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Hamilton: U.S. still has work to do

Vice Chair of 9/11 commission discusses threat of terrorism

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

Lee H. Hamilton, Vice Chair of the 9/11 commission, spoke at Notre Dame Tuesday about a topic that stirs fear in the minds of all generations — the threat of

terrorism.

Hamilton, who resides in Arlington, Va., spoke to members of the South Bend community in Decio Main Stage Theater at the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

Hamilton was a representative

for the state of Indiana for nearly 34 years and is currently is a member of the president's homeland security advisory council. Yet despite his prestigious positions and long history in the field of international relations, he stood before his audience and admitted that neither he, nor any of the others who worked on the commission report, could promise that the United States is capable of freeing itself from the threat of terrorism.

"There have been twice as

many terrorist attacks worldwide since September 11 than in the three years preceding the attacks," Hamilton said. "I doubt very much if we will ever eliminate terrorism."

Hamilton repeatedly admitted that, though many measures have been taken to prevent future attacks, the United States "still has a lot of work to do."

In his 55-minute speech, Hamilton outlined four measures

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Hamilton

Champions return to campus

Fencing team holds press conference

By ERIC RETTER
News Writer

Head coach Janusz Bednarski insisted assistant coach Zoltan Dudas join the team on stage as the Irish held their press conference Tuesday afternoon upon returning from the NCAA finals after winning the program's 7th title.

"I would like to mention that Zoltan [Dudas] is my partner. He made a tremendous job working with us," Bednarski said. "Zoltan was very special and I would like to mention this during this conference."

Dudas, however, respectfully declined, choosing — much like he had all season — to stay behind the scenes.

"It's not about the coaches I think. It's about the fencers mostly. They are on the stage, they have to fence, not the coaches," Dudas said.

The press conference marked the first time the entire team had appeared since winning the national title in Houston, Tex., coming back from a 24-point deficit and defeating perennial rival Ohio State atop



Bednarski

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Campus radio station finds home online

By NICOLE ZOOK
Assistant News Editor

Buried in the midst of the notoriously bad South Bend radio scene is a gem waiting to be discovered. WVFI, Notre Dame's student-run radio station, is only available to listeners online.

WVFI's assistant station manager Mairead Case said that despite the view of some that exclusively online availability is a deficiency, the station has "a large number of people listening."

"I feel like we have a tight core group and some random people that are relatives or alums or whatever listening, but on the whole I have been surprised when people don't know who we are or don't know how to listen," she said.

Many WVFI workers think that it is better for the station, which is located in the LaFortune Student Center, to only be available online.



KERRY O'CONNOR/The Observer

Sophomore DJ George Heidkamp adjusts the soundboard at the WVFI station in LaFortune Student Center. All WVFI radio shows are broadcast online.

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Reilly Scholars visit University

Top academic prospective students brought to ND for weekend visit

By JARRETT LANTZ
News Writer

As the St. Patrick's Day festivities were getting underway last Thursday, more than 80 of Notre Dame's brightest applicants quietly arrived on campus for the third annual Reilly Scholars Visitation Weekend. Organized by the Office of Admissions and the Honors Program, the event offered some of Notre Dame's top academic prospective students a chance to see the campus in an all-expenses-paid visit.

This year, 85 high school seniors at the top of their graduating classes attended. The students, who have already been admitted to Notre Dame,

were chosen for the program solely on their academic performance and faculty recommendations.

"The Reilly Weekend is for the most academically talented students in our applicant pool," said Office of Admissions counselor Erin Flynn. "It gives prospective students a broad understanding of what academic and community life is like at Notre Dame."

During the course of the weekend, the prospects had a chance to experience Notre Dame's atmosphere first-hand and take a closer look at Honors Programs in Architecture, Arts and Letters or Science.

The Office of Admissions usually does not allow prospec-

tive students to stay over on campus for a weekend — specifically on a Friday or Saturday. Due to conflicts during the month of March, however, the young scholars were able to visit during one of Notre Dame's signature student holidays.

"We didn't have any other option but to host the prospects over St. Patrick's Day weekend," admissions counselor Julia Kelly said. "Spring break took up two March weekends and Easter took up another."

In order to keep the high school students shielded from the numerous St. Patrick's parties, the Office of Admissions

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OIT alerts community as spam fills inboxes

By JEN ROWLING
News Writer

Spam mail, in the form of bank and company impersonators, has been infesting e-mail boxes of members of the Notre Dame community in recent weeks, some soliciting personal and credit card information and then scamming customers.

The Office of Information Technologies (OIT) alerts students and faculty when OIT receives new spam or virus threats.

"This is not just a scare. People have been victimized by this problem," said Gary Dobbins, director of OIT. He said he was unable to release the names of specific individuals who were

targeted by the scams.

Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) had one such case reported March 9, according to the NDSP crime blotter.

OIT does not interfere with mail delivery to campus Webmail users, but in order to lessen the reoccurring problem of spam mail, the technology center provides access to filters for the Notre Dame community.

"People would like not to receive spam mail, and have [OIT] block it," said Dobbins. "It is a very tricky thing to do and not to jeopardize legitimate mail."

Dobbins said that spam does not leak into the system; rather,

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INSIDE COLUMN

Living in 'travel size'

Have you ever walked through the aisles of a warehouse store like Costco or Sam's Club and wondered who would buy a jar of mustard a foot and a half tall?

I mean, if you really stop and think about it, a giant jar of mustard indicates permanence. A responsible adult would not buy such a large quantity of condiment on a whim or pang of fancy. On the contrary, it can be surmised that the driving reason for purchasing such an amount (discounting a mustard fetish) would be the assumption that one, along with one's family, will consume said amount of mustard before the expiration date.

Such a sell-by deadline is most easily met in a household of stability — mortgaged, rented or purchased — or in a flat or apartment of similar stature. Such a large jar of mustard isn't transportable, so whoever buys it probably doesn't plan on moving soon, furthering the idea that a large jar of mustard symbolizes and reaffirms the emerging notion of permanence in our society.

In contrast to this 'economy size' is the 'travel size,' which is just as readily available for those who do not have the luxury of permanence. College students, travelers and others have to carefully choose what size mustard bottle they will buy, because they can't be sure of how much they can consume within one semester or one month.

The juxtaposition of 'economy size' to 'travel size' really reveals the emotional difficulty of living in a mindset of transience. As exciting as it is to live away from home, on your own, or around the world, as soon as you realize that everything in your fridge (assuming you have one) is shorter than a can of coke and no wider than a slice of American cheese, you can't help but miss the huge pantry full of Costco-purchased supplies at home.

Furthermore, once you have left your old residence of permanence to venture into the world of college (for instance), you come to the realization that the next time you'll live in such a permanent situation is when you build your own, with your own family, with your own closet of Costco food.

So whilst I drift through my transient college years, I have come to understand and realize that from now on, I won't be living at home long enough to see the emptying of the next giant jar of mustard my mother buys from Costco. This is a sad concept, but an eye-opening one. Soon, I will have my own Sam's Club card with my own Saturday morning mug-shot on it, and the next time I see a giant jar of mustard up close will be when I'm schlepping it home for my family to enjoy for the next six months. So perhaps in the end, it's not so bad to live in 'travel size' — for now.

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

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CORRECTION

Due to an identification error on page 20 of the March 21 issue of The Observer, fencer Valerie Providenza was incorrectly identified as Mariel Zagunis.

Due to a reporting error in the March 22 issue of The Observer, Chris Nichol was identified as a Notre Dame junior. Nichol is a junior at Holy Cross Junior College. The Observer regrets these errors.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE BEST MAJOR OFFERED AND WHY?



Paula Wang
freshman
Pasquerilla West

"CHEG! Because I'm just that masochistic."



Camden McClelland
freshman
Dillon

"Architecture. I'm allergic to sleep."



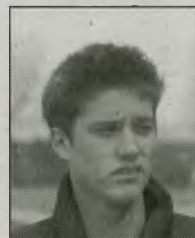
Milo Dodson
freshman
Carroll

"Psychology. You can legally screw with people's minds."



Grace Shen
freshman
Howard

"Underwater basket-weaving. That actually takes skill. Wait ... is that even offered?"



Kevin Curran
sophomore
Keough

"Philosophy — you get to argue with dead guys and lose."



Greg Lim
freshman
Knott

"CHEG, because there are a lot of girls in it. At least I hope that's the case."



RICHARD FRIEDMAN/The Observer

Students participate in the Stations of the Cross in front of South Dining Hall Tuesday. The campus-wide candlelight, which was organized for Holy Week, began at the Grotto.

OFFBEAT

Small merchants adopt 'weird' campaign

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The large billboards dotting parts of Louisville are as striking for their color scheme — black and white — as they are for their message.

"Keep Louisville Weird," the billboards scream.

It's part of a public relations campaign in Louisville and cities from Boulder, Colo., to Raleigh, N.C., aimed at drawing customers to unique, locally owned stores.

The campaigns and small business alliances are using the effort to stay in competi-

tion with large retail chains such as Wal-Mart, Target and the recently merged K-Mart-Sears.

Lottery mistake irks hundreds in New York

NEW YORK — Lucky 13 turned out to be not so lucky in New York. Hundreds of people showed up at the Daily News' midtown Manhattan offices on Monday, angry over an apparent misprint in one of the winning numbers in the newspaper's scratch-match game.

Vanessa Dover, a 62-year-old painter's wife, thought she had won \$100,000.

"We were all celebrating Saturday night, jumping around; the grandkids were screaming," Dover said. "We got up the next morning and the dream was dead."

The way it's set up, the Daily News includes a seven-game ticket in its Sunday edition. Every day, it prints a list of 10 numbers to be scratched off the corresponding day's game, out of 15 possible spaces. If three of the revealed spaces show the same dollar amount, the contestant wins that money.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Notre Dame's softball team plays its first home game today against Western Michigan at 4 p.m. at Ivy Field.

Gerhard Böwering, S.J., professor of Islamic Studies at Yale University, will give a lecture entitled "Islam and Christianity: Pluralism and Fundamentalism in Tension" today from 5 p.m. to 6:15 in C-100 Hesburgh Center. The lecture is sponsored by the Erasmus Institute.

A panel discussion entitled "The Future of Social Security: A Non-Partisan Panel Discussion on Prospects for Reform" will take place today from 6 p.m. to 8 in 102 DeBartolo Hall. The panel will feature Teresa Ghilarducci, associate professor of economics and policy studies; Bob Walsh and Doug Nguyen, representatives from the Social Security Administration; and Lance Wescher, doctoral student researching Social Security and pensions.

Notre Dame's baseball team has a doubleheader Thursday against Georgetown from 12 p.m. to 4 in the Eck Stadium.

The film "The Passion of the Christ" will be shown in the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts Thursday at 7 p.m. and 10.

The film "Ben Hur" will be shown at 7 p.m. Friday in the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

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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Speaker addresses media biases

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Saint Mary's Editor

Jennifer Pozner, founder and director of Women In Media & News (WIMN), spoke to a crowd at Saint Mary's Tuesday about the exclusion of women from the news arena and about the American public being fed bias and sometimes false war coverage.

In a lecture entitled "Media, Women and War: How does the invisibility of Women's Voices in War Coverage Shortchange America?" Pozner cited example after example of how women are underrepresented and stereotyped on network television and in newspapers.

Pozner said no women sit on the boards of major media conglomerates FOX News, MSNBC and Clear Channel. Editorial rooms are equally male-dominated, Pozner said, and minorities fare even worse, composing "just three percent of daily newsroom jobs."

Pozner admitted that women have made strides in journalism and make up roughly half of all local news anchors. Still, the typical nightly news team consists of an older white man paired with a much younger, attractive woman, Pozner said.

"We are not calling the shots in the media business," Pozner said. "Progress shouldn't be confused with equality."

Coverage of women's issues and the portrayal of women in news stories are regularly manipulated to garner ratings, Pozner said. She said facts such as dress size and childhood personality are included

in news reports about significant female figures such as Hilary Clinton and Condoleezza Rice.

Pozner also cited the media blitz surrounding the capture and homecoming of U.S. army Pvt. Jessica Lynch. According to Pozner, Lynch made for great news coverage for the American press because of her blue-eyed, blonde-haired girl next door image. Army Specialist Shoshana Johnson, a black woman who endured the same trauma as Lynch, received virtually no attention when she returned to the United States.

Lynch was celebrated as an American hero, Pozner said, and the negative details of the women's story were purposely left out.

"While the media used Jessica ... to whip up support, what we didn't know was that Jessica was raped," Pozner said.

Mass media, Pozner said, aided the Bush administration in its public relations campaign for the invasion of Afghanistan in the months following Sept. 11 and later in Iraq.

The conflict in Afghanistan was presented by the government, and subsequently distributed by television, newspapers and radio, as a fight against terrorism and the liberation of Afghani women, Pozner said.

Media outlets also played up the image of the burkha as a symbol of injustice and ignored more critical issues, she said.

"What our media chose not to focus on was the serious and violent repression of women," Pozner said.

In Iraq, she continued, news programs continually picked up sound bites and news clips of the president indirectly associating the perpetrators of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks with Saddam Hussein.

"What is most disturbing, though, is the more people paid attention to broadcast news ... the less they knew, the more misinformed they were," Pozner said.

Pozner cited a study that said 80 percent of those who watched FOX News held one or more major misconceptions about the United States invasion of Iraq. Viewers of other major networks followed close behind, she said.

Dissenters, Pozner said, were slammed in the media as "unpatriotic" and "treasonous." Women were especially subject to sexist and misogynist insults, she said.

Pozner played a clip of the reality TV show "Wife Swap" in which two women, one a huge Bush supporter, and the other, a Bush opponent, switched homes and families for two weeks. When the topic of conversation turned to politics, the anti-Bush and anti-war wife was portrayed as a radical and a crazy person. The pro-Bush wife was presented as down-to-earth and loyal.

Pozner encouraged audience members to turn to alternative news sources and to press for reform in the media.

"Thinking critically about the media is our strongest tool against propaganda in our society," she said.

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Former POW honors fallen servicewoman

Jessica Lynch gives tribute to best friend

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Almost two years to the day after their company was ambushed, former POW Jessica Lynch on Tuesday honored fallen comrade Army Spc. Lori Piestewa — the first American servicewoman killed in the Iraq war.

The women were best friends who served together in the 507th Maintenance Company from Fort Bliss, Texas. They were also roommates at Fort Bliss and tentmates in Iraq.

"Many of you may know our story, but what you may not know is what a great friend Lori was, what a great mother she is to these kids, what a great daughter she is, and what a great devoted soldier she was," Lynch said at a news conference. "She taught me so much and knowing her made me a better person."

Piestewa, a member of the Hopi Tribe and single mother of two, is believed to be the first American Indian woman killed while fighting for the U.S. military.

The 23-year-old Piestewa died and Lynch was captured March 23, 2003, in an attack near the southern Iraq city of Nasiriyah. Soldiers rescued Lynch April 1, 2003; the videotaped rescue made her an international celebrity.

Lynch is recovering from injuries that included a broken back. She still walks with a cane. She has enrolled at West Virginia University and hopes to become a kindergarten teacher.

With proceeds from a \$1 million

book deal, Lynch created the Jessica Lynch Foundation to help Piestewa's two children. She later expanded the foundation's mission to educate children of military veterans and casualties.

"We love her like a daughter," said Terry Piestewa, Lori's father. "We know she was blaming herself for what happened. She was blaming herself that she didn't bring Lori home."

"She wants to be there for the kids. It's good for her, helps her heal."

Keeping the Conversation Going About Social Security Reform

The Higgins Labor Research Center and the Department of Economics and Policy Studies present these two upcoming events:

The Future of Social Security:

A Non-Partisan Panel Discussion on Prospects for Reform

Panelists include

- Bob Walsh and Doug Nguyen, representatives from the Social Security Administration
- Teresa Ghilarducci, Director of the Higgins Center for Labor Research and Associate Professor of Economics and Policy Studies
- Lance Wescher, Notre Dame doctoral student in Economics
- Nancy Griffin, Indiana State Director of AARP

6:00 p.m. Today
102 DeBartolo Hall

Co-sponsored by the Higgins Labor Research Center and the Department of Economics and Policy Studies

Dean Baker

"Social Security: The Phony Crisis"

Baker is co-director of the Center for Economic and Policy Research in Washington, D.C. and co-author of a widely read policy book on Social Security, also titled "Social Security: The Phony Crisis."

He writes the Economic Reporting Review, a weekly online commentary examining economic coverage in The New York Times and Washington Post, and is the author of "Getting Prices Right: The Battle over the Consumer Price Index," which was selected for the Choice Outstanding Academic Book list in 1998.

7:00 p.m. next Wednesday
126 DeBartolo Hall

Sponsored by Notre Dame's Department of Economics and Policy Studies

Both events are free and open to the public

Fencing

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the standing by the score of 173-171.

The women's team took the stage first, answering questions about the tournament, the season and what comes next.

"I thought that since we had three seniors competing on the women's side. It was very important for us to do well in this competition. I think it's a great way to go out of your season," senior epee captain Kerri Walton said. "I think we exceeded our expectations, and we had a wonderful year."

The team members also addressed their place in Notre Dame fencing history.

"They obviously won the championship the year before I came here, and that's definitely something we tried to live up to freshman year, and I wanted it

really bad, but unfortunately last year we weren't able to do it," sophomore sabre Valerie Providenza said. "I think everyone just wanted it badly enough this year that we all just came together."

The team takes a unique place in Notre Dame athletic history. Not only did the women's squad score the most points a women's team had ever scored in the NCAA round robin (103), but this title marks the first time that a Notre Dame coach has won a national title in two of his first three years in charge, as Bednarski and Dudas won in 2003 as well.

"I got a lot of e-mails from the 2003 champions. They e-mailed me immediately and congratulated us," Dudas said.

After the women's team, the Notre Dame men took the stage, with their discussion focused on the drama of watching the women's team pull them from behind.

"I think probably everyone had their moments when they had their doubts on this, but watching the girls fence on Saturday and Sunday and seeing how amazingly they fenced — it just made it that much better to come from behind and then to win in the final round by two points," sophomore sabre Matt Stearns said.

After the press conference, the team gathered around the national championship trophy, smiling and posing for pictures.

Perhaps not surprisingly, two days after winning the title, Bednarski and Dudas are already looking forward to next year.

"After the big victory, we are immediately talking about the recruiting, the next year and how it's going to be, and I think that the way to win it," Dudas said.

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had hosts sign a contract saying they would not bring prospective students off-campus or offer them alcohol.

Organizers of the weekend warned hosts to avoid the celebrations and kept the students' schedules packed tight.

"I personally did not spend a great deal of time with my prospect," O'Neill freshmen and former Reilly Weekend participant Pat Lyons said. "We had some free time to hang out and talk about the weekend, but probably not more than three or four hours during the entire weekend."

Instead, Reilly prospects had the opportunity to explore Notre Dame's academic, spiritual, extracurricular and athletic components. The students had the opportunity to see the campus, meet faculty members in their intended major, visit relevant classes, attend mass, listen to the sounds of the Glee Club in the brand new DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts and even take a tour of Notre Dame Stadium. In their few hours of spare time, the prospects could take advantage of their comprehensive meal package, Flex Points and passes to Notre Dame's workout facilities, all free of charge.

"The students are spoiled pretty nicely throughout their stay here," freshmen Reilly host Kate Corcoran said.

The money invested in the Reilly Weekend goes a long way, according to the Office of Admissions. The Reilly prospects have their pick of any of the nation's top universities, and for the past three years, the event has been extremely successful in recruiting many of these stu-

dents to Notre Dame. "Usually about 50 percent of the Reilly Weekend prospects end up attending Notre Dame," said professor Nick Delaney, one of the directors of the Honors Program. "That is a very high number from that end of the [academic] pyramid."

Last year's similar Reilly Weekend helped to convince several current Notre Dame freshmen that, despite the lure of other universities' academic scholarships and mild weather, South Bend was the place for them.

