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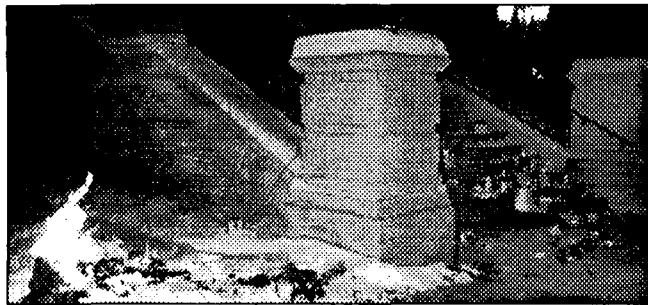
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A year later, Poorman sees effects of alcohol changes



Editor's note: A year after Notre Dame announced the most significant alcohol policy changes in over a decade, The Observer examines what effect the changes have had. This is the first in a four-part series.

By ANDREW SOUKUP
News Writer

One year ago Notre Dame students returned from spring break to find an e-mail from Father Mark Poorman explaining the most drastic changes to the school's alcohol policy in over a decade.

After announcing the changes in March, Poorman faced intense student criticism as he outlined changes to Notre Dame's hard alcohol policy in dorm rooms, in-hall dances and tailgating rules.

Students flooded the steps of the Main Building protesting the changes and, urged by student government, signed a petition calling for an increased student role as the policy changes were implemented.

"We are finally talking about alcohol use and abuse as a community... the dialogue has been very good."

Father Mark Poorman
vice president for Student Affairs

The protests by students had little effect on the policy changes and students returned to campus in the fall complaining bitterly that student life at Notre Dame was quickly heading downhill.

But a year after Poorman sent his e-mail to students, the vice president for Student Affairs said he believes the changes have already had a beneficial effect on the campus community. However, Poorman added that the overall success or failure

of the changes will not be determined for at least a few more years.

"We are finally talking about alcohol use and abuse as a community," Poorman said. "I know that there has been some heated debate and dialogue about it, but I think the dialogue has been very good."

Following an exhaustive two-year study of alcohol abuse on campus that involved focus groups whose members were drawn from the campus and local community, Poorman presented a plan last March designed to deter what he called a dangerous belief among some students

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ND announces tuition increase

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Editor

University officials announced Monday tuition for the next academic year will increase by 6.5 percent bringing the total cost, including room and board, to \$34,100.

Despite the additional revenue from the tuition increase, planned budget cuts will still occur but financial aid will not be affected, according to Matt Storin, a spokesman for the University.

"Because of economic conditions in the nation as a whole and how they affect us as a unit, it will

be a challenge to continually fund financial aid at the same level although we hope to do so," Storin said.

Next year's tuition cost marks a significant increase over previous years when the increase had been under five percent, said Storin.

"The tuition is part of the general revenue that makes up for the loss of interest on the endowment and any possible drop-offs in contributions," he said.

However, Storin said that the University intends to "remain competitive and come in below where [the tuition levels of] other elite schools are."

Storin explained that though economic difficulties were affecting the University's financial status, he expected that Notre Dame would still provide the same level of financial aid as previous years.

"We have increased financial aid in recent years so it is possible now to assure any students who [are] admitted that they would have sufficient funds to attend Notre Dame," Storin said.

University President Father Edward Malloy said that changes made to financial aid in recent years would help sustain the University through the economic downturn.

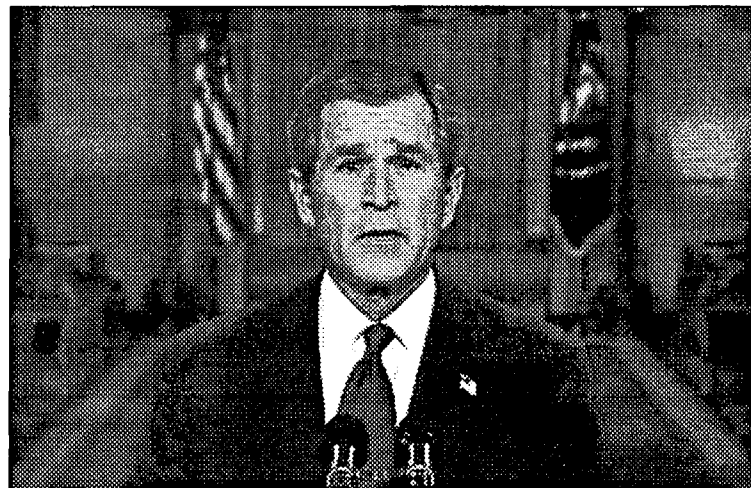
"Not only do we admit students regardless of ability to pay, but we also meet the full demonstrated financial need of all our students and increasingly we have replaced loans with scholarships in our financial aid packages," Malloy said. "Faced with the financial challenges of the moment, we've fashioned a plan that makes the necessary hard choices while still allowing us to maintain our commitment to excellence in the academic and student life of the University."

Parents were informed of the increase in a letter sent last week from Malloy.

Natasha Grant contributed to this report.

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Bush to Saddam: Leave Iraq or face war



Getty Images

President Bush speaks to the nation Monday from the White House. Bush warned Iraqi president Saddam Hussein and his sons to leave Iraq within 48 hours or face war.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
President Bush said Monday the United States will unleash war against Iraq unless Saddam Hussein flees his country within 48 hours. The president warned Americans that terrorists may strike in retaliation and put the

nation on higher alert.

"The tyrant will soon be gone," vowed Bush, commander in chief of 250,000 U.S. troops poised to strike.

Bush set a course for war without U.N. backing after months of futilely trying to persuade Saddam to disarm. In an address televised worldwide, he spoke to several audiences at once, starting with the American public and skeptical allies and including Saddam,

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ND TUITION INCREASES

	2001-2	2002-3	2003-4
Undergraduate Tuition w/Room & Board	\$30,530	\$32,020	\$34,100
% Increase	4.9	4.9	6.5
Graduate School Tuition	\$24,220	\$25,410	\$27,070
% Increase	4.9	4.9	6.5
Rank in cost among top private colleges	77th	80th	80th

INSIDE COLUMN

Spring break
in New York

Spring break is over and we are starting the downhill slide into the summer and the beginning of the next year. However we still have memories to reflect upon, from sitting on the beach to going to Big East basketball tournaments.

Chris Orenchuk

Lab Technician

Spring break is my favorite break of the entire school year except for summer break, of course. I believe that spring break is, of course, the most needed break. It gives all of us students the well-needed rest that we all deserve.

My spring break was spent in the wonderful city of New York. New York gives you many opportunities from shopping on 5th Avenue to Central Park. New York most likely has everything that you could ever want.

However, it is not quite the spring break location that we all wanted. I made the best of the situation and enjoyed the many things that New York had to offer. This included getting lectured by the cops outside of Madison Square Garden for trying to buy tickets to Michael Jordan's last game to buying fake Oakley's. Buying fake Oakley's probably had to be my most favorite memory from spring break.

The best part of New York has to be the street vendors who try to sell you Oakley's and Rolexes at every street corner. It really embodies the true American spirit and free enterprise.

My spring break took on a new pretense when I decided that I did need a fake Rolex. So as I strolled past a street vendor who asked "Rolex?" I said, "Yes." After this we haggled on the price for a minute and I finally worked him down to \$15. For that amount even a cheap watch is fine.

This is where this adventure took an interesting turn. After going to a location where the cops couldn't see us, I proceeded to look over the selection that the street vendor had provided and to my interest the watches were not fake Rolexes but very nice watches of lesser brands, such as Geneva and Citizen.

So as I perused the selection, it came to my realization that most likely these watches were stolen. At this point, I got scared that the cops would bust us, so I said, "No thanks" and moved on. However, I very much still wanted to purchase a fake Rolex more than ever.

This phase passed me and I moved on to buying fake Oakley's. This proved to be a much more enjoyable purchase. I approached another vendor and haggled with him about the price till we settled on \$5. At this point he opened up his trash bag and I got to select which sunglasses I wanted. This purchase led to me to the true meaning of spring break — illegal activity.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Chris Orenchuk at corenchu@nd.edu

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WHAT'S INSIDE

CAMPUS NEWS	WORLD & NATION	BUSINESS NEWS	VIEWPOINT	SCENE	SPORTS
OIT installs new e-mail servers during spring break	UN inspectors prepare to depart from Iraq	Stocks surge after news of possible war in Iraq	Community expresses opinions on Iraq	Scene gives high marks to the latest new music	Baseball achieves success on the road
Students begin to use the new Webmail system installed during spring break, although some have had problems with the new system.	After being warned by the United States to evacuate the country because of the possibility of war, UN inspectors began to leave Iraq.	The Dow Jones Industrial average gained over 280 points Monday after news of possible military conflict in Iraq.	Students weigh in on the possibility of military action in Iraq and express opposing opinions on the situation.	Reviewers give high grades to Ben Harper, Alabama, Everclear and Transplants.	Baseball played seven games over spring break in Jacksonville, Fla. and won six.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- Spanish Mass 10:30 p.m. at St. Edward's Hall
- Romero Lecture 7 p.m. at Hesburgh Center
- Campus Bible Study 7 p.m. at Coleman-Morse Center

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- Lenten Lecture Series 12:15 p.m. at Stapleton Lounge
- Mentoring Group 4:30 p.m. at Haggar Parlor
- Minority Women in Business Development Council 6:30 p.m. at Madeleva Hall Room 247S

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

Parking violation
Thursday, a University employee's vehicle was towed for a parking violation near the Stadium.

Employee taken to hospital
A University employee was transported by ambulance to Memorial Hospital for treatment of an illness Friday morning.

Student reports missing bike
Friday afternoon, a student reported the theft of his locked bike from a bike rack on the south side of the Law School. There are no suspects.

Student reports missing bike
Sunday, a student reported the theft of his locked freestanding bike from outside Knott Hall between March 7 and March 16. There are no suspects.

-compiled from the NDSP crime blotter

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall	South Dining Hall	Saint Mary's Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Penne with gorgonzola, Puerto Rican pasta sauce, cheese and pepperoni French bread pizza, breadsticks, fresh corned beef, boiled cabbage, brown sauce, chicken gravy, whipped potatoes, peas and carrots, apple crisp, cheese strata, Italian risotto, baked potatoes, spinach, grits, scrambled eggs, sausage patties	Today's Lunch: Linguine with three-pepper sauce, three-pepper sauce, cheese pizza, apple turnover, herbed noodles, sugar-snap peas with sesame, lemon-lime chicken breast, haddock with herbs, roast turkey breast, whipped potatoes, curried rice vegetable pilaf, roasted red-skin potatoes with rosemary, baked potatoes	No menu available.
Today's Dinner: Southern fried chicken, collard greens with ham hocks, brown sauce, chicken gravy, whipped potatoes, corn, apple crisp, spinach quiche, baked herbed zucchini, baked potato, yellow rice with raisins, stir-fried garlicky kale	Today's Dinner: Vegetable rice casserole, Italian-blend vegetables, chicken-fried steak, rotisserie chicken, grilled redfish, whipped potatoes, cut corn, couscous, apple crisp, baked potatoes, broccoli cuts, sliced carrots, peas and pearl onions	

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HIGH	63	HIGH	60	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
LOW	50	LOW	40	LOW	LOW	LOW

Atlanta 74 / 59 Boston 45 / 34 Chicago 54 / 45 Denver 36 / 26 Houston 77 / 51 Los Angeles 68 / 46 Minneapolis 48 / 38 New York 56 / 40 Philadelphia 60 / 40 Phoenix 66 / 48 Seattle 54 / 42 St. Louis 68 / 53 Tampa 84 / 73 Washington 60 / 44

OIT installs new e-mail server

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
News Writer

The Office of Information Technology successfully replaced the campus e-mail servers over spring break, although problems with the new servers still exist.

Some users have received error messages when they try to check their e-mail, and neither OIT nor users have seen a performance increase as a result of the upgrade.

According to Paul Russell, OIT senior systems engineer, technicians had not yet worked out some performance problems with the e-mail system and problems with the upgrade itself.

"I do not believe that the number or scope of problems we have seen is unusual given the magnitude of the upgrade. Anytime you make a change there will be problems," said Russell.

Users have had mixed reactions to the upgrade, ranging from those who have been unable to check their e-mail to those who experienced no prob-

lems. According to Russell, the new system is still in the beginning stages and the OIT is working to resolve issues that may be causing performance problems.

Freshman Brett Springman, who uses Outlook Express, said he has received several error messages since the upgrade.

"I keep getting error messages when I check my e-mail and I am not sure if Outlook is actually working. I looked at the OIT documentation once but I think I need another shot at it [because I wasn't able to fix the problem]," Springman said.

Lori Goffeney, administrative assistant to the associate deans of the College of Science, said she uses Eudora and did not experience problems since the upgrade after performing the steps recommended by OIT.

"I made changes to two areas of my e-mail program. I didn't

encounter any problems and it only took 30 seconds to do," Goffeney said.

Junior Danielle Protasewich said she primarily uses Netscape Messenger and had no problems following the upgrade but experienced some difficulties when using Webmail.

"It was frustrating because I was writing a long e-mail and it said I had only five minutes left before I was logged out of the system. I had to save my e-mail and open it up again," said Protasewich.

Junior Megan Thomas, also a Webmail user, said she encountered no problems with the service but does not like the new design.

"I think it offers you more options than the old one, although it looks more like a Web page and the old one was more aesthetically pleasing," said Thomas.

Russell encouraged users with problems to contact the OIT Help Desk for assistance on using the new system.

"Many users are apparently not having problems because they haven't reported them," Russell said.

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Students respond to possible war in Iraq

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

Students responded Monday night to President Bush's address to the nation, which gave Saddam Hussein 48 hours to leave Iraq or face military action.

The president's speech drew mixed reactions among Notre Dame students and some praised the president's remarks as necessary and prudent.

"You could see this coming for a while now ... but I think it's what needs to be done," said freshman Nick Stahlschmidt.

However, not everyone agreed that military action was the best way to resolve the situation in Iraq. Freshman Samantha Raneri described the ultimatum as "completely unreasonable," and said that further diplomacy might bring about a peaceful solution. "I think we could do more for peace," she said.

Not all students expected that Bush would take such a hard-line stance in his address. Freshman Courtney Campbell called the remarks "alarming" and felt that the United States had not made the case for war and that the

American military might eventually be overcommitted in Iraq.

"I think we're biting off more than we can chew," Campbell said.

Several students commented favorably on the manner and tone of Bush's speech.

"Bush clearly set out his objectives and he made it clear he's after the government of Iraq, not the people," said junior Chris Edwards.

Near the end of his address, Bush spoke directly to the Iraqi people and said that the United States wanted to free them from an oppressive regime.

Even students opposed to U.S. military action in Iraq characterized the president's address as clear and decisive.

"I thought he was well-spoken, but I see more evil coming out of this than good," said freshman Mark Szczuka.

Freshman Kathy Peterson agreed, saying, "Bush has good intentions about protecting the American people. I thought [the speech] was sincerely delivered."

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There's always something going down...



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ND's new comprehensive calendar of campus events

BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Students prepare for new members

By MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writer

In its last meeting before the new student government takes office, the Board of Governance prepared to hand over its responsibilities Monday.

Outgoing student body President Kim Jensen instructed board members to prepare their office binders and letters of advice for the incoming officers.

"You also need to clean out your mail boxes," Jensen added. "Next week they are no longer yours."

Both incoming and outgoing board

members will be present at next week's turnover meeting and new officers will be officially sworn in March 28 at the Student Government Commissioning Ceremony. A farewell dinner will be held for outgoing officers on Apr. 13.

In other BOG news:

♦ The BOG granted FlipSide \$570 to help sponsor two dances on Saint Mary's campus. The dances will take place on March 22 and Apr. 4 and have been widely attended in the past. The money will pay for deejays, food and decorations.

♦ BOG officers voted to endorse the

Wellness and Physical Education Proposal. The proposal seeks to increase the depth and variety of physical education available to students.

♦ SAB also selected a winner for its "What would you do for a Hundred Dollars?" contest. Elizabeth Voss volunteered to sing an Ace of Base song Wednesday outside of the Haggard College Center and wear a Saint Mary's Bell Head for two days straight in order to win the cash prize.

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IRISH STEP DANCING IN LAFORTUNE



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Cheyenne Blavat, left, and Leena Hackett show off their footwork in an Irish step dance performance Monday in LaFortune Student Center in honor of Saint Patrick's Day.

Group travels to Mexico for retreat

By MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writer

During spring break, a group of Saint Mary's students and staff traveled to Mexico to participate in a spiritual development retreat.

Students Mary Braun, Sheila Egts, Sheila Marie Guerrettaz, Julianna Harman, Megan Kennedy and Mary Watrobka, along with Sister Linda Kors, director of the Spes Unica Resources Volunteer Center, Sister Kathleen Dolphin, director of the Center for Spirituality and Marcia Good Maust, fellow at the Center for Womens Intercultural Leadership, participated in the trip which was

sponsored by the SURV Center.

"I told myself when I came here that I would get involved ... and this was a really great opportunity to experience a different culture," said Kennedy.

Hosted by Daughters of the Holy Spirit, the travelers stayed at a retreat center in Cuernavaca, Mexico, where they experienced Mexican culture and poverty.

"I don't think that most people have seen that type of poverty and it is just really shocking," Kennedy said.

The group had the opportunity to visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, as well as the sight where Mary is believed to

have appeared as Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patron saint of Mexico.

"Almost every house has at least one picture of [Our Lady of] Guadalupe. You can find her everywhere," said Kors.

One of the main events of the trip involved a one hour hike to Tlamacazopa, a Mexican village located in the Andes Mountains.

"I just realized that they have so much less than we do but they are so much more devote. It was truly motivating," said Kennedy.

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STUDENT APPRECIATION WEEK

March 17th- 21st

MONDAY: FREE St. Patrick's Day T-shirts at Fieldhouse Mall

TUESDAY: 25% off of all imprinted apparel and gifts at the Bookstore

WEDNESDAY: FREE Powerbars and Powerade at Rolf's and the Rock

THURSDAY: FREE SUB Movie: "Die Another Day"

FRIDAY: Ice Cream Social during lunch and dinner at Dining Halls

ALL WEEK: 25% off on all long sleeve T-shirts and fleece (sweatshirts) at the Bookstore (ends March 23rd)



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IRAQ

U.N. tells weapons inspectors to evacuate Iraq

Associated Press

BAGHDAD

The United Nations ordered its weapons inspectors out of Iraq on Monday, widening the stream of diplomats and foreign journalists heading for the exits before any shooting starts.

Defiant to the end, Saddam Hussein gave no sign of heeding President Bush's demands that he step down within 48 hours, or face war. He warned that American forces will find an Iraqi fighter ready to die for his country "behind every rock, tree and wall."

But he made a last-minute bid to avert war, admitting that Iraq had once possessed weapons of mass destruction to defend itself from Iran and Israel — but insisting that it no longer has them.

"We are not weapons collectors," the official Iraqi News Agency quoted him as telling Tunisian Foreign Minister Habib Ben Yahia, who was visiting Baghdad in a last-minute quest to avert war.

"When Saddam Hussein says he has no weapons of mass destruction, he means what he

says," Saddam said.

His admissions were pushed aside, as President Bush set the countdown clock for war. "The tyrant will soon be gone," Bush said, either by Saddam's own choice to leave or by force. Saddam and his sons must leave Iraq within 48 hours, Bush said.

In advance of the speech, Iraqi Information Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf said Saddam wouldn't leave. "He will stay in place like a solid rock," he told Qatar-based television broadcaster Al-Jazeera in an interview Monday.

Baghdad residents prepared for the worst, flooding markets to stock up on food, lining up for gas and bread and taping their windows for fear of flying glass from U.S. bombs. Store owners moved their merchandise to the relative safety of warehouses, fearing bombs and looting if a war starts.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan announced that he was ordering all U.N. staff out of Iraq, including 156 inspectors and support staff, humanitarian workers and U.N. observers monitoring the Iraqi-Kuwait border.



Reuters

United Nations helicopters are shown parked Monday at Larnaca airport in Cyprus after returning from Iraq. Officials recalled the helicopters after their insurance was cancelled due to the increasing likelihood of a U.S.-led war against Iraq.

Homeland Security raises alert level to high after Bush speech

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Worried that war in Iraq could lead to terrorist reprisals at home, the Department of Homeland Security raised the terror alert Monday to orange, indicating a high risk of attacks, and implemented enhanced security measures nationwide.

"Operation Liberty Shield" was announced just as President George W. Bush completed his speech giving Saddam Hussein 48 hours to leave Iraq.

The homeland security plan includes more Border Patrol officers, stepped-up patrols at seaports, airports and nuclear power plants, and increased

safeguards over the nation's food supply.

Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge also called on governors to deploy National Guard troops or extra state police to protect bridges and other key infrastructures.

