U.S. News drops ND law to 26, MBA breaks top 50

By BRIGID SWEENEY
News Writer

U.S. News and World Report released its annual graduate school rankings Thursday. Notre Dame’s law school, ranked 21st last year, dropped to 26th, while the previously unranked business school moved up to 48th.

In response to the law school’s drop, director of public relations Dennis Moore said that the school is “very skeptical about the veracity of the rankings. There’s no doubt we believe our law school is among the 25 best.”

Moore likened the ranking process to a Rube Goldberg machine, in which “a candle is lit, which causes an egg to drop, which leads to some magical result.”

“The premise that a school’s quality can be expressed as a statistic is questionable,” he said. “The process is very arbitrary.”

Specifically, Moore noted, the score for reputation among academics, which accounts for 40 percent of a school’s overall score, is essentially a “beauty contest” decided by people who often know little about the program.

The law school received 3.3 out of a possible 5 in this category, while it earned a 3.6 in reputation among judges and lawyers.

“It’s interesting to note that we score higher with people who actually hire our graduates,” Moore said.

While he emphasized that school officials continue to question the rankings and their methodology, Moore also noted that ranking results are reported openly and accurately.

“The bottom line is that we don’t think people should put a lot of credence in the rankings, but we can’t dismiss or ignore them because some people do pay attention,” he said.

Law School dean Patricia O’Hara could not be reached for comment.

Regarding the business school, dean Carolyn Woo also downplayed the importance of the rankings.

“Overall, we use rankings as feedback as to where we need to improve and where we are on track,” she said. “We do not see them as a definitive assessment of our school.”

With respect to the individual categories, Woo was optimistic.

“Our placement number was low, but it refers to May 1999, and we had no placement director from February to April of last year,” she said. “Since then, we’ve hired a new director and three new staff members, and are very excited about the future.”

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Top

Business
1. Harvard University
2. Stanford University
3. Univ. of Pennsylvania
4. MIT
5. Northwestern Univ.
48. Univ. of Notre Dame

Law
1. Harvard University
2. Stanford University
3. Univ. of Pennsylvania
4. MIT
5. Northwestern Univ.
26. Univ. of Notre Dame

Medical
1. Harvard University
2. Johns Hopkins Univ.
3. Univ. of Pennsylvania
4. Washington U. of St. Louis
5. Columbia University
New career paths

With every passing day, more and more internship rejection letters fill my mailbox. They all say nearly the same thing: Mrs. Corinth.

We have reviewed your application and although you are a highly qualified candidate, we will be unable to offer you an internship this summer. Due to the high number of applicants, we have turned away many highly qualified candidates. Yada Yada Yada Simply.

Some company that won’t be working for this summer.

Every letter that arrives convinces me more and more that I will not be working in a newswroom this summer. While I believe the summer is more beautiful in Spartan, N.J. isn’t the worst thing that happens to me, it does rank in the top five for least desirable ways to spend a summer. Although my last job paid for another summer of lawn mowing, it was a blast. I think I will look for a little change in scenery this summer.

I have started looking around and have discovered many careers that might interest me, but I haven’t figured out how to get involved. I am not really sure what experience and job skills are needed for me to find the following jobs. I have asked Mr. Corinth, however, to find a job in one of the following careers this summer:

- How do I apply for this job? Where do I apply for this job?

What skills are required to be a professional referee? Have there been extensive research (i.e., watched flu a few times) and I have determined that I possess the skills required for this occupation.

I am able to be hit in the head by chairs, flying sports balls to practicing and silicon-injected women. After these blows to my head, I feel that I have the mental and physical “un Lucasion” for the most important part of the match, only to awaken when someone gets pinned.

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I am unable to do this. I do not have the knowledge to do this. I do not have the experience to do this. I do not have the skills to do this.

This is a career that I know I could thrive in. I need just to know how many more years I can go to do this. Would I be able to make a career as a minor league bench coach before working my way up to the majors? Can I go to a bench coaches summer camp? Is there a hall of fame for bench coaches?

I tried going to the career center but they just laugh at me when I asked for any pro wrestling companies would be at the career fair. When I asked about coaching baseball, they told me that maybe I should to Paul Mainieri in the baseball office. So I guess these careers are harder to break into than I thought. Maybe I should just fill out more journalism applications.

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

Today’s Staff

Mike Connolly

Editor in Chief

Austin, Texas
Phuong Lien, a speech pathology junior, remembers conducting a survey among her high school classmates on inter-racial dating. She said almost 80 percent said they didn’t believe in it.

