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Holy Cross Associates celebrates 25 years

By CAITLIN EARLY
News Writer

This year, Holy Cross Associates, a post-graduate service program founded by the Congregation of the Holy Cross, marks its 25th anniversary.

Holy Cross Associates will begin its anniversary celebrations this Saturday at Moreau Seminary with a day of reflection entitled "Journey of the Heart," which is the first in a series of other activities and gatherings scheduled to take place this year.

It was nearly 25 years ago when Father Tim Scully and Father Jerry Wilson first envisioned a volunteer service program that would enable recent college graduates to assist and serve in the various ministries of the Congregation of the Holy Cross.

"They wanted a program which would combine elements particularly fitted to our own Holy Cross tradition and charisma which would draw these young people into a particular relationship with the Holy Cross community," Father Paul Marceau said in a June 1990 speech he delivered at the Congregation's History Conference.

In the fall of 1977, Father Richard Warner worked in conjunction with Scully and Wilson to present the idea of the Holy Cross program to the Indiana Province of the CSC. After the program received the necessary approval, Holy Cross Associates began to

recruit students at the Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and the University of Portland.

In 1978, Holy Cross Associates had its official start when five Notre Dame graduates began their service experience at the program's first domestic site in Portland, Ore. Since that time, over 750 volunteers have served the program in Arizona, California, Colorado, Indiana, Massachusetts, Oregon, Pennsylvania and Chile.

Each year a large pool of applicants from various schools throughout the country apply to become Holy Cross Associates.

Anne Moriarty, assistant director of Holy Cross Associates, said that applications to the program have increased.

"People are applying a lot earlier than in past years. The one obvious trend is the increase in the number of students who are applying for the program in Chile. We received nearly 30 applications for four or five spots," Moriarty said.

The application process includes a written application and an interview at one of the Holy Cross Associates sites. Applications can be submitted from December until early spring.

Students who are accepted into domestic programs make a service commitment of one year. Students serving in Chile are required to make a two-year commitment.

"Holy Cross Associates provides an experience for peo-



Ian Teal, Nathan Wittig, Kelly Smith, Doug Jones ('00), Kate Parsll, Rachel Lustig and Katherine Valentyn take time out of their Holy Cross service to pose for a picture.

ple to learn how to apply their gifts. We don't have a single goal for our volunteers, rather we encourage them to apply their gifts to the people they encounter in their ministries," said John Pinter, director of Holy Cross Associates.

After volunteers attend a formal orientation in August at the Moreau Seminary, they begin service work on-site.

At these sites, volunteers work in a number of different ministries including domestic

violence services, youth ministries, education, homeless service and HIV/AIDS ministries.

"The social service agencies who work with the volunteers trust us to make a match with someone whose interests and strengths match up with the needs of that particular agency," said Moriarty.

While in the community, the Associates are also called to integrate the four pillars of the program in to their everyday lives. These pillars

include "a commitment to service, a desire to live and share in an Associate community, a simple lifestyle and option for the poor and a spirituality, prayer and Christian commitment."

The program concludes in May with an end of the year retreat at the University of Portland.

"Our mission is to empower lay people to serve and develop their own gifts through the

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Roskelly emphasizes importance of teaching

By EMILY BRAMMER
News Writer

A lecture focusing on the necessity of analyzing teaching was held at Saint Mary's on Thursday. The guest speaker of the event was Hephzibah Roskelly, director of the Composition Program at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

At the beginning of her talk, Roskelly explained why and how she came to focus her energies in the area of pedagogy, or the study of teaching.

"In this age of diversifying classroom populations, there is a critical need for scholarship on the subject of teaching," said Roskelly.

Roskelly said that her concentration in pedagogy began with the challenges she encountered teaching high school English. She said there were many underprivileged students attending the high school, most of whom had very poor literacy skills.

"This is unfortunately the case with many public high schools," she said.

To improve their skills, Roskelly worked with the disadvantaged students in a writing clinic during her early years of teaching. The experience led her to realize that she could actually write about teaching.

"I owe much to the teaching of vocational English," said Roskelly. "Sometimes college teachers forget how good we have it."

In particular, Roskelly talked about the "team teaching" method practiced amongst the teaching staff in the writing clinic.

"When you teach alongside another teacher, you really start to think about your teaching, and you begin to think of teaching in a theorized way," Roskelly said.

It is precisely in this area of theorized teaching that Roskelly has devoted much of her scholarly endeavors. In one of her books, *An Unquiet Pedagogy*, Roskelly offers a new approach to teaching English in the high school and college classroom and discusses a new relationship between literacy and the student.

There are certain things necessary in order to do scholarship of teaching, Roskelly said. "A good pedagogical scholar must not only be a good theorist and observer, but he must love his students more than his subjects," she said. "It makes you believe in your students and in yourself."

This lecture is one in a series sponsored by the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership.

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ND holds law symposium

By JUSTIN KRIVICKAS
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Law scholars and dignitaries will assemble today and Saturday at Notre Dame to discuss issues of law and human dignity at the Federalist Society Symposium.

This event will mark the 22nd year that the symposium has been held.

Notre Dame competed for the opportunity to host the symposium and began work on the project a year ago. In May, the University won the bidding process.

John Ross, coordinator for the symposium, is in charge of programming and other operations for the event.

"We are distinct as the host school in that usually the symposium is held at one of the top 10 law schools in the nation," said Ross.

The symposium lectures will be held in McKenna Hall. Speakers for the event include judges Diarmuid O'Scannlain of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and Frank Easterbrook of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

"We have registered over 400 stu-

dents from across the country, including about 65 from Harvard alone and expect about 35 nationally renowned jurists and professors to serve as panelists and debaters," said Ross.

Panelists for the event include professor John McGinnis of Northwestern University School of Law, professor Peter Edelman of Georgetown University Law Center and professor Kyron Huigens of the Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University.

Other schools being represented by panelists include Notre Dame, Cornell, Brigham Young, the Hudson Institute, the University of Pennsylvania, St. John's University, Stanford University, the University of Chicago and the University of Maryland.

The Federalist Society was founded in 1982. Its principles contend that the state exists to preserve freedom. Also, the society believes that the separation of governmental powers is central to the U.S. Constitution and that it is the duty of the courts to rule on what the law is.

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John Ross
symposium coordinator

INSIDE COLUMN

Ranking life from 1 to 10

Top 10 lists are everywhere these days from video countdowns to Letterman. Just like reality television, America can't get enough of this sensation and has used such lists to rank every conceivable thing known to man. People can develop an obsession for the list creating process, spending several hours a day creating and reforming them.

For those of you not at this point yet, I will do everything in my power to transform you into the list junky you never thought you'd be. Sure, top 10 lists allow us to vent frustrations, poke fun and enlighten those around us, but there is more to this phenomenon than meets the eye.

Justin Krivickas

Assistant News Editor

The beauty of the top 10 list is that to compile one you don't have to host your own TV show. Although helpful, an audience is not needed. All you need is an opinion and half a brain to generate a list. If you happen to be someone who has friends, having a few cronies around to help shape your list can be an entertaining experience as items are dropped and others you never would have thought of are given a placement in the ranks.

Also, the list can be a fascinating conversation starter. Just walk up to somebody in LaFortune (preferably, a ski mask on) and ask them to name off the worst cars ever mass-produced. Although startled at first, I guarantee that your respondent will not fail to name off a few jalopies. This can be a great way to get sprayed with Mace and give you insight into the minds of the fellow students lurking about campus.

Another example of a terrific place to try out the list is the dining hall. If you're sitting at a table in complete silence and are tired of watching your friend chew on his sandwich give a list some thought. Once a 10-minute awkward pause has reached its pinnacle, a debate as to who was the best character in Scooby Doo can stir up the most banal moments into a fascinating conversation.

But once you've compiled the list, the only hard part is deciding where to display it. The recesses of the imagination are an adequate place for the less refined lists, but for the more perfected ones out there something has to be done in order to share it with the world. For a solution look no further than your computer screen since the IM away message is the ideal place to force your friends to look at it.

Always remember that your top 10 list, whether it deals with the best fad dances or perhaps the worst haircuts, they are entirely your creations. There are a multitude of lists to be made and it's up to you or someone you know to compile them. I challenge you the reader to nurture and assist these creations, so that they may entertain and enlighten us all.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Justin Krivickas at jkrivick@nd.edu.

CORRECTIONS

In yesterday's issue of the Observer the photo caption for the article, "Women boxers debut at the Bengal Bouts" misnamed the two people. The two boxers in the photo are Lauren Conti on the left and Shelley Skiba on the right.

WHAT'S INSIDE

CAMPUS NEWS	WORLD & NATION	BUSINESS NEWS	EDITORIAL	SCENE	SPORTS
Irish dancing gains popularity	U.S. professor, 7 others face terrorism charges	Business students sign deal	Defending U.S. actions and intentions	Novel 'Region Rat' reviewed	Big East Swimming Championships
Marieke Van der Maelen has faced many obstacles but has risen to become an integral member of the Irish dance club.	Palestinian professor Sami Amin Al-Arian and seven others were charged Thursday with funding terrorist organizations.	A deal was closed with the Dominican Republic to supply bednets for the country's new distribution program.	Matthew Klobucher writes a rebuttle to Tom Seabaugh's Thursday viewpoint letter entitled that was entitled "Speak out against coming war."	Scene reviews Richard Laskowski's newly published novel entitled 'Region Rat.'	After the first day in this tournament, the Irish womens team currently leads the pack at first place and the mens team is holding onto fourth.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

◆ Lecture: "Goldsmith, Ireland and Empire," 3 p.m. in room 424 of Flanner Hall.

◆ Women's Tennis vs. Duke, 6 p.m. at the Eck Pavilion.

◆ Carnaval, 9 p.m. at the Palais Royale, 105 West Colfax Ave., South Bend.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

◆ Board of Trustees Spring '03 Meeting, 7:30 a.m. in the Stapleton Lounge.

◆ SAB Interviews, 11 a.m. in room 304 of the Haggard College Center.

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

- NDSP arrests trespasser

A visitor was arrested by NDSP for criminal trespass at the Fitzpatrick Hall of Engineering Wednesday.
- Camera stolen at Fitzpatrick

A University employee reported the theft of a digital camera from a lab in Fitzpatrick Hall Wednesday.
- Bookstore employee treated after fall

A bookstore employee was treated at the Hammes Bookstore by NDFD for injuries sustained during a fall Thursday.
- Collision occurs on Juniper Road

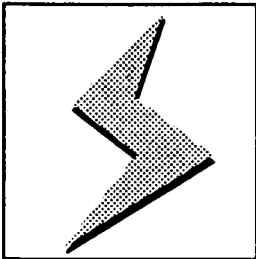

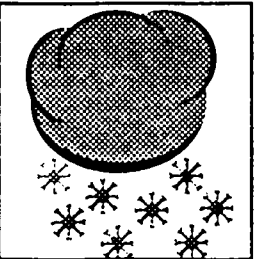
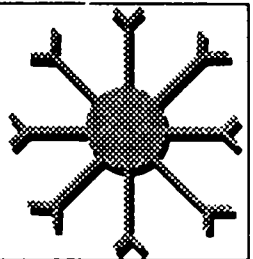
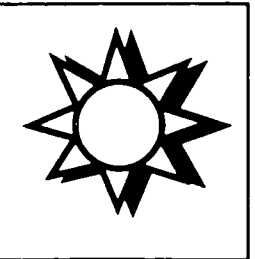
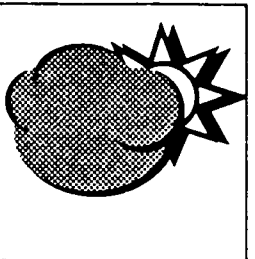
NDSP responded to an accident on Juniper Road Wednesday. There were no injuries reported.
- Car towed for parking violations

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

-compiled from the NDSP crime blotter

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall	South Dining Hall	Saint Mary's Dining Hall
Today Lunch: Tortellini with basil cheese sauce, cioppino sauce, bianco pizza, breadsticks, honey-garlic pork chops, white beans with ham, brown sauce, pork gravy, whipped potatoes, collard greens, cherry crisp, baked lemon perch, baked potato, vegetable rice pilaf, and sauteed vegetables.	Today Lunch: Manicotti, cacciatore sauce, chicken fajita pizza, quiche lorraine, chicken cordon bleu, baked cod, delmonico potatoes, honey-glazed baked ham, Italian risotto, cut green beans, grilled vegetable plate, potato skins, onion rings, szechuan beef and vegetable stir-fry	Today Lunch: Lentil and bulgar pilaf, panini a la nora, pasta, marinara sauce, Cuban roasted vegetables, sizzling caesar salads with chicken, patty melt sandwiches, fried chicken, grilled cheese, french fries, pasta alla carbonara, roasted zucchini, garlic bread with cheese and roma and herb salad.
Today Dinner: Tortellini with basil cheese sauce, cioppino sauce, bianco pizza, breadsticks, chicken strips, macaroni and cheese, brown sauce, chicken gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, cherry crisp, tofu jerk, lentil and barley stew, baked sweet potatoes, oriental vegetables and potato casserole.	Today Dinner: Italian beef and macaroni, cajun pasta sauce, red clam sauce, chicken fajita pizza, rice and black olives, baked chicken parmesan, kielbasa and sauerkraut, roast pork tenderloin, sesame-baked pollock, corn cobbettes, sauerbraten and zum zum potato salad.	Today Dinner: Pasta fantastica, veggie cutlet with mushroom sauce, Harvard beets, vegetable corn muffins, tempura vegetable bar, broccoli, zucchini, shrooms, cauliflower, sauteed chicken breast, cheese stuffed shells, rice pilaf, seasoned corn, cheese pizza and pepperoni pizza.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
HIGH	40	33	30	22	18	22
LOW	32	26	12	0	8	8

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustees look at next year's budget plan

By NATALIE BAILEY
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Trustees met Thursday to review the budget and plan for next year. The Board, who will reconvene today, is expected to decide on tuition and salaries for next year's budget.

Last year, the Board approved a six percent tuition increase for the second straight year at its February meeting. Tuition jumped to \$20,550 in 2002-03, a \$1,310 increase from the 2001-02 amount of \$19,240. Tuition increases go partially toward increasing funding for financial aid and increasing salary for faculty and staff.

Kristen Matha, the student trustee and member of the Student Life Committee and Facilities and Grounds Committee, reported the agenda issues for the Student Life Committee consist of presentations by students of various ways to improve the College.

Kim Jensen, student body president, will give an update on the Reading Day proposal. Sarah Mahoney, Student Diversity Board president, and Francis Bruder, Students with Disabilities chair, will give a presentation on handicap accessibility issues on campus and the Disabilities Awareness Week SDB programmed.

The Facilities and Grounds Committee will continue dis-

cussion of on-campus apartments.

Matha also plans on giving an update on the Health and Wellness Curriculum Proposal.

"The Student Life Committee endorsed the idea last meeting and that is the extent of the Trustees role in the plan," Matha said. "I'm currently moving through the different channels of the administration and student government association to see the plan implemented in the future."

There was also a reception for student leaders and the Board of Trustees scheduled for Thursday afternoon. Matha invited approximately 150 students who represent different areas of student life for Saint Mary's.

The student groups included Board of Governance, Student Academic Council, Student Athlete Advisory Council, Campus Ministry leaders and Resident Advisors. These groups are comprised of both elected and non-elected student leaders and represent many student interests.

"At the last meeting there was a reception for faculty and administrators so I hoped to do something similar for students," Matha said. "I hope the reception will generate quality interaction between the Board of Trustees and Saint Mary's students."

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Irish dancing gains popularity

By NATALIE BAILEY
News Writer

Marieke Van der Maelen, with her straight black hair and olive complexion, is not the typical person one would expect to see moving her feet to the beat of Irish music on top of a bar table. Van der Maelen brought her talent to the South Bend community three years ago and has been astonishing and accomplishing since.



Van der Maelen

Van der Maelen's first obstacle in her Irish dancing career came her first year at Saint Mary's.

She joined the club in spite of the officers and found it to be a good step in her career through practices and exposure to the varieties of Irish dance that exist across the different regions of the United States.

Van der Maelen became the president of the club in 2001 and has been trying to institute a Saint Mary's Irish Dance Club, separate from the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's organization.

"People all over the world do Irish dance," Van der Maelen said. "I felt like when I sat at the ND/SMC Irish Dance Club table as president, at activities night, people from different nationalities felt comfortable signing up for the club."

Since her initial encounter with prejudice, Van der Maelen has become aware of the need for acceptance in the Irish dance community.

"Irish dance is open to anyone, you don't have to be five-years-old with red hair and freckles," Van der Maelen said. "Everyone comes from different background. This is something this community needs to work on - to know that you don't have to look Irish to be Irish."

Van der Maelen learned this lesson in Pittsburgh where she first started Irish dancing with the Irish Reelers from 1998 through 2000 under Maggie Follan and started competing under Julia Bell in Pittsburgh in 2000.

Van der Maelen's training was unconventional. At 16, she learned in sean-nos or traditional style, while most people learn a modern form of Irish dance influenced by ballet and tap when they are three or four. In the Irish dancing community, 40-years-old is considered young to know the old style of dancing.

Van der Maelen has been

teaching since she started dancing. She believes it reinforces the steps.

"There's nothing logical about Irish dance, you just have to do it," she said. "With sean-nos your feet are playing to the music. It cannot be taught, it can only be learned."

Van der Maelen continued her activities in dancing, teaching and performing once she began college by practicing with the club, performing with local bands such as Kennedy's Kitchen, Mira and Cree and teaching Irish dance for the Celtic Heritage Society.

Dr. Catherine Shoupe, social work and anthropology associate professor, connected Van der Maelen's love for Irish dance with St. Patrick's Church and an Irish dance school was formed.

It started out as a school with three young pupils and one teacher to more than 50 pupils, ranging from five to 50, and two teachers, Van der Maelen and Mary Pauline Moran, a sophomore at Saint Mary's. The group meets from 5:30-8:30p.m. on Wednesdays in Madeleva.

Van der Maelen's next obstacle with Irish dancing came her second year at Saint Mary's. Her activities abruptly came to a stop in spring of 2002 when a high impact accident left her with a fully detached retina in her right eye and a retinal tear in her left eye. She had surgery to repair the damage, but was blind for five months and was on bed-rest for the summer.

"I shouldn't be able to dance," Van der Maelen said as a result of her accident. "And I shouldn't be able to see."

Visiting her specialist in South Bend biweekly and unable to complete her sophomore year of college, she was unsure of her future as a student as well as a dancer.

"Everyone kept on saying 'you aren't going to dance again.' People told me to take up an instrument," she said. "There was a lot of fighting about dancing between my parents and I."

When the doctor gave her his approval to return to school in August, Marieke had trouble retraining her eyes to read and regain her muscles to dance. First semester challenged her commitment to her hobby.

"Everyday I just wanted to quit and never dance again," she said. "But there were always things pulling me back in."

Dr. Marilou Eldred, president of Saint Mary's, asked her to dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland. In addition, Fiddler's Hearth opened, giving her a place to perform for fun. The children in her dance

classes also inspired her.

"Every time I saw the little kids and their excitement and how they look up to me and Mary Pauline I just couldn't quit," she said. "I have so much invested it would be a shame to quit and since I have the talent to teach, I feel obligated."

Van der Maelen has now rebuilt the muscles in her legs and is considering auditioning for both Lord of the Dance and Trinity Dance Company based in Chicago. Lord of the Dance would be a full-time position, while Trinity Dance Company would be a seasonal job for the summer. This English major plans on finishing school but sees a future in what is right now just an activity.

"I will at least give dancing professionally a shot and I will definitely have my own dance school," she said.

If there were 'Irish Dancing is Life' shirts, Van der Maelen would own one.

"It is pretty bad when you see signs in the bathroom stalls that say 'no dancing.' I have danced in the bathroom stall, on a lab table, on bar tables, on a dining hall tray, in the bell tower, on chairs, in vendoland, in the shower, in the pool, and on the footboard of my bed when I was sick," she said. "I even dance in dressing rooms because I won't buy an outfit unless I can dance in it."

Accustomed to wearing out the band she is dancing with, Van der Maelen uses Irish dance as a way of getting rid of extra energy and expressing herself.

"Irish dancing is a way of expressing myself without saying anything."

It is also an ideal for her because of the lack of demand on the upper body. Van der Maelen arrived in the United States with two broken collar bones as a baby and has never had normal range of arm motion; the lower body movement is perfect for her. "I'll dance until I die," she said.

Van der Maelen's latest activity with Irish dancing is a benefit concert she is hoping to stage in early April for the new Uganda sister school program the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership is starting. Three Saint Mary's students and two Notre Dame students, along with students from her Irish dance school are planning on dancing to the sounds of Mira, a local Irish group.

"Once you get to a certain point you can't compete for the rest of your life and you have to bring it outside of yourself into the community," she said.

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four pillars," said Moriarty. "We provide the structure, the placement and the logistics and we leave it up to the individuals and their communities to shape their group spirituality and to live out a simple lifestyle."

While many past and present members of Holy Cross Associates will come together this weekend to celebrate 25 years of service, the program continues to look to its future horizons. Board members will meet today to discuss the possibility of extending Holy Cross Associates into Haiti

and parts of east Africa.

Saturday's Day of Reflection, "Journey of the Heart" will be lead by Father John Dunne, and will include between 50 and 60 former Associates, their family members and friends. The retreat will begin at 9 a.m. and will conclude around 4 p.m. with a Mass. Students, who recently returned from their Associate experience in Chile will also be sharing their presentations with the rest of the community.

While many of the former Holy Cross Associates are planning regional gatherings in the spring in Oregon and Arizona, Notre Dame will hold a special reunion for the over 700 Associate alumni

from July 18th until July 20th of this year.

"I would encourage any students interested in Associates to come to our Day of Reflection on Saturday. While my service with the Associates in Hayward, Calif., may have finished 21 years ago, I continue to apply the pillars in different ways throughout my life," said John Pinter.

If any Notre Dame or Saint Mary's student wants to attend the Day of Reflection, Pinter asks that he calls Holy Cross Associates at 631-9930 or stop by the office in Moreau Seminary.

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NASA inquiry focusing on foam

◆ Application of foam insulation getting special attention of board

Associated Press

SPACE CENTER, Houston — Just how the foam insulation was applied to the fuel tanks of NASA's space shuttles is getting special attention by the board investigating the Columbia accident, officials said Thursday.

One leading theory is that the insulation or the heavier material beneath may have damaged Columbia during liftoff, enough to trigger a deadly breach as the spaceship hurtled toward a Florida landing 2 1/2 weeks ago.

The foam insulation is applied at a Lockheed Martin plant in New Orleans. More of the foam is applied about a month before liftoff in several small areas of the tank needing touchup at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

The investigation board has visited both sites and is going back for a second, harder look at the techniques — and safeguards — used.

"That is getting a good bit of attention by more than one of the groups," said NASA's Steve Nesbitt, referring to the board's three working groups. "A couple of the groups are looking at the thermal protection on the tank in this area, and some of them will be going back to see the manufacturing facilities, to talk to the people involved. So it is getting some special attention."

Nesbitt said the theories that focus on the left side of Columbia — where all the overheating and other problems developed — "will be getting the earliest attention."

The shuttle broke apart, killing all seven astronauts, as it re-entered Earth's atmosphere on its way home to Florida on Feb. 1 after a 16-day mission.

Late Thursday, NASA said investigators were searching around Caliente, Nev., near the Utah border, for what is believed to be a piece of Columbia debris that was tracked falling to Earth by air traffic control radar.

Imagery, trajectory and ballistics experts have been analyzing video images of the descending shuttle. National Transportation Safety Board officials are using those findings to hunt for any unusual radar trackings in an attempt to pinpoint wreckage.

Air Force Maj. Gen. John Barry said earlier this week that he and other board members are reviewing NASA's troubled history of foam coming off the so-called bipod area, where a pair of struts

holds the tank to the upper belly of the shuttle.

That is the spot where a chunk of foam came off 81 seconds into Columbia's flight on Jan. 16; the debris slammed into the left wing during launch. An engineering analysis days later concluded that any damage was minimal and posed no safety threat.

NASA officials said that finding was based, in part, on the fact that previous foam impacts had not caused severe damage.

Barry said that four previous shuttle flights had foam falling from the bipod area: Challenger in 1983, Columbia in 1990 and again in 1992, and Atlantis just last October. A 10-year gap exists between those two last flights, he pointed out, "so we've got some backtracking to do to be able to look at the history and make the analysis."

Last week, the board inspected Atlantis and its fuel tank at Kennedy and a completely assembled fuel tank at Michoud Assembly Facility in New Orleans that is identical to the one used by Columbia on its doomed flight. The Michoud tank has been impounded by the board for testing.

NASA estimates that the chunk of broken foam was 2.67 pounds and 20-by-16-by-6 inches. The weight would be more if ice were attached, a possibility under consideration by the board. The panel also is looking into whether the underlayer may have broken off.

Barry said he has learned that the heavier premolded, ablative material beneath the foam "really doesn't serve a purpose." He asked workers whether moisture could have accumulated there and loosened the insulation.

"We're looking at that as maybe an option on why the foam came off and why we've had some problems in that area," he said.

At Michoud, polyurethane foam insulation is sprayed robotically about an inch thick over the entire 154-foot tank to prevent ice buildup on the metal tank, which is filled with super-cold liquid hydro-

gen and oxygen during the final hours of the countdown. The foam also helps protect the tank from engine and aerodynamic heating.

In some small hard-to-spray areas, workers at Michoud handpack the gaps with foam.

At Kennedy, more foam is applied by hand in the area around the bipod and also around

the other attach points.

Internal NASA reports obtained by The Associated Press describe damage during some of the earlier shuttle missions, caused by foam from the bipod area.

Columbia suffered damage to three insulating tiles during a June 1992 liftoff when a large chunk of foam from the bipod — 26-by-10 inches — fell off. After the mission, NASA determined that the shuttle fleet had suffered an unprecedented amount of serious tile damage over 18 preceding flights.

Investigators believe damage to those three tiles was from foam or similar material because of the size and depth of the damage. On the same mission at liftoff, ice and other insulating foam caused a "significant concentration" of damaging strikes to tiles near Columbia's right landing gear compartment. The shuttle returned safely from that mission.