The terror alert was raised from yellow, or elevated, to orange, the second-highest level on a five-color scale. Counterterrorism officials said the decision was based on threats from al-Qaida, Iraqi operatives and freelance terrorists.

"A large volume of reporting across a range of sources, some of which are highly reliable, indicates that al-Qaida probably would attempt to launch

terrorist attacks against U.S. interests claiming they were defending Muslims or the Iraqi people rather than Saddam Hussein's regime," Ridge said in a statement.

He also referred to "reports of suspicious activity in and around military facilities, ports, waterways, general infrastructure and targets that are considered symbolic to U.S. power and influence."

The FBI has increased surveillance on certain Iraqis in America and other suspected terrorists or terrorist sympathizers. Homeland Security officials said any asylum-seeking Iraqis and people from 33 other countries would be detained for background investigations.

Turkish lawmakers to vote on U.S. plan

Associated Press

ISTANBUL

Turkish leaders said Monday they were ready to press ahead with a measure to allow the U.S. military to use Turkey as a staging area for a war against Iraq.

Deputy Prime Minister Abdullatif Sener said the Cabinet would discuss authorization for American troops Tuesday, and parliament could take up the measure Wednesday, private NTV television reported.

"A unanimous decision was reached ... that there is a need to move urgently," presidential spokesman Tacan Ildem said.

An earlier resolution failed

by just four votes, and Turkey's government has been dragging its feet on reintroducing the measure. Polls show that more than 80 percent of the Turkish public opposes a war.

The United States has repeatedly called on Turkey's government to quickly resubmit a resolution that would let in tens of thousands of U.S. soldiers to open a northern front against Iraq that would divide Saddam Hussein's army. Turkish and U.S. generals agree the strategy would make a war shorter and less bloody.

On Monday, political and military leaders called on parliament to take steps to let in foreign troops.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Libya opens U.N. human rights meeting

Libya, a nation accused of widespread rights abuses, began its controversial leadership of the United Nations' top human rights body on Monday, leading to accusations that the entire meeting was a "masquerade."

"Censorship, arbitrary detention, jailings, disappearances, torture — at last the U.N. has appointed someone who knows what she's talking about," Reporters Without Borders said of Najat Al-Hajjaji, the Libyan chair of the 53-nation U.N. Human Rights Commission.

Rwandan cons to serve time in France

The French government has agreed to allow people convicted in the Rwanda genocide to serve their sentences in France, the U.N. tribunal for Rwanda said Monday.

France is the first European country to agree to provide prison space for those convicted by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

NYC revelers mark St. Patrick's Day

Marchers and spectators enjoyed spring-like weather in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade along Fifth Avenue. The parade, which featured clusters of bagpipers and drummers, was among many events that celebrated Irish pride. The day also was marked in the Middle East, where British troops preparing for a possible war with Iraq participated in a traditional shamrock ceremony.

Gandolfini and HBO may renew talks

"The Sopranos" star James Gandolfini and HBO are considering a deal to drop their dueling lawsuits and proceed with contract negotiations, a newspaper said Monday.

The dispute stems from a breach-of-contract lawsuit that Gandolfini, who plays mafia boss Tony Soprano on the award-winning series, filed against HBO in a Los Angeles court earlier this month.

Sheen defends Hollywood protesters

Actor Martin Sheen defended the rights of Hollywood anti-war activists to express their views in an opinion piece published Monday in the Los Angeles Times.

"Whether celebrity or diplomat, cabdriver or student, all deserve a turn at the podium," Sheen wrote.

Sheen criticized those whom he said were trying to denigrate his and other Hollywood activists' views, "solely due to our celebrity status."

Moynihan critical following surgery

Former Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., was in critical but stable condition Monday, suffering from an infection after an emergency appendectomy.

Moynihan, who turned 76 on Sunday, was in the intensive care unit of the Washington Hospital Center, said Paula Faria, a hospital spokeswoman.

Alcohol

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that alcohol must be a central part of campus life.

Already, Poorman claims the changes have had some positive effects. He said the Office of Drugs, Education and Alcohol, which tracks instances of alcohol abuse on- and off-campus, reported 51 cases of alcohol poisoning in the fall of 2001. In the fall of 2002, that number dropped to 20 cases.

Poorman said he has received positive feedback from hall staff members, with hall rectors saying they have had to make less trips to the hospital for alcohol-related reasons.

Parents have been supportive of the changes and first-year students say they feel less pressure to drink.

Reaction from students, however, has been mixed.

"I think that most students were upset because they believed that obsessive drinking was a part of what you do in college and they thought that their freedoms were being curtailed," Poorman said. "To those students, I would have to say that Notre Dame is not going to overlook obsessive or abusive drinking just because some people think it is typical of a college student. Abusive drinking is far too dangerous to be treated like that or to be treated as a rite of passage."

The majority of negative feedback from students, Poorman said, centers on a belief that the

changes will harm Notre Dame's residential community. And Poorman himself admits that students are going off-campus more than other students did 20 years ago — something he attributes to increased social opportunities in South Bend.

But as to whether the alcohol policy changes have caused more students to head off-campus in greater numbers, Poorman doesn't see enough information to make an argument either way.

"Some people say this has increased and others have said that it hasn't, but nobody has offered reliable evidence to support their case," he said. "I think time will tell if that really has become a significant trend."

The University's intent in implementing the changes was not to eliminate alcohol from campus, Poorman said. He pointed to events like last fall's Margaritaville, where seniors drank alcohol on the beach by St. Joseph's Lake, as a "tremendous success" and an example of how students of legal age could enjoy alcohol in moderate amounts.

Instead, Poorman said the University wanted to curb abusive drinking in dorms that often occurred around in-hall dances. When the dances were in dorms, Poorman said, the focus was more on drinking than dancing. Now that the dances have been moved out of dorms, hall government leaders have had to plan in advance to secure appropriate venues with appropriate space for dorm residents.

"I think that students who were looking for an alcohol-driven party have been disappointed by the changes in the SYR," Poorman said. "I think that students who have been looking for a general dance have been encouraged by the changes."

The University doesn't plan to revisit the alcohol changes anytime soon, Poorman said, mostly because of the "exhaustive" research that went into developing the new policy. Moreover, the Board of Trustees endorsed the changes — although University spokesman Matt Storin said the trustees generally leave student life issues to student life officials — and provided additional funding for hall dances next year.

Poorman said he does not feel the culture of drinking that the changes were designed to correct will change rapidly, nor does he believe the changes will adversely affect campus life. He said the number of students wanting to live on campus increased 1.7 percent and applications to be resident assistants — those charged with enforcing policy changes — increased 13 percent to their highest level since 1997.

While he acknowledges that students may complain about the potential changes, Poorman said only time will tell what effect the alcohol policy changes have had on campus life.

"As I wrote last year," he said, "I have lived in the halls for 20 years as a rector, AR and RA and I just think it is going to take a lot more than taking away hard alcohol or moving dances out of the hall to negatively affect a 160-year tradition."

Meghanne Downes contributed to this report.

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Bush

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Iraq's military and its citizens

"The day of your liberation is near," Bush told Iraqis.

The speech did not silence opposition from home and abroad to Bush's tough-on-Saddam policies. Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle said Bush had failed "miserably" at diplomacy, forcing the United States to go to war with Iraq.

From the ornate cross halls of the White House, Bush said for the first time that Saddam could not retain power even by beginning to disarm his nation of weapons of mass destruction — long the stated goal of U.S. policy in Iraq. The only way war can be avoided now is Saddam's exile, Bush said.

"All the decades of deceit and cruelty have now reached an end," the president said. "Saddam Hussein and his sons must leave Iraq within 48 hours. Their refusal to do so will result in military conflict commenced at a time of our choosing."

The 48-hour clock started at 8 p.m. EST Monday, White House spokesman Adam Levine said.

At home, Bush raised the terror alert status from yellow to "high risk" orange, the second-highest level.

"War has no certainty except the certainty of sacrifice," Bush told a worldwide television audience.

An intense White House debate over whether to establish a timetable was settled hours before the president's speech. Some argued that Bush should not set a deadline because Saddam could use the notice to build opposition to the president's case or even launch

a pre-emptive strike.

Bush told journalists and weapons inspectors to leave Iraq immediately.

He issued his ultimatum after U.N. allies refused to back his bid for a resolution sanctioning military force. The diplomatic defeat led Bush to move toward war accompanied by Britain, Spain, Australia and a handful of other nations in his self-described "coalition of the willing."

He lashed out at France and other wary allies at the U.N. "These governments share our assessment of the danger but not our resolve to meet it," Bush said.

For the first time since he drew the nation's attention to Iraq last fall, Bush focused on the questions most asked by Americans: Why war? And why now?

Spelling out the threat, he said Saddam has a history of hating America, has ties to terrorists and is a destabilizing force in the Middle East. Primarily, he said Saddam could turn his weapons of mass destruction over to terrorist groups.

"Before the day of horror can come, before it is too late to act, this danger will be removed," Bush said.

Iraq denied it has weapons of mass destruction, and Bush offered no new evidence to counter Baghdad's assertion.

Poised to exercise his doctrine of pre-emptive military action, Bush said responding to enemies who strike first "is not self-defense. It is suicide. The security of the world requires disarming Saddam Hussein now."

Bush said that after 12 years of diplomacy and weapons inspections, "our good faith has not been returned. The Iraqi regime has used diplomacy as a ploy to gain time and advantage."

Hollywood: War won't stop Oscars

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Organizers of the 75th annual Oscar awards say the impending war in Iraq won't derail Hollywood's biggest event on Sunday.

President Bush's 48-hour ultimatum for Saddam Hussein to leave Iraq or be forced out by military action increased the likelihood that news coverage could supersede the live Academy Awards telecast on ABC.

Show producer Gil Cates has acknowledged that war would change the tone of the production, but as of late Monday the glitzy red-carpet ceremony was still scheduled to proceed as planned.

If the country is at war on

Sunday, he has said ABC might break away from the ceremony for news updates or even run a news crawl across the bottom of the screen.

Many nominees noted the show would likely be a much more somber affair if the country is at war.

Nicole Kidman, a lead-actress nominee for "The Hours," said at an Oscar luncheon last week she is "in two minds" about attending the event during war.

"There are two arguments, aren't there, where they say you need to continue on with things and not be stopped, and then there's the other thing where you just say, of course, it would feel very strange to show up," she said.

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MARKET RECAP

Market Watch March 17

Dow Jones		
8,141.92	↑	+282.21
NASDAQ		
1,392.27	↑	+51.94
S&P 500		
862.79	↑	+29.52
AMEX		
820.65	↑	+5.58
NYSE		
4,783.95	↑	+142.32

TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ-100 INDEX(QQQ)	+3.42	+0.88	26.60
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SPDR TRUST SER (SPY)	+3.15	+2.65	86.78
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	+5.45	+0.73	14.13
INTEL CORP (INTC)	+5.18	+0.89	18.06

IN BRIEF

Goldman sacks more stock analysts

Goldman Sachs Group Inc. laid off three more stock research analysts Monday, including brokerage industry specialist Richard Strauss.

Besides Strauss, specialty retail analyst Tom Filandro and video gaming software Chris DeBiase were let go, said spokesman Ed Canaday, adding that the move was part of a cost-cutting and reorganization plan by Goldman Sachs.

The Wall Street firm has been changing the way it covers various industries to eliminate specialty coverage and regional industry analysts.

Last month, the firm let go of six other stock research analysts, including financial services specialist Howard Shapiro.

Beer heir Joseph Coors dies at 85

Joseph Coors, who used his brewing fortune to support President Reagan and help create the conservative Heritage Foundation, has died at age 85.

Coors, whose grandfather founded Golden-based Adolph Coors Co. in 1873, died Saturday in Rancho Mirage, Calif., after a three-month battle with lymphatic cancer.

In the 1970s, Coors began providing money and his famous name to start the Heritage Foundation, the influential think tank in Washington, D.C.

Japan: Economy flat but improving

The Japanese government raised its assessment of the economy for the first time since July despite uncertainties over a possible war in Iraq.

In its report for March, the Cabinet Office said Monday the economy was essentially flat, citing stronger investments in the corporate sector. In the report for February, it had said the economy was weak.

The report said corporate profits are improving, although private consumption is flat and the unemployment rate remains high.

War drums push markets up

◆ Hopes for a quick win in Iraq fuel big gains

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The growing likelihood of war with Iraq sent stocks rallying for a fourth straight session Monday, as investors became confident the United States would prevail in a short-lived conflict. The Dow Jones industrial average surged more than 280 points, catapulting itself to a four-day gain of more than 600 points.

Investors who had feared that war would threaten the economy are increasingly optimistic about the outcome of a conflict with Iraq.

A brief war "allows businesses to stop waiting and watching and get back to spending and hiring. And it allows consumers gets back to spending. ... [It] should put the shaky [economic] recovery back on more solid footing," said Joseph Keating, chief investment officer at AmSouth Asset Management in Birmingham, Ala.

However, analysts say stocks can't sustain a meaningful advance until the situation with Iraq becomes more clear.

The Dow was up 282.21, or 3.6 percent, at 8,141.92. The Dow has climbed 617.86 in four days, allowing it on Monday to close above the 8,000 level for the first time in nearly a month, or since Feb. 21, when it stood at 8,018.11.

Monday's advance supplanted the Dow's 269-point gain on Thursday as its biggest one-day gain in five months, or since Oct. 15, when the blue chip average rose 378.28 to 8,255.68.

The broader market also rallied sharply higher. The Nasdaq composite index jumped 51.94, or 3.9 percent, to 1,392.27. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 29.52, or 3.5 percent, to 862.79.

While war worries have



A trader on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange smiles Monday. Worldwide financial markets rallied on the expectation of a rapid U.S. victory in Iraq, pushing shares in New York, Frankfurt, Paris and London to gains of over 3 percent.

depressed the market for months, investors in recent sessions have been buying on the belief that there will be a rally after a war begins. That has been the market's pattern in past conflicts, including the Gulf War in 1991.

"We are getting closer and closer to some sort of conclusive event, and people are trying to position themselves for that," said Brian Belski, fundamental market strategist at US Bancorp Piper Jaffray.

The market advanced on Monday following announcements that the United States, Britain and Spain had ended their efforts to win U.N. support

for a war and that President Bush would give Saddam Hussein an ultimatum during an address to the nation Monday night.

Last week, the market's indicators posted weekly gains, snapping their two-week losing streak, on investors' growing confidence about a war. While investors had been selling on fears that a long war would quash an already weak economic recovery, they are now showing a willingness to place bets on the notion that a conflict would be over quickly and the economy will be harmed less than previously thought.

So far, however, the

recent rallies have simply put the major indexes back to levels last seen a month ago.

The retailing sector traded higher Monday on upbeat news about sales and profits. Wal-Mart advanced \$2.61 to \$51.97 after reaffirming its March and April sales forecasts.

Dollar General rose \$1.71 to \$12.48 after the discount retailer reported fourth-quarter earnings that beat analysts' expectations by 2 cents a share.

Oil stocks rose in anticipation that a war would bring down crude prices. Royal Dutch climbed \$1.25 to \$40.15 and Exxon Mobil rose 66 cents to \$35.05.

United asks court to void contracts

Associated Press

CHICAGO

United Airlines asked a bankruptcy judge Monday to nullify its labor contracts after failing to reach agreements by a self-imposed deadline, raising the pressure on its unions to agree to long-term cost cuts.

The move gives the two sides until May 1 to settle on negotiated terms or the court could void the contracts — a drastic and risky means of slashing labor costs that is rarely employed in airline bankruptcies.

If agreements aren't in place by then, the requested ruling by Judge

Eugene Wedoff would enable United to impose its own, stricter terms, helping it stay on its lenders' timetable to show progress in bankruptcy or lose its financing.

That would send ripples through the beleaguered airline industry, where other troubled carriers are closely watching United's efforts to lower costs in hopes of making their own severe labor cost reductions.

It also would effectively wipe out decades' worth of negotiated contract provisions at United, the world's second-largest airline. Nullifying contracts is generally avoided in the industry, in part because of the danger of alienating

employees at a time when labor turmoil can doom a struggling carrier.

United has warned since January, when it secured interim wage cuts worth \$70 million a month in savings, that it would begin the contract-scraping process if unions didn't agree to concessions by mid-March.

But the talks with unions remain bogged down over both the size of United's requested labor cuts — 31 percent, or \$2.56 billion annually, through 2008 — and its plan to start a low-fare carrier, which would entail a lower wage scale and separate work rules.



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This is a monetary award of \$5000. Nominations should be submitted by 5pm, Monday, March 31. Please visit the CSC website for additional information about nominating, or call or email Mary Beckman, Ph.D., at 631-4172, mbeckman@nd.edu.

Annual Romero Week Lectures

4:30-6:00 PM, TODAY, March 18 - Hesburgh Center Auditorium

Showing of Film: *"Justice and the Generals"*

A Historic U.S. court trial of former Salvadoran Generals

7:00 PM, TONIGHT, March 18 - Hesburgh Center Auditorium

"Archbishop Oscar A. Romero: Martyr of the Option for the Poor"

Bishop Samuel Ruiz; Chiapas, Mexico

Gustavo Gutierrez, OP; Respondent, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame

12:00 Noon, Wednesday, March 19 - Haggard Parlor * Saint Mary's College

"Neris Gonzalez & Shawn Roberts: Voices for Peace and Dignity in El Salvador"

Neris Gonzalez; Salvadoran church worker and torture survivor

Shawn Roberts; International human rights attorney; Former Legal Director, Center for Justice and Accountability

7:00 PM, Wednesday, March 19 - Hesburgh Center Auditorium

"Has Justice Been Won? The Case of the Salvadoran Torture Survivors and the Generals"

A panel presentation featuring:

Neris Gonzalez,

Shawn Roberts, and

Garth Meintjes, Center for Civil and Human Rights, University of Notre Dame

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Film Viewing and Presentation
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Wednesday, April 2, 7:00 PM

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Reception and book signing following

Current Volunteer Opportunities

A mother is in need of relief care for her premature twins (they are 3 months old, but were born 2 months premature). Care would consist of sitting with and holding the babies as well as occasionally helping to feed them for only one hour, one evening a week.

Please contact:

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ND For Animals Upcoming Events (www.nd.edu/~animals)

THIS THURS, March 20th, join people around the world for **Meatout 2003**. Stop by ND for Animal's table in LaFortune or visit www.meatout.org to learn how "kicking the meat habit" holds lasting benefits for consumer health, world hunger, resource conservation, environmental quality and animal welfare.

Also on **March 20th**, come to a free screening of the award-winning documentary *"The Witness"* and *"Life Behind Bars: The Sad Truth About Factory Farming"*, **8:00 - 9:00 p.m.** at **Montgomery Theatre** in LaFortune. Refreshments served.

NEXT TUES DAY, March 25th, Dr. Michael Greger will be speaking on *"Corporate Globalization: Trading Away Our Right to Protect Animals"* at 5:30 p.m. in **Montgomery Theatre**. Refreshments will be served.

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Kathy Schneider, '78, MDiv '84, Holy Cross Sisters Program in Brazil, Pastoral Associate in New York parishes, currently Director of St. Margaret's House in South Bend

Prayers for Peace

Campus Ministry would like to invite you to join other students, faculty, and staff to pray for peace.

Each Friday, the 5:15 p.m. Mass in the Basilica will be a *Votive Mass for Peace*. As our country and the world face much conflict, we recognize the importance of gathering as a community of hope to pray for the perfect peace Christ gives.

Please join us this Friday and in the weeks to come.

Come join other students in a Coffee House for Peace!

"Coffee House for Peace"

NEXT WEDNESDAY, March 26th, 8:00 - 10:00 PM

Coleman Morse Lounge

Featuring: Emeline Shone (ND '03), Poetry Readings & Open Microphone

Panel will study Smart investigation

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY

An independent commission will be appointed to investigate how police handled the Elizabeth Smart abduction case, Salt Lake City's mayor said Monday.

Rocky Anderson said the five-member panel will begin its work after the completion of the case against Brian Mitchell, who is suspected in the kidnapping. He did handyman work at the Smart home one day in November 2001 and was identified by Elizabeth's younger sister as the man who may have taken the teen.

The commission will likely focus on the level of attention authorities gave the self-proclaimed prophet during the investigation, and whether they concentrated too hard on Richard Ricci.

Ricci had worked as a handyman at the Smart home more than a year before the kidnapping and was considered a possible suspect in the weeks after Elizabeth's disappearance. Ricci died last August of a brain hemorrhage in jail, where he was being held on an unrelated parole violation.

Elizabeth was spotted with Mitchell and Wanda Barzee in Sandy, Utah, on Wednesday, nine months after she vanished.

Mitchell, 49, and Barzee, 57, remained in jail Monday as prosecutors weighed their case against the pair. They will likely face federal or state charges by Wednesday, said Melodie Rydall, spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Utah.