"Then I asked my friends, 'What about Lance and I?"' Lien said about her high school boyfriend. Because I’m Asian and he’s white, they didn’t consider he and I an inter-racial couple. It was seen as mostly by a black and white thing.

Despite some stereotypes, Lien and Lance Sander, who is still her boyfriend, are like many other inter-racial couples at the university who occasionally experience racial and cultural tensions.

Interracial, intercultural marriage is still seldom spoken. According to the U.S. Census Bureau in 1994, there were nearly 1.3 million married inter-racial couples. Although this number seems small, it is four times what the number was in 1970.

No specific studies have been performed at the university, but a 1997 USA Today/Gallup poll reported that 57 percent of a group of 602 teenagers had gone out with someone of another race. This was a 40 percent increase from 1980.

"Dating between races wasn’t seen much then at UT; there’s a lot more of it now," Brown said.

According to a study by The Detroit News in 1997 the increase in inter-racial dating can be attributed to an increase in minority enrollment in public schools nationwide. In 1999, 7,040 freshmen were admitted to the University.

Of these students, 286 were African American, a 43.7 percent increase from the year before.

East Carolina rape suspect arrested

GREENVILLE, N.C.

Wednesday, the suspect from last month’s attempted rape was arrested by East Carolina University. The suspect, non-student Terrance Woodard, was charged with attempted second-degree rape. The arrest stemmed from a Feb. 11 rape case, which occurred in a student’s fourth-floor room of Clement hall. The victim was taken to Pitt County Memorial Hospital (PCMH) where a rape kit was administered and the evidence was then sent to FBI agencies in Raleigh. According to Captain Frank Knight of the ECUPD, charges where based upon evidence found by FBI agents. Knight said the evidence concluded that a sexual assault did take place.

Exact information discovered could not be released due to confidentiality issues. Knight said the victim was offered help through the dean of students and Student Health Services. "It is my understanding that the victim’s parents have removed her from the university," Knight said. Laura Sweet, assistant dean of Student Life could not comment regarding the victim’s removal from campus. Sweet said she acts as an advocate for female victims of sexual assault.

U. Texas students support inter-racial dating

"Our university was always more liberal than many others and fought against prejudice UT students stood against it," said Bob Fernea, professor of Middle Eastern studies, who said he has seen inter-racial dating become more common at the University of Texas.

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U. Wisconsin terminates contracts

MADISON, Wis.

University of Wisconsin announced Wednesday that the contracts of eight licensed manufacturers who produce university merchandise would be terminated because the companies did not disclose the locations of their factories. Since October of 1999, UW has sent three letters to its apparel manufacturers, asking for addresses of all factories that produce goods for the university. The final letters, mailed during the second week in March, gave the companies 15 days to respond, according to UW Trademark Licensing Director Cindy Van Maare. The university began requiring full public disclosure on Jan. 1 for the university’s 445 licensed manufacturer.

As of March 1, approximately 90 percent had complied. Van Maare said, "Full public disclosure is essential to ensuring that products and apparel bearing the university’s trademarks are manufactured without the use of sweatshop labor."

"I am pleased that we have received high cooperation from our licensees, and that most of them disclosed as we requested.

Local Weather

5 Day South Bend Forecast

The AccuWeather forecast for South Bend, Indiana, for the week of March 30.

Wednesday

U.S. Weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Friday, March 31.

The view from the National Weather Service.

National Weather

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Kelly Lloyd, Miss Indiana 1999, speaks at Notre Dame Thursday to raise awareness about asthma. Lloyd is a graduate of Ball State University and intends to pursue a career in broadcast journalism.

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**Pollard honored for work in oncology**

By HELENA RAYAM
New Writer

Morris Pollard, professor emeritus of biology, will receive the HoPE Award for his prostate cancer research.

"Based on experiments, prostate cancer is preventable," Pollard said.

Trisha Taylor, member of the St. Joseph County Board of Directors for the American Cancer Society and Pollard's experiments have been very beneficial to oncology.

"It's people like Morris Pollard who are going to find the Holy Grail, which is the care for all cancer," Taylor said.

Taylor is co-chairing the Night of the Stars Gala on April 15 with Kimberly Micciche. Pollard will receive his award at the event. The HoPE Award is given to those who do outstanding work in the health care field. The American Cancer Society awards in three areas: patient care, patient services and research. Pollard will be honored for his research.

"Research is the number one way to find a cure for cancer," Taylor said.

Pollard's experiments with rats began spontaneously developed prostate cancer have helped him to come to the conclusion that prostate cancer is preventable.

"We found that the rats were highly dependent on testosterone and if we reduced testosterone, the disease did not develop," Pollard said.