The damage to Atlantis in October was not considered significant, at the time, by NASA. The foam from the bipod area hit the bottom of one of the two booster rockets, officials said.

During a visit Thursday to Stennis Space Center in Mississippi, NASA chief Sean O'Keefe told reporters

that the analysis into the possible problems from the external fuel tank alone fills an entire room at Michoud. Everything is under consideration, though, he stressed.

"There is no favorite theory. There is no favorite approach to this. There is no preferred cause," O'Keefe said. "There is nothing right now that would be argued as the most likely condition that I've seen yet, and that is also the view of the Columbia accident investigation board, I am advised."

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Sean O'Keefe
NASA chief

"We're looking at [moisture] as maybe an option on why the foam came off and why we've had some problems in that area."

John Barry
Air Force major general

Church court cases delayed in Boston

Associated Press

BOSTON

The Boston Archdiocese and lawyers suing the church in more than 400 sexual abuse cases filed a request in court Thursday seeking a 90-day hold on all litigation while they pursue a settlement.

If Superior Court Judge Constance Sweeney approves the request, both sides will suspend any action on the lawsuits and try to work out an agreement through mediation.

"We will try to spend our time exchanging information, evaluating the cases, mediating them, negotiating them, trying to work out a settlement," said attorney Jeffrey Newman, whose firm represents 270 people who say they were molested by priests.

"Our hope has been that these cases can be resolved to the satisfaction of all parties through some form of mediation process, without the necessity of formal trials," the archdiocese said in a statement.

Several months ago, a similar agreement to suspend action on the lawsuits lasted 40 days and ended without an agreement.

Two lawsuits filed in the case of the Rev. Paul Shanley

are not included in the proposed moratorium. Shanley is awaiting trial on charges he abused four boys from 1979 to 1989.

Also excluded from the 90-day moratorium are 108 lawsuits filed by attorney Mitchell Garabedian, who has refused to sign the request.

Last year, Garabedian negotiated a settlement worth between \$20 million and \$30 million for 86 alleged victims of defrocked priest John Geoghan. But the archdiocese backed out of the deal after its finance council said it could not afford the settlement, given the many other pending lawsuits.

The two sides ultimately agreed to a \$10 million settlement in September. But Garabedian said Thursday he is not willing to suspend action on the additional lawsuits he filed alleging negligence on the part of church supervisors in their handling of several priests accused of sexually abusing children.

"If the archdiocese wants to settle these cases, they should make an offer to settle these cases, which they have not done so far," Garabedian said.

In its statement, the archdiocese said it was disappointed that Garabedian has decided against participating in the moratorium.

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U.S. professor, 7 others face terrorism charges

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A Florida computer engineering professor and seven other men were charged Thursday with overseeing and financing the Palestinian Islamic Jihad terrorist group, which has been blamed for killing more than 100 people in Israel and adjacent territories.

The University of South Florida professor, 45-year-old Sami Amin Al-Arian, and three other U.S. residents were arrested after the 50-count indictment was returned by a federal grand jury in Tampa, Fla. The indictment describes Al-Arian as the Islamic Jihad's U.S. leader, head of a terrorist cell in Tampa and secretary of the group's worldwide council.

Ashcroft General John sends a message: "We will hunt down the suppliers of terrorist money, we will shut down their sources and we will ensure that both terrorists and their financiers meet the same swift, certain justice of the United States of America."

Shortly after his arrest in Tampa, Al-Arian told reporters, "It's all about politics." On forced leave from the university, he has publicly rejected the idea that he has ties to terrorism.

His attorney, Nicholas

Matassini, said after a preliminary court hearing, "He's a political prisoner right now as we speak." The attorney denounced the indictment as "a work of fiction."

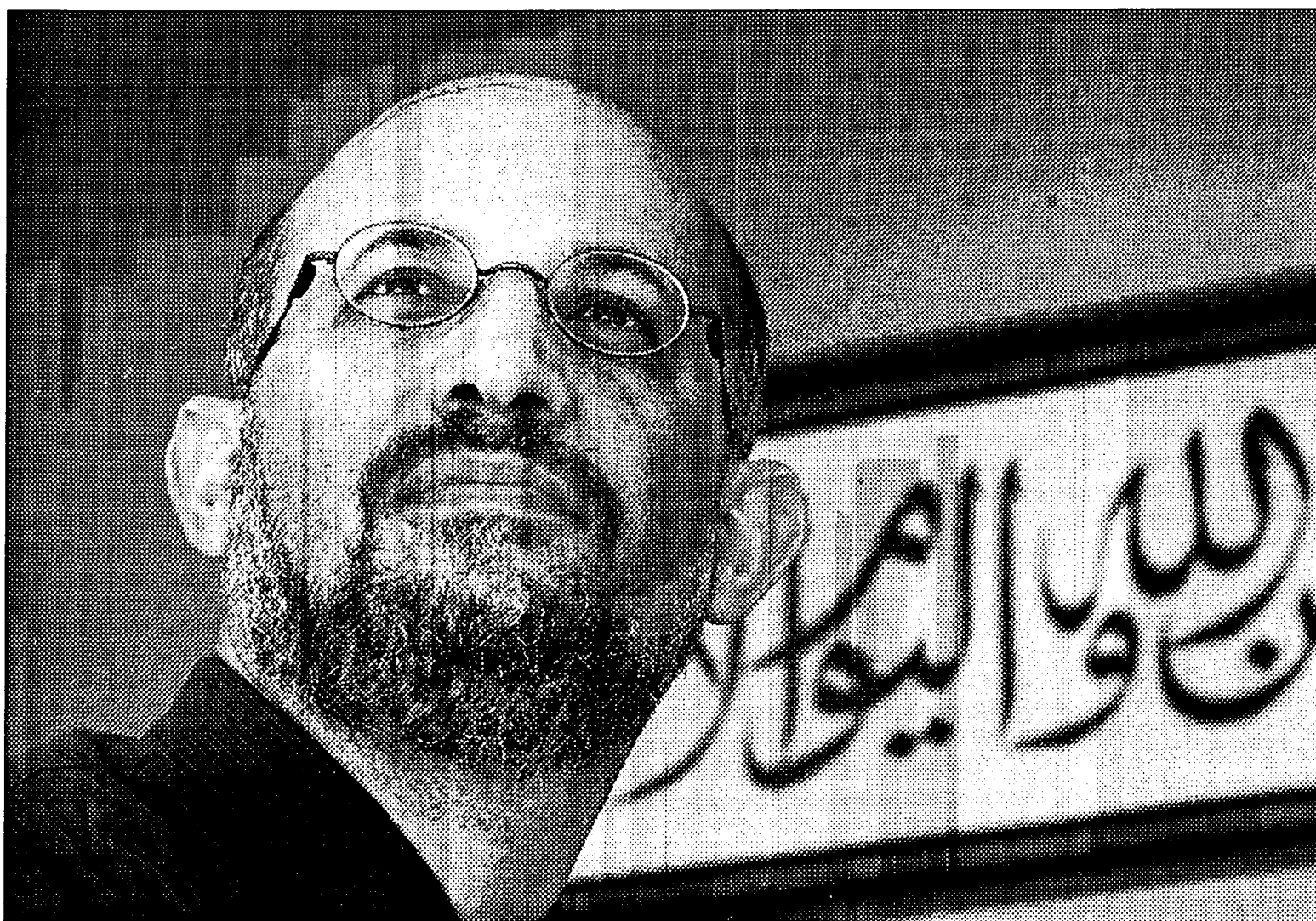
The indictment accuses the eight men of operating a criminal racketeering enterprise since 1984 supporting Palestinian Islamic Jihad and with conspiracy to kill and maim people abroad, conspiracy to provide material support to the group, extortion, visa fraud, perjury and other charges. Each defendant could face life in prison if convicted.

Al-Arian and two others were arrested in Tampa and a fourth man was arrested in Chicago. The other four are leaders of the group who live abroad and are being sought, Ashcroft said.

Palestinian Islamic Jihad was founded in the late 1970s, and its roots go back to the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt that also spawned the Hamas terrorist group. Its goals, according to the indictment, are to destroy Israel and end Western influence in the Middle East.

The group's alleged killings have included suicide bombings, car bombings and drive-by shootings, including a June 5, 2002, suicide attack in Haifa, Israel, that killed 20 and injured 50.

Among the people whose deaths are blamed on the



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Palestinian professor Sami Amin Al-Arian is pictured in this September file photo. Al-Arian and seven others were charged Thursday with funding and administering terrorist organizations.

organization are two U.S. citizens: Alisa Flatow, 20, and Shoshana Ben-Yishai, 16.

Alisa Flatow, then a junior at Brandeis University, died in a 1995 bus bombing in the Gaza Strip. Her father, Stephen Flatow of West Orange, N.J., said Thursday, "This demonstrates the old saw about the

wheels of justice — they grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly fine."

The indictment describes numerous intercepted telephone calls and faxes in which those charged are said to have discussed Islamic Jihad bombings and other attacks, financial problems and whether to

ally more closely with terror groups Hezbollah and Hamas. There is no mention of al-Qaida.

The men frequently talk in apparent code, substituting words like "magazine" and "shirt" for thousands of dollars they were allegedly funneling to Islamic Jihad.

SOUTH KOREA

N. Korean jet enters South airspace amid nuke tensions

Associated Press

SEOUL

Rattling nerves along the border, a North Korean fighter jet violated South Korean airspace over the Yellow Sea on Thursday before turning back as warplanes in the South scrambled. The flight — the first such incursion in 20 years — was the latest in a series of North Korean provocations.

The incursion, which lasted two minutes, came only days after North Korea threatened to abandon the armistice keeping peace along the border if the United States imposes sanctions on the

communist regime.

The flight also underlined heightened tensions just days ahead of a visit to South Korea by Secretary of State Colin Powell to discuss the standoff over the North's nuclear program.

South Korea protested the intrusion, the first by air since 1983.

"Our military sternly protests the North Korean provocation and demands that the North take actions to prevent a recurrence of similar incidents," Defense Ministry spokesman Brig. Gen. Hwang Young-soo said.

He said the incursion "could result in very serious consequences in the current situation on the Korean

Peninsula."

North Korea recently has taken a series of steps apparently designed to draw international attention in hopes of getting direct negotiations with Washington over its nuclear program.

Pyongyang made no comment on the incursion. But late in the day, North Korea's official news agency, KCNA, described the situation on the Korean Peninsula and in northeast Asia as "so alarming that a nuclear war may break out any moment."

Despite the tensions, President-elect Roh Moo-hyun said Thursday he would push for greater reconciliation with North Korea and called for a peaceful

resolution to the nuclear standoff.

"North Korea's nuclear development attempt will never be tolerated," Roh told a dinner party at a Seoul hotel. "However, the problem should be resolved through dialogue and diplomatic means in a peaceful manner."

The nuclear dispute gathered pace in October, when U.S. officials said North Korea admitted having a covert nuclear program. Washington and its allies suspended fuel shipments, and the North retaliated by expelling U.N. monitors, restarting frozen nuclear facilities and withdrawing from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

U.S. spy plane aids in Iraq inspections:

Iraq allowed another flight by an American U-2 spy plane Thursday as President Saddam Hussein's government sought to convince the world that it is cooperating with U.N. weapons inspectors. In New York, a U.N. spokesman said Baghdad had also submitted a list of people reportedly involved in the destruction of banned weapons — fulfilling a key demand by chief weapons inspector Hans Blix.

Butterflies rebound after harsh winter:

Scientists are marveling at the impressive comeback of Monarch butterflies, which once again are carpeting the fir trees of central Mexico in a sea of orange and black wings — despite a deadly freeze last year that killed hundreds of millions. Hard rains and biting cold in the central states of Michoacan and Mexico in January 2002 killed 75 percent to 80 percent of the Monarch butterflies that make a 2,000-mile journey from the eastern United States and Canada.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Blast rocks Ky. factory, dozens hurt:

An explosion and fire ripped through an insulation plant Thursday, sending black smoke spiraling across the southern Kentucky countryside and injuring 26 workers, 11 critically. The cause of the explosion at CTA Acoustics was not immediately known. State inspectors were sent to the site. The injured employees were taken to at least five hospitals.

Pentagon employees to get gas masks:

The Defense Department plans to begin handing out gas masks Monday to more than 23,000 Pentagon workers, the latest in continually increasing security started after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. At a town hall meeting Thursday, officials demonstrated use of the devices — actually called "emergency escape hoods" because they protect victims for only up to the hour or so it might take to evacuate an area after a chemical or biological attack.

Astronauts get help for Columbia grief:

Mental health counselors on the ground have helped the three-member crew aboard the international space station deal with their grief following the Columbia disaster, the crew's commander said Thursday. "One thing we talked a little about is standard grief responses and the types of emotion you might feel," American astronaut Kenneth Bowersox said during a broadcast interview.

Truck sinks in Calif. canal, four drown:

A pickup truck veered off a Mojave Desert highway and plunged into the California Aqueduct on Wednesday, killing four people, including three children. Another child was in critical condition after being pulled out of the murky water without a pulse. At least five people were in the truck when it sank in about 15 feet of water. Divers were searching for other possible victims in the aqueduct, which carries water to Southern California.

N.J. car dealer offers Saddam car

Associated Press

SOUTH BRUNSWICK, N.J. The way car dealer Brad Benson sees it, even a ruthless dictator like Saddam Hussein needs a good car.

Especially if decides to hit the road in a hurry.

Benson, who runs a Mitsubishi and Hyundai dealership in suburban New Jersey, ran a radio advertisement last week, offering a brand new car to Saddam if he leaves Iraq.

"If he'll just give up now and get out of Iraq, I'll give him a brand new Mitsubishi, nicely equipped, every year for the rest of his life," Benson said in the ad.

"How about a four-wheel drive Mitsubishi Outlander, a perfect choice for running away in the desert?"

The response was overwhelm-

ing — overwhelmingly negative.

"How dare you give a car to that guy, when he's going to be responsible for killing a lot of people," one caller said.

"I can't tell you how sickening it was to hear you making fun of a very serious situation," another said.

He said he decided to pull the ad after two days, however, given the response, and he apologized in another ad.

That one bombed, too. More than 700 people complained that Benson had nothing to apologize for to begin with.

Benson, 46, says he can't tell whether the ads have drummed up business or hurt it, in part because of a snowstorm this week.

Now he's at work on a third ad that aims at mollifying those offended by the second ad.

Oh, and the offer for Saddam still stands.

Tractor chase ends in crash

Associated Press

SISSETON, S.D.

A man on a stolen tractor led authorities on a low-speed, two-state chase that ended when the farm vehicle crashed into a police car and pickup truck, totaling both.

Thomas Arthur Dahl, 29, of Herman, Minn., faces charges including intentional damage to

property and possession of stolen property.

He made his first court appearance Wednesday and was being held in lieu of \$2,000 bail. Other charges were pending in Traverse County, Minn., Sheriff Donald Montonye said.

Authorities said after his pickup truck ran into a snowy ditch early Tuesday, Dahl allegedly stole a tractor from a farmyard and then led sheriff's deputies

on a more than 20-mile chase from western Minnesota to a Hutterite colony in eastern South Dakota.

The big tractor stopped after it slammed into the squad car and pickup truck, Montonye said.

The sheriff said the man had allegedly been drinking but was "rational, coherent, cooperative and apologetic" when the chase ended.

Mom: Genie circumcised baby

Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia

A mother has claimed that a genie circumcised her 10-month-old son while she was cooking breakfast, the state news agency Antara reported Thursday.

The report did not say whether the toddler, Riyan Abdullah, experienced any

complications as a result of the operation, which allegedly took place early Wednesday close to the town of Tasikmalaya, on Java island 250 miles southeast of Jakarta, the agency reported.

"When I heard Riyan crying, I went straight to his bedroom and couldn't believe what my eyes saw," Riyan's mother, identified only as Ineng, told Antara. "He had been circum-

cised."

The family immediately suspected it was the work of a genie, belief in which is widespread in Indonesia. They summoned a local paranormal to the house who confirmed their suspicions, the report said.

More than 90 percent of Indonesia's 210 million are Muslim, though many still believe in sprits and the unseen world.

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Bachelorette talks about experiences

Associated Press

NEW YORK

No, Trista isn't pregnant. No, she never went joy-riding with Charlie.

Dispelling false rumors was on the agenda Thursday when "Bachelorette" Babe Trista Rehn and her man, Ryan Sutter, took questions from reporters as part of a publicity blitz.

The night before, on the finale of ABC's dating-game series "The Bachelorette," Trista had surprised most oddsmakers by choosing Ryan, a poetry-writing firefighter from Vail, Colo., over the more dashing finalist Charlie Maher, a financier from Los Angeles, where Trista also lives.

"There was an unspoken chemistry that Ryan and I had that told me he was the one," Trista explained. "We complement each other very nicely."

Of course, they've been complementing each other mostly over the phone since shooting on the series wrapped about three months ago. Maintaining suspense for the audience was a paramount concern.

Even so, "I like to think of my relationship as being a relationship, and not just a relationship on television, even though that's how you guys see it," Trista told reporters.

"The Bachelorette" premiered Jan. 8 with Ryan and 24 other suitors vying for roses from Trista, a 30-year-old physical therapist and former Miami Heat cheerleader. Though it scored healthy ratings, the series suffered in comparison to Fox's similar "Joe Millionaire," which premiered the same week and concluded Monday by drawing an enormous 34.6 million viewers.

The two-hour "Bachelorette" last attracted 20.4 million viewers, according to Nielsen, against strong competition including 90 minutes of "American Idol" on Fox that averaged 18 million viewers.

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FIBERNET TELECO (FTGX)	-23.91	-0.02	0.07
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-1.11	-0.16	14.26
NASDAQ-100 INDEX (QQQ)	-0.40	-0.10	24.98
INTEL CORP (INTC)	+1.31	+0.22	17.02
MICROSOFT CORP (MSFT)	-1.55	-0.38	24.15

IN BRIEF

AOL to crack down on junk e-mail:

America Online on Thursday said it would form a task force and seek tougher legislation against spammers to bolster its efforts to cut the barrage of unsolicited junk mail that clutters inboxes with pitches for everything from mortgages to ways lose weight.

The effort comes as AOL, the Internet arm of AOL Time Warner Inc. struggles to build its high-speed business and keep its dial-up subscribers from leaving while contending with federal probes into its accounting and calls from some investors to spin-off AOL if it does not show a recovery soon.

Nextel posts gain on investments:

Nextel Communications Inc. Thursday said it swung to a fourth-quarter profit, reflecting an investment gain and an increase in wireless subscribers.

The cell-phone company posted net income of \$1.47 billion, or \$1.38 a share, compared with a net loss of \$1.73 billion, or \$2.25 a share, a year earlier.

The latest results included a \$1.22 billion gain from the spin-off of NII Holdings Inc., a wireless service in Latin America and the Philippines. NII filed for bankruptcy in May.

Revenue climbed 24 percent to \$2.33 billion from \$1.88 billion.

J.P. Morgan to pay \$6 million fine:

A major Wall Street firm, J.P. Morgan, has agreed to pay \$6 million to settle allegations that its Hambrecht & Quist investment bank got inflated commissions from customers who improperly received hot new stocks, regulators announced Thursday.

J.P. Morgan neither admitted to nor denied the allegations by the disciplinary arm of the National Association of Securities Dealers, the brokerage industry's self-policing group. J.P. Morgan also was censured. The violations by Hambrecht & Quist allegedly occurred from November 1999 to March 2000, before J.P. Morgan acquired the San Francisco-based firm.

Business students sign deal

◆ Plan to supply bednets to Dominican gov't

By NICOLA BUNICK
News Writer

Members of Notre Dame's Student International Business Council recently closed a \$25,000 deal with the Dominican Republic to supply bednets for the country's new national bednet distribution program.

Junior Pat Dillon and senior Matt Walsh, members of SIBC, both recently spent time in Leogane, Haiti, consulting for KOLEMO, a company set up by the group. KOLEMO (an acronym which stands for the name of the company in Creole) produces bednets made of pesticide-coated fabric. These nets protect people from being bitten by disease-carrying insects while they sleep. KOLEMO sells these nets to the people of Haiti at a subsidized price.

This means that the company actually loses money on each net it sells, but this is not a problem for the SIBC. The group originally created KOLEMO as a service project to help the Haitian people.

"The SIBC is mostly playing a consulting role in running the company," said Dillon, who has been involved with the bednet project since last year and has spent several weeks in Leogane. "The company is mainly about capacity building for the Haitians. We're just helping by putting our Notre Dame education to good use."

Members of the SIBC's Haiti Bednet Committee assist in running KOLEMO, which is directed primarily by a board of Haitian entrepreneurs. The students perform various administrative tasks for the company. Every year, the committee tries to send several students to Leogane to directly assist the company. Dillon and Walsh, both this year's coordinators of the HBC's project, visited Leogane



AFP PHOTO

The mosquito nets that will be supplied by the Student International Business Council will be used by Haitians such as this boy to protect themselves from disease.

over Christmas break to attempt to obtain additional sources of funding for KOLEMO so that the company could be sustained over the long term.

According to the SIBC's Director of Global Development, sophomore John Boots, the company was originally funded by a grant from the Kellogg Institute for International Studies but until very recently was almost out of money.

"We lose money on every bednet," Boots said. "But if we were to sell them for more than [we do], they wouldn't be affordable for the Haitian people."

In order to obtain an additional grant, the Kellogg Institute stipulated that the company would have to expand its market

to buyers who would be able to fund further production. The Institute agreed to at least match any funding which the HBC was able to obtain for the company.

In Haiti, Dillon and Walsh worked with recent Notre Dame graduate and former SIBC member, Justin Campbell, who is spending some time in Leogane working for KOLEMO on a Fulbright Scholarship. Along with the Haitian entrepreneurs, Dillon, Walsh and Campbell, were able to convince the Ministry of Health to take a tour of the company's facilities.

Because of this visit, the Ministry was impressed and decided to start a national bed net distribution program in the Dominican

Republic using nets purchased from SIBC's KOLEMO. The Dominican Republic, unlike the Haitian people, will purchase the bednets at cost. This will be a substantial boost to the company which will have to triple its production to fill the Dominican Republic's order of four to five thousand bednets. Now that they have met the Kellogg Institute's stipulations, the SIBC is anticipating receiving their second grant.

They plan to use additional money to employ more seamstresses to meet the new product demand as well as purchase additional sewing machines for the company.

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Consumers cry foul as gas tops \$2

Associated Press

The middle of winter feels more like the heart of summer at gas stations nationwide, as fuel prices surge past \$2 a gallon in some places and motorists grumble about being gouged.

When a gallon of gas costs more than a cup of gourmet coffee around the July 4 holiday, drivers chalk it up to industry greed during the peak driving season. Now consumers are accusing oil companies of taking advantage of the prospect of war in Iraq — an allegation the industry brushes aside as a conspiracy theory.

Gas station owners tell a more

complicated story, explaining that today's high pump prices are partly the result of avarice, but not their own.

The average retail price of regular unleaded has risen 56 cents since the beginning of the year to \$1.66 a gallon. Meanwhile, wholesale gas prices have increased only 14 cents over the same period of time. That disparity is the source of ire for much of the public, while others accept high gas prices as a consequence of war rhetoric from the Bush administration.

"This is ridiculous," said 20-year-old Jose Quiles, a tanning salon manager in Dallas, who paid about \$10

Thursday for a little more than 6 gallons of Exxon-branded gasoline.

Corina Alba, 22, sees some correlation between gas prices and the possibility of war in Iraq, but the Anaheim, Calif., resident doubts international affairs solely explain the situation.

"I think it's just an excuse to raise prices," Alba said.

Earlier in the week, Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., called on the Federal Trade Commission to launch an investigation of industry practices. "It appears as if price gouging is taking place across the country," Schumer said in a letter to FTC chairman Timothy Muris.



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FCC to let states control phone laws

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Communications Commission on Thursday overhauled rules governing competition for telephone and Internet services, creating uncertainty for consumers as companies, observers and regulators disagreed over how the changes will affect prices and choices.

The FCC voted 3-2 to let states decide whether to spur competition between the regional Bell phone companies and their rivals, rejecting arguments from agency Chairman Michael Powell and the Bells that existing federal competition rules should be eliminated altogether.

Another split decision eased requirements that the Bells provide rivals discount access to fiber-optic lines for the high-speed Internet access called broadband. The Bells have complained they have no incentive to invest in costly new networks if competitors profit.

Consumers could benefit from the decision to shift authority to states because local regulators tend to focus more than the FCC on keeping phone bills low, said Kathie Hackler, an analyst with Gartner Dataquest.

"States have more of a capability to deal directly with consumer issues," she said.

But Powell, in his first dissenting opinion as chairman, said the decision "could prove quite harmful to consumers."

"This decision will prove too chaotic for an already fragile telecom sector," he said. He said having states evaluate the rules will take years and the process will be plagued by lawsuits.

Behind the commission's divided ruling is a requirement that the regional Bell companies lease parts of their local networks to competitors such as AT&T Corp. and WorldCom Inc. at discount rates. The policy was adopted seven years ago to encourage companies to compete in the Bells' markets while giving the Bells the chance to offer long-distance service in their regions.

The Bell companies — BellSouth Corp., SBC Communications, Verizon Communications and Qwest Communications — say the rules allow competitors to use their networks at artificially low prices. The Bells said Thursday they were disappointed with the FCC ruling.

James C. Smith, an SBC senior vice president, called the decision "a pipe dream of people who have spent no time working in the real world." Smith and officials from other phone companies said they would increase lobbying of Congress and state regulators and appeal the FCC decision in the courts.

Bell rivals say the competition requirements allow them to offer alternative service and prevent the Bells from having an overwhelming advantage.

Jim Cicconi, general counsel for AT&T, praised the commissioners who voted for more state authority, saying that they "rejected radical proposals that would have killed local competition."

"Consumers will see lower prices and more choices in the marketplace," he said.

Shares in the Bell companies all were hit hard on the New York Stock Exchange. Qwest stock plunged 14.1 percent, while SBC

stock lost 7.5 percent, BellSouth fell 7.0 percent and Verizon sank 5.0 percent.

Among key rivals, AT&T shares dropped 1.7 percent, but shares in Sprint's landline division gained 1.2 percent. Shares of DSL provider Covad Communications Co., which leases access to Bell networks, tumbled 43 percent in over-the-counter trading.