Mitchell's father and attorney said authorities should be lenient.

"There's a lot of people that kidnap little kids and murder

them," said Shirl Mitchell, 83. "He took care of the girl and she came back in good health."

Attorney Larry Long, who is representing Mitchell, said that giving his client a light sentence could encourage kidnappers to keep their captives alive. He said Mitchell considered Elizabeth's disappearance a "call from God" and took her as his second wife.

Mitchell also told his attorney he wants Smart to be renamed "Remnant Who Will Return."

"He wanted me to tell the world that she is his wife, and he still loves her and knows that she still loves him, that no harm came to her during their relationship and the adventure that went on," attorney Larry Long said in an interview aired late Sunday on KUTV.

Smart family spokesman Chris Thomas dismissed Long's comments.

AUSTRALIA

Australia commits troops to Iraq strike

Associated Press

CANBERRA

Prime Minister John Howard said Tuesday his government would commit 2,000 military personnel to any U.S.-led strike aimed at disarming Iraq.

At the same time, the government announced it had ordered the five diplomats who work at the Iraqi embassy and their families to leave the country, giving them five days to pack their bags — a direct result of Australia's decision to join any war against Iraq.

"The government has authorized the chief of the Australian Defense Force to place the Australian forces

already deployed in the Gulf region as part of any U.S. led coalition operation that may take place in the future," a somber Howard, flanked by two Australian flags, said in a televised address to the nation.

Howard's comments came just hours after President Bush called him to ask Australian troops to join his "coalition of the willing."

"The action that has to be taken as a result of this decision has a sound legal basis in the resolutions of the Security Council that have already been passed," Howard added.

Howard said if international forces massed on Iraq's borders were withdrawn, "any semblance of cooperation from Iraq [with weapons inspectors] would disappear."

Howard said he was "very conscious" of the opposition to his decision in the Australian community. A poll published Tuesday showed 71 percent of voters oppose U.S.-led strikes.

"This government has taken a decision which it genuinely believes is in the medium and longer term interests of this country," Howard said.

Another sign of opposition was emblazoned on the Sydney Opera House early Tuesday in the form of huge red letters spelling out "No War" on the landmark building.

Howard, one of Bush's staunchest supporters, pulled his Cabinet in for an early morning emergency session to consider Bush's request for military support.

The meeting broke up after only 50 minutes and Howard then briefed lawmakers before addressing the nation.

Answering questions from reporters in Canberra after the address, Howard refused to discuss a timetable for military action, saying that was now an "operational" matter.

Howard said the government had no intention of increasing its deployment from the current 2,000.

Howard's decision was to be debated later Tuesday in parliament but would not be put to a vote.

Opposition Labor Party leader Simon Crean earlier warned Australian involvement in a U.S.-led strike would put Australia at greater risk of terror attacks.

"Our involvement in this war will spawn terrorism and encourage terrorists and Australia will as a consequence become more of a target," Crean told reporters.

Bush placed the call following an announcement Monday that the United States, Britain and Spain would not seek a Security Council vote on their U.N. resolution seeking authorization for war — a move that all but ended diplomatic efforts to avoid military action.

Australia has elite troops, fighter planes and navy ships in the region.

The government Monday issued new warnings to travelers in the Middle East, advising citizens to leave Iraq, Kuwait and Israel, and to defer nonessential travel to Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Qatar and Bahrain.

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what's happening

today 3.18

Confirmation Session #12
7:00-8:45 p.m.
Siegfried Hall Chapel

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

Weekly Spanish Mass
10:30 p.m.
St. Edward's Hall

wednesday 3.19

**Solemnity of
St. Joseph Mass**
5:15 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

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

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

friday 3.21

Mass for Peace and Justice
5:15 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

friday (cont.)

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

sunday 3.23

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

tuesday 3.25

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

Weekly Spanish Mass
10:30 p.m.
St. Edward's Hall

wednesday 3.26

Conversation with Sr. Sue
about Vocation to Religious Life
7:00 p.m.
114 Coleman-Morse Center

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

**Interfaith Christian
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Wednesday • 5:15 p.m.
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mass schedule

Third Sunday of Lent

basilica of the sacred heart

Saturday Vigil Mass
5:00 p.m.
Rev. Richard V. Warner, c.s.c.

Sunday
10:00 a.m. Rev. Richard V. Warner, c.s.c.
11:45 a.m. Rev. Samuel J. Peters, c.s.c.

around campus (every Sunday)

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass
Zahm Hall Chapel

5:00 p.m. Law School Mass
Law School Chapel

7:00 p.m. MBA Mass
Mendoza COB
Faculty Lounge

Sunday's Scripture Readings

1st: Ex 20: 1 - 17 2nd: 1Cor 1: 22 - 25 Gospel: John 2: 13- 25

considerations....

War in Iraq?

Not Too Late to Consider Peace

by Kelly Rich
Intern, Campus Ministry

In struggling over the past year and a half with issues of war and peace, the questions I find most difficult to answer are the pastoral ones. Our church does have a Just War Theory and it is taught as a valid and acceptable Christian response for times of war – that is, when “times of war” fit the criteria mandated for justified military action. (Let us keep in mind that, as has been declared repeatedly by the US Bishops as well as leaders of other Christian churches, the conflict we are currently facing with Iraq does not fit the criteria.) Still, considering that a large part of the church understands our options for military response in the context of this Just War teaching and not from the Church's pacifist tradition, there is certainly a pastoral need for sensitivity in approaching these issues. The question it seems we must ask ourselves is, how do we face the reality of our political situation, be realistic about our options and the decisions our leaders and other nations' leaders must make, but without compromising the ideals of peace and justice? It is undoubtedly a difficult task.

Nevertheless, what I have returned to over and over again in asking myself these questions, is the example of Christ himself. This year the staff at Campus

Ministry has accepted a renewed challenge, as part of our common Christian mission of evangelization, to consider the example of the life of Jesus in all we do – in programs we plan and coordinate, in encounters with students and staff, in every opportunity we might find to minister. Certainly among us, and among the entire community of the faithful, there are different interpretations of what this will look like; variation is inevitable, as each of us experience God and the life of Christ in distinct ways. But for me, as I accept this challenge and consider who it is I pledge to follow, I find I do not understand Jesus except as someone who lived and taught a life of radical love and mercy. I do not understand the message of the Gospel but as one of peace, and yes, justice, but above all, peace. Realizing these things, I am left asking myself, how will our world ever know the way of peace, true mercy and love, if we who follow the Prince of Peace do not make explicit that message? If we are the church of Jesus Christ, who gave his life to give us everlasting peace, what can we consider in times of conflict but the same path of peace which he walked?

Today we, as a community of believers, are challenged to decide how we will respond to what is daily becoming a more threatening global situation. Christ was explicit in calling for peace, for love of our enemies, for mercy and forgiveness even before justice. Though across campus we may find it difficult to agree as to what course of action our nation should pursue, let us remember that as Christians we are called to be undivided in recognizing the need for prayer at this time. Campus Ministry continues to offer mass each Friday at 5:15 in prayer for peace. I hope you will join us.

But for me, as I accept this challenge and consider who it is I pledge to follow, I find I do not understand Jesus except as someone who lived and taught a life of radical love and mercy. I do not understand the message of the Gospel but as one of peace, and yes, justice, but above all, peace.

Experts urge against panic over illness

Associated Press

A handful of suspected cases of a deadly flu-like illness surfaced in new spots around the globe Monday, but medical experts said there "should not be panic" because the spread is not as aggressive as most forms of influenza.

There also were no new fatalities since the nine first reported when the World Health Organization issued its unusual global alert over the weekend. WHO officials said they were investigating suspicious cases in England, France, Israel, Slovenia and Australia, all of which previously had none.

Most of the 167 cases that have appeared in the past three weeks are health workers in Hong Kong, Vietnam and Singapore. China said 300 people had what appeared to be the same illness in an outbreak that began last November in Guangdong province.

In the United States, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention was skeptical that the four cases it was looking into would be verified as "severe acute respiratory syndrome," or SARS, the name given the unidentified illness. The CDC already has ruled out 10 other suspicious cases.

Disease investigators said it could take weeks to determine the cause of the mysterious outbreak.

WHO officials also said that for the first time, China was allowing teams of experts into the country to take a closer look at its own earlier outbreak, which killed five people before it was brought under control. WHO investigators should be there by week's end,

the U.N. agency said.

Experts believe that the most likely explanation for the respiratory illness is an exotic virus or - the most feared scenario - a new form of influenza.

However, WHO's communicable diseases chief, Dr. David Heymann, said the illness doesn't seem to spread as quickly a flu.

"It isn't contagious at the level of many other infectious diseases," he said. "A normal influenza would be very contagious to people sitting in the same room."

So far, experts say there is no evidence the infection spreads by casual contact, such as sitting next to somebody in an airplane.

"There should not be panic. This is a disease which, it seems, requires very close contact with patients and it is mainly hospital workers who have been infected in the first wave of infections. Now we are seeing that some other family members have been infected," Heymann said.

CDC head Dr. Julie Gerberding said she doubts the flu virus is responsible, since Hong Kong labs, which are very good at diagnosing influenza, have not been able to identify it.

The incubation period for SARS appears to be three to seven days. It often begins with a high fever and other flu-like symptoms, such as headache and sore throat. Victims typically develop coughs, pneumonia, shortness of breath and other breathing difficulties. Death results from respiratory failure.

The Chinese said 7 percent of patients there required breathing tubes, but most

eventually got better, especially if they were not also stricken with a bacterial infection. In addition, the disease seemed to weaken as it passed from person to person.

That's encouraging, WHO officials say, adding that some of the patients in the latest outbreak seem to be recovering.

China's provision of a written summary of its outbreak was an unprecedented step of cooperation by Beijing in global disease surveillance, Heymann said. It was also an important one, partly because scientists have for years been warning that a new influenza pandemic is inevitable and new types of flu often develop in that part of the world, Heymann said.

"The big concern in this area of the world is that one day another influenza virus could hop the barrier between animals and humans. In the 20th century three viruses crossed, and the last two, in the '50s and '60s, occurred in the southern China area," Heymann said.

In another unprecedented move, the WHO on Monday created a "virtual research center," which links 10 laboratories in 11 countries to search for the cause in cooperation instead of competition.

A Slovene woman suspected of suffering from the illness was listed in stable condition Monday at a hospital in the capital, Ljubljana. She had returned from a trip to Vietnam 10 days ago.

French health authorities said Monday that two people who returned from Asia were hospitalized in Paris after doctors suspected they might have the illness.

ENGLAND

Iraqi oil exports dwindle as war looms

Associated Press

LONDON

Skittish banks and buyers, and a steep rise in freight rates, have constrained Iraq's ability to export oil even before the outbreak of any hostilities in the Persian Gulf, industry sources said Monday.

A U.S.-led war against Iraq is widely expected to interrupt Iraqi oil exports and probably also halt its production of crude. Although Iraq shipped about 2 million barrels of crude a day last month, ports that handle Iraqi crude under the U.N. oil-for-food program have already

gone quiet, analysts and traders said.

The largely Russian-owned trading firms that have acted as middlemen for Iraqi oil have had increasing

difficulty finding buyers. Without sales invoices from refiners and other customers to use as collateral, these traders have had trouble obtaining bank financing for their own purchases from Iraq, said Leo Drollas, chief economist at the Center for Global Energy Studies.

Although Iraq exported 10 million barrels during the week ending March 7, data were likely to show that shipments dwindled to 7 million barrels in the following week. With war fears intensifying, Iraqi exports are likely to plummet to 2 million barrels this week, assuming a war hasn't begun, Drollas said.

Mina al-Bakr, the Gulf terminal for shipments of crude from southern Iraq, was idle Monday.

"I think the last vessel loaded and sailed yesterday," said Peter Gignoux, head of the petroleum desk at Salomon Smith Barney.

The other main gateway for Iraqi oil, Ceyhan on Turkey's Mediterranean coast, was also

said to be quiet.

French bank Societe Generale used to do a small but steady business financing Iraqi crude shipments. However, concerns about a war-related disruption in supplies led it to stop approving fresh letters of credit starting in February, said Thomas Petitbon, the bank's commodities group director.

If a war breaks out, banks worry not only that Iraq might not be able to export its oil, but that even if it is able, the price of that crude could fall if it appears the war will be swift. If oil prices fall, that reduces the value of the cargoes serving as

collateral for the banks and therefore increases the risk that the banks won't be repaid.

April contracts of U.S. light, sweet crude fell 45 cents to

\$34.93 a barrel in afternoon trading in New York. May contracts sank 82 cents to \$32.54.

May contracts of North Sea Brent, the European benchmark crude, were 65 cents lower at \$29.48 a barrel in London.

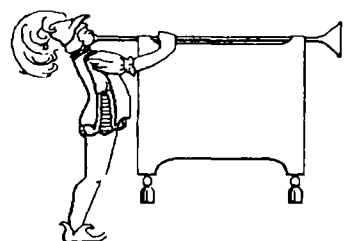
Higher freight rates have added to the cost of buying Iraqi oil. Shippers now must pay \$3.25 a barrel to charter a 250,000-ton tanker for a voyage from the Persian Gulf to northwestern Europe or the U.S. East Coast. The perceived risk of war has driven rates up from \$2.50 a barrel in December.

"This is the highest rates have been since September 1973, just prior to the oil crisis," Drollas said.

Iraq has the largest oil reserves after Saudi Arabia, but with limited facilities for storing oil, it also has cut back on production. Iraqi output is expected to fall by almost half this month, from an average of 2.5 million barrels a day last month to 1.3 million barrels in March, Drollas said.

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Leo Drollas
Center for Global Energy Studies



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A call for dedication
to the other America

A couple of weeks ago, I traveled to Mt. Vernon, Kentucky to interview for a volunteer position with the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP). Now, I know what you're thinking, "Oh, funny girl can't get a job. She thought she was so smart. Who's laughing now, funny girl?" If you're thinking this, you're absolutely right, but I'm still smarter than you are. Yes, perhaps the demand for English literature dilettantes isn't as high as I thought it would be four years ago. Regardless, my decision to do a year of service after graduation actually has very little to do with my job prospects and a whole lot to do with the fact that, for some strange reason that I don't yet fully fathom, I feel called to spend the next part of my life in Eastern Kentucky.

Amy Schill

Dazed and Amused

The breath-taking beauty of the eastern Kentucky mountains is overshadowed only by the devastating poverty of its inhabitants. When the coal industry was thriving, good jobs were plentiful. Now, with the coal companies gone, there's plenty of black lung but very few jobs with decent wages. As a result, the mountains are littered with shacks and trailers, many without access to running water. This is the other America. Like the poor in urban ghettos who are clumped tightly together just out of sight of the wealthy suburbs, the poor in Appalachia are tucked away in the mountains, completely forgotten by the American conscious and the mainstream media, except for the occasional mocking.

Unfortunately, the picture of Appalachians that most of Americans see is as negative as it is false. The comments of a man on the plane on my way to

Kentucky confirmed my suspicions that many Americans have no real understanding of the plight of Appalachians. (This guy also said the government should tie the tubes of women who had illegitimate children, so you be the judge.) We think of Appalachians as hillbillies, lazy, stupid, mountain people who talk funny and would just like their welfare check and to be left alone, thank you very much. Truth is, our ideas about Appalachian couldn't be further from the truth.

All right, they do talk funny, and the place makes Notre Dame seem racially diverse. But that other stuff just isn't right. Sure, there are lazy people everywhere, but I haven't been able to find many in my time in Kentucky.

I've met Louie, who took an active role in CAP's work to fix up his trailer, shouting not a few orders for my soft college hands.

I've met Gilbert, a man unable to work because of a debilitating injury sustained on the job, who is bringing up a very bright twelve year-old on his own. CAP reimbursed him to get running water set up in his home (a beautiful little house that Gilbert worked hard to maintain). When he picked up his check, Gilbert, like the selfish bum he is, wanted to know if he could donate some old clothes to CAP's clothing program.

Finally, I've met Octavia, a wonderful Appalachian storyteller who wowed everyone as a young woman with a superb ACT score despite being constantly told she had to be stupid because she was poor. She earned a college degree, but she and her husband still barely get by because of economic depression.

Appalachians were self-sufficient before they became dependent on the coal industry, and they can be self-sufficient again. That's where CAP comes in.

CAP and its over 70 programs are not about handouts, they are about helping Appalachians help themselves. For those who need more than temporary assistance, CAP always does what it can to get people working. Take this typical conversation between CAP and Bobby Ray (yeah, I'm really all about knocking down stereotypes).

CAP: So, we've helped you fix up your house, now how about trying to get a job?

BR: Well, I've got these elderly parent.

CAP: Elderly Services will care for them while you work!

BR: I don't have any education or skills.

CAP: Adult education and job training [are] available free of charge!

BR: Well, um ...

CAP: Speech impediment? We can help!

It's this kind of dedication to doing something for a region that is so often ignored that gets me excited about working for CAP. So yeah, it's not a paying gig, but with all these friendly people, beautiful scenery and a great program, I can't wait to get to my new Kentucky home. Now if you'll excuse me, I have banjo lessons to attend.

Amy Schill is a senior English major and Catholic Social Tradition minor who sincerely apologizes, especially to her mother, that this column wasn't very funny. She can be reached at schill.2@nd.edu. If you forgive her, and would like to learn more about Appalachian or the Christian Appalachian project, please visit www.chrisapp.org, or better yet, go on an Appalachia seminar next year.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Do not forget Cuba

Do not forget Cuba. Traveling and studying with of group of Notre Dame students and faculty in Havana, Cuba over spring break clarified for me the important need for political and social awareness.

Today's news programs highlight the hottest topics around the world but often fail to address the most fundamental reasons and causes of human tragedy and triumph. A pending war with Iraq, hostility in North Korea and continued Middle East conflict are fierce reminders that understanding politics and international relations is not only the job of leaders and academics, but vastly important for all participants in civilized society.

Cuba, a poor country, is a fascinating case study with richness in both culture and historical significance. With the exception of the most inflammatory of news events such as Elian Gonzalez, meaningful discussions about Cuba have faltered in recent years. Yet other relevant and important top-

ics such as the relation between church and state, the influences of a burgeoning tourist industry in a Marxist society and the advantages of a strong social welfare system continue to unfold in Cuba and hold great insight for the rest of the world.

Whether it is human rights or trade embargoes, discussing Cuba and its revolutionary effect in Latin America and beyond will only increase awareness and illuminate truth. Ultimately, the realities of globalization and democratization make understanding the pitfalls and successes of diverse peoples crucial to creating a 20th century climate that is not defined by complacency but rather vision and perspective.

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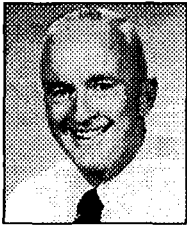
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Notre Dame has paid a price in pursuit of greatness

"Megalomania. That's what ails Notre Dame." A now-deceased Holy Cross priest told me that referring to Notre Dame's decision to abandon its historical mission in pursuit of "big school" prestige. The mission of Notre Dame had been the provision of affordable education in the Catholic tradition to undergrads, with research and graduate programs, especially in the sciences, in an important but complementary role.



Charles Rice

"Megalomania" is an "obsessive desire to do things on a grand scale." The priest's comment comes to mind because this is the 25th anniversary of Notre Dame's great leap forward, its definition of itself as a "National Catholic Research University."

In the 1970s, the major universities went heavily into the "research university" business. In 1978, income restrictions were removed on eligibility for federal student loans. The universities then raised tuition to finance their research programs and buildings. They then lobbied Congress to raise loan limits. As the limits went up, so did tuition and back to Congress went the universities to lobby

for higher limits. And so on. The research empires were built on the backs of borrowing students. Notre Dame, while far from the worst offender, played this game.

Our leaders act in what they see as the best interest of Notre Dame and its students. It may be useful, however, to ask what price Notre Dame has paid for the greatness project.

1. Cost. Notre Dame's tuition and fees make up 55 percent of the budget. The undergrad tuition, room and board charge for 2002-03 is \$32,020. In 1978-79, it was \$5,180. If it had kept pace with inflation it would now be \$14,245. Notre Dame, through its excellent financial aid office, tries to provide University aid to students. The student loan, however, remains the primary form of financial aid. Predictably, the only non-wealthy students at Notre Dame will soon be those whose test scores won heavy discounts, scholarship athletes, ROTC students, minority scholarship students, faculty and staff children and those non-wealthy students, diminishing in number, who choose Notre Dame even at the price of a crippling loan burden.

2. Diminution of the undergrad experience. Notre Dame undergrads are paying more than twice as much, in real dollars, than they did in 1978, but they are getting less. Members of our family were Notre Dame undergrads every year from 1977 to 2000 in various majors. In the variety of available courses, class size,

quality of teaching and the recognition of students as persons, the undergrad experience has deteriorated since 1977.