"When I came on Reilly, I felt like I fit right in with the ND students immediately, and I felt like ND was the place I needed to be," Lyons said. "One night on Reilly, the directors of the program had us watch 'Rudy' together in the Main Building. While I had seen 'Rudy' many times before, I was just struck by the atmosphere created by watching such a great film and being a part of that atmosphere."

Christine Scacco, a McGlinn freshman who was invited to the Reilly weekend last year, said that the program made a large impact on her decision to attend Notre Dame.

"My parents didn't want to pay for me to go to Notre Dame," Scacco said. "I remember on the plane home I was honestly crying because I was convinced I wouldn't be able to come here. Because of Reilly, I had the motivation to make Notre Dame happen for me."

Already, 2005's Reilly Weekend looks to be equally successful to previous years. "We've already received a lot of positive feedback from over the weekend," Flynn said. "One student has already committed."

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Spam

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the mail server at Notre Dame receives e-mails and does not discriminate.

"[OIT's] principal job is to deliver mail addressed to you," Dobbins said.

Numerous companies have been impersonated through spam, including EBay, Amazon, and Key Bank. Spam mail has also appeared in the form of a charity donation page such as the well-known UNICEF donation for Tsunami relief, Dobbins said.

"I received something that was supposed to be from EBay," sophomore Teresa Kolf said. "It asked to verify my account including my credit card info. I might have thought it was real if I had not called my brother."

There are some guidelines to recognize spam messages,

Dobbins said.

Most legitimate bank e-mails do not ask for information such as pin numbers or account numbers, he said. An authentic bank e-mail will state a specific reason for the contact.

"A clear sign is if the page the link takes you to asks for information a bank already knows about you," said Dobbins.

When the filter that OIT provides for Webmail users receives an e-mail, it places a score in the header, Dobbins said. The greater the number of stars an email receives, the more likely the message is to be spam. Webmail users can allocate the number of stars necessary to recognize spam mail. Individuals can then choose for the illicit mail to be placed in a spam folder or to be automatically deleted.

Junior Angela Piccione received an e-mail asking her to verify an account overseas. At the time, she was unaware of the fil-

ter opportunity.

"It should be better publicized," she said. "I would have liked to know about it so I would not get an e-mail about an account I do not even have overseas."

Dobbins said that users should move the mail to a folder, to prevent non-spam emails from being accidentally deleted.

"A filter won't always classify all spam as spam and could mistakenly classify legitimate mail as spam," he said.

OIT offers sessions in the fall to learn about computer protection. An online test is also offered for users who would like to test their ability to differentiate spam mail from legitimate mail.

"Threats change all the time," Dobbins said. "We try to provide general advice to help you recognize new threats before we can tell you about the specifics."

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Hamilton

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that he said must be taken in order for the United States to stand as a unified force against terrorist organizations of the world.

First, the United States must identify the enemy, he said.

"The question of 'who is the enemy' is not quite as easy to answer as you might think," Hamilton said. "Are we fighting an enemy acting out against values of America? Or an enemy acting out of hatred of American policy?"

To highlight the ambiguity of the government's target in its war on terrorism, Hamilton told the audience of a key observation he made while reading the nation's daily newspapers one morning earlier this year.

"For my own amusement, I jotted down how these high-powered journalists described the enemy. 'Terrorist,' 'insurgent,' 'Saddam loyalists,' 'Al Qaeda affiliates,' 'Islamists' and 'Iraqi nationals,' just to name a few," he said. "But no one can be all those things at once. How we define the enemy makes a difference on how we attack the enemy."

The 9/11 commission report identified the enemy in a two-fold definition. First is al-Qaeda, which Hamilton believes was "the group that hit us on September 11." Hamilton referred to the second enemy as "the ideology of radical Islam."

"You know that many parents in this world have only one

choice of school for their children where they learn radical Islam and the hatred of you and me," he said.

Hamilton said the second measure that needs to be taken is domestic in nature and focuses on the procedures being undertaken to counter terrorism.

"We need a comprehensive strategy that integrates all elements of American power. Integration is the key," he said. "We can not have foreign agents who don't know who they're supposed to be looking for, we can not have first responders who do not know what attacks might come, we cannot have aid workers who do not know our diplomatic strategy."

The integration required within the United States must also be used abroad, Hamilton said. Thus, his third tenant is international cooperation. The United States cannot fight terrorism without the support of the rest of the world, he said.

"What we can do is say to the world's 1.3 billion Muslims that we are on your side," he said. "We need to tell these people that we want for you a decent life, a job, an education, healthcare and the ability to choose a partner for life. To show them that we stand for a better future than Osama bin Laden stands for."

The fourth and final step in Hamilton's solution to effectively fight terrorism focused on the gathering and sharing of intelligence. Hamilton said that the lack of leadership in the intelligence community was to blame for the poor communication between the Central Intelligence

Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation prior to Sept. 11.

"As vice chair of the 9/11 commission, one question we faced over and over again was 'who is in charge?' and we didn't get satisfactory answers," he said of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks, which issued "The 9/11 Commission Report: Final Report of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States" on July 22, 2004. "Not only did we not share information vertically within the FBI, but we also did not do so horizontally between the FBI and the CIA. We failed to share information and we paid a price for it."

Still, Hamilton insisted that huge strides have been made since Sept. 11.

"We've captured al Qaeda leaders, we've destroyed their sanctuaries, we've reformed the FBI, we've created a Department of Homeland Security, we have new border screening systems. I get a better physical exam at the airport than I do when I go to the doctor," he said.

As Hamilton closed his speech, he looked up from his podium and stared at the crowd. Raising his voice for emphasis, he promised that a better, safer world was achievable.

"It is about what kind of world you want to live in. Where kids are safer and less likely to grow up and become terrorists," he said. "Achieving this will require us to delve deeper in the reservoir of American power and resilience."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.N. pays for legal fees in fraud case

UNITED NATIONS — The United Nations agreed to reimburse Benon Sevan, the suspended head of the U.N. oil-for-food program in Iraq, for legal fees he incurred during an investigation into allegations of fraud in the operation, a U.N. official said Tuesday.

Payment for Sevan's legal fees was to come out of the account containing the 2.2 percent of Iraqi oil revenues from the \$64 billion program earmarked for its administration, U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said.

Sevan's fees are to be reimbursed with Iraqi oil funds set aside to help administer the program. That means Iraq oil money would essentially pay for Sevan to defend himself against charges that he bilked the program.

Eckhard said the United Nations had agreed to pay reasonable legal expenses up to Feb. 3, when an investigation led by former U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker accused Sevan of a conflict of interest administering the program.

Iran insists on nuclear program

PARIS — Iran vowed Tuesday to press ahead on the "tortuous path" to developing nuclear power plants to meet its energy needs, brushing aside U.S. suspicions that the effort masks plans to build atomic weapons.

At the end of a two-day conference in Paris on the future of nuclear energy, Iranian envoys again insisted their nuclear program is peaceful.

"The people and government of Iran are determined to open their way through the tortuous path of peaceful use of nuclear technology despite all imposed restrictions and difficulties," said Mohammad Saeidi, vice president for planning and international affairs at the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran.

NATIONAL NEWS

Altered corn accidentally shipped

SAN FRANCISCO — Swiss biotechnology company Syngenta AG said Tuesday it mistakenly sold to farmers an experimental corn seed genetically engineered to resist bugs that was never approved by U.S. regulators, bolstering critics' claims that the industry needs tighter government scrutiny.

Hundreds of tons of the genetically engineered seeds and resulting corn crop were shipped in the United States and overseas between 2001 and 2004. Federal investigators said there was no health or environmental risk because of the seed's similarity to another Syngenta product already approved for sale and consumption.

Medicare covers smoking cessation

WASHINGTON — You're never too old to quit smoking, government officials said Tuesday, announcing that Medicare will immediately start covering the cost of counseling for certain beneficiaries who want to quit tobacco.

Medicare's new smoking cessation program "has great potential to save and improve lives for millions of seniors," said Mark McClellan, administrator for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Not every Medicare beneficiary qualifies for the new benefit — only those who have an illness caused by tobacco use or complicated by tobacco use.

LOCAL NEWS

Volunteers clean up river banks

KOKOMO — A church and a conservation group are working with the city to clean up thousands of tires dumped in a wooded area on the banks of Wildcat Creek.

Between 5,000 and 10,000 tires are believed to have been dumped in the area just east of the city since the 1960s to the present day.

The tires line the creek and clutter the banks further back on the land where Trinity Wesleyan Church hopes someday to build a new church. Some of the tires are stuck in trees.

Community reacts to shootings

Local police and FBI search for motive in school shooting while town mourns

Associated Press

RED LAKE, Minn. — Authorities were trying to determine Tuesday what caused a teenager to gun down his grandfather, put on the man's police-issue belt and bulletproof vest, and drive his marked squad car to a high school, where he began shooting his classmates at will.

Jeff Weise, who authorities said was 16 or 17, killed nine people and wounded seven Monday before trading gunfire with a police officer and apparently shooting himself. His motive still wasn't clear Tuesday, but the FBI said the shootings appeared to have been planned in advance.

It was the nation's worst school shooting since the Columbine massacre in April 1999 that ended with the deaths of 12 students, a teacher and the two teen gunmen.

The killings on this northern Minnesota Indian reservation began at the home of Weise's grandfather, Daryl Lussier, 58, who was shot to death with a .22-caliber gun, according to Michael Tabman, the FBI's special agent in charge for Minneapolis. Also killed was Lussier's companion, Michelle Sigana.

Lussier had worked as a tribal police officer for decades. Weise then drove the older man's squad car to the school, where he gunned down security guard Derrick Brun at the door and spent about 10 minutes inside, targeting people at random.

Hearing the shots, students and adults barricaded themselves into offices and classrooms and crouched under desks, authorities said. Five students were shot to death and two 15-year-olds remained in critical condition at a Fargo, N.D., hospital with gunshot wounds to the face.

"Right now we are in utter disbelief and shock," said Floyd Jourdain Jr., chairman of the Red Lake



Tuesday, hundreds gather at the State Capitol building in St. Paul, Minnesota for an American Indian prayer service held in response to the shootings in Red Lake.

Band of Chippewa.

Authorities were investigating whether Weise, who dressed in black and wrote stories about zombies, may have posted messages on a neo-Nazi Web site expressing admiration for Adolf Hitler.

Using the handle "Todesengel" — German for "Angel of Death" — the writer identified himself as Jeff Weise of the Red Lake Reservation. In April 2004, he referenced being accused of "a threat on the school I attend," though it says he was later cleared.

Tabman said Tuesday he couldn't confirm whether Weise was the person who made the postings.

School board member Kathryn Beaulieu said Weise had been placed in the school's Homebound program for a policy viola-

tion. She did not elaborate.

Relatives told the St. Paul Pioneer Press that Weise was a loner who was often teased by others. They said his father committed suicide four years ago and his mother was living in a Minneapolis nursing home because she suffered brain injuries in a car accident.

Residents at the home where Weise was believed to have lived with his grandmother declined to comment Tuesday. School was canceled for the day as investigators scoured the building for clues.

At the Capitol in St. Paul, several hundred people attended a prayer ceremony for victims of the shooting where religious leaders joined Indians in drumming and chanting.

"Once again our people have been hit ... but our

people are strong," said Ona Kingbird, a Red Lake tribal member. "We'll come out of it."

Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty expressed his condolences for the families of the victims and said it appeared the school had "very rigorous security."

"It looks like you had a very disturbed individual who was able to overcome a lot of precautions to do a lot of damage," the governor said.

But a school secretary and a cousin of the slain security guard said that Brun and a female security guard who fled from Weise did not carry guns. Brun's cousin, Nancy Richards, said Brun also did not wear a bulletproof vest.

It was the second fatal school shooting in Minnesota in 18 months.

CUBA

Open hearings for alleged terrorists

Associated Press

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE — A Sudanese detainee denied being a threat to the United States during a rare open hearing Tuesday in military proceedings that are determining whether terrorism suspects jailed here should remain in custody.

Three other prisoners refused to participate and their hearings were held without their presence.

The hearings, many of which have been closed to journalists, come amid a Defense Department effort to

persuade home countries to take custody of some 545 detainees at this Navy base. Detainees determined by the hearings not to be a threat to America or not to be a potential source of information about terrorist groups could be freed.

The 30-year-old Sudanese, who slouched in a plastic chair and looked down frequently, insisted he went to Afghanistan before the U.S.-led campaign that toppled the Taliban regime in late 2001. He said he went to fight the Soviet army,

which occupied Afghanistan in the 1990s, and tried to flee to avoid fighting Americans.

"Even though the roads were closed, I tried to leave in order not to fight the Americans. I tried and tried, but could not," he said in a statement read by his assisting military officer.

The other three suspects — a Saudi, an Azerbaijani and an Algerian — refused to attend their hearings. There have been 64 hearings held so far and only 29 suspects have attended.

WVFI

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"We've been really happy to have an Internet radio station ... because while most people don't listen in their cars, Notre Dame is a campus where most people live on campus and can listen from their computers," she said.

Case also said she thinks the Internet is a good home for WVFI, as it allows the station to be commercial-free and heard around the world.

"We used to be 640 AM, and then some students made the move to be on the Internet," she said. "The idea was that we would be free from FCC regulations and be available to the entire world. Our funding is from SUB and Student Activities, and then a lot of [station business] is Internet-done, so we don't have to abide by the official rules that govern FM stations."

The format allows WVFI to reach out to the national base of Notre Dame alumni and fans hungry for news of life under the dome.

"Our sports broadcasts have done really well," Case said. "We have really solid coverage, and alums like that it's student-run so you get a more intimate perspective."

Case and McGeeney both said they want to encourage students to tune in online.

Freshman Laura Miller said she has heard of the station, but has never actually listened to any of the shows.

"I have not ever [listened]," she said. "I haven't been motivated to very much. I've heard about it ... but I don't know very much about it."

The station, available at <http://wvfi.nd.edu>, plays a wide variety of independent-label music including hip-hop, folk and indie pop. The station has over 125 disc jockeys (DJs) who are all allowed to choose what music to play during their shows. There is a diverse mix of DJs working at the station — football players, freshmen, ROTC cadets, seniors who have had four years of shows and many other lovers of music.

Music co-director Catherine McGeeney, a junior, said the station receives an average of 50 new CDs per week from independent labels and artists — leading to a wide range of available music for DJs to spin.

"We get in a wide variety of music," she said. "We have a variety of shows that include some talk-only shows. Basically, DJs have a choice about what kind of show they are going to have. The vast variety of shows are music, but just like on the radio the DJs will talk to each other or talk about the music."

McGeeney said the station plays many big-name indie bands like Stars, Iron and Wine and The Decemberists. Students can request songs by their favorite artists by calling the station any time from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m., or can send the DJ an instant message (IM) while their show is on — an option McGeeney said has become increasingly popular.

"We get a lot of IMs, and a lot of people request [songs] by IM," she said. "We're in the process of actually putting our entire vault [of albums] on the Internet so that people can look at what they can choose from."

McGeeney said this is one

reason the online format is a benefit to WVFI, which was previously an AM radio station.

McGeeney, who will serve as next year's station manager, said the station is great for those who are "interested in finding ways to learn more about independent label music or indie rock" and get to know others with the same interest.

"The reason I'm involved is that I love the community of the radio station and the exploration of music," she said. "It really encourages individuality."

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Kimmelman to lecture at Snite

New York Times chief art critic to speak at opening reception

Special to the Observer

Michael Kimmelman, chief art critic for The New York Times, will present a lecture titled "The Accidental Masterpiece: On the Art of Life and Vice Versa" at 2:30 p.m. April 3 in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art. The talk is free and open to the public.

A finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in 2000 and a regular

contributor to The New York Review of Books, Kimmelman is the author of a forthcoming book with the same title as his lecture, as well as of "Portraits: Talking with Artists at the Met, the Modern, the Louvre and Elsewhere," which was named a best book of the year by The Times and The Washington Post.

Kimmelman, a former senior fellow in the National

Arts Journalism Program at Columbia University, was graduated from Yale University in 1980 and earned his master's degree from Harvard University.

The lecture will be part of an opening reception for the Snite's annual student thesis exhibition, featuring video, industrial and graphic design projects, as well as paintings, drawings, photography, prints, ceramics and sculpture.



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IN BRIEF

FOX exec leaves for Paramount

LOS ANGELES — Gail Berman, president of entertainment at the Fox Television network, is leaving to take an unspecified role at Paramount Pictures.

Paramount confirmed Tuesday it is in discussions with Berman about a "senior creative role at the studio" and hoped to reach a deal soon.

A Fox spokesman declined to comment. Berman is "one of the most talented executives in the entertainment industry, with great relationships, exceptional taste, and an amazing creative track record," Paramount said in a short statement issued late Tuesday.

Berman would be the first high-profile hire of studio chief Brad Grey, who himself took the top spot at Paramount earlier this month.

Grey came to Paramount with extensive television experience. He had run the talent agency Brillstein-Grey Entertainment and produced films and television shows, most notably the HBO series "The Sopranos."

Berman has led Fox for five years, a relatively long tenure in the pressure-cooker job of network entertainment.

Vonage sued for misinforming

AUSTIN — Texas sued the nation's largest Internet-based phone service provider Tuesday, saying Vonage failed to clearly inform customers they cannot automatically dial 911 when they sign up.

The lawsuit follows a case last month in which a 17-year-old girl was unable to call 911 on her family's Vonage service during an armed robbery in which her parents were shot and wounded. The girl ran to a neighbor's home and called for help.

The lawsuit was filed under the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act and seeks to require Vonage Holdings Corp. to more clearly inform consumers that they must separately sign up for the 911 feature.

The lawsuit also seeks \$20,000 per violation. Edison, N.J.-based Vonage has more than 500,000 subscribers.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott said information about the type of emergency service Vonage offers is found only in the fine print on the Web site.

Leaders prepare trade security pact

Mexico, U.S. and Canada meet to discuss cooperation on various border issues

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Early in his first term, President Bush proposed easing immigration restrictions and establishing a free trade zone throughout the hemisphere. His first two foreign trips were to Mexico and Canada, emphasizing their importance.

Four years later, both initiatives are unfulfilled, not even on the agenda as Bush meets Wednesday in Texas with Mexican President Vicente Fox and Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin.