Mark Cooper, research director of the Consumer Federation of America, echoed the FCC's Democratic commissioners, saying the agency decision would maintain local phone competition, but lifting broadband restrictions would mean higher prices and fewer choices for high-speed Internet access.

Powell took the opposite view. He applauded the broadband decision as promoting investment in new networks, but called the phone competition ruling a "molten morass of regulatory activity" filled with legal errors that will ultimately doom the measure.

Courts have rejected the agency's previous two attempts to revise the rules, saying they failed to meet the requirements of a 1996 telecommunications law.

Republican commissioner Kevin Martin, who voted with the panel's two Democrats to shift authority from the federal government to the states, was the only commissioner happy with both that change and the broadband decision.

Republican commissioner Kathleen Abernathy, who joined Powell in voting against the phone rule change, said dealing with different rules in different states "will be a nightmare for anyone to carry out a business."

Professor had vitriolic history

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — The University of South Florida professor charged with being a leader of a Palestinian terrorist group

first caught the attention of the FBI nearly a decade ago and has made vitriolic public remarks about Israel since at least the early 1990s.

Sami Al-Arian, 45, a balding, bespectacled computer engineering instructor, was jailed in Tampa after he and seven others were charged in a federal indictment unsealed Thursday. He dismissed the charges as politically motivated.

Al-Arian, who is married with five children, is well known as a community activist who founded a Muslim school and community center. He denounced the mistreatment of

Muslims in the United States following Sept. 11 and helped organize blood drives to assist survivors of the terrorist attack.

The Kuwaiti-born emigre earned computer-engineering degrees from Southern Illinois University and North Carolina State University, according to a Web site established by supporters. He was at South Florida since 1986 and won an outstanding teacher award in 1993.

The very next year, a PBS documentary first accused Al-Arian of raising money for Islamic Jihad, the terrorist group named in Thursday's indictment. The show, which cited unidentified law enforcement sources, also said Al-Arian had links to Omar Abdel-Rahman, the radical Muslim cleric tied to the World Trade Center bombing in 1993. Al-Arian said the program was poorly translated and called it a deliberate attempt to distort the cause of U.S. Muslim organizations.

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Bush works to build support for tax cuts

Associated Press

KENNESAW, Ga. President Bush worked to build support for his tax-cut proposals Thursday, including an appeal to America's stock "ownership society" to help his embattled plan to eliminate taxes on stock dividends.

"More consumption and investment means somebody more likely to find work," Bush told an invitation-only audience at a high school in this Atlanta suburb.

Bush picked up the first support for the plan from a Senate Democrat, Zell Miller of Georgia, a conservative who also supported Bush's first round of tax cuts in 2001.

However, a larger problem for Bush than lack of Democratic support for his broader tax-cut plans is that many majority-party Republicans aren't too keen on them, either.

For example, Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, said early this month that it was hard to predict future emergencies and asked whether it was wise to cut taxes when Medicare was about to see dramatic cost increases. And in January Republican Sen. Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island, said, "I can't see giving away any more of our revenues, which we're doing in tax cuts."

Charles Grassley of Iowa, the Republican chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, suggested last month that it might be easier to win relief in the area of taxes on capital gains — profits made from the sale of assets such as stock — rather than in eliminating the federal tax on stock dividends.

But Grassley said last week, after meeting with Bush, that he supported the president's plan and believed most of it would win passage.

Miller, who is not seeking reelection after his current term, said "President Bush is not only our commander in chief, he is our chief of common sense who knows that the best and fairest way to grow an economy is to simply not take that hard-earned money from the taxpayer in the first place."

"I agree with Zell with this economic theory that when a person has more money in his pocket, they're likely to demand that somebody produce them a good or a service," Bush said.

Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota minimized the political significance of Miller's action.

"The support of one Senate Democrat does not negate the criticism of Chairman Greenspan, the condemnation of 10 Nobel laureates, the unenthusiastic response of dozens of elected Republicans and the unfairness to the majority of Americans. The plan is still the wrong plan for the country and it is still dead on arrival," he said.

The president's new budget, submitted to Congress this month, calls for hefty increases in defense and homeland security spending and \$1.3 trillion in tax cuts over 10 years, while squeezing social programs and projecting a \$307 billion deficit.

Bush blamed the red ink on

the 2001 recession, the blow to the economy from the Sept. 11 terror attacks, corporate accounting scandals and a need to spend more money on homeland security and the military.

"We're going to make sure we spend enough to win this war," Bush said to applause, a reference to both the broader war on terror and a possible war against Iraq.

By spending "enough to win a war, we may not have a war at all," he added.

Included in Bush's tax-cut package is \$674 billion in proposals he made in January, roughly half for elimination of dividend taxes.

"It used to be only a few would own stocks. All that has changed," Bush said. "America is now an ownership society."

"There are millions of our fellow Americans who own stocks either directly or through pension plans," he said.

Bush highlighted a private "blue chip" economic forecast projecting the economy would grow increasingly stronger through the year. But he suggested that would happen only if Congress accepted his tax cuts.

Bush steered clear of a political controversy in Georgia over a proposal by Republican Gov. Sonny Perdue to let Georgians vote on whether to bring back the old state flag with its big Confederate emblem.

Bush, who aggressively backed Perdue in last year's election, "thinks it's a matter for the people of Georgia to decide," spokesman Ari Fleischer said. The president tried to stay out of a similar controversy during his own campaign in 2000, saying the matter was a state issue.

Perdue had a seat on the platform during Bush's speech.

From Georgia, the president was heading to his ranch in Crawford, Texas, for a long weekend. On Friday and Saturday, he was to meet with Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar, a staunch backer of Bush's Iraq policies.

Regan may face death penalty

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va.

Former Air Force Master Sgt. Brian Patrick Regan was convicted Thursday of offering to sell U.S. intelligence information to Iraq and China but acquitted of attempted spying for Libya. The jury now must decide whether he can be executed.

The U.S. District Court jury deliberated 24 hours over five days before returning the verdict. Regan, standing, showed no emotion as the verdict was read.

The jury then resumed deliberations on whether Regan offered Iraq documents concerning nuclear weaponry, military satellites, war plans or other major U.S. weapons systems. After an hour, the panel recessed until Monday without reaching a decision.

If the jury finds that Regan offered those secrets to Iraq, he could be subject to the death penalty. Jurors would hear a second round of testimony to consider such a sentence.

Ethel and Julius Rosenberg were the last Americans put to death for spying. They were executed in 1953 for conspiring to steal U.S. atomic secrets for the Soviet Union.

Attorney General John Ashcroft said Regan's "attempts to sell our national security were a direct violation of his repeated oaths to protect and defend the United States of America, its Constitution and its national security secrets."

U.S. Attorney Paul J. McNulty said the guilty verdicts demonstrate "that traitors can and will be held accountable. Mr. Regan betrayed his country and the men and women in uniform with whom he served. He put his love of money before his love of country."

Regan, a 40-year-old married father of four from Bowie, Md., was arrested Aug. 23, 2001, at Dulles International Airport outside Washington while boarding a flight for Zurich,

Switzerland.

He was carrying information with the coded coordinates of Iraqi and Chinese missile sites, the missiles that were stored there, and the date the information was obtained. He also had the addresses of the Chinese and Iraqi embassies in Switzerland and Austria in his wallet and tucked into his right shoe.

Regan had worked at the National Reconnaissance Office, which operates the government's spy satellites, first for the Air Force and then as a civilian employee for TRW, a defense contractor.

It was unusual for the case to even reach trial. The government, wary of disclosing classified material in public, normally agrees to plea bargains in espionage cases.

It also was surprising that the government sought the death penalty in a case where prosecutors acknowledged sensitive material never was passed. In cases much more damaging to the government, the CIA's Aldrich Ames and the FBI's Robert Hanssen were sentenced to life in prison.

Special security measures were used in the Regan case, with a machine resembling a high-tech overhead projector displaying secret documents on monitors that the jury could see but the public could not.

Prosecutors said Regan owed nearly \$117,000 on his credit cards when he wrote a letter to Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein offering to sell satellite intelligence that could help Iraq hide anti-aircraft missiles. His asking price was \$13 million.

The letter was found on a computer taken from Regan's home after his arrest. The computer contained a nearly identical letter to Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, prosecutors said.

During the two-week trial, government witnesses portrayed Regan as a man desperate to get out of debt and willing to sell American

secrets.

Using his access to a classified Internet network, Regan looked up dozens of top-secret documents, including satellite photos of Iraqi missile sites and confidential documents about Libya's biological warfare program, the prosecution said.

Defense lawyers said Regan might have fantasized about spying, but never copied anything of value and had no real intention of selling secrets. Attorney Nina Ginsberg called his actions "childish," "unprofessional," "non-sense" and "harebrained."

"No serious foreign power would ever want to deal with this person," Ginsberg said in her closing argument.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Patricia Haynes, in her final presentation to the jury, argued Regan was not playing spy.

"Brian Regan is not a fantasizer," she said. "Brian Regan is a traitor."

Government witnesses said if Regan passed the information he was accused of possessing, American security would be compromised and U.S. and British pilots who patrol the no-fly zones in Iraq could be endangered.

The defense argued that Regan wasn't carrying anything of value when arrested.

"The information was not terribly significant," said Maynard Anderson, former acting deputy undersecretary of defense for security policy. "It did not provide anyone any information that was not publicly known."

Defense lawyers also argued that Regan was doing research to keep him current on topics he once specialized in. His resume, for example, said he evaluated "all sources of intelligence on Iraqi operations."

They contended it was not unusual for employees with access to classified material to look up information about countries in the news, such as Iraq.



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Rumsfeld talks about Turkey

♦ **Secretary says that denial in Turkey could be overcome**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON Failing to win Turkey's approval to base American ground forces there for a possible invasion of Iraq would be a big setback for U.S. war planners, but Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld says it could be overcome.

"It's doable," Rumsfeld told a Pentagon news conference Wednesday. "There are work-arounds." He declined to discuss any specifics.

Plan "B" might involve airlifting infantry directly into northern Iraq from another country or from aboard ships in the northern Persian Gulf, bypassing Turkey, private analysts said.

"That's what the alternative is going to have to be," said Michael Peters, a retired Army colonel who served in the 1991 Gulf War. In that fight, U.S. and allied ground forces attacked Iraqi-occupied Kuwait from the south and west, using desert encampments in northern Saudi Arabia.

The standoff comes as U.S. ships loaded with tanks and other armor awaited orders off the Turkish coast.

Nicholas Burns, the U.S. ambassador to NATO, said Thursday on ABC's "Good Morning America" that the United States and Turkey will remain allies no matter what happens in the current

dispute.

"Turkey is a very important ally," he said. "We have had good relations and they will continue to be allies. We have had an excellent relationship over many, many decades and that's not going to change."

Using U.S. armored forces in Turkey to open a northern front is a major feature of the U.S. war plan. It would force Iraq's army to defend from several directions. Around 100,000 U.S. and British ground troops would lead a charge into southern Iraq from bases in Kuwait, but there is no other country in the region bordering Iraq that will host large U.S. ground forces.

The war plan, as drawn up by Gen. Tommy Franks, the commander who would run a war against Iraq, calls for positioning the Army's 4th Infantry Division, supported by parts of the 1st Infantry Division, in southern Turkey.

As a mechanized infantry division, the 4th would use tanks and other armor, coupled with artillery, Apache attack helicopters and highly mobile infantry, to spearhead a quick drive into northern Iraq, large parts of which are not controlled by the Iraqi government.

Turkey is a longtime American ally, but its public opinion is strongly against a U.S. invasion of Iraq. Turkey's government is holding out for U.S. promises of a multibillion-dollar aid package that would compensate Turkey for damage to its economy from a war and its aftermath.

Five U.S. cargo ships are waiting off the Turkish coast

with weaponry and equipment of the 4th Infantry Division, and dozens more ships are scheduled to follow with supplies to sustain the division in combat. If no deal is struck with Turkey, the ships presumably would be ordered to head for the Persian Gulf, via the Suez Canal and Red Sea, to unload at a Kuwaiti port.

The approximately 17,000 soldiers of the 4th Infantry Division are still at their home bases - Fort Hood, Texas, and Fort Carson, Colo. They will fly to Turkey or Kuwait by passenger liner.

Peters, the retired Army colonel who is now at the Council on Foreign Relations, said in a telephone interview that if armored forces cannot open a northern front from bases in Turkey, then the Army's 101st Airborne Division might move by air from Kuwait into northern Iraq to set up forward operating bases.

Similarly, Marine forces could establish such bases by flying from assault ships in the northern Gulf.

The Marines demonstrated their capabilities for such missions in the Afghanistan war. At distances of up to 750 miles from their warships off the coast of Pakistan, troops from the 26th and 15th Marine Expeditionary Units set up the first U.S. land base in southern Afghanistan. Never before in military history had an amphibious objective area been located so far inland, according to Lt. Gen. Martin R. Berndt, commander of U.S. Marine Corps Forces Atlantic.

Victim of transplant mistake still critical

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C.

With perhaps only hours left to live, the 17-year-old girl mistakenly given a heart and lungs with the wrong blood type was miraculously handed a second chance Thursday after doctors — against all odds — located another set of organs.

Surgeons rushed to transplant the new heart and lungs into Jessica Santillan, whose relatives had feared she would be dead by the weekend. She was in critical condition after the four-hour operation, and doctors warned it was too early to say whether she would pull through.

"She's as critical as a person could be," Dr. Duane Davis said at Duke University Hospital.

The Mexican teenager with O-positive blood had waited nearly three years for a transplant. But in a mistake that still has not been fully explained, Duke surgeons gave her organs from a donor with type A blood on Feb. 7.

Her body rejected the new organs and she suffered a stroke and had to be put on life support. Her doctors had held out little hope of finding a new heart and lungs in time to save her life, in part because of her blood types and because she is so small at 5-foot-2 and 85 pounds that any organs would probably have to come from a child — and child donors are rare.

But new organs were found late Wednesday.

Lloyd Jordan of Carolina Donor Services said the donor family had requested anonymity. He said the donation was not "directed" — that is, the family did not specifically request that the organs be given to Jessica.

"So far, so good," said Renee McCormick, a spokeswoman for a charity raising money for Jessica's care. "Her parents feel some relief right now. Everyone is incredibly hopeful and we're just so pleased, so thankful."

Doctors said Jessica's body suffered damage while on she was on life support. The

organs removed Thursday could not be salvaged.

Jesica and her family moved from a small town near Guadalajara, Mexico, to the United States to get a transplant because a heart deformity kept her lungs from getting oxygen into her blood. Doctors said she would have died within six months without the transplant.

Duke officials are still investigating what led to the Feb. 7 error, but have already identified a couple of mistakes.

Dr. James Jagers, the surgeon in the case, wrongly assumed that compatibility had been confirmed, said Dr. William Fulkerson, the hospital's chief operating officer.

The hospital has added more levels of verification for organ compatibility, and Fulkerson said those procedures were followed Thursday.

Jagers also performed the second transplant, though the hospital said other surgeons were involved because of Jessica's complicated condition.

"We have faith in the surgeon," said Mack Mahoney, a leader of the fund-raising efforts to pay for Jessica's care. "We feel there was a grave mistake made. We do not question his skill as a surgeon."

The United Network for Organ Sharing, which matches organs and recipients, is reviewing what led to the flawed transplant. But the New England organ bank that sent the first heart and lungs said the organs were delivered with paperwork correctly listing the donor's blood type.

Duke must also answer to the agency that accredits hospitals, which investigates unusual deaths that might signal a problem with the hospital's systems.

In the Santillans' hometown of Tamazula, relatives prayed for her survival and safe return to Mexico. Ramona Santillan, Jessica's aunt, said she hoped to bring the girl to Mexico City's Basilica of Guadalupe, where a cloak with the image of the Virgin of Guadalupe is displayed.

"I promised the virgin that if she saves her, I would bring her (to Mexico City) as a thank you," she said.



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VENEZUELA

Opposition protests arrests

CARACAS

Associated Press

Thousands of angry government opponents chanting "This is a dictatorship!" rallied in the capital's streets Thursday, protesting the midnight arrest of a strike leader by secret police.

But President Hugo Chavez triumphantly proclaimed that he authorized the arrest of Carlos Fernandez even though it threatened to re-ignite massive demonstrations and again paralyze the country.

"One of the coup plotters was arrested last night. It was about time, and see how the others are running to hide," Chavez said at the foreign ministry. "I went to bed with a smile."

Chavez said judges should not "be afraid to issue arrest warrants against coup-plotters."

Carlos Fernandez, head of Venezuela's largest business federation - Fedecamaras, was seized by about eight, armed agents around midnight Wednesday as he left a restaurant in Caracas' trendy Las Mercedes district, said his bodyguard, Juan Carlos Fernandez.

The men fired into the air when patrons tried to prevent the arrest, the bodyguard said.

Carlos Fernandez faces charges of treason and instigating violence for leading the two-month strike that began Dec. 2, seeking to oust Chavez and force early elections.

The strike ended Feb. 4 in all sectors except the critical oil industry. Before the strike, Venezuela was the world's fifth-largest petroleum exporter and a major U.S. supplier.

Government allies warned that more than 100 opposition leaders, from labor bosses to news media executives, who supported the strike also could be arrested.

"More than one hundred are on the list to be captured," ruling party lawmaker Luis Velasquez said.

The existence of such a list could not be immediate-

ly confirmed.

Opposition sympathizers at Thursday's rally near an air force base in eastern Caracas lambasted Chavez, accusing the leftist leader of trying to establish a Cuban-style dictatorship in this South American nation of 24 million people.

"This is an escalation of violence by the government, which has arrived at the extreme of repression," said Carlos Feijoo, 88, a retired oil worker. "He wants to copy Fidel (Castro)."

Fedecamaras vice president Albis Munoz warned of another nationwide strike in response to the arrest.

"Definitely there will be actions, and very strong actions," Munoz said.

The Confederation of Venezuelan Workers also said a 12- or 24-hour stoppage was possible.

Fernandez's wife, Sonia, spoke briefly with her husband and said he was in good condition at secret police headquarters. Fernandez was meeting with his attorneys, she said.

Chavez supporters gathered near the headquarters and a downtown plaza to celebrate the arrest.

"It's what had to be done. These opposition leaders tried to destroy the country, now they must be punished," said Tomas Ordonez, a 49-year-old taxi driver.

Carlos Fernandez called the strike with Carlos Ortega, president of the Venezuelan Workers Confederation — the country's largest labor union.

Ortega was ordered to surrender on treason and instigating violence charges, magistrate Maikel Jose Moreno said, but the tough-talking labor boss said he would not turn himself in.

"We have nothing to fear," Ortega told Globovision TV channel via telephone. "The only one who has a date

with justice is the president."

Chavez, who was elected in 1998 and re-elected in 2000, has accused the two opposition leaders of plotting to overthrow his government with the strike and by orchestrating "an economic coup."

Chavez's allies justified the arrest.

"Each member of the opposition must assume ... the legal consequences of acts of oil sabotage

and the attempt to topple a legitimate government," ruling party leader Nicolas Maduro said.

Opposition leaders called for more street protests and appealed to the Organization of American States, the United Nations and the Carter Center, run by former President Carter, for mediation.

OAS Secretary General Cesar Gaviria said in a statement that Venezuelan judges have the autonomy to make such decisions, but they must respect constitutional norms and human rights.

U.S. State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said officials in Washington worried that Fernandez's arrest could hinder efforts to end the stalemate between Venezuela's political rivals.

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TURKEY

Parliament to vote on U. S. troops soon

Associated Press

ANKARA

Brushing aside U.S. warnings that time is running out, Turkey's foreign minister said Thursday that a parliamentary vote on basing tens of thousands of U.S. troops for an Iraq war is unlikely before early next week.

But Yasar Yakis left open the possibility the government could decide in principle earlier and leave the final authorization for next week.

Economy Minister Ali Babacan was quoted as saying that the U.S.-Turkish dispute on the deployment could be resolved "within the coming days."

The standoff centers around a Turkish demand for billions of dollars in U.S. aid to offset losses in case of an Iraq war and comes as U.S. ships loaded with tanks and other armor awaited orders off the Turkish coast.

Turkish leaders have said they will not agree to the deployment until the aid package is finalized.

Secretary of State Colin Powell called Turkish Prime Minister Abdullah Gul on Wednesday, a move that emphasized how critical the issue is for the United States.

In Washington, Powell said he expected an answer from Turkey by the end of Thursday.

Asked when Turkey would send its reply, Yakis said:

"There is no question of an answer going today," the Anatolia news agency reported.

A Turkish parliamentary committee met Thursday and made no decision to open parliament this week, meaning that without a special request from the government, the legislature will remain closed until Tuesday.

"We have reached important results, however negotiations have not concluded yet, they are still ongoing," Yakis told legislators in parliament.

"If needed we will submit a motion. We're not there yet," he added.

"It is difficult for the authorization to come to parliament this week," Yakis was quoted as saying by the Anatolia news agency shortly before he spoke to the legislators.

"Even if there is an agreement, it may not come (to parliament) by Tuesday, because our lawmakers need to be informed," Yakis said.

Turkey's top politician, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, was quoted as saying that the timing of a Turkish decision depended on the United States accepting Turkey's demands for aid.

"We don't have a timetable in mind," the Yeni Safak newspaper Thursday quoted him as saying.

"Whenever there's an agreement, that's when a motion will be brought to parliament."

INDIA

Two dead after riots

Associated Press

BHOPAL

Religious rioting left two people dead in central India on Thursday after Hindu extremists stormed an ancient monument they say is a temple but Muslims consider a mosque.

One of the dead was a Muslim who was attacked by Hindus in Charawat village in Madhya Pradesh state, police said. In nearby Anjhera, police opened fire on a crowd setting fire to a Muslim-owned shop, killing a Hindu farmer participating in the attack, police said.

Earlier Thursday, Hindus burned buses in four central

Indian towns after police stopped hard-liners from storming centuries-old Bhojshala monument.

Muslims pray at the monument weekly and authorities allow Hindus to pray there only once a year. Hindus want more frequent access.

On Tuesday, police used tear gas to disperse rioters and arrested 150 people when they tried to storm the monument.

The monument is in the town of Dhar, about 170 miles south of Bhopal, capital of Madhya Pradesh state.

The violence appeared to be part of a buildup of pressure by Hindu nationalists ahead of a "religious senate" this week-end in New Delhi.

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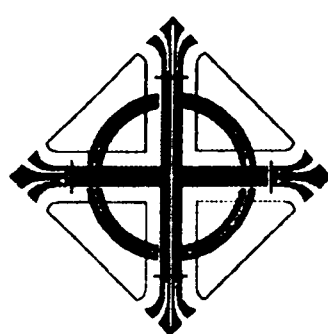
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ND should be free to pursue diversity

Notre Dame and 37 other private academic institutions took a strong stance Tuesday in supporting the University of Michigan's affirmative action policy in an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court. In the interest of obtaining a student body that is racially and ethnically diverse, colleges and universities should have the right to adopt policies that effectively pursue that goal. This right is even more crucial in the case of private colleges and universities, where cost, past discrimination and socioeconomic factors still present a disproportionate obstacle to racial and ethnic minorities.

Notre Dame needs more diversity. Students have said it, the faculty have said it and administrators have said it. Understandably, this is hard to obtain by a school whose character is rooted in Irish-Catholic culture and tradition. This is all the more reason why the University's aggressive recruitment efforts and its support of affirmative action are helpful to the recruitment of a more diverse class.

Perhaps the adoption of Michigan's policy is not the solution to Notre Dame's predicament. Indeed, there are questionable areas of the Michigan's affirmative action

policy. In a 150-point system, the allotment of up to 20 points for "membership in an underrepresented minority group, socioeconomic disadvantage, attendance at a predominantly minority high school, athletics or at the Provost's discretion," as the school says, raises eyebrows. However, in addition to minorities, this 20-point clause could potentially benefit whites who fall into one of its other four categories.

In supporting the Michigan policy, Notre Dame and the other 37 schools explicitly state in their brief that they are not supporting the Michigan policy as the standard rule of thumb in college and university admissions offices. Rather, it is taking a stand with the other schools to remind the U.S. Supreme Court that, as the 1978 Bakke case decided, diversity is still desirable in an academic setting even if quotas are not. Thus, it is imperative that the Supreme Court does not make a decision that could hurt the ability of private institutions to try to obtain some diversity through affirmative action. In that sense, Notre Dame is completely justified in its stance and is right to support the other schools in the brief.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Defending U.S. actions and intentions

I would like to respond to Tom Seabaugh's Thursday letter, "Speak out against coming war." In it, he claims that United States action in Iraq is nothing more than "open colonial brutality" against an "already desperate and war-ravaged nation for strategic or financial gain." Furthermore, he argues that the United States is willing to do this "regardless of public opinion" and cited the recent peace marches against the war around the world. Not believing that the blame for these anticipated atrocities lay solely on the shoulders of the United States, Seabaugh's letter also targeted the United Nations and specifically European nations, quoting Lenin in calling the former "a thieves' den."

There are several major oversights in this argument that border on gross misrepresentation. The claim that the United States is acting in hope of colonial expansion or economic gain seems to me ridiculous, as no leader has yet suggested that the war to disarm Iraq include assimilation or colonization. The simple fact that the United States has chosen to go through an international body of nations and not conquered Iraq on its own is ample proof of that. The United States has also put forward convincing reasons to take such action — namely that Iraq has recently been guilty of unjust aggression (Kuwait, 1991) and is currently guilty of stockpiling prohibited chemical and biological weapons, which it clearly has used before. The United States is essentially trying to hold Iraq responsible for treaty obligations signed more than ten years ago. In addition, Seabaugh's claim that Iraq is "desperate and war-ravaged" overlooks the fact that Iraq itself has unjustly been the cause of the wars it has suffered already at the

hands of the United States. Finally, the representation of the United Nations, which has thus far been very concerned with giving Iraq the benefit of the doubt when it comes to treaty-authorized weapons inspections and avoiding war, as a "thieves' den" is incongruous and unfair.