Twenty-two percent of 100-level courses are taught by student instructors. The University's report on Graduate Education, 1996-2001, noted that Notre Dame needs 507 more grad students "because the number of graduate students has not kept pace with the increase in faculty in Ph.D. granting departments." In the Research University, you hire more and more researching faculty who teach less and less. The rhetoric puts teaching on a par with research. But everyone knows better. Notre Dame's answer to inadequate teaching is not to reward faculty as teachers but to get funding for a center to do research on teaching. As one tenured philosophy professor put it, "You really don't need to have any impact on the undergraduates" to get promoted. "You just need [to have written] a book."

3. The campus. Undergrad life is diminished by the "binge building" which has transformed Notre Dame into a cramped, urban-style research campus, with at least 40 of the 90 buildings built after 1980. The economy has put some projects on hold, but no end is in sight. Which donor will have the most buildings named after him or her? Will the world-class parking garage be the crowning feature? In contrast to the more humane design of older buildings, the newer creations evoke technocratic images, such

as the DeBartolo rendering of the concept of five half-pint milk cartons on line and the relentless triangular patterns of other new buildings. The open recreational spaces have given way to concrete. Social restrictions tend to induce undergrads to leave the campus, sometimes to their peril.

4. Catholic character. Notre Dame accepts the authority of the federal government, the NCAA and many other entities, as well as the secular "academic community." The only authority it will not accept is that of the Catholic Church to define the meaning of a "Catholic" university. The problem is truth-in-labeling. For reasons beyond our space limits, Notre Dame's "Catholic" character erodes in proportion to its pursuit of secular prestige.

We can fairly ask, 25 years on, whether Notre Dame's excursion into "megalomania" has come at an unacceptable price. It is possible for a research university to maintain its Catholic character and a positive focus on undergrad education without the imposition of crushing student debt. Perhaps it is time to reconsider a few things.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Respect our armed forces

In this trying time, where crucial decisions are not backed by clear, unanimous support, a certain group of men and women are being asked to carry out duties intended for our national defense. Whether you support U.S. involvement in the Arab world or not, please remember that these military men and women don't have the luxury of sitting comfortably at home with the morning paper or the evening news, criticizing or cheering world leaders. It would be all too easy to lapse back into the Vietnam-era disrespect and dishonor of military personnel, seeing these people not as patriots who devoted their lives to the preservation of our nation but as propagators of a single event.

The tradition of Notre Dame students serving in their country's military dates as far back as the Spanish-American War, when a young graduate was one of the sailors killed during the mishap on the USS Maine. It is a tradition that was built by naval midshipmen living and learning at this University during the Second World War and continues onto our three branches of ROTC students who currently reside in our halls. It is a tradition that our University administrators have publicly supported and honored in speeches and ceremonies to the cadets and midshipmen. It is a tradition that so many of our classmates have supported through private acknowledgement, respect, and curiosity.

In an effort to show solidarity, or at least respect, it is time that this University properly and formally recognizes its students who turn away from the higher-paying civilian world and enter into the United States armed forces. Instead of hiding the annual Pass and Review inside Loftus, Notre Dame needs to reinstate it to South Quad. Bringing this military event back into the public should not be a political statement about our present situation, but rather an expression of gratitude and recognition by the University, students and faculty alike. I believe support for the military is strong among our student body, and I would like to see our newly elected and soon-to-be-elected senators implement this change. During such an uncertain time for ROTC and non-ROTC students, now is not the time to let divisions and misconceptions grow.

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Democracy requires activism

I am writing in response to Paul Benedict's March 6 letter "Anti-American is so yesterday." I believe Mr. Benedict is confused as to the purpose of student activism and the anti-war movement at large. To clear up his confusion, I invite Mr. Benedict to join me at the next campus peace rally so he might hear and contemplate the sound moral and practical arguments for alternatives for pre-emptive U.S. aggression in Iraq and not mistake them with "whines about foreign policy" or reductionist arguments about oil. However, in case Mr. Benedict decides to decline my offer, in the following I offer a response to his most troubling concerns about student activism.

First off, the notion that Americans should unflinchingly support the administration in its decision to wage war in Iraq (or in any decision, for that matter) is not a democratic one and certainly not American. As members of a democracy, it is fundamental that we, as citizens, call into question the actions of our leaders. This pluralism of opinion is what drives democracy and differentiates America from a dictatorship like Iraq. However, if we self-censor or simply choose follow blindly, not thinking critically about the decisions of our government, we might as well live in a dictatorship.

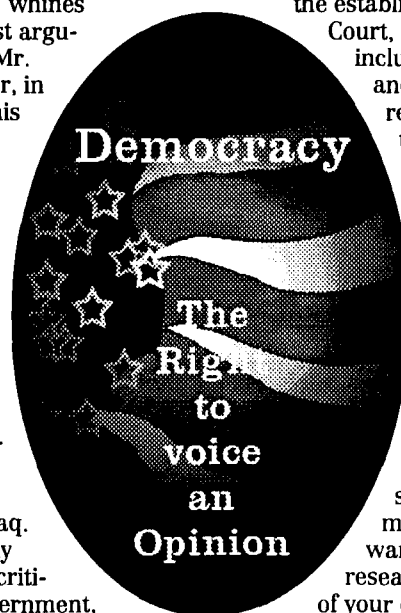
While Mr. Benedict is correct in asserting that Saddam Hussein is a ruthless dictator and should be removed from power, he errs in claiming that "war is the only way." He later speaks of the hegemony of Saddam's regime, however failing to recognize the hegemony he and others of the same mind are unconsciously upholding when blindly digesting and regurgitating the weak justifications our president and his officials give for starting a war. The United States will not be doing the people of Iraq a justice by bombing their already decimated country, still suffering from the structural violence done by the U.S. in the Gulf War. While democracy should be a right, by definition, it cannot be imposed by force. Implementing a

democracy (read: installing a puppet government enforced by U.S. military) after eliminating Saddam by aggression will not allow Iraq to achieve democracy. Furthermore, if we are to justify a U.S. attack with such moral and idealistic goals as promoting democracy and forging justice, we should expect our government to uphold these same ideals. For instance, we might expect our country to sign the treaty permitting the establishment of an International Criminal

Court, by which many enemies to humanity, including Saddam Hussein, could be tried and imprisoned. When the United States refuses to sign the treaty implementing the ICC in order to protect our own war criminals, top-level government officials such as Henry Kissinger, is the it upholding the ideals of truth, justice, and the American Way? When we completely ignore peaceful alternatives to war such as the ICC, are we even employing a common-sense "cost-benefit" approach as Mr. Benedict suggests?

In closing, I encourage all who are, like Mr. Benedict, tired of seeing "No War for Oil" signs to come to the next student protest and hear some of the more convincing arguments against a war in Iraq. Perhaps you might do your research and come up with some arguments of your own. And for all those who will not come out of disinterest or disagreement, please do not belittle the attempts of the students on our campus to think critically about the war and make our voice heard. I would hope that more students on this campus would formulate informed opinions about the actions of our government, especially when these actions violate basic principles of human rights. Just as "anti-American is so yesterday," it is also passé to be an unchallenging supporter of the dominant discourse which you are spoon-fed.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Harper's diamonds are sparkling

By RYAN RAFFERTY
Scene Music Critic

Ben Harper first emerged on the music scene in 1994 with his release *Welcome to the Cruel World*. Harper's first album was very laid back and acoustic. Since then, he has released three other studio albums, all with progressively broadening sounds. Ben Harper has always been known for creating music that reflects several different styles of music, and his latest album, *Diamonds on the Inside*, is no different.

The songs on Harper's latest album range from reggae and funk, to blues and rock. *Diamonds on the Inside* showcases Harper's wide range of musical styles better than any previous album, making it appealing to fans of any type of music. Harper wears his influences on his sleeve, as is most apparent in the Bob Marley sounding reggae track "With My Own Two

Hands." Influences from Bob Dylan, Lenny Kravitz and Al Green can be heard on this album as well. *Diamonds on the Inside* also showcases some of Harper's best Weissenborn style guitars, which look almost like an acoustic guitar but has a deeper sound and is played like a lap side guitar. Harper has been a pioneer in Weissenborn guitar playing in recent years, most recently appearing on Jack Johnson's solo album playing Weissenborn on Johnson's single, "Flake."

The lyrics on Harper's albums have always been very religious and poetic, but his latest release features some of his best lyrics. Many songs have biblical references and are built around Harper's intense spirituality. The best example of religious influences is in the song called "Picture of Jesus." This song is entirely vocal with no instrumental accompaniment. The Ladysmith Black Mambazo sings the rhythm to the songs beautifully and is reminiscent of Paul Simon's *Graceland* album. Harper sings about how he prays, "...when-

ever I feel lost," and about how Jesus will guide him in life

whenever he prays.

Amongst the religious references and serious poetic tracks, there are several fun pop songs. One of the best, "Bring the Funk," sounds like it could have come off of any George Clinton album. A heavy synth bass line lays out the groove in the song and a very George Clinton-like keyboard wails over Harper's lyrics. Another fun track is the title track, "Diamonds on the Inside." It is a mainly acoustic song with an incredibly catchy chorus and more excellent guitar work by Harper. Tracks like "Temporary Remedy" and "So High So Low" sound very similar to Lenny Kravitz's electric sound with melodic distorted guitars. The best track is "Blessed to Be a Witness," which is a track played exclusively by Harper. He plays several types of conga drums and percussion instruments, along with the melody played on a tongue drum, which is very similar to a Jamaican steel drum.

Overall, *Diamonds on the Inside* is Ben Harper's strongest album to date and showcases his blend of different styles of music perfectly. The only bad apple on this album is "When She Believes," which is bogged down by too many strings and sounds more like a song a symphony would play. Other than that, this is an

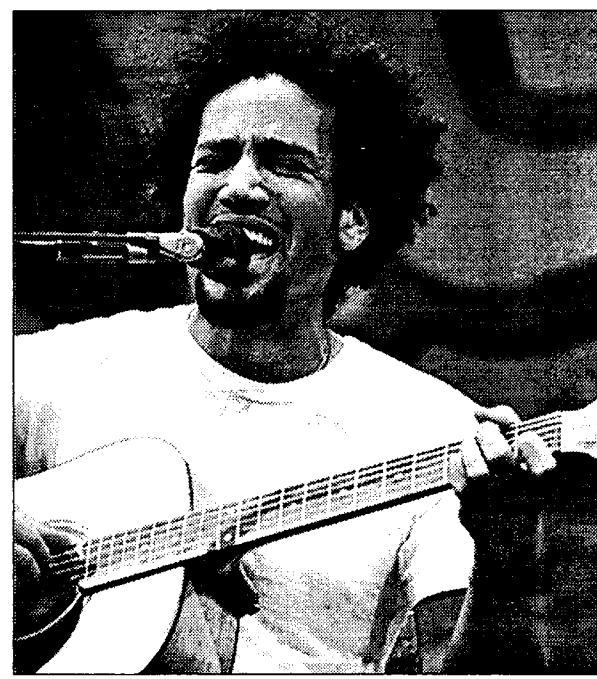


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Ben Harper shows his musical versatility on his new album, ranging from reggae, folk, rock, blues and funk.

excellent album with something any music fan will enjoy. No matter the musical taste, reggae, folk, rock, blues, funk or just good music, this is the perfect album for everyone.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Alabama offers southern lovin'

By CHRISTIE BOLSEN
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Note to listener: country super group Alabama's latest release, *In the Mood: The Love Songs*, is a quality compilation of two discs worth of classic Southern ballads from an incredible career of hits, but it will probably not actually get anyone of college age "in the mood."

Unfortunately, or fortunately depending on the point of view, sounds like Alabama's are fading away in today's country music. A rundown of today's top country artists is comprised mostly of crossover sensations and regulars on adult contemporary and pop radio stations. The result is that albums like *In the Mood* seem a little bit too much country and not enough rock 'n roll for younger audiences that cut their

teeth for country music on the likes of Toby Keith and Trick Pony.

Yet the faithful fan base that made the band the best-selling country group of all time will not be disappointed by the romantic lyrics and familiar tunes on Alabama's 24th album. The band, which writes its own songs and plays its own instruments, has a style of recording and performing songs that has made it a bigger-selling band than legends such as Led Zeppelin, The Doors and Pink Floyd. Their announcement of this latest album was paired with the surprising announcement of "The American Farewell Tour."

In the Mood has two new tracks, "I'm in the Mood" and "The Living Years." "I'm in the Mood" is an example of Alabama's stellar ability to sing emotional lyrics without any emotion, a significant weakness in some of their songs that have passionate words but none of the passion in the sung versions. When they sing, "Girl, I'm in the mood to be your man / To win your heart all over again / Let my

eyes trace, let my lips taste / Nothing but you" it sounds like they could be singing about milking cows or planting soybeans, with their voices seeming so disinterested.

Their other new single fares much better. It features quick guitar and drumbeats with slow, melodic lyrics. Unlike the songs about romance, it handles the weightier topics of parental loss, familial love and regret. "Say it loud, say it clear / You can listen as well as you hear / It's too late when we die / To admit we don't see eye to eye." The quartet has already enjoyed considerable radio play with this more recent song, proving that their influence is likely to endure long after the farewell tour ends. From their first No. 1 hits in 1980, they have compiled an impressive set of classic ballads that made this album.

Their cover of the Carpenters' "Touch Me When We're Dancing" from the 80s is another highlight of the first disc, but many of the best parts are on the second disc. Their countrified version of "God Must Have Spent a Little More Time on You" gets a helping hand on the harmonies from 'N Sync, and some chart-topping hits on both discs include "Fallin' Again," "Lady Down on Love" and "In Pictures."

While Alabama clearly has had success with showing their softer side, like on many of these ballads that have reached the top, they are far more fun on their fast-



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Country music staple, Alabama, has outsold bands like Pink Floyd and The Doors.

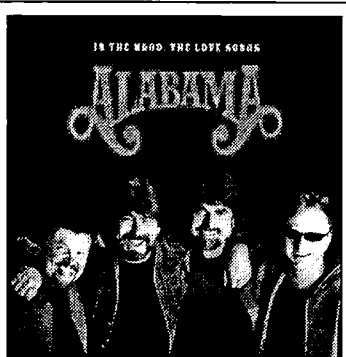
paced good time songs celebrating the South and all that is country. Any fan of "Mountain Music," "Dixieland Delight," "If You're Gonna Play in Texas (You Gotta Have a Fiddle in the Band)" and "Song of the South" would do themselves a favor by picking up their greatest hits album, *For the Record: 41 No. 1 Hits*, instead of this mediocre collection.

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ALBUM REVIEW

No surprises from Everclear

By BECCA SAUNDERS
Scene Music Critic

The struggles of life in suburban America — everyone is aware that they exist, but they are brought to a whole new level of attention by rock band Everclear in their new album *Slow*

Motion Daydream.

This is not the first time Everclear has chosen this theme as a dominating force on an album; in fact nearly all of their past albums have been focused on the hardships of those people in middle-class suburbia. This suburban theme is especially exemplified in Daydream's first single, "Volvo Driving Soccer Mom."

Although credit must be given for originality in making the overall claim that "all porn stars become Volvo driving soccer moms," the premise of a parent struggling to have their own identity in the midst of a suburban family is not an idea that is new to an Everclear album.

The repetition of subject is one thing, but throughout the album repetition is also strongly felt in the music. On many occasions, the beginnings of songs sound nearly identical to past Everclear hits. The energetic guitar is present on most tracks, lightening to a more sentimental sound on softer numbers such as "TV Show." The potent voice of lead singer Art Alexakis is a prominent force when paired with the strong guitar and

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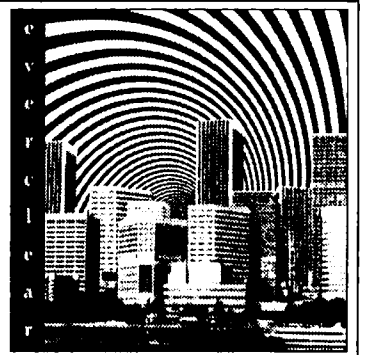
former cocaine addict, Alexakis turned his life around in the mid-80s and since then has written with a wisdom one can only have from having personal experience. Everclear has been around since the early 90s and grew to prominence beginning with 1994's album, *Sparkle and Fade*. The band continues to carry the punk rock tone in their music, as well as empathy with common middle-class American struggles.

Overall, the album is a commentary on the true nature of people. At times, a depressing nature overtakes songs such as "How to Win Friends and Influence People" when Alexakis warns, "People love to break your heart" and "People love to hurt you when you close your eyes." "I Want to Die a Beautiful Death" begins, "Everybody here in this small town looks used and abused today." Just as one is about to lose faith in the world,

Slow Motion Daydream

Everclear

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the album turns the mood around with songs such as "Science Fiction," where Alexakis sings, "You need to remember, life is always getting better." *Slow Motion Daydream* brings itself to conclusion in the sentimental song "The New York Times" in which Alexakis earnestly claims, "I want to believe in this world / I want to believe in this life."

The music causes emotions to range from high to low, and although some of the tunes are extremely familiar, the recipe of punchy vocals and a strong guitar presence is what creates success for Everclear. Even if it has been heard before it is still very much an enjoyable listening experience.

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ALBUM REVIEW

New punks on the block

By STEVE HOEPLINGER
Scene Music Critic

Imagine that parietals were a thing of the past, food services was worth the cost, and every issue of *The Observer* had witty, entertaining comic strips — what could possibly be better than all that? The answer is the Transplants, a band that blows away everything about the rap/rock genre with a debut album that is destined to stand out as one of the best independent releases of the past decade.

With a name that is very reflective of their music, the Transplants' moniker is one that actually makes sense, something all too rare among modern bands (for instance, what is a "hoobastank"?). Guitarist Tim Armstrong, vocalist Rob Aston and drummer Travis Barker take elements of hip hop, punk, dancehall, techno, rock and jazz and fuse them together for a sound that is like nothing ever heard before. Their self-titled debut is one of the most wholly original recordings — an opening shot in what may well be a new punk explosion. The bands' name also applies to its members; Armstrong and Barker both come from established bands (Rancid and Blink-182, respectively), though neither of them considers the Transplants to be a "side project." The album also features artists from several other bands, including Lars Frederiksen of Rancid, Davey Havok of AFI, Brody Armstrong of the Distillers and rappers Son Doobie and Danny Diablo.

The album is equal parts hip-hop and punk rock. Armstrong's punk roots are a perfect match for Aston's rhyming, and Barker's drumming lies somewhere in between, creating beats found nowhere else. Most of the songs consist of distorted punk riffs with hip hop vocals layered over them, splitting the rock and rap influences evenly, though the track "D.R.E.A.M.," which features underground rapper Diablo, is a hip hop anthem that even the Rudeboys can

chant along
to.

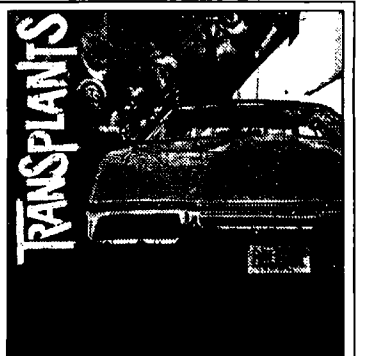
Newcomer Rob Aston, who had never been in a band before this and whose only previous music experience was rodieing for AFI and Rancid, is right at home behind the microphone, furiously spitting out lyrics with a passion that puts him in the running for the title of White Male Rage Personified. "Gimme a chance to shine and I'm a blind the world" he proclaims in the song "DJDJ," and you know from the seriousness in his voice that he means every word.

The opening track, "Romper Stomper," a furious blitzkrieg of Aston's vocals and Armstrong's atomic buzz saw guitar work, quickly sets the tone of the album. Next up is "Tall Cans in the Air," which Aston describes as "a party song" that keeps up the album's manic pace (it also features the first of Armstrong's raps, which Rancid fans will either love or hate).

"Diamonds and Guns," the single that is currently getting much attention, has an addictive piano riff that digs its hook into the listener's brain as soon as it's heard. The band lightens it up a little with "California Babylon," a slinky, sublime little

Transplants
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number that just can't hide its own appeal before getting back into the dark, heavy territory on "We Trusted You," a musical indictment of liars and backstabbers everywhere. The album wraps up with a jazzy song called "Down in Oakland," a spooky tune that Armstrong's trademark raspy voice is just perfect for. The album's highlight is "Sad But True," a beautiful song about the loss of loved ones that is brutally honest and poignant even with distorted guitars and double syncopated drum beats.

The Transplants have created an album that is not quite punk or rap, but something more. Their greatest success is their ability to make music that is appealing to a diverse cross section of music fans but still unique and refreshing. This is musical artistry at its finest.

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Hip hop, punk and rock fuse together in the Transplants self-titled debut album.

MLB

Canseco released from Miami prison

Associated Press

MIAMI

Jose Canseco was released from jail Monday and resented to two years of house arrest for his part in a 2001 nightclub brawl.