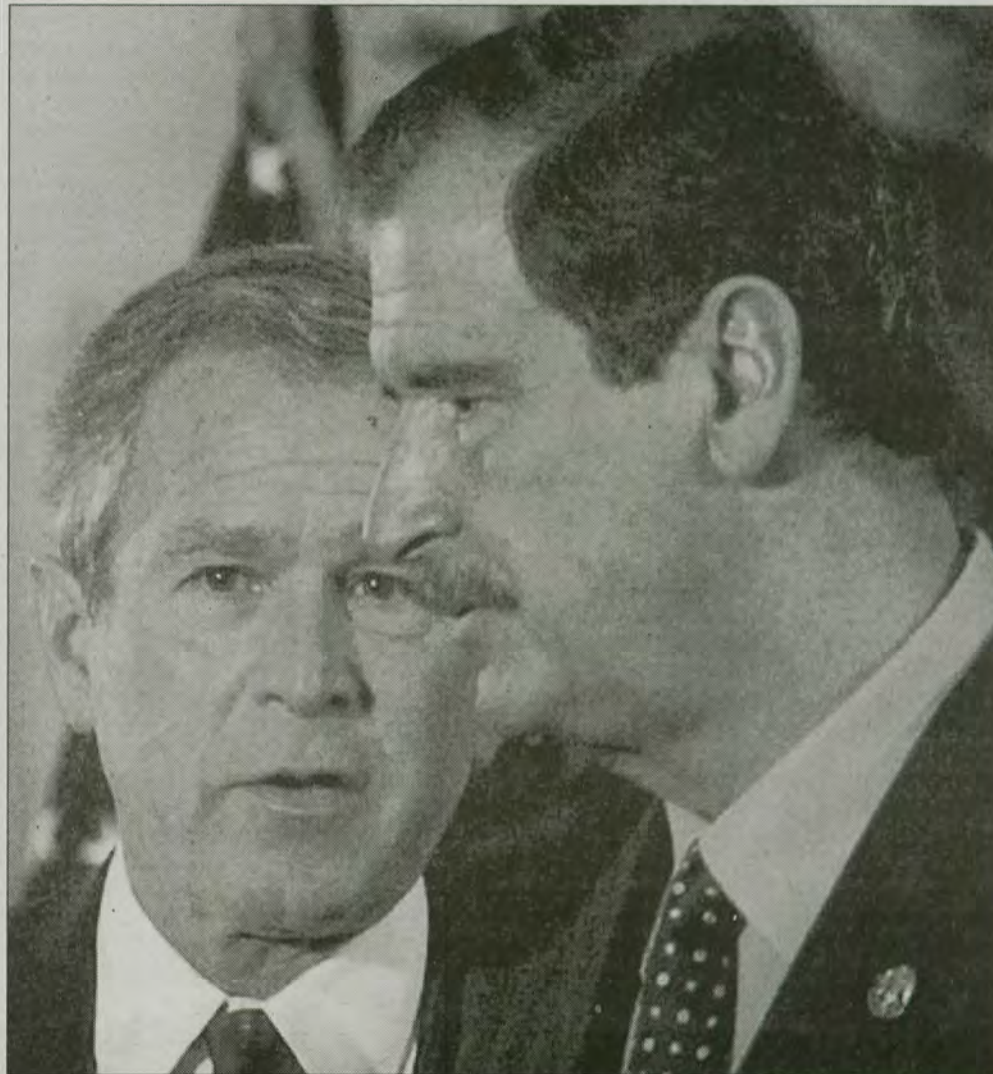
Instead, the North American leaders will sign a pact pledging to increase border security without hindering the flow of goods or the millions of people that cross the two borders every day. They will agree to more cooperation on energy exploration and on combatting terrorism and drug trafficking. And they will agree to move toward a system of common import duties on goods from China and other exporting nations and blocs.

The three leaders will meet at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, and then over lunch at Bush's ranch in nearby Crawford.

They are not expected to propose any fundamental changes to the North American Free Trade Agreement, the landmark 1994 pact that ended tariffs on most goods traded within the three nations.

Bush's earlier vision of extending NAFTA to other democracies in the hemisphere — supported by Mexico and Canada — appears in limbo, in large part due to resistance led by Brazil, South America's largest economy.

"There will be some high rhetoric about the North American community and so forth. But my expectations are low" for the session, said Gary Hufbauer, an economist and trade expert with the



President Bush talks with Mexican President Vicente Fox in 2004. Today, Bush, Fox and Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin are scheduled to meet.

Washington-based Institute for International Economics.

"It's not clear to me that any of the three leaders want to commit significant capital to addressing either the current frictions within NAFTA or expanding NAFTA," said Hufbauer, who was a Treasury Department official in both the Ford and Carter administrations.

Bush's hopes for a guest-worker program were dashed by the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, which refocused U.S. attention on securing borders. Bush still advocates liberalizing immigration, but the proposal has generated broad opposition among conservatives, a

core Bush constituency.

U.S. relations with neighbors were strained by the Iraq war, which was opposed by both Fox and then-Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien. While all agree ties are on the mend, there have been some recent irritants.

Martin, who took office last year, caught Washington by surprise last month when he rebuffed Bush's offer to include Canada in the U.S. missile defense program. Tensions remain despite attempts by the two leaders to patch up their differences by phone.

The Canadian prime minister is expected to press Bush on the continued mad-cow-disease

related closure of the U.S. border to Canadian beef and a long-running dispute over duties on softwood lumber.

Meanwhile, Fox, who cannot seek re-election, bristled at CIA Director Porter Goss' remarks to a Senate committee last week about the potential for instability in Mexico ahead of 2006 elections.

The Mexican president also has complained about militia-type vigilante groups hunting and killing Mexican immigrants along the Arizona border, and about U.S. suggestions that al-Qaida agents may be coming into the United States from Mexico. Fox was expected to raise both topics with Bush.

FRANCE

Limit on 35-hour work week lifted

Associated Press

PARIS — France's 35-hour work-week was cherished by workers but despised by many investors and employers. Now the bold social experiment has been dubbed a failure by France's parliament.

The law gave many people more time for their families, for vacation and for plain relaxation — but it fueled anxiety about declining competitiveness and soaring unemployment, currently at 10 percent. It also failed to live up to its original promise: creating millions of jobs by forcing employ-

ers to hire more people.

The conservative-dominated National Assembly, France's lower house, voted overwhelmingly Tuesday to adopt a government-backed bill that significantly waters down the 35-hour week legislation, a legacy of the former Socialist administration. It opens the door for companies to increase employees' working time, in exchange for better pay.

President Jacques Chirac's government has tried to sell the reform to voters as an opportunity to "Work More to Earn More," but many remain unconvinced.

Almost a million people joined strikes and demonstrations earlier this month to defend the 35-hour week and protest other perceived threats to their working conditions and pay. The antipathy could spill over into a May referendum on the new EU constitution, in which the government is campaigning for a 'yes' vote.

The new law endorses an increase in the extra hours employees can work to 220 every year from the previous limit of 180. It also allows them to go further with "optional overtime" in return for extra pay and lets them sell part of their holiday entitlement.

IRAQ

Frustrated civilians kill three in street shooting

Militants fire at shoppers, wounding three

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Shopkeepers and residents on one of Baghdad's main streets pulled out their own guns Tuesday and killed three insurgents when hooded men began shooting at passers-by, giving a rare victory to civilians increasingly frustrated by the violence bleeding Iraq.

The clash in the capital's southern Doura neighborhood erupted when militants in three cars sprayed bullets at shoppers, Interior Ministry officials said. Three people — a man, a woman and a child — were wounded.

The motive was unclear, but there have been previous attacks in the ethnically mixed neighborhood. Earlier in the day, gunmen in the same quarter killed a policeman as he drove to work, police Lt. Col. Hafidh Al-Ghrayri said.

A forceful citizen response is rare, but not unheard of in a country where conflict has become commonplace and the law allows each home to have a weapon. Early this month, police said townsmen in Wihda, 25 miles south of Baghdad, attacked a group of militants believed planning to raid the town and killed seven.

Tuesday's gun-battle came as seven-member U.S. congressional delegation paid a one-day visit to Baghdad, and the man expected to serve as the next prime minister, Shiite politician Ibrahim al-Jaafari, reportedly told the group he is in no hurry for U.S. troops to leave Iraq.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, a Democrat from California who strongly opposed the war, said al-Jaafari didn't seem as "upbeat as our people, who seem to be very excited about the quality of the Iraqi police force."

"My sense was he was certainly in no rush to hand over security to his new police force," she said.

Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., agreed, saying that "it's too early to declare success." But Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., expressed "quiet optimism" about Iraq's future.

Iraq's current prime minister, Iyad Allawi, urged the new National Assembly to speed negotiations on forming a coalition government "so as to resume the operation of rebuilding Iraq in all fields."

Seeking to seal a political deal, the Shiite clergy's spiritual leader in Iraq, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, was expected to meet Wednesday with Jalal Talabani, the Kurdish leader likely to become the country's next president.

Elections on Jan. 30 gave the biggest block of seats to a Shiite alliance backed by al-

Sistani, but it doesn't have enough votes to select a Cabinet on its own and is negotiating for the support of the Kurds, the second-largest group in the National Assembly.

The Kurds want an agreement to return the oil-rich northern city of Kirkuk to the autonomous Kurdish region as soon as the government is installed. But an official from al-Sistani's office said ayatollah wants that issue dealt with in the constitution to be drafted by the assembly.

Ousted dictator Saddam Hussein had Kurds forcibly removed from Kirkuk and the surrounding area and moved in Iraqi Arabs to strengthen his control of the oil fields.

In other violence Tuesday, Iraqi commandos backed by U.S. ground and air fire attacked an apparent insurgent training camp near Lake Tharthar in eastern Iraq, killing an undetermined number of militants and capturing 20, the U.S. military said. Seven commandos were reported dead and six wounded.

And in the northern city of Mosul, the deputy police commander, Col. Wathiq Ali, said 17 militants were killed and 14 captured late Monday after during an assassination attempt on police officials.

Also in Mosul, a roadside bomb that exploded near a U.S. patrol killed four civilians. It wasn't immediately clear if the troops suffered casualties.

In the southern city of Kut, morgue officials said they had received a half dozen corpses of Iraqi army soldiers, each with bound hands and bullet-riddled heads and torsos. Six Iraqi soldiers were reported kidnapped Monday in Anbar province, west of Baghdad, police said.

The insurgents, believed made up mostly of people from the Sunni Arab minority that dominated during Saddam's reign, consider Iraqi police and government officials traitors for working with U.S.-led coalition forces.

The U.S. military reported that a Marine died Monday in Anbar province, which contains the flashpoint cities of Fallujah and Ramadi. No further details were given.

Seeking to mend soured relations with Jordan, Iraq's national security adviser, Mouwafak al-Rubaie, said his nation's ambassador to Jordan would return to Amman "as soon as practically possible." The announcement came a day after King Abdullah II ordered Jordan's top diplomat in Iraq to return to Baghdad.

Both countries withdrew their envoys Sunday in a dispute over the infiltration of Jordanian insurgents across their common border.

Foundry pleads guilty to felonies

Associated Press

TYLER, Texas — An east Texas foundry with a history of safety violations pleaded guilty Tuesday to two federal felonies and agreed to pay a \$4.5 million fine for violating environmental laws and hiding information from government regulators.

In the plea, officials at Tyler Pipe acknowledged concealing information when they rebuilt a 60-foot, pollution-emitting furnace in violation of federal law and did not seek permits.

The foundry also received a five-year probationary term

that includes a compliance agreement requiring state-of-the-art pollution controls.

Tyler Pipe is the first company to be criminally prosecuted under a provision of the U.S. Clean Air Act that requires modern pollution controls at factories, according to Arnold Spencer, an assistant U.S. attorney.

Safety violations at the foundry have led to amputations and deaths among workers.

Federal officials declined to comment on whether they are investigating or have plans to

prosecute individuals at Tyler Pipe.

F.R. "Buck" Files, an attorney for the company, said Tyler Pipe was required to turn over 400 boxes of documents.

"The plant has now turned the corner of environmental compliance and is working to become a model for other companies," Files said.

Tyler Pipe president David Green said the company has been making environmental reforms since 2001 and plans to spend at least \$55 million on pollution controls and other improvements.

EGYPT

Candidate charged with forgery

Associated Press

CAIRO — The only man who has dared to challenge Hosni Mubarak for the presidency was charged Tuesday with forging signatures to win approval for his party — an escalation in the government's confrontation with the most prominent figure in Egypt's fledgling reform movement.

Ayman Nour said he relished a court fight he maintained would give him a platform for his campaign and his criticism of Mubarak's regime.

"I'm personally the happiest person in Egypt by this decision, because every session of this trial will be a chance to meet our people and supporters," he told The Associated Press. "The regime will stand trial in this court."

Prosecutors accused Nour of forging signatures required for the registration application of his Al-Ghad — or "Tomorrow" — party. The 40-year-old politician denies the charges, saying they are an attempt to wreck him politically.

Nour was arrested in January and detained for six weeks without charge — sparking tensions between Egypt and the United States, which demanded his release. The dispute came at a time when Washington was pressing Egypt to lead democratic reform in the Middle East.

After Mubarak opened the door for multi-party elections last month, Nour announced from jail his bid to run in the September presidential election, then repeated it last week in front of hundreds of cheering supporters after his release from

custody.

He had been one of many calling for open elections, but the arrest put the savvy populist at the center of the increasingly vocal democratic movement in Egypt.

"We will continue to fight this dictatorship," said Nour, who maintains people planted by the government forged the papers to frame him. He vowed to expose them in court — and to expose those who "forged the will of the nation" during the past half century of elections in Egypt.

"We will call into this trial all the symbols and officials of those forged referendums and put them into the court to testify," Nour said, adding that his defense team would seek testimony from previous interior ministers who helped run elections.

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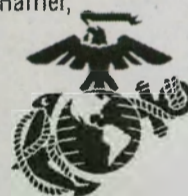
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Jury to decide fate of immigrant smuggler

Tax company charged with theft

Williams continues to wait as jurors deliberate

Associated Press

HOUSTON —A jury in the trial of a man accused of driving and abandoning an air-tight tractor-trailer packed with more than 70 illegal immigrants ended its second day of deliberations Tuesday without reaching a verdict.

Jurors were scheduled to resume deliberations on Wednesday in the trial of Tyrone Williams, who is charged with 58 counts of conspiracy, harboring and transporting immigrants. He faces the death penalty if convicted for his role in the May 2003 smuggling attempt in which 19 of the passengers died.

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Six employees of a company that processed federal tax returns were indicted Tuesday on charges they hid and later destroyed about 80,000 returns and \$1 billion in payments to make it appear employees had met a deadline.

The employees faced charges of conspiracy and theft for the activities at Mellon Financial in the spring of 2001, during the peak tax-return processing period.

Tens of thousands of tax returns and payments mailed from taxpayers across the Northeast were lost or destroyed after being sent to the company, which was one of several firms contracted to collect payments for the government.

Mellon's contract with the Internal Revenue Service required it to complete the project by April 29, 2001. As the deadline neared, one employee directed five others to destroy the materials, according to the indictment.

Mellon officials have acknowledged the returns and payments may have been hidden or destroyed by employees who felt swamped by the amount of work.

Company spokesman Ron Gruendl said Tuesday the problems were "caused by a few employees who blatantly violated Mellon's long-established, clearly stated policies."

The government spent months settling taxpayers' accounts. In December 2002, Mellon announced it had paid \$5.3 million to the Treasury Department to settle administrative costs. Earlier, Mellon had paid \$12.8 million to cover lost interest.

FAITHPOINT

Wednesday, March 23

What's up?

Today, 3/23

*Eucharistic Adoration (ever week day, 12-7 PM, COMO Chapel)
*Four:7 (10-11 PM COMO Lounge)
Topic: Courage in the Face of Suffering
*Sant'Egidio Prayer Community (5:30 PM, Log Chapel)

Easter Vigil
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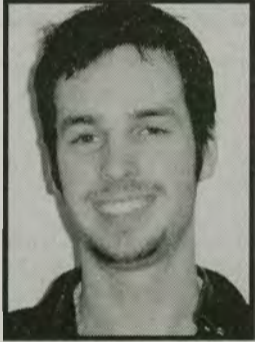
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On this most holy night when our Lord, Jesus Christ, passed from death to life, the Church invites her children throughout the world to come together in vigil and in prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord. If we honor the memory of his death and resurrection by hearing his Word and celebrating his mysteries, then we may be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him forever in God.

-from the Easter Vigil Liturgy

LIVE IT!!!



Talk about jumping right into things! When **Dominic Pepper** arrived as a freshman this fall he learned that there was no liturgical commissioner in Morrissey Manor; confidently he stepped up to the plate. In addition to taking on dorm Mass responsibilities, Dom is part of Campus Ministry's Freshman Peer Leaders Program and leader of an Emmaus Small Faith Sharing group based on The Theology of the Body. How'd he get involved so quickly? Dom attended the CM Open House in September and funny enough that's where he met two of his best friends!

Dom feels called to work with youth and help them understand the importance of their faith. This spring he is putting that to action and as he leads two Parish Confirmation retreats for high school students. He thinks it is important that everyone talk about faith because it, "allows you to be real with other people." For Dom, planning and leading the retreats is a nice break. "College is a time where all my time is spent on myself—this is a way I can be working on something unselfish."

Recently, Dom joined the Folk Choir. Thank you for everything you do, Dom! Campus Ministry appreciates your faithful commitment and hard work!

Sunday Scriptures	Easter Sunday	1st Acts 10:34a, 37-43	2nd 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8	Gospel John 20:1-9
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Near the conclusion of the season of Lent, Holy Week is this most special time of year when we solemnly reflect on the passing of Jesus from life, to death, to new life. It begins with Palm Sunday, and culminates in the liturgies of the Sacred Triduum (Latin for "three days") on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, before Easter Sunday.

Holy Week festivities begin on a high note, with the remembrance of Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem at the Mass of Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. As its name might suggest, however, this Mass moves quickly to a much more somber tone, as we hear the entire Passion narrative from the Last Supper through the crucifixion, death, and placing of Christ in the tomb. Throughout Holy Week, Mass readings will spend additional time reflecting on each of these events: readings on Holy Monday & Holy Tuesday lead us to "Spy Wednesday," when Judas Iscariot's betrayal of Jesus is remembered.

Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper recalls Jesus's institution of the Eucharist and His commandment (in Latin, mandatum) to serve others as represented by His washing the disciples' feet.

At the Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion, we recall with mourning and sadness the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Those who gather for this liturgy are invited to come forward to venerate the cross with a kiss, and Holy Communion is distributed using the bread consecrated on Holy Thursday.


On Holy Saturday evening, the Easter Vigil celebrates the Jesus's Resurrection and the salvation that He won for us! The Catholic Church also welcomes new members into the fold through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist celebrated at this liturgy.

With much joy and many "Alleluia's", the Church proclaims the very heart of our Christian faith in Word, Song, and Sacrament. Easter Sunday morning Masses all continue the great celebration that began at the Easter Vigil.

means are sufficient to defend human lives against an aggressor... public authority should limit itself to such means" (#2267). The Church, in its efforts to promote the respect of all human life, challenges us today to take the higher road on this issue.

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What are Holy Week & the Sacred Triduum?



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Celebrating Taco Bell boycott victory

Two weeks ago, I received a call I never imagined would come. A friend and colleague phoned me to say the Taco Bell Boycott — a four-year campaign within an 11-year struggle — had ended in victory for the Coalition of Immokalee Workers.

About 11 years ago, migrant farmworkers — Americans, Mexicans, Haitians and other nationalities — started to organize around their joint suffering in the Florida tomato fields. Paid starvation wages of 40 to 50 cents per 32-pound bucket of produce, denied the right to organize, unable to have pensions, overtime, health insurance and other labor benefits, and even (in at least five known cases) held against their liberty and forced to work like slaves; farmworkers saw themselves imprisoned in a cycle of oppression and poverty and were ready to fight back. By crossing ethnic and language barriers, they organized the Coalition of Immokalee Workers.

Four years ago, after discovering the bulk of their tomato labor going to thriving Taco Bell restaurants, the workers decided to launch a consumer boycott of the company and sought allies.

My story in this began when, as a first year student, I attended a Progressive Student Alliance meetings and learned about the boycott. Never having eaten at a Taco Bell before — combining Mexican cuisine and fast food never seemed right — I figured I should participate in the organizing component. By sophomore year, I found myself planning our weekly protests — Fair Food Fridays at the LaSalle Taco Bell, going to meetings with administration lawyers about the boycott and our contract with the company and

talking with Student Farmworker Alliance members from Florida to California.

While I have never been to Immokalee and seen the conditions, nor do I have personal ties to migrant farmworkers, I was drawn to the movement. Seeing people standing up for themselves, asserting their right to receive a livable wage inspired me to work in solidarity with them. Additionally, it angered me that growers abused these vital workers through forced labor to no other end but higher profits. I did not want to live complicity in a country that allows such exploitation.

About a year ago, the local campaign to get Notre Dame to take a stance for justice with the Immokalee farmworkers seemed bleak. Our meetings with administrators were not going anywhere.

Then, unexpectedly during PSA's Student Week of Action, a friend and comrade, Tony Rivas, decided to go on a seven day hunger strike to call attention to the ways our University was out of step with Catholic Social Teaching principles, especially in terms of the Taco Bell contract and campus labor policies. His stand for justice and self-sacrifice ignited a fire under our student-organizing project.