The most difficult evidence and argument that Seabaugh puts forward, however, was in citing the many recent protests against the war as implicit evidence of its wrongness and a clear indication that President Bush is tyrannically indifferent to their impassioned pleas. "Over 10 million people," he righteously declares, "lined the streets in major cities in every continent around the world in opposition — Jews and Arabs even marched together in Tel Aviv. Bush, however, has made it clear he is not the slightest concerned." Perhaps it would be helpful to make clear that the president of the United States is not responsible to the opinions of non-American citizens, as he is our president and not theirs. Moreover, even had all those 10 million protesters been U.S. citizens, they would still only constitute a meager fraction of the population. If he believes that the president should follow popular opinion, perhaps Mr. Seabaugh should look at the recent poll documenting the 66 percent of Americans in favor of military action in Iraq.

More telling, however, is how Seabaugh ignores the fact that our president is bound not blindly to implement the policies he hears expressed most vociferously, but to act to preserve our country and the ideals it stands for.

He believes, after access to the combined efforts of different intelligence agencies and the advice of professional

political analysts, that Saddam Hussein and Iraq are a threat to those ideals because they suspiciously buck U.N. inspection teams, they stockpile prohibited and horrible weapons systems and most importantly because they have a history of aggression that they have not apologized for or for which they have shown any signs of recanting.

Finally, the claim that the United States is acting chiefly out of colonial or economic gain touches upon a familiar argument used by anti-war protesters: that the United States has a long history of sordid and bullying colonial enforcement around the world, especially in South and Central America. Though such a claim cannot be refuted, a distinction needs to be drawn between those incidents and the current situation. Such past colonial brutality always occurred clandestinely, hidden from the eyes of the international community and American citizens, explicitly to further secure American influence in those regions. The current American push against Iraq is being conducted before the full complement of neighbor nations, in pursuit of answers to the just and necessary question of whether Iraq has fulfilled its treaty requirements or continues to illegally build its military. More important than our past history, however, is the understanding that we should do the right thing regardless of shameful acts committed in the past. In urging the use of force to the United Nations in order to disarm Iraq, Bush and our country are doing just that.

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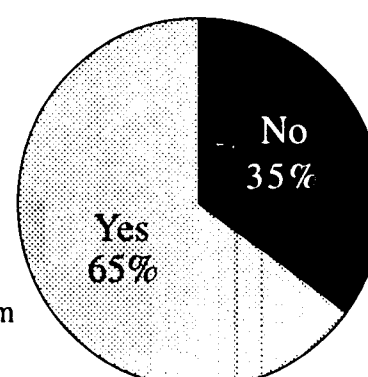
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Mankind must put an end to war or war will put an end to mankind."

John Fitzgerald Kennedy
president

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Questioning reasons for war

President George Bush wants to go to war. Many U.S. generals, such as Scowcroft and Schwartzkopf, do not. As Marine Gen. Anthony Zinni, former head of the U.S. Central Command in the Middle East put it:

"It's pretty interesting that all the generals see it the same way, and all the others who have never fired a shot, and are hot to go to war, see it another ... we are about to do something that will ignite a fuse in this region, that we will rue the day we ever started."

Assuming we agree that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is a dangerous tyrant who lies about his weapons, then why war against Iraq? Why war? Why war now?

Bush correctly claims that Iraq possesses weapons of mass destruction. But Bush pulled out of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and the Department of Defense admits that 12 nations have nuclear weapons, 13 have biological weapons, 16 have chemical weapons and 28 have ballistic missiles. North Korea, in particular, represents a threat. Will the United States wage war on all these nations? Will we police the entire world? If The Guardian is right, invasion and occupation of Iraq would cost \$1.9 trillion. Regardless of costs, perhaps terrorists should be stopped — but no Sept. 11 terrorists were Iraqi citizens,

and British and most European intelligence admits there are no Iraq-Al Qaeda ties.

Besides, 15 of the 18 hijackers were Saudi. Bin Laden is Saudi and Saudis finance reactionary actions all over the world. Yet Bush does not pursue our Saudi allies. Why war against Iraq?

Bush also correctly claims the United States ought to take the moral high ground. Does morality also involve admitting U.S. complicity in Iraq? When the United States supported Hussein during the Iraq-Iran War in the 1980s, the United States turned a blind eye to Hussein's use of biological weapons, purchased from a U.S. company near Fort Detrick, Md., the world's largest biological and chemical weapons laboratory.

The United States has more arms and trades more arms than any other nation. The United States also experimented on Native Americans, blacks and retarded children. A recent National Academy of Sciences committee, which I served on, examined covert U.S. Army experiments using agents such as zinc cadmium sulfide, *Bacillus subtilis* and *Serratia marcescens* on millions of civilians. U.S. biological, radiological and chemical releases from subways, boats, trains and planes caused increased U.S. deaths and epidemiological "blips" in public-health statistics.

But these "blips" were not causally traceable until 1990, when President Bill Clinton released formerly-classified military documents. If other nations read of these continuing experiments in National Academy and Congressional publications, would they be

justified in threatening preemptive attacks against the United States? Facing such an attack, would the United States appeal to the United Nations and to the rule of law? Why war?

Bush likewise correctly argues that Hussein violates human rights. But there are many repressive dictators, and the United States gives political protection and economic support to corrupt authoritarian regimes like those of Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf States. Most U.S. military aid goes to Egypt and Israel, both of which have disturbing human rights records. Even if Iraq is the worst, why war?

Human Rights Watch says the United States should ask the United Nations to dispatch international human-rights monitors to Iraq and press the U.N. Security Council to create an International Criminal Tribunal like those established for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda. These would gather evidence of Iraq's crimes against humanity. Pursuing a tribunal might save lives and money, strengthen international law and cooperation, promote democracy and deter other rights violators. War, however, could cause innocent deaths — children make up half of the Iraqi population — exacerbate the \$300 billion U.S. budget deficit, weaken the United Nations and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, jeopardize U.S. alliances, undercut democracy and set a precedent of "might makes right" U.S. action outside of international law. Why war?

Bush again correctly argues that Iraq has violated U.N. resolutions to disarm. But why

violate U.N. accords to punish someone who has violated U.N. accords? Israel and Turkey, two U.S. allies, have violated 59 U.N. resolutions, yet the United States has made no war threats against them. If more Iraqi weapons were destroyed during the first week of inspections than during the entire Gulf War, inspections seem more effective than war. Why war now?

Is the United States pursuing war against Iraq, not North Korea, because Iraq has the world's second-largest oil reserves? Is the United States pursuing war against Iraq, not Saudi Arabia, because the United States has access to Saudi oil? Inspections and multilateral action would not give the United States direct access to Iraqi oil fields. War would. Oil could explain why the United States ignores alternatives to war, the increased terrorism war will bring and war's distracting us from fighting Al Qaeda.

Princeton economist Paul Krugman says war also will wreck the U.S. economy. I can think of eight ways to enhance national security, all of which cost less, ethically, politically and economically, than war. But they are a subject for another time. If we are concerned about national security, if Hussein is a tyrant who lies about his weapons, then why war against Iraq? Why war? Why war now?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Notre Dame should not support Michigan policy

Don't stand for ND's hypocrisy

There will be no large demonstrations and probably not even any debates in response to Father Edward Malloy's latest decision to join 38 other private colleges and universities in a brief supporting the University of Michigan's affirmative action admissions policies, but that doesn't mean there shouldn't be. Why are we backing that policy? Well, it seems like a nice gesture. I guess it's the right thing to say. Unfortunately, that was most likely the response you gave when reading Malloy's decision and exactly the response he's grown accustomed to hearing from our campus: a quiet murmur followed by silence.

While it is good and important for our University to promote diversity, it is certainly wrong for us to stand in support of a flawed and unconstitutional system in trying to do so. Our intention may be right, but our method is both hypocritical and patronizing. Does Malloy really believe that Michigan's policies are just and fair? Does he believe that a non-minority applicant with a 4.0 GPA, a 1600 SAT, who is also a legacy, should be considered equal to a minority applicant with a 3.4 GPA and an 1100 SAT, as the Michigan policy proclaims through its point system? Of course Malloy doesn't, but it looks good for him to say he does. It makes him look like a champion of ethnic diversity despite what the Notre Dame population statistics show.

We should be ashamed that the president of our University is able to rely on our apathy as students, in order to knowingly make a wrong decision in backing a discriminatory affirmative action program so that he can paint a false picture of Notre Dame as an ethnically diverse campus. If he truly thought Michigan's affirmative action policies were so enriching, then he should implement a similar system here.

Despite Malloy's words of support, don't hold your breath waiting for a system similar to Michigan's to reach this campus. I've got a sneaking suspicion Malloy is going to stick with the Notre Dame cornerstone of diversity in viewpoint over racial diversity. It tends to help the academic rankings and most importantly future endowments. Just ask Michigan.

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Policy is inherently discriminatory

As an alumnus, I would like to express my profound dismay over the brief submitted by Notre Dame on behalf of the discriminatory admissions policies at the University of Michigan. For one thing, Notre Dame should never stick up for that school. Never, not ever.

Even if Michigan were a decent school, however, its admissions policies are grossly unjust. Some of you are already aware that having perfect entrance exam scores earns 12 points on the Michigan admissions scale, while being black or Hispanic earns 20.

This clearly is ridiculous and violates the constitutional principle of equality under law.

Father Edward Malloy used the specious argument that "diversity" as an educational aim justifies discrimination on behalf of certain minorities. I personally cannot recall thinking as an undergraduate that if there had been more blacks in my differential geometry class, for instance, the material would have made more sense.

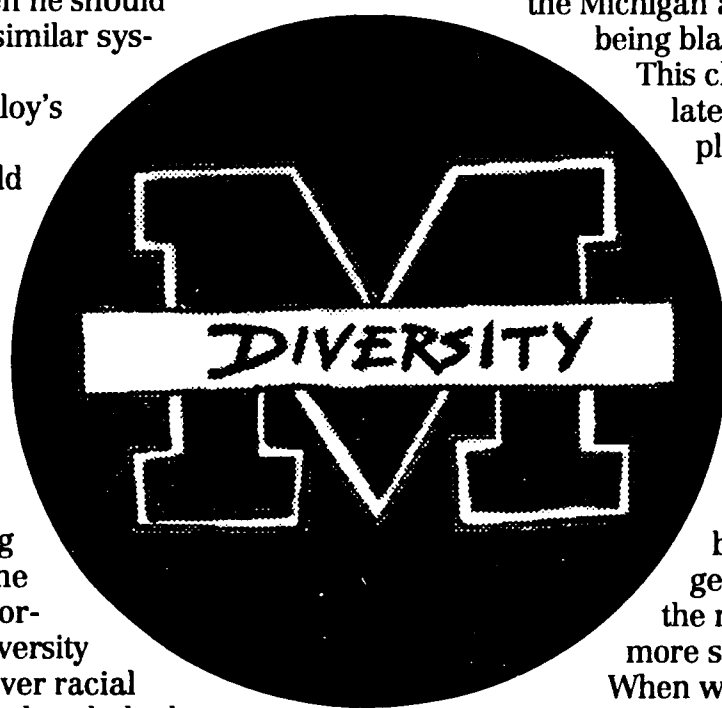
When we speak of diversity, we should specify what sort of diversity we mean. Do we mean just external diversity, having people around who look different, as if for decoration purposes? Or do we mean diversity of perspectives? In which case, why not make sure there are enough rednecks on campus too? After all, rednecks and suburbanites may look the same, at least with respect to skin color, but their perspectives are vastly different. Strange that I never hear anyone at Notre

Dame or Michigan complain about the fact that rednecks are under-represented and need special help in admissions.

Of course, poor rural whites are not the only ones suffering from aggressive affirmative action. Other minorities suffer as well. People of East Asian descent, as many of you know, are over-represented at many elite schools in America. Their story deserves examining and emulating. Hence they face tougher criteria in seeking admission. Imagine a family of North Koreans who somehow manage to escape their nightmarish homeland and come here with little or no belongings seeking a better life. Imagine when their children, after working hard and studying, apply to a top university, but are effectively told there are too many yellow students there already. Is that just? Or what about recent immigrants from Eastern Europe, who come here to find freedom and opportunity and end up being penalized for happening to be white?

I would be the last person to defend rich suburban whites. I think people from affluent backgrounds should face tougher standards, since their accomplishments mean less, having come with less adversity. However, not all whites should be punished, nor the poor of other races. Blacks and Hispanics must learn to succeed in situations which are not rigged in their favor. Affirmative action undermines fairness, casts doubt on black and Hispanic achievement and perpetuates racial animosity. A Catholic university has no business supporting this injustice.

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'Regionrat' debuts

*A semi-autobiographical book by an Indiana author*By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

"Regionrat," the first book by northern Indiana author Richard Laskowski, is nothing more and nothing less than an extended look into the mind of an average underachieving Midwestern teenager.

The book is semi-autobiographical, mixing real events from Laskowski's life, imaginary events and stories he heard from friends or overheard in restaurants. The main character, Raymond Kozlowski, essentially represents the Polish-American author, and while the events of the story might be fabricated the attitudes of the character are not. With his own character as with all the others, Laskowski simply wrote what he perceived.

The result is a long and sometimes rambling description of parties, fights, girls, skipping classes and above all smoking marijuana. Ray is a self-con-

fessed pothead, getting high multiple times every day and generally using marijuana to cope with a large percentage of his problems. He and his friends have few plans for the future, and do little besides party and get high. Nothing really momentous occurs until Ray witnesses the death of a local girl in a car crash near the end of the book.

Laskowski's book does not stand out as a literary achievement, as the author himself would probably be the first to admit. Laskowski began writing as a method of therapy after his experience in the car crash, and only gradually decided to pull his story together into a book.

"When it comes to literary character development, I didn't really set out to do anything," Laskowski said.

The plot of "Regionrat" is often disjointed, and characters that seem like they might be important at first disappear or are never developed. A girl who may or may not be pregnant and have AIDS seems like an interesting character

to explore, but then completely drops out of the plot. Sympathizing with his central characters is often difficult after reading his vivid descriptions of their selfish or neurotic tendencies. Laskowski also shows distressingly little trust in the perceptive ability of his readers. His explanation of exactly what he means by not wanting a party to turn into a sausage fest, for example, is unnecessary and patronizing.

While Laskowski's book is not a technically accomplished piece, its greatest strengths stem from the same source as its greatest flaws. Since the author was not trying to achieve a particular purpose with his book and merely attempted to make scenes as lifelike as possible, "Regionrat" has become an honest and detailed depiction of a culture that may not be the prettiest face of the United States but is undeniably a part of the nation's character.

Laskowski had no intention of defending Gary or the other towns that make up the area of northern Indiana known as the Region. He views Gary much as people around the nation view Gary, describing it as "a gang-infested shell, [which] bubbles with crime and mayhem on nearly every streetcorner."

"When I left northern Indiana I hated it," said Laskowski of his move to Seattle. "I hadn't been back until November, and I had the remaining impression that I didn't like it here."

Nevertheless, Laskowski indirectly defends the people living in the Region and their lifestyles through his characters. Ray not only refuses to be embarrassed about his drug habit, his lack of goals or interest in school, or his tendency to get in fights, but seems to be defying the people who expect him to share their ideas of morality.

Laskowski's work is intriguing in the same way as the work of Detroit rapper Eminem — it challenges those who might criticize a person for their attitudes or lifestyle to think about how that life looks a lot closer up. Unlike Eminem, Laskowski's main character does not complain about his disadvantages in life or actively accuse people of not understanding his background, but he shows no more regard for the people who have never seen a joint than they might show him. While Laskowski is not especially proud of his background, he is also not ashamed of where he is from or what he is writing about.

"Regionrat" will not dispel any stereotypes about the Midwest, but it could be an effective eye-opener for people with little knowledge of the actual lives of teenagers in the Midwest.

Laskowski began working on his book at 22, working for three and a half years before producing something he wanted to publish. Even now, less than a month before final publication, Laskowski is not entirely satisfied with his result.

This is the most difficult thing I've ever tried to do in my life," Laskowski said. "I thought that once I finished life would be totally different, but I don't feel any different."

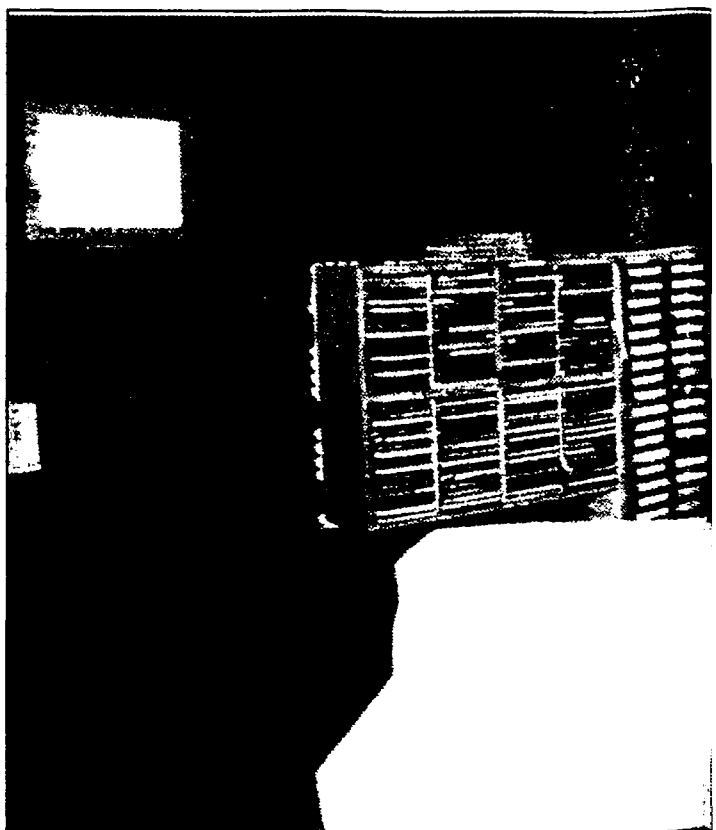
"Regionrat" will go on sale during the second week of March, and will be available for about \$15 through Barnes and Noble Bookstores or www.amazon.com.

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The voice

Valerie Wagner and Cole run the show on W

Anna Nussbaum steals the show as she t
scheduled airtime.Co-DJs Valerie Wagner and Cole take r
illuminates the room during the show.

Cover photo courtesy Richard Laskowski

The book cover from "Regionrat" depicts Richard Laskowski's main character, Raymond Laskowski, a typical, underachieving Midwestern teenager.

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radio streams across campus
*the voice of the fighting Irish continues to work hard to please listeners*By SARAH VABULAS
Assistant Scene Editor

The varying sounds of WVFI Radio, the student-run radio station at Notre Dame, broadcasts via the Internet using RealPlayer. With about 180 disc jockeys, the station offers a show for every type of music taste, earning the title, "The Voice of the Fighting Irish."

The station runs mainly by organizational committees and a strong commitment from the DJs and executive board. Tim Bradley, the station manager said that joining the staff of WVFI is a "great meeting place for non-mainstream music lovers" and provides an opportunity for music lovers at Notre Dame to unite and realize there are other music lovers on campus.

The DJs compile their own shows and play the music of their choice. The station has eight genres of music: rap-R&B, jazz-blues, folk-country, bluegrass, metal, techno, modern rock, indie and punk. There are about 15 CDs for each genre in the rotation, which is updated weekly.

The station's online magazine co-director, John Fanning, said, "The station plays a lot of diverse music to get the Notre Dame community at large to listen."

Not only does the station play music, but they also broadcast many sporting events at Notre Dame. Football games are some of the most popular listening times. Both mens and womens basketball games are streamed over the Web, along with hockey and other popular sporting events. Most recently, WVFI is broadcasting Bengal Boutts. This provides students the opportunity to listen and work on assignments simultaneously, while promoting the station's other showtimes.

Broadcasting times are from 8 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. the following night. Different DJs are on all week, so tune in and find the DJ that suits even the most unique and off-the-wall music taste.

The station also sponsors concerts and promotions for local bands. One of the goals of the station is to "encourage campus bands and the local music scene" in South Bend, said Assistant Station Manager Joanne Davidson. The station plans to release a campus band compilation CD by the end of the year. Many of the members of the Executive Board are involved in bands, so they hope to push not only their own bands, but also other talented musicians across campus.

The newest project that WVFI is working on is a printed magazine version of MINDset, WVFI's online magazine. Fanning's hope is that MINDset becomes "a resource for campus music. It involves elements including music reviews and concert reviews." WVFI plans on distributing 2,000 hard copies and distributing them around campus before spring break. It will be "a collection of reviews from the Web site," said Fanning. "[MINDset] didn't exist last semester, so we're really

excited about it," said Davidson. This project will increase awareness around campus for the local music scene as well as the popular music scene.

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Joanne Davidson
Assistant Station Manager

The Web site includes the MINDset online magazine, schedules of DJs and a top 30 list of songs that are most requested on WVFI. The top 30 list is submitted to a college magazine periodically to exhibit the music college students listen to across the country.

Most of WVFI's efforts are being put into MINDset and

continuing to improve the radio station, while increasing listener numbers. Issues with streaming the station have been resolved and the station is available worldwide at wvfi.nd.edu. The latest version of RealPlayer is recommended to have the best listening experience.

WVFI is located on campus at 200 LaFortune Hall and on the Web at wvfi.nd.edu. Bradley encouraged anyone who is interested in being a DJ or writing music reviews to contact WVFI Radio at 631-6400 or wvfi@nd.edu. WVFI is also on AOL Instant Messenger, WVFI Radio, where students can instant message requests for songs.

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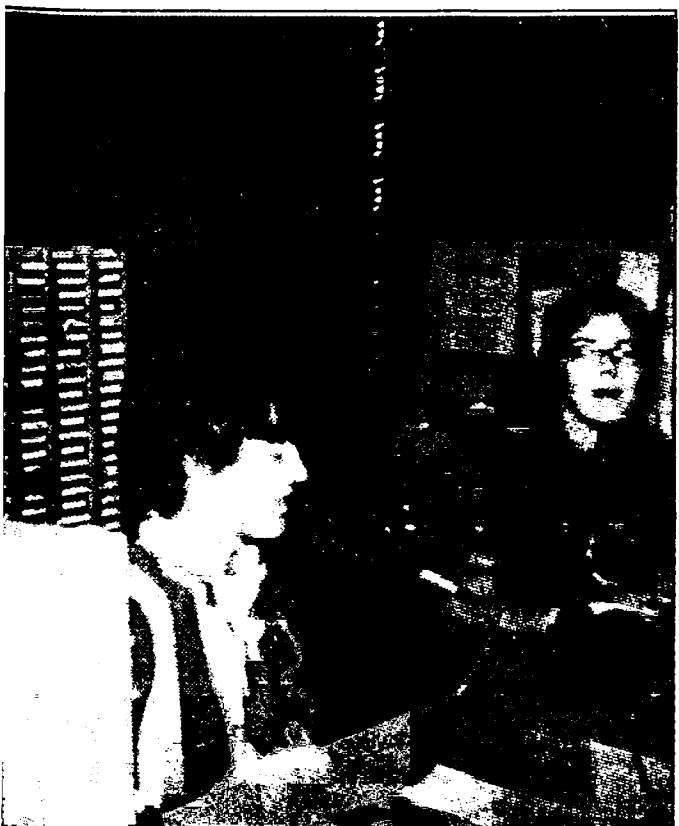
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NBA

Mavericks limit Duncan and defeat Spurs 95-87

Associated Press

DALLAS

The Dallas Mavericks did exactly what they had to do in what coach Don Nelson considered the most important game of the season.

They limited Tim Duncan and beat surging San Antonio, to snap a nine-game winning streak that had gotten the Spurs within four games of Dallas for the NBA's Division lead and the NBA's best record.

"It's good to break that streak," Mavs guard Nick Van Exel said. "Our defensive gameplan was unbelievable. The plan was to limit Duncan's 1-on-1 catches, always have someone in front of him and somebody behind him."

Duncan, with at least two defenders in his face every time he touched the ball, was held to 11 points on 3-of-10 shooting before leaving the game for good after being poked in the right eye.

"I'm not going to go into detail about what we did," Mavericks coach Don Nelson said. "We were able to execute some things we were never able to execute before and switch into a zone and do a really good job in a couple of their favorite areas."

"It was a really good win for us, probably one of the best of the season."

San Antonio set an NBA record with eight straight road wins on the same trip, including victories at Sacramento and the Los Angeles Lakers, before returning home for a 101-76 victory Tuesday night against Denver.

Steve Nash had 29 points and 10 assists to lead the Mavericks.

Duncan left the game with 8:13 remaining after being poked by Michael Finley on a hard foul. Duncan walked unaided to the locker room after staying down for a couple of minutes.

While Duncan's eye was swollen and remained sore after the game, Spurs officials said there were no scratches or other damage to the eye. He will be checked Friday.

Once play resumed without Duncan, the Spurs responded with a 16-2 run.

Tony Parker hit a 3-pointer. Malik Rose then scored eight of his 25 points in the run, including two free throws with 3:08 left to pull the Spurs within 84-

82 — the closest they would get.

"I was really happy with our group for continuing to play. A lot of teams would have cashed it in," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "Dallas played aggressive and went out and got a great victory."

Dirk Nowitzki, playing on a sprained right ankle, hit a 3-pointer from the right corner with 2:53 left to end the Spurs run.

Even though the Mavericks have the NBA's best record (42-12), they have struggled against some of the top teams. They've already lost twice to Sacramento — which eliminated them in the second round of the playoffs last season — and once to the Lakers.

"This was the biggest win because this game has been built up and up," Nash said. "I don't think any of us think we shouldn't beat that team."

Nets 98, Pacers 91

With teammate Kenyon Martin imploring him to take over in the second half, Jason Kidd couldn't be stopped — not even by one of the NBA's best defensive players.

Kidd scored 18 of his 31 points in the fourth quarter while being defended by Ron Artest and the New Jersey Nets rallied for a victory over the Indiana Pacers.

"He was in attack mode," Nets coach Byron Scott said of Kidd after the Nets rallied from a 15-point third-quarter deficit in yet another chippy game between the two young, emotional Eastern Conference foes.

"The only thing I asked the other guys to do was run with him," Scott added. "Get out on the break with him. Give him some options."

Kidd had five points, seven assists and four rebounds in a so-so first half that saw Indiana take a 55-45 lead.

Martin, who had 15 points in the half, knew that wasn't the way the Nets were going to win, so he went up to Kidd in the locker at halftime.

