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University implements 6.9 percent tuition hike

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

Notre Dame undergraduate students and their families will face a tuition, fees and room and board hike of nearly seven percent for the 2004-05 academic year, University officials announced. The decision to increase fees was made at the winter Board of Trustees meeting.

Tuition and fees will increase by \$1,900 from the current figures, to \$29,512, and average room and board costs will increase by \$488, to \$7,418 —

adding up to \$36,930 in total costs.

The changes, which University President Father Edward Malloy described in a letter sent last week to parents and guardians of returning students, represent a 6.9 percent jump from the \$34,680 in expenses for 2003-04. In the letter, Malloy explained that while the administration and Board of Trustees acted with "fiscal prudence" in the midst of a strained economic climate nationwide, "higher education is still an expensive endeavor."

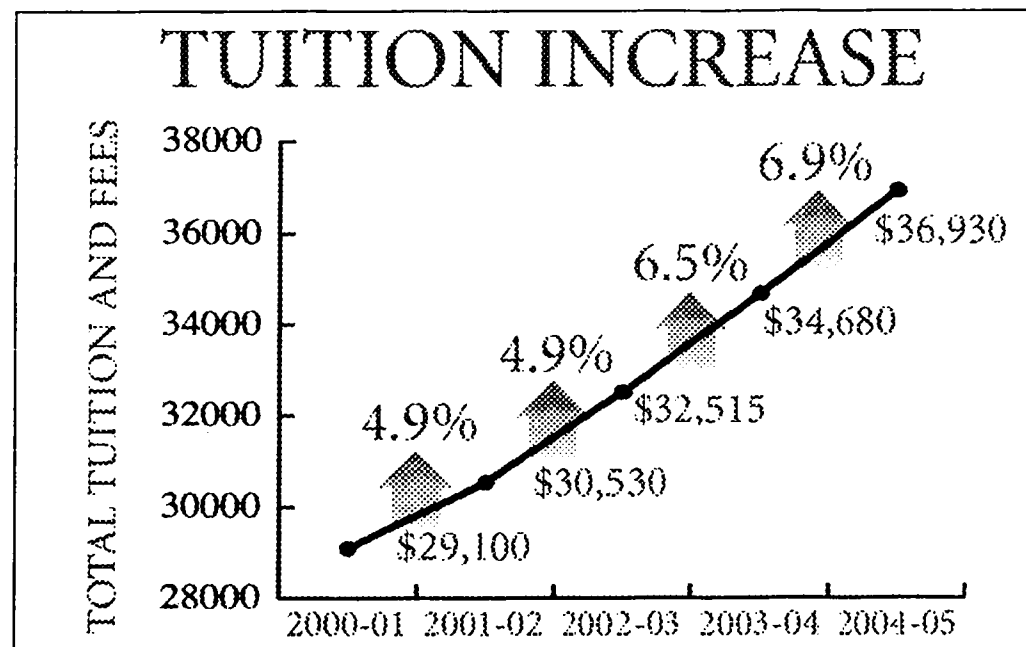
These expenses began to dramatically escalate at Notre Dame

after the economic downturn contributed to endowment losses and budget cuts in March 2003. Total costs leapt 6.5 percent for 2003-04, just two years after the University announced its lowest increase in 40 years — 4.9 percent for the 2001-02 academic year.

"These changes don't occur in a vacuum, so they do reflect to some extent the economy," University spokesman Matt Storin said. "Last year we were feeling the effects."

Both Storin and Malloy said

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Source: Notre Dame News and Information

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Abroad students react to tragedy

Spanish train terror attacks stir up students' emotions

By SHEILA FLYNN
Senior Staff Writer

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students studying in Spain were unharmed in Thursday's terrorist bombings in Madrid, said international studies coordinators at both schools.

"We actually had a staff member in Spain at the time who found out before we did," said Thomas Bogenschield, Notre Dame's director of international studies.

"She called the Fundación, where the students are based, and talked to the administrators there."

The Fundación Ortega y Gasset staff accounted for all students studying in Toledo, both from Notre Dame and other schools, and posted an update on its Web site to inform friends and family



Candles, wreaths and anti-terrorism signs cover the ground of Catalunya Square in downtown Barcelona, Spain. For students studying abroad, the attacks evoked an emotional response.

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Sinn Fein leader to talk at ND

By SHEILA FLYNN
Senior Staff Writer

Gerry Adams, president of the Irish political organization Sinn Fein, will make his first visit to the home of the Fighting Irish today, delivering a lecture in Washington Hall at 5 p.m.

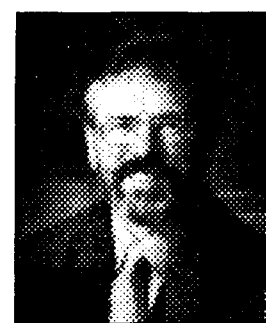
"He's always wanted, I understand, to come here, just given its iconic importance," said Breandan MacSuibhne, program coordinator for the Keough Institute for Irish Studies.

"Notre Dame is of very iconic importance to Irish America."

Adams' lecture is cosponsored by the Keough Institute and the Office of International Studies. MacSuibhne said that Christopher Fox, director of the Keough Institute, was responsible for extending the invitation to Adams, the president of Sinn Fein.

"There was an attempt to bring him out several years ago, but the proposed visit fell through the last time because of unexpected developments at home in Ireland," MacSuibhne said.

Sinn Fein is an Irish political party seeking reunification of Ireland, which, under Adams' leadership, has achieved increased electoral success. In the early 1980s, Adams oversaw Irish republicans' first interventions in electoral politics amidst perceived British censorship and sectarian violence, surviving



Gerry Adams

Organizations promote alcohol awareness

Alcohol Awareness Week		
Tuesday	The Real Buzz about College Drinking speaker: David Hellstrom	Legends 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	T-shirt giveaway	Fieldhouse Mall
Thursday	free Coke products	DeBartolo 11 a.m. - noon
Friday	cups giveaway	Fieldhouse Mall

Source: Office of the Student Body President

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By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

In conjunction with the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education and PILLARS, the Office of the Student Body President is spearheading a campaign for responsible drinking just in time for St. Patrick's Day.

Student body president Jeremy Lao said that the Alcohol Awareness Week effort came in response to concerns about alcohol abuse on campus expressed by the administration during the fall meeting of the Board of Trustees.

"This is the first time that student government has

really made alcohol awareness a week-long campaign...We saw [the campaign] as an opportunity to build a stronger relationship with the administration and Board of Trustees while addressing a key issue on campus," said Lao.

The campaign kicked off yesterday with a drunk driving simulator sponsored by PILLARS in the Sorin Room of LaFortune. The intent of the arcade-like game — which simulated a driver's decreasing degrees of visibility and control as their blood alcohol level increases — was intended to show students how serious severe

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INSIDE COLUMN

Spring break experiences

After seeing the faded Greyhound sign that was the Marianna, Fla. bus depot in its entirety, I should have known that spring break wasn't going to give up without a fight.

It had all started a week earlier, when my friends and I had found ourselves in an equally frustrating transportation situation on the first day of vacation. After I made good use of my Notre Dame education and read the train schedule wrong, leaving us stranded in the South Bend airport for two hours, I displayed some truly superior navigational skills and got hopelessly lost in Chicago at night. Thankfully, that particular problem was patched up by the friendly doorman who took pity on the three girls loaded down with luggage and wandering aimlessly around Michigan Avenue.

My friends, however, were none too pleased when we had a repeat experience the next day, again thanks to me. So in an attempt to make light of the situation that left us stuffed into a crowded CTA bus with no idea where we were going, I turned to the girls I was with and said the first thing that came to mind,

"Hey, it's the experience that counts, right? We wouldn't have any good stories to tell if we didn't get lost, and what fun would that be?"

Miraculously, they didn't strangle me right there.

The good times weren't over yet, though. Our destination was Panama City Beach, and it was everything I had been warned about and more, complete with a foul motel room and drunken neighbors. A few days after we arrived, as I soliloquized about feeling like a piece of meat on display while walking down the main road to the sound of horns and catcalls, my friend turned to me said with not a little sarcasm,

"But it's all part of the experience, right?"

I might have deserved that.

Flash forward to Marianna, and that ominous sign. The bus we were supposed to transfer to ended up coming five hours late, and with no actual station or Greyhound representative in sight, we were stranded at an Arby's for seven hours.

Plopped on the edge of the dirty parking lot, amongst suitcases, anthills and empty Waffle House containers, we couldn't help but laugh at the irony.

"It's all part of the experience," we repeated, half-joking and half-dejected.

But looking back now, I see there was a lot of truth to our mocking mantra. I mean, without the Chicago blunder, the sketchy motel room, the intoxicated sexists and the 11-hour bus trip from Panama City to Tallahassee, my memories of spring break would be nothing more than surf, sand and sun.

And what a shame that would be.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S YOUR MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT FROM SPRING BREAK?



Carolyn Sweeny
Sophomore
Badin

"Seeing Senator Kerry pass by in the Senate."



Cole Isban
Freshman
Dillon

"Not finishing last in the golf tournament."



David Buckley
Senior
Keough

"I don't remember."



Davin Costa
Sophomore
Knott

"I only went to Oregon. It wasn't that exciting."



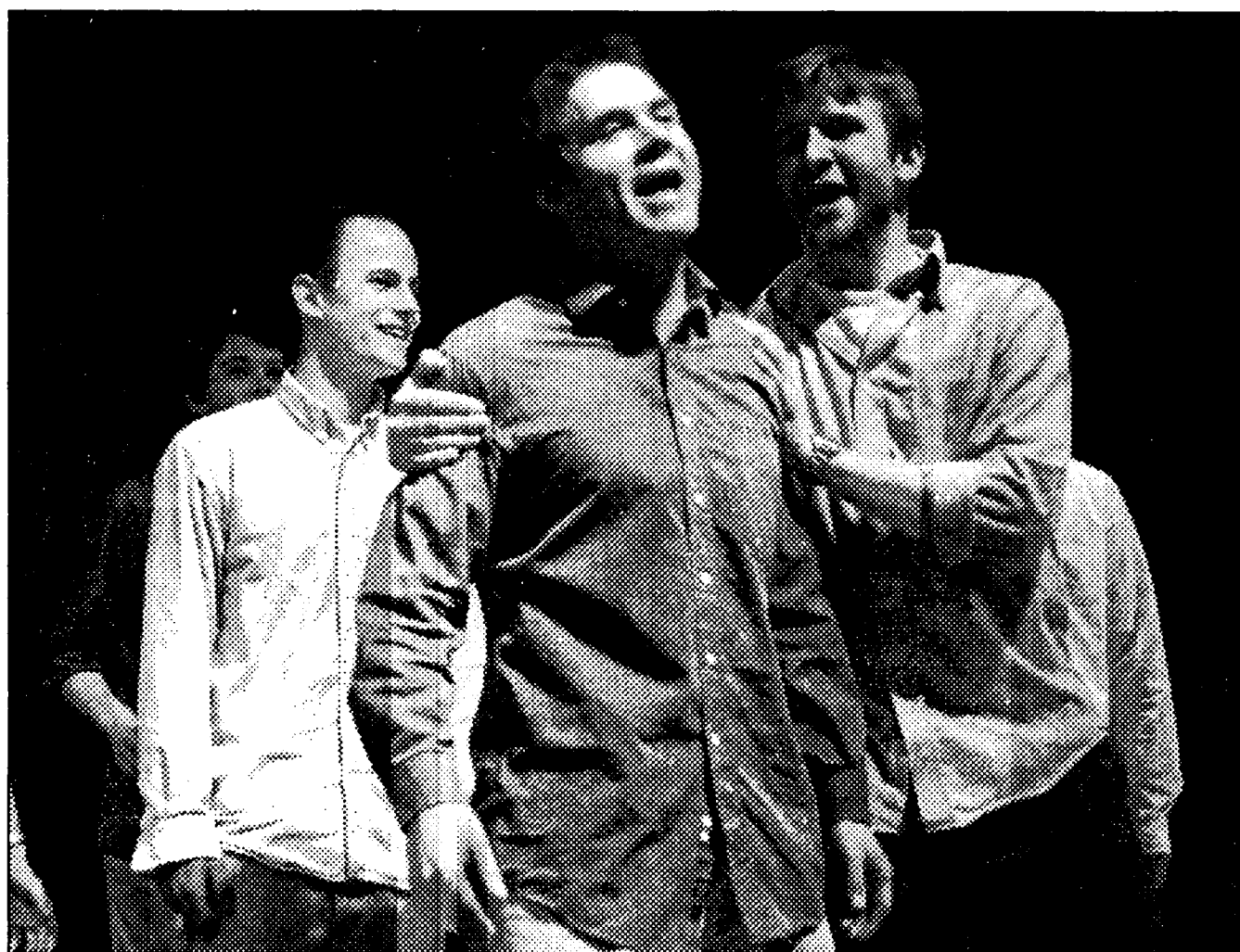
Justin Smith
Freshman
Dillon

"A 16 oz rare cooked Texas steak."



Kristen Fochtman
Law student
Off-campus

"I went to the beach to outline Civil Procedure."



Members of the Notre Dame Undertones sang "Stickshifts and Safety Belts" by Cake as part of a performance on Monday evening in DeBartolo Hall.

OFFBEAT

Singapore may end ban on chewing gum

SINGAPORE — Singapore is set to partially lift its famous ban on chewing gum this week, but those yearning to blow bubbles will have to settle for a chewy nicotine substitute.

Starting Thursday, the tightly controlled city-state will allow the sale of Nicorette — a nicotine gum for smokers trying to quit.

The government last year agreed to relax its 12-year ban on chewing gum to allow the sale of brands that health authorities consider "therapeutic" as part of a free-trade agreement with

the United States that took effect Jan. 1.

Pfizer, the company that makes Nicorette, will send senior executives to Singapore to officially launch the gum, the company said in a statement.

Squeaky-clean Singapore outlawed the import, manufacture and sale of chewing gum in 1992 because of complaints that spent wads were fouling the city-state's tidy pavements.

Vt. creamery diversifies into crematory

GUILFORD, Vt. — Just up the hill from the Gaines' dairy farm stands a small

building that looks a lot like a sugar shack, the kind of thing many Vermont farmers rely on to supplement their income.

But this one-story building houses a human crematory run by a couple of former back-to-the-landers who say they want to provide a personalized end-of-life service.

The owners, say their new venture is a small family business that will provide options to the community and will help the Gaines' seventh-generation dairy farm survive.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Stephan Haggard of the University of California, San Diego Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies will deliver a lecture titled "International Political Economy" this afternoon at 12:30 p.m. in room 103 of the Hesburgh Center. The lecture is sponsored by the Kellogg Institute's Sullivan Lecture Series.

Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Féin, will discuss the Irish peace process this evening at 5 p.m. in Washington Hall. The event is sponsored by the Keough Institute for Irish Studies and will be televised on closed circuit to the LaFortune Student Center ballroom for overflow.

The International Film Series "Lumumba" begins tonight at 7 p.m. in DeBartolo room 117. The festival is sponsored by the International Student Services and Activities.

The Saint Mary's Student Activities Board will sponsor a showing of the film "Love, Actually" tonight at 7 p.m. in the O'Laughlin Auditorium. The event is free for Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students.

Jamey Stillings, a professional photographer from Santa Fe, N.M., will deliver a lecture titled "The Professional and the Personal," tonight at 7 p.m. The lecture takes place in room 200 of Riley Hall.

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

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Members debate off-campus representation

By MATT BRAMANTI
Senior Staff Writer

Members of the Council of Representatives gathered Monday to discuss off-campus representation in the Student Senate, as well as the ongoing revisions to the student union constitution.

The meeting's debate centered on the contentious issue of how off-campus students should be represented in the senate. Off-campus president Sarah Blake — who has made the issue a key topic of her term — presented a resolution that would give off-campus residents two seats on the policy-making body. The off-campus population, which accounts for more than one-fifth of the undergraduate student body, is currently represented by one senator, as is each residence hall on campus.

Under Blake's proposal, off-campus students would elect one senator from each sex, a move Blake said would allow off-campus students to have a more significant voice in student government matters.

"Men and women have unique issues, which they need addressed by the Student Senate," the resolution read, in part.

Blake said personal safety and security are chief among these issues, and approaches to these issues vary among men and women.

"[Security] is something that female students have to deal with more," Blake said. "Men are more willing to live in shadier areas of town."

Hall Presidents Council co-chair Sarah Keefer agreed that selecting representatives by gender could improve off-campus students' representation.

"Girls have different concerns than guys do," Keefer said.

Other council members, however, expressed doubt that off-campus men and women are faced with different issues because of their sex.

Student body vice-president Emily Chin said she has not been aware of major concerns that would necessitate such a change in the senate.

"If there was such a pressing issue off-campus, why didn't an off-campus person voice their concerns about it?" she asked.

Sophomore class president James Leito likewise questioned the need for more off-campus senators.

"If there's not any big issue, then why are we proposing to add another person?" Leito asked.

Student Union Board manager Charlie Ebersol, who lives off campus, blasted Blake's resolution, suggesting that the proposal will do little to improve the lives of off-campus students.

"In general, this is kind of a fringe issue at best," Ebersol said.

The proposal also resurrected debate on a different proposal to

create three new off-campus positions in the Senate, each of which would represent a different area of South Bend.

Off-campus senator Amy Chambers said she preferred the gender-based proposal, but offered tentative support for any plan that would increase off-campus students' representation.

"I have one voice, and there are 27 other people [in the Senate] who don't really care about [off-

c a m p u s
i s s u e s], "

Chambers said.

"It doesn't matter where they come from, as long as the off-campus students are represented."

Keefer cautioned against a region-based

plan, saying that it would be impractical to implement since it can be difficult to predict how many students will live in various off-campus housing developments.

"It seems like putting in regional senators would necessitate a yearly redrawing of the lines," Keefer said.

Blake said that the council should act immediately, so a new system could be in place for next year's student government term.

"If we don't pass something tonight, nothing will be passed this year," she said.

Student body president-elect Adam Istvan — who carried most of the off-campus vote — also asked council members to pass the resolution, saying increased representation for off-campus students is a pressing matter.

"Please pass it now, so we can elect two senators for next year," Istvan said.

However, Ebersol said time pressure should not be the primary concern.

"Just because this is getting jammed in the week before it's due doesn't mean we have to pass it," he said. "If it's not right, then we shouldn't pass it, and it's just that simple."

After much heated debate, Blake's proposal came to a vote, where it failed overwhelmingly. A visibly upset Blake expressed frustration with the result.

"At this point, I don't even care," she said.

Council members then discussed a finalized timetable for the completion of the new student union constitution.

Student body president Jeremy Lao exhorted council members to wrap up efforts on the constitution, which has been in the works since last semester. A very animated Lao directed the council's programming and policy committees to have drafts ready for review by next week's meeting, so

that they can be approved at the March 29th meeting.

"I want to see constitutions by next Monday," Lao said. "No monkeying around, no horseplay."

Lao said he intends to publish the finalized constitution by April 1st, the beginning of the new student government term.

In other COR news:

♦ Lao announced that student government will sponsor a "Rock the Vote" kickoff event at Legends on Thursday night from 9 p.m. until midnight. Lao encouraged students to attend and register to vote in the upcoming presidential election.

♦ Chief of staff Pat Corker updated council members on the week's alcohol awareness efforts. He praised Monday's event, which featured a \$2 million driving simulator that allows students to virtually experience the dangers of drunk driving.

"It was really a fun thing to do," Corker said. He said other events this week will include a comedy show tonight at Legends.

♦ Advisor Peggy Hnatisko encouraged students to submit nominations by Friday for undergraduate student leadership awards. The awards, given by the Student Activities Office at its annual banquet, honor the top ten student leaders at Notre Dame.

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Conference on black Catholicism concludes

Three day event featuring lectures, discussions culminated in Saturday Mass

By ANDREW THAGARD
Associate News Editor

Notre Dame's Basilica of the Sacred Heart moved to a different beat Saturday afternoon as members of a black Catholic conference titled "Uncommon Faithfulness: The Witness of African American Catholics" culminated the three-day event with a soulful Lenten Mass.

The liturgy, complemented with "amens" of assent and clapping to the beat of music, featured Father Edward Branch of the Archdiocese of Atlanta and the Spelman College Glee Club. Branch dedicated his homily to describing the challenges facing black Catholics in the United States and redefined a reading describing Moses' encounter with God through a burning bush in the Egyptian desert to serve as a challenge to conference participants.

"We are in the desert, at the crossroads," he said, in reference to the Lenten season. "We are all burning bushes. Do not ask about the [new] Moses, it quite possibly may be you. Do not get distracted as others have."

Branch lamented the hardships that blacks face, including increased poverty and unemployment compared to the average American. Twenty percent of the black population is between the ages of 10 and 19 and 30 percent live in poverty, he said, adding that the unemployment rate for blacks is twice the national average.

"It was real people talking about their personal experiences with American society and the Catholic Church. I think it all gelled together very well."

David Moss
assistant vice president
Student Affairs

"We must all push [this] agenda where we can, when we can," he said.

The Mass marked the conclusion of the conference, which featured presentations from 18 speakers focusing on the latest scholarship on black Catholics and celebrating the vitality of black Catholic life in the United States, according to Timothy Matovina, director of the Cushwa Center for American Catholicism which sponsored the event. Matovina said that over 300

people attended the conference from across the country, including diocesan directors of

African American pastoral ministry and academic scholars.

"It was beyond anything we had imagined or planned," he said. "It really was an engaging conference in an African American Catholic spirit and way ... I took this job a year and a half ago and this was the first event I wanted to plan."

Popular conference speakers included Bishop Wilton Gregory of Belleville, Ill., Shawn Copeland, professor of theology at Boston College, and Jamie Phelps, director of the Institute of Black Studies at Xavier University in New Orleans. Gregory, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, focused on black Catholic ministry while Copeland, president of the Catholic Theological Society of America, described African American Catholic theology in the past and the possible changes it will undergo in the

future.

David Moss, assistant vice president of Student Affairs and conference attendee, complimented the event for its ability to focus on the past, present and future. He likewise praised the attitude of the participants, one that he characterized as a "let's sit down and talk" approach.