Our core of students began arranging a larger contingent of 147 student justice fasters, wrote letters to newspapers, organized protests and a sit in at the administration building. As one of the lead organizers, I saw courage and resolve in others around me that we only dream of experiencing. We never had time to say it, but we all felt we were making history. Winning our Notre Dame campaign was an added bonus to an already great accomplishment.

Now that the boycott nationally has

ended with YUM! Foods/ Taco Bell agreeing to pay the coveted "one more penny per pound" and to work with the CIW to enforce labor codes of conduct and make industry wide changes, I feel we must all pause to not only celebrate this enormous victory, but also view this event in a context of a larger and longer fight for justice denied by people forgotten.

Other companies must follow Taco Bell's example to enforce labor and wages codes for workers in their supply chain. Labor makes our lives possible from the food we eat, to the buildings we live in, to the stores and restaurants we frequent. However, labor is not a commodity — labor is people — living, loving, working and deserving recognition. Whether in the Florida fields or Notre Dame's Campus, workers ought to have a living wage and a means to organize for changes in working conditions.

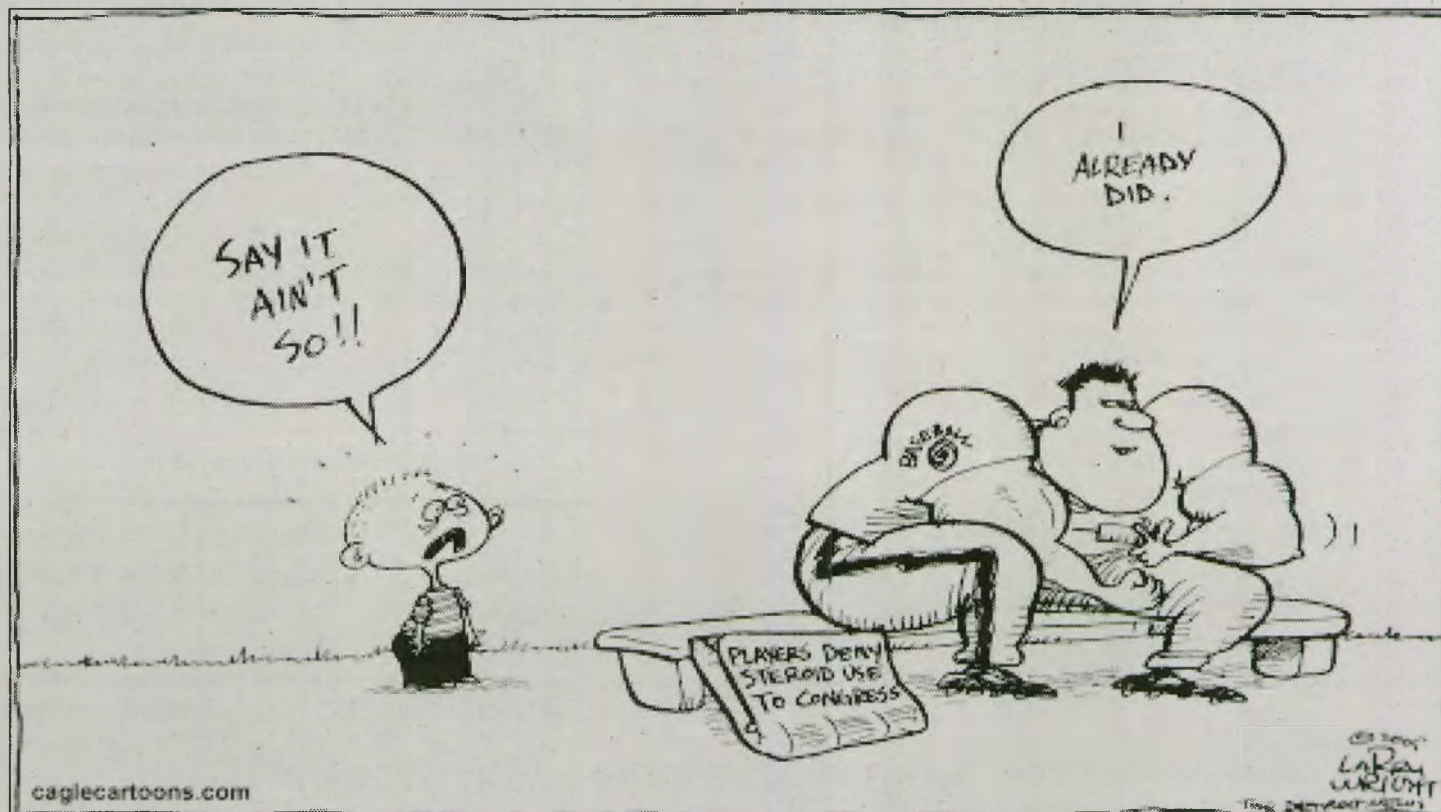
This feat is a step along the way for me. Robert F. Kennedy once spoke of victories like these: "Few will have the greatness to bend history; but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all those acts will be written the history of this generation."

No one could have seen a group of workers, students, religious and community folk joining together to bring a major corporation to act justly. I know I have been changed and as the struggle for worker justice continues, I would take up its mantle any day with the hope from this victory in my pocket.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The final test of a leader is that he leaves behind him in other men the conviction and the will to carry on."

Walter Lippmann
American author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Symposium to expose ways women handle conflict and resolution

I found a March 21 letter to the editor from a recent and fellow alumna of great interest and am compelled to respond.

I certainly hope to be present at the dialogues, but have an entirely different take on the "Women, War, and Peace: Feminist Interventions in a Time of Conflict" symposium.

I come to the table as a proud alumna of Saint Mary's College, class of 1979, and first to be commissioned at Notre Dame in the Army ROTC program. I view the symposium as an attempt to expose the usually radical differences in the way women think and handle conflict and resolution. Whereas women are relational and utilize words over fists, they are integrally important participants in the complex decision-making processes that are being made daily by our nation.

The mere belief that there is an incident that denotes a cause for "war" or the casual taking of a life to solve conflict is enough of a reason for me to admire Saint Mary's for their invitation for engagement and debate at Women, War and Peace.

I believe that the inequitable or low number of women present in our military and governmental ranks is significant to affect the outcome of war versus peace and the how and the why of what is being done. I am looking for a radical and thought-provoking debate that will get women thinking and deciding that they want to be that they must be present at these decision making tables in order to influence the outcomes. Voting for others to represent our best interests is not enough. The wonderful ways and wisdom of women must be valued and promoted by all women at the very least with the embracing of it by contemporary and enlightened men as well.

I am proud of my decision to join the military. I stand on my belief that I wanted to

preserve peace. I still want to preserve peace with war as the last resort. I am not unrealistic in thinking that compassionate listening and other feminine skills can be called upon to prevent all wars and conflict. But with more women in positions of leadership, I know there will be attempts made towards this outcome. There would be a difference. I spent 10 years involved, but chose to remove myself from the military and am currently looking for the next opportunity to lead in troubled times. I am needed. We all are.

The human condition defines us as people who come with biases, but we need those biased and diverse people to come together and share their biases as leaders. We must learn from each other to decide if war is the only way to go and why. And if women choose not to lead in some way then they must know that there is that potential to be viewed as an oppressor to the oppressed.

There is no excuse for non-participation and we need the thought-provokers to spur us into action and leadership. Getting into public office or positions of influence is another story. Perhaps this dilemma is why we have feminists feeling that they are limited to symposiums to express their views.

Sadly, our male dominated society does not always embrace women as leaders. That attitude is still out there. Misunderstanding of "women's ways" by other women is the real tragedy.

I am hoping the symposium will provide for an expression of a holistic feminist view to round out the often inequitable and too frequently heard other side of the biases.

Mary Lauck Morgan

Saint Mary's

alumna 1979

March 22

Students should be held responsible

I'm waiting for my flight to New York. Today I have an interview with a prestigious bank. I should be excited, but I'm not. I keep asking myself the same question: Has Notre Dame really prepared me for this moment? I want to say "yes," but I can't.

While the University "prides itself on being an environment of teaching and learning which fosters the development in its students of those disciplined habits of mind, body and spirit which characterize educated, skilled and free human beings," it fails to promote a learning atmosphere that advances those critical thinking skills necessary for well-rounded and learned individuals.

Sadly, at Notre Dame there is no learning for the sake of learning. The focus of the majority of students is their GPA. In response, professors concentrate on structuring courses around grades rather than discovery. Altogether, the pursuit of knowledge and the growth of the individual have assumed secondary status to preserving the egos of the students of this University.

The people who should be held most responsible for Notre Dame's failure are the students. Notre Dame is our school. It is our interests that drive the direction of this place. Yet, instead of demanding that the University offer us more, we sit idly. Rather than force the administration to seek out

higher quality and challenging professors, we enjoy inflated GPAs, weekends of partying and reject discussions of business in a business class for discussions of the past weekend's activities.

Professors must bear some of the censure as well. Rarely have I taken a class that forces students to consider an issue beyond what is on the surface.

Instead, I constantly encounter exams and papers that emphasize rote memorization and the ability to regurgitate the professor's opinions.

Finally, the administrators and trustees of this University — who take pride in a homogenous campus — are not free from culpability.

These people continue to place a run-of-the-mill football program at the forefront of an "elite" institution of learning. It is this sad truth, along with all of the other failures that I have mentioned, which forces me to declare that the time has come for someone to stand up and seek change.

So, as those workers brighten the golden dome, who among us will demand the brightening of Notre Dame's less-than-golden academic life — you or I?

Broderick Henry

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March 22

From the depths of sorrow to the joy of new life



During this week, we will celebrate moments of deepest grief and sorrow, as well as occasions of great hope and unbridled joy. This week, we accompany Jesus from the Last Supper through the days of his passion and death and to his resurrection. Tomorrow, with our celebration of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 5 p.m., we will join hundreds of millions of Catholics around the world to celebrate the Easter Triduum.

Richard Warner

On Holy Thursday, we celebrate our call to loving service of all people as the liturgy center on the example Jesus gave us when he washed the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper. That night is very special to us as well, for it was at the Last Supper where Jesus instituted the Eucharist and established the priesthood so that what he did could be repeated in Christian communities until the end of time. When we celebrate the Eucharist remembering the life-giving death of Jesus, the effects of this saving mystery are made present to us.

On Good Friday at 3 p.m., we will gather for the Celebration of the Lord's Passion. The liturgy includes the sung Passion according to John, the great prayers for the Church and for the world asking that the saving death of Jesus might assist all believers to come to know God's love expressed through the cross, the veneration of the Cross and reception of the Eucharist.

The Stations of the Cross will be celebrated Friday evening.

After a day of prayer and waiting, the great Easter Vigil will be celebrated on Saturday night. Through the use of symbols, song and readings from Scripture, Salvation history is recounted until a moment when the resurrection of Jesus from the dead is proclaimed and celebrated. The Basilica comes to life as it is bathed in light, and as the sounds of the organ and bells, and alleluias fill that sacred space. The newest members of our Notre Dame community will be welcomed as members of the Catholic Church as their receive baptism, and the end of Lent is marked by the renewal of baptismal promises by joy-filled believers.

Easter Sunday Masses will be celebrated at 8 a.m., 10 and noon. And as is our tradition on campus, an unpublished Mass at 9 p.m. will bring hundreds of Notre Dame students to the Basilica for a great celebration with the Notre Dame Folk Choir.

Throughout these holy days, there will be many opportunities for communal and private prayer, as well as for sacramental reconciliation. The Basilica will be open for all of us to simply enjoy a few moments of silence at the end of Lent, and to think about our relationship to Jesus Christ, the Church and our community of believers.

Notre Dame has always been a place where the Eucharist is treasured by the members of our community and where liturgy is celebrated in a beautiful and moving way with the assistance of many members of the staffs of Campus Ministry and of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. And thanks, as well, to the generous service of hundreds of students who provide music for our ceremonies and who serve in the many different ministries.

If you are away from Campus with family and friends, know that you will be remembered in our prayers this week, and be sure to see how beautiful the Basilica is when you return. If you will be on Campus, please join us for as many of these moments of prayer as you can during the holiest days of our faith.

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VIDEO GAME REVIEWS

'Star Wars: Republic Commando' brings b

By MARK BEMENDERFER
Scene Writer

First-person shooter video games are becoming a dime a dozen on the Microsoft X-Box. They run the range from garbage, such as "Robocop," to the truly excellent games, such as "Halo." With the recent release of the new "Timesplitters," it may be easy to overlook shooter games in general. However, with the last Star Wars movie on the

horizon, overlooking "Star Wars: Republic Commando" would be a shame.

The setting of the game takes place at the end of the second movie, "The Clone Wars." The gamer is placed in the boots of one of Jango Fett's many clones. This placement may lead people into believing the storyline will be boring, but people who may think that would be misinformed.

As the game explains, each of the clones begins to develop a different personality as they mature. Further distinguishing the clones is the fact that

some are trained to a greater degree than your average storm trooper. These special clones, with the extra attentions, become commandos for the Republic and become part of an elite force. The player assumes the role of leader of the elite force. The player is Delta 38, the leader of Delta Squad.

Rounding out the group of commandos is Delta 07, Delta 40 and Delta 62. Although the names may seem bland each "Delta" is given a distinct nickname and per-

sonality within the squad. Delta 07 is referred to as Sev and at times is downright psychotic. He's the violent hunter of the group and tends to charge headfirst at the enemy trying to melee them to death.

Delta 40 is referred to as Fixer and is the intelligent one in the group. If there's a terminal anywhere that needs hacking, or a task that requires any level of refinement, he's your clone. Delta 62 is known as Scorch and is the comedic relief. He earned his name through his penchant for explosives and numerous close shaves with them.

**Star Wars: Republic
Commando**
Microsoft X-Box
Mark's Grade: A



Even though most of the characters you work with are clones of a single man, they each have a distinct personality that helps drive the game. Being a squad-based game, they are often by the side of the player. Using them for support and giving them commands is often vital for success in the game, even on the easiest level. The squadmates are often the only source of help for the player. Their constant banter makes the player begin to think of them according to their personalities, instead of just computer generated and controlled characters.

Giving them commands is not very complicated. Every command in the game is done through pushing the 'A' button, sometimes accompanied by a hit of the directional pad for specific directions. This

aspect handled intuitively from the beginning and should help anyone from the game.

If the player gives any command to the squad they will react in that fashion. They will toss grenades, help wounded, all without the need for input. However, the player should utilize the game's interface in the squad and commands. Like a leader, you're tactically increasing the effectiveness of your squad. Under the order, the player can move the squad to different positions, among other things. In some instances, the player can suppress the enemy.

However, if the player is probably interested in the second and third movies, which being the local player is dropped in battle and music scene does not seem more typical for a game that enters into a factory.

The story brings a ghost ship of



"Star Wars: Republic Commando" focuses on the storyline that takes place between the second and the third "Star Wars" movies.

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Quality of 'Tekken' series continues

By MARK BEMENDERFER
Scene Writer

Very few games have the longevity to endure through the years — many of them hardly last longer than a few weeks. A lot of the original Nintendo games fall under this category, as well as "Halo" and "Super Smash Brothers Melee."

But now, another year has come around and another "Tekken" has been released. The general principle has remained the same as previous "Tekken" games. The player first chooses his vir-

tual avatar from a rather large assortment. The player then proceeds through many rounds of a fighting tournament in hopes of becoming the victor. Not entirely original, but there weren't any elements that really needed to be improved a great deal in the first place.

"Tekken 5" is the latest in a long line of fighting games. Actually it is the sixth game of the series and is the third iteration on the Playstation 2. Being the latest in a long series, "Tekken" has aged as gracefully as one could hope. It is definitely one of the better, if not the most polished, fighting game currently out on the market.

For being a fighting game, the individual storylines for each of the characters can be quite engaging. The Mishima Corporation is in turmoil because its leader, Heihachi Mishima, dies in the introductory cinema. Let it be known that Heihachi has been a staple of "Tekken" since its inception. By killing him off before the game begins, it shows that Namco is willing to shake things up a little in the name of innovation.

After Heihachi dies, the King of

Iron Fist Tournament is once again scheduled. This is the tournament that "Tekken" bases its storyline on in the previous versions. However, Heihachi was usually the sponsor and therefore a bit of mystery is created concerning the sponsor of the tournament.

This question is what drives some of the participants. Other characters are fighting for personal reasons, some for control of the company and some just for the money. All of the characters have some motivation to be in the tournament and each one has multiple story-driven fights, as well as a

Tekken 5
Playstation 2

Mark's Grade: A



between the remain. Namco rid of the game levels in "Tekken" they did not destroyable to is a nice bonus. Seeing a guy in to see it shattered force is quite strong.

The game's wealth of bonuses can modify the characters' appearance, changing both larger aspects of appearance. People to assume more with the fighter, as they seem to be their liking.

Also included in the previous game, "Tekken 4," through "Tekken 5" included with free of charge arcade perfect. They may not included is a made by Namco.

Rounding out the mode. The player can beat-em-up style fighter Jin the endless supply extra "Tekken" gets old rather.

For those who released an \$100, one can joystick in a c



The fighting game "Tekken 5" stays consistent in the quality of characters, animation and storyline.

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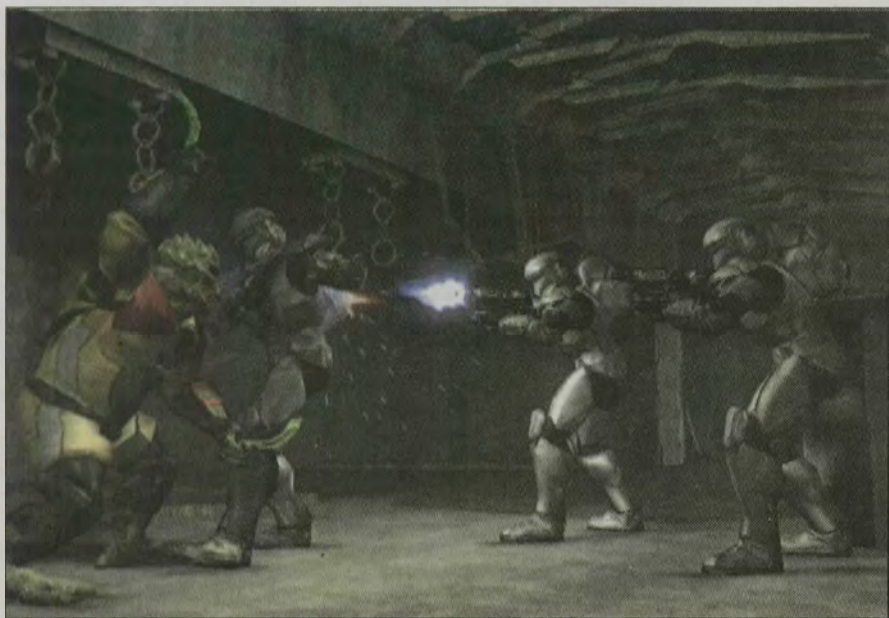


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The many clones become more and more distinct as the game progresses as they begin to develop individual personalities.

planet Kashyyyk, which fans will recognize as being the planet of the Wookies. The game is considered to follow the official storyline and serves as a bridge between the final films. It certainly goes deeper into the Separatist movement, as you control the forces fighting the said forces.

For a Star Wars fan with an X-Box, this becomes a highly recommended buy. It is also good for the average X-Box owner, as one does not need to know the general storyline to understand the game. Before the movie arrives in May, join the Republic Commandos. You won't regret it, although it does run to the short side lengthwise.

