002 spring season performance and return to the NCAA Championships.

"We've worked hard every day since last year with this goal in mind," said Erica Drennen. It's certainly an attainable goal, but one that will take continued hard work up until the end."

In West Lafayette, Drennen and the other rowers will take on Indiana and Purdue. At last year's classic, Notre Dame won the varsity eight race by almost 15 seconds and the varsity four had an equally impressive win by 20 seconds.

The rowers are confident that they will have another strong showing. They will finally implement their race plan over a full 2,000 meter course, and hope to move one step closer to the NCAA Championships.

"I personally have high expectations for our 2003 season because I know our team has the ability to achieve them," said coxswain Kacy McCaffrey. "I am very excited for the racing opportunities that lie ahead of us, and I know that the training and the heart that this team has will take us far."

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ND SOFTBALL

'Confident' Irish begin defense of Big East crown

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish softball team has gone from hunter to hunted.

Notre Dame (10-11) will begin its Big East conference schedule this weekend, traveling to Pittsburgh Saturday and then to Virginia Tech Sunday.

Northwestern swept Notre Dame in Wednesday's home opener for the Irish. A bright spot for the Irish was third baseman Andrea Loman, who had a home run, three RBIs and made some of her trademark stellar defensive plays at the hot corner.

"I thought she played pretty well. She made some great plays at third base, and obviously the home run helped," Gumpf said. "Unfortunately, it wasn't enough to win, but Andrea is just a solid, solid player."

The Irish will need similar performances from the rest of the team in order to overcome the pressure of retaining its perch atop the Big East.

"[We feel] pressure but are confident," Notre Dame coach Deanna Gumpf said. "We might have a little more pressure but we have confidence to carry us through."

That confidence comes from the Irish having won a Big East regular season crown in all seven years the team has been a member of the conference. The Irish have also won three of the past four Big East postseason titles.

Last year, the Irish compiled an 18-2 conference record, and clinched the regular season title at home on Senior Day with a doubleheader sweep of Villanova.

This year, the goal is the same.

"We emphasize conference play. We have to win the Big East Championship and that's what we are gunning for," Gumpf said. "We have to play great in every conference game we play."

Coincidentally, Notre Dame started its Big East regular season schedule at Pittsburgh last year as well. The Irish easily swept the Panthers, 13-1 and 9-2.

Pittsburgh is 14-14 on the year, has won nine in a row and is a perfect 8-0 at their new home field.

In their last game against Cleveland State, Pittsburgh pitcher Nikki Gasti allowed just one hit in five innings and tied her school record of 11 strikeouts.

For the year, Gasti is 10-7 with a 2.99 ERA and has 117 strikeouts in 105 1/3 innings pitched.

The Hokies head into the weekend with an 11-15 record, winning their last six games, which have all been at home. The Irish also easily beat the Hokies last year, 10-0 and 8-0, but the Hokies returned the favor in the Big East Championship.

At the Big East Tournament, the Irish dropped the first game to Virginia Tech, but fought through the loser's bracket and beat the Hokies twice to win the postseason title.

While the Panthers appear to be a cupcake, the Hokies could present a good early season in-conference challenge for the Irish.

"It doesn't matter [when we play them] because we have to play them all at some point," Gumpf said.

CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Freshman Heather Booth pitches in a game against Northwestern Wednesday at Ivy Field. Notre Dame begins Big East conference action this weekend at Pittsburgh and Virginia Tech.

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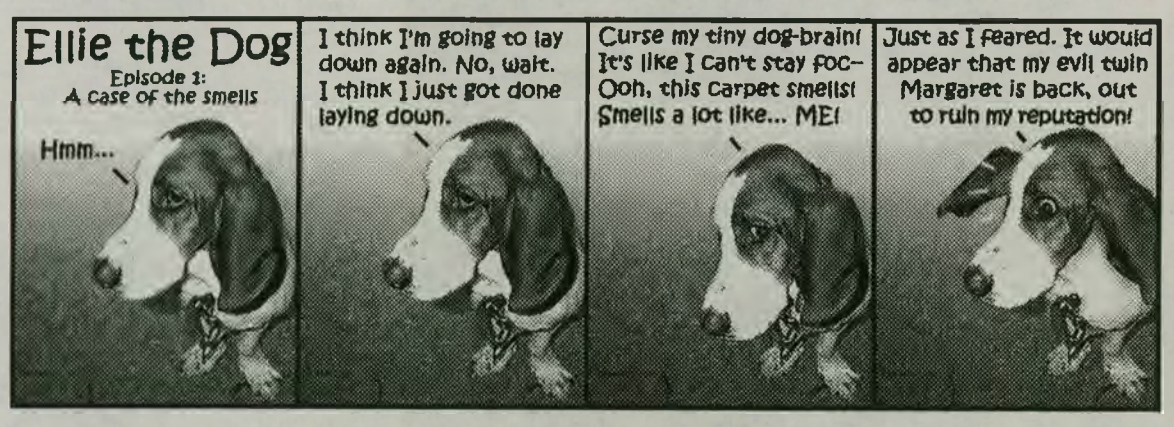