"It was real people talking about their personal experiences with American society and the Catholic Church," Moss said. "I think it all gelled together very well."

Matovina said that he hopes to release a book through Notre Dame's University Press in the coming year, outlining the proceedings of the conference. He also said that a future conference on campus is possible in light of the event's success.

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Board to co-sponsor "Take Back the Night"

By NICOLE ZOOK
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance jumped back into business after spring break, approving sponsorship of a rape elimination night and discussing the College's upcoming Saint Mary's Donor Recognition Weekend.

The board approved a \$1,500 co-sponsorship with the Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination for a tri-campus "Take Back the Night" event to be held April 15.

CARE members and Jackie Zins, the primary event organizer, presented the co-sponsorship request. Referring to several recent sex scandals in the area, Zins emphasized the event's value for women of the three campuses at this point in time.

"It's especially important because of last year and earlier this year," she said. "Victims were being blamed instead of the perpetrators."

"Take Back the Night" is a walk that focuses on decreasing violent crimes against women and both men and women can participate. This will be the first tri-campus event, and the first ever for Holy Cross, Zins said.

The walk will begin at Holy Cross at 5 p.m., and will end with a rally in Dalloway's Clubhouse at Saint Mary's. There will be pickup points on each campus for walkers during the event, and speakers from all three campuses are being invited.

"We're looking into SOS and each campus president, and Notre Dame will probably have someone from [Notre Dame Security/ Police] speak," Zins said.

Members also discussed Saint Mary's Donor Recognition Weekend, during which members of the Madeleva Society

and other campus benefactors visit with students and have the opportunity to attend classes, mass and a special dinner.

Student body president Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl said that with the large number of donors, students should expect to be displaced from the dining hall for one meal and from premium parking spaces. Because the weekend coincides with both the Board of Trustees meeting and the senior formal, parking could be a major issue for students. The increased traffic could force one meal to be moved, most likely to Haggard.

In other BOG news:

♦ The movie "Love, Actually" will be shown tonight at 7 p.m. in Carroll Auditorium. The event is free of charge and open to all Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students.

♦ "Last Comic Standing" winner Dat Phan will be performing Friday at 7 p.m. on the O'Laughlin stage. During his Saint Mary's visit, he will also have dinner Thursday night with the Intercultural Living floor and sign autographs at Midnight Madness. He will be appearing on the Bob and Tom radio show Friday morning to publicize his visit.

♦ Student Diversity Board is sponsoring International Women's Week this week. Activities include a student panel on Wednesday at noon in the West Wing of the dining hall and a "Pamper Your Body" session from 7 to 9 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge.

A massage therapist will be available, along with candy from the South Bend Chocolate Factory, manicures, henna painting and roses for the first 20 participants. There will also be an open mic night and poetry reading Thursday at Dalloway's.

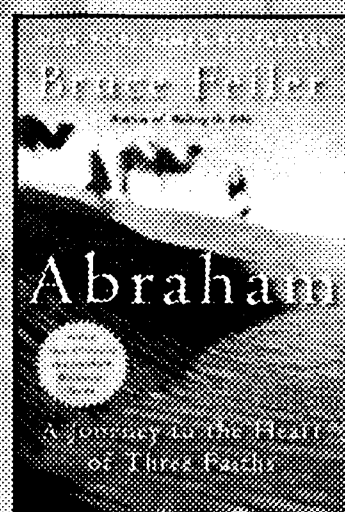
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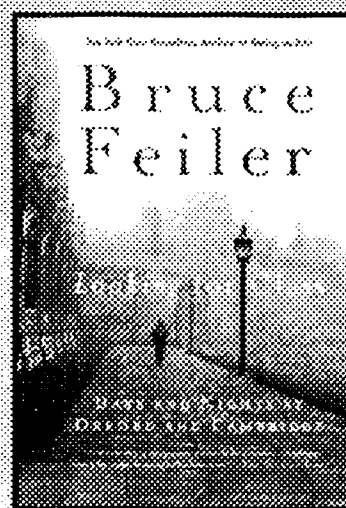
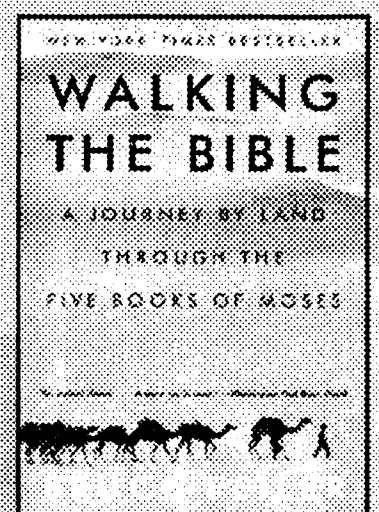
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Cops defuse bomb near consulate

KARACHI, Pakistan — Pakistani police defused a large bomb less than five minutes before it was timed to detonate outside the U.S. Consulate on Monday, averting a devastating terrorist attack two days before Secretary of State Colin Powell visits this country.

The close call came as President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, a top Washington ally, said a Libyan member of al-Qaida was behind two bombings he narrowly escaped in December. Musharraf vowed to purge Pakistan of hundreds of foreign terrorists.

It was not clear who was behind the thwarted attack on the consulate in Karachi, but suspicions immediately focused on Islamic extremists blamed for previous blasts.

Iraqi survey shows mixed reactions

WASHINGTON — The people of Iraq have mixed feelings about the U.S.-led invasion of their country, but most say their lives are going well and they have high hopes for the future, said a nationwide poll of Iraqis released Monday.

Iraqis are divided over whether the invasion by U.S. and British troops a year ago humiliated their country or liberated it, according to the poll conducted by ABC News and several other media organizations.

They have considerable worries about joblessness, security and basic services like electricity, according to the first nationwide poll in Iraq done by news organizations.

NATIONAL NEWS

NASA finds distant mini-planet

LOS ANGELES — Scientists on Monday announced the discovery of a frozen, shiny red world some 8 billion miles from Earth that is the most distant known object in the solar system.

They are calling it a 'planetoid,' saying it does not meet the definition of a planet. "There's absolutely nothing like it known in the solar system," said Mike Brown, the California Institute of Technology astronomer who led the NASA-funded team that found it last year.

Named Sedna, after the Inuit goddess who created the sea creatures of the Arctic, the planetoid is 800 to 1,100 miles in diameter, or about three-quarters the size of Pluto, and probably half rock, half ice.

Clergy charged in gay weddings

KINGSTON, N.Y. — Two ministers were charged with criminal offenses Monday for marrying 13 gay couples — apparently the first time in U.S. history that clergy members have been prosecuted for performing same-sex ceremonies.

District Attorney Donald Williams said gay marriage laws make no distinction between public officials and members of the clergy who preside over wedding ceremonies.

Unitarian Universalist ministers Kay Greenleaf and Dawn Sangrey were charged with solemnizing a marriage without a license, the same charges leveled against New Paltz Mayor Jason West, who last month drew the state into the widening national debate over same-sex unions.

LOCAL NEWS

Motorists cry over spilled milk

CROWN POINT — A tanker truck carrying 5,000 gallons of milk overturned on Crown Point's downtown square, partially crushing three cars, after its driver made a turn while traveling too fast, police said.

The Niemeyer Milk Transfer Inc. truck's balding tires, combined with the fast turn, caused its 20,000-pound cargo to shift suddenly and the vehicle to tip over, said Jim Poling, a police sergeant in the northwest Indiana city.

Friday's accident crushed parts of three parked cars, shifting them toward a storefront and trapping employees inside. Some of the milk cargo also spilled.

SPAIN

Voters elect new prime minister

Zapatero promises to order troops home from Iraq, restore European relationship

Associated Press

MADRID — Spain's incoming prime minister pledged Monday to bring Spanish troops home from Iraq unless the United Nations takes control there, harshly criticizing the U.S.-led war even as he promised to maintain good relations with Washington.

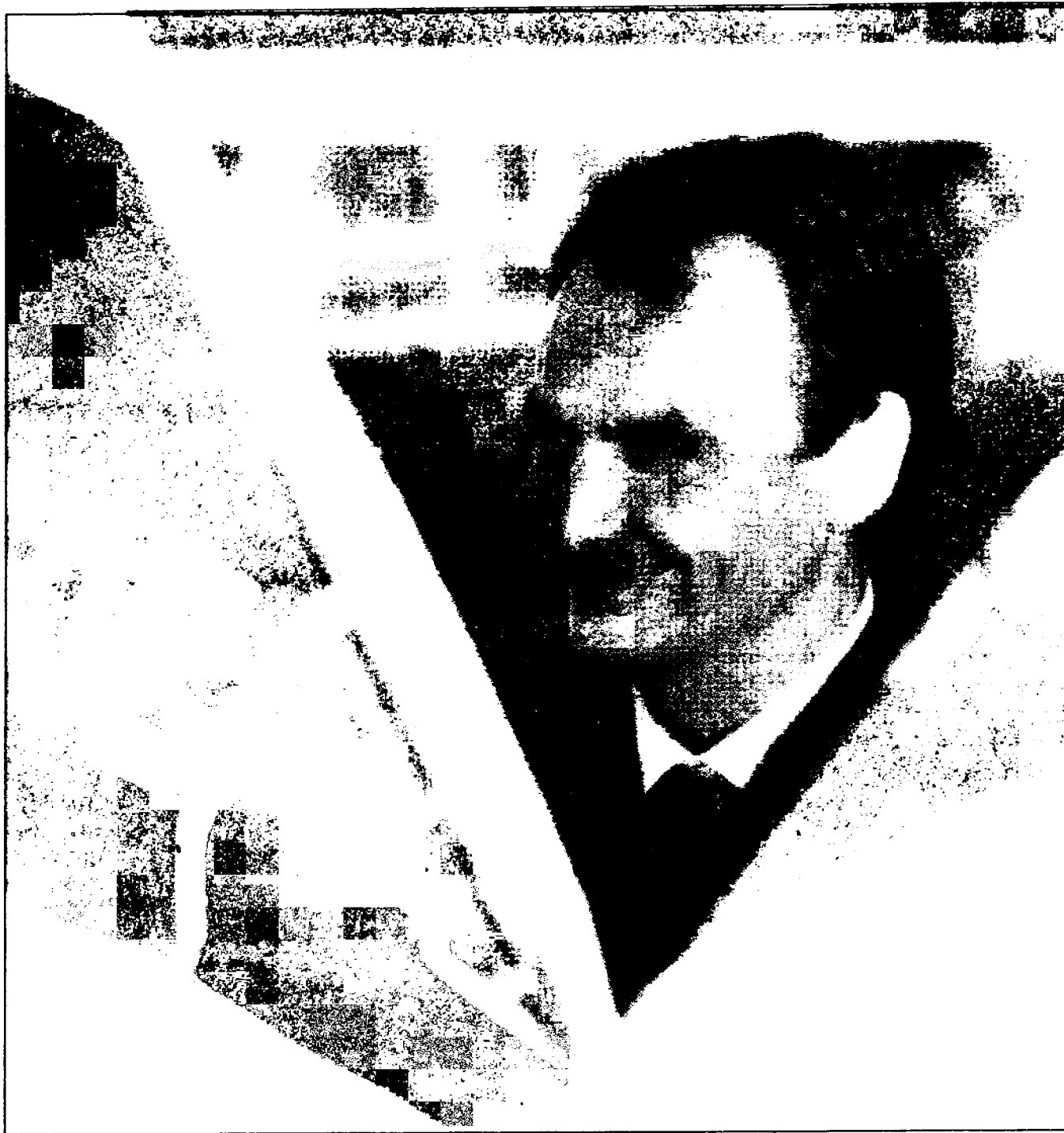
A day after his Socialists swept Spain's ruling conservatives from power in elections overshadowed by terrorist bombings, Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero also promised to lead a more pro-European government that would restore "magnificent relations" with France and Germany — which unlike Spain's outgoing government both opposed the Iraq war.

In a surprise defeat, Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar's conservatives on Sunday became the first government in Iraq to be voted from office.

The election was held amid charges that Aznar made Spain a target for terrorists by supporting the war, and that his government concealed possible connections between the attack and Islamic terrorists for political gain. Thursday's train bombings — the worst terrorist attacks in Spain's history — killed 200 people and wounded some 1,500.

Zapatero campaigned on a pledge to order Spain's 1,300 troops home. He made clear Monday he is prepared to fulfill it.

"I have said clearly in recent months that, unless there is a change in that the United Nations take control and the occupiers give up political control, the Spanish troops will come back, and the limit for their presence there is June 30," Zapatero told a news conference.



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Socialist party leader Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero greets supporters after claiming victory in Spain's general elections Sunday. Zapatero's victory promised to change relations with the U.S., particularly over the touchy issue of the war in Iraq.

He described Spain's decision to commit peacekeepers to Iraq as "an error."

The U.N. Security Council has authorized the current multinational force in which Spain is participating. But there has been no talk of turning that force, which is led by the United States, into a U.N.-controlled peacekeeping force.

President Bush called Aznar on Monday to thank him for his "support, his friendship and his strong leadership," White House press secretary Scott

McClellan said. Bush then called Zapatero.

"The two leaders both said they look forward to working together, particularly on our shared commitment to combating terrorism," McClellan said.

Zapatero promised to maintain "cordial" relations with Washington, but he had harsh words for the war in Iraq and the U.S.-led occupation.

"It divided more than it united, there were no reasons for it. Time has shown that the arguments for it

lacked credibility and the occupation has been managed badly," he said.

Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair "will have to engage in reflection and self-criticism," he said in a separate interview with Cadena Ser radio. "You cannot organize a war with lies."

The vast majority of Spaniards opposed the war in Iraq. Despite Zapatero's strong words, some were skeptical he would honor his pledge to withdraw troops.

Kerry defends world support claim

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration cast doubts on John Kerry's credibility Monday, strongly suggesting that the presumptive Democratic nominee lied when he said some foreign leaders privately backed his presidential bid. Kerry denied the White House's assertion, saying "I stand by my statement."

"I'm not making anything up at all," Kerry told The Associated Press. "They're just trying to change the subject."

In a telephone interview, Kerry said "it's no secret" that people in some countries are "deeply divided about our foreign policy. We have lost respect and influence in the world," he said.

"I stand by my statement. The point is not the leaders," Kerry added. "What's important is that this adminis-

tration's foreign policy is not making us as safe as we can be in the world."

One day after Secretary of State Colin Powell called on Kerry to identify his foreign backers but made no accusations, the administration ratcheted up the challenge, saying Kerry should identify the leaders who purportedly hope he defeats President Bush in November.

"Either he is straightforward and states who they are, or the only conclusion one can draw is that he is making it up to attack the president," said White House spokesman Scott McClellan.

Vice President Dick Cheney said Americans deserve to know what Kerry has been telling foreign leaders. Cheney noted that at a campaign event Sunday in which a heckler challenged Kerry to produce names, the Democrat declined, saying, "That's none of your

business."

"But it is our business when a candidate for president claims the political endorsement of foreign leaders," Cheney said at a congressional fundraiser in Phoenix. "At the very least, we have a right to know what he is saying to them that makes them so supportive of his candidacy."

Said Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn., in a conference call arranged by the Bush-Cheney campaign: "He clearly has an obligation to, you know, you put up or you shut up. You don't make up reckless charges and then say, 'Well, it's really secret, I can't tell you.'"

Kerry said at a fund-raiser last week in Florida that he's heard from some world leaders who quietly back his candidacy and hope he defeats Bush. He has declined to identify them, arguing that to do so would betray confidences.

Tuition

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that the University's sustained commitment to meeting all students' demonstrated financial need will be critical in easing the tuition burden. Financial aid resources distributed in 2003-04 topped \$53.8 million, Storin said.

"We've made a quantum leap in recent years, and we certainly want to maintain it," he said, adding that despite cuts in other areas, the Board of Trustees firmly opposed any steps that would diminish the priority of financial aid.

"It is a big part of our think-

ing and our value system," he said.

Malloy's letter reinforced these values, noting that the academically acclaimed class of 2007 also had the most diverse financial background in Notre Dame history — a trend he hopes will continue.

"The impressive increases in our student financial aid resources in recent years continue to emphasize the University's strong commitment to keeping net costs affordable for all families," he wrote.

Even when faced with financial sacrifice, Malloy wrote, students and parents should remember the long-term benefits — such as the University's family sentiment, Catholic back-

ground, outstanding faculty and exceptional graduation and retention rates — that make a Notre Dame education unique.

"Together we share the common view of our special efforts as truly an investment for which there will be lifetime returns, both for students as well as for their families and the society in that they live and work," he wrote.

The letter also noted that Notre Dame student charges fall well below the costs of 17 of the U.S. News and World Report's other top 20 universities. Notre Dame ranks 19th in the survey.

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members that none of the students were injured. Notre Dame's international studies Web site also posted a security update about the bombings and provided links to various news outlets and other relevant sites.

Gerald Gringas, of the Saint Mary's modern languages department, said the College has also confirmed that all girls studying in Seville are fine.

"Everyone's there," Gringas said, adding that he had just received an e-mail from the program in southern Spain outlining security procedures.

While it appears no students were present at the blast site when the bombings occurred, the proximity of the attacks hit chillingly close to home, said junior Alissa Mendoza, currently studying in Notre Dame's Toledo program.

"I'd been in the Atocha station like 12 hours before that," said Mendoza, who was visiting Seville when the attacks took place.

"A lot of people had just been in that station, or rode the Metro the day before," she said.

Ten bombs, hidden in backpacks, exploded Thursday morning in a 15-minute time period, devastating four commuter trains, one in Atocha station, a Madrid rail hub. Two hundred people were killed and nearly 1,500 hundred were wounded. Police found and detonated three other bombs.

Mendoza said the degree of mourning and shock felt by the Spanish people is overwhelming. The explosions constituted the worst terrorist attack on Spanish soil in the country's history.

"I feel very emotional for my family that I live with and their

friends," she said, adding that she knows several people whose host families had relatives killed in the attacks.

She said that the number of dead and wounded is significant for any nation, but for Spain, which is comparable in population to the size of several American states, the toll is devastating.

And Mendoza said the backlash she and other students witnessed against the country's leader, Jose Maria Aznar, was intense. Aznar, despite vehement opposition from the Spanish public, supported Bush in the war and sent Spanish troops to Iraq. He has since been ousted, replaced by a Socialist leader this weekend in the country's general elections.

"It's really sad that a lot of these people feel like they shouldn't have been involved, and obviously they were, and they just feel like the government really has been lying to them," Mendoza said.

While the Spanish government initially blamed ETA, a separatist terrorist group within the country, for the bombings, more evidence is beginning to point to Islamic terrorists. And because there is "more proof," Mendoza said, the Spanish people with whom she has spoken now feel Muslim extremists perpetrated the attacks as revenge for Spanish support of America's involvement in Iraq.

Some anger, she said, is also directed at Americans, themselves.

"One of my friends actually said that her boss got really upset at her today because she was American," Mendoza said. "I, personally, haven't been treated any differently ... but the boss said, 'You know, it's your fault.'"

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an attempt on his life in 1984. A key figure in initiating the Irish peace process and arranging the 1994 IRA ceasefire, Adams remains at the forefront of Northern Irish politics.

He represents West Belfast as a member of the British Parliament and also serves the same district as a member of the Northern Ireland Legislative Assembly established under the Good Friday Agreement of 1998.

"There's been massive demand," MacSuibhne said of ticket requests, noting that an overwhelming number of undergraduates, as well as faculty members and graduate students, have expressed interest in the event.

"I think it's [that] Adams is widely recognized now for being a critical person in the pursuit of peace in Ireland — central to the Irish peace

process," MacSuibhne said of the interest.

All tickets had been distributed as of March 10, but a live video stream of the lecture will be available online, and there will be a closed circuit television broadcast in the LaFortune ballroom.

"It's a big conflict in modern time," said junior Irish studies minor Mike Adams. "[It's] such a great opportunity to see him ... just to learn more about the situation."

Gerry Adams is expected to discuss the Irish peace process and Irish America during his lecture, which will be followed by a question-and-answer session. During his time on campus, he will also meet with Fox and Father Theodore Hesburgh, Mac-Suibhne said.

Adams' visit is part of the Keough Institute's series of

public talks and lectures, which included, earlier in the year, visits by Nobel laureate Seamus Heaney and former

Irish Prime Minister Garrett Fitzgerald.

And Mac-Suibhne said that Adams' lecture, scheduled amidst a busy United States trip including various Washington,

D.C. functions, adds another distinguishing notch to the Keough Institute's reputation.

"It just indicates the kind of importance, or the prominence, of the Irish studies program here at Notre Dame," he said.

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impairment can be said PILARS publicity chairman Brian Thomas.

Speaker David Hellstrom will address "The Real Buzz About College Drinking" at Legends Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. The event is open to students of all ages, and will focus on binge drinking and alcohol education.

Hellstrom is affiliated with Campus-Speak, an organization concerned with provided issue-based speakers to universities, and has lectured at Notre Dame four to five times in the past, according to director of the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education Gina Firth.

"It'll be a really fun, interactive event," said Thomas. "[Hellstrom's message] is all part of a push by PILARS to advocate responsible drinking, rather than our past message that all drinking is wrong."

St. Patrick's Day will be marked by the give-away of 750 T-shirts at the Fieldhouse Mall.

The back of the shirts will feature one of Indiana State

Trooper Sergeant Tim McCarthy's famous third-quarter adage's discouraging drunk driving.

Coca-cola products and 1,000 cups printed with facts about alcohol abuse will be distributed on Thursday and Friday, respectively.


"Our campaign's not to tell kids to abstain from drinking, just about responsibility while drinking, so we thought handing out facts about drinking and responsibility with Coke products was a good way to spread the word," said Lao.

"We saw [the campaign] as an opportunity to build a stronger relationship with the administration and Board of Trustees while addressing a key issue on campus"

Jeremy Lao
student body president

Though the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education served mainly in an advising capacity for the give-aways, they will be giving short presentations on calculating blood alcohol concentrations and will distribute free blood alcohol calculators calibrated to each individual's weight. Over the span of a week, the group will visit every dorm, starting with Sorin, St. Edward's and Lewis on Thursday night.