"I told him at halftime that, 'I need you in the second half,'" Martin recalled.

Kidd responded. He played all 24 minutes, hit 8-for-11 from the field, 9-for-10 from the foul line and added five of his 12 assists and five of his nine rebounds.

"Any time a teammate comes up to you and asks something

like that, you have to respond," Kidd said. "And I did."

Temper flared repeatedly and the officiating crew called six technicals and one flagrant foul. Artest, the Pacers' bad boy, got the flagrant and a technical, and generally seemed a little out of control.

Martin finished with 19 points for the Nets, who limited Indiana to 12-for-39 shooting (31 percent) in the second half.

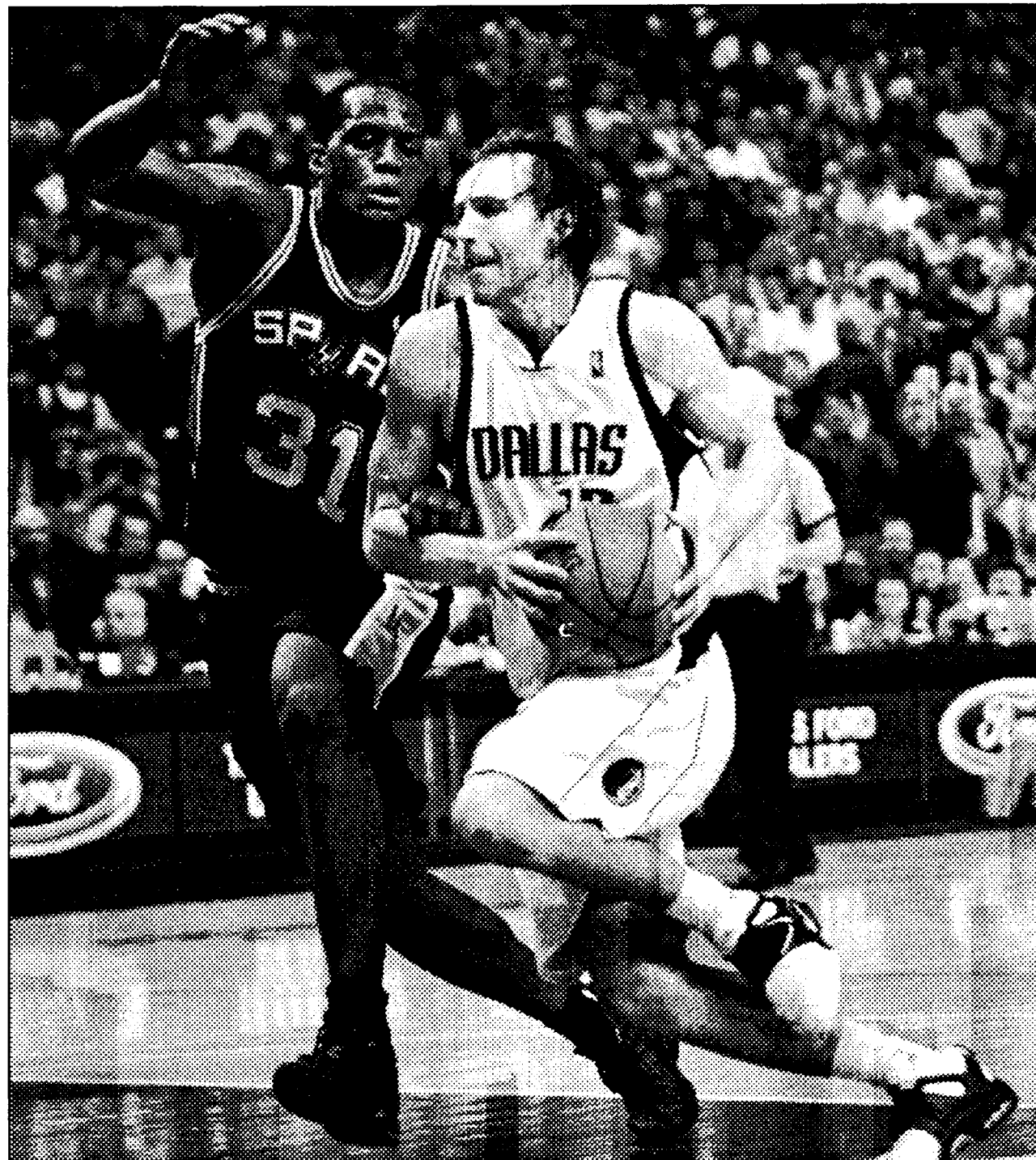
"We understand what the problem is. The problem is Jason Kidd," Pacers coach Isiah Thomas said. "Just because you know what the problem is doesn't mean you can solve it. We'll keep trying to figure out how to get him under control."

Al Harrington came off the bench and had 22 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Pacers, who dropped their season-high third straight game. Jermaine O'Neal and Brad Miller had 18 apiece and Reggie Miller added 14.

"I understand that there's going to be some adversity in a season, you're never going to have a smooth-going season where you rise above and play good basketball for 82 games," Thomas said.

Indiana had a chance to tie it in the final minute after Artest hit a 3-pointer and Reggie Miller made two free throws to close the Nets' lead to 94-91.

After Richard Jefferson missed a shot for New Jersey, the Pacers came down the floor and Reggie Miller ran around the 3-pointer perimeter looking for a pass to attempt a tying shot, much like he did in Game



Mavericks guard Steve Nash drives the lane against Spurs forward Malik Rose in Dallas' 95-87 win over San Antonio Thursday night.

5 of the Pacers-Nets first round playoff series last season.

Kings 105, Celtics 83

The Sacramento Kings' teamwork on offense draws all the attention. Recently, their teamwork on defense has been even better.

Doug Christie had 18 points, nine assists and eight rebounds, and Keon Clark had 18 points and nine rebounds as the Kings beat the Boston Celtics.

Showing all the cohesiveness Boston lacked, Sacramento methodically built a huge lead with patient passing and steady defense against the Celtics' array of outside shooters. Boston, easily leading the league in 3-point attempts, took 31 3-pointers — a Kings franchise record for an opponent — but shot less than 35 percent.

Led by Christie and Clark, Sacramento's defense was a big reason for the Celtics' struggles. The Kings have held four of

their last five opponents under 38 percent shooting, winning all four games.

"I don't know why we don't play like that all the time, because the end result is beautiful," said Clark, who helped hold Antoine Walker to 15 points on 5-of-17 shooting. "Everybody had an assignment, got to his spot and made things difficult for Boston. If they're missing, we should get some credit for it."

Vlade Divac had 16 points as the Kings improved to 22-5 at home with a blowout win over the Celtics, whose most successful West Coast road trip in 12 years ended with a resounding thud.

Paul Pierce had 22 points and 12 rebounds for Boston, which had won four of the first five games on the trip. But the Celtics were put away early by the Kings, whose five starters and reserve Hedo Turkoglu all scored in double figures.

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West Division

team	W	L	Pct.
Syracuse	9	3	.750
Pittsburgh	8	3	.727
NOTRE DAME	8	3	.727
Seton Hall	6	4	.600
West Virginia	4	7	.364
Rutgers	3	8	.273
Georgetown	3	8	.273

NBA

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New Jersey	36-18	.667	6-4	-
Boston	31-23	.574	5-5	5
Philadelphia	29-24	.547	7-3	6 1/2
Orlando	26-29	.473	3-7	10 1/2
Washington	25-28	.472	4-6	10 1/2
New York	23-30	.434	3-6	12 1/2
Miami	18-36	.333	2-7	18

Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Detroit	37-16	.698	9-1	-
Indiana	37-17	.685	5-5	1/2
New Orleans	29-27	.518	5-5	9 1/2
Milwaukee	27-28	.509	5-5	10
Atlanta	20-34	.370	4-6	17 1/2
Chicago	19-36	.345	2-8	19
Toronto	16-38	.308	6-4	20 1/2
Cleveland	10-44	.185	2-8	27 1/2

Western Conference, Midwest Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Dallas	41-12	.774	7-3	-
San Antonio	37-16	.698	8-1	4
Minnesota	34-21	.618	7-3	8
Utah	32-22	.593	6-4	9 1/2
Houston	28-25	.528	4-6	13
Memphis	16-36	.308	3-7	24 1/2
Denver	12-43	.218	2-8	30

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Sacramento	37-18	.673	5-5	-
Portland	35-18	.660	7-3	1
Phoenix	30-24	.556	4-6	6 1/2
LA Lakers	28-25	.528	8-2	8
Golden State	24-30	.444	4-6	12 1/2
Seattle	22-30	.423	3-7	13 1/2
LA Clippers	19-34	.358	3-7	17

NBA



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Point guard Gary Payton looks to drive in recent action against the Clippers. Payton, along with Desmond Mason were sent to the Bucks for Ray Allen, Kevin Ollie, Ronald Murray and a conditional first-round draft pick.

Payton reunited with Karl; Allen to the Sonics

Associated Press

NEW YORK

In a blockbuster five-player deal Thursday at the NBA trading deadline, Ray Allen was sent from the Milwaukee Bucks to the Seattle SuperSonics for Gary Payton and Desmond Mason.

The Sonics also received guards Kevin Ollie and Ronald Murray and a conditional first-round draft pick.

The trade ended Payton's career in Seattle after 12 1/2 seasons and reunited him with coach George Karl. His first game with the Bucks will be

Friday night against, of all teams, the Sonics.

The nine-time All-Star guard's contract expires after this season, and the Sonics risked losing him over the summer on the free agent market with nothing in return.

Allen, a six-year veteran and three-time All-Star, has spent his entire career with the Bucks. A gold medalist for the United States at the Sydney Olympics, he also will be a member of the 2004 Olympic men's basketball team.

Seattle also made a trade with the New Orleans Hornets, exchanging point

guard Kenny Anderson for center Elden Campbell.

In the day's only other deal, Boston sent guard Shammond Williams, a second-round draft pick and cash to Denver for center Mark Blount and forward Mark Bryant.

The Hawks were expected to be one of the most active teams before the deadline, but 3 p.m. passed without any of their best players — Shareef Abdur-Rahim, Jason Terry, Theo Ratliff and Glenn Robinson — being traded.

"The tax had added another layer of issues you have to work through,"

Babcock said. "You rarely see a trade just talent-for-talent."

Many owners told their basketball executives they would not take on added payroll commitments, especially if it would put them over the expected luxury tax threshold of \$52 million to \$53 million. Teams with payrolls higher than that amount will have to pay a dollar-for-dollar tax on the overage.

Payton's arrival presumably will force Bucks starter Sam Cassell into a backup role, with sharpshooter Michael Redd taking over Allen's old spot at shooting guard.

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SATURDAY

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Georgetown at Miami 12 p.m., ESPN
St. John's at Connecticut 2 p.m., CBS
Wisconsin at Iowa 3 p.m., ESPN
Louisville at Marquette 4 p.m., ABC
NC State at Duke 4 p.m., CBS

PGA

Nissan Open 3 p.m., ABC

SUNDAY

NBA

Dallas at Washington 12:30 p.m., ABC
Spurs at Kings 3:30 p.m., ABC

NHL

Dallas at Chicago 6 p.m., ESPN2
Minnesota at St. Louis 8:30 p.m., ESPN

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Syracuse at Michigan State 2 p.m., CBS
Kansas at Oklahoma 4 p.m., CBS

IN BRIEF

James' jersey to be retired

LeBron James is getting another classic sports jersey — his own.

St. Vincent-St. Mary officials plan to retire James' No. 23 jersey following the school's regular-season finale Sunday against Toledo Scott at Akron's Rhodes Arena.

James, who will not play in the game as part of a two-game suspension ordered earlier this month by a judge, will be presented with his framed Fighting Irish jersey by senior teammates during a postgame ceremony.

The jersey will be mounted in the school's gymnasium after James graduates in June. The school plans to release an official announcement on Thursday.

James, expected to the No. 1 pick in this year's NBA draft, had been ruled ineligible by the Ohio High School Athletic Association on Jan. 31 for accepting two retro sports jerseys for free from a clothing store.

James, expected to be named Ohio's first three-time Mr. Basketball next month, moved into seventh place in the state's career scoring list Sunday.

Following the game, James told a sellout crowd of more than 13,000 at the University of Dayton that he wasn't worthy of being named the game's MVP and handed his trophy to teammate Corey Jones.

"I had it in my head even before the end of the game that if I would've won the award, I was going to give it to Corey," James said of Jones, hit six 3-pointers and scored 20 points. "He had a great game."

Jones promised to cherish the award.

"You won't find this trophy on eBay, you can be sure of that," he said.

Orioles owner Angelos asks for ban on ephedrine

Baltimore Orioles owner Peter Angelos called on major league baseball to ban ephedrine, a stimulant

that may have contributed to the death of pitcher Steve Bechler.

Bechler, an Orioles pitching prospect, died Monday, a day after he was unable to complete a workout. Xenadrine, which contains ephedrine, was found in his locker.

"Unfortunately, we're all human and don't move until something very grim and very tragic like this occurs," Angelos said Wednesday.

The Ephedra Education Council said Thursday that Bechler's death should not automatically be linked to the dietary supplement.

"Ephedra is banned by the NFL, the NCAA and IOC but not by major league baseball. The Food and Drug Administration has reports of at least 100 deaths linked to the supplement.

Over 55 clinical studies testify to its safety. It is popular because people need help losing weight."

Major league baseball has delayed a decision about ephedra until more is known about the circumstances of Bechler's death.

BOXING

Tyson and Etienne ready to fight

Associated Press

TUNICA, Miss.

The sight of Mike Tyson playfully nibbling on the arm of his baby boy wouldn't have been so startling except this was the guy who once threatened to eat Lennox Lewis' children.

This was the new, gentler Mike, though, who looked like he was having so much fun at the prefight press conference that he hated to leave.

Of course, there was no reason to leave when Tyson had his new facial tattoo to show off.

"I just wanted to put something on my face," Tyson said. "I didn't like the way my face was looking."

Normally petulant in the days before a fight, Tyson was downright jovial at both the press conference and the weigh-in, where he actually showed up early and then had some fun playing to the crowd.

Maybe it was because he had just gotten out of the ring after sparring five rounds and splitting open the lip of his sparring partner.

Or maybe it was because he was thinking of the \$5 million he was going to make to fight a boxer who once wouldn't have even been allowed in the ring with him.

"I'm thinking about what I'm going to buy with all the cash I'm going to get," Tyson said.

The atmosphere surrounding Tyson's fight with Clifford Etienne was already circuslike. The carnival officially opened for business Thursday at a news conference goofy even by Tyson's standards.

The former heavyweight

champion played with his 9-month-old son, chatted amiably with the media and acted surprised that there was such a fuss about his tattoo.

Behind him, Tonya Harding flexed her muscles, while University of Memphis instructor Kya Reaves talked nearby about the Maori warrior roots of the design on Tyson's face.

"It's indicative he wants it to represent the warrior in him," Reaves said.

Tyson, meanwhile, appeared to be healing rapidly from whatever ailed him earlier in the week. He split the lip of a sparring partner before making a jovial appearance to promote a fight he desperately needs to rescue his floundering career.

"They offered me more money. That makes you very, very well real quick," Tyson said. "If I don't get it, I get sick rapidly real quick."

Tyson was to get more than \$5 million to fight Etienne — huge money unless you're Mike Tyson and used to purses that routinely top \$20 million. The free-spending Tyson needs as much as he can get because he is low on funds and owes his ex-wife \$6.5 million from his future earnings.

Tyson's manager, Shelly Finkel, denied his fighter got any more money and said Tyson was just joking about his illness.

Though various reports from Tyson's camp have described him as being sick and bedridden over the weekend, he showed no ill effects when he went five rounds with sparring partner Stan Allen and sent Allen to the hospital to get stitches on his lip.

That could be bad news for

Etienne, who came nattily attired to the press conference and then threw a playful jab at Tyson.

"I'd like to thank Mike for finally showing up," Etienne said.

Tyson's tattoo was the center of attention.

He got the tattoo last week but said he has been thinking about it for two years. He said there would be more to come.

"A tattoo is personal. You guys know everything about me," he said. "There's billions of people outside with tattoos. This is nothing. This isn't even halfway done."

Tyson stopped training after getting the tattoo, then a few days later came down sick. He didn't return to the gym until Wednesday, when he sparred four rounds and went back Thursday for five more.

"It was a great workout. I was real happy," trainer Freddie Roach said. "Mike hit his sparring partner with an uppercut and busted his lip in half."

In Tyson's prime, someone like Etienne wouldn't worry him at all. But Tyson has been exposed in recent fights — particularly his loss to Lennox Lewis — as a fighter with declining skills and dwindling dedication.

Tyson weighed in Thursday at 225 3/4 pounds to 222 3/4 for Etienne.

Odds makers had made Tyson a 7-1 favorite, but that dropped to 4-1 after a week of missed workouts and illness. At the Stardust sports book, most of the money was on Etienne until he vowed not to fight on Tuesday, only to change his mind the next day.

PGA TOUR

Funk shoots 65 to grab first-round lead

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Fred Funk worries that golf is becoming all about power, playing right into the hands of big hitters like Tiger Woods.

That sure wasn't the case in the Nissan Open.

Funk, one of the shortest hitters on the PGA Tour, proved again that the shortest club in the bag — his putter — can atone for a lot of, well, shortcomings.

Funk had 11 one-putts and holed another from just off the green on his way to a 6-under 65 that gave him a three-stroke lead, the largest 18-hole margin on tour in 54 events.

"I don't even pretend to have the game Tiger has," Funk said. "I've got to be doing a lot of things good and really putting to do well on a course like this."

One thing Funk was not about to trade with Woods was his score.

Woods, coming off a strong victory last week in San Diego, struggled to a 1-over 72 in tough, blustery conditions at Riviera Country Club.

"It was a long, tough day," Woods said.

What really got to him was a cell phone that rang in the midst of a three-putt bogey from 6 feet on the par-5 17th, which sent him over par for the first time in the opening round at the Nissan Open.

Woods might have missed the competition during his two-month break from knee surgery, but he certainly didn't miss the distractions.

"Turn off the [expletive] phone," Woods shouted at the fan, loud enough for everyone to hear even with television having shut down for the day.

Woods later called it a long, tough day, and indeed it was.

The firm, fast conditions were made even more difficult by strong gusts that

swirled through the tree-lined fairways. Play was so slow that it took more than five hours to complete 18 holes, and 15 players failed to finish before it got dark.

Jeff Sluman had the best round among the later starters at 3-under 68.

That tied him with Steve Elkington, who won the '95 PGA Championship at Riviera, three-time major winner Nick Price and Cameron Beckman.

David Duval played with Woods and turned in a 69, and clearly the most entertaining round of the day. On one hole, officials had to push a cart and a popcorn stand out of his way. At the end, his approach bounced off a tree and onto the green.

"It was fun for the whole family," Duval said.

It was anything but that for Woods.

Unlike Duval, he didn't overcome some of his adventures.

Woods' tee shot on No. 9 sailed to the right and under the television booth. He scrambled out of trouble, only to miss a 2 1/2-foot par putt — making a 5-footer coming back.

But the real damage came on the par-5 17th. Woods was on the front apron of the green in two and chipped 6 feet past the hole. A birdie would have put him under par. Instead, he pushed it right and cursed loud enough for everyone to hear.

Just as he made contact on the 4-footer for par, a cell phone rang.

Woods glared, and when the phone kept ringing, he cursed the fan. Making it worse, the phone kept ringing even as marshals escorted the man off the course.

Woods had no regrets for cursing him.

"He shouldn't have had the cell phone. Period," Woods said.

NFL

Brooking signs 7-year extension

Associated Press

ATLANTA

After eating dinner at owner Arthur Blank's house Monday night, Atlanta Falcons linebacker Keith Brooking called his agent and told him to bridge the gap on a new contract.

Blank and Brooking shared another meal Thursday night, this time to celebrate a seven-year, \$41 million deal the two sides agreed to earlier in the day.

The Falcons called a news conference to announce the contract, which includes a \$10.5 million signing bonus.

"I'm 110 percent satisfied," Brooking said. "I'm extremely happy with how everybody involved in this and came together, and I believe in all my heart we have the resources to go out and get the players we need to make us successful."

On Wednesday night, Falcons chief administrative officer Ray Anderson declared his talks with Pat Dye Jr., Brooking's agent, to be at an impasse. Though both sides agreed no one would benefit if the team used a franchise tag to keep Brooking from becoming an unrestricted free agent Feb. 28, conversations between Anderson and Dye had turned

contentious.

"I know not to take things personally," Anderson said. "An agent's job is to work out the best deal he can for his client, but we still have to protect our interests and leave ourselves room to sign other players."

Brooking, who grew up southwest of Atlanta in Senoia and starred at East Coweta High School and Georgia Tech, never wanted to leave the hometown NFL team that drafted him No. 12 overall in 1998.

"I'd be lying if I said the money wasn't great," Brooking said. "It's a big part of this —

no doubt. But the biggest thing is winning championships, and I think we're in a great position to do that."

Blank, who paid \$545 million for the Falcons a year ago, took the same approach to Brooking that he used to lure running back Warrick Dunn from Tampa Bay last March and right tackle Todd Weiner from Seattle.

The owner wanted to let Brooking know the franchise appreciates a linebacker that led the NFL in solo tackles last season and was picked for the last two Pro Bowls.

This Weekend in the Department of Music

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Sunday, Feb. 23: Sean Martin, tenor (Senior Recital)
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2 pm, Annenberg Auditorium

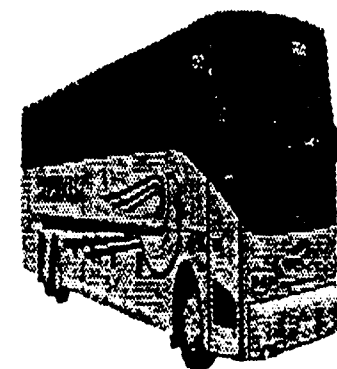
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BENGAL BOUTS — 170-HEAVYWEIGHTS

Cosse and Joyce enjoy byes

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

In the 170-pound division, seniors Clay Cosse and Rob Joyce received first-round byes as the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds, respectively. Cosse also serves as the division's captain.

Zahm junior Patrick McGarry and Alumni junior John Wahoske face off for the chance to fight Cosse in Sunday's quarterfinals.

Brian Michalek, a junior from Siegfried, and graduate student Matt Durbin face off against each other in the second fight.

Siegfried senior Matt Padilla and Stanford senior Richard Gonsiorek are scheduled next. Padilla defeated Nate Schneid in his first-round matchup last year, only to lose to Evan Oliver in the quarterfinals.

Off-campus seniors John Lantz and Jason Voss battle each other in the fifth fight. Last year, Voss advanced to the 160-pound quarterfinals after beating Dusty Segretto.

Stanford junior James Ward and Keough junior Will Holley complete the division's matchups, with the winner fighting Joyce. Holley lost to Mark Yost in the first round last year.

180-pounds

A relatively large contingent of 16 fighters means there are no first-round byes in the 180-pound division. Alumni junior Tommy Demko is the division's champion and top seed.

Demko faces off against Stanford freshman Michael Leukam in the first fight. Demko advanced to the semifinals of the division last year, only to lose to

eventual runner-up Matthew Sarb.

Freshman Erik Rocca and sophomore Brian Murphy, neither of whom competed in last year's Bengal Bouts, fight next.

Two more newcomers, off-campus senior Jarrett Bingemann and Alumni junior Denis Sullivan face off in the division's third preliminary match.

Christopher Pearsall and Michael Ryan go against each other next. Pearsall lost in the first round last year to freshman James Christoforetti.

This year, Christoforetti and Zahm freshman Patrick Brown do battle in the final bout of the night. Unfortunately, the only way that Christoforetti and Ryan could have a rematch is if both were to advance to the finals.

Alumni junior Larry Rooney and Dillon sophomore Chris Orenchuk face off in another preliminary match. Last year, Rooney competed in the 190-pound division and lost his first-round bout against Jason Mayes.

O'Neill junior Eric Callahan and Fisher sophomore John Baker face off against each other in another of the eight preliminaries.

Off-campus senior Andrew Groebner and Morrissey freshman Christopher Cavanagh face off in the bottom half of the bracket. Neither competed last year.

190-pounds

Off-campus junior William Zizic and off-campus seniors John Lynk and John Caver all have first-round byes in the 190-pound division. Lynk is the defending champion, this year's captain and No. 1 seed.

Caver lost his first-round match up to Eddy Vulin, but both Lynk and Zizic advanced all the way to the semifinals, where they faced off against each other. Lynk defeated Zizic and eventually went on to win in the finals against Kevin Brandl.

For a rematch to occur this year between Zizic and Lynk, both would have to advance to the championship round.

Dillon sophomore David Escobales and Zahm sophomore Nicholas Green fight to see who will face off against Lynk.

Off-campus senior Jose Ronchetta and Keough sophomore Tom Degnan face off next. Last year, Ronchetta advanced to the quarterfinals before losing to Joshua Kaskua.

Off-campus senior Dan Donlan and Alumni senior Mwangi Gathinji meet each other in a preliminary matchup. Neither upperclassman competed last year.

Alumni freshman Jeff Golen and Morrissey senior Patrick Otlewski fight for the right to face Caver. Otlewski lost his first-round match last year to Douglas Pope.

Stanford sophomore Michael Abel and Zahm freshman Nathan Schroeder complete the bracket, and battle to face Zizic in the quarterfinals.

Heavyweight

The heavyweight division does not have any preliminary matchups. All eight participants automatically advance to Sunday's quarterfinals.

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BENGAL BOUTS — 160-165-POUNDS

Tschanz wins to face DeSplinter

By LUKE BUSAM
Sports Writer

Steve Tschanz will face Mark DeSplinter this Sunday after winning a unanimous decision over Rian Sweeney. Sweeney was caught off-balance in round one and went to the mat after a right hand by Tschanz.

Sweeney bled a bit near the end of round two and continued to do so throughout round three. Tschanz took advantage of Sweeney's tendency to lower his head with a number of good jabs. The match ended uneventfully after a stoppage to clean blood from Sweeney's face.

Enterline def. Flaherty

The next fight of the evening was between John Enterline and Patrick Flaherty. Enterline looked good as he delivered a number of upstairs punches that kept Flaherty off balance throughout the first round.