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17 Lettering liquid
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32 The cooler
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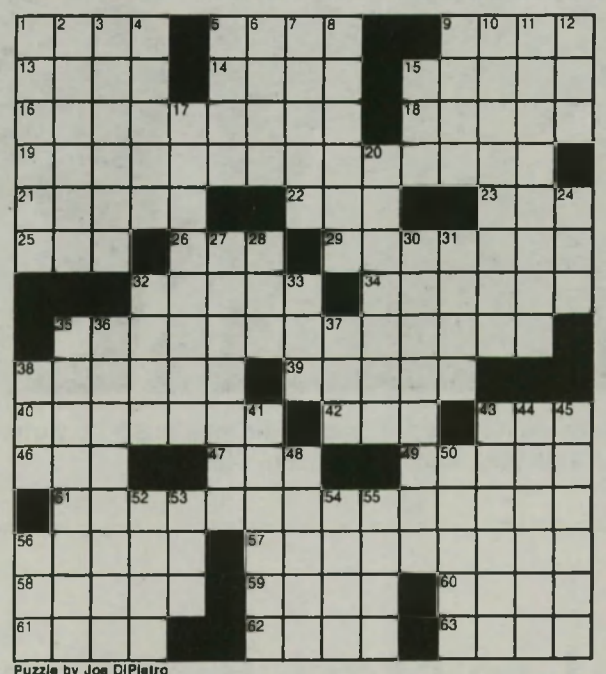

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will stand out in the crowd today because of your ability to offer unique and original suggestions. Take part in volunteer work. Your fun-loving approach to life will draw others to your side today. ★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You can expect to face some problems at work or when dealing with your peers. Someone won't be telling the whole truth. Stay cool; your reputation is at stake. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): It doesn't matter what you decide to do today – you are bound to learn something. You will gravitate to unfamiliar surroundings. Greater self-awareness will follow the experiences you have today. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't count on anything or anyone. Empty promises regarding financial matters are likely. Look over legal documents closely. Protect yourself and your assets. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): What you want to hear may not be forthcoming, especially if it's pertaining to your personal situation. Don't allow yourself to be taken for granted. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Put in a full day's work and you will feel proud of your accomplishments. You'll grab the attention of someone who has been watching your progress from the sidelines. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will be in a very creative and productive mood today. Make some changes to your living quarters, but don't count on getting too much help from friends. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Problems in the home are likely to develop today if you confront a situation that has been bothering you. You will probably have to go through some turmoil in order to turn things around. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't let harebrained ideas daunt you. If you are practical you can actually turn anything that is being offered into something workable. Brainstorming with friends will bring results. ★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can make some financial moves today, but only if you do your homework and understand exactly what you are getting yourself into. This is not the time to be generous with your money.★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your intuition is not leading you astray. If you see the real picture you will handle the situation you face much differently. Be prepared to make changes. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't allow anyone to meddle in your private affairs. If you share your personal dilemmas with others you can expect gossip to result. Situations are not as they appear and for the time being you should probably remain quiet. ★★★

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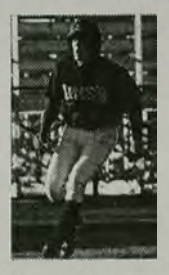

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SPORTS

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MENS BASKETBALL

Too much to handle

◆ 22-3 first half run allows Arizona to take big lead and end Irish season

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

ANAHEIM, Calif.

Lute Olsen called the game between No. 5 seed Notre Dame and top-seeded Arizona a track meet.

The Irish played well early, racing to a first half lead. But they ran out of gas, just when the Wildcats were hitting their stride.

After trailing 26-25 with 12 minutes, 11 seconds left in the half, Arizona showed the nation why they were ranked No. 1 for 13 weeks this season.

Five Wildcats scored in double figures, led by guard Jason Gardner's 19 points and six assists and Arizona used an impressive 22-3 first-half run to end Notre Dame's season, 88-71, in the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA Tournament.

"We were beaten by a heck of a basketball team," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "I'm very impressed with Arizona. They were a little too much for us to handle this afternoon."