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INDIANA BRIEFS

SEC sues former Conseco execs

INDIANAPOLIS — The government filed a \$5 million lawsuit against two former Conseco Inc. financial officers accused of misleading investors and the government in 1999 as the firm headed toward bankruptcy.

The Securities and Exchange Commission announced Thursday it had filed civil fraud charges in federal court in Indianapolis against Conseco's former chief financial officer, Rollin Dick, and former treasurer, James Adams.

The complaint alleges that Dick and Adams inflated Conseco's earnings in 1999 because of millions of dollars in company-backed loans they used to buy its stock.

Feds may investigate Lilly practices

INDIANAPOLIS — Eli Lilly and Co., already under federal investigation over possible improper marketing of an osteoporosis drug, said the government may also review how it promoted its top-seller Zyprexa or other Lilly drugs. Lilly has previously disclosed it received grand jury subpoenas from the Department of Justice in July 2002 and July 2003 over promotions of the osteoporosis drug Evista to consumers and doctors.

In a regulatory filing Tuesday, Lilly provided an update on that ongoing investigation and said other Lilly drugs could come under similar scrutiny, including Zyprexa.

Indiana exports hit all-time high

INDIANAPOLIS — The value of Indiana's exports grew nearly 10 percent last year, breaking the state's previous record set in 2000, state commerce officials said Friday.

The \$16.4 billion in 2003 export sales represented an increase of about \$1.5 billion, or 9.9 percent, compared with 2002, when the state was beginning to come out of a recession. The 2003 performance exceeded Indiana's previous record year in 2000 by about \$1 billion.

A strong performance in the final three quarters of 2003 helped Indiana jump from 13th to 12th in the nation for export sales, the Department of Commerce said.

FINANCIAL SCANDAL

Faculty reacts to Stewart verdict

ND professors anticipate federal prison sentence for embattled domestic maven

By MATT BRAMANTI
Senior Staff Writer

After Martha Stewart was found guilty of federal obstruction-of-justice charges, faculty experts at Notre Dame responded to the verdict.

On March 5, a federal jury in New York convicted Stewart of four counts related to a suspiciously timed stock sale in 2001. On Dec. 27 of that year, Stewart sold 3,928 shares of ImClone Systems, Inc., a New York-based pharmaceutical company. The next day, the Food and Drug Administration rejected ImClone's application to approve Erbitux, the firm's colon cancer drug.

Prosecutors alleged that Stewart's friend, ImClone founder Samuel Waksal — who learned of the impending FDA move in advance — unloaded his family's shares the day before the FDA announcement. Investigators said Waksal's Merrill Lynch broker, Peter Bacanovic, tipped off Stewart about the sales, allowing her to dump her shares and save about \$50,000. Stewart contended that she had a pre-arranged agreement to sell the shares if they dipped below the \$60 mark, a claim that fell apart when it was revealed that Stewart altered recorded phone conversations.

On its third day of deliberations, the jury found Stewart guilty of conspiracy, obstruction of justice and two counts of lying to investigators. The crimes carry a total penalty of up to 20 years in prison and \$1 million in fines.

James O'Rourke, director of the Fanning Center for Business Communication, said the guilty verdict came as no surprise.

"I thought it was predictable," he said. "It's clear to me that she understood the facts of the case quite well."

He said Stewart's background, including a former career as a stockbroker, indicated that the homemaking guru understood the gravity of her actions.

"She cannot fairly claim she didn't know the rules," O'Rourke said. "She has come undone by her own hand. I have no sympathy for her."

He said the embattled Stewart had an opportunity to settle the charges by paying a fine, a move that



Lifestyle queen and newly convicted felon Martha Stewart resigned Monday as a member of the board of directors of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, the company she founded. Stewart will be sentenced June 17 for crimes related to a questionable 2001 sale of stock in embattled drug company ImClone.

would have spared her jail time and the embarrassment of a public trial.

"What she should have done is to say 'I'm terribly sorry', to be humble, contrite and apologetic," O'Rourke said, adding that Stewart still has a chance to throw herself on the mercy of the court before

her June 17 sentencing. "She can mitigate some of her sentence if she [admits] to the crime and says 'I'm sorry', but I don't think she's going to

do that."

O'Rourke predicted Judge Miriam Cedarbaum will sentence the domestic maven to more than a year in federal custody, beginning at a federal prison camp in Danbury, Conn.

"My guess is Ms. Stewart is going to get...12 months at a prison farm and six in a halfway house," he said.

He dismissed speculation that Stewart's sentence will be an easy life, saying that even for non-violent criminals, prison is a rough place.

"There's no such thing as 'Club Fed,'" he said. "You're incarcerated with no privacy in a room with two or three other people."

In addition, he said, the judge will likely bar Stewart for life from serv-

ing on the board of directors of a publicly held company. However, O'Rourke said Stewart's worst defeat is her removal from power at Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, the empire that spans her television show, magazines, books and merchandise.

"The greater loss for her will be control of the company she built from the ground up," he said.

O'Rourke said the company will face serious trouble without Stewart's formidable personality holding it together.

"Advertisers will back away from people who are associated with or tainted by scandal," he said. "Without the persona, you can't make the TV show. It's history."

Robert Blakey, a professor of criminal law at Notre Dame Law School, said Stewart's impending punishment offers a very simple lesson to would-be white-collar criminals.

"Don't lie to the federal government," Blakey said. Blakey, who has 40 years of prosecutorial experience, said securities investigators use computer programs to analyze patterns of stock transactions surrounding major news

events.

"A computer automatically kicks out sales right before a sudden drop," Blakey said. "Investigators start calling people, asking them to explain the sales."

He said Stewart made a critical error by declining to take the stand in her own defense, saying that

jurors want to hear the defendant's side of the story.

"Every juror looks to have an opportunity to judge her credibility," Blakey

said. "If she sits on her hands, it's over with."

Blakey dismissed suggestions that prosecutors singled out Stewart because of her celebrity status.

"If her name was Martha Smith, we would never have heard of her, but she would have been prosecuted," he said.

Blakey said prosecutors were motivated by a duty to protect the integrity of financial markets.

"Our market, in order to work, has to operate on the assumption that people participate with equal access to knowledge," he said. He likened insider trading to cheating in a card game.

"If you have special knowledge, you're cheating everyone else," Blakey said. "It's like playing poker and peeking at the next card in the deck."

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Fresno shooting uncovers bizarre lifestyle

Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. — All nine family members discovered slain in a Fresno home over the weekend had been shot to death, the coroner's office said Monday.

Investigators were still working to determine the relationships among the victims, who were found tangled in a pile of clothes when police went to the home about a child custody dispute Friday.

Marcus Wesson, thought to be the father and grandfather of the victims, walked out of the home covered in blood and was booked on suspicion of nine counts of murder.

Authorities said Wesson, 57, may have been involved in polygamy and is thought to have fathered children with at least six women, including two of his own daughters.

Police said Wesson has cooperated with the investigation, but no motive had been determined.

Wesson's arraignment was

scheduled for Wednesday; bail was set at \$9 million.

Authorities expected to release the names of the victims by Friday: a 24-year-old woman and eight children ranging in age from 1 to 17.

Coroner Lorelee Cervantes said police conducted tests to determine if there was gunshot residue on the hands of one of the victims, indicating Wesson may have had help with the shootings. Police Lt. Herman Silva said checking for residue is standard practice.

The victims, who had six different mothers, showed no signs of physical or sexual abuse, Cervantes said Monday.

Acquaintances said Wesson and his family appeared to live a nomadic, insular existence. The family moved several times in recent years, from a small boat anchored off Santa Cruz to the mountains outside Watsonville, before settling in Fresno.

In the early 1990s, Wesson lived with a few children on a

battered, 26-foot sailboat that had no toilet or bathing facilities.

During that time, he was

jailed briefly after being convicted of welfare fraud, the Santa Cruz Sentinel reported. Wesson failed to list his boat

as an asset on welfare forms. He also was frequently delinquent with his slip fees, the newspaper said.

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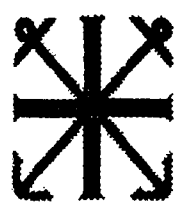
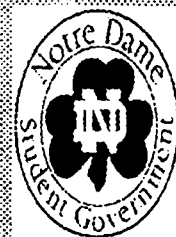
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SOUTH KOREA

New leader continues impeachment fallout

Associated Press

SEOUL — Known as "Mr. Stability," South Korea's interim leader headed his first Cabinet meeting Tuesday and seemed to be living up to his name in guiding the nation through an unprecedented presidential impeachment.

Prime Minister Goh Kun, who is running South Korea as acting president until the Constitutional Court rules on whether to unseat President Roh Moo-hyun, has issued daily statements aimed at reassuring the outside world since Friday's impeachment vote.

Protests have declined since the weekend, and financial markets have evened out, although relations with North Korea suffered a setback, with the communist neighbor declining to show up for inter-Korean economic talks scheduled for this week in South Korea.

A mere 3,500 people turned out in Seoul for protests Monday night over the impeachment, a stark drop from the 50,000 who converged on downtown over the weekend to wave candles, sing and chant for the president's reinstatement.

Police have said the rallies are illegal and should be stopped, but that they would not disperse them as long as they didn't turn violent.

Tuesday's Cabinet meeting was called to discuss pending state affairs, including providing assistance to farmers following the nation's free trade agreement — with Chile.

"If they continue to reject our appeals, we will take action to disperse the rallies and subject the protest leaders to legal punishment," national police said in a statement, without specifying a deadline.

Demonstration organizers at the People's Solidarity for Participatory Democracy, a civic group, said they would try to act within police guidelines to avoid trouble but insisted on keeping the protest alive.

"I have been voting for the opposition party," said restaurateur Kim Chul-ho, 57, who shut his business early to attend Monday's demonstration. "But when I saw the preposterous way they impeached President Roh, I thought I should act and add one voice to this protest."

Uneasy at the prospect of

South Korea's leader being removed by lawmakers, communist North Korea has lashed out at what it calls a U.S.-engineered "coup" unleashing "instability" in the South. It offered no proof for its charge.

The interim Seoul government urged Pyongyang on Monday not to use the crisis as an excuse for stalling six-nation talks on the North's nuclear weapons programs.

Still, there were signs of a rupture in inter-Korean relations.

The two Koreas were set to hold economic talks in the South on Monday, but Pyongyang tried to change the venue to the North. The South refused, and the talks were scrapped.

"If North Korea uses the impeachment as an excuse to be reluctant or to try avoiding six-party talks, we'll have to question North Korea's commitment to seeking peaceful resolution to the nuclear issue," South Korean Foreign Minister Ban Ki-moon told reporters.

Ban said he will send a deputy, Lee Soo-hyuck, to Beijing on Tuesday to discuss convening a third round of nuclear talks with the United States, both Korea, China, Russia and Japan. The six met last month in Beijing, and agreed to talk again by July.

The political crisis began Friday, when the opposition-dominated National Assembly used security guards to drag out screaming and kicking pro-Roh lawmakers. It then passed a bill impeaching Roh for alleged election-law violations and incompetence.

The move appeared to be backfiring on the opposition, as public surveys showed the popularity of the small Uri Party, which supports the president, surging ahead of the April 15 parliamentary polls.

Goh Kun, formerly prime minister, earned nicknames such as "Mr. Stability," "Master Administrator," and "Yes Man" for holding key posts in six successive governments — an impressive feat in a country with a history of military coups, civic unrest and political machinations.

South Korean stocks posted modest gains Monday in a market propped up, at least for now, by public pension funds that have been buying and are ready to buy more to cushion shocks from the political turmoil.

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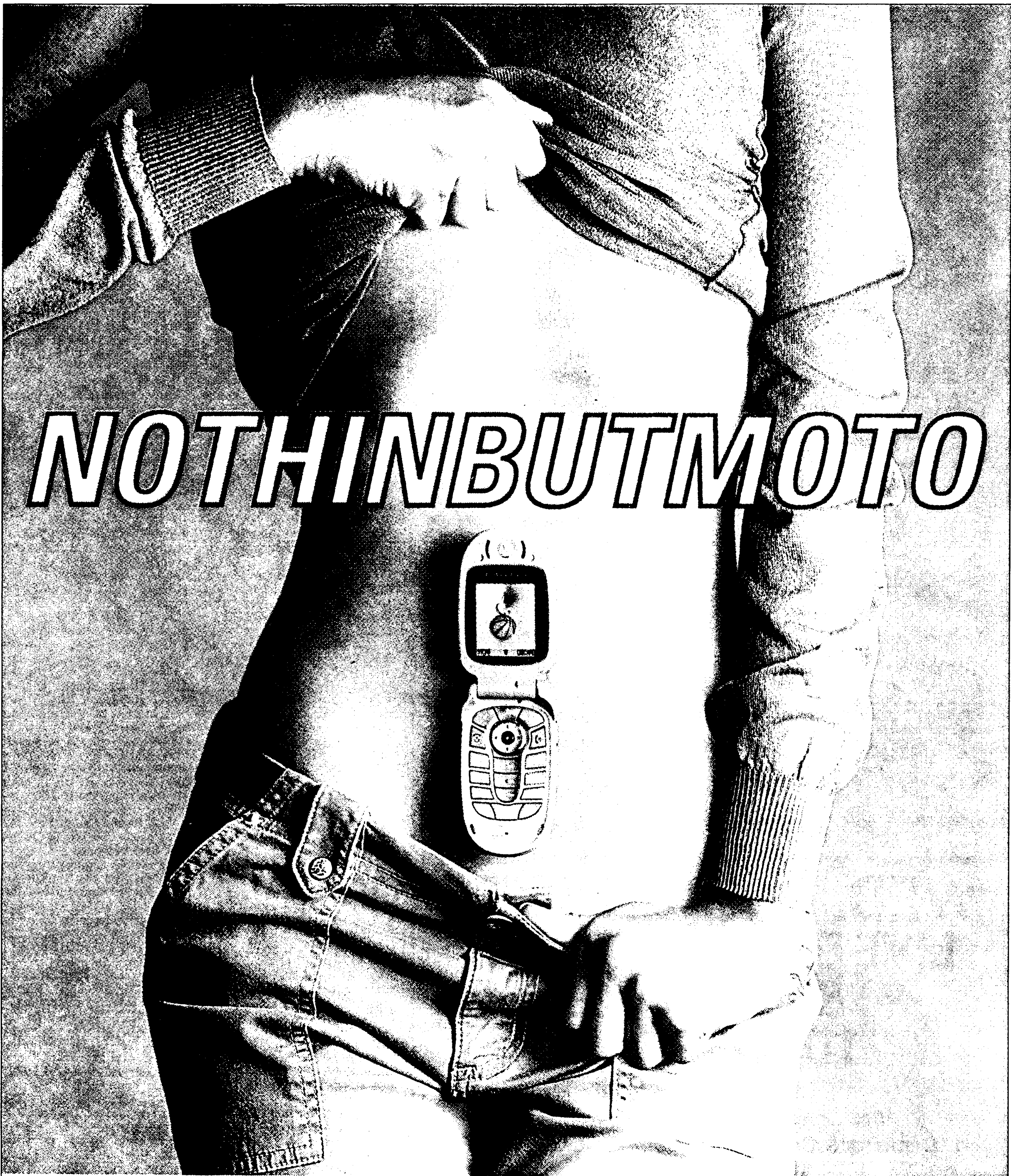
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Rockers inducted into Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

Associated Press

NEW YORK — With nimble dance steps, blistering guitar and a trio of 1980s-era hits, Prince extended his purple reign to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on Monday.

Detroit rocker Bob Seger, California singer-songwriter Jackson Browne and ex-Beatle George Harrison also joined the

hall at its annual induction ceremony, along with ZZ Top, Traffic and the Dells.

Dressed in a white suit Prince brought the normally staid crowd to its feet with some vintage funk-rock. He played three of his hits: "Let's Go Crazy," "Sign O' the Times" and "Kiss."

A restless perfectionist, the Minneapolis-based singer often played every instrument on his

discs. He said he was preoccupied early in his career with maintaining his freedom.

"I embarked on a journey more fascinating than I could ever imagine, but a word to the wise to the young artists — without spiritual guidance too much freedom can lead to spiritual decline," he said.

He also warned youthful musicians, "A real friend and

mentor is not on your payroll."

Prince was inducted by outrageous rappers OutKast and soulful singer Alicia Keys, who said Prince influenced them as they grew up.

"There are many kings," Keys said. "King Henry VIII, King Solomon, King Tut, King James, King Kong and the three kings. But there is only one Prince."



Plato Before the *Republic*

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Plato is one of the most difficult philosophers to interpret. The range of his interests, the innovative nature and the complexity of his thought, and the fact that he does not speak in first person contribute to this difficulty. After a general introduction to the main problems and positions of Plato scholarship today, we will read some of his dialogues written before his most important work, the *Republic*, dealing with a variety of topics including virtues, the nature of art, the relation of ethics and religion, the politics of Athens and the essence of knowledge. We will analyze both his arguments and the literary devices by which he communicates and partly withholds them while alluding to further ideas.

Soldier refuses to serve

Associated Press

HANSCOM AIR FORCE BASE, Mass. — A Florida soldier who refused to return to duty in Iraq turned himself in to military authorities on Monday, saying he would seek conscientious objector status.

Accompanied by his lawyer, Staff Sgt. Camilo Mejia, 28, surrendered at the base's gate to two military police officers, who drove him away.

A crowd of peace activists cheered Mejia and shouted encouragement: "We love you!" "Go with God!"

Mejia was in Iraq for about five months last year until October, when he returned home on leave. He did not return to duty.

"I am saying no to war; I have chosen peace," Mejia said earlier at a news conference arranged by anti-war activists in the town of Sherborn near Boston. "I went to Iraq and was an instrument of violence and now I have decided to become an instrument of peace."

Lt. Col. Ron Tittle, a Florida National Guard spokesman, said authorities were beginning their investigation of Mejia's case.

"We're glad that he's turning himself in. We have to wait and see what action he's going to pursue," Tittle said.

Mejia's lawyer, Louis Font, said he believes Mejia is the first soldier to turn himself in after refusing to return to Iraq.

"I have not committed a crime and I should not run," Mejia said.

Font said Mejia will seek an administrative discharge from the Army based on his being a conscientious objector. Font said his client hasn't received official notification that he was considered absent without leave.

Tittle said he did not know whether Mejia had received such notification.

Mejia's unit commander in north Miami will decide if the soldier will face charges, said Kevin Gilmartin, a spokesman for Hanscom Air Force Base. He said Mejia could be released on personal recognition or transported to his unit.

Mejia began a 14-day leave on Oct. 1 and was supposed to return on Oct. 16. Font said Mejia spent much of the time since living in New York City.

He said he was particularly upset over an incident in Iraq in which he and others were ambushed and innocent civilians allegedly were hit in the ensuing gunfire.

"That's one of the things that tells me there's no such thing as a fair war, no such thing as a just war," Mejia said.

A native of Nicaragua, Mejia is a permanent resident of the United States who served in the Army for three years. He had served in the National Guard for five years when his unit was called to active duty. In civilian life, he was a student at the University of Miami.

Mejia's mother, peace activist Maritza Castillo of Miami, and his father, Nicaraguan songwriter and performer Carlos Godoy Mejia, were with their son before he turned himself in Monday.

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Top ten lessons of Iraq war

As we approach the one-year anniversary of the Iraq war this Saturday, I find myself reminded of the powerful lines from Deuteronomy: "Only guard yourself and guard your soul carefully, lest you forget the things your eyes saw. And lest these things depart your heart all the days of your life." We must not let the lessons of the past year vanish or we are doomed to repeat them. Hence, to expedite this, I submit my top ten lessons of the Iraq war.

Peter Quaranto

A Call to Action

10. Iraq is pronounced "eee-rak" and not "eye-rak"

Sure, most Americans, including our President, have still not learned the correct pronunciation, but many grammatical hearts have been changed. Some may say that phonics is not important, but how would they feel if the world started calling America "Amyerica." World peace begins when we all get hooked on proper phonics.

9. The United Nations deserves more respect

During the march to war, the United Nations was often branded inadequate, inefficient and corrupt, yet with the lack of weapons of mass destruction found, Hans Blix deserves some love. Can Mr. Blix get a witness from the congregation?

8. Dictators end up in unlikely places

As expected, the U.S. military won the war swiftly and disposed of the inhumane regime. Who would have thought, though, that the last episode of "Where in the World is Saddam Hussein" would take place in a small, underground hole next to a farm? It was certainly amusing to picture some 19-year-old from Kansas finding one of the world's most ruthless dictators in a hole. Only in the 21st Century.

7. Fox News killed the Radio Star

Alright, I just wanted to make a reference to the classic song, but seriously, Fox News represents the death of the informed American citizen. In a poll conducted post-war, more people who watched Fox News than any other televised news station had wrong information about the war. Wrong, not biased.

6. Protesting in a 9-11 world is not a sin

Throughout 2003, protesters were deemed anti-patriotic, anti-American and anti-war on terror, but as the fog of war clears, it is becoming more apparent that we need voices to check the actions of the President. Congress sure dropped that ball on this one. Protests may not be as American as baseball, but they sure deserve a place at the table.

5. Pure utilitarianism is alive and well

In post-war justifications, many war advocates have claimed that the war is justified if the Iraqi people are better off than they were under Saddam's regime. This new ethical approach to war, known by some as pure utilitarianism, is certainly hopeful. Throw the traditional elements of Just War Theory out the door. Throw legitimate authority out. Throw right intention out. Throw last resort out. Not to mention accounting for the dignity of the U.S. soldiers and Iraqis that died.

4. God does not only bless America

At the beginning of the war, there was rhetoric, in the Manifest Destiny tradition, that America was the great savior nation destined to bring freedom and democracy to the world. I am certainly not a hardcore realist, but to think that any nation can have such pure and virtuous goals is ludicrous. This savior complex blinds us to the global realities that we must be aware to promote peace and security.

3. March Madness is out of control

As the war began and unfolded in March of 2003, there was a fog of nationalism, patriotism, militarism

and many other "-isms" that made it very difficult to sort out the facts and make sound judgments. We were gripped by the culture of war, which changed our lives and our world. War has a life of its own and we learned that this life can be uncontrollable amidst the madness.