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are some ersions of kken 1" en 3" is he game They are ports, so e exactly as some recall. Also ret un-lockable old arcade game the extras is the "Devil Within" r gets to play an old-fashioned e game, where one guides the gh rooms while fighting a near bad guys. Similar to the previous rce," it's a nice free add-on but ickly. core "Tekken" fans, Namco has ed treat. For the hefty price of rchase the game with an arcade ctor's case. The arcade stick is of



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"Tekken 5" is based around the King of the Iron Fist Tournament, which attracts many competitors.

very high quality, being mostly made of steel. It has some heft to it and responds well to inputted commands. However, for those not used to it, it can be distracting. It's perfect for the fans of the arcade versions, but may not be appropriate for all.

"Tekken 5," as far as fighting games go, is a great game. It's a perfect continuation of the beloved series and it incorporates old characters with new characters flawlessly. Whether one is a newcomer or a veteran to the series, one will feel at ease jumping right into the game.

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PLAY REVIEW

'Ancient History' digs up laughs

By CHRISTIE BOLSEN
Assistant Scene Editor

Fast, cheap and fun — if that's your preferred style, think about spending time with "Ancient History" tonight.

Just a little over one hour and only two dollars, "Ancient History" is a fling of a play about relationships that are sort of like your life, but funnier. But for all its laughs, it carries a deeper message about commitment, memories and how passing time affects both.

Jack (Bryce Cooper) is brimming with energy and thinking about sex. All the time. His girlfriend Ruth (Kathleen Ryan) is thinking more about marriage, kids and which Hebrew school the aforementioned kids should attend. As the play opens, they are dancing in their bathrobes and rhapsodizing about the paradise that is their relationship. They dance in sync and live in utopia as Jack dips Ruth to the romantic music.

It seems too good to be true — and it is. Little problems spring up like baby weeds in a garden. Jack has a tendency to repeat stories and to refer to his "horrid ex-wife." A birthday present incident will relate to anyone who has ever opened something lame in a pretty box, and discussion of the past creates ripples on the surface of the utopia.

The scenes play like memories, acted out one way and then in a slightly altered version. Proposals shift the ambiance immediately, as they are likely to do in real life. Cynicism starts to sneak up on the blind optimism of the opening scene, and kids, Germans, love, Jews and religion in general are all under scrutiny, or even attack. Jack, who has German heritage and an affinity for making Jewish jokes, irritates the Yiddish-vocabulary-dropping Ruth.

Jack thinks hell is other people, but Ruth later disagrees.

"Hell isn't other people," she says. "Hell is remembering other people."

It takes until the final scene to understand this line fully, but there's more relationship muck to trudge through first. The arguments increase in frequency and volume; Jack asks sarcastically at one point, "Do I hear silence?" in response to one of Ruth's pouts. The intensity still gives way to lighter moments, like Jack's hilarious impression of a friend's wealthy Israeli husband or his inclusion of gin as a hormone.

It doesn't end up that one thing that comes between the perfect couple. It's everything — her parents, his job, her friends, his cynicism and even her shoes. He tells her about "stairway thoughts" when they talk about the past — it's when you're on the stairs to leave and "you realize what you should have said to the bastard back there." Little do they realize, they're making their own history, paved with stairway thoughts and confused recollections.

It could have been his immaturity or one-track mind ("We have to do something about this chronic horni-

ness!"), or it could have been her focus on money and stability, but in the end the audience can't tell who is more at fault. There's too much "What?" followed by, "Nothing," toward the end for the relationship to stand up to heated discussions. Finally, Jack ends up at the bar, reeling from a quick engagement.

"Life took a bit of a zigzag there at the party, but that's what parties are for," he says in an inadvertently sage comment.

Hallie Taylor, the director, picked the play because its message stood out from the other plays she read.

"It's about how people relate and how we deal with situations," Taylor said, "and how big of an impact people can have on us even after things are over. They play is obviously a memory play."

Taylor thought that the actors were a perfect fit for their parts.

"I thought they just did a fabulous job ... they just seem to capture that playful joy, especially in the beginning and that sudden switch," Taylor said.

Audience member Matt Nieves agreed about the acting.

"I thought it was really good — they seemed to have good chemistry onstage," Nieves said.

Bryce Cooper, the male lead, thought that the characters were effective because they remind the audience how complicated relationships are.

"I just think it's

sad sometimes how people who can be so in love with each other or have such a strong relationship can end just on a few different opinions, like religion or children," Cooper said. "I think it's especially pertinent at a place like Notre Dame."

He thought the humor was derived from how he and Ryan played off one another.

"They ways they interact with each other are very sardonic and I think that when two people know each other really well, and play around with each other like this, that's how you maintain a relationship for so long," Cooper said. "You entertain each other, and it entertains the audience as well."

He cited highs and lows in the play as being one of its strengths.

"The best plays are ones that have a range of emotion in them, where the audience will feel that range of emotion. I think this is definitely one of them, where they certainly will laugh but by the end they're also sad and maybe thinking about their own relationships — I think it's easy to put yourself in the shoes of the characters," Cooper said.

Those emotions certainly reached out to audience member Keith Harwood, who deliberated for a few minutes before delivering his verdict on the night.

"I'm speechless," he said.

"Ancient History" will also be performed tonight at the Regis Philbin Studio Theater in the Performing Arts Center at 7:30. Tickets are \$2 and can be purchased at the door.

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NBA

Rockets flying high after defeating Heat 84-82

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Finally someone found a way to stop the Miami Heat.

Aging center Dikembe Mutombo gave Houston a huge lift off the bench. Tracy McGrady scored 26 points and the Rockets snapped the Heat's 12-game winning streak with a victory.

"You just have to be prepared from a mental standpoint and you have to be focused," Mutombo said of facing O'Neal. "You have to find a way to challenge him and get inside of his head and not give him any easy dunks. That's something that I think I always do well against him."

David Wesley scored 14 points, and Yao Ming and seldom-used forward Clarence Weatherspoon added 12 to keep the NBA's top-scoring twosome of O'Neal and Dwyane Wade in check.

McGrady, who scored a total of 37 points and shot just 27 percent in the previous two games, struggled again to find his shot, going 8-of-27, but made all the clutch plays down the stretch.

During one late sequence, McGrady scooped up a loose ball, beat Eddie Jones with a crossover dribble and drilled a deep 3 that gave Houston a 74-62 lead with fewer than 6 minutes left. He followed that with another 3, and later whipped a crosscourt pass to Mike James for an assist on his 3 to put Houston up 80-72 with 40.5 seconds to go.

But the Rockets nearly fumbled away the win with a couple of silly mistakes in the waning seconds of the game.

James missed four straight free throws and Miami's Damon Jones made a 3 and completed a four-point play, cutting Houston's lead to 80-79 with 14.3 seconds left.

Wesley saved the victory by making a couple of free throws, and McGrady made one to finish off a thrilling upset of the league's top team.

"I think if we're not disturbed by the last minute, then we're not looking at it correctly," said Houston coach Jeff Van Gundy, who rarely sees the bright side even in big wins. "Stupid will always come back to haunt you. Tonight it didn't, but it will."

O'Neal led Miami with 23 points and 16 rebounds, getting

the best of his personal rivalry with Yao. Wade added 20 on just 4-of-19 shooting and Jones had 16 points and seven rebounds.

SuperSonics 92, Bucks 84

Seattle SuperSonics forward Rashard Lewis went to his first All-Star game in Denver in February and paid close attention to all the players around him.

It's showing.

Lewis scored 29 points and Luke Ridnour added a career-high 21, leading the Seattle SuperSonics to victory over the Milwaukee Bucks.

"Just being around all those guys, observing them and taking in every thing I could has helped me," said Lewis of his All-Star experience.

The best advice though, came from Minnesota's Kevin Garnett.

"He told me a lot of things I could work on during the summer to keep my body healthy and continue to play an 82-game season and play 35 and 40 minutes a night," Lewis said. "It felt like he took me under his wing like I was his little brother."

With the Sonics short-handed, Lewis had to play 40 minutes despite painful tendinitis in his left knee that has bothered him for half the season.

"It's something that I can't get rid of until the season is over so I'm going to have to hobble my way through it," he said.

Playing without Ray Allen, who sprained his right ankle Sunday night against the Lakers in Los Angeles, the Northwest Division-leading Sonics won their third game in a row to improve their record to 46-20.

Lewis needed some scoring help and Ridnour, Seattle's starting point guard, shot 6-for-11 and had six assists.

"There's some guys down and we've just got to find ways to win," said Ridnour, who averaged 19.7 points for Oregon in 2002-2003 before leaving for the NBA after his junior season. His previous career scoring high was 19.

Sonics coach Nate McMillan gave Ridnour the starting job in his second season because of Ridnour's quickness.

"The one thing that I wanted at the beginning of the season was ball pressure and a fast tempo," he said. "I thought Luke could bring that to the floor."

The Sonics are 3-0 since losing top reserve Vladimir

Radmanovic, who probably is lost for the remainder of the regular season because of a stress fracture in his right leg.

Michael Redd scored 22 points and Desmond Mason had 21 for the Bucks, the last-place team in the Central Division which beat the Sonics by 26 in Milwaukee in February. The Bucks lost for the fifth time in seven games.

Kings 112, Trail Blazers 93

After seeing so many hasty coaching changes in the NBA this season, Rick Adelman is even more appreciative of his opportunity to keep piling up wins with the Sacramento Kings.

Kenny Thomas had 24 points and nine rebounds in his best game in Sacramento, and Adelman got his 700th career victory against his former team in the Kings' win over the Portland Trail Blazers.

Adelman became the 15th NBA coach to reach the milestone as Sacramento routed the Blazers, who have employed him as a player and a coach. He led Portland to the NBA Finals in 1990 and 1992, and he has directed the Kings to seven straight winning seasons.

"Each time one of these happens, you appreciate it more," Adelman said. "When you look back, you know how much effort went into it, and you know the people around you — the coaching staff, the players, your own wife and family. It just shows that there's a longevity there, and it's worthwhile to get one of these."

Peja Stojakovic scored 23 points and Cuttino Mobley added 19 for the Kings, who sent the freefalling Blazers to their sixth straight loss while improving to 8-7 since trading Chris Webber during an adjustment period that could be a threat to a coach's livelihood in another city.

After seeing nine NBA coaching changes this season — four in March alone — Adelman is well aware that many other clubs show none of the Kings' patience.

"I've never seen a situation where so many teams are fighting for the playoffs, and the solution with 14 games to go is to fire the coach," Adelman said. "I feel very fortunate to be in the situation I'm in."

Perhaps that's because he's able to coax efforts like this one out of his much-changed roster.



Houston Rockets guard Bob Sura, left, is fouled by Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade Tuesday night.

Mike Bibby had 12 points and 10 assists while leading an efficient offense for the Kings, who had 28 total assists and four turnovers, tying the lowest total in the NBA this season.

It was an appropriate performance for a milestone win for the offense-loving coach. Only Larry Brown (975), Jerry Sloan (938) and George Karl (727) have more victories among the league's active coaches.

"That's a good accomplishment, and I'm happy for him," Bibby said. "We have a lot more to go. We're going to try to add to that list."

Shareef Abdur-Rahim scored 27 points, and Joel Przybilla had 13 points, 21 rebounds and a career-high eight blocked shots for the Trail Blazers, who lost focus for long stretches of their eighth straight road defeat.

Damon Stoudamire had 25 points and a season-high 11 rebounds, but Portland made 21 turnovers and got no steals in its 10th loss in 11 games since interim coach Kevin Pritchard

took over for Maurice Cheeks. Portland has lost 17 of 20 overall.

"If you don't compete, if you don't fight, you're not going to have no kind of chance," Abdur-Rahim said. "So we've got to keep competing and fighting and pulling for each other."

Sacramento is clinging to fifth place in the Western Conference standings despite its usual late-season rash of injury problems — which now might include Darius Songaila, who didn't return after hurting his back in the second quarter.

Sacramento never trailed after the opening minute despite an impressive game for Przybilla, who dominated the paint and fell just short of his career high of 22 rebounds.

"I had my breakout game in my first game (in Sacramento), but it's kind of a confidence-booster," Przybilla said. "But if we got the victory, I could care less about the numbers. I just want to get that win. We've been struggling, and we've got a lot of work ahead of us."

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MEN'S NATIONAL INVITATION TOURNAMENT

South Carolina tramples UNLV, advances to quarterfinals

Powell, Wallace lead Gamecocks, combine for 28 points in win

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Playing some of its best basketball of the season, South Carolina is one victory away from reaching the NIT semifinals for the second time in four years.

Carlos Powell scored 15 points and Brandon Wallace matched his career-best with 13 points to lead South Carolina to a 77-66 victory over UNLV in the second round of the NIT on Tuesday night.

The Gamecocks (17-13) reached Madison Square Garden and the NIT finals in 2002, but lost to Memphis.

"The NIT is more of a fun tournament than it is a pressure tournament," South Carolina coach Dave Odom said. "Let's face it, it's a little more relaxed right now."

South Carolina went on a 12-2 run in the middle of the first half to pull away, and the Rebels never recovered.

UNLV cut the lead to eight points with 3:03 remaining, but Wallace hit a free throw and Powell drew an offensive foul on the Rebels' next possession.

Tre Kelley's dish to Rocky Trice under the basket put the Gamecocks ahead 75-63.

South Carolina will host Georgetown in the quarterfinals on Thursday.

"We just don't want to stop playing right now," said Wallace, who had arguably his best game of the season. He had eight points in just seven minutes in the first half.

But every time it looked as if South Carolina was going to put the game away, the Rebels hit a timely 3-pointer. The Gamecocks were slowed by 56.3 percent shooting from the free-throw line, but they were able to grab some offensive rebounds off the many misses. South Carolina finished with 14 offensive boards and outrebounded UNLV 42-33.

The Gamecocks shot 38.5 percent from the field in the first half and used tenacious defense to force eight steals and limit the Rebels to 33.3 percent shooting.

"I was very pleased with the energy we came out with," Odom said. "Anytime they

made a run, I think we made clutch baskets."

UNLV (17-14) shot just 2-for-11 from behind the arc in the opening period, but shot 39.1 percent for the game.

The key run was highlighted by Kelley's steal off an inbounds pass, which led to an easy basket for South Carolina. The Gamecocks led by as many as 16 points in the first half and were up 37-24 at halftime.

Kelley finished with a career-high nine assists and four points.

Romel Beck led UNLV with 21 points.

"They played great defense. They're real long and athletic, something we're not used to seeing," said Beck, whose team finished with 18 turnovers. "We didn't do a good job of taking care of the ball and making plays and being patient."

South Carolina scored the first four points of the second half, but two 3-pointers by Odartey Blankson and Beck trimmed the lead slightly. UNLV got within 10 points on Michael Umeh's 3-pointer with 10:08 to go.

But Tarence Kinsey countered with a 3 on the Gamecocks' next possession and Kelley made a layup to put South Carolina ahead 60-47 with 7:44 remaining.

"We're one of those teams you know you can never count us out," Beck said.

Earlier this year the Rebels came back from a 10-point deficit with less than 30 seconds to go to force overtime with San Diego State and went on to win.

This one didn't end with those dramatics, however.

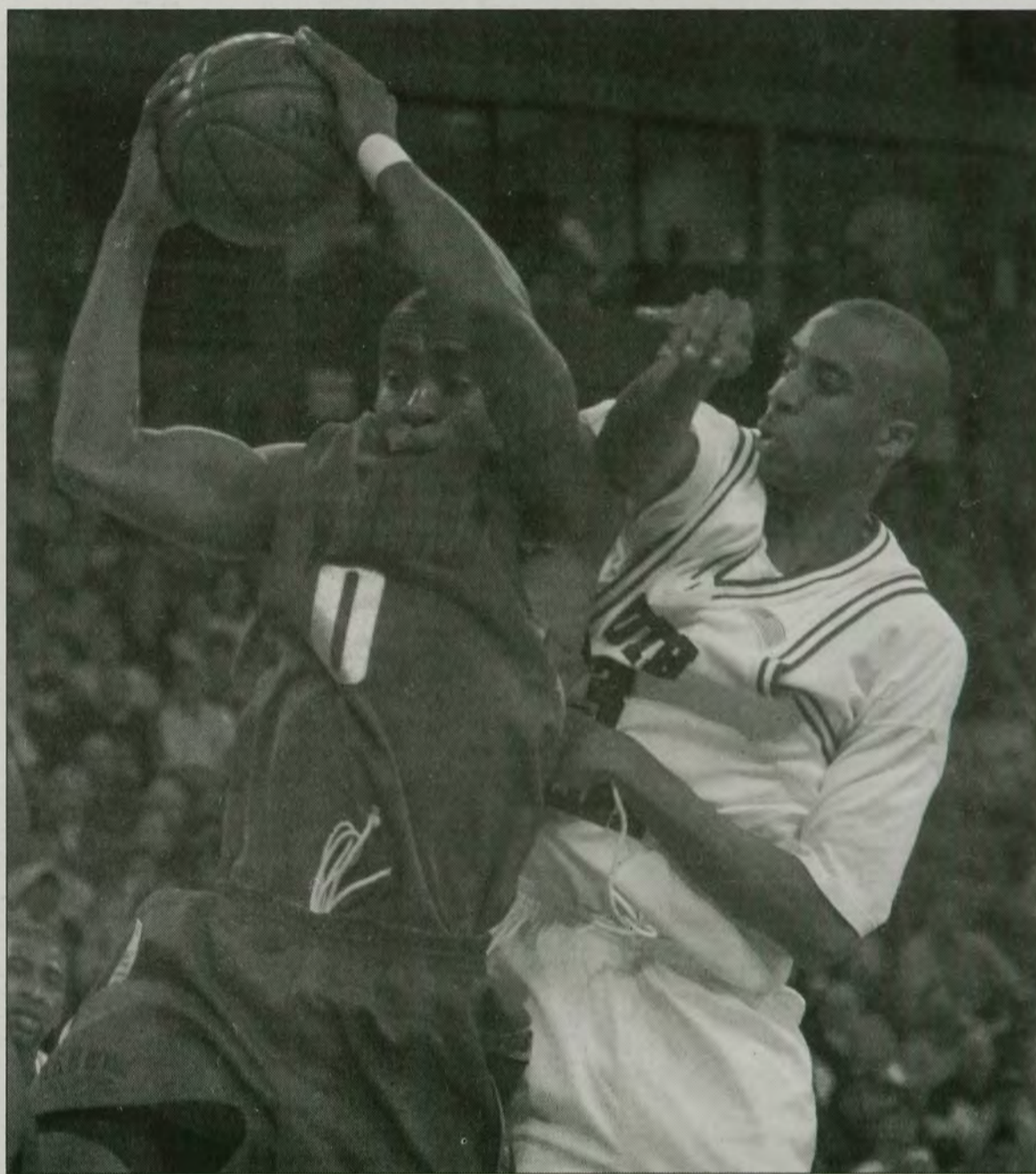
Kelley's no-look pass to Trice gave the Gamecocks their biggest lead at 41-24 about two minutes into the second half.

In the first half, UNLV went 4:22 without a basket, and finished the opening period with 11 turnovers. Blankson, who is averaging 17.7 points, scored just five and finished with 10.

This is the second time in three years that UNLV and South Carolina have met in the second round of the NIT. In 2002, the Rebels also advanced after a first-round win over Arizona State, but then fell to the Gamecocks in Columbia 75-65.

South Carolina holds a 5-1 record over the Rebels and is unbeaten at home at 4-0.

UNLV had won eight of its last



UNLV forward Odartey Blankson, left, grabs a defensive rebound while pressured by South Carolina forward Brandon Wallace in the first half of the Gamecocks' 77-66 victory Tuesday.

10 games, losing only to Utah and New Mexico, which both made the NCAA tournament.

Rebels coach Lon Kruger said he was proud of the way his team finished the year.

"The guys hung in there," Kruger said.

Georgetown 74
CS Fullerton 57

Freshman Jeff Green dominated the paint with 18 points and six blocks, and Georgetown took advantage of an unusual home court advantage to beat short-handed Cal State Fullerton Tuesday night and advance to the quarterfinals of the NIT.