The former major league star, wearing a jail-issue red jumpsuit, apologized to the court for failing to complete all his probation terms. His twin brother, Ozzie, was in the courtroom, as was his father and a priest.

"This has been embarrassing to my family and to my friends. ... I now understand the seriousness of probation and I'm truly sorry," Canseco told the judge.

Canseco also received three years' probation. If he completes his first year of house arrest without problems, Canseco could be freed with the second year converted into an additional year of probation.

Prosecutors said they believed Canseco was genuinely contrite, saying he was teary during a private conference.

"I saw it in his face," prosecutor Jonathan Granoff said. "Jail was a wake-up call and it served its purpose."

Canseco had spent the last 30 days in jail for violating his probation when he pleaded guilty to battery charges stemming from the Oct. 31, 2001, fight.

The 38-year-old Canseco was released on the probation violation charge, but Judge Leonard Glick warned him that any future violation would result in a 15-year prison sentence.

Canseco originally was sentenced to probation in November after pleading guilty to felony aggravated battery and two counts of misdemeanor battery related to the Halloween night fight inside a Miami Beach nightclub.

Glick ordered that the house arrest be served in Florida. He denied a motion by defense attorney Gustavo Lage that Canseco be allowed to serve the house arrest in California

where he could continue pursuing custody of his 6-year-old daughter.

Canseco will be allowed to leave his home for certain events and may ask the court for permission to travel under special circumstances. Further conditions of his house arrest will be determined following interviews with the officers who will monitor his sentence.

Glick had issued a warrant for Canseco's arrest on Feb. 14, after a probation officer reported that the six-time All-Star had violated several terms of his probation. Canseco had failed to attend anger management classes, had not worked his community service, had been outside of Florida for longer than 30 days and still owed a small fine — all probation violations.

Canseco appeared before Glick on Feb. 18 and said he had been in Los Angeles because of a custody battle for his young daughter. The judge denied Canseco bond and ordered him held until Monday's sentencing hearing.

Canseco said last month that he unsuccessfully tried to arrange the anger management classes, misunderstood the timeframe during which his community service was supposed to begin, and spent several weeks in Los Angeles.

Canseco and his twin fought with two men at the nightclub. Ozzie Canseco also pleaded guilty to battery charges and received probation. He has complied with his sentence.

One of the men allegedly involved in that fight, Christian Presley, filed a lawsuit in January seeking at least \$1 million in damages.

Canseco hit 462 home runs, the 26th-best total in baseball history. He retired in May after 1,887 games with seven teams, finishing his career with a .266 average, 1,407 RBI and 200 stolen bases.

Canseco was the 1988 American League MVP and helped lead the Oakland Athletics to three straight World Series appearances from 1988-90. Oakland won the championship in 1989.

NBA

Cavaliers won't fine Davis

Associated Press

CLEVELAND

Ricky Davis will not be fined by Cavaliers coach Keith Smart, who said Monday that embarrassment is punishment enough for the stunt against the Utah Jazz.

"The deed is done," Smart said after a morning practice. "What good would it do to slap him on the wrist? He has to live with what he did. Wherever he goes, people will remember it."

Davis attempted to pad his statistics during a 122-95 victory over the Utah Jazz on Sunday. To get his first career triple-double in the final seconds of the lowly Cavs' biggest win of the season, Davis purposely missed a shot at the wrong basket and grabbed the rebound, thinking it was his 10th.

Davis, the team's scoring leader, was fouled hard by the Jazz's DeShawn Stevenson, angered that his club was being mocked. Davis made the two free throws to finish with 28 points, 12 assists and nine rebounds.

"No comment," the usually exuberant Davis said as he left practice Monday.

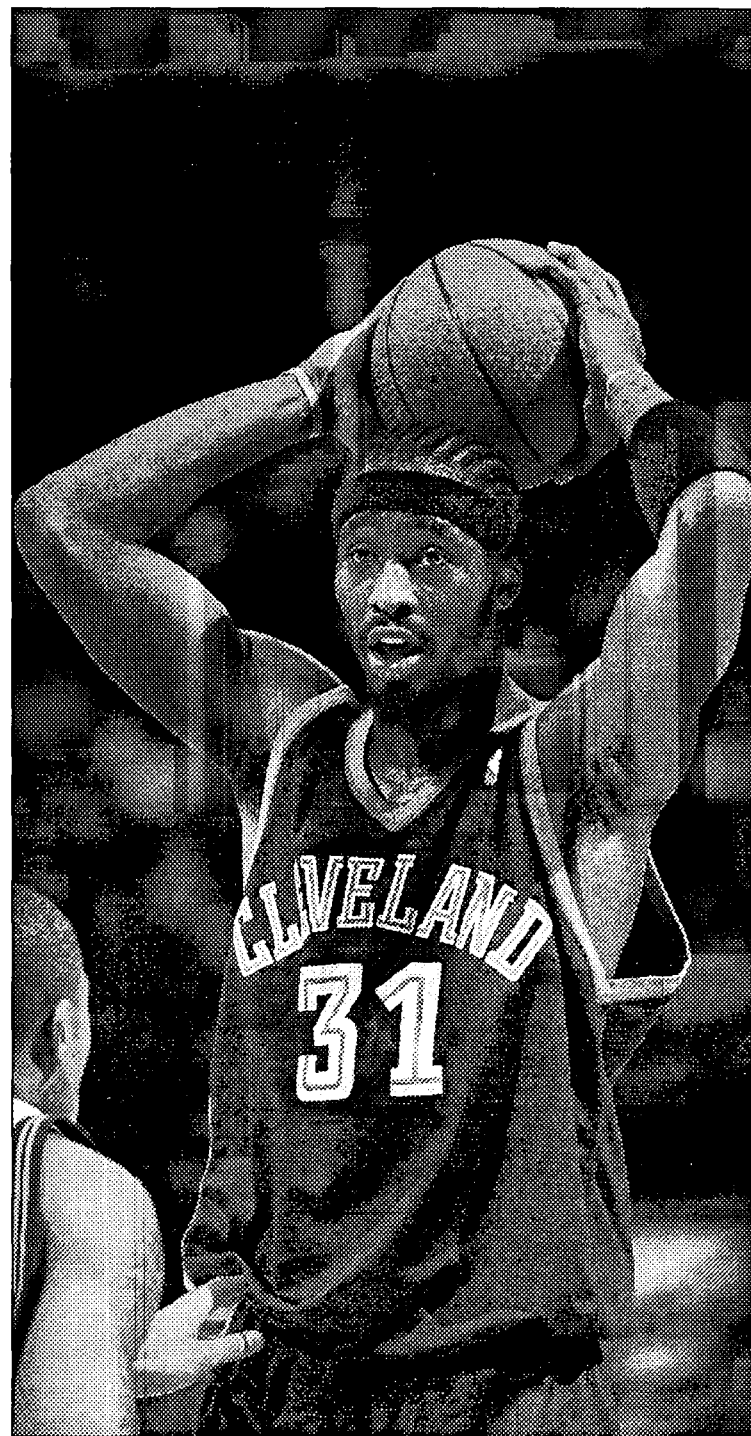
Davis apparently did not know that his stunt backfired even without Stevenson fouling him. The rulebook states: "It is a violation for a player to attempt a field goal at an opponent's basket. The opposing team gets the ball."

Davis did not get a shot attempt or his rebound.

"I talked with Ricky after the game," Smart said. "The thing is, one tiny moment ruined the team's most successful game. Ricky had his finest game as far as blending in with his teammates. None of that will be remembered, but what he did will follow him always."

Smart said he and Cavaliers players were embarrassed.

"I felt very, very bad and before Ricky shot the free throws — I went and apologized," said Smart, who walked over to an incensed Utah coach Jerry Sloan.



Icon Sports

Cleveland's Ricky Davis holds the ball over his head in a game earlier this season. Davis will not be fined by the Cavaliers as a result of his botched triple-double attempt.

Davis signed a six-year, \$34 million contract before the season. The 6-foot-7 guard is averaging 20.7 points and is the first player in team history to record three 40-plus scoring games in a season.

Davis also had two run-ins with former coach John Lucas, fired Jan. 20 after a 17-point loss at Utah.

Lucas suspended Davis for

two games this season for arguing with teammates and being selfish.

The win was just the second in 15 games for the Cavaliers, who have a league-worst 12-53 record.

Cleveland needs four wins in its final 17 games to avoid tying the franchise's worst mark of 15-67, set in the inaugural season of 1970-71 and matched in 1981-82.

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Summary of Spring Break: Fly, work, drive, work, drive, fly, work.

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Anyone?

Spring Break summary: Yeah, it was the under — congrats to Lozar and Federico.

You let me down, boss.

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MENS BASKETBALL

Slow start could lead to quick exit in NCAAs

NEW YORK

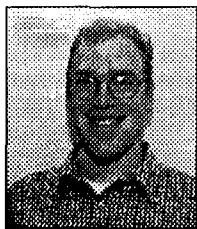
The storyline for the Irish the past few games has been reading like a broken record. The Irish start slow while the opponent builds an early lead, then the Irish make a huge comeback in the second half.

This has happened several times in the past three weeks. In Notre Dame's last five games, the Irish were down by 17, 24, 21, seven and 23 points.

Not surprisingly, the Irish only won one of those five games.

Finding the source of these slumps is crucial to Notre Dame's postseason success. Irish coach Mike Brey believes that getting out of Big East conference play when the Irish face off against Wisconsin-Milwaukee Thursday night will be a huge step in the right direction.

"We're excited and proud that we'll play in the NCAA Tournament," Brey said after



Bryan Kronk

Sports Columnist

"It's almost like it's two different teams, the first and second half. We should be coming out with the high intensity we had in the second half."

Matt Carroll
Notre Dame guard

Wednesday's loss to St. John's in the first round of the Big East Tournament. "It may be refreshing to get out of this league now. They have got us figured out in the league so I think it's kind of good to get out of this league."

Things that the Irish need to improve on in the off-week include early shooting and rebounding. In the first half against St. John's, the Irish allowed 13 offensive rebounds for the Red Storm from which St. John's scored 15 points.

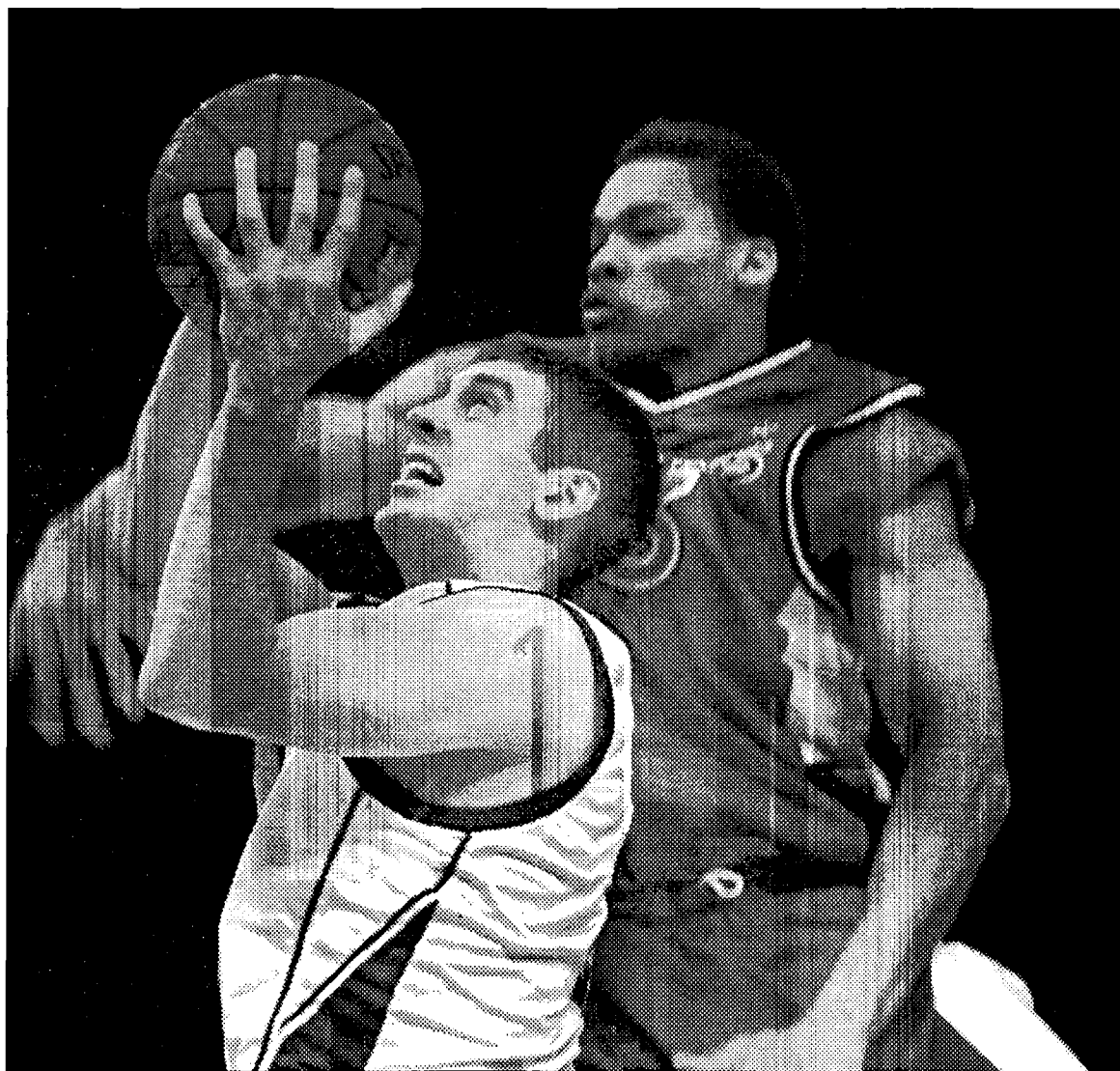
In contrast, the Irish only grabbed seven offensive rebounds while shooting just under 31 percent from the field in the first 20 minutes.

The Irish also committed eight turnovers in the first half. Halfway through the first half, Notre Dame had committed five turnovers and scored only six points.

"It's almost like it's two different teams, the first and second half," Matt Carroll said. "We should be coming out with the high intensity we had in the second half."

That high intensity was obviously lacking in the early going of each of the last five games. Luckily for the Irish, the team snapped out of its slump early and was able to hold on for a victory against Georgetown March 8.

In each of the other four



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Dan Miller drives to the hoop against St. John's in the Big East Tournament Wednesday afternoon. The Irish need to play consistently in order to advance in the NCAA Tournament.

games, however, the Irish took the entire first half – or longer – to dig themselves into an insurmountable hole.

While the Irish made valiant comeback attempts in each of

those games, being behind late in the game is not a position that the Irish want to – or should – be in if they expect to win the game.

After the disappointing loss to St. John's, the Irish are more than ready to get back on track.

"We're very disappointed [about the loss]," Carroll said. "I think we just have to get away from it for a little bit, maybe just to clear our heads and forget about what's happened the last couple of weeks, and just move on and realize that we have a great opportunity ahead of us, and just take it from there."

Big East opponent or not, the Irish need to execute better on both sides of the ball right from

the opening tip.

Otherwise, people will be opening Friday's sports section and reading another story about another failed Irish second-half comeback.

After returning to South Bend from New York Thursday, the Irish will have had a full week of practice under their belts when they face off against the Panthers at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.

Let's hope they got an early start on those practices.

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MENS TENNIS

Blue/Gray Classic provides problems for Irish

♦ **Losses to Tulsa, Boise State eliminate Irish from tournament which Notre Dame has won in past**

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

The Irish usually see much success at the Blue/Gray National Tennis Classic, held in Montgomery, Ala. over spring break.

Two years ago, the Irish brought home the coveted green jackets awarded to the victors, and last year they reached the finals.

Last week though, No. 46 Notre Dame began the tournament with a close 4-3 loss to No. 57 Tulsa, after the match was postponed due two days of rain delays. The Irish then came back on the same day to defeat UAB 4-2 in a consolation round match Friday, but Boise State ended the week on a sour note for Notre Dame, as the Broncos (10-6) shut out the Irish 4-0 in another consolation match.

Notre Dame is now 5-8 on the season.

The Broncos began by securing the doubles point with wins at No. 1 and No. 3.

The team of sophomore Brent D'Amico and junior Matt Scott was defeated for the only time during the break, and the pair of sophomore Paul McNaughton and junior Nicolas Lopez-Acevedo lost their second match of the week.

With the doubles point clinched, the Broncos' Marcus Bernston, ranked 67th nationally, and Nils Klemann defeated junior tri-captains Luis Haddock and Brian Farrell, respectively.

Haddock and Farrell each lost in straight sets, and the Broncos were up 3-0. The remaining matches were close though, and Notre

Dame still had the opportunity to rally. Before they could put up their first point, Boise State's Thomas Schoeck defeated D'Amico, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2, and the Broncos claimed the win.

Haddock was winless in singles at Blue/Gray, but Farrell picked up two singles victories, including the match-clinching win against UAB. The two had success in doubles together, and they contributed to Notre Dame's winning of the doubles point against Tulsa.

D'Amico and Scott's upset at No. 1 doubles of Tulsa's Ryan Livesay and Dustin Taylor, ranked 55th as a duo, combined with Haddock and Farrell's victory to put the Irish ahead 1-0. But severe thunderstorms intervened, and caused the singles portion to be delayed until Friday morning.

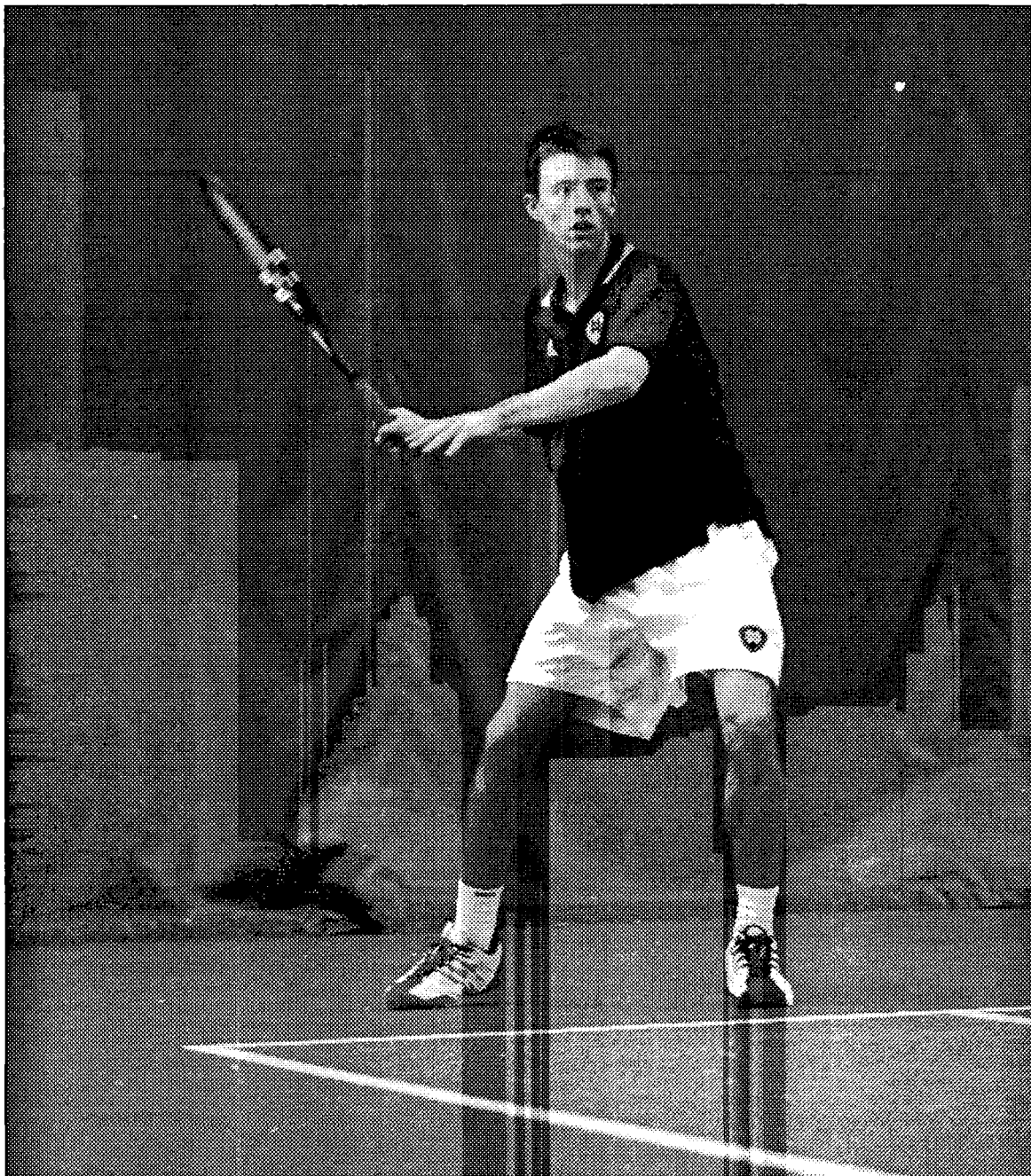
Lopez-Acevedo continued the seeming Irish shutout with his victory at the No. 6 flight over Alek Charpanditis, 6-1, 6-3. After Haddock succumbed to Livesay, Farrell put the Irish up 3-1, and within just a point of victory, when he defeated Shunsuke Shimizu, 7-5, 7-6 (7-4).