2. Preemptive war is not the same as preventative war

President Bush appealed to the holy doctrine of preemption to justify war, but the glorified "imminent threat" never materialized. In doing so, we set a standard that could justify an Indian war on Pakistan and mythical preemptive wars throughout the globe. International peace and security demands clarity on the differences between preventative and preemptive war.

1. One size does not fit all

Since Sept. 11, the Bush Administration has painted reality black and white and now as the election heats up, both sides are using simplistic rhetoric that avoids the complexities that are so apparent in the fight against terrorism. If the Iraq war taught us anything, it taught us to be more cautious and more astute when we look at the world. It taught us that we live in complex times.

If nothing else, the Iraq war taught us that the world we live in, a world of terror, poverty and oppression, is more complex than our minds can truly grasp. A world of such complexities requires complex, comprehensive long-term solutions that will only come when we humble ourselves to work with the world, rather than against it.

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OBSERVER POLL

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Although a lie may be useful for a moment, it is necessarily harmful in the long run, and in the long run truth necessarily does good even though it may be harmful at the moment."

Denis Diderot
philosopher

Who writes rights and rites?

Whoever thought "Constitutional amendment" and "Rosie O'Donnell" would be used in the same column? I did not. And yet, here we are, in the midst of a cultural and Constitutional crisis that could very well turn into a cultural and Constitutional war. And who is responsible for this? Why, George W. Bush, because he supports a Constitutional amendment which would codify marriage as only for heterosexuals. "The president launched a war ... against the civil rights of gay citizens and their families," said gay advocate (and otherwise fairly conservative) Andrew Sullivan.

Mike Marchand

Undistinguished Alumnus

Much as I respect Sullivan, he is wrong on this one: he did not launch the war, he is merely firing back. The war was launched last month by the Massachusetts Supreme Court, who, by a slim 4 to 3 margin, ruled that the state's marriage laws discriminated against homosexuals and will therefore sanction gay marriages in May. They were soon joined by San Francisco mayor Gavin Newsom, who issued same-sex marriage licenses (including one to Rosie O'Donnell and her partner) in defiance of California state law, and by officials in New Paltz, New York, Portland, Ore. and Sandoval, N.M.

To a certain extent, Sullivan and supporters of gay marriage have a point: it is unreasonable that the rights of marriage are not extended to homosexuals, and the time to grant them that right has long since passed. It is also patently ridiculous to stand opposed to same-sex unions by carrying the banner of "the sanctity of marriage" when quickie Britney Spears Vegas weddings and easy no-fault divorces have all but shredded whatever sanctity the act of marriage once had. What God has united, man has been tearing asunder for decades, and it is offensive that social conservatives are only now drawing the line in the sand when homosexuals want for themselves what heterosexuals (or at least half of them) take for granted.

At the same time, those who oppose gay marriage have a valid point, though it is lost in all of the defense of marriage rhetoric. For starters, marriage is not a civil right: it is a religious construct that was later interpreted as a legal construct. The only difference between a publicly married couple and a couple who have exchanged rings and vows privately is that in one case their state has given them a certificate that legitimizes their action. In a sense, a man can marry a woman, a man, a Shetland pony, or a Swiffer WetJet, but only in certain cases will the state recognize them with rights as a union. And those rights as a union are what are central to the argument, not the term "marriage" versus "civil union."

But civil union rights are civil rights. The problem is when this effort is compared with other civil rights struggles: they do not even come close. In the case of African-Americans, they were seeking the rights that had already been granted to them through the Fourteenth Amendment but had been stolen from them by Southern states and, to our eternal shame, ignored for a century. And women's suffrage was achieved not by activist politicians and justices merely allowing it, but by the rule of law, beginning in Wyoming in 1869 and culminating in the Nineteenth Amendment in 1920.

Most Americans, including the President, have no problem with homosexuals. They do, however, have a problem with judges and politicians making end runs around laws in order to achieve their ends. Which is why just about the only defense against it is taking the (horribly named) Defense Of Marriage Act of 1996 (signed by Bill Clinton, hardly an extreme right-winger) and making it a Constitutional amendment. However unfortunate the idea of a Constitutional amendment forbidding gay marriage might be, at least it is being forwarded in the allowable fashion of being approved by Congress and ratified by the individual states, just as the Fifteenth and Nineteenth Amendments were.

For almost every other hot-button topic, we disdain renegades who consider themselves above the law. For example, Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore, acting on his own, hauled in a massive monument of the Ten Commandments and then refused to remove them. For his actions, he was vilified and eventually suspended from his duties. Such should also be the punishment for Gavin Newsom, who's a hero in San Francisco but a criminal according to California state law. As for the Massachusetts Supreme Court, that is a far trickier problem to solve, and over-reaching judicial activism is a much broader topic that can wait for another day.

For the rest of us, can't we have a compromise? There is a difference between the rites of marriage and the rights of marriage, and it should not be bigoted to suggest so. Either way, I hope I will never have to mention Rosie O'Donnell ever again.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mourning Spain's March 11 loss

Spring Break is normally a time to relax with friends and family. It is a break from midterms and stress. I chose to go back to my homeland for Spring Break to visit my friends and family. But a time of relaxation, catching up, and loving memories gave a way to terror.

On Thursday, March 11, Spain's culture and way of life were devastated by the horrific terrorist bombings of three main train stations during the morning rush hour. As a Spanish citizen going to school at Notre Dame, I feel angry, sad and powerless in the face of the uncertainty concerning the attack. Imagine the moments of desperation that I experienced as I tried to contact friends and family to make sure they were fine. Fortunately, they were.

Exactly 911 days after Sept. 11, the bombings in Madrid — that have now taken the lives of over 200 people and injured 1,500 — are the most cruel and deadliest terrorist act in Spain's history. Whether the supposed terrorists are ETA (the Basque separatist terrorist group) or Osama Bin Laden's Al-Qaeda, the massacre of 11-M has taken the lives of innocent men, women and children of many nationalities only three days before the national elections.

These lives that were taken were those of workers, husbands, sons, daughters, wives, mothers and fathers who were going to earn a living. To me, and to the world, they are heroes. Heroes for living the freedom that is working to earn a living every morning. Heroes for preserving the simple rights that are given for being

human beings.

Madrid, a city formed by citizens who think of each other as brothers and neighbors, was attacked for upholding the simple truth of freedom.

With screams of "Con las victimas, con la constitucion, por la derrota al terrorismo" and "Asesinos," 2.3 million citizens of Madrid

marched on Friday night to express their fight against terrorism and the sadness of the tragedy. I am proud to say that I was

amongst those who screamed and cried that night in protest. We feel angry and impotent to the ignorance of the perpetrators of our culture and way of life.

However, we stand united as a country and as a people of peace and solidarity in the fight against terrorism not only in Spain but also worldwide.

Hundreds of cars are left on the parking lots of the Atocha, Santa Eugenia and El Pozo train stations from people who left that morning to take the train to work, but who will never come back. Nothing we do now will ever

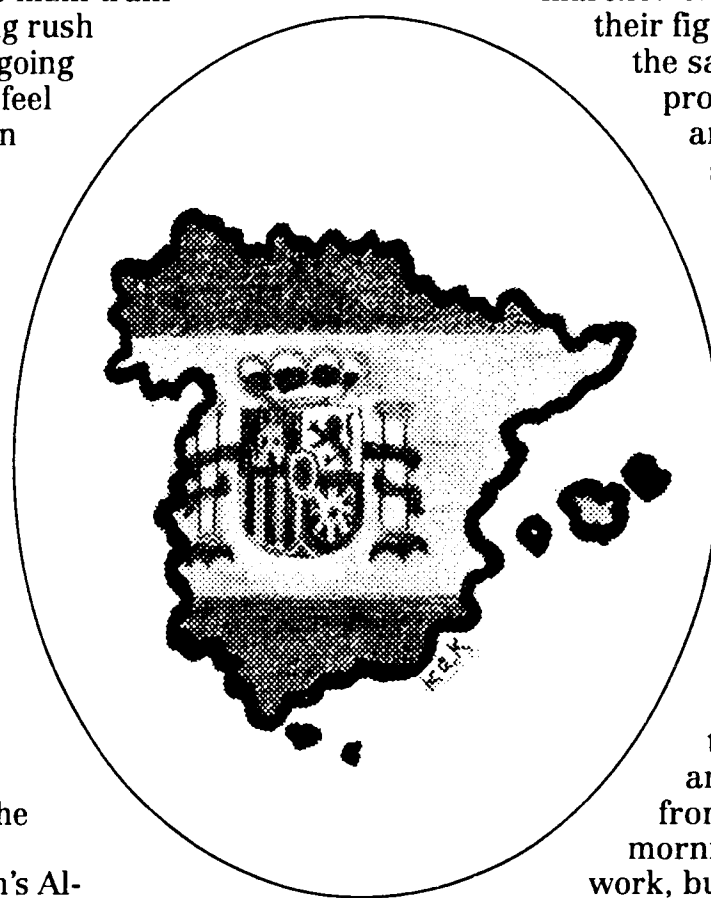
bring those brave men back. My sadness, my desperation, and my anger will not bring them back, but my personal fight for what I believe, and my voice against terrorism will certainly find sympathy among all of us.

Cesar Javier Hernandez

freshman

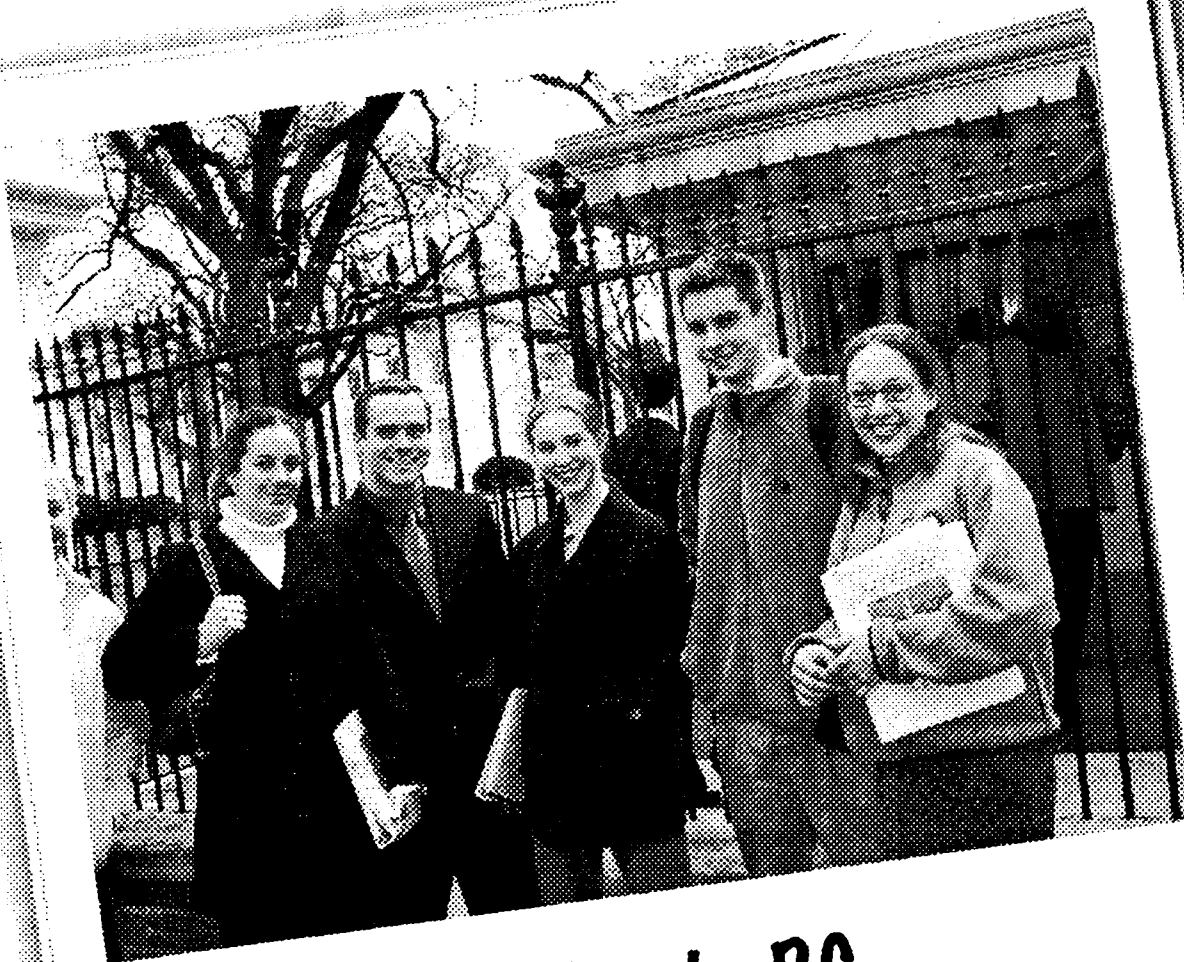
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SPRING

Let's face it, college means stress. Or at least, around here it means stress. After a few weeks on campus, everything outside disappears, and suddenly life is all about finishing the paper, acing (or just passing) the exam, getting into grad school or getting ready for that job interview. Even the weekends — a long night at Turtle Creek or Heartland — can turn into a brief attempt to forget, one way or another, about the stress that dominates the week.

Marla Smith

Scene Editor

Of course, maybe that's just the way life goes. Wherever you are and whatever you're doing, sometimes your job, your classes or just your life in general starts to run you. Anyway, we chose this. We can drop out whenever we

want, and not take the next midterm, but of course we keep plowing through.

But around the middle of February, when the dining hall meatballs start to look a little gray and no one has seen blue sky in eight weeks, it's easy to forget that people have lives outside the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses.

There really is a big world out there, if only we could get out and see it.

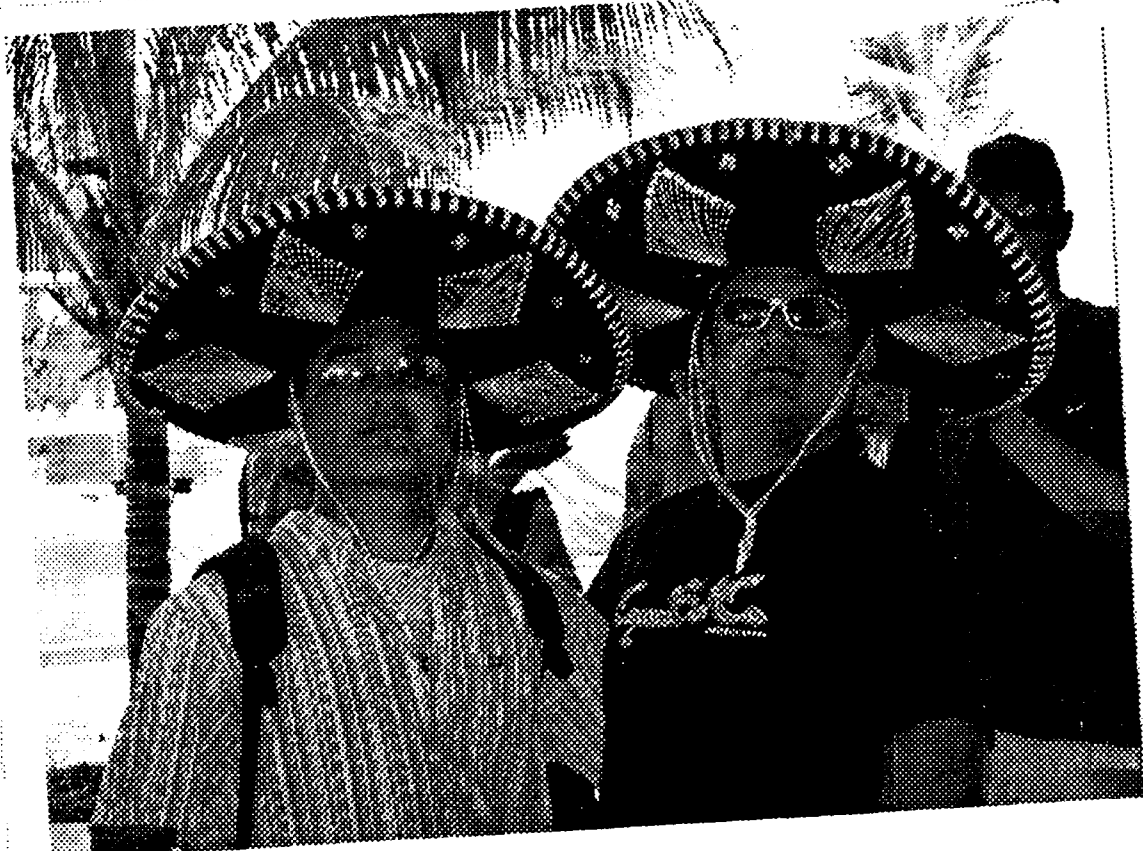
A week may not be much time compared to the months of school, and spring break certainly flies by a lot quicker than any other week of the year. Still, whatever it is we do when we're not stuck in a classroom or in front of a computer screen, spring break gives us a chance to see that not everything out there ties in to professors or the Fighting Irish.

At school we're all students and



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we all do a lot of the same things. We eat at the same dining halls, spend hours in the same classroom buildings, fulfill the same freshman requirements and listen to the same campus announcements. Get us off campus and we go as many ways as there are students.

For some people nothing sounds nicer than margaritas in Mexico or the Cayman Islands. Other students head overseas to visit friends and family. Maybe instead you'd rather build houses in Appalachia, study politics in Washington, D.C. or go dog sledding in northern Wisconsin. If you're a movie addict, you can catch up on all the hits you haven't had time to even think about watching. Or maybe after midterms nothing sounds better than your own bed, mom's cooking and a little time with your own family. No matter who you

are, one thing is for sure — it's nice to finally have some time that's yours.

Coming back to classes and the cold weather hurts, and during the first week back it might be hard to remember why exactly we came back instead of staying at the resort in Mexico or at home with our friends. With only a month and a half left and the sun actually starting to shine, we'll make it through. And at least when we're getting older and can't remember who wrote the Republic or how to find an integral, we'll have some possibly embarrassing but definitely irreplaceable memories to look back on.

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BIG EAST BASKETBALL

Irish teams struggle early in tournaments

After a last minute win over West Virginia, trouble with connecting cause the Irish fall to No. 2 Connecticut

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Whether Big East Player of the Year Emeka Okafor is on the court blocking shots or on the bench in a tie posing as an assistant coach, Notre Dame coach Mike Brey knows one thing.

To beat one of the top teams in the country, his team must connect on more than 7-of-29 3-pointers.

Needing one more big win to bolster its NCAA Tournament resume, Notre Dame couldn't take advantage of the opportunity, losing 66-58 to Connecticut in the Big East Tournament quarterfinals Thursday night at Madison Square Garden.

"We have to make some shots from the 3-point line for us to really play with anybody, but certainly a Connecticut team," Brey said.

After making 8-of-12 field goals in a one-point win against West Virginia, Chris Thomas struggled against the Huskies connecting on 7-of-21 from the field. Shooting 3-pointers was even more frustrating for Thomas who made only 1-of-10, with a number of those shots going halfway down before circling out.

"The way I've been shooting the ball lately, especially in this building, just to see them go in and out basically the whole game, it was tough," Thomas said. "I'm past the stage of worrying if my shots are falling or not. I'm just going to try to do whatever I have to do for my team."

It turns out playing Connecticut without Okafor may not have been as desirable as it looked before the game. The Huskies didn't become regarded as the most talented team in America because of just Okafor.

Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun conveyed that message to his players prior to the game after everyone was writing off the Huskies without Okafor.

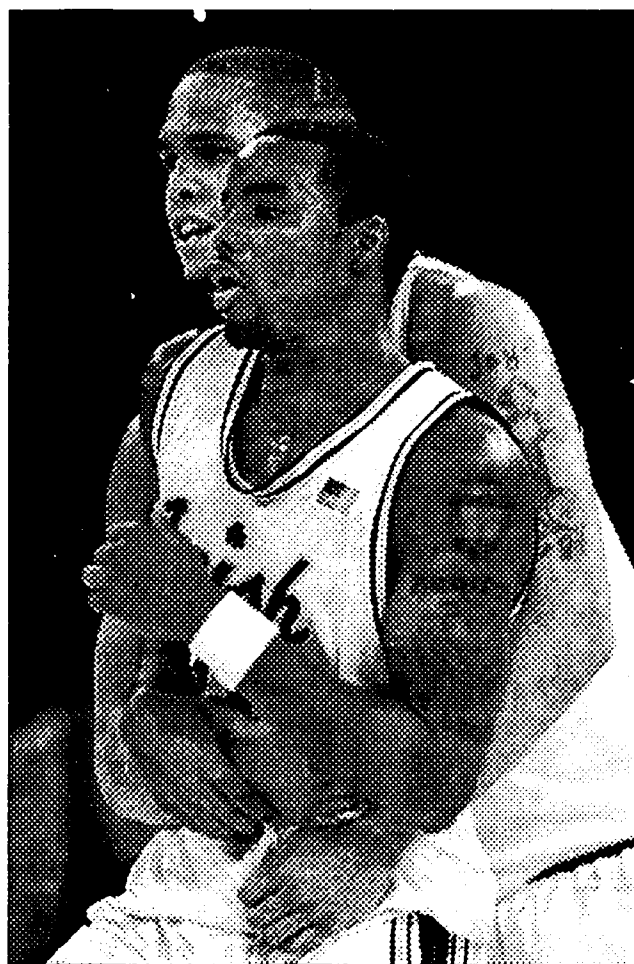
"Down, in my opinion, far and away the best player in America, I put a challenge out to this team," Calhoun said. "I told each one of them, 'We're much more than just Emeka Okafor.' ... This was an opportunity for us, an opportunity to show we're a very, very good basketball team with some very good players."

First-team all-Big East member Ben Gordon picked it up on the offensive end scoring 29 points and always getting a big basket whenever the Irish made a second half charge.

"Gordon was fabulous. I was a little worried about that as soon as I heard Okafor wouldn't play," Brey said. "I knew it would be more of a license to go for Ben Gordon."

"He's a very talented young man."