Enterline scored a standing eight count to end round one. Flaherty came on strong in the second but Enterline stayed composed and earned a second standing eight count.

After a tangle in round three, Enterline boxed well to finish the fight 50 seconds into the third round.

Phillip def. Dwyer

Bill Phillip's straight jabs were too much for Ryan Dwyer as Phillip earned a unanimous-decision win. After being pushed to the ground early in the second round, Phillip responded with an impressive array of punches and knocked down Dwyer 45 seconds into the round.

In round three, Phillip stuck with his upstairs punches and boxed well. Dwyer was unable to find a rhythm and bled as the fight ended.

McCarthy def. Fitzgerald

Kevin McCarthy and Keith Fitzgerald matched up well as both boxers moved well, and the first round produced no dominant fighter. The boxers traded jabs and both kept form well in the second. McCarthy found success in leading with his strong right and caught Fitzgerald with his left at times.

Fitzgerald threw a number of good single jabs in the third, but McCarthy's right dominated in the final round as well, giving him a unanimous decision win.

Shallcross def. Borowiecki

Jesse Shallcross earned a unanimous victory over Alex Borowiecki in the closest match of the middleweights. The first two rounds were evenly matched with good exchanges. A series of good rights by Shallcross closed the second and set a brawling pace for the third.

Both boxers' form suffered a bit in the third, but Shallcross' rights straightened out in the final half of the round and held up to grant him the unanimous, yet close, victory.

White def. Ysasi

In a match postponed from earlier in the evening, Todd White won a unanimous decision over Rick Ysasi. White initiated contact throughout the bout and Ysasi had trouble countering.

White landed solid punches upstairs in the second and early in the third round. Ysasi was successful in countering late in the match and the bout ended with White's mouthguard on the mat.

Reid def. Saroca

Reid Rector will advance to fight Pat Dillon in the 165-pound quarterfinals without fighting Mike Saroca in the preliminaries.

The first round bout between Rector and Saroca was cancelled because of medical reasons.

Milliron def. McDonald

In the first fight of the 165-pound class Chris Milliron won an excellent fight against Mike McDonald. Milliron was strong in the first round with several combinations to McDonald's head.

A number of hooks and two more success early in the second round as well. McDonald fought well in the latter half of the match. Milliron, however, stuck with his one-two combinations upstairs and proved too much for McDonald.

Bartels def. Burlish

Ross Bartels won a split decision over Brent Burlish in the final bout in the 165-pound class for the night. Bartels dominated early in a fight that began and ended in a brawl.

Both fighters settled down to box in the second round with Bartels dominating the action and throwing more punches. Late in the third round Bartels connected on a number of flurries and proved to be the dominant fighter.

Knust def. Gaffey

The final match of the night was a 170-pound match between Matt Knust and James Gaffey, which Knust won in a unanimous decision. Gaffey turned his head a bit throughout the fight to avoid Knust's punches and began to bleed early in the second round.

Knust fought a good bout, but Gaffey did not go down easily. He pushed hard to the final seconds, but Knust's jabs proved too much.

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BENGAL BOUTS — 150-155-POUNDS

Experienced Vargas overpowers Lorenzo

By LUKE BUSAM
Sports Writer

The 150-pound class began with an impressive display by Nicaraguan Juan Diego Vargas. Vargas' previous boxing experience showed in this slightly mismatched bout with Jonathan Lorenzo. Vargas was successful in countering all of Lorenzo's advances throughout the match. Lorenzo fought hard, yet Vargas' three- and four-punch combinations led to an early end as the bout ended 62 seconds into the third round.

Arevalo def. Biebl

On Sunday, Vargas will fight Steven Arevalo, who also looked strong in his first fight in Bengal Bouts. Arevalo dominated the bout against Hans Biebl and was able to back his opponent into a corner early in the third round. Both boxers stumbled in after a flurry to end the round.

Rogers def. Koegel

Ryan Rogers will once again move on to the quarterfinals after winning a unanimous decision over Christopher Koegel. Rogers was able to control the center of ring and connected well several times in a flurry in round one.

In round two Koegel looked stronger, but Rogers had a reply for every punch and countered well. After a brief stoppage to fix Koegel's head gear in the third round, Rogers landed of number of straight one-tuos upstairs to end the fight.

Cardillo def. Pribaz

Craig Cardillo overcame the experience and left hand of Jon Pribaz to gain victory in a split decision. Pribaz slipped in round one after being backed up to the ropes by Cardillo. Cardillo's defense was strong as he blocked many of Pribaz's lefts.

Throughout the second round Pribaz found himself backed to the ropes by Cardillo's constant jabs and the round ended with Pribaz's leaning on the ropes. Pribaz had an impressive third round, but Cardillo's straight jabs upstairs proved too much for the southpaw.

Gasser def. McClellan

Luke McClellan's first fight in Bengal Bouts was a quick one due to an injury to his shoulder that ended the match 27 seconds into the first round. Brandon Gasser looked impressive in the short time he was in the ring.

Gorynski def. Sienko

A strong third round granted Bobby Gorynski a split decision victory over Ryan Sienko. Sienko, a southpaw, used his left hand well and landed more scoring punches than his opponent in the first round. However, Gorynski turned the fight around and dominated by going high and low in a number of exchanges in the sec-

ond. Gorynski worked Sienko's body well in the final round, scoring often and convincing the judges to grant him the decision.

Heaton def. Schnorr

Chase Heaton scored a decisive victory with a powerful shot to Charles Schnorr's head 62 seconds into the second round. Heaton had a distinct reach advantage, yet Schnorr was able to slip under his jabs and scored several to the body in the first round.

Thirty-eight seconds into the second round, the fight was momentarily stopped to clean Schnorr's nose. After the break, Schnorr initiated contact with Heaton a number of times, but was stopped and dropped by the Heaton's impressive shot which brought forth a splash of blood late in the second round. Schnorr hit the canvas hard and the fight was ended.

Lohmeyer def. Dowling

In the final fight of the 150-pound weight class, Nathan Lohmeyer earned a unanimous decision over Matt Dowling. Lohmeyer moved well and held his form throughout the bout, delivering straight punch combinations to Dowling's head. Dowling's headgear needed adjustment in each round after taking a number of shots from Lohmeyer. Lohmeyer controlled the center of the ring throughout the match and boxed well, showing his experience in the ring.

Melby def. Solis

Mike Melby showed his years of experience in winning a unanimous decision over Christopher Solis in the first fight of the 155-pound weight class. Melby controlled the ring and used his jab well to keep on his heels throughout the fight. Melby's hard jabs moved Solis around the ring and the third round ended in the gold corner of the ring with Melby the dominating winner.

Kerrigan def. Maglione

Colin Kerrigan will meet Melby Sunday after winning a unanimous decision against Ted Maglione. Each boxer threw to the body a great deal, but Kerrigan began to dominate early in the second round as he forced Maglione to the corner.

A number of closed flurries ended the second round, which was controlled primarily by Kerrigan. Kerrigan boxed extremely well to begin the final round and used his jab to set up right and left hooks to Maglione's body, convincing the judges he was the dominant boxer in this bout.

Basola def. Morton

Mark Basola won a unanimous decision over Ryan Morton in the next bout. Basola moved Morton around the ring with a strong series of upstairs combinations, forcing him to the corner and



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Mark Basola connects with a jab on Ryan Morton in a 155-pound preliminary round fight Thursday night. Basola defeated Morton by unanimous decision.

holding him there. Early in the third round, Morton charged and scored on a nice flurry, but Basola's reaching jab proved dominant.

Loughrey def. Christoforetti

Galen Loughrey's impressive ring speed and constant motion earned him a unanimous decision against Jeff Christoforetti. Loughrey was constantly in motion, making himself a difficult target. He dominated the ring space and closed in well against Christoforetti.

Christoforetti chose to protect himself rather than counter throughout the first and second rounds, but scored several punches against Loughrey late in the final round. Loughrey moved comfortably and dominated the fight.

Keppel def. Boylan

Steve Keppel returned from London to earn a close victory over Colin Boylan. The match began with a number of high exchanges. Keppel controlled the center of the ring and forced

Boylan to the ropes twice in the second round. Boylan bled a bit in the third round and the fight ended with a strong shot by Keppel to Boylan's head. Keppel was declared the winner in a split decision.

Peters def. Nanovic

Michael Peters overcame a significant reach advantage in his split decision victory over Nick Nanovic. Nanovic controlled the ring well and pushed Peters to the ropes, but found himself there shortly after in the first round.

The second round brought even exchanges with neither fighter dominating. A series of advances by Peters that back Nanovic into the corner in the final round proved to be the winning factor in this close match.

Arnold def. Hansen

Cliff Arnold offered a consistent serving of one-two combinations in his split decision victory over Brian Hansen. The fight stayed primarily in the middle of the ring and was dominated by upstairs punches with virtually no body

shots attempted. Hansen countered Arnold's one-tuos well when he chose to, but the barrage of punches proved too much in the end.

Schaefer def. Campbell

Greg Schaefer dominated in his unanimous win over Joe Campbell. Campbell's hands left his face simultaneously at times as he tried to counter the constant headshots from Schaefer. A well developed under Campbell's left eye in the second round after a strong display of straight jabs and power punches by Schaefer which prompted a standing eight count on Campbell.

In round three, Schaefer scored a second standing eight after several one-tuos upstairs. Schaefer stuck with his combinations to the head throughout the match and boxed well. Referee Tom Suddes stopped the fight 30 seconds into the final round, declaring Schaefer the victor.

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MENS TENNIS



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Notre Dame junior Luls Haddock serves the ball in a match on Jan. 31 against Florida State. The Irish will be looking for their first home win Saturday against Northwestern.

Men seeking 1st home win

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

As the Irish prepare to host No. 41 Northwestern Saturday, it would be hard for them to forget the tendency of these two teams of late.

The past two years, Notre Dame defeated Northwestern, but in tightly contested matches. This season, Northwestern returns six of nine letter winners, while Notre Dame lost six to graduation.

Yet both the young Irish squad and the more experienced Wildcats had similar results against two of the same opponents this season. They both suffered narrow 4-3 defeats against Indiana, and they both dominated Wisconsin, 7-0.

"I expect we'll have our hands full but I'm expecting a very close match," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "We are optimistic, guardedly optimistic."

Overall, the Wildcats, 5-2 on the season, have had a more successful start to their season, with their only losses coming against No. 14 Alabama and No. 40 Indiana. The Irish, on the other hand, struggled early on, and now stand at 3-5. Of late though, Notre Dame has been improving.

"Our inability to win the

doubles point has really hurt us this year," Bayliss said. "We're really working on it. We played Michigan State really close in doubles."

Winning the doubles point could have come in handy for the Irish during close matches with Duke and Florida State, for example. Bayliss said that the doubles lineup is an area of major concern for the team.

"Between injuries and a lot of things that have happened, we just haven't been able to come up with [the right] combinations," he said.

The No. 1 doubles duo, junior tri-captain Matt Scott and sophomore Brent D'Amico has been successful compared with the No. 2 and No. 3 pairs. The question for the Irish is whether D'Amico and Scott should be split up, in an effort to spread the talent among the pairs, or whether the bottom of the lineup should just be allowed time to gain experience and to improve.

With the match against Northwestern looming tomorrow, the question of who will play with whom remains to be settled, at least in an earthly sense, according to Bayliss.

"Coming into this morning only God and I knew what the doubles lineup was going to be, and right now only one of us knows, and it's not I," Bayliss said.

Bayliss stresses the Irish are

considering all of their options in hopes of finding the proper combination that could transform their losing record into a more favorable one.

"We really look at everything," he said. "We'll run a poll in The Observer as to what our doubles team should be."

Still, the three victories the Irish have had, and a narrow loss to Duke, have given the team confidence. Additionally, all of their victories have come on the road, and that reassures the team that they have the talent needed to win.

"We're a work in progress," Bayliss said.

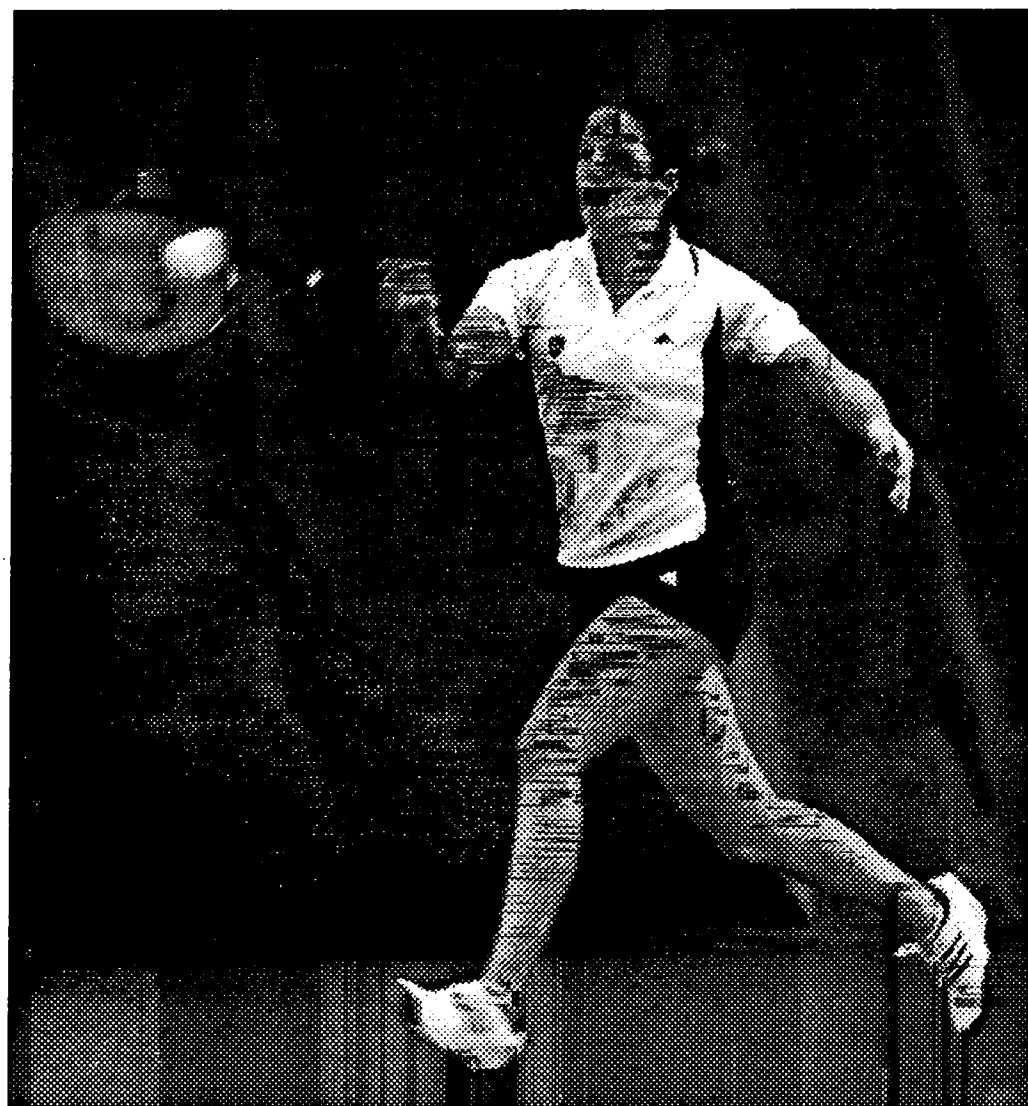
According to Bayliss, one of the reasons why the Irish have yet to win at home is the caliber of the competition they have faced this season. This situation does not seem like it will change anytime soon, given that Saturday's match is at home against another tough squad.

But the Irish seem to be breaking out by gaining confidence through experience.

"We're beginning to get a little bit of confidence. We're starting to scrap and claw a little bit better," Bayliss said. "We've actually one a couple of close matches, which is a good feeling."

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ND WOMENS TENNIS



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A Notre Dame womens tennis player returns a shot in a match earlier this year. The Irish host No. 1 Duke Friday.

Irish have plenty to gain, nothing to lose

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

The Irish have had two weeks of relative ease. Now they face a weekend of formidable challenges.

Last weekend, the Irish easily dominated two Big East opponents, winning 6-1 in each contest. Prior to that, Notre Dame had a week off from competitive play.

But today, Notre Dame hosts No. 1 Duke.

Then, the Irish head south for a two-match road trip against No. 11 Tennessee Sunday and No. 25 Kentucky Monday.

The No. 19 Irish, who stand at 4-2, believe they have nothing to lose in the face of a trio of collegiate tennis powers.

"We don't have to worry about anything," said junior Caylan Leslie of tomorrow's match with Duke. "We can just go out there and give it our all and see how it goes."

Today will mark the first time a No. 1 team has ever visited the Eck Tennis Pavilion, and the Irish are excited by the prospects of testing their mettle against the nation's very best.

"It's a good opportunity," junior Alicia Salas said. "We have nothing to lose. It will be fun to go out there and have them here."

The undefeated Blue Devils trounced strong opponents such as No. 5 North Carolina, No. 10 California, and Kentucky in the National Indoor Team Championships. Additionally, Duke also triumphed over No. 12 Northwestern. The Tar Heels defeated the Irish 5-2, and the Wildcats triumphed over Notre Dame 7-0 during the same weekend.

Fortunately for Irish morale, those two consecutive losses were followed by their strong home victories over Boston College and Virginia Tech last weekend.

Against the Eagles and the

Hokies, every member of the Irish squad earned at least one victory, and Notre Dame sees that as a crucial step forward in developing the talent of this relatively youthful team.

"I think everyone gained a lot of confidence in those," Leslie said. "It's just nice to get some wins under your belt."

Leslie's two singles wins last weekend were a considerable boost for her. She sat out all last season with an injury and has been struggling a little in her comeback this spring.

"It's been difficult," Leslie said. "It's slowly coming back. It's a lot tougher than I ever imagined."

This weekend will be tough for the entire team.

"We're a young team and I think we definitely have the ability to do well against [Duke, Tennessee, and Kentucky]," freshman Lauren Connolly said. "But, it will be definitely tiring."

Leslie said the team is focusing on today's challenge and trying not to concern themselves with Tennessee and Kentucky. Considering that Duke will probably be the toughest opponent of all, most of the challenges for the Irish lie early on in the weekend.

"We'll all excited about this weekend," Leslie said. "We know it'll be tough. You can't look too far ahead, otherwise you'll lose sight of what's right in front of you."

Salas, a veteran of many Irish matches, is optimistic. Last season the fourth-ranked Blue Devils topped the 23rd-ranked Irish, 6-1 in Durham, N.C. Salas expects the home court advantage to help make the Irish a more challenging opponent today.

"I think it was harder for us last year," she said. "We played them at Duke outdoors. I definitely think that the match will have a different flavor [today] since it's at home."

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A-cut time by .04 seconds.

The other major victory for the Irish came when junior Lisa Garcia stole the 200-meter individual medley from teammate and defending Big East champion Marie Labosky. Garcia won with a time of 2:01.21, ousting second-place Pittsburgh swimmer Carolyn Savini by .47 seconds. Labosky (2:03.37) came in sixth place and freshman Courtney Choura (2:03.47) placed seventh.

Even more notable is Garcia's record-setting time in the preliminary heat, which she completed in 2:01.00, breaking the old record of Miami's Jennifer

Weir, who swam the 200 individual medley in 2:01.43 in 2000.

"I felt really strong this morning so I went into tonight with a lot of confidence," Garcia said. "And I'm just excited to swim. This team's been swimming well so that helped me [and] psyched me up a lot. Starting off winning the relay tonight was awesome."

Meghan Perry-Eaton took second in the 3-meter diving. Perry-Eaton finished with 501.05 points in the final round behind only one Miami diver.

The rest of the team became motivated, as well. The Irish had three swimmers place in the top two of the 500 freestyle heats. Freshman Christel Bouvron (4:57.33), senior Nicole Kohrt (4:58.44) and sophomore

Kelli Barton (4:59.76) placed 13th, 14th and 15th, respectively. First place in the 500 freestyle went to Becky Koch of Villanova, who swam the event in 4:42.19.

In the 50 freestyle, Eckholt took sixth with a time of 23.58. Hendrick won the consolation heat and took ninth place, and Peterson came in 14th.

Weathers knows his team is deep and is pleased with the effort and results so far.

"We thought if we could end in fourth place today we could still have a real good chance of winning the meet," he said.

With the first-day lead, it looks like the Irish are in good position.

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ND WOMENS SWIMMING AND DIVING

Hulick leads relay team to Big East title

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

UNIONDALE, N.Y. Danielle Hulick has won three Big East championships in her career.

All three championships have come on relay events alongside the likes of Notre Dame all-time record holders Carrie Nixon and Kelly Hecking, who have since graduated.

So when Hulick stepped to the pool Thursday at the Nassau County Aquatic Center, she recognized she was the experienced veteran. She had to lead now.

And lead she did.

Hulick helped the 200-meter freestyle relay team to another first place finish after last year's record breaking performance, won the 50-meter freestyle in 22.93 seconds and swam on a second place 400-meter medley relay team all in the first day of events in Uniondale.

"Everyone's being really supportive. We lost a few of the big girls last year like Carrie Nixon and Kelly Hecking," Hulick said. "We really relied on them, so this year it's really time for us to step up and still be dominating everything."

The determined junior came close to making the NCAA championship A-cut list with a couple of Thursday's times.

"I was pleasantly surprised," Hulick said. "I have never been that close to an A-cut before, so to almost have two in one day is amazing."

Hulick, a four-year All-American from Galesburg, Ill., set records in 10 different events at Galesburg High School. She came to Notre Dame and contributed immediately her freshman year, finishing second in the backstroke at Big East and winning the 200 medley relay and the 400 medley relay at the championships, the latter being a record-breaking event.

Notre Dame coach Bailey Weathers has nothing but

praise for how the junior has matured in work ethic and attitude.

"She's done a great job and has continued to plug away at things," Weathers said. "She stays focused as much as she can on what she's doing and has been a lot of fun to have around the team."

Contributing to part of Notre Dame's team total leading 176 points, Hulick's 50 freestyle championship was her first individual title at Big East. Still, the junior does not seem concerned with her own efforts. The entire team, led by such examples as Hulick, is one large relay in which all individual efforts and goals point right back at the whole, the team.

"This year we've really pulled together as a team, just because we know we can't do this alone," Hulick said. "We can't rely on a single person to win every event just because they're awesome in it. We're going to have to each step up and do what we can."

Hulick is confident in her teammates to step up their efforts as well.

"Everyone's doing well," she said. "Lisa Garcia split awesome in the butterfly in the relay. She's having a great meet so far."

Garcia won the 200 individual medley, a title previously held by teammate Big East champion Marie Labosky, in 2:01.21. She also set a Big East record with her time in the preliminary heat of 2:01.00.

Despite her individual and the team's overall success, Hulick even acknowledges her own desperate concern at times.

"Through my head today I was behind the block praying, 'Lord, I don't even want to swim fast for myself I just want to help my team beat those other girls,'" she said.

The earnest concern of a leader.

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SMC SWIMMING

Ramsey on the verge of history

By ERIK POWERS
Sports Writer

Megan Ramsey will go down in the history of Saint Mary's swimming as a trailblazer.

Those unfamiliar with the Saint Mary's junior's swimming career should start to take note, for Ramsey could be making history this weekend.

As a Type B qualifier, Ramsey travels today to Carthage, Wisc. with hopes of securing a place at the NCAA Championships in Atlanta.

At last weekend's MIAA conference championships meet, Ramsey became the first Saint Mary's swimmer to win a conference race when she swept the preliminaries and finals of the 100-meter butterfly. If she qualifies for the NCAA Division III Championships, Ramsey would be the first Belle to individually qualify for an NCAA Tournament in any sport.

Generally, 22 or 23 swimmers from the 100-meter butterfly will advance. Based on her conference championships meet time, Ramsey is projected at 49th, but only eight-tenths of a second separates Ramsey from where she needs to be.

In general, the 22nd or 23rd person qualifies after all the automatic berths are given, but this number may fluctuate because some schools have not completed their confer-

ence meets yet.

For Ramsey, this is, as coach Greg Petcoff put it, a "one shot and out time-trial." Ramsey will have one opportunity to record her best possible time, which will likely have to be around 59.2 seconds or better to qualify. If she swims 58.2,

Ramsey automatically qualifies for the Championships. Anything less, and she has to wait to learn her fate.

Petcoff feels Ramsey has a mental advantage over some of the field. "The good thing about Megan is that some people have the pressure of not being a B qualifier," Petcoff said. "Megan knows that she has made the B cut, and that she has a shot."

Shaving .8 seconds off of her time appears feasible as well. After an entire season of training and improvement, Ramsey should be in peak physical and top mental condition.

"There won't be the pressure of conference [meets]. There, I had to contend both for myself and the team," Ramsey said. "I was nervous at conference. Now, I'm trying to refine some points of strokes, get out of the stands faster

and make my times quicker. There's some fine-tuning. I realize that there is nothing to lose."

Personal accolades such as Ramsey's should only help the

Belles for the future. Petcoff has assembled a promising foundation of hard-workers. The success of the individual members of the team will

only attract stronger contributors in the future.

"It should help recruiting," Ramsey said. "The more accomplishments there are on the team, the easier it is to use it to recruit good swimmers. Also, more accomplishments will gain more respect in conference."

Hopefully this year will mark the advent of a storied lineage of Saint Mary's swimmers qualifying for the NCAA Championships.

"It's only the beginning for me and the team," Ramsey said. "It will be disappointing if there aren't 100 swimmers behind me who win the MIAA and reach the NCAA Championships."

The 100-meter butterfly should begin at 6 p.m.

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"It's only the beginning for me and the team."

Megan Ramsey
Belles junior

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Special to The Observer

The MBA Sports Business Club is bringing in three top executives from the sports industry to discuss different aspects of careers and networking.

Alan Zucker, vice president of Athlete Marketing, works with numerous players across the country, including Joe Montana, Tim Couch, Vince Carter and Derek Jeter. He markets and endorses his clients and has been involved in promoting other personalities such as models, television anchors, boxers and coaches.

Zucker also builds relationships with Fortune 500 companies, such as McDonald's, Sears and Sprint PCS.

Chris Bevilacqua is a co-founder of a new college sports network. The station begins Sunday when it shows the Notre Dame-Connecticut game across the country. The station will show college sports 24 hours a day.