Green scored eight of Georgetown's first 13 points and essentially had his way

against the Titans' undersized frontcourt, making 8 of 11 shots in 23 minutes before fouling out with 4:57 to play. Brandon Bowman made 8 of 10 shots and scored 21 points for the Hoyas (19-12), who shot 55 percent.

Preparations for a circus made unavailable the Hoyas' usual home, the cavernous MCI Center, so Georgetown hosted the game on campus in its small McDonough Gymnasium. A standing-room only crowd of 2,604 packed the gym, and their chants and roars tested the limits of decibel tolerance in a way never heard at MCI.

Georgetown hasn't lost at McDonough since a 63-52 loss

to Connecticut in 1982, but the Hoyas usually host only one or two games a year at the gym — and usually early in the season against heavy underdog opponents.

Bobby Brown scored 16 points, and Jamaal Brown had 14 points and 11 rebounds to lead Cal State Fullerton (21-11), which dressed only eight players and listed five players out for the season with injuries. Ralph Holmes, the Big West's leading scorer and rebounder, became the most recent casualty when he injured his knee in Friday's win at San Francisco.

The Titans finished with their first winning season in 12 years and had to play all three of their NIT games on the road, visiting seven airports over eight days. The game was on ESPN, making it Cal State Fullerton's first nationally televised game in 15 years.

The visitors kept the game close for about 10 minutes. Green left his defender flatfooted with a hesitation move to put Georgetown ahead 13-12, and the Hoyas took the lead for good with a 12-0 run that made the score 27-18. Bowman's stumbling baseline drive turned into a three-point play to get the lead to double digits, and Jonathan Wallace's 3-pointer at the buzzer gave the Hoyas a 41-30 halftime lead.

Green picked up his fourth foul with 12 1/2 minutes to play, but Georgetown was leading by 18 at the time.

The Titans managed a 7-0 run without Green in the game to cut the lead to 11, but a three from the Hoyas' Ashanti Cook stopped the momentum.

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MEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT

All three Triangle schools in Sweet 16 for first time since 1989

Wolfpack joins Blue Devils, Tar Heels on tournament trail

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Reaching the round of 16 is nothing new for Duke and North Carolina, two programs that have a total of six national championships between them. North Carolina State? That's a different story.

Hobbled by various injuries during the regular season, the Wolfpack stumbled to a seventh-place finish in the Atlantic Coast Conference and needed a pair of victories in the conference tournament just to secure an at-large bid. The selection committee did them no favors, either, giving them a No. 10 seed in the Syracuse Regional.

N.C. State survived two close games in Worcester, Mass., to reach the regional semifinals for the first time since 1989. That's also the last time the three teams from the Triangle region of the state made it that far — until now.

The Blue Devils are there for the eighth straight year and the Tar Heels snapped a five-year drought with two easy victories in Charlotte, N.C. Three schools, separated by about 30 miles, all two games away from a trip to the Final Four.

"It's hard to talk briefly about that because everybody around here is so proud of it," North

Carolina coach Roy Williams said Tuesday. "I'm very proud of the fact I'm involved in a league that's been that successful, yet we all know we're one game away from none of us being in the next round. There is a lot of pride here, there's no question."

Considering the strength of the ACC this season, perhaps it's only fitting that it's so well represented in the NCAA tournament. The Tar Heels finished first in the regular season, followed by Wake Forest and Duke, and those three teams each were solid contenders to make a run to a national title.

The Demon Deacons lost in double overtime to surprising West Virginia in the second round, but N.C. State made up for that upset with one of its own, beating second-seeded Connecticut in the final seconds on a three-point play by Julius Hodge. If

the Wolfpack can win one more game, they would play North Carolina in the regional final.

Quite a change from early February, after a three-game losing streak dropped N.C. State to 3-7 in the ACC.

"In the middle of the season, not everything was perfect," Hodge said. "Now, the bandwagon is crazy. Everybody is on the bandwagon."

Duke and North Carolina kept tabs on each other in Charlotte, playing in the same arena on the opening weekend for the first time since 1979, and they also closely followed the Wolfpack. After the Blue Devils beat Mississippi State in the sec-

ond round of the Austin Regional, coach Mike Krzyzewski took time publicly to congratulate N.C. State coach Herb Sendek.

"I'm really excited, of course, for us," Coach K said. "I talked to Roy and said it would be great for both of our teams to make it. But the guy I'm really happy for is Herb. We should all just say, 'Thank you,' for the great college basketball we have in this region."

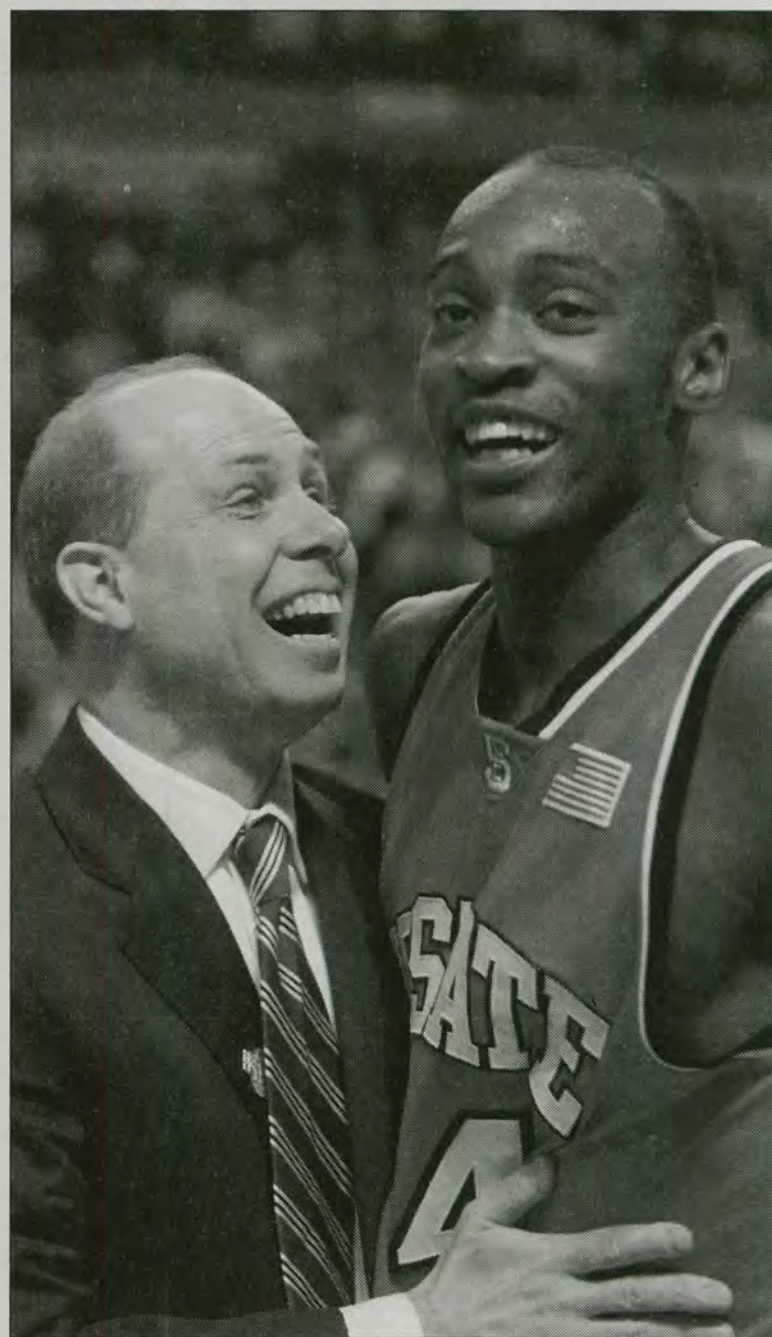
Sendek, who faced rumblings of discontent on Internet message boards and sports talk radio during the regular season, denied feeling vindicated by the success of this past weekend. He has N.C. State in the tournament for the fourth straight year, the longest run since the late 1980s.

"I'm busy coaching our team," Sendek said. "I've been grateful all along for the people who have given us their unwavering support."

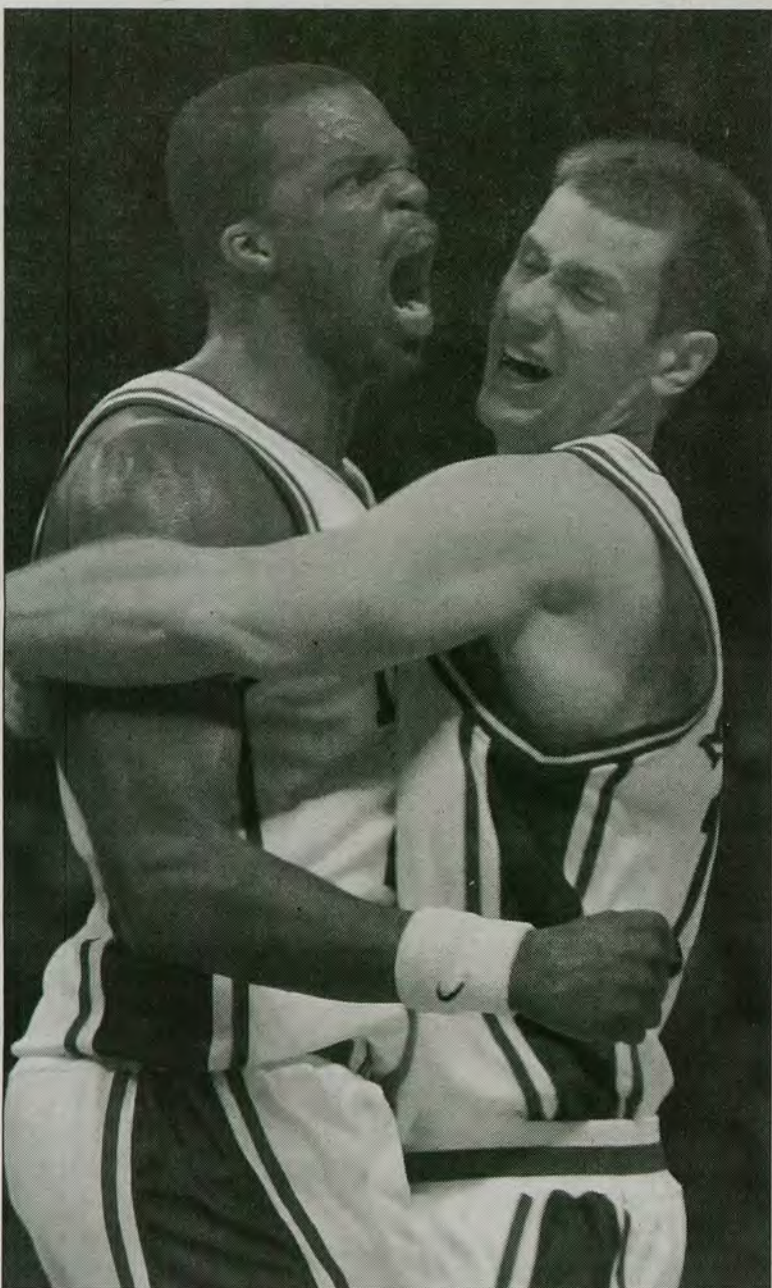
With all three teams playing Friday, TV stations around the state were scrambling this week to make sure each game was covered. The Wolfpack and the Blue Devils start their games 17 minutes apart, so CBS affiliates were forced to look for other options.

In Charlotte, WBTV will air Duke against Michigan State, with the N.C. State-Wisconsin game will be carried by UPN affiliate WJZY, which has a news partnership with WBTV. The Raleigh CBS affiliate, WRAL, is located across the street from the N.C. State campus, and it will show the Wolfpack's game.

"I think it's great," North Carolina guard Rashad McCants said. "It's great for the state and the programs, I think it's just beautiful for the recruiting."



North Carolina State coach Herb Sendek laughs with Julius Hodge after the Wolfpack defeated Connecticut 65-62 Sunday.



Duke's Shelden Williams, left, and Lou Melchionni celebrate during the Blue Devils' 63-55 victory Sunday in Charlotte, N.C.

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CLUB SPORTS

Irish rowers skim past Wolverines, Spartans

Ultimate stays home, women's water polo travels to Erie for weekend meet

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame men's rowing club faced snowy weather and freezing temperatures at the annual Lubber's Cup Regatta in Grand Rapids, Mich. this weekend. Despite the cold weather, the Irish kicked off their spring season with a successful showing against tough competition from the Michigan, Michigan State and Western Ontario.

In the men's eight races both the varsity and junior varsity boats did well in the morning preliminary rounds to put them in the petite final in the afternoon. The junior varsity boat had a strong race in the final and improved its time from the morning from a 6:55 to a 6:50 in the 2000 meter race. The varsity boat was inched out in a neck-in-neck race against Western Ontario to take second in the petite final with a time of 6:23. Western Ontario won the petite with a time of 6:20, and Michigan's varsity A boat won overall with a time of 6:11.

The men's novice team also had a strong showing in their first race of the spring season. In the novice final the Irish rowed a great race, coming in tenths of a second behind Michigan's C boat and improving almost twenty seconds on their morning preliminary row to post at 7:07. Michigan's novice A boat won the event with a time of 6:40.

The Irish look forward to building on their successes this weekend when they participate in the San Diego Crew Classic on April 2 and 3.

Men's Volleyball

The Notre Dame men's volleyball team entered its Blue team in a nine team tournament at John Carroll this weekend in Cleveland, Ohio. Led by veteran setter Brad Weldon and anchored by the passing of defensive specialist Ryan Dax, the team went undefeated in pool play. The Irish prevailed 25-20, 25-20 against Juniata, who could never recover from a 10 point run fueled by the jump serving of Mike Toomey. Six of the 10 points were aces. Then the Irish faced off against host John Carroll, who caught the Irish off guard in the first game 25-22. But Ryan Goes, who usually plays for the Irish Gold

team as a middle blocker was continuing his conversion to outside hitter. Weldon kept setting Goes in the second game to tie the match at 1-1. In the decisive third game, Goes was again too much for John Carroll to handle as the Irish took the match 22-25, 25-23, 15-8. The third game in pool play was against Baldwin Wallace.

The Irish again came out flat and dropped the first game, but middle blockers James Foresman and Tim Goldsmith stepped up in the second and third games and led the Irish past Baldwin Wallace, 17-25, 30-28, 15-12.

Rob Dombrowski also sparked the team by adding an additional weapon at opposite hitter.

In tournament play, the Irish again faced John Carroll, falling in the rematch, 25-21, 25-20.

Women's Water Polo

Last weekend the women's water polo team traveled to Penn State-Erie to compete in a varsity tournament. The squad held their own against tough competition, finishing with a 4-1 record.

The first game was a rematch of last year's final game against Ottawa. This year the Irish prevailed with a 17-10 victory. On Saturday, the Irish opened with a 10-5 victory over Maryland, the nation's 10th ranked varsity team. The Irish swept through the rest of the day's competition, defeating Utica 14-1, and Iona, 6-2. The Irish dropped a close 7-6 game to Villanova's varsity squad on Sunday, to complete the tournament action. Stellar goaltending by Kaitlin Shorrock and Rachel Seghal highlighted the weekend play.

The team is currently 15-5 and will next compete at Miami (Ohio) next month.

Notre Dame completed its annual swing through California over spring break, more than holding their own against some of the nation's top teams on the west coast. On Sunday, the Irish opened the trip with an 8-4 victory over the USC club team, 8-4. This marked the first win in history for the Irish over the Trojans.

The next day, the Irish traveled to Pepperdine and were again victorious, 11-9.

Wednesday found the Irish

challenging two time defending national club champion Cal Poly. The Irish came up short, 8-4, but stayed close throughout the contest. The Irish were anxious to test their skills against varsity competition and opened some eyes the next day at the Cal State Bernadino tournament.

A solid 13-11 victory in the opening round over Div. III Claremont proved to be no fluke as the Irish followed up with a 9-8 win over Div. III Laverne. On Sunday, the club played evenly with host San Bernadino, a Div. II varsity, before falling 10-7, and the Irish dropped their final match of the week 7-6 to Div. III Chapman.

The Irish sported a 4-3 record against the field including the defending club national champion and two other national club powers, three top ten ranked Div. III varsity teams, and a powerhouse Div. II varsity.

Ultimate

This weekend, the Ultimate Club hosted "Whitesmoke," the Notre Dame Invitational, competing against teams from the Great Lakes region.

Inclement weather moved the venue from Riehle Field to Boehm Park, though the change hardly affected either the men's or women's team success. The men placed third in a field of ten, while the women won their eight team bracket to take home the tournament title. An A and B team competed for both the men and women, as did an alumni reunion team in each division.

During pool play on Saturday, the men's A team got off to a slow start in their first game against Michigan, but made a late surge to take the game, 11-9.

Having settled down and adjusted to the windy and rainy conditions, the Irish won their next two games against Western Michigan and Valparaiso in dominating fashion, with scores of 13-8 and 13-1, respectively. This set up the most competitive game of the weekend, a two hour struggle between the 3-0 A team, and the likewise undefeated alumni team.

The men stormed out to a 7-5 halftime advantage against their former mentors before the alums regrouped and eventually

knotted the contest at 14-14. Then on double game point in a game to 15, the undergrads put forth a spirited effort, but a tipped disc found its way into an alum's hands in his end zone to secure the dramatic win.

On Sunday, the A team won its quarterfinal match up against the South Bend Club Team, 13-8, but fell in the semifinals to Wheaton, 13-7, finishing the weekend with a 4-2 record.

The alumni enacted revenge for their undergrads, however, by defeating Wheaton, 13-10 in the final and taking the men's tournament championship. Andrew Hochstedler, Andrew Sheehan, Vasili Karas, Eric Morin and Chris O'Neill paced both the offense and defense all weekend, while Steve Kurtz and Nick Chambers provided the team's greatest energy lift as two key reserves.

The men's B team compiled a 2-4 record, posting convincing victories over Illinois and Valparaiso, 11-7 and 13-7, respectively. They also put forth a strong effort against the alumni team in their quarterfinal match up, dropping the contest to their elders, 12-7, after impressively holding an early game lead.

Playing with poise and making most of their team's throws were Tristan Butterfield and Andrew Hartnett, while cutters Jesse McGannon, Dave Farley, Brad Stuart and Ken Walsh ran well all weekend long.

The Notre Dame Invitational was an inspirational weekend for the women's squad which, for the first time in the tournament's history, claimed 1st place.

With 24 players the team was able to enter two teams. A 9-5 win for Team 1 against the Notre Dame alumni team started off the weekend with great momentum. A disheartening 11-9 loss to long time rival Michigan State followed, but confidence was regained with a 13-2 victory over Michigan. Notre Dame's second team, led by Amanda Schramm, Rashelle Simpson and Elizabeth Pfister played well in losses to Ohio Northern, 9-2, and Oberlin, 13-2, with Kirsten Palm outrunning opponents in the long field.

The scores were not representative of the team's play, as several new players stepped up as future leaders on the field.

Lucy Summerville, Tara Devine and Elizabeth Lee proved themselves to be invaluable handlers.

Anne Kroeger, Mary Boyer, Loreta Brown and Colleen Stehlin gained experience.

Sunday's games were truly momentous for this team.

In the quarters, ND's Team 1 defeated ND's Team 2, 10-6, advancing to the semifinals. The Irish defeated Oberlin, 13-2, setting up a rematch with Michigan State for the championship.

The Irish emerged triumphant, 12-10, as Christina Hedges, Rachel Meeks, Elizabeth Shiel and Jennifer Pruchnik shredded the Spartans' vaunted zone defense. Nancy Powaga and Meredith Sheperd came up with grabs in the endzone, while Christina Dube and Stephanie Snyder dominated midfield play. Freshmen Shannon Morisson

and Shields Duss provided strong depth off the bench.

The Irish will next compete in Sectionals on April 16.