Freshmen Josh Boone and Charlie Villanueva picked it up on the glass combining for 29 rebounds — three less than the Irish grabbed as a team. For the second straight matchup, the Huskies dominated the glass, holding a 53-32 advantage Thursday night.



AP PHOTO

Jordan Cornette and Torrian Jones celebrate during the Irish win over West Virginia. Notre Dame led most the game, but one only in the last minutes.

One encouraging sign for the Irish on the inside was the play of Rick Cornett. With Tom Timmermans limited to 14 minutes, because Brey said Timmermans "is exhausted," Cornett took full advantage of the playing time scoring 15 points in 24 minutes on the court.

Notre Dame 65, West Virginia 64

It looked like Notre Dame's bad luck at the Big East Tournament was going to continue. The Irish had lost a 16-point second half lead and were down 64-62 with less than a minute to play. A loss to West Virginia and Notre Dame was headed to the NIT.

Then Colin Falls nailed a 3-pointer that let Notre Dame's NCAA Tournament hopes alive until Selection Sunday.

The Irish survived their first-round Big East Tournament game defeating West Virginia 65-64 Wednesday night.

"That was a good college basketball game in tournament play," Brey said. "That was a little bit like how our season has gone."

The Irish built a 53-36 lead with 12:30 remaining and seemed destined to cruise into the quarterfinal round. But when Thomas picked up his fourth foul with 8:54 left, Brey had to take Thomas out and watched the Irish offense lose some of its rhythm. After Thomas went to the bench, the Mountaineers went on a 16-7 run to go up 62-60. The teams traded baskets before the heroics from Falls.

Thomas led the Irish with 19 points on 8-of-12 shooting. The Irish shot 10-of-16 (55.6 percent) on 3-pointers and 51.1 percent for the game.

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Irish women lose early lead to fall to Rutgers in the quarterfinals of the Big East Championship

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HARTFORD — After the Irish went on a 15-0 run 45 seconds into their Big East Tournament game against Rutgers, the band started playing and the Notre Dame crowd could be heard. It seemed like the Irish were back in the Joyce Center, where they went undefeated in the regular season.

But it wasn't South Bend, and the tide soon turned Mar. 7 at the Hartford Civic Center as No. 7 seed Rutgers (20-10, 10-6 in the Big East) took advantage of a late collapse from No. 2 seed Notre Dame to come away with a 51-45 victory in the quarterfinals of the Big East Championship.

"We came here to win," Scarlet Knights coach C. Vivian Stringer said. "We didn't come here to waste our time."

Notre Dame (19-10, 12-4) was led by junior forward Jacqueline Batteast, who scored 16 points on 7-for-15 shooting in the first half. She scored 11 of the Irish's first 17 points before finishing with 22.

Rutgers, meanwhile, after tying the game at 2, did not score again until 9:58 remained in the half. But once the Scarlet Knights did, they began their comeback.

Led by Big East first-teamer Cappie Pondexter (24 points, 7 rebounds), the Scarlet Knights exploded for a 17-5 run to trail 23-19 at the half.

"I thought it was a game of two of the best players in the country showing why they are up for the Naismith award," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "Cappie played a great game, and Jackie really carried us. I thought the biggest difference in the game — Cappie goes 12-for-12 from the line, and Jackie goes 3-for-4, and Dawn McCullough steps up for Rutgers and nobody steps up to help Jackie for us."

The Irish had no one else in double digits, but Katy Flecky and Courtney LaVere both had eight points and Flecky added seven rebounds. The team's second-leading scorer throughout the season, Megan Duffy, was held scoreless and took only four shots.

Meanwhile, McCullough was key for Rutgers, whose No. 2 scorer Chelsea Newton was out with a concussion. McCullough had 15 points in 40 minutes, two of which tied the game at 23 with 17:02 to play.

The Irish seemed about to pull away with a 35-29 lead on two Teresa Borton free throws with 10:13 to play. That was when things went awry for Notre Dame.

Rutgers went a mini-run, rattling off six straight points to tie the game, and then Notre Dame turned the ball over three straight times against the Scarlet Knights' full court pressure.

But Rutgers returned the favor with a shot-clock violation, and Batteast hit 1-

of-2 free throws to put the Irish ahead 36-35, but Pondexter responded with two free throws of her own with 5:22 to play to put the Scarlet Knights up 37-36.

Le'Tania Severe was able to tie the game at 43 with 1:36 remaining on a three point play off a putback. Two more free throws by Pondexter, who hit 10-for-10 in the last nine minutes of action, put the Scarlet Knights up 45-43 with 90 seconds remaining. The Irish had the ball, but Duffy missed a jumper and Shalicia Hurns grabbed the rebound for Rutgers.

The Irish would get one last chance, as Pondexter then turned the ball over, giving the Irish 38 seconds to work with.

But their hopes of winning were soon dispelled. Severe got trapped at mid-court and tried to lob a pass to Batteast over the Rutgers defense, but the ball was stolen away by Hurns, who dished it to Pondexter for the layup to make it a four-point game.

"As soon as I saw her throw it, I knew she didn't have enough air on it to get it over my head, so with my instincts, I just read it the whole way," Hurns said. "My teammates did a great job of trapping her at halfcourt, and that's what led to the steal."

Hurns was also a large part of limiting Batteast in the second half, as she was unable to dominate as she did in the first 20 minutes of play.

"They had more people in the lane, they were more physical and they responded to how I was playing," Batteast, who also grabbed eight rebounds, said. "The difference was I was hitting those shots in the first half and didn't in the second half."

The 6-foot-3 Hurns, an AAU teammate of Batteast, only scored six points and grabbed four rebounds, but she was able to match the athleticism of Batteast with her rangy arms.

"They're very, very physical," McGraw said. "They have the athleticism to guard Jackie. She's a matchup problem for most teams, but not for them."

Rutgers went on to defeat West Virginia in the semifinals, before losing in the championship to Boston College, who defeated Miami and Connecticut to reach the finals.

Notes:

◆ This was the third year in a row that the No. 7 seed beat the No. 2 seed in the Big East quarterfinals. Last year, Miami beat Rutgers, and Syracuse beat Notre Dame in 2002.

◆ Batteast was named to the Big East first team and Duffy was named the conference's most improved player at the Big East awards banquet Friday.

◆ Batteast moved into 12th place on Notre Dame's all-time scoring list, with 1,249 career points.

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USA Today Hockey Top 15

	team	record	points
1	North Dakota	28-6-3	510
2	Maine	28-7-3	468
3	Minnesota Duluth	25-11-4	424
4	Boston College	27-8-4	396
5	Minnesota	24-13-3	375
6	Michigan	25-12-2	345
7	Miami	22-12-4	296
8	New Hampshire	20-13-6	239
8	Denver	23-12-5	236
10	Michigan State	24-14-2	197
11	Ohio State	23-15-0	172
11	Wisconsin	21-12-8	172
13	NOTRE DAME	20-13-4	82
14	Colorado College	20-15-3	76
15	Colgate	21-11-5	74

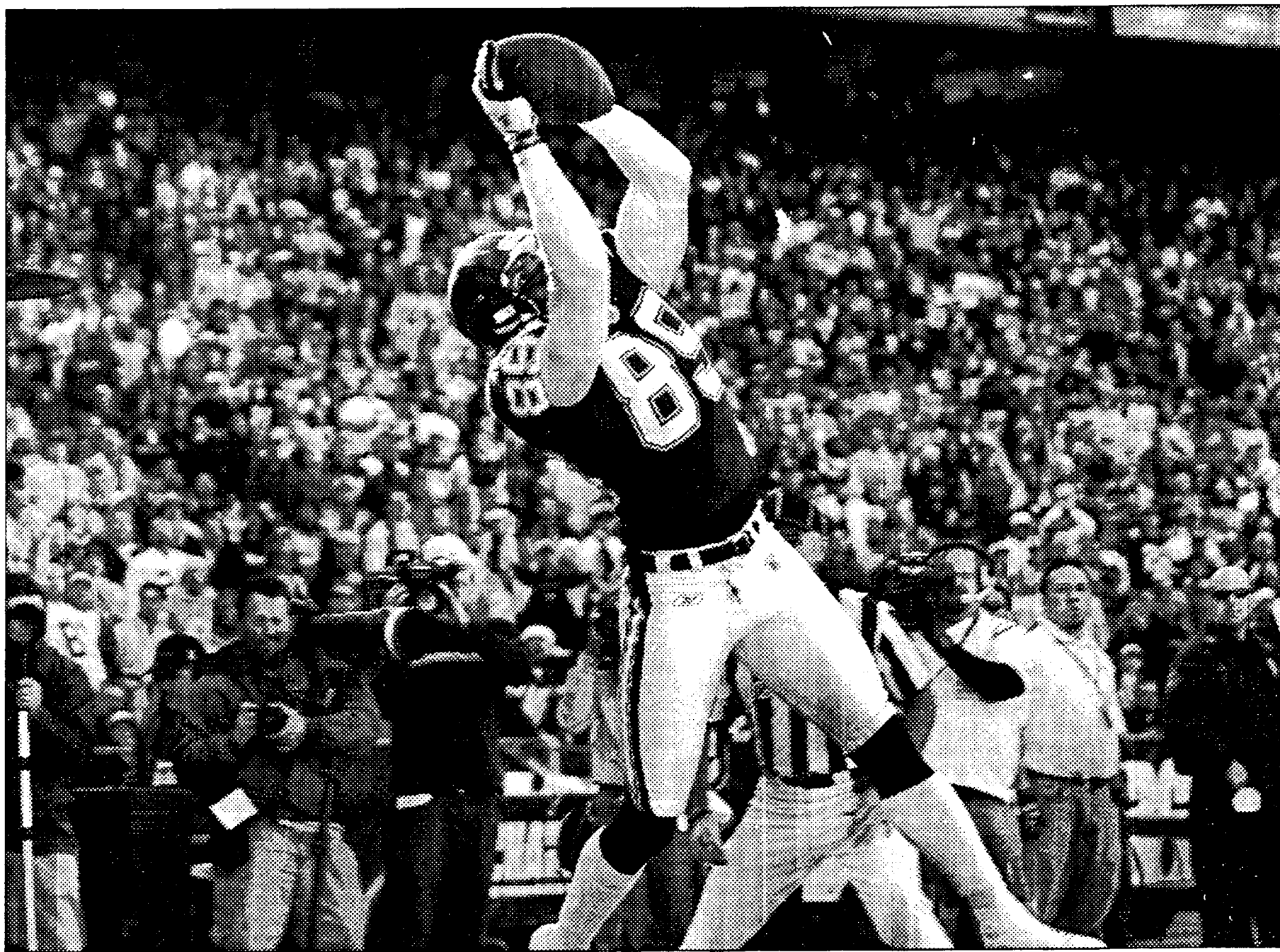
IWLCA Womens' Lacrosse

	team	record	points
1	Princeton	2-0	300
2	Duke	4-0	281
3	Maryland	2-1	272
4	Loyola	3-1	247
4	Georgetown	2-0	245
6	James Madison	2-0	212
7	Dartmouth	1-1	198
8	Syracuse	1-1	181
9	Virginia	2-1	167
10	Vanderbilt	2-1	155
11	Boston University	1-0	154
12	NOTRE DAME	3-0	129
13	North Carolina	3-1	121
14	Penn State	1-1	115
15	Northwestern	3-1	108
16	Yale	2-1	57
17	Johns Hopkins	2-0	52
18	Stanford	3-3	49
19	Ohio State	1-2	48
20	William & Mary	2-0	16

Baseball News Top 30

	team	record	point
1	Louisiana State	15-2	496
2	Stanford	15-3	494
3	Texas	23-2	493
4	South Carolina	17-0	492
5	Arizona State	17-3	490
6	Miami	15-3	488
7	Rice	14-4	487
8	NOTRE DAME	12-1	486
9	Wichita State	6-0	483
10	Auburn	16-2	480
11	Mississippi	14-1	478
12	Florida	18-3	473
13	Texas A&M	18-2	471
14	Florida Atlantic	18-2	469
15	Long Beach State	13-6	467
16	Florida State	16-5	464
17	Tulane	12-5	460
18	North Carolina State	14-3	457
19	Tennessee	16-2	452
20	Virginia	17-2	449
21	Mississippi State	10-2	445
22	California-Irvine	14-6-1	443
23	Nebraska	8-4	440
24	East Carolina	16-3	438
25	North Carolina	12-4	431
26	Southern Mississippi	14-2	429
27	Oral Roberts	13-3	427
28	Lamar	15-4	424
29	UNC-Greensboro	12-3	420
30	Vanderbilt	13-2	418

NFL



David Boston hauls in a touchdown pass in a Dec. 28 game against the Raiders. Boston was traded from the Chargers to the Dolphins for a sixth-round draft pick in 2005 and a player to be named later.

Boston traded from Chargers to Dolphins

Associated Press

MIAMI — The Miami Dolphins acquired former Pro Bowl receiver David Boston from San Diego for a sixth-round draft choice in 2005 and a player to be named, Chargers general manager A.J. Smith said Monday.

The deal is contingent on Boston passing a physical in Miami. The Dolphins tentatively plan to announce the trade Wednesday.

Smith said the player to be named won't be high-profile.

The teams completed the trade following six

days of negotiations after Boston accepted a restructured contract. He was guaranteed \$6.9 million over the next two seasons under terms of the seven-year deal he signed last March before falling out of favor in San Diego.

Smith declined to discuss details of the restructured deal. Boston's agent didn't return calls seeking comment.

Boston caught 70 passes

for 880 yards and seven scores in his only season with the Chargers.

Teammates criticized his work ethic, and he was suspended for one game following an argument with a coach.

"It just wasn't a fit," Smith said.

"It happens in our league, and you just move on."

In Miami, Boston will be reunited with receivers coach Jerry Sullivan, who helped him reach the Pro

Bowl in 2001 when both were with Boston caught 98 passes for 1,598 yards that year. The former Ohio State star was the eighth player taken in the 1999 draft.

The Dolphins were eager to upgrade their receiving corps. Acquiring Boston will allow the team to focus elsewhere — perhaps the offensive line — in the first round of next month's draft.

Boston could also provide an appealing target for A.J. Feeley, acquired two weeks ago from Philadelphia to compete with Jay Fiedler for the quarterback job.

"It just wasn't a fit. It happens in our league and you just move on."

A.J. Smith
Chargers GM

IN BRIEF

Kruger to become next head coach at UNLV

LAS VEGAS — UNLV hired Lon Kruger, a veteran college and pro coach, to lead the Runnin' Rebels basketball program back to national prominence.

Kruger accepted a five-year contract Monday, UNLV athletic director Mike Hamrick said. The Nevada Board of Regents must approve the hiring at its Thursday meeting.

Kruger, fired last season by the Atlanta Hawks, most recently was an assistant coach with the New York Knicks.

"Every criteria we set out for has been met," Hamrick said. "We wanted a successful college coach. We found everything we were looking for. We want to go back to the top and we want to do it the right way."

Kruger said he agreed to become UNLV's 10th head coach on Sunday. He said UNLV was attractive because the program didn't need to be rebuilt

and had a winning tradition under Jerry Tarkanian, who led the Runnin' Rebels to a national championship in 1990.

Murray State players arrested on drug charges

MURRAY, Ky. — The status of Murray State juniors Kelvin Brown and Adam Chiles remained uncertain Monday after they were arrested on drug charges.

The 12th-seeded Racers (28-5) play fifth-seeded Illinois (24-6) in the first round of the NCAA tournament Friday in Columbus, Ohio.

Sports information director Steve Parker said Monday he did not know whether Brown and Chiles were still on the team or whether they would play in the game.

Coach Mick Cronin is refusing to comment, Parker said. Athletic director E.W. Dennison released a short statement saying the school was looking into the arrests.

Brown, Murray State's second-

leading rebounder, and Chiles, the starting point guard, were arrested Saturday.

Globetrotters testify in Williams trial

SOMERVILLE, N.J. — The "clown prince" of the Harlem Globetrotters testified Monday that he begged God to save the soul of the chauffeur shot by Jayson Williams.

Gulping and staring down at the witness stand, Howard Paul Gaffney told jurors in the former NBA star's manslaughter trial that "something divine" told him to kneel at the driver's side and pray that "he could accept Jesus and go to heaven."

Neither Gaffney, nor his teammate Curley "Boo" Johnson, 38, who followed him to the stand, witnessed the shooting of Costas "Gus" Christofi, but their accounts of the aftermath were the most emotionally wrenching of the six-week trial.

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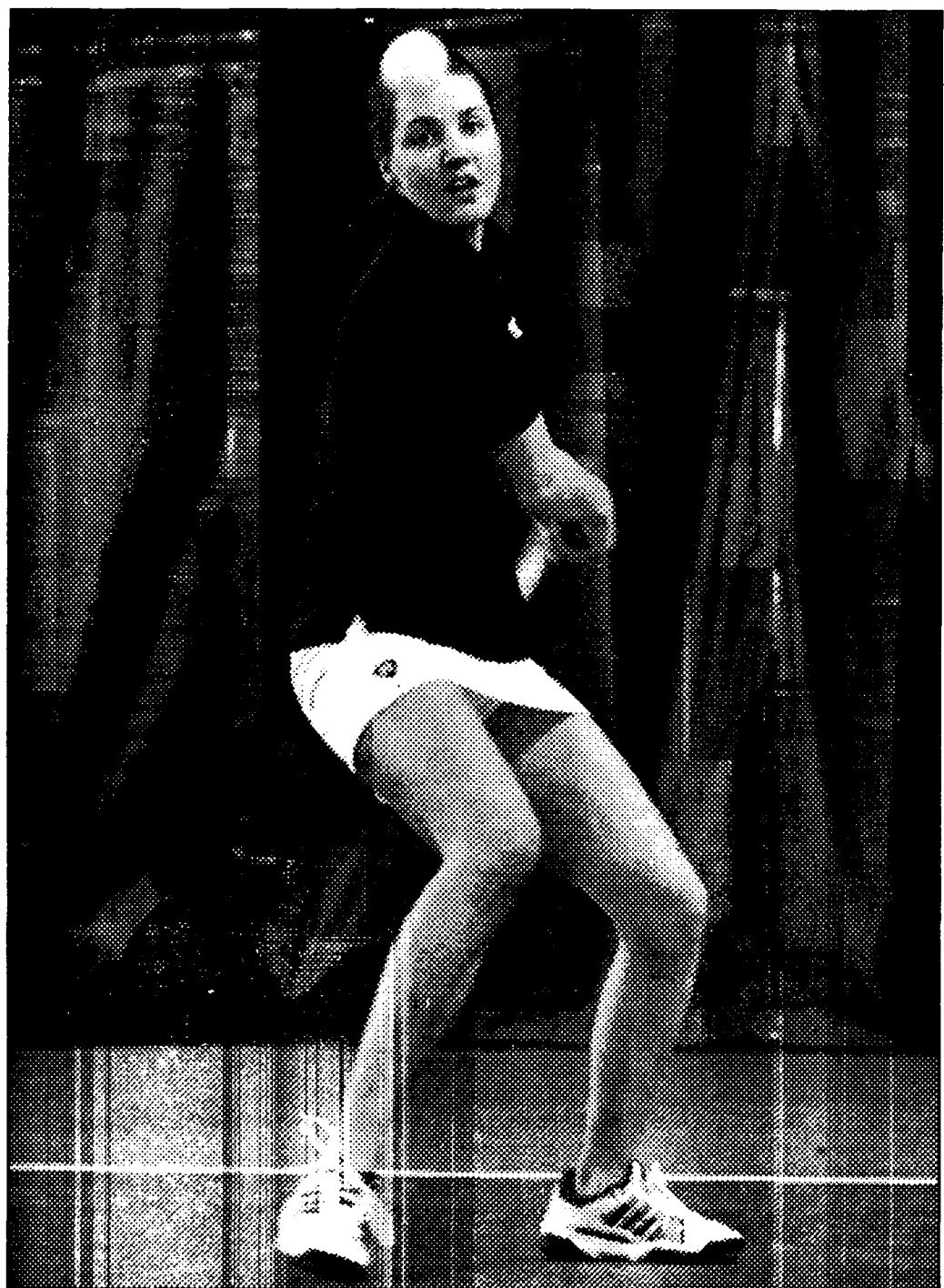
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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Salas dominates singles court over spring break



CHIP MARKS/The Observer
Alicia Salas concentrates on her backhand against a Wisconsin player Feb. 1. Over the break, Salas continued strong with several victories, including a defeat of No. 5 Amanda Johnson of Duke.

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

All of the numbers say the same thing — Alicia Salas's opponents are simply over-matched against the No. 13 senior.

Over spring break, Salas upended No. 5 Amanda Johnson of Duke 2-6, 6-1, 6-3. She chased that success with a hard-fought win against No. 24 Tammy Encina of Tennessee 6-4, 4-6, 1-0 (10-7) in singles.

Encina and Salas had met twice earlier this year, with Encina winning both matches.

Each of Salas's last four wins pitted the senior against top-30 ranked players. Salas is 6-0 this year at No. 1 against ranked opponents and 9-2 overall.

"She's really played well all year," Irish coach Jay Louderback said. "She's a real competitor. We're just asking her to keep doing what she's doing and to stay aggressive by coming to the net when she can."

Salas's success came amidst tough losses to No. 6 Duke 6-1 and No. 36 Tennessee 6-1 in Hawaii.

"Going from indoor to outdoor courts was a lot to adjust to, I think," Louderback said. "You have to worry about the sun and wind and the balls don't travel as fast outside."

The No. 18 Irish, currently 7-4, took on Duke (7-1) first, where they faced tough matches at every position. At No. 3 doubles, junior Sarah Jane Connelly and sophomore Kristina Stastny were first off the courts after a close 8-5 loss to Kristen Cargill and Jennifer Zika.

The No. 2 doubles team of Lauren Connelly and Salas lost

8-4 to Saras Arasu and Johnson.

At No. 1 doubles, freshmen Catrina and Christian Thompson, ranked No. 37 nationally, knocked off the tandem of Julia Smith and Tory Zawacki, 8-6. The Thompsons are 16-8 this season and have won five of their last six matches.