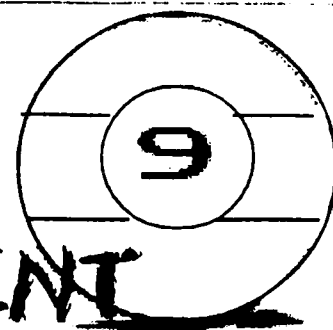
Bevilacqua has worked with Nike, Major League Baseball and was a Manager of Programming for NBC Sports where he worked on several high profile program acquisitions.

Keith F. Melaragno has 19 years experience in the marketing profession and specifically in the consumer products industry. He is Vice-President of Sales and Marketing for Pepsi General Bottlers, Inc. In this job, Melaragno secured soft drink pouring rights for the Chicago White Sox and Chicago Blackhawks. He is the Division Coordinator for all National Marketing Initiatives as well.

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MENS SWIMMING AND DIVING

Maggio a star in the pool and the classroom



Irish senior and co-captain Andy Maggio performs a dive Thursday at the Big East Championships.

By LISA REIJULA
Sports Writer

UNIONDALE, N.Y.

The average spectator at a collegiate swim meet might find it easy to overlook the divers. They compete in only two events, the 1-meter and the 3-meter contests, which usually take place when the crowd is taking a break from the swimming action.

However, Notre Dame's roster boasts a diver who deserves attention for his accomplishments in both athletics and academics.

Senior co-captain Andy Maggio has established himself as a consistent performer for the Irish. This season, Maggio finished in the top three in the majority of dual meets in the one-meter event. He also excels in the classroom, owning a 3.7 grade point average.

"He's the complete Notre Dame student-athlete," Notre Dame coach Tim Welsh said. "He's been one of the elite divers here in the conference and been to the NCAA zone meet. He's a very strong student, a very strong diver, a very strong leader and a really good person."

Maggio began diving when he was eight at his summer club in Cincinnati. When he was 12, he began training nationally.

"One of the coaches there [in

Cincinnati] is one of the top national coaches and things just took off from there," he said.

Notre Dame has been a good fit for Maggio, who entered in the fall of 1999. A finance and government double major, he will be trading stocks for Morgan Stanley in New York after graduation.

"Notre Dame is one of the best academic schools in the country and also one of the best athletically, so it's a good balance," Maggio said. "Also, my diving coach Caiming Xie is one of the best diving coaches in the world. He was the Chinese national coach for a long time."

Thursday evening at the Big East Championships at the Nassau County Aquatics Center in Uniondale, N.Y., Maggio finished fourth in the 1-meter diving event with 283.20 points.

"I'm a senior so it's my fourth time around," he said. "I'm happy with my performance, I was aggressive. I'm happy with the way things turned out."

In addition to his diving talent, Welsh considers Maggio an asset to the team due to his leadership and ability to overcome adversity in the form of injury.

"Last year he dove great, then had some knee trouble," Welsh said. "He missed some time this fall but he's back

here and he's done an outstanding job."

Maggio has suffered from knee problems for the last two-and-a-half years.

"It's made it tough to have any kind of sustained good, healthy training," he said. "But I was never out for any specific amount of time."

As a senior, co-captain and as a diver, Maggio has a special and important role on the team this season. Welsh is aware of his significance to the group.

"He's also done a wonderful job bridging the swimming-diving gap," Welsh said.

Maggio credits his fellow senior divers, Joe Miller and Tong Xie, with helping him integrate the team.

"Obviously there is kind of an inherent separation between the two sports, but it's really important that we're all part of the same team," he said. "Throughout our four years, we've all tried to think of what we do as more of a team sport rather than an individual one. I think it's been more of effort by our entire class of divers to try to bridge that gap."

Maggio will continue his weekend at the Big East Championships today, when he is slated to compete in the 3-meter springboard.

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Krakowski in the 50 freestyle all broke existing school records Thursday.

"We swam very, very well today, and especially well this morning," Irish coach Tim Welsh said. "We had 13 swims this morning and 11 [of the times] were lifetime bests."

After Thursday morning's preliminaries, the stage was set for the championship competition. In the 1-meter diving event, Notre Dame senior Andy Maggio finished fourth with 283.20 points. Miguel Velazquez of Miami took first with a score of 347.10, Dennis Nemtsanov of Pittsburgh was second (311.05) and teammate Matthew Schwartz was

third (297.65).

In the next event, the 200-meter freestyle relay, the Irish team of Tim Randolph, Frank Krakowski, Jason Fitzpatrick and Matt Obringer finished second with a time of 1 minute, 22.02 seconds, setting a new Notre Dame record. Rutgers claimed the victory in

1:20.12, followed by Pittsburgh (1:21.46) and Virginia Tech (1:22.30). Junior

Matt

Obringer placed sixth in the 500-meter freestyle with a time of 4:30.50. Winner Eric Limkemann of Pittsburgh finished in 4:23.16, followed by Rutgers' Sean Smith (4:25.99). Notre Dame's Matt Bertke also qualified from the morning's preliminary, finishing 15th overall (4:34.64).

In the 200-meter individual

medley, both Jamie Lutkus and Josh Dermott qualified for the afternoon. Lutkus, a freshman, finished fifth overall, touching in 1:51.15. Dermott placed seventh in 1:51.45. Winner Joey Piekarski of Virginia Tech set a meet record with his time of 1:49.57.

Krakowski had a strong performance for the Irish in the 50-meter freestyle, finishing seventh in 20.53. Returning Big East champion Michael Grube finished a surprising third for Pittsburgh, behind Matt Campbell of Rutgers (19.79) and Chris Lingberg of Virginia Tech.

In the last event of the event, the 400-meter medley relay, Notre Dame's team of Doug Bauman, Fitzpatrick, Krakowski and Randolph finished fourth in a time of 3:19.45. Virginia Tech's team set a meet record (3:15.24) in their victory. Pittsburgh (3:17.60) and Rutgers (3:19.36) were second and third, respectively.

Welsh is pleased with his team's performance in the opening day of the conference championships, especially in light of their travel difficulties.

"It's a real credit to the team that [the plane delay] didn't interfere," he said. "That could have been a major distraction and a big downer, but the preparation was great, their focus was great, and their performance was great."

"I think we're well set up to swim fast the rest of the meet."

The Big East Championships continue today and Saturday.

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MENS LACROSSE

After rough 2002, Irish ready for season

By HEATHER VAN
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After making an appearance in the Final Four in 2001, the Notre Dame lacrosse team struggled in 2002 as they lost seven games by a combined 10 goals.

However, there is nothing but optimism for this year's team that starts its season Sunday when the Irish travel to Penn State to face the Nittany Lions at 1 p.m.

With six returning starters, the Irish have just the right mix of experience and youth to be successful.

"We are a relatively young team, but it is not a bad thing," sophomore midfielder Brian Giordano said. "The young guys have to step up, and the starters bring their experience."

Among the returning players is leading scorer Dan Berger. Last season, he netted 21 goals on 47 attempts, giving him an outstanding .447 shooting percentage.

On defense, the Irish boast an experienced corps. Preseason honorable mention All-Americans John Souch and Eric

Simon look to anchor a unit that will be the strength of the Irish.

Notre Dame will need the experience of their defense to lead them, as they play a schedule that features 11 of the top 25 teams of the Inside Lacrosse Poll in which the Irish were ranked No. 17.

"It is a good thing for us because we want to play against the best," Giordano said. "We

want to be ready come tournament-time, and playing against good teams will help us to be well-prepared."

This year's team boasts an attitude that has surpassed those

of previous years, as the Irish are extremely optimistic.

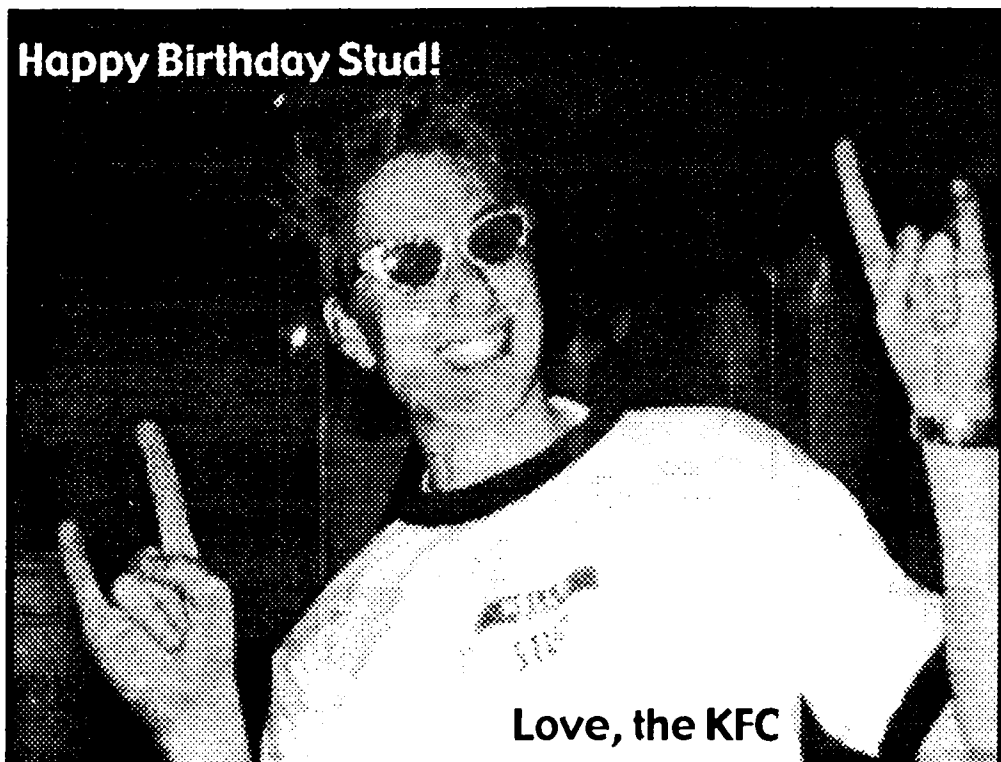
"This year, we have great leadership," Giordano said. "In practice, the captains and the upperclassmen are getting people excited to play."

This positive attitude could prove to be crucial for the Irish, as many young players will be counted upon for contributions early in their careers, especially in the midfield positions where freshmen Matt Karweck, Matt Ryan, and Drew Peters will compete for playing time.

"We are really excited for the season to start," Giordano said.

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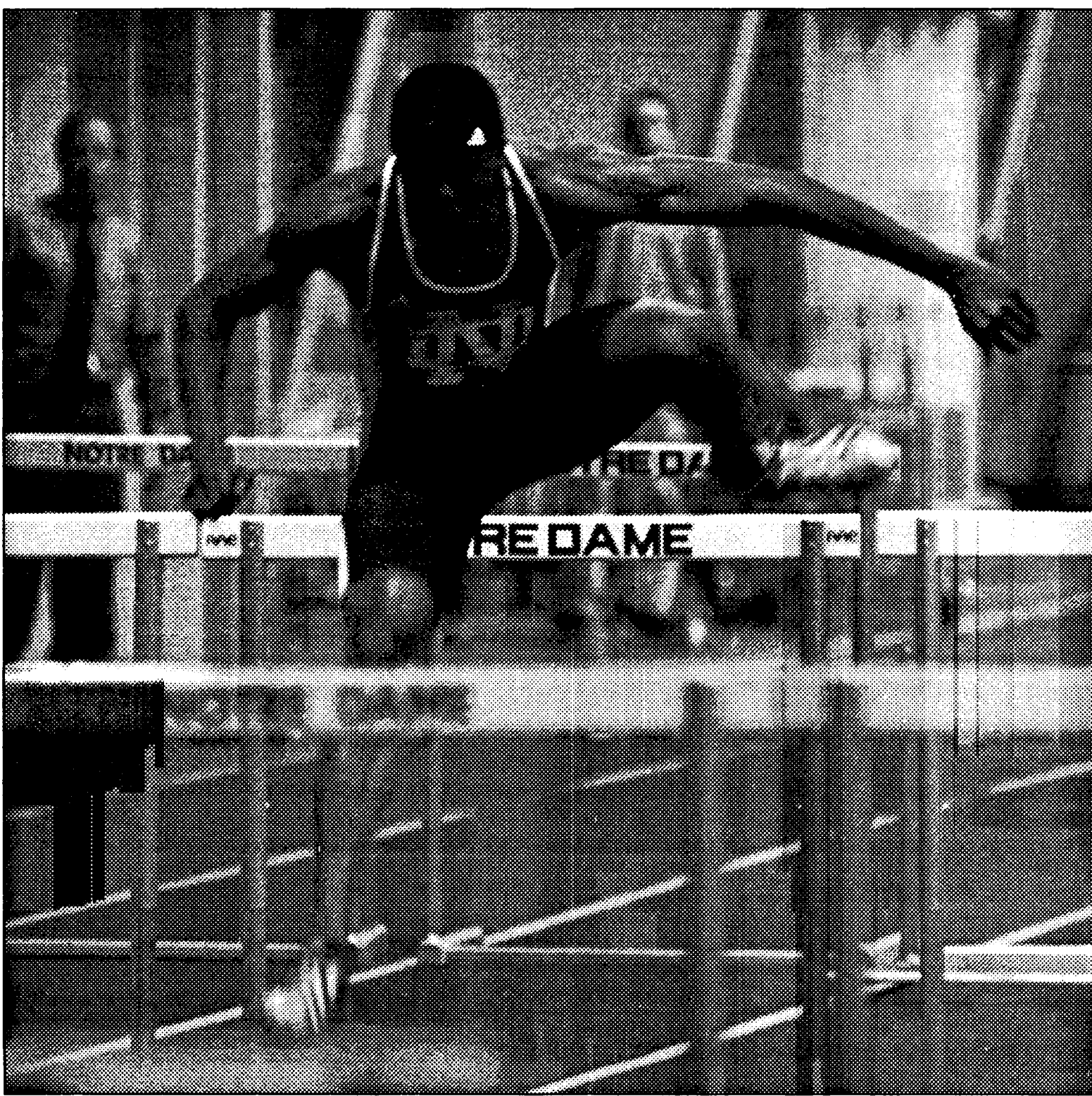
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Team titles in sight at Big East Tournament



Irish hurdler Selim Nurudeen competes in a Jan. 24 meet against Ball State. The Irish have high hopes for the Big East Indoor Championships this weekend.

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By ANDY TROEGER
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Despite having no individuals win Big East Championships last season, the women's track team came home with the team title. They will look to repeat and add individual championships as both Notre Dame track teams head to Syracuse for the Big East Indoor Championships this weekend.

Both teams expect to be among the primary contenders for the team titles, but the women's depth will give them an advantage in their quest. The Irish have a number of athletes in most events across the board. Tameisha King and Kymia Love both have the top time in the 60 meters and will have multiple opportunities to win individual crowns. Tiffany Gunn, Kristen Dodd, Tanya Cheatham and Ayesha Boyd are among the other sprinters looking for good performances this weekend.

In the distance events Molly Huddle, fresh off her school-record performance in the 3,000 meters at the Mevo Invitational, will lead the distance group that includes Lauren King, Ana Morales, Megan Johnson and Jennifer Handley.

In the field events, Jaime Volmer, Laura Huarte and Jill VanWeelden will be looking to give the Irish a one-two-three sweep in the pole vault, while

Stacey Cowan and Emily Loomis lead the Irish in the high jump. Meghan Horn is the lone Irish representative in the shot put and weight throw.

For the men, Luke Watson will be looking to add to his already impressive indoor season by competing in the mile and 3,000 meters. Watson should be favored to win both races, as he finished second in the 3,000 meters and third in the mile last year.

In addition to Watson, the Irish will have depth on display in the distance events, with Eric Morrison, Kevin Somok, Thomas Chamney, Tim Moore, John Keane and Mac Striowski competing.

Selim Nurudeen, who won the 110-meter hurdles at the outdoor conference meet last year, looks to add indoor titles in the 60 meters and 60-meter hurdles. He holds the top qualifying time for both events. Jules Vandersarl and Ryan Hurd add depth to the sprint contingent as well.

For the mens team to capture the crown this weekend they will need great performances from their field specialists, including Godwin Mbagwu in the triple jump and long jump, Chris Staron and Ryan Mineburg in the long jump, Brian Thornburg in the weight throw and Juan Alba in the shot put.

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great deal at stake concerning bragging rights and retribution.

Last season, Arizona State coach Pat Murphy, who took great steps to build up the Notre Dame baseball program as head coach of the Irish from 1988-1994, made his homecoming to South Bend on April 26, but was defeated 9-4 by Mainieri's Irish.

Notre Dame would later go on to win its NCAA regional, defeat No. 1 Florida State in the NCAA Super Regional, advance to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb., for the first time in 45 years and finish with 50 wins and a sixth-place ranking in the both the Baseball America and Collegiate Baseball polls.

With the excitement of the anticipated matchup between two of the nation's premier programs, Mainieri is trying to be sure that his team does not overlook its first two opponents of the weekend.

"I'm not even looking at Arizona State right now," Mainieri said. "All everyone is thinking about is playing Dayton. We know what's lurking, but I don't want our players to look past these first two games, because obviously those first two games are important."

"We want to get ourselves off to a good start, get our feet wet and get our confidence going," Mainieri said. "Then we'll take on the fourth-ranked team in the country in their ballpark."

The four games this weekend

should provide a good early test for a young Irish squad that returns without five everyday players from its 2002 lineup as centerfielder Steve Stanley, third baseman Andrew Bushey, catcher Paul O'Toole and designated hitter Matt Bok graduated. Junior left fielder Brian Stavisky decided to leave for the pros after being selected in the sixth round by the Oakland Athletics.

The new-look Irish lineup against Dayton will likely have juniors Joe Thaman at first base and Steve Sollmann at second on the right side of the infield with highly-touted sophomores Matt Macri at shortstop and Matt Edwards at third base on the left side.

Javier Sanchez, who spent the majority of 2002 as the starter at shortstop in place of the injured Macri and Edwards, worked in the off-season to adapt to a new position, and the junior will start behind the plate for the Irish at catcher.

The Irish outfield will feature a pair of fresh faces for the first time in three years, as freshman Brennan Grogan will likely take over left field for Stavisky and classmate Craig Cooper will replace the four-year starter Stanley in center field.

Senior Kris Billmaier, who along with Sollmann and relief pitcher J.P. Gagne will serve as the 2003 Irish captains, will reclaim his regular spot in right field for Notre Dame.

Despite the season-ending shoulder surgery to ace right-hander Grant Johnson, who was 9-5 with a 3.46 ERA in 101.1 innings pitched for the

Irish in 2002 as a freshman, Notre Dame returns to action this season with one of its deepest pitching rotations.

The starters scheduled to pitch this weekend are sophomores Chris Niesel in the opener against Dayton and John Axford against Newman. Seniors Pete Ogilvie and Ryan Kalita will get the nod as the starters on the mound against the Sun Devils.

The four pitchers combined for 45 percent of Notre Dame's innings pitched last season, with a combined record of 21-7.

While Niesel missed a portion of the 2002 season with mononucleosis, he shone in the NCAA post-season, earning the World Series-clinching 3-1 victory over Florida State and allowing only two earned runs over 6.2 innings pitched in Notre Dame's 5-3 College World Series victory over Rice.

Gagne, who began the 2002 season as a starter but ended up as the team's leader in the bullpen, should be the squad's feature closer this season. Gagne finished 2002 with a 9-4 record and 3.14 ERA in 94.2 innings pitched. He also had six saves on the year, including his one-inning, three-strikeout performance against the Seminoles in the NCAA Super Regional to help the Irish advance to the College World Series.

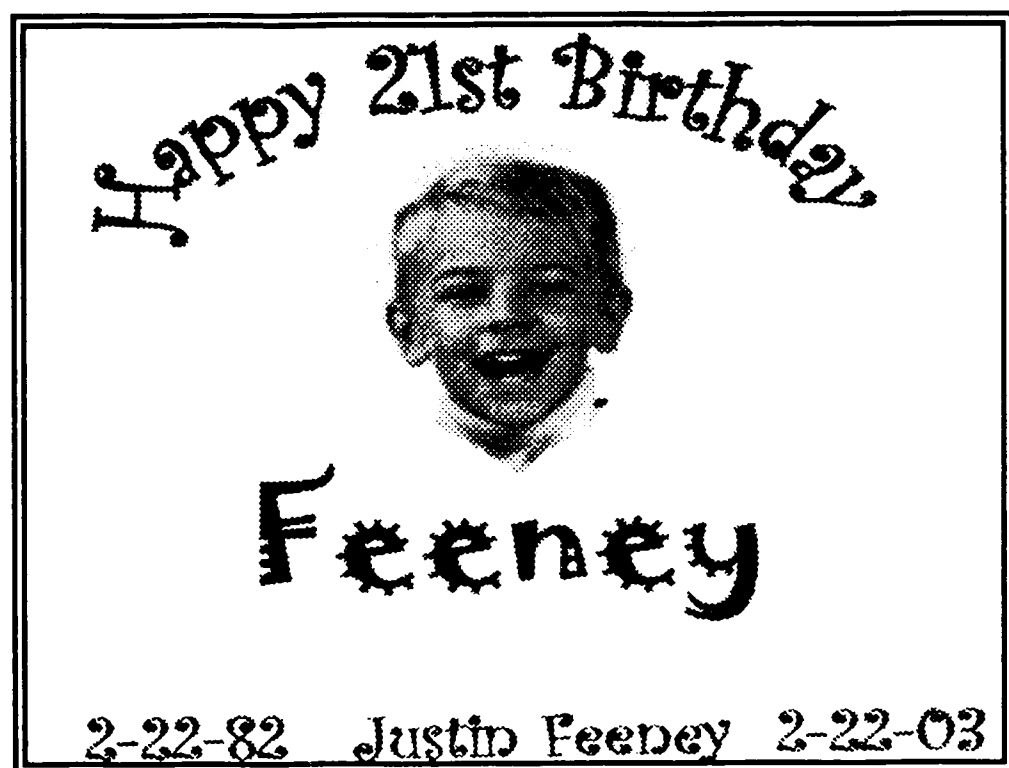
The Irish officially begin their 2003 season at 1 p.m. today at Arizona State's Packard Stadium against Dayton.

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Irish second baseman Steve Sollmann takes a swing in a game last season against Valparaiso.



ND SOFTBALL

Irish battle defending national champs Cal

By AARON RONSHEIM
Sports Writer

After the No. 23 Irish (2-2) split their first four games of the season, they look to improve this weekend at the NFCA Leadoff Classic Challenge in Columbus, Ga.

The task won't be easy as the Irish open round-robin play this afternoon against No. 4 California, the defending national champions. Even though the Irish are facing one of the top teams in the country, senior shortstop Andria Bledsoe is confident of their chances of winning.

"If we go out there and play our game we can definitely beat any of the teams that we play," Bledsoe said. "It all depends on if we play our game and not to the level of the competition."

This will mark the second straight season that the Irish have faced the defending champions. Last year they played Arizona, the 2001 national champions, twice.

Besides playing California, the Irish will play Illinois State tonight and No. 17 Alabama Saturday afternoon before moving on to championship play.

Notre Dame has earned the reputation for playing one of the toughest schedules in the country and this year is no different.

Besides playing tough competition this weekend, the Irish will have to battle against teams that have had the chance to practice outside and already play between ten and twelve games. Bledsoe, though, is not making any excuses for her team.

"We make sure that when we are practicing indoors that we're focusing on the basics and mechanics and when we get to where we are playing we make sure we take a lot of cuts and lots of grounders. It all comes back very quickly," Bledsoe said. "We're inside Loftus and the turf gives us a good feel for throwing and fielding ground balls. I don't think it will be an issue in any of the tournaments."

One of the pleasant surprises of last weekend's games was the play of Notre Dame's five freshmen. All five played last weekend with pitcher Heather Booth and catcher Mallorie Lenn playing important roles in the Notre Dame's two victories.

"They did an awesome job for their first couple of games. They were both really confident for being freshmen and played their roles just like the older girls," Bledsoe said. "They are young, but they stepped up and caught on very quickly."

This past summer, Lenn played on the U.S. Junior National team. She has big



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Notre Dame shortstop Andria Bledsoe fields a ground ball in a game last season. The Irish have the task of playing the defending national champions California this weekend.

shoes to fill at Notre Dame with the graduation of All-American catcher Jarrah Myers.

Last weekend due to travel conflicts, the Irish could not finish their fifth game of the weekend against Rhode Island. The Irish were up 12-0

after four innings, but the game had to be called to enable Notre Dame to make their returning flight. Even though the game will not enter effect their record, it gave the Irish some confidence heading into this weekend.

"That was great," Bledsoe said. "Everyone going out and being able to hit well and our pitcher's also doing a great job. That game really ended the weekend on a high note."

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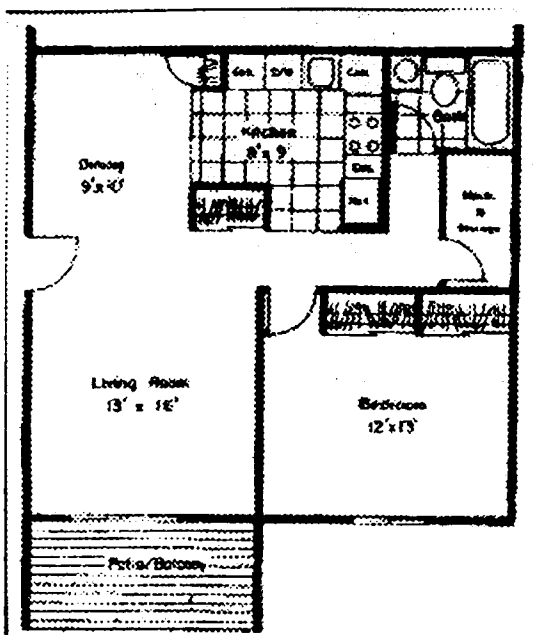
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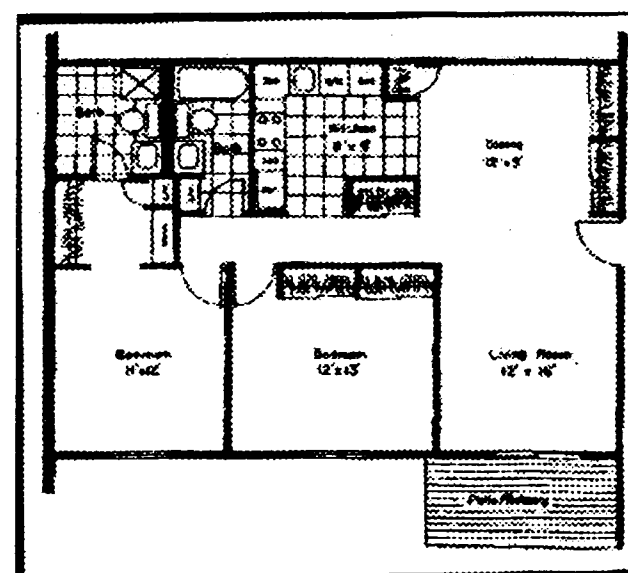
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HOCKEY

Irish riding 1st winning streak of new year

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team is on unfamiliar territory for the first time in 2003; they're on a winning streak.