The Ultimate Club competed during spring break in Savannah, GA at the week long High Tide Tournament. The Women compiled a 3-4 record, finishing sixth out of 12 teams, while the men finished 6-2 to take third place out of 28 teams.

For the Men, pool play began Tuesday in wind gusts of over 20mph, placing a high demand on skilled throws to cope with the conditions.

The team was up to the challenge, scoring enough difficult upwind points to defeat Connecticut 10-4, Michigan State B 9-8, and Lehigh 8-7 en route to a perfect 3-0 day.

Day two had the men playing in a "power pool" against three other undefeated teams from the field. In less severe conditions, the Irish opened with a come-from-behind 13-10 victory over Richmond, and followed up with a dominating performance against UNC Greensboro, 13-5, before succumbing to Michigan State A, 13-7.

Thursday capped play with a single-elimination tournament. The men started the day by defeating longtime rival Wesleyan in the quarterfinals, 15-6, advancing the Irish to the semifinals.

Once there, a poor start and some bad luck allowed Edinboro to jump out to a 14-8 lead, one point short of victory.

A rally by the Irish closed the gap to 14-13, but Notre Dame dropped the final point and bowed out of the tournament in third place.

All week long, the men were propelled on offense by the consistent play of handlers Andrew Hochstedler, Ryan Butler, and Richie Bartholomew and cutters Andrew Sheehan, Vasili Karas, Eric Morin, Kyle Engoian and Tim Peterson.

Defensively, Tommy Hanculak gave a standout performance to pace a unit that also saw solid contributions from Steve Kurtz, Andy Crutchfield and Mike Florack.

The women opened play on Tuesday in a stiff wind. The Irish dropped two of their first three games, but the win was a noteworthy 10-7 triumph over defending champion and top seeded Boston University.

The Terriers would prevail and champions this year as well.

Highlights of the first day included an upwinder scored by Christine Dube on a pass from Lizzy Shiel and a Callahan point scored by Jen Pruchnik on a block by Lucy Summerville.

Playing better as the weather improved, the Irish swept all three opponents the next day.

Kaile Ross led the attack and Shannon Morrison the defense as the Irish came from behind to defeat UNC Greensboro, 11-10. The second contest was a shutout of Wesleyan B, and the squad dominated Edinboro, 13-2, behind the passing of Amanda Schramm.

After pool play the Women were ranked 8th in the A bracket.

For the second consecutive year, the Irish were eliminated from the tournament by Michigan State in a 7-6 thriller.

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ITA Tennis Rankings Men's Top 25

rank	team	avg.
1	Baylor	91.60
2	Illinois	80.39
3	Virginia	77.50
4	Duke	73.46
5	UCLA	62.78
6	Mississippi	61.18
7	Georgia	55.19
8	Florida	48.75
9	Southern California	42.40
10	Stanford	42.20
11	Oklahoma State	40.45
12	Texas Tech	39.60
13	Pepperdine	37.59
14	Clemson	37.38
15	Mississippi State	36.36
16	Louisiana State	36.25
17	Texas A&M	33.93
18	Tulane	32.99
19	Washington	29.69
20	NOTRE DAME	29.53
21	Tennessee	28.46
21	Middle Tennessee State	28.46
23	Texas	28.11
24	Harvard	26.79
25	Wake Forest	26.60

ITA Tennis Rankings Women's Top 25

rank	team	avg.
1	Stanford	84.40
2	Northwestern	82.16
3	Kentucky	65.74
4	Georgia	65.09
5	Southern California	64.12
6	Georgia Tech	59.44
7	Duke	58.52
8	Vanderbilt	57.46
9	Texas	52.59
10	North Carolina	52.46
11	Miami (FL)	51.09
12	UCLA	49.32
13	Clemson	49.10
14	William and Mary	47.59
15	Baylor	46.07
16	Washington	45.24
17	Florida	41.35
18	Harvard	40.00
19	Tennessee	37.00
20	TCU	36.85
21	Tulane	32.10
21	Brigham Young	29.68
23	Alabama	27.61
24	California	26.21
25	Oregon	25.93

ITA Tennis Rankings Women's Doubles

rank	team	players	avg.
1	Northwestern	Cristelle Gier Audra Cohen	55.41
2	NOTRE DAME	CATRINA THOMPSON CHRISTIAN THOMPSON	50.89
3	UCLA	Daniela Bercek Riza Zalameda	49.18
4	Miami (FL)	Megan Bradley Audrey Banada	48.51
5	North Carolina	Aniela Mojzis Kendall Cline	44.74

MLB



Giants outfielder Barry Bonds, left, returns on crutches to spring training Tuesday with his son Nikolai in Scottsdale, Ariz. Bonds is undergoing rehabilitation after a second arthroscopic surgery on his right knee last week.

Bonds may take entire year to rehab knee

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Coming off knee surgery and caught up in baseball's steroids scandal, Barry Bonds said he may not play at all this season — despite standing on the doorstep of the sport's most hallowed record.

The San Francisco Giants slugger also said he was physically and mentally "done," and blamed the media for at least part of his troubles.

"I'm tired of my kids crying. You wanted me to jump off a bridge, I finally did," Bonds told reporters Tuesday, shortly after

returning to training camp. "You finally brought me and my family down. So now go pick a different person."

Bonds, whose 703 career homers are 11 short of Babe Ruth's total and 52 behind Hank Aaron's record, was back in camp following last week's arthroscopic surgery on his right knee.

Sitting at a picnic table outside the Giants' clubhouse with his 15-year-old son, Nikolai, at his side, Bonds said, "My son and I are just going to enjoy our lives. You guys wanted to hurt me bad enough, you finally got me."

Bonds said he was tired and disappointed following a winter in which he was accused of steroid use, his grand jury testimony was leaked and he had two knee operations.

Leaning his head on a crutch and repeatedly saying he was tired, Bonds spoke after a 1 1/2-hour session with Giants trainer Stan Conte.

"Right now I'm just going to try to rehab myself to get back to, I don't know, hopefully next season, hopefully the middle of the season," Bonds said. "I don't know. Right now I'm just going to take things slow."

"I'm 40 years old, not 20, 30."

Bonds, who set the single-season record with 73 home runs in 2001, underwent a similar operation on the same knee on Jan. 31, but had a setback after workouts in camp earlier this month.

He returned to the Bay Area on March 16 and had surgery last Thursday to repair cartilage. Conte said last Thursday the second operation put Bonds back at "square one."

Conte said Bonds went through a "normal rehab six days out of surgery" on Tuesday, and that his knee looked as expected.

IN BRIEF

NCAA president knocks new Title IX standard

INDIANAPOLIS — NCAA president Myles Brand criticized the Education Department's new Internet-based survey schools can use to show they are accommodating the athletic interests and abilities of women on campus.

Brand said Tuesday the survey will not adequately reflect the interest in women's sports and could harm the growth of women athletes.

Brand also said the new Title IX standard should have been debated publicly. Title IX prohibits discrimination based on sex at any school that receives federal money.

"The e-mail survey clarification will not provide an adequate indicator of interest among young women to participate in college sports," Brand said in a written statement. "Nor does it encourage young women to participate, a failure that will likely stymie the growth of women's athletics and could reverse the progress made over

the last three decades."

Indiana AD gives ultimatum

INDIANAPOLIS — The stakes just got a whole lot higher for Indiana's Mike Davis.

On Tuesday, athletic director Rick Greenspan silenced the critics for now by announcing that Davis would return for his sixth season as the Hoosiers' coach. He also sent a blunt warning: Win now.

"I think that was implicit in the four corners of this release," said Fred Eichhorn, president of Indiana's board of trustees. "I think there is an emphasis on winning."

At Indiana, winning is not a choice, it's a tradition. The Hoosiers have won five national championships, and during the 1970s and 1980s, Final Four appearances became the norm in this basketball-crazed state.

Now many wonder whether Davis can live up to the legacy after going 29-29 the last two seasons — dismal by Indiana standards — and missing the NCAA tournament both years.

Jets net 'Super' stadium news

KAPALUA, Hawaii — New York moved a step closer to getting the 2010 Super Bowl on Tuesday when an NFL committee approved the Jets' bid to get the game — contingent on the construction of a new stadium on the West Side of Manhattan.

The approval by the league's Super Bowl advisory committee came a day after the Jets upped their bid for the rights to build on the land to \$720 million, surpassing the \$700 million from an energy company and the \$600 million from Cablevision, which owns Madison Square Garden. The Dolan family, which owns Cablevision, has been in a bitter fight to block construction of the stadium.

The Jets initiated the move to get the 2010 game at this meeting, hoping it would help their chances of building the stadium. But whether it will be built is still a major question — the city and state support it, but numerous political groups in New York oppose it.

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NBA

Bulls at Raptors, 7 p.m., Comcast
Pistons at 76ers, 8 p.m., ESPN
Mavericks at Warriors, 10:30 p.m., ESPN

MEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT

City abuzz as UW-Milwaukee prowls through NCAAs

Panthers in Sweet 16, will face off with Illini in Chicago Thursday

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Before last weekend, Wisconsin-Milwaukee was best known for being the school where the late Israeli prime minister Golda Meir went.

For "Happy Days" aficionados, it's where Richie Cunningham, Potsie Weber and Ralph Malph all hit the books when they weren't hanging out at Arnold's Drive-in.

Now, the No. 12 Panthers are the lowest seed remaining in the NCAA tournament, holding the banner for all the mid-majors who dream of knocking off the big basketball schools like Alabama and Boston College, both of which fell to Bruce Pearl's pressing Panthers, champions of the Horizon League, last week in Cleveland.

UWM is a commuter school of 25,000 that has gone from NAIA Division II to NCAA Division I in a little more than a decade.

When athletic director Bud Haidet was hired in 1988, he counted 65 fans at his first basketball game and many of them mistakenly handed back the pom-poms he gave them on

their way into the arena.

Now, UWM is taking some of the spotlight off Marquette, just 6 miles away, which went to the Final Four two years ago, and the University of Wisconsin in Madison, where the Badgers, under former Panthers coach Bo Ryan, are also in the Round of 16.

There wasn't a lot of buzz on campus Monday, however, because spring break just started.

"We only have one dormitory but I still feel the support, I've gotten lots of e-mails," guard Ed McCants said.

About 50 people, mostly friends and family, greeted the Panthers at Mitchell International Airport upon their triumphant return Sunday.

On Monday, players entering the Klatsche Center to practice weren't met by a throng of fans but by two men seeking autographs on four deflated basketballs, items that might very well end up on eBay.

"It's quieter than usual today except for you guys," forward Adrian Tigert said of the 50 or so reporters who converged on the campus.

Some students did gather at the campus bookstore to buy commemorative T-shirts,

among them Nicole Dzomba of Milwaukee.

"It's real exciting, it's very cool," she said as she picked out a yellow T-shirt. "I think everyone's happy but nervous, too."

Other students raced to the ticket office to put their names in for the 1,250 tickets made available to the school for the Panthers' next game, against top-ranked Illinois on Thursday in the Chicago Regional.

Pearl hoped the biggest crowd of reporters to gather at one of his practices would ask about the David vs. Goliath story line. He wanted to rave about his stars, McCants and Joah

Tucker. He preferred to talk about how no No. 12 seed has ever beaten a No. 1 seed.

"We're trying to do something that's never been done. We're trying to make history," he said.

He even pitched a story about Illinois coach and Milwaukee native Bruce Weber playing his alma mater, where he unsuccessfully tried out for the UWM basketball team.

But what just about everyone wanted to know was Pearl's latest thoughts on the Deon Thomas scandal at Illinois 16 years ago.

Pearl was an assistant at Iowa when he secretly taped a conversation with Thomas during which the player appeared to confirm that Jimmy Collins, then an assistant at Illinois, had offered him \$80,000 and an SUV to sign with the Illini.

Thomas has always denied the allegations and the school was cleared of them, but the 16-month investigation found several other infractions and Illinois was barred from post-season play by the NCAA in 1991.

ESPN's Dick Vitale criticized Pearl for committing "career suicide."

To this day, Collins, now the coach at Illinois-Chicago, refuses to shake Pearl's hand.

But Pearl said he would do what he did again.

"Regrettably, I would because of principle and I'm a bit of an idealist," Pearl said. "But a lot of people got hurt in that situation and it's unfortunate. I just knew what was happening and the folks at the University of Iowa wanted me to document it."

Pearl said his only regret is "if it's taking away from UWM and these players."

This will be the first time Pearl has faced Illinois as a head coach, but he doesn't think that will put an end to all the talk about his role in the scandal.

"It's never going to go away," he said.

Weber is aware of the acrimony many Illini fans and supporters still feel toward Pearl.

"I've heard some things I can't even say in the press conference," Illinois coach Bruce Weber said Monday. "I understand it and I'm not downplaying it. But at the same time, we need to beat them to advance. That's the most important thing."

Pearl said being a whistleblower hasn't affected his ability to recruit in Chicago, however, and "we're still winning basketball games. Again, it's just not something new. Can you find one thing that's been reported new about this?"

At that point, Pearl was shown a copy of Monday's Chicago Tribune in which Thomas, who is now 34 and plays pro basketball in Israel, said Pearl was evil and called him a snake.

"That's not new," Pearl said. "He had (a similar) reaction 16 years ago, it's not new. I read it and I'm not going to respond to it, OK?"

Pearl does know that he'll get plenty of boos from Illini fans and he said he doesn't fault them for that.

"I'm a good man and I'm a good father and I'm a good person," Pearl said. "But I was involved in something that did them harm, so I understand if they don't feel like Bruce Pearl is their favorite coach in the country."

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WOMEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT

Johnson can't miss, helps Tigers tame 'Cats

Point guard's scoring aids top-seeded LSU in pursuit of title

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — LSU's Temeka Johnson is making the most of her last chance for a national championship.

The Lady Tigers' senior point guard scored all 14 of her points in the first half and had 10 assists to help LSU rout Arizona 76-43 on Tuesday night in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

LSU (31-2), the tournament's No. 1 overall seed, will face 13th-seeded Liberty in the Chattanooga Regional semifinals on Saturday. Liberty upset fifth-seeded DePaul 88-79 on Tuesday night in College Park, Md.

"This is it. No time to leave anything," Johnson said.

Johnson had a perfect shooting night, going 4-of-4 from the field, including two 3-pointers, and 4-of-4 at the foul line. She did not attempt a shot in the second half, and it wasn't needed.

"That just shows the type of player she is," said teammate Seimone Augustus, who often gets most of the attention as the leading scorer.

Augustus wasn't bad herself, finishing with 18 points on 7-of-18 shooting before going to the bench with about 10 minutes left. Scholanda Houston added 12 points.

The Lady Tigers are trying to cap the most successful regular season in school history by making a second straight run to the Final Four. The Lady Tigers are in the final 16 for the ninth time.

The ninth-seeded Wildcats (20-12) were in a big hole early and never recovered.

With Arizona unable to match LSU's speed and hustle in transition, the Lady Tigers ran out to an 11-0 lead and had a 20-point advantage with 7:22 left in the half.

"I thought from the very first possession on defense we established ourselves," LSU coach

Pokey Chatman said. "They did a great job of making Arizona shoot difficult shots."

The Wildcats made a dent in the lead after switching to a zone defense and had a quick 8-0 run to cut it to 14 before halftime, but that was as close as Arizona would get.

Johnson had six assists in the first 6 1/2 minutes of the game.

The shortest player on the court at 5-foot-3, Johnson scored inside and outside. She got one of her baskets before halftime driving the baseline and past 6-5 Shawntinice Polk in the paint.

"We came out of the blocks pretty strong," Johnson said. "If I bring the energy, it will trickle down."

Arizona trailed by 25 at the break, its largest halftime deficit of the season. LSU outscored the Wildcats 8-0 to open the second half to go ahead by 33. Arizona's set a season low with its 43 points, and the margin matched the biggest loss of the season. Arizona also lost by 33 at Ohio State earlier this season.

Dee-Dee Wheeler led the Wildcats with 13 points, and Polk had 10. Danielle Adefeso added 12 rebounds. Arizona had only four assists.

Arizona's band tried to drum up support for the flailing Wildcats by playing Tennessee's "Rocky Top," and Lady Vols fans who arrived early for the Tennessee-Purdue game briefly cheered against their Southeastern Conference foe.

"I guess it didn't work," Johnson said.

Arizona and the Lady Tigers played a home-and-away series in the previous two seasons, with LSU winning both by a combined 17 points.

Tennessee 75, Purdue 54

Pat Summitt stands alone at the top of NCAA basketball.

The Tennessee coach broke Dean Smith's career victory record Tuesday night, getting No. 880 in the top-seeded Lady Vols' win over Purdue in the NCAA tournament.

Summitt tied Smith at 879 with an easy win over Western Carolina in the first round Sunday night and passed the former North Carolina men's coach with another convincing



Tennessee coach Pat Summitt, right, hugs her mother, Hazel Head, after defeating Purdue 75-54 Tuesday. The win was Summitt's 880th career victory, more than any coach in NCAA history.

victory.

Summitt is 880-171, while Smith was 879-254 in 36 seasons with the Tar Heels.

"First and foremost, we're going to the Sweet 16," Summitt said.

Obviously, to be in the company with Coach Smith, to think about all the people that were a part of these wins, I never thought I'd live this long."

After the game, NCAA officials presented Summitt with the game ball and a plaque and the school said the court at Thompson-Boling Arena will be named "The Summitt."

Tennessee (28-4), seeking its seventh national title under Summitt, will face fourth-seed-

ed Texas Tech on Sunday in the Philadelphia Regional semifinals.

Tye'sha Fluker tied her career high with 18 points and had 10 rebounds for Tennessee, 46-0 in NCAA tournament games in Knoxville. Shyra Ely added 16 points, and Shanna Zolman had 15.

Sharika Webb had 16 points and 10 rebounds for ninth-seeded Purdue (17-13).

Ohio St. 75, Maryland 65

Brandie Hoskins scored 22 points, and Ohio State advanced to the round of 16 for the first time since 1993.

Jessica Davenport had 15 points and nine rebounds, Caitly Matter scored 16 points and Stephanie Blanton added 12 for the second-seeded Buckeyes (30-4), who will face Rutgers on Sunday in Philadelphia in the regional semifinals.

Crystal Langhorne had 22 points and 16 rebounds for seventh-seeded Maryland (22-10).

Rutgers 61, Temple 54

Cappie Pondexter scored 25 points to help third-seeded Rutgers end sixth-seeded Temple's winning streak at 25 games.

Pondexter made 7-of-14 shots and hit all three of her 3-point attempts. She also had five of Rutgers' 13 steals. Chelsea Newton added 11 points for Rutgers (27-6).

Cynthia Jordan led Temple (27-6) with 15 points.

Liberty 88, DePaul 79

Katie Feenstra had 29 points and 13 rebounds, and Liberty followed up its first NCAA tournament victory by shocking DePaul.

With Liberty's chancellor, the Rev. Jerry Falwell, watching in a front-row seat, the Flames (26-6) weathered a 16-0 run in the second half to become only the second 13th seed to advance to the round of 16 — duplicating

Texas A&M's feat in 1994.

The Flames, 0-8 in NCAA tournament play before beating fourth-seeded Penn State on Sunday, will face top-seeded LSU on Saturday in Chattanooga.

Khara Smith had 27 points for fifth-seeded DePaul (26-5).

Duke 70, Boston College 65

Monique Currie scored 21 points, and sophomore center Alison Bales scored 10 of her 16 points down the stretch to help Duke reach the round of 16 for the eighth straight year.

Mistie Williams added 12 points for the second-seeded Blue Devils (30-4), who will face sixth-seeded Georgia on Saturday in Chattanooga.

Clare Driesch scored 23 points for Boston College (20-10).

Connecticut 70, Florida St. 52

Ann Strother scored 19 points, and Jessica Moore had 11 points and 12 rebounds for three-time defending national champion Connecticut.