Salas followed up with the lone win in singles at No. 1 against Johnson 2-6, 6-1, 6-3.

"Duke is solid all the way down the lineup, but I think we played well. We had a solid chance at each position," Louderback said.

Against No. 36 Tennessee (9-8), Notre Dame faced tough opponents again, with four of the matches settled in tiebreakers. At No. 2 doubles, Sarah Jane Connelly and Stastny outlasted Tennessee's Majen Immink and Breanna Kray 9-8 (7-4). Sabita Maharaj, ranked No. 73 in singles, and Ashley Robards defeated Lauren Connelly and Salas 8-3 at No. 2. At No. 1, the Thompsons also met tough opponents in Encina and Melissa Schaub, falling short of a win 9-8 (7-5) in a tiebreaker.

"Our No. 1 and No. 3 double matches were really tight," Louderback said. "As a team overall, we didn't play with a lot of enthusiasm."

No. 84 Catrina Thompson's defeat against Robards was also determined by a tiebreaking match at No. 3 4-6, 6-2, 1-0 (10-6).

Salas garnered the only singles win, edging out Encina 6-4, 4-6, 1-0 (10-7).

The Irish are set to host No. 44 Iowa on Thursday at 4 p.m.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Men show strength in doubles

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

Sun. Sand. And quite a bit of love.

The Irish kept true to the ideal spring break formula, heading to California for the prestigious Pacific Coast Doubles tournament and then to Alabama for the Blue Gray National Collegiate Classic tournament.

"It's a great event," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said of the tournament, held for the last 115 years in LaJolla, Calif.

"All the great players in the history of the game play it, it's an event that's open to pros, college players, really anyone good enough to enter."

It proved a valuable experience for Notre Dame, and the Irish proved themselves worthy. No. 1 doubles team Brent D'Amico and Ryan Keckley

advanced to the quarterfinals before losing 6-4, 6-4 to Patrick Briaud and Balazs Veress, the No. 1 team for No. 29 California.

At No. 2, a potent pair of senior tri-captains — Luis Haddock and Matthew Scott — came close to an upset in the second round of the tournament. Matched against Ryan Moore and Nick Rainey, the 2002 national champions from USC, they eventually lost in three sets to the now-professionals.

Steven Bass and Eric Langenkamp rebounded from losing their first match to reach the consolation finals, where they lost to the tournament's No. 2 seeded team from Stanford.

"We changed partners, right now [we] have three doubles teams ranked nationally in the top 40," Bayliss said of the team's doubles

resurgence. "We had a change in personnel, and I think the chemistry has been right with these changes, they've been very effective together."

In the Blue Gray, the Irish posted an early decisive victory before losing their next two matches. They beat No. 30 Fresno State 4-0, with the No. 2 and 3 doubles team clinching the initial point and Haddock, Bass and King recording singles victories to secure the win.

The Irish lost to eventual tournament champion, Virginia Commonwealth, 4-0 in the next match. In consolation play, they lost a 4-3 contest to Mississippi State in a hard-fought battle that lasted nearly five hours.

"If you look at the teams that we've played over last stretch of matches — Illinois, OSU, Miami and Michigan State — to come back from that and turn around and play these guys ... we've played some reasonably good teams in a relatively short span of time," Bayliss said.

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Tuesday for a chance to advance to the Sweet Sixteen in Hartford, Conn.

"I think we complained about the schedule a little bit all year long and how tough it was," McGraw said. "Now we're finally seeing the benefits of it, which it took a long time for the benefits to come out. The committee this year really seemed to reward the teams that went out and played tough schedules."

Last season Notre Dame's 19-10 record earned them a No. 11 seed in the NCAA Tournament. But this season the Irish faced 10 ranked opponents and went 7-3 against that field. Notre Dame also posted an impressive second-place finish in the Big East regular season by going 12-4. The seven victories against ranked opponents represent the most by any Notre Dame team in the regular season, including the 2001 national championship team, which won five.

Notre Dame's faces a Southwest Missouri State team that went 28-3 in the regular season and won both the Missouri Valley Conference reg-

ular season and tournament titles. The Bears lead the nation in 3-point attempts per game and 3-pointers made. Guard Kari Koch paces the Bears, averaging 17.8 points per game. But just stopping Koch will not be enough for the Irish defense, as Southwest Missouri State has six players shooting over 40 percent from behind the arc.

"They're a shooting team and when you look down their stat sheet everybody shoots 3s," McGraw said. "You can't even tell who the post players are and who the guards are because they all shoot 3s."

Southwest Missouri State reaches the NCAA tournament for the third time in the last four years. They reached the Final Four in 2001 — the same year the Irish won the national title — behind the play of All-American Jackie Stiles.

"They're a very tournament-savvy team," McGraw said.

Notre Dame will be playing in its 11th NCAA Tournament overall and ninth straight. The Irish reached the Sweet Sixteen last season, upsetting No. 6 Arizona and No. 3 Kansas State before losing to No. 2 Purdue.

This season Notre Dame received one of 16 predetermined host sites for the tourna-

ment. The Irish 13-0 at home this season.

"[Playing at home] is really incredible," McGraw said. "To be undefeated at home, to know we have that streak going at home, to feel the confidence of playing at home, to know our fans are going to be there for us — that is the difference with this team."

If Notre Dame wins its first home game, they face North Carolina (24-6) or Middle Tennessee State (23-7). The Tar Hells received an at-large bid from the Atlantic Coast Conference and the Raiders won the Sunbelt Conference.

McGraw said that no team assumes easy wins in this year's tourney because of the parity of the field.

"I don't think its hard for us to focus on one team at a time because we have tried to do that and we've been pretty good at that all year long," McGraw said. "We can't afford to overlook anybody and we know that. When we look at the record and we see them on film, we know can't look past anyone."

"The first game is the one we're focusing on."

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Zizic

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After dinner brought closed quarters studying from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., which kept all the cadets in their rooms.

The impressive routine Zizic set in his early days at Culver earned him a football captainship, the ranks of "Sergeant Major" as a junior and "Regimental Commander" as a senior, making him the highest-ranking cadet at the academy. As a senior Zizic's days finished up with commander's meetings from 9:30 to 10 p.m. then checking in on underclassmen.

The stress eventually had its effects on Zizic.

"I had to go to a cardio center because I was having heart palpitations. We thought it was a heart defect, but it was just the amount of stress and lack of sleep. With football and not being able to sleep, it was just wearing me down," said Zizic.

After graduating from Culver Zizic went on to Loyola University in Chicago where he first discovered his affection for full-contact sports.

"I wasn't big enough or talented enough to play college foot-

ball. I wanted something new, but still physical. I started boxing in Chicago, doing Muay Thai Kickboxing at Degerberg martial arts academy," said Zizic.

Muay Thai quickly taught Zizic two priceless lessons — how to take a punch and the necessity of respecting a fellow fighter.

"The first time I got punched in sparring in kickboxing it was an embarrassing thing. The guy faked a low kick then threw a straight right hand into my nose. My head almost rolled off my shoulders," he said.

Zizic also learned that in kickboxing respecting your opponent is of the utmost importance. The respect for a fellow fighter that Zizic learned in Muay Thai has been obvious since his transfer to Notre Dame and earliest days with the Boxing Club. Zizic may be an elusive fighter, but he is never dirty or arrogant in the ring or in practice.

As a captain this year, Zizic has taken on many teaching responsibilities.

In addition to offering personal instruction, Zizic is always willing to fill-in as a sparring partner for anyone in need. Since early February, Zizic racked up 16 official sparring sessions, earning him more pre-tournament ring time than other boxer in the club. The extra time paid off, as any attentive observer can see, and Zizic is perhaps the best technical fighter in the club.

As would be expected, Zizic spent his spring break in training and preparation for his Wednesday fight. Zizic combined regular training with desolate runs around campus late at night. He maintains he has no set plan for Wednesday's match.

"I used to try to have a fight plan, then I realized after you get hit the first time your plan disintegrates."

Zizic, of course, hopes for a win on Wednesday, but he says Bengal Bouts isn't about the leather jacket or the personal glory.

"The personal attention you get is wonderful, but always in the back of my mind I do think about what the mission of this organization is — fighting ourselves in order to make something good for the world," Zizic said. "As corny as that sounds, its real."

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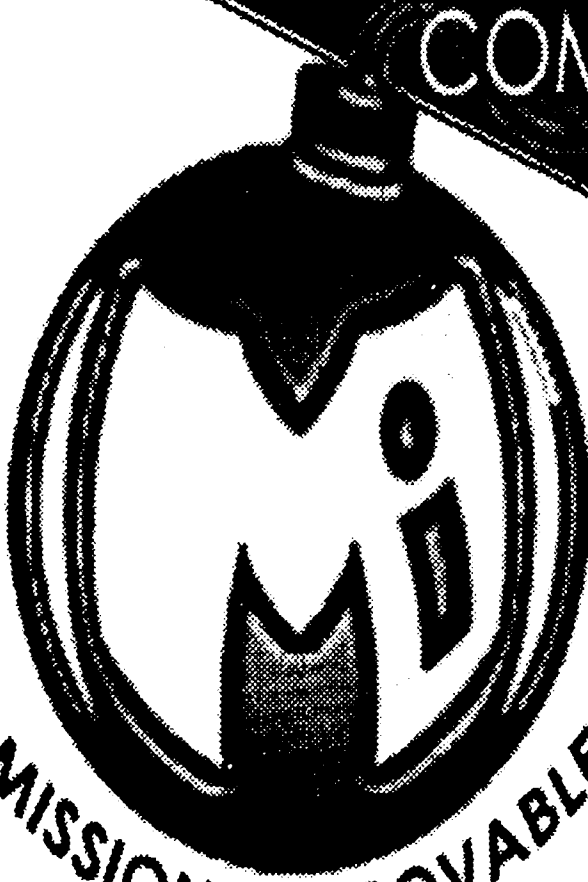
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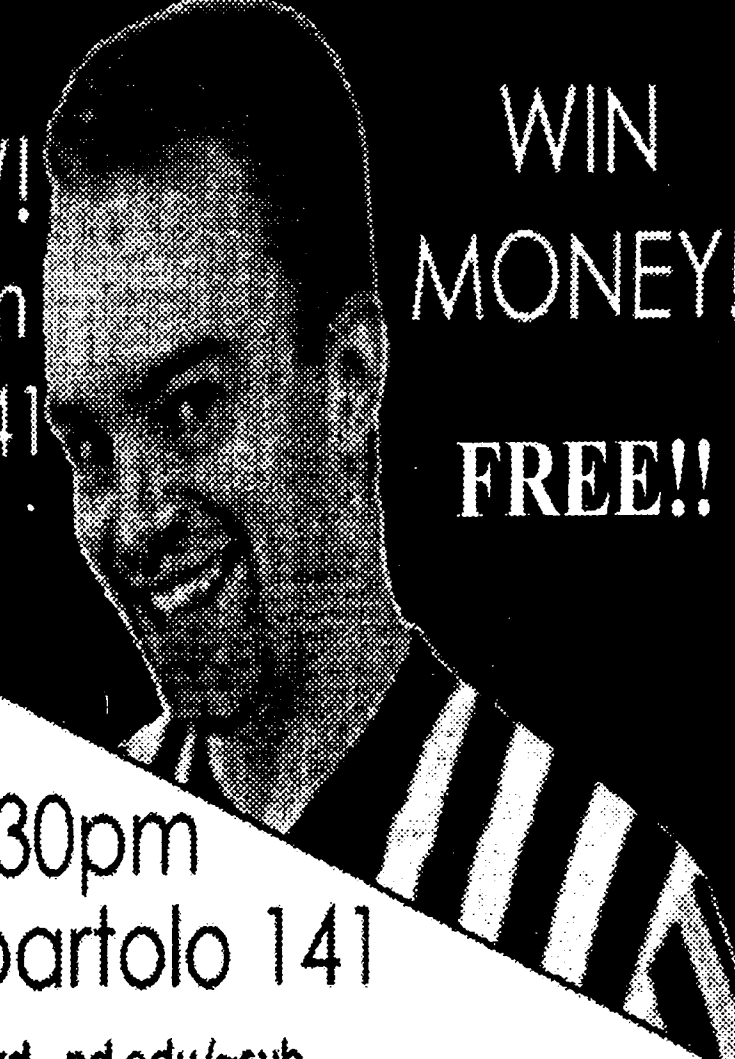
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Nominations should be submitted by 5 p.m., on Monday, March 22, 2004

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The Center for Social Concerns is now accepting applications for two mini-grants of \$5,000 each. Awarded in two phases, the mini-grants support joint faculty-student-community research partnerships that address a social challenge articulated by a community organization.

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- Offer students community-based learning opportunities that promote civic responsibility.

To learn more about requirements for the mini-grants, go to <http://centerforsocialconcerns.nd.edu/ganeygrant2004.html>

The proposal should be submitted by 5 p.m. on Monday, March 22, 2004.

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CENTER FOR SOCIAL CONCERNS

BASEBALL

Irish drop one, still finish strong

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

The Irish saw a little bit of everything over their spring break trip to Texas — high scoring, extra-inning wins, low scoring pitchers' duels and even their first loss of the season.

Notre Dame (12-1), now ranked as high as No. 8 by the Collegiate Baseball Newspaper poll, finished the week 6-1 after competing in the Alamo City Irish Baseball Classic in San Antonio and the Round Rock College Classic in Round Rock, Texas.

Notre Dame 12, Southern Illinois 11

In the opener of the Texas trip, the Irish yielded an early 5-0 lead to the Salukis as Irish right-hander Chris Niesel was chased from the mound after just three innings of work. Southern Illinois built that lead to 9-3 by the fifth inning.

The Irish gradually clawed their way back with two runs in the sixth inning and three in the eighth. However, they found themselves railing 9-8 before third baseman Matt Macri singled up the middle to keep the game alive. Steve Andres doubled in Macri to send the game to extra innings.

After the Salukis put two across the plate in the top of the 10th, the Irish again found themselves down to their last out with just one runner on first when first baseman Matt Edwards and catcher Javi Sanchez smacked back-to-back singles to load the bases.

Right fielder Cody Rizzo then came through with a single through the left side to score two and again tie the game.

In the 11th, outfielder Craig Cooper scored the winning run for the Irish on a wild pitch by Southern Illinois' Tyler Norrick, who was credited with the loss.

Texas-San Antonio 17, Notre Dame 9

The Irish fell from the ranks of the unbeaten in their second game of the Texas trip. The usually solid Notre Dame defense committed six errors in the game, and starting left-hander Tom Thornton felt the sting, allowing eight runs (six earned) on eight hits in 4 1/3 innings pitched.

The Roadrunners jumped out to an early 8-2 lead by the middle of the fifth inning before Edwards narrowed that margin to three with a three-run home run, his fourth of the season.

Notre Dame 8, Penn State 2

The Irish bounced back the next day as right-hander Grant Johnson got the start on the mound, making his first appearance as a starter since the 2002 College World Series. The junior threw only 23 pitches, allowing one hit in one inning pitched, as part of a planned rotation in working back from Tommy John surgery that sidelined him the entire 2003 season.

The story of the day, however, was the performance of lefthander Joe Thaman. The senior, who spent his first three seasons with Notre Dame as the starter at first base, earned his first collegiate victory,

throwing seven innings and allowing the Nittany Lions just two runs on five hits.

Notre Dame 13, Texas-San Antonio 5

The Irish captured the Alamo City Irish Baseball Classic title and got a little payback in the final game of the tournament Tuesday with a win over the Roadrunners.

The Irish jumped out to an 8-1 lead in the contest and freshman Jess Stewart used the momentum to help record his second win of the season, working 5 2/3 innings and allowing three earned runs on eight hits.

After the final game, Edwards was named tournament MVP, going 7-for-15 with seven RBIs in the four games.

Notre Dame 4, Penn State 2

The Irish traveled from San Antonio to Round Rock, Texas Thursday to compete in the Round Rock College Classic.

Freshman pitcher Derik Olvey worked five innings and allowed two runs (one earned) on two hits to earn his first victory in a Notre Dame uniform. Classmate Jeff Samardzija pitched the remaining four innings in relief and held Penn State hitless over that span to earn his first collegiate save.

Macri led the way at the plate for the Irish, going 3-for-4 with three RBIs.

Notre Dame 4, Arizona 2

In the second game of the tournament, the Irish earned their sixth victory over a ranked opponent this season in holding off No. 19 Arizona in a rematch of last year's 13-5 Irish victory in the NCAA Regionals.

Niesel bounced back from a rocky outing against Southern Illinois with a solid effort, allowing just two runs and scattering 10 hits over seven innings.

Notre Dame 6, Texas Tech 1

In what would prove their last game of the trip, Thornton atoned for his previous outing — a 17-9 loss to Texas San Antonio — with an eight-inning, one-hit gem in keeping the hot-hitting Red Raiders at bay in the Irish victory.

Texas Tech entered the game against Thornton with a .350 team batting average and 13 runs scored a game, but the sophomore held the Red Raiders scoreless through eight innings and struck out a career-high seven batters.

Edwards led the way at bat for the Irish, going 3-for-4 with a run scored, while Macri contributed a pair of RBIs.

Notes:

♦ Notre Dame's final game of the spring break trip was cancelled due to stormy weather in Round Rock.

♦ Thornton was named Big East Pitcher of the Week for his eight-inning shutout performance against a good-hitting Texas Tech squad. The lefty allowed just five balls to leave the infield and gave up just one hit against the Red Raiders.

♦ The current 12-1 start is the best for a Notre Dame team since 1910, when the Irish began the season 19-1.

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SOFTBALL

No. 23 Irish struggle during spring break invitationals

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
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After winning the NFCA Silver Bracket Championship, the Irish forgot their bats at home when they traveled to Florida for the Florida Atlantic/Worth Invitational March 6. Notre Dame's struggles came after they broke into top-25 for the first time this season at No. 23.

Florida International 2, Notre Dame 1

The Irish were only able to manage five hits against the Golden Panthers (5-13). The Irish were up 1-0 when Nicole deFau singled, stole second and moved to third on an error. She stole home when Meagan Ruthrauff, who drew a walk, stole second. The lead didn't last, as Heather Booth surrendered three straight two-out singles.

Massachusetts 4, Notre Dame 2

In the second game of the day, the Minutewomen (5-7) were able to take advantage of three Irish errors, despite being out-hit 8-4 by Notre Dame. The Irish tried to rally when Megan Ciolli had an RBI single in the sixth, and was then knocked home by Nicole Wicks, but Mallorie Lenn fled to right to end the inning and Irish hopes.

Notre Dame 2, North Carolina 0

The Irish were able to oust the Tar Heels (12-9) behind Liz Hartmann and Steffany Stenglein. Hartmann shook off flu-like symptoms to go 2-for-3 with the game-winning RBI. Meanwhile, Stenglein managed to pitch her first complete game shutout of the year, striking out six and walking just two.

Notre Dame 2, Florida Atlantic 0

Home-field advantage was not enough to propel the Owls, as Booth pitched a complete game one-hitter, the second shutout of the day for the Irish. She retired 21 of 22 batters she faced, striking out seven. Offensively, Lenn exploded with an RBI double, and Sara Schoonaert hit a RBI single to score the only runs for the Irish. Wicks scored both Notre Dame runs to go along with her two hits.

No. 4 Florida State 4, Notre Dame 3 (10 Innings)

The Irish almost pulled off the extra-inning upset of the Seminoles (23-3), after battling back from a 2-0 deficit to go ahead 3-2 in the third inning. Booth pitched a gem once again for Notre Dame, going 10 innings with 12 strikeouts, a career high. Kim Hoffer's had the game-winning single for Florida State.

No. 11 Michigan 3, Notre Dame 0

For the second game in a row, the Irish fell to a top-15 team, as they

were no-hit by Michigan's Jennie Ritter. She struck out nine hitters, and was a hit-by-pitch away from a perfect game for the Wolverines (13-5).

Notre Dame 3, Troy State 1

Booth once again led the Irish with her arm, throwing a complete game and striking out 12. She only gave up three hits against the Lady Trojans (14-13). Offensively, Stephanie Brown was 3-for-4 with her fourth home run, and Ruthrauff was 2-for-3 with two RBIs.

Notre Dame 3, Georgia State 2 (8 Innings)

Hartmann drove in the winning run with a sacrifice fly to lead the Irish to an extra-inning win over the Panthers (6-8). Ciolli scored the winning run after being placed at second base per the international tiebreaker rule. Carrie Wisen pitched well in relief for the Irish, shutting down Georgia State with nine strikeouts and no hits in 5 1/3 innings.

Notre Dame 6, Maryland 2

Irish bats came to play, as the Irish offense pounded 11 team hits. Ruthrauff started things off with a three-run home run in the third inning, while Stephanie Brown was 4-for-4 with two runs. Ciolli, meanwhile, was perfect at the plate with four hits and three runs scored. Hartmann added the other three Irish RBIs.

Texas A&M 2, Notre Dame 1

The Irish could not sustain their offensive power, managing just two hits against the Aggies (17-11). Stenglein pitched a solid game, giving up a solo homer and a run on a passed ball in the first, and settling down to allow just six hits the rest of the way.

Notre Dame 1, Penn State 0

In the first round of single elimination, the Irish squeaked by the Nittany Lions (9-16) in a pitchers' duel in which Booth came out on top. Offensively, the Irish were led by Ruthrauff, who scored the only Irish run on a double steal.

Notre Dame 8, Florida A&M 0

In Sunday's second game, the Irish (17-9) dominated, registering eight runs on eight hits in five innings. Ciolli, Ruthrauff and Lenn each had a pair of RBIs, while Brown posted two runs scored. Stenglein pitched a one-hitter to earn her fifth victory of the season.

Notes:

♦ Ruthrauff and Booth were named to the FSU Invitational All-Tournament team. Ruthrauff was 6-for-16 (.375), while Booth was 3-0 with only eight hits allowed.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Early season schedule unkind to Notre Dame

By PAT LEONARD
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Despite a convincing victory in the season opener against Penn State, the Irish dropped games to No. 3 Syracuse and No. 9 North Carolina over the break to fall to 1-2 overall in the early stages of the 2004 season.