The Irish (11-13-6, 9-10-3 in the CCHA) hope to continue their good fortune when they face off against conference doormat Lake Superior State (5-21-4, 2-19-2) in a two-game matchup today and Saturday at the Joyce Center.

Notre Dame is currently on a two-game winning streak after going winless the previous nine. The last Irish winning streak for the season was last year, from Dec. 7 to Dec. 14, in which the Irish defeated Bowling Green twice and Wayne State once.

Last weekend, the Irish started their new winning streak with a two-game sweep of Bowling Green, beating the Falcons twice by the score of 3-2.

Irish sophomore goaltender Morgan Cey was stellar in both games, making 65 saves. Senior forward and alternate captain John Wroblewski paced the Irish offense with two goals on the weekend.

"I think we had the most balanced attack I've seen in a while," Notre Dame coach Dave Poulin said. "All four lines were contributing."

The wins moved the Irish up to eighth place in the CCHA standings, just one point behind seventh-place Western Michigan and two points behind sixth-place Northern Michigan. The top six finishers in the league get home ice for the first round of the playoffs.

"It's the right time of the year to be winning," Poulin said. "You'd like to do it all year, but now's the time when you like to get on a roll."

Notre Dame's remaining schedule is as convenient as it can possibly be, with the Irish facing Western Michigan and Northern Michigan, the very teams they are chasing for the coveted sixth-place spot, over their last four games of the season.

"It's nice because we don't have to worry about watching the scoreboard and getting help from other teams," Poulin said. "We control our own destiny."

For now, the Irish have to take care of business against the worst team in the CCHA. The Lakers have yet to win on the road, posting a 0-11-2 mark in those contests.

Lake Superior State is led in goal by sophomore Matt Violin, who has posted a respectable .904 save percentage despite facing an average of 36.0 shots per game.

Offensively the Lakers are led by one of their few seniors, forward Jeremy Bachusz, who has eight goals and eight assists. The Lakers are one of the youngest teams in the CCHA, with a roster that features fifteen freshmen.

Historically, Cey has been incredible against the Lakers. In three games against Lake Superior State last year, Cey allowed only one goal on 57 shots and recorded two shutouts.

All signs point to an Irish sweep, but Poulin has already cautioned his players from over-looking anybody in such a close race.

"You address the fact in practice that we're looking at ourselves regardless of who we play," he said. "This week, we broke down our tape into the five little things that we always have to do to be successful."

The Irish hope to be successful in front of their home crowd, who saw the Irish recently go 0-4-2 over the most recent homestand, including a 3-1 loss to Yale at Allstate Arena in Chicago.

"We have a chance to play well in front of our fans," Poulin said. "We've played some exciting hockey games at home, but we'd like to win those games."

Notes:

♦Cey was named the CCHA's Defensive Player of the Week for the week ending Feb. 16 after



ANDY KENNA/The Observer

Irish center Tony Gill brings the puck up the ice Jan. 25 against Michigan State. The Irish host Lake Superior State this weekend.

stopping 65 of 69 shots in the Irish's two wins over Bowling Green. He was also named Perani Cup first star in both contests.

This is the first time Cey has been named defensive player of the week. He was a two-time rookie of the week during the 2001-02 season.

♦Former Irish star Ben Simon scored the first point of his NHL career this week, helping the Atlanta Thrashers to a 4-3 overtime win over the Buffalo Sabres on Feb. 17.

Simon assisted Dan Snyder on the Thrashers' second goal. It was Simon's seventh NHL game over the span of two seasons.

Simon played for the Irish from 1996-2000, and was drafted by the Chicago Blackhawks in the fifth round of the 1997 NHL Entry Draft. He was later traded to Atlanta for a ninth-round draft pick on June 25, 2000.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles look to keep momentum after victory

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After getting their first win since Jan. 8, the Belles look to build off that momentum and win off that momentum for the first time since December in a Saturday afternoon matchup with Alma.

Saint Mary's broke an 11-game losing streak Wednesday with a 71-58 victory over Adrian (10-14, 3-10 in the MIAA). Another win Saturday would propel the Belles above Adrian in the MIAA standings

going into Tuesday's conference tournament.

However, Alma will be no pushover, as they have three players who average in double figures. Shelly Ulfeg leads the way for the Scots, as she averages 15.9 points and 12.4 rebounds per game. She is also the first woman in Alma basketball history to score 1,000 career points and grab 1,000 career rebounds.

On the other side of the court, Saint Mary's has their own standout player, in Emily Creachbaum, who recently returned from an ankle injury. She averages 12.9 points and

six rebounds a game. In the Belles last meeting with the Scots, Creachbaum dropped 18 points while pulling down six boards, in a 68-54 loss. Katie Miller also played well in that loss, dishing out seven assists to go along with her eight points.

However, the Belles look to avenge the Jan. 29 home loss to the Scots on Saturday.

Saint Mary's will have to play better than they did the last time these two teams met, as the Belles only shot 33 percent from the field, compared to the Scots' 52 percent. Also, the Belles will have to pick up

their rebounding if they want to avoid the negative 10 rebounding margin from the previous matchup between these teams.

Alma is a well-balanced squad that will force the Belles to play good defense in order to pull off the win. In addition to Ulfeg, Karen Hall (15.5 points, 12.4 rebounds per game), and Janell Twietmeyer (10.2 points per game) will be forces to reckon with for Alma.

For the Belles, Bridget Boyce averages 7.2 points per game, and Anne Hogan adds 6.9 points and 4.6 rebounds per

game as well. Both played well in Wednesday's win, with Boyce scoring 10 points.

Also coming off a strong game against Adrian is senior Shaun Russell, who scored 15 points to go along with five assists on Wednesday, and Creachbaum (16 points, 9 rebounds).

Saint Mary's and Alma square off Saturday at 3 p.m. at Alma's Cappaert Gymnasium, where the Belles have only lost two games all season.

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Sunday.

"If we can just fix that 10-minute period, we can make it a game," McGraw said. "That's how were trying to approach it."

McGraw also said her team can use the underdog role as a motivational device.

"[The underdog] is a nice position to be in," McGraw said. "It's not a must-win game for us, but we feel like we're playing a lot better than we were when we played them last time. We're a lot more confident."

The Irish have won four of their last five games and have started to gain some momentum as they head into Sunday. One reason behind the Irish surge is guard Alicia Ratay. Ratay, the reigning Big East Player of the

Week, averaged 24.5 points and seven rebounds in Notre Dame's last two games. She knocked down seven 3-pointers in the Irish last game against Providence.

Notre Dame has also improved their defense in recent games. Since McGraw changed from a 2-3 to a 1-3-1 zone, Notre Dame has held four of its last seven opponents under 60 points and five of their last seven under 35 percent shooting.

In their last meeting, freshman Barbara Turner scored 25 points and was 9-for-11 from the field. Ann Strother added 15 for the Huskies. Connecticut led Notre Dame by 19 at half, before the Irish played them even in the second half.

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BENGAL BOUTS — 145-POUNDS

Dillon all business in preliminary round

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

Last year, junior Luke Dillon just missed winning the 135-pound division when he dropped a split decision to senior Matt Fumagalli. This year, Dillon is the top seed and favorite in the 145-pound division, and he began his quest for a title Thursday with a decisive second round TKO over sophomore Stephen Hill.

Dillon came out of the corner aggressive in the first round and did not let up for the duration of the shortened fight.

Dillon used a steady diet of jabs followed by overhand rights that connected with Hill's temple on nearly every punch throw.

At the start of the second round, Dillon landed one of those hard rights that bloodied Hill's nose and sent the sophomore to the corner. When Hill came back out, Dillon went back to work with the jab and right, and the referee quickly called the fight.

Sylling def. Piposar

In the second fight of the 145-pound division, freshman John Piposar tried to use an "upright" style and his height advantage over junior Andrew Sylling.

But the tenacious Sylling was determined to get inside of

Piposar's reach to eliminate his competitor's advantage.

In the second round, Piposar appeared to gain the upper hand when he sent Sylling to his corner with a cut on the cheek.

But by the time the final round rolled around, it looked like Piposar had run out of energy. Sylling became the aggressor as the arm and leg-weary Piposar had trouble fighting off Sylling's attacks. In the last round, Sylling brought a cut to the cheek of Piposar and later nearly sent the freshman to the canvas. With his strong effort in the final round, Sylling was able to come away with the split decision.

Robinson def. Sims

If you were to measure by his nickname, Thursday night was a failure for junior Paul "One Punch" Robinson. After all, it took him more than one punch, but Robinson still defeated senior Tim Sims by unanimous decision.

Robinson used a deadly jab to keep Sims off-balance for much of the fight and then often followed up with a punishing right when Sims was dazed.

But at the start of the second round, Robinson was sent to his corner to take care of a bloody lip, and it would be the only setback for Robinson.

The junior came out of the corner and soon hit Sims with a

strong jab that sent blood flying from his nose. Robinson spent the rest of the fight pummeling Sims with jabs and rights and constantly drawing blood.

In the third, Sims was given a standing eight count to more or less seal the fight for Robinson.

Harris def. Shonkwiler

Junior Joseph "I'm Still, I'm Still" Joey from the Block Shonkwiler didn't fool law student Paul Harris with rocks or fists or just about anything else Thursday as the experienced Harris used a conventional style to defeat the brawling Shonkwiler by a unanimous decision.

Harris used his size and rich over Shonkwiler to feel the shorter fighter out early in the fight and let the younger boxer make the first mistake.

By the time the last round arrived, Shonkwiler appeared worn out from throwing a heavy wave of punches in the first two rounds, and Harris took advantage. The final round proved the difference as Harris got Shonkwiler into a standing eight count that gave the decisive edge to the law student.

Ham def. Schoppe

Senior Jeffrey "Honey-baked" Ham had an easy night Thursday, as the third-seeded fighter advanced to the next

round by way of forfeit by grad student Andrew Schoppe.

Streit def. Huml

In the battle for West Quad bragging rights, sophomore and O'Neill Hall resident Jon Streit escaped a highly competitive fight with sophomore and Keough Hall resident Tim Huml with a unanimous decision.

For much of the fight it looked as if neither fighter wanted to take control. Both threw a lot of out-of-control punches that often missed their targets, but in the end, it was the underdog and No. 12 seed Streit who was able to come away with the victory.

DeBoer def. Murphy

It looked like sophomore Rob "Irish Fan" Murphy was trying to resurrect former heavyweight champion Muhammed Ali's patented Rope-a-Dope style in his fight against freshman David "The Flying Dutchman" DeBoer.

The idea of the Rope-a-Dope is that one fighter lures the other into throwing a large number of punches early in the match to tire him out so he can easily attack the fatigued boxer later in the match.

But it looked like Murphy just didn't have enough at the end of the match to make a decisive charge over DeBoer as he dropped a split decision to the freshman.

Through the first two rounds, the taller Murphy threw very few punches and simply felt out DeBoer. In the last round, Murphy finally tried to make a move, but the effort was not enough to secure the decision.

Duffy def. Vaglio

Senior Ryan "The Quiet Man" Duffy was anything but in his preliminary round matchup with law student John "The Notorious V-A-G" Vaglio.

Duffy used several long jabs and a more controlled style of boxing to earn a unanimous decision victory over Vaglio in the final fight of the 145-pound division Thursday.

Duffy was often able to take advantage of several long left misses from Vaglio that left him open to Duffy's jab.

In the third round, the effects of Duffy's punches began to show as Vaglio grew woozy and became an easier target for the senior. In the last round, Vaglio was given a standing eight by the referee. Just as Vaglio came back into the fight, Duffy hit him again with another hard right that sent the law student stumbling and brought on a second standing eight count to all but secure Duffy's victory.

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BENGAL BOUTS — 140-POUNDS

Freshman firepower: Liva defeats senior Hool

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

Usually in Bengal Bouts, the more experienced fighter has the upper hand, especially when one

is a senior and one is a freshman. But in the most competitive fight of the night in the 140-pound weight class, freshman Edward "Money" Liva overcame senior Kevin "I pity the" Hool in a tight split decision.

Both fighters had quick hands and moved around well in the ring, and the first round was pretty even as the fighters felt out each other's styles.

In the second round, Hool came out of the corner strong, but the younger Liva was able to effectively counter and hold off the senior with a steady diet of jabs and rights.

In the final round, Liva's punches began to show some effect as Hool started to bleed from the nose, and the senior was sent to the corner by the referee to stop the bleeding.

When Hool came out of the corner, Liva quickly hit him with three more solid combinations to secure the victory.

Marks def. Connor

In the opening fight of the night, junior Chip Marks outlasted freshman Matt Connor to win by unanimous decision. The pair of first-year fighters slugged it out through three rounds, but Marks appeared to have the upper hand through the bout.

The difference came in the third and final round as the freshman Connor appeared to run out of gas and Marks was able to take the upper hand. With the stronger set of legs, Marks was able to land more punches and sway the judges.

Davidson def. Welsh

The fight between senior Stephen Davidson and junior Matt Welsh began with both fighters throwing a lot of punches and not landing very many. The fighters didn't appear to bother too much with blocking, as both fighters employed an early strategy of throwing a bevy of punches.



LISA VELTE/The Observer

Senior Kevin Hool, left, and freshman Edward Liva trade blows in Thursday night's Bengal Bouts action.

In the second round, Davidson tried to use his height advantage and reach to keep the shorter Welsh at bay. But the smaller boxer fought hard to get inside and take away Davidson's advantage, and he even got Davidson stuck in the corner for a couple of combinations.

In the final round, Welsh again appeared to be able to outmuscle Davidson on the inside and take away a close victory. But the early efforts of Davidson were too strong, and the senior won in a split decision.

Pfizenmayer def. Velez

Junior Mark Pfizenmayer from Stanford Hall and sophomore Adrian Velez from Keenan Hall waged the war of the conjoined dorms in the last fight of the pre-

liminary rounds for the 140-pound class. The elder Pfizenmayer's more aggressive strategy helped him earn the unanimous decision.

After a tentative first round, Pfizenmayer began to settle in during the second round and overpower Velez. Pfizenmayer used some long jabs and right hand combos to stay on top of Velez.

Pfizenmayer made his strongest statement for victory in the third when he got Velez trapped in the corner and threw a barrage of punches that had the sophomore stuck in a defensive position.

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MENS BASKETBALL



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Irish center Torin Francis dribbles towards the basket against Pittsburgh forward Ontario Lett. The Irish will try not to overlook Big East opponent Virginia Tech Saturday.

Irish focusing on the Hokies

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Life on the road hasn't treated the Irish well lately. That's part of the reason why the Irish can't wait to get back into the Joyce Center this weekend.

But they'll face the difficult challenge of playing two games, with a day of rest in between, against one of the worst and then one of the best teams in the Big East.

No. 12 Notre Dame's merry-go-round begins Saturday, when the team plays lowly Virginia Tech, who is tied with Miami for last in the Big East Division. Monday, the Irish play Connecticut, who are a half-game behind Villanova for the East Division lead.

However, the Irish (20-5, 8-3 in the Big East) insist their focus is first on the Hokies (10-14, 3-8), even though they'll have scarcely 50 hours to get ready for the Huskies when Saturday's game is over.

The Irish are excited to be back at home this season, and for good reason. In their last three road games, the Irish lost to Seton Hall and Syracuse and nearly lost to West Virginia Tuesday.

More importantly, the Irish have yet to lose in the Joyce Center in 13 games this year. In fact, Notre Dame's last

home loss came Feb. 17, 2002.

Right now, the Irish are concentrating on winning the Big East West Division — a task that became slightly more difficult with a loss to the Orangemen on Saturday. Notre Dame is tied with Pittsburgh for second in the West Division, a half-game behind Syracuse.

And with games against Connecticut, Rutgers and Syracuse looming ahead on the schedule, the Irish end the season on a difficult stretch.

But in the back of the player's minds, the Irish are also trying to position themselves for the NCAA Tournament. Few doubt the Irish will hear their name called on Selection Sunday. The only question remaining for Notre Dame is how high they'll be seeded.

Besides having an easier path through the tourney, earning a high seed means the Irish could also play closer to home. Last year, the NCAA instituted a new seeding policy, where it grouped teams of four into "pods," giving teams that were seeded higher the chance to play closer to home. The Irish saw firsthand how struggling down the stretch can hurt their location—instead of nearby Chicago, the Irish were sent to South Carolina to face top-seeded Duke.

This year, the closest tournament site for the Irish is

Indianapolis, just three hours away from South Bend. And while the Irish won't openly admit it, the prospect of playing nearby — where legions of fans can watch in person — is an enticing one indeed.

But before the tournament, before Connecticut, the Irish have to handle themselves against Virginia Tech.

The Hokies are a team pinned against the ropes, as they have lost their last three games by an average of 16 points. But before the losing streak came upset wins over Connecticut and St. John's, when Virginia Tech knocked off those opponents by an average of 19 points.

Notre Dame's big men have been tested all season long, and they'll face another big challenge in Bryan Matthews and Terry Taylor. The 6-foot-7 Matthews, who leads the team in rebounds and points with 16.9 and 7.2, respectively, is capable of playing either on the perimeter or inside the basket.

But Matthews is dwarfed by Taylor, who averages 14.9 points and seven rebounds a game. At 6-foot-8 and 292 pounds, the offensive line-man-sized Taylor poses a dominating inside presence.

The Irish and Hokies tip off in the Joyce Center at 1 p.m.

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FENCING

Irish back in action at Michigan State

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Editor

Irish coach Janusz Bednarski is borrowing a line from the Three Musketeers.

"Our motto for this weekend is 'All for one and one for all,'" the first-year head coach said.

After taking last weekend off from competition, the Irish travel to the Michigan State Duals Saturday for their last regular season meet. Sweeping the four dual matches at Michigan State will give the Notre Dame mens team its third consecutive undefeated season and run their dual match winning streak to 82.

The country's No. 1 mens team (19-0) will more than likely be without foilist Derek Snyder. The sophomore, who earned All-American honors at last year's NCAA Championships, injured his leg and is questionable for the Michigan State Duals.

"We will find out about him [today]," Bednarski said. "He says he is recovering quickly, but we'll take it one match at a time. He is our top foilist and we will try to beat others without one of our top fencers."

"Hopefully, it will motivate the other kids."

Bednarski's mens foil team is one of the deepest squads on the team with 2001 All-American Forest Walton and three-time All-American Ozren Debic having a 77-10 combined record so far this season. Debic, a senior captain, has a 42-1 record himself and is first on the mens foil list and third in all weapons for career winning percentage.

On the womens side, the No. 3 womens team (17-2) looks to continue the development of the sabre team for the upcoming

ing postseason competitions.

"In womens sabre we are still working with the walk-ons," Bednarski said. "We are trying to improve as much as we can to be ready for the nationals. They are slowly improving. It takes time and it is not easy to make somebody a top national fencer."

Juniors Destanie Milo and Maggie Jordan hold the top two spots on the womens sabre squad while junior Danielle Davis has seen the most action at sabre of the walk-ons. Coming into this season with a 7-7 record in prior collegiate bouts, Davis has greatly improved and is currently 31-17 this season.

While Bednarski is concerned with developing the rest of the womens sabre team, for the NCAA Championships, which are less than a month away, only two individuals from each weapon can qualify per school.

Notre Dame will fence Detroit-Mercy, Michigan, Purdue and the host Spartans. With none of these schools qualifying a fencer at last year's national championships, the competition level for the Irish is not what they usually see.

Despite the weak opposition, Bednarski knows his team can get some things accomplished with the postseason starting next weekend.

"It will be part of our fighting to preserve first place on the mens side and keep the womens side growing," Bednarski said. "I hope the kids stay strong because they work hard and they are prepared for the season."

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SPORTS

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ND SWIMMING AND DIVING

At the front of the pack

◆ Womens squad claims the early lead in Big East Championships

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

UNIONDALE, N.Y.

Rutgers won the 400-meter medley relay in Thursday's final event to close the gap, but the Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team emerged from the first day of competition at the Big East Championships in Uniondale, N.Y. in first place with 176 total points.

Rutgers is close behind with 165 points, while Miami's 116 points put them in a distant third.

The 400 medley relay went down to the wire. Rutgers had a time of 3 minutes, 42.25 seconds for first, inching out Notre Dame's time of 3:42.33. Still, this day belonged to Notre Dame coach Bailey Weathers and the defending Big East champions.

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"That's the second-fastest relay time ever as a team, which is incredible because none of those girls except for Danielle [Hulick] in her freshman year have swam it before," Weathers said.

After good showings across the board in the morning's preliminary events, the 200-meter freestyle relay team of Katie Eckholt, Hulick, tri-captain Heidi Hendrick and Kristen Peterson won the night's first womens event with a time of 1:33.21. Hulick and Eckholt swam on this same relay team with Carrie Nixon and Kelly Hecking last season, and that set a conference record with a time of 1:32.01.

"I thought [the 200 freestyle relay] would be a real challenge for us," Weathers said. "Virginia Tech and Rutgers are good there so I was really pleased with that. I think we could have been a little bit faster. Our exchanges were pretty conservative, but I thought overall it was a good swim."

Hulick, a three-time Big East champion prior to Thursday's events, won the relay and her first individual championship, the 50-meter freestyle. She won the 50-meter freestyle in 22.93 seconds and missed an NCAA

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ANDY KENNA/The Observer

The Notre Dame freestyle relay team takes its place on the stand after winning the event at the Big East Championships Thursday. The womens squad is in first place after the first day.

◆ Irish off to record start in 1st day of Big East Tourney

By LISA REIJULA
Sports Writer

UNIONDALE, N.Y.

Despite a delayed flight and other travel-related headaches, the Notre Dame mens swimming and diving team got off to a strong start

in 2003 Big East Championships.

The Irish are fourth overall in the field of 12 with 127.5 points. Pittsburgh, the meet favorite, is in first through twelve events with 227 points. Rutgers is next with 170.5, followed by Virginia Tech with 160.

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"Maggio a star in the pool and the classroom"

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The Irish, who were originally scheduled to arrive in New York much earlier in the week, didn't land until Wednesday due to the blizzard that blanketed much of the East Coast. But the late arrival slowed the Irish little.

The Irish started the first day of competition with a bang, setting three new Notre Dame records. The 200 freestyle and 400 medley relay teams and Frank

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BASEBALL

Devil of time lies ahead for Irish

◆ No. 11 Notre Dame opens season with Dayton, Newman and No. 4 Arizona State

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

Just eight months after the completion of their historic 2002 season that ended at the College World Series, the Irish begin their quest today for a return trip to Omaha's Rosenblatt Stadium.

Notre Dame, ranked as high as No. 11 by Baseball America, travels to Tempe, Ariz., for a four-game opening weekend against Dayton, Newman University and host

Arizona State.

The Irish begin competition today with Dayton, followed by a pair of games Saturday with Newman and Arizona State. Notre Dame will close out the opening weekend with a matchup at 1 p.m. Sunday with the Sun Devils.

As is the issue nearly every season for Notre Dame, the Irish will need to overcome a lack of experience early in the season against warm weather competition. While Dayton and Notre Dame will open the season against each other, Newman has been in competition since Feb. 1, and Arizona State will have played 20 games by the time they face the Irish Saturday.

To make matters worse, the Sun Devils, ranked as high as No. 4 by the Sports Weekly/ESPN Coaches poll

and no lower than No. 6 in any of the four major polls, are 18-1 and off to their best start since 1972.

But even with the arduous task at hand, Irish head coach Paul Mainieri relishes the opportunity for his club to face such tough competition so early in the season.

"[This weekend] will be a great opportunity for our kids to make a statement early in the year," Mainieri said. "But if nothing else, it's going to be a great environment and a great experience, and it will make us better as the year goes on, there's no doubt about it."

The pair of games between the Sun Devils and Irish will likely be the feature events of the weekend, as there is a

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ND WOMENS BASKETBALL

Irish have a chance to break the streak

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Connecticut's basketball team will not have lost a basketball game in 694 days Sunday when the Huskies face Notre Dame.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw thinks that's just too long.

The way McGraw sees it, Connecticut has to lose eventually, so it might as well be against the Irish in Storrs, Conn.

"We're thinking 'Why not us?'" McGraw said. "Their streak has been going on for quite a long time, so if you can get them in a close game, they're not [going to be] familiar with that. We've got nothing to lose."

The Huskies have won a wom-

ens college basketball record 64 straight games dating back to March 30, 2001. Their last loss came against the Irish in the NCAA Tournament that season, 90-75. Notre Dame eventually went on to win the national championship that season.

Notre Dame had a shot at ending the streak earlier this season on Jan. 20 at the Joyce Center, but doomed themselves by allowing a 30-10 run in the middle of the first half. The Huskies went on their run despite having their best player, Diana Taurasi, on the bench with three personal fouls. But McGraw wants to use the Irish last meeting against Connecticut as a confidence builder for their contest

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Virginia Tech at Notre Dame

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The Irish try to stay focused with a home victory over the Hokies.

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A complete wrap-up of all of Thursday's Bengal Bouts action from the Joyce Center, plus a look ahead to weekend competition.

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The Irish look to extend their win streak to three.

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Notre Dame at NFCA Leadoff Classic

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The Irish face tough teams over the weekend.

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Notre Dame at Big East Championships

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The Irish squads hope to take first at tourney.

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Duke at Notre Dame

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The Irish look to upset the top-ranked Blue Devils.

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