Notre Dame lost the next three singles contests though, all of which went into three sets. Freshman Patrick Buchanan and D'Amico began their matches with victorious sets of 6-4 and 6-3, respectively, but both of their opponents rallied to win the remaining sets. Meanwhile Scott won his second set 6-7 (6-8) after losing the first one 6-1, but No. 66 Alejandro Tejerina came back to win 6-0.

Notre Dame will have a pair of tough home matches this weekend. No. 12 Minnesota visits Saturday and No. 44 Virginia Tech will be at the Eck Pavilion Sunday.

Both matches begin at 1 p.m.

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Notre Dame's Brent D'Amico prepares for a forehand in a recent match. D'Amico and the Irish lost twice at the Blue/Gray Classic in Alabama over spring break.



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WOMENS TENNIS

Winning streak halted at Arizona State

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

The Irish began spring break with a close win that extended their winning streak to three matches, but they ended the week with a 5-2 loss at No. 7 Arizona State Friday.

The Sun Devils (7-3) were

the seventh straight top-50 team to face off against the No. 15 Irish. Notre Dame notched a 4-3 win over No. 49 Brigham Young March 9 at the beginning of the break.

The Connelly sisters, sophomore Sarah Jane and freshman Lauren, proved to be an asset for the Irish. The siblings each won their sin-

gles matches against Brigham Young, and the pair, playing at the bottom of the lineup, gave Notre Dame its two points against Arizona State.

Overall, the Irish believe the week of practicing outdoors in Arizona will benefit them as their tough schedule continues.

"It brought the team closer

together, spending a whole week together, at each other's side at every minute of the day," Kristina Stastny said with a slight laugh.

Stastny was serious though about the positive qualities she saw in her teammates over the week.

"It definitely made our team closer," she said. "I noticed [many] things about my teammates, like how much we give our hearts out while we're

playing a match. Every girl fought really hard, we have a lot of persistence on the team. These are very good qualities that I had not [realized] before we had spent so much time together."

The Sun Devils, with two ranked doubles teams, began the day by claiming the initial point. The 47th-ranked pair of Adria Engel and Lauren Colallo upset No. 27 Katie Cunha and Stastny, 8-5. Cunha, a senior, and Stastny, a freshman, have had a successful partnership this season, but the duo was winless over a week that began with their 8-4 loss to Brigham Young's Dominique Reynolds and Leeza Klemper.

The younger Connelly, Lauren, paired with junior Alicia Salas, kept the doubles point in reach for Notre Dame against Arizona State with their 8-6 upset of No.

53 Mhairi Brown and Cindy Sureephon. The Sun Devils secured the doubles point though as Megan Yeats and Joslynn Burkett triumphed over junior Caylan Leslie and freshman Jennifer Smith, 8-4.

In singles play, 16th ranked Engel dominated No. 51 Leslie 6-4, 6-2 at the No. 1 flight. Then Dora Krstulovic, ranked 48th, defeated No. 65 Salas, 6-0, 6-2. The Sun Devils' Brown and Calallilo

then topped Cunha and Stastny, respectively, to give Arizona State the win.

After the Sun Devils had clinched the match, the Connelly sisters made the win a little less sweet for their opponents. Sarah Jane defeated Sureephong, 2-6, 7-5, 1-0, and Lauren triumphed over Burkett, 3-6, 7-6, 1-0 (10-4).

"It was really hard," Stastny said. "It could have gone either way. We played really well and so did [the Sun

Devils]. Unfortunately we were a little bit unlucky on certain points."

Against Brigham Young, Leslie and Salas earned wins in addition to the Connelly sisters. Notre Dame began the match by losing the doubles point, but Leslie and Salas put the Irish ahead with their singles victories. After Cunha and Stastny lost their matches, the Connelly sisters secured the win for Notre Dame.

The Irish will next see No. 62 Iowa when the Hawkeyes travel to Notre Dame Friday.

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WOMENS LACROSSE

Irish win 2 very different games

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's womens lacrosse team won two games over break in very different fashions by knocking off Boston College 13-12 and dominating Ohio 19-4. The two victories gave the Irish a 2-1 record with their only loss coming in their opener at Cornell. The Irish were also scheduled to play Brown, but that game was cancelled due to snow.

The No. 11 Irish were severely tested by the Eagles in Chestnut Hill, Mass., but preseason All-American senior Danielle Shearer scored the eventual game-winner with 2:44 remaining in the contest.

The game featured many goal spurts by both teams, with the

Irish reeling off four goals in a row on two different occasions, while Boston College countered by scoring three unanswered goals on three different occasions. It was the Eagles' last such streak that tied the game at 12 before Shearer's game winner.

The Irish received multiple-point efforts from four different players. Shearer had six points on two goals and four assists, while classmate Eleanor Weille contributed five points on three goals and two assists. Junior Abby Owen had two goals and two assists for four points, with classmate Lauren Fischer scoring two goals.

It was the fifth time the Irish had faced Boston College, with Notre Dame taking all five games.

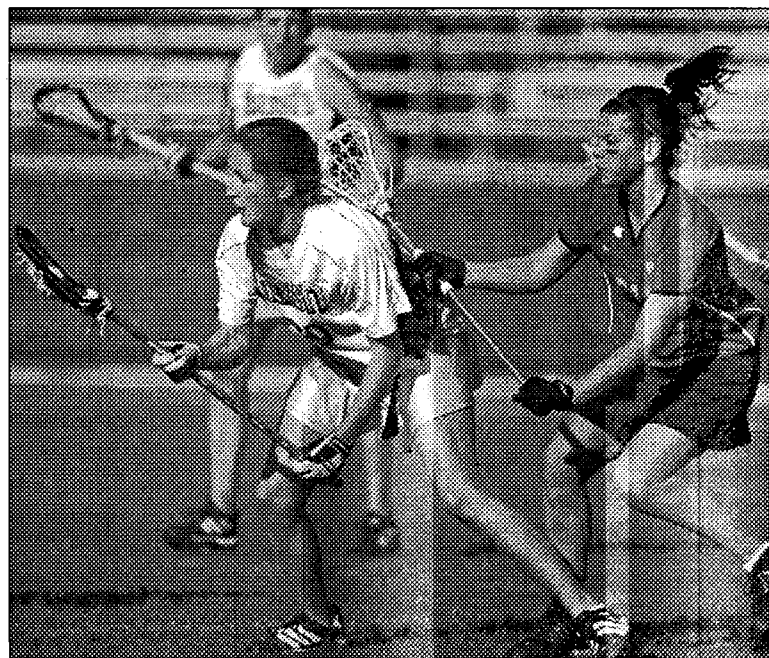
In their first game of spring

break, Notre Dame fell behind Ohio 1-0 before taking over. The Irish scored four quick goals to take the lead on their way to a 10-3 halftime lead.

Junior Meredith Simon paced the Irish against the Bobcats with seven points on three goals and four assists while Shearer added three goals and three assists for six points. Freshman Crysti Foote added three goals and senior Anne Riley scored twice for the Irish, who had 13 players on the score sheet. The Irish out-shot Ohio 37-12 and outscored the Bobcats 9-1 in the second half.

Notre Dame completes their season opening road trip today with a game in Orlando against Yale at 10 a.m.

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Notre Dame womens lacrosse player Kassen Delano is hit with an opponent's stick in a match last year. The Irish won two games over break to improve to 2-1 on the season.



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the ball spun out of the cylinder. Francis missed the two ensuing free throws, forcing the Irish to foul St. John's guard Marcus Hatten with 8.6 seconds left.

"That's where we would have to win it, right there," Brey said. "He makes that 3-point play, that's one of those where you steal it. That's how you are going to steal the win. But we had a similar situation in the Syracuse game where we came back, Chris [Thomas] had a great look, and it went in and out."

"It's almost like you don't deserve it because you haven't played consistent enough for 40 minutes and the basketball gods say, 'Not today, you are not stealing it today.'"

After Francis' missed free throws at 82-80, Hatten made the first free throw but missed the second. With precious seconds ticking away, a scrum ensued for possession of the ball and Carroll emerged with it. He drove the length of the court and let off a desperation heave that clanged off the back of the rim.

"I knew we didn't have time to call time out and grab the ball," Carroll said. "I got it off in time, I made sure I was behind the line ... I thought that thing was going in, to tell you the truth."

While the Irish did have a time out remaining, Brey did not think his squad would

have had enough time to grab the ball and call for it.

"[Carroll] shooting a runner right there ... I will live with that, you know, given we couldn't get our hands on it," Brey said. "If we got it clean I was going to use a time out. We didn't."

Francis led all scorers in the game with 19 points.

"I thought Torin was fabulous," Brey said. "I don't want him hanging his head on the free throws. He continues to improve for us."

Francis provided all of the offense in the early going for the Irish, scoring the team's first six points of the game.

However, in that same time span, St. John's used a combination of deadly 3-point shooting by Willie Shaw to jump out to a 21-6 lead halfway through the first half.

In addition, the Red Storm cleaned up on the boards, grabbing 13 offensive rebounds in the first half

alone, and holding a 25-15 edge in rebounds overall in the first half.

"That was deflating when they got ... two, three, four chances," Brey said.

The Irish finally started to get on track in the

early stages of the second half. After a steal and layup by Hatten extended the Red Storm's lead to 51-28 - its biggest lead of the game - Carroll and company took over.

"The past couple of games, at the start of the game, we come out, and it's almost like it's two different teams, the first and second half," Carroll said. "We should be coming

out with the high intensity we had in the second half."

After Carroll scored the first seven points of the half for the Irish, Dan Miller added a free-throw and a 3-point play to bring the Irish within 14.

The Red Storm and Irish exchanged baskets for a few minutes, but a 3-pointer by Thomas, followed by a Miller jumper after a Red Storm charge, brought the Irish back to within seven at 75-68.

"[We were] more aggressive driving the ball in the second half," Miller said. "I think we just moved the ball a lot better in the second half. We didn't force that many shots, [which] helped us defensively as well. When we're patient on offense it helps our defense."

The Irish cut the Red Storm lead to five at 80-75 with just over two minutes remaining in the game, setting up the gut-wrenching finale.

The loss, Notre Dame's fourth in its last five games, gave the Irish some motivation in the extended break between the conference and national postseason tournaments.

"It's a long season, but to come down and lose these last couple of games in the Big East ... yeah, it's tough, but you know what?" Carroll said. "The off week of rest is going to help us, and we're going to bounce back and have a strong NCAA Tournament, where everybody's got a clean slate. We've just got to move on and play better basketball."

Note:

♦ Carroll was named to the Big East first team, while Thomas was named to the second team and Francis was named to the All-Rookie Team.

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TIM KACMAR/The Observer

St. John's guard Marcus Hatten drives past Notre Dame's Jordan Cornette and Torin Francis in Wednesday's first round game at the Big East Tournament.

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ty much set up for us where we can get some wins and have support."

The 22-9 Irish, who earned their highest seed since 1987 and are seeded in the West Region for the first time in school history, will play 24-7 Horizon League champion Wisconsin-Milwaukee Thursday at 9:40 p.m. If the Irish win, they will play either No. 4 seed Illinois or No. 13 seed Western Kentucky Saturday.

What school officials had initially planned as a celebration in the Joyce Center when the Irish were ranked in the top 10 quickly became scaled back to a small private viewing of the selection show in Brey's home.

And the Irish admit there was some anxiety as they waited nearly an hour for Notre Dame to appear on the television screen.

But the players are convinced there is a fundamental difference in the way the team has approached qualifying for the NCAA Tournament.

"It's funny the way things have changed. Now we're expected to be in the tournament," Matt Carroll said. The Irish were seeded No. 6 and No. 8 in Brey's first two years.

At one point in the season, the Irish were projected as high as a No. 2 seed. But after Notre Dame dropped five of its last eight games, the Irish hoped they could land a No. 5 seed based on their strength of schedule and the wins they accumulated against high quality opponents.

"I would have been disappointed if we were lower than a five," Brey said. "We've done everything we're supposed to do."

Beginning last year, the NCAA Tournament selection committee used a pod system to determine where teams would head for first- and second-round games. The idea is that the higher the seed, the greater the probability that a team could play closer to home. That kept the Irish in

Indianapolis as opposed to heading out to Salt Lake City or Spokane, which are traditional West Region sites.

Of the 65 teams in the NCAA Tournament, Notre Dame has played nine — Creighton, Connecticut, IUPUI, Kentucky, Marquette, Maryland, Pittsburgh, Syracuse and Texas — and accumulated a 5-6 record against those in the Tournament.

The Irish were one of four Big East schools to earn an NCAA Tournament invitation, joining Connecticut, Pittsburgh and Syracuse. Boston College, who won the Big East East Division, and Seton Hall entered Selection Sunday on the proverbial bubble but didn't get a bid.

For the Irish, the focus now shifts to breaking down tape of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, who clinched an automatic bid by beating Butler in the Horizon League conference championship Tuesday.

The two teams have never played each other, and the only common foe they had in 2002-03 was Valparaiso, whom Notre Dame beat by two and Wisconsin-Milwaukee beat by 14.

A veteran team that relies heavily on a full-court press, Brey said the Irish will spend most of their time focusing on their first-round foe and not looking ahead to any potential second-round matchups.

"We have our hands full on the first night," Brey said. "They've got a real good program over there. I think the focus is just going to be on us and just get familiar with them."

Tickets for Notre Dame's first- and second-round games in the RCA Dome cost \$135 for the lower arena and \$105 for the upper arena. Because University officials only have a handful of tickets for distribution through the school, officials are encouraging fans to obtain tickets through Ticketmaster, either online at www.ticketmaster.com or by calling (574) 272-7979.

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AP	Coaches
1 Kentucky (78)	Kentucky (31) 1
2 Arizona (1)	Arizona 2
3 Oklahoma	Oklahoma 3
4 Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh 4
5 Texas	Texas 5
6 Kansas	Kansas 6
7 Duke	Duke 7
8 Wake Forest	Florida 8
9 Marquette	Wake Forest 9
10 Florida	Illinois 10
11 Illinois	Marquette 11
12 Xavier	Syracuse 12
13 Syracuse	Louisville 13
14 Louisville	Xavier 14
15 Creighton	Creighton 15
16 Dayton	Stanford 16
17 Maryland	Maryland 17
18 Stanford	Dayton 18
19 Memphis	Wisconsin 19
20 Mississippi State	NOTRE DAME 20
21 Wisconsin	Mississippi State 21
22 NOTRE DAME	Memphis 22
23 Connecticut	Oklahoma State 23
24 Missouri	Connecticut 24
25 Georgia	Missouri 25

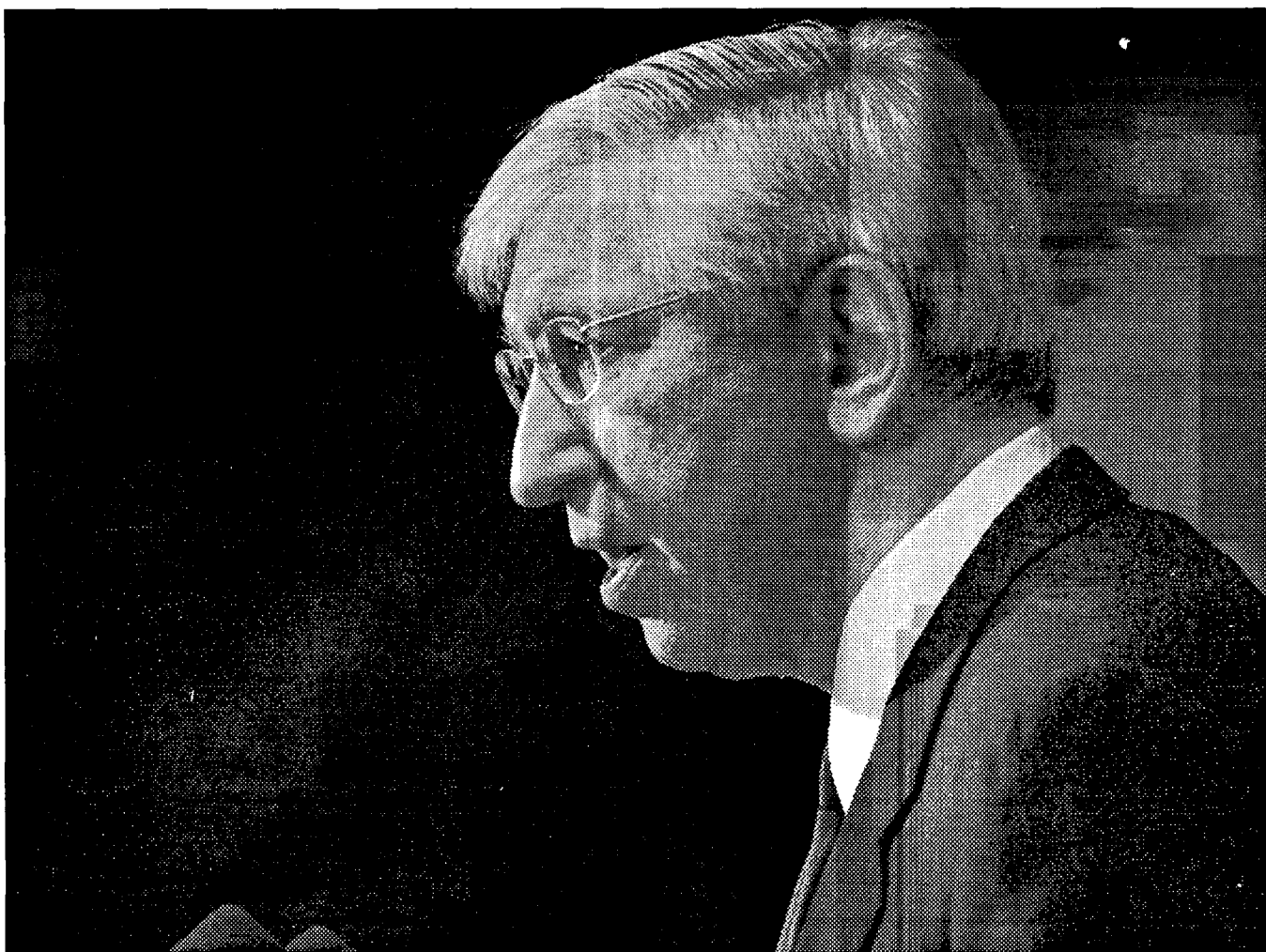
Womens Basketball Polls

AP	Coaches
1 Connecticut (21)	Duke (22) 1
2 Duke (19)	Connecticut (16) 2
3 LSU (4)	LSU (1) 3
4 Tennessee	Tennessee (1) 4
5 Texas	Texas 5
6 Louisiana Tech	Louisiana Tech 6
7 Texas Tech	Kansas State 7
8 Kansas State	Texas Tech 8
9 Stanford	Stanford 9
10 Purdue	Purdue 10
11 Villanova	North Carolina 11
12 North Carolina	Villanova 12
13 Mississippi State	Mississippi State 13
14 Vanderbilt	Vanderbilt 14
15 Penn State	South Carolina 15
16 South Carolina	Penn State 16
17 Minnesota	UC-Santa Barbara 17
18 UC-Santa Barbara	Minnesota 18
19 Georgia	Wisconsin-Green Bay 19
20 Ohio State	Georgia 20
21 Wisconsin-Green Bay	Arkansas 21
22 Arizona	Arizona 22
23 Rutgers	Ohio State 23
24 Arkansas	Rutgers 24
25 George Washington	George Washington 25

Mens College Basketball Big East Conference Final Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.
Syracuse	13	3	.813
Pittsburgh	13	3	.813
Selon Hall	10	6	.625
NOTRE DAME	10	6	.625
Georgetown	6	10	.375
West Virginia	5	11	.313
Rutgers	4	12	.250

COLLEGE BASKETBALL



NCAA President Myles Brand, above, announced Monday that the NCAA would consider the postponing of tournament games in the event of war out of consideration for the safety of athletes and fans.

NCAA considers postponing games

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS
The NCAA will consider postponing games in the men's and women's basketball tournaments and other national championships if war with Iraq begins this week.

President Myles Brand acknowledged Monday for the first time that the NCAA was checking the availability of arenas and hotels for the days after first and second-round games are scheduled to be completed. That would give the officials more flexibility in making a decision about postponements.