The huge first-half spurt began

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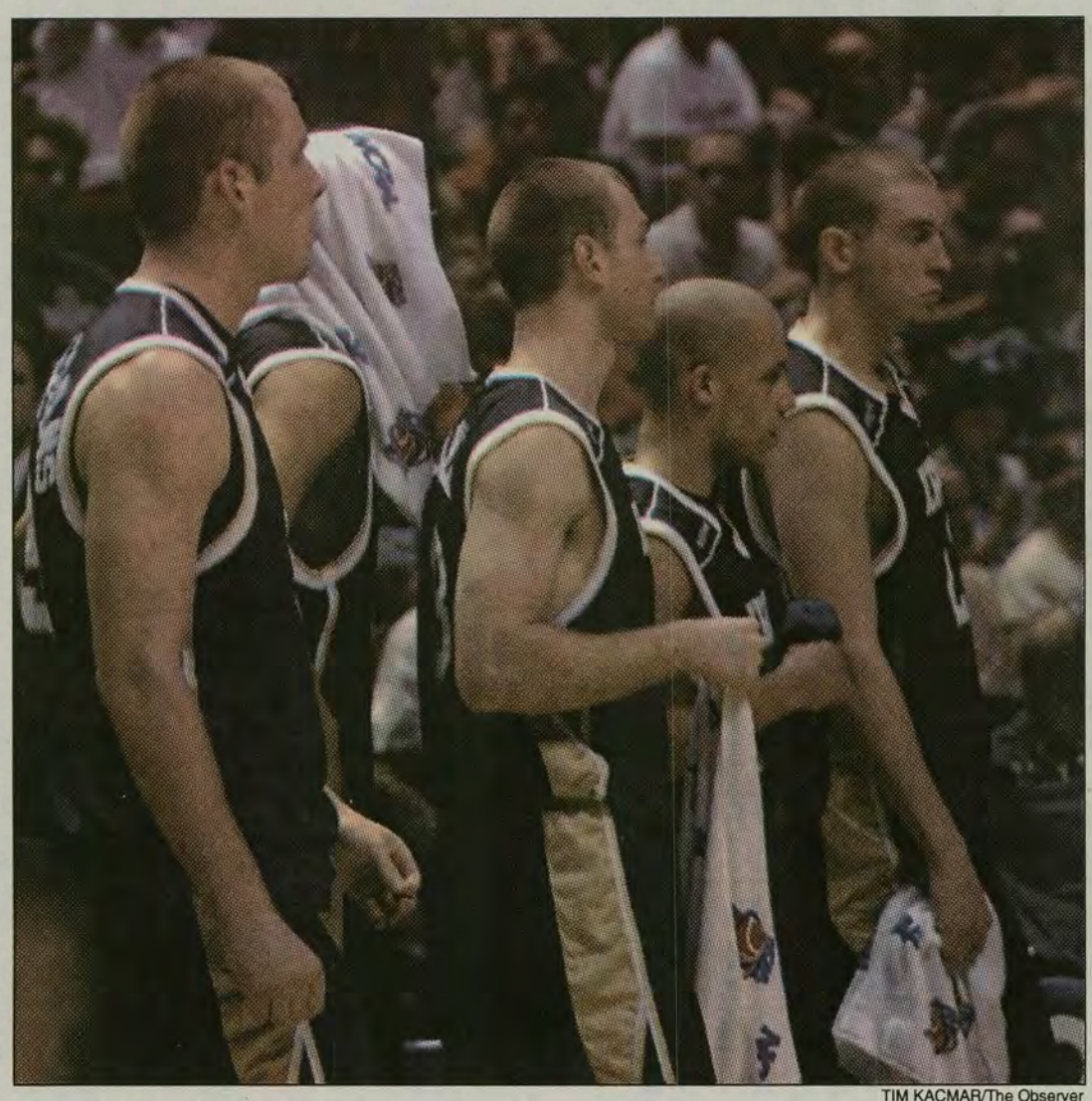

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Several Irish players look depressed at the end of Arizona's 88-71 victory over Notre Dame in the Sweet Sixteen Thursday night in Anaheim, Calif.

◆ Sweet Sixteen loss serves as a stepping stone for future successes

ANAHEIM, Calif.

Don't blame Notre Dame for running into a freight train last night — a train cleverly disguised as the Arizona basketball team.

After all, they had already achieved the goal they set way back in June by making the Sweet Sixteen for the first time in 16 years. They've set a standard on which future teams can improve by setting summer goals of winning three, not two NCAA Tournament games.

Andrew Soukup

Sports Columnist

The standard for Notre Dame's success seems to be set in the summer. And after the Irish meet goal after goal, year after year, they don't quite know what to do next.

And so they end up with another summer to think.

That's not a bad thing. Instead,

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BASEBALL

Good weather needed to start Big East home schedule

◆ Irish looking to continue winning play at home against 6-12 Hoyas

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

While colder weather looms, the Irish are hoping to be able to dodge the snowflakes and hit the field this weekend when they open the home portion of their Big East schedule against the 6-12 Georgetown Hoyas.

"Hopefully the weather's going to clear for us, and we're going to be able to get these games in," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said of his team's chances about getting all three conference games in Saturday and Sunday. "We need to go out there and do the job."

"We need to go out there and do the job."

Paul Mainieri
Irish coach

The Irish opened play at home during the week with a pair of victories coming against Toledo 8-3 and in-state rival Purdue, 8-5.

Notre Dame also got off to a solid start in Big East play last weekend, taking two of three games on the road from Villanova.

After dropping a tough 13-inning 3-2 loss in the opener last Sunday, the Irish closed out the series with a double-header sweep Monday.

The Hoyas have struggled of late, suffering a three-game series sweep at the hand of Connecticut last weekend to fall to 1-5 in conference play.

A pair of batters hitting over .400 lead the Hoyas at the plate, who have hit a solid .316 as a team for the season.

Georgetown catcher Michael Lombardi

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After winning their first two games at home this year, Notre Dame looks to continue that streak this weekend when they host Georgetown.

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