The Orangemen went on a 9-1 run in the third quarter on their way to a 19-13 defeat of Notre Dame at Syracuse Thursday. The Irish returned home for a Sunday afternoon game against North Carolina, but the No. 9 Tar Heels went ahead early and never relinquished the lead in a 14-11 North Carolina win.

"We haven't been consistent at either end of the field," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "We haven't been hard enough to beat, and that's something that we have to correct."

The Irish have opened the past two seasons against top non-conference opponents, a practice intended to prepare Notre Dame for the postseason but not always helpful for its record.

"Life's too short to play the losing teams," Corrigan said. "We want to play the best and we want to beat the best, and hopefully when the postseason comes we'll have enough quality wins to get into the tournament."

Syracuse used a 53-34 advantage in ground balls to control possession, especially in the later stages of Thursday's game. Four players

for the Orangemen scored hat tricks, led by three goals and three assists from senior Michael Powell. Powell has won the Jack Turnbull Award for three consecutive years as the best attacker in Division I.

Defender D.J. Driscoll did his best to keep the Irish in the game late, guarding Powell and holding him scoreless for the last 48:03 of the match and pointless for the final 26:52.

Notre Dame, however, could not hold on to a 10-7 lead early in the third quarter. Despite a three goal, one assist performance by midfielder Brian Giordano, the Irish failed to match the rush of goals in a 9-1 second half Syracuse run.

Matt Howell added two goals and one assist. Midfielder Matt Karweck scored two goals, and attacker Pat Walsh had a goal and three assists.

Walsh was the feature player for Notre Dame against North Carolina, though the All-American's three goals and three assists could not bring Notre Dame back from an early game, 5-1 deficit.

Walsh gave the Irish its only lead of the game 1:26 into the game, and the team cut the deficit to two goals four times.

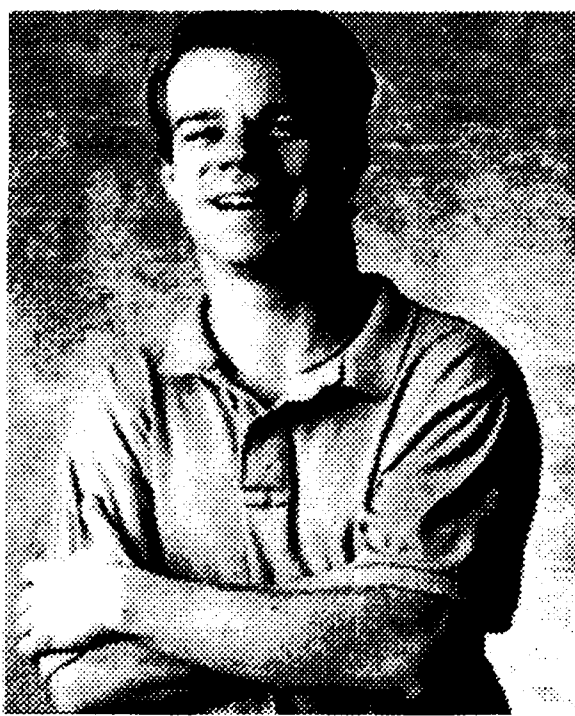
The Irish did become the first team to score double digits against North Carolina this season. A series of players notched two goals for Notre Dame — midfielders Matt Ryan and Brian Hubschmann, Howell and Karweck.

The team will play Loyola in Baltimore Saturday.

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HOCKEY

Up-and-downs can't slow Irish postseason

If you were to chart Notre Dame's season so far, it would probably look like the seismograph for an 8.0 Richter scale earthquake.

The year has had bigger ups and downs than an elevator in the Sears Tower. After a sweep of CCHA-leading Michigan, what did Notre Dame do? Lose 3-0 to 11th-place Lake Superior State.

After a 3-1 victory over then No. 4 Wisconsin back on Jan. 18, what did Notre Dame do for an encore the next weekend? Lose two in a row on the road to Northern Michigan.

Following a five-game unbeaten streak between Nov. 8 and Nov. 29 (3-0-2) in which Notre Dame only allowed 12 goals, what did the team do in its next series on the road against Western Michigan?

Give up 14 goals in a pair of losses.

Welcome to the sport of hockey, where hot streaks end just as quickly as they started and a goalie can be a hero one day only to be the goat the next. It's somewhat fitting that Notre Dame advanced to the second round of the CCHA playoffs Sunday night by having to first defeat Western Michigan — the only team to score more than five goals in a game against Notre Dame during the regular season.

"If you were to chart our progress through out the year, you'd look at that weekend against Western and say, 'All right, that's just an aberration. It's a spike in the chart, that's all it is,' Irish coach Dave Poulin said.

"That's the way we handled it. We knew it wasn't a trend."

Even in victory, the Irish had to fight a non-stop wave of emotions. Western Michigan got on the board first Sunday, but the Irish were able to tie the game at one only to have the Broncos

retake the lead a few minutes later.

Notre Dame then scored three unanswered goals to take a 4-2 lead, only to watch as Western Michigan took advantage of costly Irish penalties to tie the game back up.

It was fitting that Tim Wallace, who came into the game with only one goal and eight points on the season, would have the biggest game of all. By the time the night was over, Wallace had tripled his goal-scoring total for the year and collected the game-winning assist with a pass to freshman Jason Paige.

Talk about a spike in production.

"[Wallace] just responded great tonight," Poulin said. "He and I had a long chat [Saturday] morning and I told him that it wouldn't surprise me if he were to score the winning goal that night."

The Irish now have the chance to go somewhere that no Notre Dame hockey team has ever gone before. They head into the Super Six championship at Detroit with a realistic chance to secure the school's first ever NCAA Tournament bid.

The Irish wouldn't even be on the radar screen had Paige not hit the game-winning goal Sunday.

"I think tonight being up a couple goals and having them come back I really think that helped us to deal with that adversity," Paige said. "I think it's going to help us here as we continue going through the playoffs."

Notre Dame has had its share of peaks and valleys this season, but they're certainly hoping now that the team has nowhere to go but up.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Huddle runs into Irish history

Sophomore earns two All-American honors at indoor NCAA race

By MIKE GILLOON
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She may be only a sophomore, but when it comes to All-American performances, Molly Huddle is a seasoned veteran.

The Notre Dame distance runner claimed the fourth and fifth All-America honors of her career at the NCAA Indoor National Championships in Fayetteville, Ark.

Huddle placed seventh in the 3,000 meters and third in the 5,000 meters to claim her spot as one of the most decorated track and field athletes in school history.

The Elmira, N.Y. native broke the previous record of four career All-America honors set by former Irish sprinter Liz Grow in 2002. Huddle's other All-American performances were recorded her freshman season as she achieved a sixth-place finish in cross country, a ninth-place time in the indoor 3,000 meters and a fourth-place mark in the outdoor 5,000 meters.

Huddle, however, was not the only Irish athlete to have a successful weekend. Kerry Meagher placed seventh in the women's mile run to earn her first career All-American honors. The Allentown, Pa. native finished the race in a personal-best time of 4:40.67. Fellow junior Lauren King barely missed repeating as an All-American by placing tenth in a time of 4:50.57. King placed seventh in the mile at last year's indoor meet.

As a team the Irish women finished in 21st place with a school-record 10 points. Their previous high total was five, set at last year's indoor meet.

LSU was the team champion in both the men's and women's

field. This is the first time a program swept both the men's and women's titles at the national indoor meet.

Sophomore Stacey Cowan capped a successful indoor season by placing 10th in the high jump. The Ferndale, Wash. native cleared a height of 1.77 meters in her first appearance at the indoor national championships.

The women's distance medley relay team also placed 10th as Meagher, King and seniors Megan Johnston and Kristen Dodd combined to finish in a time of 4:50.57.

Selim Nurudeen was the sole representative from the Irish men's team to compete this weekend. This year's Big East Champion in the 60-meter hurdles placed 15th with a time of 7.82 seconds. This was the first appearance at the national meet for the junior.

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slot.

Rather than go for the hat trick, Wallace moved the puck over to a skating Paige, who flipped the puck past Marvin for the winning goal.

"I knew that the guy coming back was a forward and didn't really know what he was doing on defense," Wallace said. "I just slid it across to Jason and I knew he would put it home for me."

The Irish had to deal with adversity throughout the game, as the Broncos took a pair of one-goal leads. Western Michigan opened the scoring at 1-0 on a goal by Dana Lattery at 17:57 of the first period.

Aaron Gill tied the game for the Irish it just 1:42 into the second period, only to have Western Michigan's Jeremy Cheyne score a power play goal at 8:14, putting home a rebound of a Lucas Drake shot past Irish goalie David Brown.

Wallace helped get the Irish their first lead of the game, scoring two goals in a span of just four minutes and 12 seconds. The sophomore forward had only one goal on the season coming into Sunday night's game.

"Timmy Wallace has great hands, and he's going to score goals in this league," Poulin said. "If you had told me before the start of the year that he'd come into the playoffs with just one goal I'd say there's no way — he just does too many things too well."

Rob Globke gave Notre Dame a 4-2 lead at 3:58 of the third period, using a nifty hesitation move to get past his defender and whip the puck past Marvin from close range.

Western Michigan would not go away, though, as Vince Bellissimo scored a 5-on-3 power play goal at 9:24 of the period and Pat Dwyer tallied the equalizer a little more than two minutes later, setting the stage for Paige's overtime heroics.

Notre Dame will face Ohio State at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday

at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. **Western Michigan 4, Notre Dame 0**

Bronco goalie Marvin, in just his second career start, made 30 saves as Western Michigan knotted the first round CCHA playoff series at one game apiece at the Joyce Center Saturday.

Cheyne, Lattery (with two goals) and Jeff Campbell provided the scoring for the Broncos, who outshot the Irish 31-30.

Notre Dame 4, Western Michigan 2

Irish goalie Morgan Cey stopped 40 of 42 shots and helped Notre Dame take a one-game lead in their best-of-three series Friday.

Brett Lebda, Matt Amado, Josh Sciba and T.J. Jindra scored goals for the Irish.

Paul Davies and Brett Walton provided the scoring for Western Michigan, who lost despite outshooting Notre Dame 40-29.

The Irish killed all six Bronco power plays in the contest, as the CCHA's leading penalty-killing team came up strong in the victory.

Notre Dame 2, Lake Superior State 1

Paige and Michael Bartlett each scored goals in a hard fought road victory for the Irish, as they defeated the Lakers Mar. 7 in the final game of the regular season.

Cey needed to only make 13 saves in the victory, while Laker goalie Jeff Jakaitis stopped 29 shots in a losing effort.

Chris Peterson gave LSSU the early lead just 34 seconds into the second period, but the Irish were able to storm back and come away with the win.

Lake Superior State 3, Notre Dame 0

Perhaps still high from their sweep of first-place Michigan the weekend before, the Irish were blanked by Jakaitis and the rest of the Lakers in the first game of Notre Dame's final road series of the regular season.

Mike Adamek, Alex Dunn and Colin Nicholson scored the goals for the Lakers, who were outshot 23-21 in the game.

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Instead of making a fourth consecutive trip to the NCAA Tournament, Notre Dame will host in-state rival Purdue Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the first round of the NIT. The two teams, who met almost annually in the 1940s and 50s, haven't played since 1966.

"We need to play more rivalries like that. We need to play teams in state," said Indianapolis native Chris Thomas. "It just makes it more to play for. It attracts more attention."

If Notre Dame wins Wednesday, the Irish will go on the road next week to play the winner of the Iowa-Saint Louis game because the Joyce Center is hosting four women's NCAA tournament games.

It was tough to tell what kept the Irish out of the NCAA Tournament. The Irish won seven of their last ten games, including wins against tourney-bound Connecticut, Syracuse and Seton Hall, and had a schedule rated as the 27th most difficult in the nation. However, the 17-12 Irish won six games at home, including early-season setbacks against Central Michigan and Indiana. Brey believed that had the Irish won one of its two games against Kentucky, Notre Dame's postseason might have been different.

Brey emphatically said that he didn't consider a trip to the NIT a step back for a program that went 11 years without an NCAA bid. Notre Dame was one of just nine schools to win a first-round game the last three years, and he cautioned that the nature of college basketball means NIT trips could occur.

"I don't know if we're going to be an annual NCAA Tournament program," the Irish coach said. "There's a handful that do that. Just about everybody rotates through the NIT every now and then."

After all, Syracuse played in the NIT in 2002 and then won the 2003 national title.

The Irish insisted that there is no shame in playing in the NIT, saying they want to advance one step farther than the Notre Dame squad that lost in the 2000 NIT final.

"We're very proud to be a part of the NIT," Brey said, adding, "I don't see an NIT championship banner hanging up there, we have a history with that tournament but haven't won it."

"That's something for our guys to shoot for."

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doesn't apply here because that wouldn't have been a good win. If 5-foot-6 Joe Carr's buzzer-beater doesn't fall, the Irish only gain a removal of a bad loss from their postseason resume.

Maybe a win against Central Michigan and one over disappointments Marquette and Indiana would have been enough, getting the Irish to 19-10. Regardless of all these hypothetical situations, now the Irish have to regroup and focus on the NIT.

It's disappointing for the Irish because this team can play with any in the country. If the Irish did make the NCAA Tournament, it would more than likely have been a No. 11 or 12 seed and faced teams seeded between No. 3 and 6 in the

first two rounds.

The Irish wouldn't have been blown out against teams of that caliber. If their shots fell for two games in a row, the Irish even could have snuck into the Sweet 16 and been fit for a glass slipper.

The argument is there about what is better for a team — being one-and-done in the NCAAs or making a run deep in the NIT and possibly returning to the Garden.

Look at Matt Doherty's team from the 1999-2000 season. The Irish didn't make the NCAA Tournament and lost in the final of the NIT. Doherty bolted for North Carolina in the off-season.

Brey came to South Bend and led the Irish to a Big East title and their first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1990. Two years later, the Irish were in the NCAAs for the third straight year and in the Sweet 16 for the first time in 16 years.

But the argument is also there that even a first-round loss in the NCAA Tournament is good for a team to experience being a part of March Madness. Obviously given a choice, a team wants to be in the NCAAs, but when looking at the big picture, it's not as black and white.

Missing out on it for the first time in four years will motivate Thomas in the summer to fulfill his All-American talent if he returns, push Torin Francis to become feared in the Big East as he recovers from back surgery and drive Brey to get his team playing with a sense of urgency from the first game next year.

One more good win and the Irish wouldn't be playing for the right to be No. 66.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Coach disappointed in 5th-place result

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's golf team began their spring season with a 3-way tie for fifth place out of 14 teams at the inaugural St. Croix Collegiate Classic this past weekend at the Robert Trent Jones, Sr., course at the Carambola Golf Club in the Virgin Islands.

The Irish had a total score of 959 (316-327-316), putting them in a tie with Boston College and tournament host Xavier.

Southern Methodist University dominated the tournament from the beginning, holding first place from the outset and shooting a three-day total of 916.

Irish coach Debby King said that, after a very strong fall season, the weekend outing was the team's "worst of the season" and that she was not happy with the results. King said she was expecting the Irish to finish third or better.

The Irish ended the first day in a position to achieve that goal, shooting a 316 and finishing in third place. However, the Irish could not hold on to third place, shooting a 327 that dropped them into a tie for seventh after the second day. Of the five golfers whose

scores counted towards Notre Dame's team score, four golfers shot worse rounds than the previous day.

On Sunday, the Irish made their presence known by shooting 316, which moved them from seventh to fifth. Nakazaki again continued her improvement, shooting a team-weekend best of 2-over-par 74 to finish with a tournament total of 240, tied for 26th.

The irony in the weekend for the team was that its two top finishers, sophomores Lauren Gebauer and Sarah Bassett, both entered the tournament as independent entries, with their scores not counting towards the team total. Gebauer finished in a tie for 19th, shooting a team-low 237. Bassett improved each day, shooting to tie for 24th with 239. Sophomore Suzie Hayes, also an independent entry, shot 76-82-88 to tie with Stacy Brown in 41st.

Despite their disappointing finish, King still has high hopes. "I feel confident for the rest of the season," she said, adding that "this was our first tournament out of winter, and we're just getting our legs back."

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SMC GOLF

Belles battle through spring invite

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's golf posted a team score of 725 strokes for a fourth-place finish at the Monarch Invitational over spring break.

Host Methodist College, last year's national championship team, claimed first place with 647 strokes.

"It was a tough course and we weren't used to the conditions. We expected to go there to get in golfing shape," coach Mark Hamilton said.

Junior Stefanie Simmerman led the Belles with a 14th place finish and a two-day total of 169 strokes. Simmerman, last year's NCAA individual champion, shot 87 during the first day of competition and 82 the second.

Junior Julia Adams followed closely at 16th, firing 87 and 85 respectively for a two-day total of 172. Co-captain Elizabeth Hanlon registered 92 the first day and 86 the second for a two-day total of 178 strokes and an 18th-place finish.

Fellow captain Chrissy Dunham rounded out the team's score with a 29th-place finish

with a two-day total of 199 strokes, recording 94 and 105 respectively.

Hamilton pointed out that, although their scores did not determine the team's overall score, sophomores Nicole Bellino, Kirsten Fantom and Erin McQueen all made significant improvements during the meet.

"They began to adapt to the course as the week went on," Hamilton said. "That really showed on the course."

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MEN'S GOLF

Early lead vanishes as Irish finish 9th

By ANNIE BRUSKY
Sports Writer

After shooting a first-round score that placed them in the middle of a competitive field at this weekend's Conrad Rehling Invitational, Notre Dame was slightly disappointed when they finished the 13-team tournament in ninth place.

"We can take away some positives from this tournament. We did do a little better than our last tournament out West," Scott Gustafson said. "We picked up a few quality wins against district teams that were important for us to beat, but we also lost quite a few too."

The tournament, held in Tuscaloosa, Ala., included seven of the top 50 teams according to the latest Golfweek rankings and five of the top 12 teams in the Midwest District.

The Irish were hoping to use this opportunity to gain ground in the Midwest District Rankings, but they did not perform well enough to make a significant jump.

Gustafson led the Irish once again this weekend, finishing in the top 15 for the fourth time this season. His three-over par 219 (73-69-77) landed him in a three-way tie for 11th place, 10 strokes behind the tournament medalist.

Just like the team, Gustafson

was in good shape after the first two rounds when a weaker third round performance hurt his final score.

"I'm searching for a better performance in the last round," he said. "For the last couple of tournaments, I've put myself in pretty good position but I struggle in the final round [and] that hurts me a little."

Cole Isban (76-75-75) and Tommy Balderston (76-74-76) were neck-and-neck the whole tournament, finishing in a group tied for 26th place.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish shock three top-20 teams over break

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

While most students used the week off to soak up the sun or simply relax at home, No. 12 Notre Dame was busy exacting some revenge on No. 19 Cornell in its home opener and toppling a pair of top-10 lacrosse giants in No. 2 Duke and No. 6 James Madison in Orlando, Fla.

The trio of victories preserved Notre Dame's unblemished 5-0 record while simultaneously extending its school-record winning streak to nine games. Each of the last four Irish victories have come over nationally-ranked squads.

Cornell was Notre Dame's first spring break victim as the Irish rode Meredith Simon's career-high seven-point performance (four goals, three assists) and 14 first-half goals to a dominate 20-

7 victory over the Big Red March 7.

"We just were really clicking," Coyne said. "The Cornell game was a focus for us since the beginning of spring break. There was a time period in the first half we were scoring about a goal a minute. It was unbelievable."

After Cornell drew first blood, the Irish reeled off six straight and 14 of the next 16 goals to take a commanding 14-4 lead at halftime. Middle Abby Owen, middle Meghan Murphy and attacker Lauren Fischer each chipped in with hat tricks in the landslide victory.

The Big Red thrashing provided a little vengeance for the Irish after Cornell embarrassed Notre Dame 13-5 in Ithaca, N.Y. last year.

The Irish pulled off perhaps their biggest win of the week three days later in a 11-9 upset

of Duke at Disney's World of Sports Facility.

"We had an opportunity to scout Duke so we knew what to expect, but we made a decision really not to make any adjustments and just go with our game plan and what has been working up until this point," Coyne said. "To beat them was just phenomenal."

As has been the case all season, the Irish took advantage of a quick start to jump ahead 6-1 and carried a 6-2 lead into halftime.

"We just work the transition," Coyne said. "There are a lot of unselfish people on the field, and when they give the ball up to someone who's open, it creates opportunities and we've just been able to put in away."

The Blue Devils netted three of the contest's next four goals to pull within a pair of goals with 16:40 left, but the Irish returned

the favor as Simon, middle/defense Andrea Kinnik and Owen each scored, respectively, to stake the Irish to a 10-6 lead with 5:30 remaining.

Duke's Kristen Waagbo found the back of the net twice in the next minute to once again bring Duke within two at the 4:30 mark, but Owen finished off her hat trick at 2:06 and goalkeeper Carol Dixon and the Irish held off the Blue Devils to secure the upset.

In addition to Owen, senior defender Kassen Delano also recorded a trio of goals — all in the first half.

The triumph over Duke was Notre Dame's first victory over the Blue Devils in seven contests and marked the highest-ranked team that the Irish have ever beaten.

On Sunday, Notre Dame finished up one of the best weeks in program eight-year history and

recorded its fourth straight victory over a nationally ranked team by rallying from 4-0 and 7-3 deficits to edge James Madison, 9-7.

Falling behind 4-0 in the game's first 15 minutes, the Irish fought back as Simon, Owen and Fischer scored to make it a one-goal game at the half.

Murphy kicked off the Notre Dame scoring barrage with 11:47 left and the Irish went on to find the net five more times with the eventual game winner coming from Simon's stick with 4:30 remaining.

Fischer had a trio of goals in the contest and both Simon — the Big East Co-Offensive Player of the Week for the week ending March 7 — and Owen finished with a pair of goals and assists.

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Perry-Eaton becomes first Irish diver to win regional title

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

Meghan Perry-Eaton continued her reign of diving dominance last weekend as the Big East Championships Most Outstanding Diver won the 1-meter board and placed sixth in the 3-meter board at the Zone C NCAA Diving Championships in Bloomington, Ind. on Friday and Saturday.