"We don't know when it will start, and we have to be respectful of our men and women in uniform," Brand said following an NCAA town hall meeting on sportsmanship that was sponsored by Indianapolis television station WISH. "On the other hand, I think we have to be very careful not to let Saddam Hussein control our lives. We have to balance those," he said.

The primary consideration, Brand said, would be the safety of the athletes and fans.

Brand said his office has been in contact with the Homeland Security

Department and security officials as it finishes contingency plans. He declined to give details, saying they would be announced as events take place.

He also said there has been no determination about changes in television coverage.

CBS holds the rights to the men's tournament, but the network, which is owned by Viacom, has discussed switching the games to ESPN if CBS needs more air time for war coverage.

ESPN and ESPN2 already are scheduled to show the women's tournament. NCAA vice president Donna Noonan said Sunday she

had been assured by ESPN that the women's games would not be affected.

If a deal cannot be reached with ESPN, the games could be shown on other Viacom-owned networks such as such as MTV, UPN, BET or TNN.

"We're doing a lot of planning, but we don't know what direction it will go," Brand said.

The NCAA men's tournament would be the first big sports event affected by any conflict in Iraq. The first game, between North Carolina-Asheville and Texas Southern, is scheduled for Tuesday night in Dayton, Ohio.

IN BRIEF

Rodriguez hopes to be back in time for season opener

Alex Rodriguez doesn't expect to be fully recovered from a neck injury when the season starts, but he does plan to be in the Texas Rangers' lineup.

The All-Star shortstop rejoined his teammates Monday after missing five days of spring training because of a herniated disc.

Rodriguez thinks he will need three weeks of rehabilitation work with team trainer Jamie Reed. The Rangers open the season March 30 against the World Series champion Anaheim Angels.

"I'm doing double treatments," Rodriguez said before heading out to join teammates for morning workouts Monday. "I'm expecting it to take three weeks to get back to full strength. The doctor says I'm basically in good shape."

He's missed every exhibition game since playing against Arizona last Tuesday.

Rodriguez, in the third year of a

10-year, \$252 million contract, had problems with his left shoulder, but he said that was helped by an anti-inflammatory shot he was given Thursday.

He said he is feeling stronger every day.

"There is zero pain, but it was almost if my shoulder felt anemic," Rodriguez said. "It just felt weaker. I did some test where they check the sensation in your hand, and my left hand was less sensitive. The spinal test was perfect, but it's the nerve."

He was re-examined by Dr. Drew Dossett on Sunday and cleared to return to the team.

Rodriguez led the major leagues with 57 home runs, 142 RBIs and 389 total bases in 2002.

Lavin fired by UCLA

Steve Lavin's hiring as UCLA basketball coach in 1996 was shocking. His firing sure wasn't.

Lavin was dismissed Monday after the team's first losing season in 55

years, a move widely anticipated for months by everyone, including Lavin.

"I've been leaning toward this decision over the last several weeks," said first-year athletic director Dan Guerrero, who fired his second major coach at the school in 3 1/2 months. "Can a coach have a bad year? Sure they can, but it's about looking to the future."

Lavin went 145-78 in seven years and took the Bruins to the final 16 of the NCAA tournament five times in six years, a feat matched only by Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski.

Lavin's teams won at least 20 games every season except this one. UCLA went 10-19 overall and 6-12 in Pac-10 play, finishing sixth for the second straight year, its worst-ever conference showing.

"That's not acceptable," Guerrero said after a 13-minute campus news conference. "You need to be consistent throughout the year. You need to finish at the top of your conference."

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Opening Round NCAA Tournament
UNC-Asheville vs. Texas Southern
7 p.m., ESPN

Opening Round NIT Tournament
Georgetown vs. Tennessee 7 p.m., ESPN2

NBA

Hawks at Bulls 8:30 p.m., FOXCH

HOCKEY

Cey records 2 shutouts to put RedHawks on ice

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

Morgan Cey picked a good time to register his first shutout of the year. He picked an even better time to register his second.

The Irish shocked Miami of Ohio on the road this weekend in the first round of the CCHA playoffs, winning the best-of-three series two games to one and upsetting a top-six seed in the first round of the playoffs for the second straight year.

After losing 4-2 Friday and on the brink of elimination, the Irish eked out a 1-0 win on Saturday to even the series at a game apiece. On Sunday, the floodgates opened and the Irish punched their ticket to Detroit for the CCHA's Super Six with an impressive 5-0 win over the RedHawks.

The player of the series was goaltender Morgan Cey. The sophomore netminder made a total of 69 saves in his consecutive shutouts. Cey also held the RedHawks scoreless for the final 124:35 of the series.

"Morgan was huge for us," said Irish coach Dave Poulin. "Two shutouts in the playoffs are quite an accomplishment. He really played well the entire series."

Notre Dame advances to the second round of the CCHA playoffs for the third straight year. Only Michigan and Michigan State have made all four years since 1999-2000.

"That's quite a legacy for our seniors," Poulin said. "It really is a remarkable thing that we have been able to

advance to Detroit that many times."

After Friday, it looked as though the Irish would go nowhere as the RedHawks' leading scorer Greg Hogeboom scored a hat trick to pace Miami to a 4-2 win over the Irish.

Miami took the early lead in the first period when freshman forward Chris Michael slapped a shot from the top of the left wing circle that beat Cey high to the glove side. For the period, the RedHawks outshot the Irish 15-6.

The Irish tied the game just 39 seconds into the third period when Aaron Gill beat RedHawk goalie David Burleigh with a wrister from the slot for his 11th of the season.

Hogeboom, the CCHA's top power-play goal scorer during the regular season, scored his first with the man-advantage to regain the lead for Miami. Forward Mike Kompon took a shot from the right point that Hogeboom deflected past Cey about eight minutes into the period.

The Irish answered just 14 seconds later, when freshman Matt Amado fed sophomore Cory McLean, who beat Burleigh for his 10th goal of the year.

Hogeboom scored his second goal of the game just three minutes later when he beat Cey with a low wrist shot to put the RedHawks ahead for good.

He completed the hat trick four minutes later off a one-time feed from Kompon that whistled over Cey's glove. The Irish tried to pull Cey for the extra attacker, but were



ANDY KENNA/The Observer

Notre Dame center Jake Wiegand skates along the boards looking for the puck in a game earlier this season. The Irish advanced to the Super Six after beating Miami of Ohio, two games to one.

unable to score.

Cey made 33 saves on the night, and his Miami counterpart Burleigh made 24 saves in the RedHawks' win.

The following night, a goal from freshman forward Tim Wallace was all the Irish would need as Cey collected a 37-save shutout.

Burleigh and Cey battled toe-to-toe through the first two periods of the game, with

neither team scoring in the first 40 minutes of the game.

At 7:18 of the third period, junior defenseman Brett Lebda corralled a bouncing puck and slapped a shot at Burleigh from the left point. Wallace held off a Miami defenseman and managed to collect the rebound and slip the puck past Burleigh.

"We worked the puck deep into the zone and then back to Lebda at the point," Wallace said. "He got off a great shot and I just went to the net. The rebound bounced right to me and I just snuck it in low to his glove hand."

Hogeboom had a chance to tie the game back up, but Cey was up to the task. Miami's hero Friday came out of the left wing corner alone and got off a great shot with 25 seconds left.

"[Hogeboom] came down the side and I just tried to play the angle all the way," Cey said. "I played the short side and was lucky to get a pad on the shot. Luckily he didn't try to pass it, because I was watching him all the way."

Cey's shutout was the first in Notre Dame's playoff history and it made the Irish the last team in the CCHA to record a shutout this season.

Sunday, the Irish completed their remarkable comeback in impressive fashion as the offense gave its goalie a little breathing room. Cey didn't need it though, as he made 32 saves in the Irish's decisive 5-0 victory.

The 5-0 win matches the Irish's largest margin of victory ever in a postseason game, with the previous five goal wins coming when Notre Dame was a member of the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (5-0 and 8-3 versus North Dakota in 1973 and 8-3 versus Michigan in 1980).

It was also the first time Notre Dame has put together back-to-back shutouts since November 1999.

Junior Rob Globke got the Irish offensive explosion started in the first period when he beat Burleigh with a rebound shot eight minutes into the period. It was Globke's 20th of the season, making him the first Irish player to score 20 goals in a season since Aniket Dhadphale during the 1997-98 season.

Lebda scored on a beautiful end-to-end effort with less than a minute left to give the Irish a crucial two-goal lead after one period. The defenseman picked up the puck from behind the Irish net and raced up the right side before cutting to his left to beat two Miami players. Lebda then ripped a shot through Burleigh's five-hole from between the circles.

"I just carried the puck up the boards and really didn't have anyone to give it to," Lebda said. "I kept going and when I got to the blue line their defense pinched up on me. I went past them and had a clear shot to the net and shot it in over his blocker."

"Brett's goal was the turning point," Poulin said. "It really gave us a boost that late in the period. We really played with confidence and poised the rest of the way."

Junior forward Aaron Gill then scored two goals in the third period, including one on a power play, snapping an 0-for-24 drought for the Irish man-advantage that extended over seven games.

Sophomore wing Brad Wanchulak put an exclamation point on the victory as he scored on an odd-man rush with a little more than five minutes left in the game.

The Irish will face off against Ohio State on Thursday in the first game of the Super Six at 4:05 p.m. The Irish had a 0-1-1 record against the Buckeyes during the regular season.

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WOMENS GOLF

Brophy takes title at Florida invite

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

After struggling in its first tournament of the spring, the womens golf team came out firing in Florida over break.

Leading the way was freshman Katie Brophy who parred the final two holes to win the Peggy Kirk Bell Invitational in Orlando.

Brophy fired rounds of 73 and 74 to win by one shot over Penn State's Katie Futch and Cynthia Skilton Penn State.

"Katie told me right before the start of today's round that she felt like something just clicked," Irish coach Debby King said. "She had a great swing the last two days."

"The thing that clicked for me was my putting," said Brophy. "I didn't putt very well in the fall and that's what I was known for in high school. Everything dropped for me the last two days. I got my confidence back."

The event came down to the last hole and Brophy needed a 12-foot par putt on the last hole for the win. She took her time before making the winning shot.

"I didn't know exactly where I was going into 18," she said. "I just wanted to par it. I got near the green and put my second shot about 12-feet away. I knew I had made those before and I just said to myself, 'Just do it,' and then I stood over it awhile to focus."

Brophy became the first Irish

golfer to win a tournament since current junior Rebecca Rogers won the Notre Dame Invitational in 2000. As a team, the Irish finished eighth with rounds of 314 and 317 for a 631.

Sophomore Karen Lotta and freshman Lauren Gebauer fired identical rounds of 156 (78-78) to aid the Irish team effort, with freshman Suzie Hayes one stroke behind them at 157 (76-81).

Following their performance in Orlando, the Irish traveled to Tampa for the Northern Illinois Snowbird Invitational where they fired a season best 297 to tie for third. Notre Dame was led by senior captain Terri Taibl who shot the two best rounds of her career to tie for fourth at 149 (75-74), only four strokes away from giving the Irish their second winner in as many tournaments.

Gebauer and fellow freshman Sarah Bassett also recorded top 10 finishes for the Irish at the Snowbird by tying for seventh at 152. Gebauer fired rounds of 77 and 75 while Bassett shot 78 and 74 as an individual entrant.

Junior Shannon Byrne also had a good showing, finishing at 153 (78-75) as an individual entrant. Brophy followed up her win with a 156 (82-74) to tie for 22nd.

The Irish play next March 23-25 at the Baylor University Tapito Springs Shoot-Out in Boerne, Texas.

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FENCING

Irish qualify maximum number

By MATT LOZAR
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They had to wait it out, but the Irish got what they wanted.

After qualifying 11 fencers through automatic bids at the Midwest

Regional Championship at Ohio State University March 8, Notre Dame needed junior sabre Maggie Jordan to earn an at-large bid to give them a complete team for this weekend's NCAA Championships. The announcement came Friday that Jordan was selected.

"We have worked very hard the entire year. I had a feeling that we were strong," Notre Dame coach Janusz Bednarski said. "But, you have to get a little

bit lucky when you are fencing to only five touches. Sometimes, there are unpredictable results. You can work hard and lose by one touch. It is very hard to make predictions."

Bednarski's statement about unpredictability is no more evident than in womens epee. Defending national champion Kerry Walton claimed one of the spots for the Irish, but the other spot went to senior Meagan Call and not to epee

captain and three-time All-American Anna Carnick. Call fenced in the NCAA Championships as a freshman and sophomore, but watched from the sidelines last year.

"I was not surprised. I know that we have two great fencers in Anna Carnick and Meagan," Bednarski said. "Meagan focused her attention in the final bouts a little bit more than Anna and she gained confidence. If the competition was tomorrow, Anna might fence better and qualify."

In womens sabre, junior captain Destanie Milo qualified automatically but Jordan finished fifth. With only the top four earning automatic berths, Jordan needed to be an at-large qualifier to make the NCAA Championships field. What makes Jordan's performance impressive is the fact this is her first year fencing solely at sabre.

"Jordan is not young as a student, since she is a junior, but as a fencer she is young because in other competitions she used to fence at foil," Bednarski said.

Completing the womens team at foil are sophomores Alicja Kryczalo and Andrea Ament who finished first and second, respectively, at last year's

national championships.

On the mens side, the No. 1 team in the country easily qualified the maximum six fencers with no Irish fencer finishing lower than fifth at the regional competition.

The Irish took the top three spots at mens foil, but a school can only qualify two fencers at each weapon. The odd man out was Forest Walton as senior Ozren Debic and sophomore Derek Snyder return to the NCAA Championships.

At the talented mens sabre weapon, senior Gabor Szelle finished second while senior Matt Fabricant was fifth. The Buckeyes took first, third and fourth, but could only qualify two at the weapon.

The domination continued at mens epee with the Irish taking the top two spots. Senior Jan Viviani and sophomore Michal Sobieraj were first and second, respectively.

Debic and Viviani can become four-time All-Americans with top 12 finishes at the national championships.

The Irish and host Buckeyes were the only teams in the country to qualify the maximum 12 fencers. Defending champion Penn State qualified 11 fencers but they have the NCAA alternate at mens epee should someone not be able to participate.

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SOFTBALL

Rain and sickness plague Irish on the road

By AARON RONSHEIM
Sports Writer

Just when the Notre Dame softball team thought that they left their bad luck and bad weather in South Bend, the Irish ran into inclement weather that forced the cancellation of the remainder of the Kia Classic.

Worse, the Irish encountered a strep throat virus that caused two players to miss the Nebraska game and five Notre Dame players to miss the DePaul game.

"We had a lot of people play-

ing out of position and people batting in different spots in the batting order," said Irish third baseman Andrea Loman. "It was tough to get things going. I think that once we get everybody healthy and get back into the swing of things we'll do a lot better."

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Irish third baseman

The cancellation of the second half of the tournament means that the Irish have lost six games to the weather even though they have yet to play a game in South Bend.

Not only has the weather forced the Irish to cancel games this season, it also forced Notre Dame into a 15-

hour bus ride back to campus after a weekend tournament in Georgia.

"It is frustrating, but we can either be frustrated or we can move on and that is what we need to do," said Irish coach Deanna Gumpf. "We need to look forward and get ready to start the second half of our season."

The Irish (8-9) started off their spring break trip with a double-header against Cal-State Northridge (12-10).

In game one, the Irish were able to put together a 4-1 lead heading into the seventh behind 12 hits and a home run by first baseman Lisa Mattison, but Irish pitcher Steffany Stenglein couldn't hold the lead.

After Stenglein retired the first two batters, pitch-hitters Shannon Acevedo and Christy Menefee produced singles to bring the tying run to the plate. Christen Bedwell responded by

drilling a three-run home run over the right-field wall to send the game to extra innings.

In the bottom of the 10th the Matadors completed the comeback when Jan Moshier singled to drive in the winning run and give Cal-State Northridge a 5-4 victory.

"It was one of those things that just happened," Loman said. "It fell apart in the end. We have to get stronger in the sixth and seventh innings. When things are getting a little tough I think we need to come together as a team at that time."

The Irish salvaged a split in by winning the second game 3-1 behind a strong pitching performance by Irish pitcher Heather Booth and a two-run double by Mattison.

The Irish opened the Kia Classic with a 3-1 victory against Fresno State (7-14). Booth was terrific again as she gave up only two hits over seven innings of work.

The Irish got all their runs in the third inning as left fielder Liz Hartmann hit her team leading forth home run to lead off the inning. The Irish added two more runs on a bases loaded two-out single by third basemen Meagan Ruthwauff. Booth would make that stand up as she picked up her sixth victory of the season.

"She [Booth] has done a tremendous job and she is just going to get better as the season progresses," Loman said.

In their second game of the tournament, the Irish faced No. 4 Nebraska. After both pitchers traded zeros for the first three innings, Nebraska scored two runs in the top of the fourth. The Irish responded in the bottom inning with a run as center fielder Megan Ciolli hit a bases loaded single to score Mattison.

Nebraska would ruff up Stenglein for four runs in the top of the fifth and scored three runs in the sixth off Carrie Wisen. All three runs came on a home run by

Amanda Bucholz.

The Cornhuskers ended up winning 10-3 after each team traded runs in the seventh.

Things wouldn't get better for the Irish against No. 14 DePaul, as Notre Dame battled not only the Blue Demons but also a strep throat virus that decimated the team.

The Blue Demons wasted little time as they jumped out to a 4-0 lead on Booth. After a two-run double, third baseman Katy Kukman blasted a two-run homer for the quick lead.

"We're getting down early in too many games," said Loman. "After the first few innings it was 4-0 DePaul. We need to learn to get ahead. Once we do that it takes a lot of pressure off

"We are very excited to practice outside and being able to take groundballs on dirt instead of the turf."

Andrea Loman
Irish third baseman

our pitchers and when we get ahead we are a lot more confident team."

The Irish were able to get back in the game by taking advantage of two DePaul errors in the bottom of the second as they cut the lead in half.

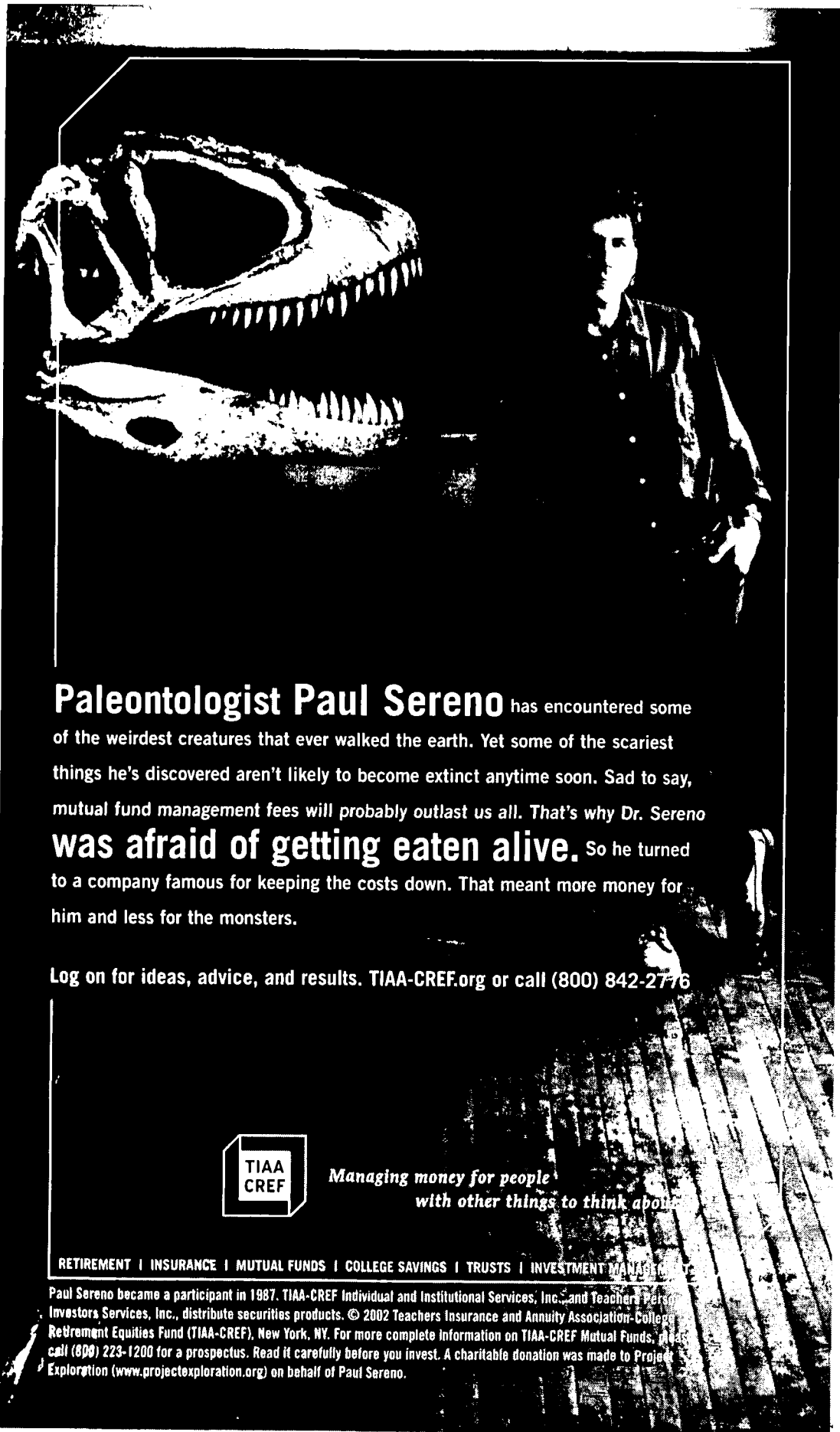
After the Blue Demons added a run in the fifth, they scored six runs on five hits with the big hit coming from pitcher Lindsay Chouinard, who would finish with six RBI on the day, as she picked up her ninth win of the season.