UConn (25-7), in the round of 16 for the 12th straight year, has won its last 20 NCAA games since falling to Notre Dame in the 2001 national semifinals. The Huskies will play second-seeded Stanford in the Kansas City Regional semifinals Sunday. Roneeka Hodges had 28 points for the sixth-seeded Seminoles (24-8).

North Carolina 71, George Washington 47

Ivory Latta scored 17 points, and Nikita Bell added 16 points, nine rebounds and six steals for top-seeded North Carolina.

The Tar Heels (29-3), who have won 15 straight games since an overtime loss at Florida State in January, will play fifth-seeded Arizona State on Saturday in the regional semifinals on the Sun Devils' home court.



Connecticut center Jessica Moore, middle, is held back by Florida State guards Holly Johnson, left, and Ganiyat Adeduntan during Connecticut's 70-52 victory Tuesday.

ND SOFTBALL

Irish set to impress in opener

Team opens home schedule, taking on Western Michigan

By THOMAS BARR
Sports Writer

After 21 away games, the Irish softball team (13-8) will open its home schedule today against Western Michigan.

Notre Dame comes into its home opener on a hot streak, winning seven of its last eight games. The Irish were originally slated to play one game against the Broncos. However, due to several inclement weather cancellations, the Irish will play a double-header.

The likely starting pitchers for Notre Dame are Steffany Stenglein, who is averaging just over ten strikeouts per seven innings, and Heather Booth, who boasts an 8-4 record and 1.43 ERA.

The Broncos come into Wednesday's games with a 5-12 record. The likely starters are Tricia Vanderslik (2-7) and Kyla Sullivan (3-5).

Western Michigan will face a Notre Dame squad that has been hitting well as of late.

Irish third baseman Liz Hartmann was named Big East Player of the week after hitting .700 and recording 7 RBIs at the Buckeye Invitational last weekend.

However, the Irish are not underestimating the Broncos.

"They are very scrappy, disciplined and well-coached," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said.

"To be successful, we will need to have great defense, pitchers staying in their game and controlling hitters and getting hits when we need it, with runners in scoring position."

The Irish have fared well traditionally against the Broncos and in home openers. They lead the all-time series

14-5.

The team has an impressive 22-7 record in their first game at home since the program started in 1976.

The Irish are happy to be home, but want to maintain their recent play.

"It feels great to be home, it's something special," Gumpf said.

"We have gotten good at playing away since we are on the road so much, but it means something to play in front of friends, family, and the students who support the team."

The first game will begin at 4 p.m. and the first 250 fans there will receive free t-shirts.

"It's great to finally play at home," Irish pitcher Kenya Fuemmeler said.

"Playing at Ivy Field enables us to show everyone what being part of the Fighting Irish is really about."

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Offense

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the New England Patriots offensive coordinator.

"Our philosophy has always been: throw it on the wall and see what sticks," he said.

As the leader of a revamped Irish offense, all eyes are on Brady Quinn, who returns for his third year at the Irish helm.

"I have a great deal of confidence in the offense and in our offense picking up where we left off," he said. "I really felt like we were gaining ground as far as how we were progressing through the offense and as a unit."

In the interests of learning a complicated new scheme, tight end Anthony Fasano said the team has been studying the playbook and getting to know the coaches in meetings.

"It's making everyone excited to get on the field ... I don't think we're nervous at all," he said. "Excited is the best word."

Offensive lineman Ryan Harris agreed that the team was eager to take the field and start to put the system into practice.

"The excitement's just unbelievable because we've been

looking at the playbook for so long, and we have new plays and we have new terminology and we just can't wait to get out there together, make the call, and just really go out there and play football again," Harris said.

"And especially on offense, now we're a veteran group, there's really no room for excuse and it's about time we start to play at that level."

Running back Ryan Grant was the only starter to leave the lineup going into spring 2005. However, freshman Darius Walker is ready to take on any and all responsibilities in the backfield. Walker rushed into the national spotlight with 115 yards on 31 carries that included two fourth-quarter touchdowns against then-No. 8 Michigan.

Walker said the team has a considerable amount of work to do before players can analyze their development.

"We've just kind of got to sit back and take this as it comes," he said.

"As we get further along in the playbook and farther along in the offense, we'll know where we're going to go."

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SMC TENNIS

Belles anticipating tough matches from the young but potent Comets

Team says it is not underestimating opponent's lineup

By PATRICK MCCABE
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's tennis team plays at home today against Olivet at 3 p.m., facing a Comet roster that features freshman and sophomore players.

Regardless, Belles Coach Dee Stevenson is wary.

"Olivet's been improving every year," Stevenson said. "Our first concern is to win the matches."

Co-captains Kristen Palombo and Miranda Mikulyuk are more confident.

"We expect no one to lose. They graduated a whole number of players three years ago

so they're rebuilding," Palombo said.

"We'd love to see a 9-0 win. We always enjoy playing them, but we're not expecting a problem," Mikulyuk said.

The team intends to expand and experiment with its shot repertoire and style of play during the contests.

"This is definitely one of the matches where we work on new things, such as serving and volleying and coming to the net," Palombo said. "We will play more aggressive."

"I always try to develop my game, even against better opponents," Mikulyuk said. "But this is also a good time to do so, especially our doubles' new I-formation, which we have yet to use during a match."

Despite the youth of both teams, a quick, crisp and clean performance is expected.

"We expect to play well and solid," Palombo said. "Everyone has an off-day," Mikulyuk said. "You can't let it get to you. But I don't think we'll play sloppy."

Coach Stevenson admits that his players' concentration

wanes when facing inexperienced and purportedly lesser competition.

"Our focus drops sometimes, but we have worry about our game, not theirs," Mikulyuk said.

However, possible inclement weather may compound distractions.

"It's always hard," Stevenson said. "The forecast includes cold and possible wet conditions. It's easy to lose focus

and hard to play in tough conditions. We hope for playable conditions because we don't want to travel to Lansing to play them at the season's end. Also, we must adjust from playing in warm Orlando to playing in 40 degree weather in South Bend."

Other worries vex Coach Stevenson, particularly the health and status of an undisciplined player.

"We're waiting for the results of an MRI scan on her knee," Stevenson said. "We're in a state of flux. Her injury causes problems for our doubles."

Despite this possible loss, Mikulyuk remains optimistic and upbeat.

"Spring break definitely helped our doubles' chemistry," Mikulyuk said. "But we always look for improvement, notably communication. Increased familiarity with one another will help us communicate wordlessly and thereby accelerate our play. Partners can play for years and still improve their communication."

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Irish gave up the lead. Joey Williamson faced six batters and surrendered two runs, one of them unearned. Williamson started out shaky, hitting the first two Bearcats, and Cincinnati's first run came on a fielder's choice ground ball to Lilley. The Bearcats scored off shortstop Greg Lopez's throwing error for the 2-1 lead.

The lead was brief. In the bottom half of the inning, the wind died down just enough for right fielder Craig Cooper to pull a home run over the left field fence. Using a two-out rally, the Irish played small-ball the rest of the inning, capitalizing on four singles and several steals to take a commanding 6-2 lead.

Wade Korpi, Jess Stewart, David Gruener, Dan Kapala and Tyler Jones all saw action on the mound the rest of the way for the Irish. Korpi, who entered with the lead in the

fifth, nabbed the first win of his college career.

Besides rotating the pitchers nearly every inning, coach Paul Mainieri jumbled the position players and batting order as well.

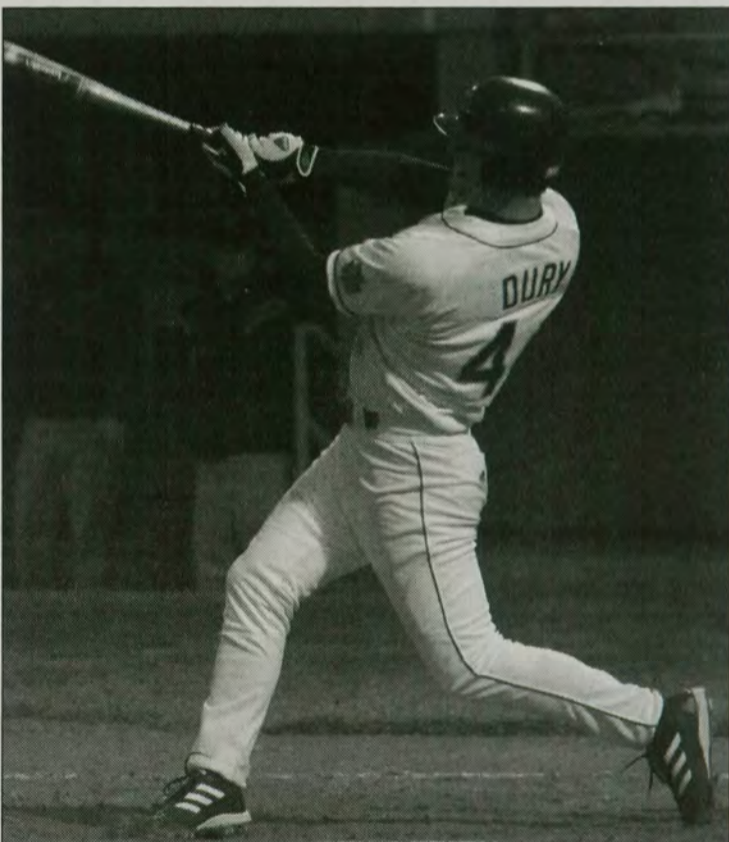
Appearing in just his seventh game this season, sophomore Mike Dury started at designated hitter. He finished 2-5. Nick Mainieri, Danny Dressman and Eddie Smith also played.

Non-starter Cody Rizzo — who had played in 15 games this season — entered the game at center field in the eighth, and Tony Langford made the start at left field.

Left-handed hitting Lilley had a perfect 5-for-5 day at the plate to become the first freshman in Notre Dame baseball history to record five hits in the home opener.

"I was getting good pitches up there. I just felt good up there; I was relaxed," Lilley said. "It just worked out. The ball fell in the right place for me."

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Sophomore Mike Dury takes a cut at a pitch in Tuesday's home opener against Cincinnati. The Irish won 10-4.

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Weis said. "I think right now [that] is one of the biggest goals I'm trying to accomplish, is to get us all to where we want to be."

Notre Dame went 6-6 in the 2004 season. November 30, head coach Tyrone Willingham was fired after three seasons.

Controversy surrounded the firing, and the administration hired Weis — a 1978 Notre Dame alumnus — to alter the direction of the program.

In the spring game, Montana and Zorich will help coach the Blue team in the spring game, while Theismann and Brown will pace the sidelines with the Gold squad.

Weis said he checked with NCAA compliance officers to make sure the former Irish greats could help coach the spring game and received permission.

"They can be involved and they will be involved," Weis said.

Weis recognized his own purpose Tuesday, announcing his intention to make tradition a part of the present.

"All I do know is that I don't have all the answers," he said.

"There's a lot of rich tradition at Notre Dame that I'd like those players to be a part of. ... I just know that I feel I'm just a part of Notre Dame. I'm not Notre Dame myself."

Meanwhile, the coach spoke of looking toward the future and not evaluating his team based on past performances.

It would not be fair to judge players on the past when the coaching staff and schemes will be new, Weis said.

The only assistant coach not available to media Tuesday was former University of Mississippi head coach David Cutcliffe.

The Irish assistant head coach of the offense and quarterbacks coach underwent

triple bypass surgery recently and is currently recovering at his home in Mississippi.

"I flew down to see him," Weis said. "I was at his house on Sunday. He looked surprisingly well. He was in good spirits and was happy somebody from the staff was there shortly after he had gotten home. I told him I don't want to see him any time soon."

Weis will fill in for Cutcliffe in coaching quarterbacks, meaning he will have a more hands-on opportunity with starting quarterback Brady Quinn in the learning curve of a new and complicated offense.

"Coach Weis is somebody who's been through it all, having expectations and having success, and at times been through some difficult experiences," Quinn said.

"He's someone I think this program needs and needs to have in the future."

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Sophomore offensive lineman Ryan Harris blocks a Navy defensive player in a game Oct. 16.

Tennis

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Lauren Connelly also found little difficulty in topping Purdue's Brooke Beier and Stephanie Wooten in their 8-4 victory.

However, it was the final pairing of senior captain Sarah Jane Connelly and junior Jen Smith at No. 3 that showed an impressive comeback.

After falling behind early 2-0 to the Boilermakers' Hala Sufi and Alyssa Rodriguez, Connelly and Smith won the next eight straight points to secure the 8-2 win.

"We started a little slow, but we played a lot more impressive than we did against Tennessee," Sarah Jane Connelly said.

"But we just focused on the basic serve and return to get the win."

Focusing on the key elements of the game is what has helped the team adjust to several lineup changes after losing Christian Thompson, their No. 1 doubles and No. 3 singles player.

"It has been tough [changing doubles partners] because you never know who you'll be playing with," Connelly said.

"After playing with the same person for most

of the year, you begin developing a rhythm. You just



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Sophomore Catrina Thompson prepares to serve in Tuesday's doubles match against Purdue.

have to be really adaptable for any changes [right before the match].

"But we are hoping to get Christian back because she is a real anchor for our team."

In singles, playing at the No. 1 position for the Irish was No. 44 ranked Catrina Thompson, who topped No. 74 Sufi 2-6, 6-3, 7-5.

At No. 2 was Buck, who only needed two sets to defeat Purdue's Wooten 6-3, 6-2.

The two other wins came

from Lauren Connelly at No. 3 and Stastny at No. 4. Connelly defeated Zuccarini 4-6, 7-6 (7-4), 6-2 and Stastny bested Rodriguez 6-2, 6-3.

The losses came at the Nos. 5 and 6 positions from Smith and junior Liz Donohue.

Smith lost to the Boilermaker's Beier 3-6, 0-6 and Donohue fell to Amy Walgenbach 6-3, 4-6, 0-6.

Notre Dame will next hit the courts when the Irish travel to Stillwater, Oklahoma this Saturday to face Oklahoma State at 1 p.m.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Win over California builds confidence

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

Going into Tuesday's game against California, Irish head coach Tracy Coyne wanted to turn things around.

"Our mindset was that we were 1-4, and we wanted to go out and have a good game today and play the way we knew we could play," Coyne said.

Notre Dame certainly did that against California, topping the Golden Bears 18-8 at the Loftus Sports Complex.

Junior midfielder Crysti Foote led the Irish offensively, scoring four goals and two assists, including the first goal of the game at 3:49 into the contest.

Notre Dame never trailed, jumping out to a 6-1 lead at 18:47 behind two goals by both Foote and freshman midfielder Caitlin McKinney. California cut the lead to three with goals by senior attacker Molly Brady and sophomore midfielder Laura Cavallo.

However, two goals by junior midfielder Brittany Fox within two minutes and a goal by junior defense player Lena Zentgraf at 27:06 gave the Irish a 9-3 cushion going into halftime.

After halftime, California found itself in a rhythm, scoring four goals inside the first 10 minutes of the half while shut-

ting out the Irish in that span, cutting the lead to 9-7 with goals from sophomore attacker Liz Reifsnnyder, Brady, sophomore midfielder Jocelyn Paul and Cavallo. Reifsnnyder, Cavallo and Brady each finished the game with two goals, tying for the team lead.

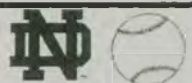
"They made a little bit of a run in the second half, but I think we were able to shut that down. The team responded to that," Coyne said.

The Irish shut down the Golden Bears hot streak, holding California scoreless for the next 18:41 while going on an 8-0 run of their own in that period to put the game out of reach. Foote got the Irish going again, scoring her third goal 11:38 into the period to kick start the Irish offense.

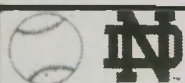
"With Crysti stepping up and scoring, that answer gave everybody else confidence, and then they [California] only scored one after that," Coyne said.

Ten seconds later, freshman midfielder Heather Ferguson, who finished with two goals, scored again for Notre Dame, getting the assist from senior attacker Jackie Bowers before beating sophomore California goalkeeper Hilary Lynch to give Notre Dame the 11-7 lead.

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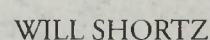
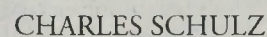
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FOOTBALL

Sneak peek

Weis reveals Brown, Zorich, Montana and Theismann will coach Blue and Gold game

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Charlie Weis made himself, his assistant coaches and selected players available to reporters Tuesday afternoon for Spring Football Media Day.



Weis

While the function served as a standard preview to spring practice — which begins on Tuesday,

March 29, six days away — the Notre Dame head football coach also divulged some unexpected information.

Former Notre Dame football players Tim Brown, Joe Montana, Joe Theismann and Chris Zorich all will return to campus the weekend of the Blue and Gold game (April 23) to serve as assistant coaches in the spring contest.

"Those players ... are four good representatives and alums of Notre Dame that were part of this football program, that matriculated through here, that could help restore the image of Notre Dame,"

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Observer File Photo

Freshman running back Darius Walker makes a run at the Insight Bowl in December. Walker will be a big part of Charlie Weis' offense.

Team is ready to test its revamped offense

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

Experience. Excitement. And absolutely no excuses. The 2005 version of the Irish offense is ready to shed the last vestiges of a controversial off-season and start fresh in spring practices. Returning 10 of 11 starters and 20 letterwinners from last year's 6-6 squad, the team's leaders are ready to prove their worth.

New head coach Charlie Weis is ready to implement an offense of the style that won three Super Bowls in four years when he was

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS



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Junior Lauren Connelly returns a volley in the doubles portion of Tuesday's meet against Purdue.

Victory over Purdue boosts team's morale

Irish snap two-match losing streak, collect much-needed win

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

After dropping their last two matches, losing one of their key players to an injury and falling to No. 29 in the team NCAA rankings — the Irish were in desperate need of a win.

Fortunately for Notre Dame (7-7), it found little trouble in achieving this feat by defeat-

ing No. 61 Purdue (2-8) 5-2 at the Eck Tennis Pavilion on Tuesday.

Despite losing key matches to No. 24 BYU and No. 23 Tennessee last week, the Irish looked confident against the Boilermakers as they began the contest with a sweep in the doubles matches.

Playing at No. 1 for the Irish were sophomore Catrina Thompson and junior Kiki Stastny. The pairing defeated the team of Lara Burgarello and Shawna Zuccarini 8-4.

The No. 2 pairing of freshman Brook Buck and junior

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BASEBALL

Pitchers prove pivotal in 10-4 win

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

On a chilly, blustery evening at Frank Eck Stadium, an armada of Notre Dame pitchers shut down Cincinnati in the Irish home opener.

Notre Dame used eight pitchers en route to a 10-4 win Tuesday — giving some of the less experienced hurlers an inning or two of work. The Irish improved to 8-9 on the year.

The Irish jumped on the board early with a run in the bottom of the first. Leadoff batter Alex Nettey alertly sprinted to first

base after a dropped third strike. Nettey advanced to third after a single up the middle by second baseman Brett Lilley. Hard-hitting first baseman Matt Edwards then hit a sacrifice fly to dead center field.

Notre Dame pitchers Derik Olvey and Scott Bickford set the tone early when they faced a combined nine Bearcat batters through three innings. The two controlled the game, holding the 'Cats to one hit and no runs.

Bickford appeared for his sixth time this season. After a successful previous week, including his first win of the season against Northern Illinois, he is

gaining poise.

"I feel extremely comfortable out there," Bickford said. "A big part of it is that my confidence has gone up. I'm a senior and I haven't thrown much in the past in four years. It's good to get out there on the mound frequently. That helps a lot with confidence. Once your confidence is up, everything goes well."

All eight Notre Dame pitchers held Cincinnati's top two hitters — shortstop Mark Haske and third baseman Jon DeLuca — to one hit apiece.

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BRAD CARMEAN/The Observer

Freshman Joey Williamson delivers a pitch at Tuesday's victorious home opener against Cincinnati.

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The men's rowing team and women's water polo team competed in weekend tournaments.

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