The impressive performance

qualified the senior for her second consecutive trip to the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships Thursday through Saturday in College Station, Texas.

After posting the top six-dive preliminary score with 274.65 on the 1-meter board, Perry-Eaton was even better in the finals, recording a 289.65 for an overall score of 564.30. The victory marked the first time that a Notre Dame swimmer has won a Zone C NCAA Diving Championships event.

"I had a pretty good meet over the rest of the divers," Perry-Eaton said. "It's nice to know that I'm a little more ahead than I had planned. The 1-meter wasn't anywhere near the best that I could have done, and it's comforting to know that."

On Saturday, Perry-Eaton placed sixth on the 3-meter board with a total score of 473.37.95 points behind Ohio State's Julie Broms.

"It was important to dive well, and it would have been

nice to do better, but it wasn't crucial [after qualifying in the 1-meter]," Perry-Eaton said. "If I was going to dive poorly at a meet this year, that was the meet to do it."

Perry-Eaton has been nearly invincible in the both the 1- and 3-meter boards this season.

In addition to triumphing over 11 other schools in dual meets, she locked up the top spot on both the lower and higher boards at a number of other competitions, including

the Notre Dame Invitational, the Texas A&M Invitational and the Big East Championships.

Last year, the senior was an honorable mention for All-American after placing ninth on the 1-meter board at the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships. In addition, Perry-Eaton finished 20th on the 3-meter board.

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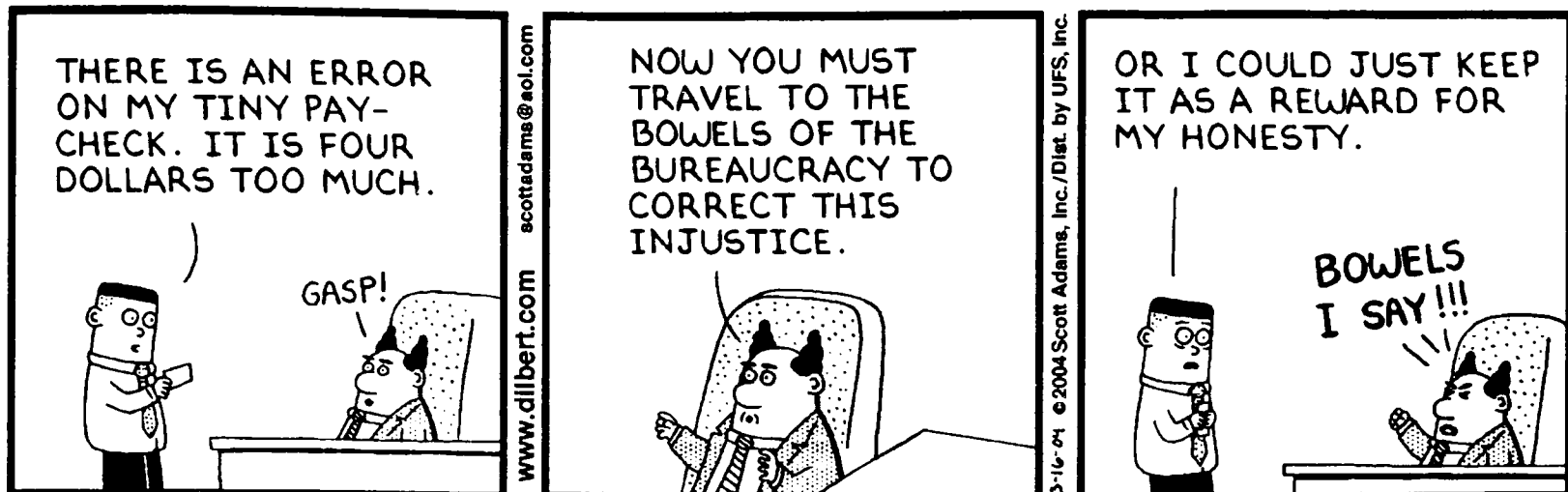
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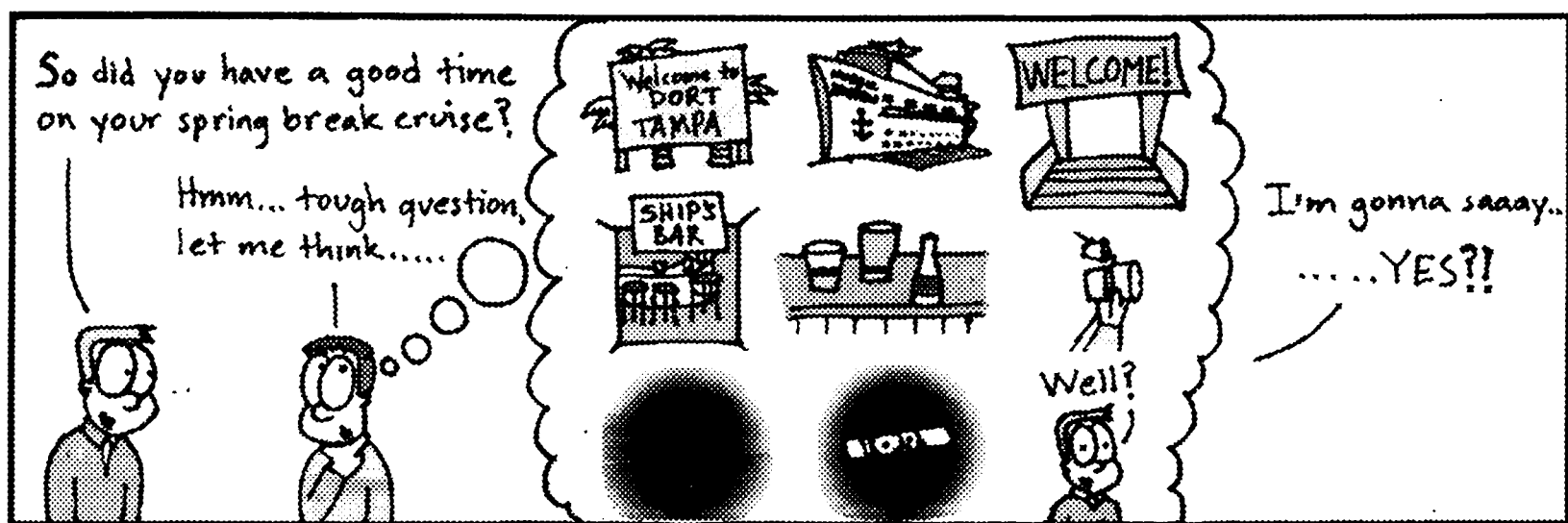
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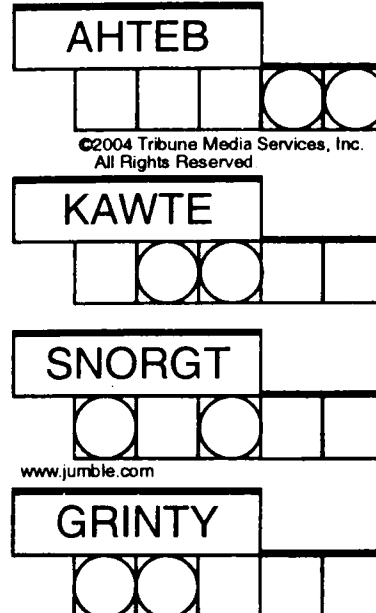
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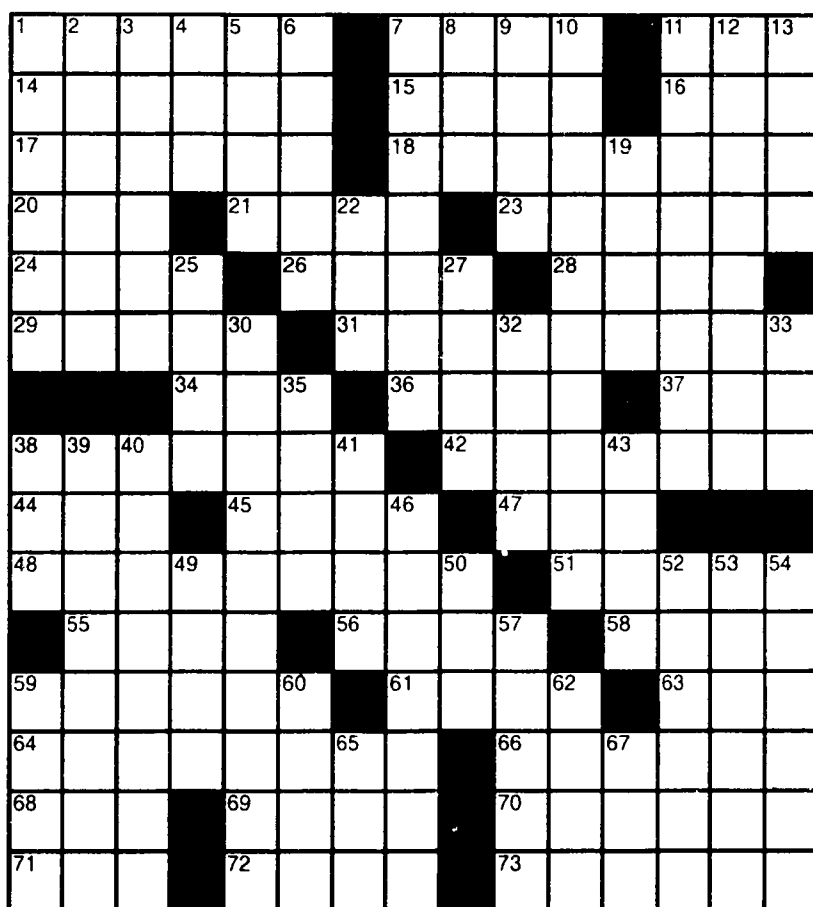


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 - "My gal" et al.
 - Any ship
 - Apienty
 - Apple product
 - Wee one
 - Goddess of love's love
 - Washroom
 - "___ the season"
 - Roof part
 - Certain refrigerators
 - Broke ground
 - Chicken order
 - Pub stock
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 - This puzzle has a secret one, starting with the third letter of 4-Down
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- Prefix with classical
 - "___ we forget"
 - Salon stiffener
 - "Unbelievable!"
 - Patient people
 - "Exodus" hero
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 - What to do to read the secret message (going diagonally down, then diagonally back up the under side)
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 - Afternoon affairs
 - Say ___ (refuse)
 - Smarmy
 - Throat part
 - Scent
 - "If I Ruled the World" rapper
- DOWN**
- First name in mystery
 - Contacts from space
 - Skeleton site
 - Sweetie pie
 - Old railroad name
 - Cut again
 - Llama's head?
 - Docs' grp.
 - Hot issue
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 - More than a pest
 - Popular ice cream
 - Locker room supply
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 - Booms' opposites



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- Monopoly token
- Choral work
- Portrait, e.g.
- St. Paul's architect
- Belafonte song opener
- Scared a bit
- "Calm down ..."
- Part of E.S.T.: Abbr.
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Circumstances regarding your partner's finances may arise. Handle the situation with kid gloves. He or she will be extremely sensitive about any controversies that you bring up. ***
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You can enjoy the company of your mate or you can entice new lovers if you get out and socialize. Keep your mind open to new suggestions and listen to what others have to propose. ****
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Love can be yours if you get out and join in. Travel and entertainment will be pleasurable. Do not get involved in quick money-making schemes. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): An older family member may be going through a difficult time. Don't let this person be a burden by insisting that you leave your family to take care of his or her needs. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your flirtatious manner may have upset your mate. If you don't want an out-and-out war on your hands then you had better work hard to win your lover's trust. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Relatives will be upset. You may have to help them find solutions to their problems. Don't give them cash, give them sound advice. Changes regarding your own self-awareness are evident. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Protect your valuables as you're prone to loss or theft today. Use your discipline to work at being the best that you can. Creative endeavors or educational pursuits should be on your mind. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Depression will set in if things aren't going too well on the home front. You can lower your financial overhead if you are willing to make compromises or to budget a little tighter. **

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may not be getting the whole picture. Ferret out the hidden information that no one wants to tell you. Be careful when dealing with authority figures. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Little things will set you off. Try not to take on too much. Financial limitations will be depressing and restrict your lifestyle. Look into suitable ways of making extra cash. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Look into possibilities of traveling for knowledge. A seminar that will provide you with mental stimulation and motivation will contribute more than you think. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Get busy and do things with children. You will get great satisfaction from the appreciation you get in return. Property investments will be profitable. ****

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BASKETBALL

Let the madness begin

Men meet Purdue in NIT first round

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Senior Staff Writer

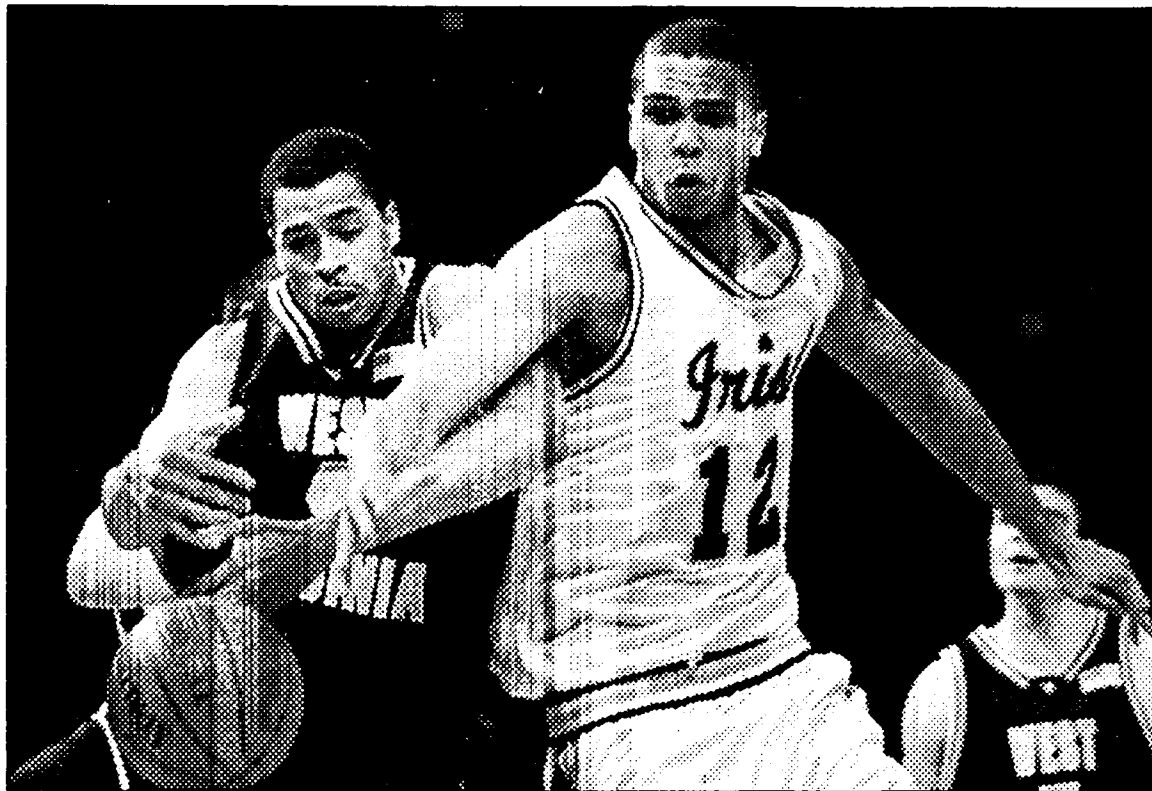
The bubble officially popped for Notre Dame just after 6:30 Sunday night, but Mike Brey had his players well-prepared for the probability that they wouldn't be playing in the NCAA Tournament.

At a practice earlier that afternoon, Brey and the Irish focused on continuing their season as one of 40 participants in the National Invitation Tournament. So even though the Irish gathered at Brey's home to watch the NCAA Tournament Selection Show with a glimmer of hope, they weren't terribly surprised by their fate.

"Over the last couple days, a lot of weird things happened that gave us some hope," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "But I think, for the most part, we were 90 percent ready for the NIT."

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Jordan Cornette battles for a loose ball in Notre Dame's win against West Virginia. Cornette and the Irish face Purdue in the NIT Wednesday.

One more win would have sent Irish dancing

NEW YORK — One more good win — that's all the Irish needed to go dancing.

Take your pick of the game it could have been — at Rutgers, at Boston College, home against Providence or the Big East quarterfinal loss to Connecticut.

A win in the first three gets the Irish 10 wins and tied for fifth in

Matt Lozar

Sports Writer

the Big East with the toughest unbalanced conference schedule in the country. A win Thursday night over the Huskies — who handed the Irish two of their three losses as Notre Dame compiled a 7-3 mark in its last 10 games — lets the Irish advance farther than at least three Big East teams headed for the NCAA Tournament.

The loss to Central Michigan

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No. 5 NCAA seed a happy surprise for women



Members of the Irish basketball team celebrate Sunday when they see their NCAA Tournament seed announced.

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

Muffet McGraw admits her team complained earlier this year for playing such a difficult non-conference schedule. But on Selection Sunday, facing tough opponents translated into a surprising high seed.

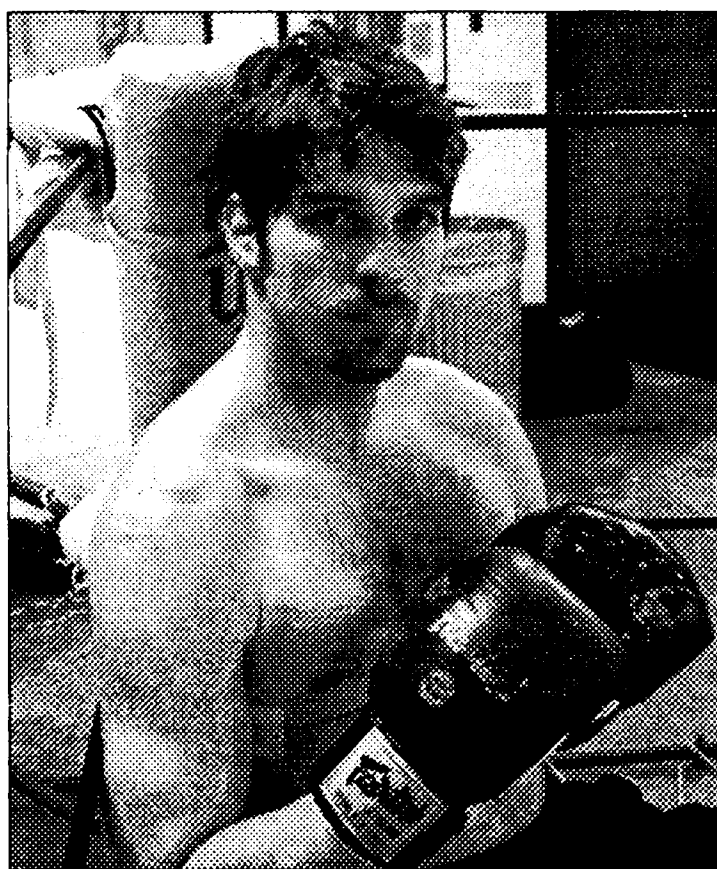
The Irish are the No. 5 seed in the East Regional and will face Southwest Missouri State in the first round Sunday at the Joyce Center at 2:30 p.m. No. 4 seed North Carolina plays No. 13 seed Middle Tennessee State in the other first-round game of the bracket at noon. The winners face off

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BENGAL BOUTS

Prep routine makes boxing easy



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Compared to his rigorous high school routine, senior Billy Zizic has an easy time boxing in Bengal Bouts. Zizic will fight in Wednesday's finals.

By LUKE BUSAM
Sports Writer

No one calls Bengal Bouts relaxing. With pushup counts mounting as high as 1,000, sweat literally dripping off the skin and a constant threat of seeing and tasting one's own blood, few would ever consider it a soothing daily routine.

Yet for senior captain Billy Zizic, Bengal Bouts is exactly that.

Compared to his high school days at Culver Military Academy in nearby Culver, Ind., Zizic says boxing is practically a form of meditation.

"The stress is easier to manage here. This is more of a release or a form of meditation. I can be more self-focused for a while," said Zizic.

Just listening to Zizic's daily routine at Culver is exhausting. "I was always doing stuff. I never even had a full hour to myself, unless it was Saturday."

Zizic balanced a heavy class load with military and leadership obligations and varsity football practice everyday. It began at 5:30 a.m. with meetings, formation and breakfast before classes started. After a full day of class came football, then a sprint to the shower in order to appear at the parade grounds on time for retreat parade.

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HOCKEY

A real Paige turner

Overtime goal sends Irish past Western Michigan and into the CCHA's Super Six

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

It wasn't exactly pretty, but it got the job done.

Notre Dame advanced to the second round of the playoffs Sunday night, defeating Western Michigan 5-4 in game three of the best-of-three first round. The Irish won the first game Friday 4-2 before suffering a setback on Saturday, falling to the Broncos by a score of 4-0.

Notre Dame gained a two-goal lead near the start of the third period Sunday, but could not hold it and went into over-

time tied at 4-4. But Jason Paige sent the Irish to Joe Louis Arena for the third time in a row by beating Bronco goaltender Eric Marvin at 12:35 of overtime to send the Joyce Center crowd into a frenzy.

"I think that after we gave up the two-goal lead, we really started to play with poise and passion," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "To come away with that win was a real emotional night for us."

Forward Tim Wallace, who had already scored two goals on the night, made a nice play at the blue line to keep the puck inside the Irish offensive zone. A Bronco defender slipped, allowing Wallace to skate in unimpeded toward the

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

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Notre Dame wrapped up one of its best weeks in program history by beating top-20 foes Cornell, Duke and James Madison.

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WOMEN'S DIVING

Meghan Perry-Eaton became the first Irish diver to win her regional as she advanced to the NCAA Championships.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Alicia Salas, ranked No. 13 in the nation, stretched her winning streak against top-30 opponents to four games.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Molly Huddle earned two All-American honors for her performances in the Indoor NCAA Championships, stretching her career total to five.

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BIG EAST BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

Notre Dame's men's team won a thrilling first-round game against West Virginia before losing to Connecticut in the quarterfinals.

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