"She did a great job against us," said Gumpf. "She kept the ball down against us and jammed us all afternoon."

After playing their first 17 games on the road, the Irish are looking forward to kicking off their home schedule with Western Michigan next Sunday and getting the chance to practice outside.


"We are very excited to practice outside and being able to take some groundballs on dirt instead of the turf," said Loman. "Hopefully we can start our next phase of the season with a win against Western Michigan."

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BASEBALL

Warm weather equals hot streak for Irish over break

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

With snow on the ground and a chill in the air, the Irish left the wintry conditions of South Bend for a seven-game, eight-day road trip to Florida during spring break for the Kennel Club Classic.

The warm weather stint paid dividends for Notre Dame as the team went 6-1 during the span to improve to 9-5 on the season.

The opportunity to hit the field every day helped the Irish return to the level of play they demonstrated during last year's College World Series run. The Irish batted .307 as a team during the trip, led by second baseman Steve Sollmann's .482 average during the seven-game span.

Other Irish batters leading the effort were catcher Javy Sanchez, who contributed a .407 average during the trip, and infielder Matt Edwards and outfielder Kris Billmaier, who each batted .393 with 11 hits and collectively recorded 15 RBIs.

Irish pitchers, meanwhile, began to establish themselves on the mound by posting a 2.37 staff ERA for the week with a .185 opponent batting average.

Notre Dame 3, Vanderbilt 1

The Irish kicked off their spring break trip with a hard-fought 10-inning victory over the Commodores.

Sophomore Chris Niesel held the Commodores at bay until the Irish bats could get going, allowing only one run and three hits over eight innings before reliever J.P. Gagne came in to pitch two perfect innings to earn the win.

The powerful right-hander Gagne struck out four Vanderbilt hitters in two innings to earn his second victory of the season.

The difference for the Irish came off the bat of freshman outfielder Brennan Grogan in the top of the 10th. After Sollmann reached on a single, Grogan smacked a triple to the gap in right center for the eventual game-winning run.

Notre Dame 7, Navy 3

After a rainout of Sunday's action, the Irish returned to the field Monday with a potent and balanced offensive attack to knock off the Midshipmen.

After falling behind 3-0 in the third inning, Notre Dame responded in the bottom of the fourth with three runs of their own to tie the score. After Edwards was hit by a pitch and Billmaier doubled to put runners at second and third, sophomore shortstop Matt Macri smacked a two-run double to bring the Irish within one run. Sanchez then singled to center to bring in Macri with the game-tying score.

After yielding the three early runs, sophomore John Axford held Navy at bay in two more scoreless innings to eventually earn the win, his second of the year.

Notre Dame got the go-ahead run in the fifth inning, when Edwards singled in freshman Craig Cooper. The Irish would add three more for the victory.

Notre Dame 6, North Florida 1

In their third game of the break, the Irish received two more strong offensive performances from Sollmann and Edwards as the pair went 5-for-9 in the game with two runs

scored and two RBIs.

Clinging to a 2-1 lead in the sixth, the Irish would add four runs in the last three frames, capped by Edwards' two-run home run in the top of the ninth to seal the victory for the Irish.

Senior pitcher Ryan Kalita contributed a strong outing for his first win of the season, allowing only one run and three hits in seven innings pitched.

Jacksonville 9, Notre Dame 6

The Irish got their only taste of defeat of the Kennel Club Classic at the hands of Jacksonville in a tough 10-inning loss.

Notre Dame fell behind early, yielding four-first inning runs and another in the third to dig themselves into a 5-0 hole. The Irish fought back from the deficit and narrowed the lead to 6-4 in the eighth inning.

Notre Dame appeared to take control in the top of the ninth with Sanchez's two-run, game-tying home run with nobody out. But the Irish did nothing else in the inning and the game went to extra innings.

In the top of the 10th, the Irish had the bases loaded with two outs but freshman Greg Lopez struck out swinging to end the inning.

With Gagne on in relief in the 10th, Jacksonville got a leadoff single from left fielder Chad Hauseman. With two outs in the inning, Gagne walked right fielder Chad Hart before third baseman Brett Nagy ended the game with a three-run, walk-off homer.

Notre Dame 3, Eastern Illinois 2

The Irish returned to their winning ways the next day with a 3-2 victory over Eastern Illinois.

Sollmann, who was 2-for-2 on the day, gave Notre Dame an early 3-0 lead with his three-run inside-the-park home run in the second.

That lead would be enough for Niesel, who contributed a dominating performance on the mound for the Irish. The right-hander allowed two runs — both unearned — over eight innings and had nine strikeouts.

Gagne came on with two outs in the ninth and faced one batter, whom he struck out, to get his third save of the season.

Notre Dame 11, Navy 2

Notre Dame's second matchup with the Midshipmen in the Kennel Club Classic would prove as successful as the first for the Irish as six Irish hitters collected multiple hits as Notre Dame pounded Navy.

The Irish plated 11 runs on 16 hits as a team led again by the efforts of Billmaier and Edwards, who finished a combined 6-for-9 at the plate with five RBIs and four runs scored.

Freshman Tom Thornton earned the victory for the Irish in his first career start, logging four shutout innings and allowing only three hits.

Notre Dame 10, Creighton 3

The Irish wrapped up play in Florida with a solid victory over the Blue Jays that was indicative of their style of play through much of the week.

Notre Dame utilized a balanced offensive attack with 10 runs on 14 hits and strong pitching from Axford and a cast of relievers.

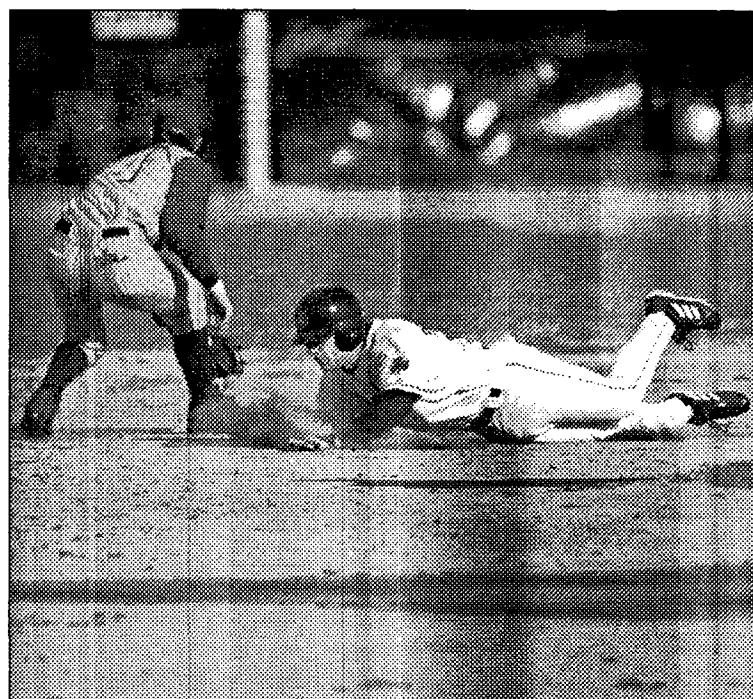
Axford had some early trouble with Creighton in the first inning when he allowed his only two runs of the game. The

tall right-hander would then cruise through the next five innings by allowing only two more hits and getting seven strikeouts.

The Irish quickly matched Creighton's pair of runs with two of their own in the bottom of the first. Sollmann and Grogan got the offense going with a pair of leadoff singles, followed by an RBI double from Edwards. Billmaier then hit a sacrifice fly to score Grogan and tie the game at 2-2.

In their next inning, the Irish jumped on top for good with four runs on three hits to grab an early 6-2 lead.


Sollmann, Edwards and Billmaier led the way at the plate by going 3-for-5, 3-for-4 and 2-for-2, respectively, while combining for six RBIs and four runs scored.



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Notre Dame's Kris Billmaier slides into second base in a game last season. The Irish spent spring break in Florida and won six of their seven games.

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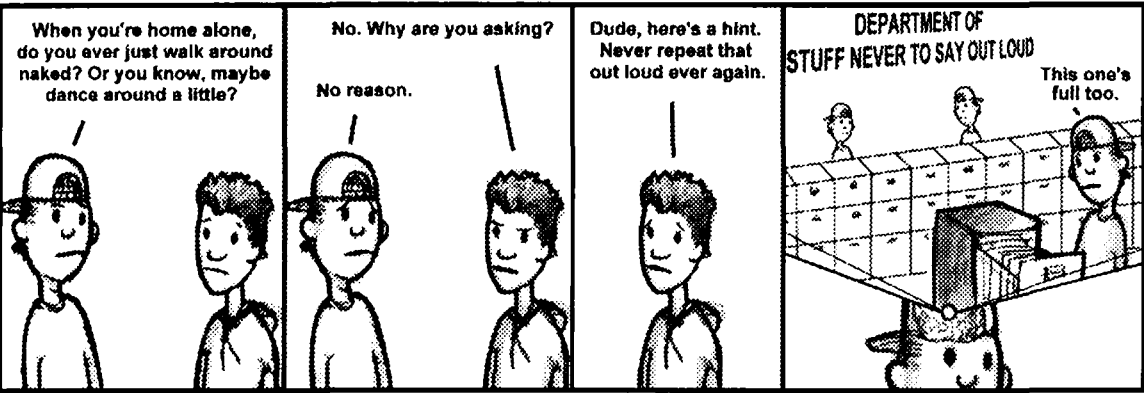
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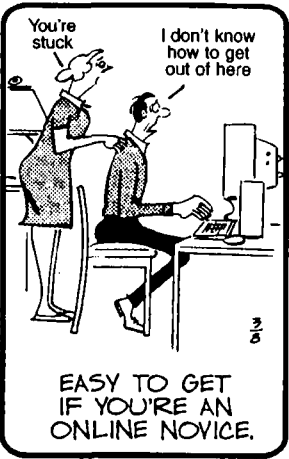
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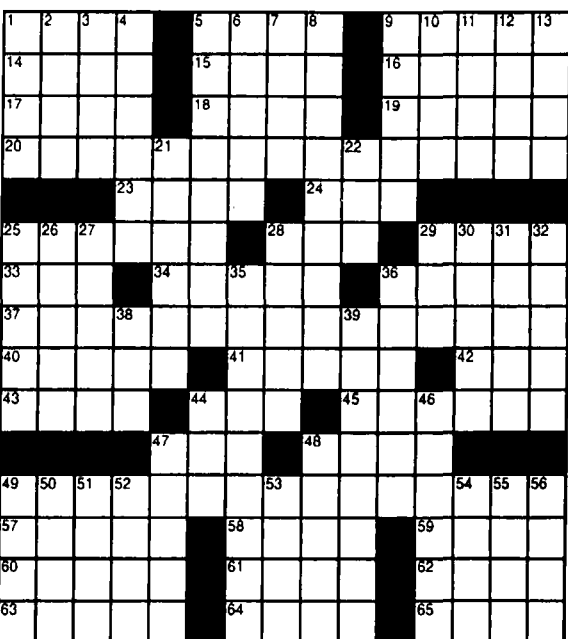
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SPORTS

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MENS BASKETBALL

Same old story

Irish slump early, respond late, but still fall short in the end in 83-80 loss to St. John's in first round of Big East Tournament

By BRYAN KRONK
Sports Writer

NEW YORK

Notre Dame's dominant second half was not enough to overcome St. John's' strong first half, and the Irish fell to the Red Storm in the first round of the Big East Tournament, 83-80, Wednesday at Madison Square Garden.

The Irish were unable to recover from a 21-point halftime deficit — a deficit that climbed to 23 points in the second half — despite shooting 66.7 percent from the field in the second half.

"I am very proud of our group to give us a chance to win the basketball game," Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said. "But it was just too much of a hole to dig out of."

The Irish seemed poised for an amazing comeback when Matt Carroll hit a 3-pointer with just over a minute left in the game to bring the Irish to within two points at 82-80.

After forcing the Red Storm to take a bad shot with the shot clock winding down, the Irish called a timeout with 24.2 seconds remaining to draw out their final play.

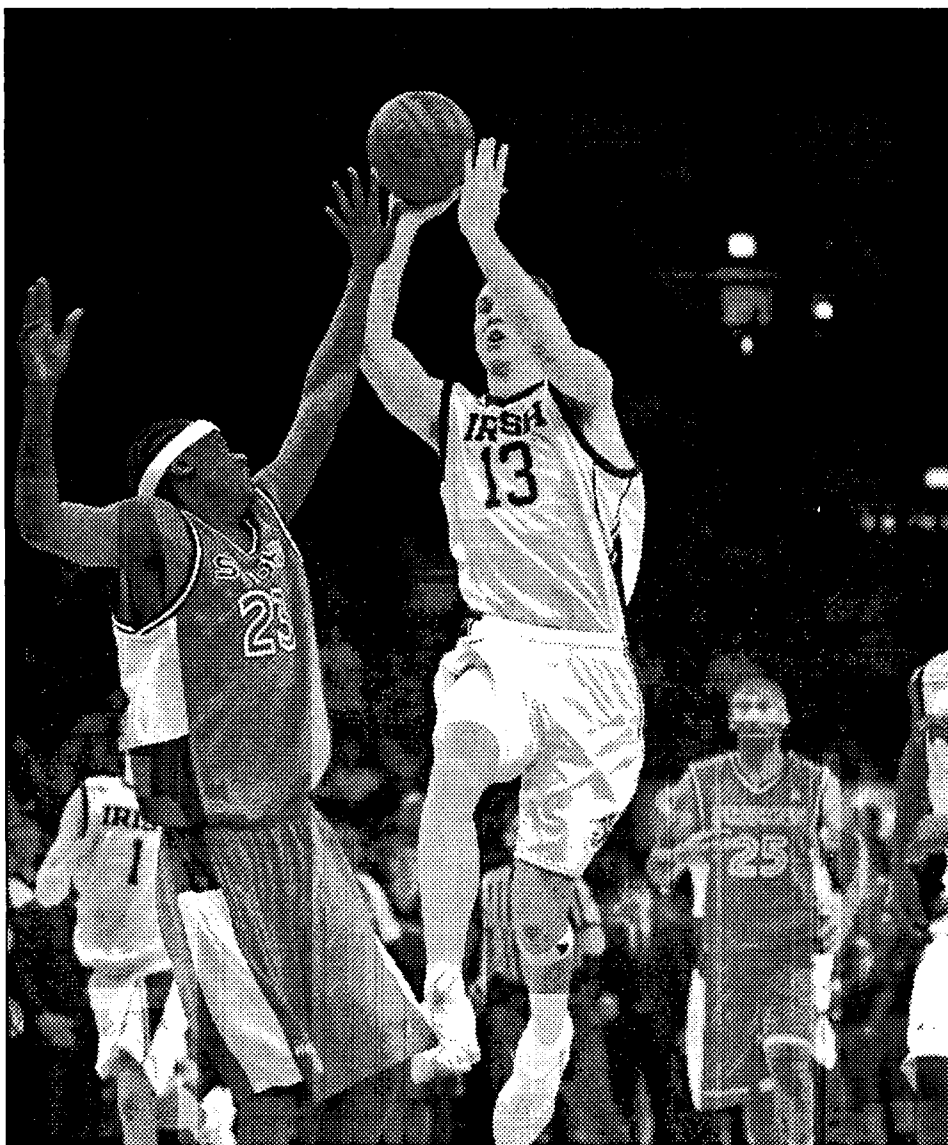
Guard Chris Thomas took the ball and drove to the hoop, but his layup missed. Luckily for the Irish, Torin Francis grabbed the rebound and went back up with the ball.

His layup seemed destined for the bottom of the net as the whistle blew, but

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TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Notre Dame guard Matt Carroll lets off a shot in the closing seconds of the 83-80 loss to St. John's at the Big East Tournament Wednesday.

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◆ Irish earn highest seed since 1987, will face Wisconsin-Milwaukee in first round Thursday

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

After a season that saw the Irish spend multiple weeks in the top 10 and knock off four top 10 teams, Notre Dame was rewarded Sunday with a No. 5 seed, its highest seed in the NCAA

Tournament in the Mike Brey era, and a first-round game in Indianapolis against No. 12 seed Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

But for Chris Thomas, Selection Sunday gave the Irish sophomore a chance to play in his hometown for the first time in his college basketball career.

The Notre Dame point guard last played in the RCA Dome, the site of

Notre Dame's first-round game Thursday, as a freshman at Pike High School when he helped lead his team to the state championship.

Now Thomas hopes his team can start another run in Indianapolis.

"I just felt that feeling that we'd be there," he said, adding that he leapt to his feet in excitement when he saw where the Irish were heading. "It's pret-

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WOMENS BASKETBALL

No upsets for Irish in Pittsburgh win, 'Nova loss

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame didn't get upset at the Big East Tournament, but they didn't upset anyone either.

The sixth-seeded Irish defeated No. 11 seed Pittsburgh 73-65 in the first round March 8 before losing to No. 2 seed Villanova 50-39 March 9.

After winning their first game, Notre Dame hoped to upset Villanova for the second time this season. They had defeated the Wildcats 58-56 at Villanova Jan. 25.

But the Irish couldn't shake a

horrible shooting slump that plagued them throughout the game, and fell short against the eventual tournament champions.

In the first half, the Irish shot 6-for-23, or 26.1 percent, which was actually better than Villanova's 4-for-24, 17 percent performance. Both teams' poor shooting caused the game to be tied at 13 at halftime.

"I thought that was some type of Guinness Book of Records first half," Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said.

The Irish continued their bad shooting in the second half, while the Wildcats pulled away by making 12-24 shots.

"It was a bad shooting night," Villanova guard Trish Juhline said. "But that happens. We played hard the whole game and made shots down the end."

Juhline had 12 of her 14 points in the second half to lead the Wildcats. Teammate Nicole Druckenmiller also contributed 10 points.

Notre Dame was led by Jacqueline Batteast's 15 points, while Courtney LaVere added 12. Alicia Ratay, who usually averages 12 points per game, was held scoreless on just 0-of-5 shooting.

Villanova went on to defeat No. 1 Connecticut to win the Big East

Tournament. The Huskies' loss was their first in 70 games.

Against Pittsburgh, the Irish picked up a win that sealed their NCAA Tournament berth. The Irish had four players score in double figures, led by LaVere's 18 points on 8-of-10 shooting. Ratay added 16 points and nailed 10-of-11 free throws.

The game was somewhat sloppy, as the two teams combined for 42 fouls and 56 free throws.

Pittsburgh took their first lead of the second half at 39-38 with 17:23 to play.

But the Irish responded with a Batteast layup on their next possession and never trailed again.

Notre Dame extended its lead to as many as 14 with 7:17 left before Pittsburgh made one final 11-3 run to cut the lead to six.

But the Irish held on down the stretch and improved to 11-3 in games decided by 10 points or less this season. It was also Notre Dame's fourth straight win.

The No. 11 seed in the East, the Irish will head to Manhattan, Kan. for a first round NCAA Tournament game against No. 6 seed Arizona March 23 at 7 p.m. The Wildcats are 22-8 on the season.

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

MENS TENNIS

The Irish were eliminated from the Blue/Gray Classic in Alabama over spring break, falling to Boise State and Tulsa.

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FENCING

The Notre Dame mens and women each qualified the maximum number of fencers for the NCAA Tournament, which is held this week.

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BASEBALL

During their road trip to Florida, the Irish won six of their seven games over break at the Kennel Club Classic in Jacksonville.

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HOCKEY

Thanks to two consecutive shutouts by goalie Morgan Cey, the Irish advanced to the Super Six of the CCHA playoffs.

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SOFTBALL

As a result of foul weather and foul health on the Irish squad, the Irish dropped several games over break.

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WOMENS LAX

At its two road games, the Irish won by two very different results — a close match at Boston College and a blowout at Ohio.

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