Isoflavones, anti-cancer mechanisms found in soybeans, contain estrogen, Pollard discovered. This substance counteracts the testosterone levels. Thus, when rats consumed a soy protein isolate diet — one high in isoflavones — the number of prostate cancer cases decreased.

"The data shows that of the rats on a soy protein isolate diet, one out of 100 rats in the experiment came down with prostate cancer," Pollard said.

Without the special diet 30 out of 100 developed prostate cancer. "That is very unique," Pollard said. "It's the only model of spontaneous prostate cancer in the world."

For the last 25 years, Pollard has used the information he obtained from his research of rats and tried to apply it to humans. He said that epidemiological surveys came out with information showing that people who live in Eastern countries had a diet high in isoflavones, unlike in Western countries where cancer is more prevalent. Once people of the Eastern countries moved west, the incidence of cancer in those groups has risen.

"We're looking forward to the time when people will have a soy protein isolate diet," Pollard said.

After 60 years of cancer research, Pollard's observations are gaining even more recognition.

"This experiment is attracting a lot of attention because the experiment takes two years," Pollard said.

Taylor, however, said that the significance of Pollard's work is not limited to research. "He received outstanding recommendations from his peers," said Taylor, but added that this was also not the only reason that he will receive the HoPE Award.

"His academic background is remarkable," she said. "When we looked at his 60 years of research, we were just blown away."

Taylor said that both the professor's research and personality makes it an honor to give Pollard the award.

"He is incredibly humble and approachable," she said. "The work that he's doing is showing that a direct effect on cancer patients down the road."
Noble laureate Rotblat to speak at conference

Special to The Observer

On a campus not known for its student activism, Joseph Rotblat stands out. Rotblat, the 1995 Nobel laureate, will give the keynote address at this weekend’s 2000 Roads to Peace conference.

"We have selected this gentleman primarily because, while he has been a prominent figure in the nuclear weapons debate, he really earned his figure in the nuclear weapons crisis," said Nicholas Tyszka, Conference Chair.

This year’s conference is the largest in University history to be entirely student run. It is also the first student-run conference to bring in a Nobel Prize winner.

"The presence of such a distinguished individual like Joseph Rotblat shows that this conference is an important venue in American higher education for discussing some very serious issues that affect us all," said Tyszka.

The conference will begin Friday night with Rotblat’s address entitled "Averting Nuclear Anarchy: The Current Crisis in Arms Control," in the Jordan Auditorium at 7 p.m. and will continue on Saturday with a series of roundtable discussions from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Math prof named Sloan fellow

Xiaobo Liu, associate professor of mathematics at Notre Dame, has been awarded a two-year research fellowship from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. He joins Qing Han, Nancy Stanton, Bill Dwyer, Andrew Sommese and Timothy O’Meara as Sloan winners in the Department of Mathematics.

Liu, whose dissertation was titled "Volume Minimizing Cycles in compact Lie Groups," earned his bachelor’s degree in applied mathematics and his doctorate in mathematics from the University of Pennsylvania in 1994.

Results of his research in differential geometry have been published in top journals, including the American Journal of Mathematics, Duke Mathematics Journal, the Journal of Differential Geometry and the Annals of Mathematics.

From 1995-1997, Liu served as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Augsburg and as visiting scholar at the Max-Planck Institut for Mathematik in Bonn, Germany.

Upon returning to 10h United States, Liu taught pure mathematics at MIT before joining the Notre Dame faculty last August.

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Palestinian police nab alleged extremists

Palestinian police arrested seven suspected Hamas activists in the West Bank and confiscated weapons and ammunition there, Palestinian security sources said Thursday. The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said one of the men arrested was Khaled Hadib, Hamas spokesman for the Holy Land, a Palestinian city at the northern end of the West Bank. The sources said security forces confiscated three submachine guns and 6,000 rounds of ammunition from the house of another activist. The seven suspects were taken to a prison in Jenin for interrogation after they were detained by agents of Preventive Security, an arm of Yasser Arafat's self-rule Palestinian Authority in the West Bank and Gaza. Hamas, a violent Islamic group, opposes peace between Israel and the Palestinians.

USDA bans ozone-depleting pesticide

The worldwide phase-out of all ozone-depleting pesticide could cost U.S. consumers and producers $400 million to $450 million a year if alternatives aren't developed for farmers to use, the government said Thursday. The biggest loss from the phase-out of methyl bromide would be to growers of strawberries, tomatoes and other vegetables, according to a study released by the Commerce Department's Economic Research Service. Methyl bromide, an odorless, colorless gas, is used to fumigate the soil, treat commodities while in storage and control pests during government-imposed quarantines. California and Florida account for 80 percent of its use as a soil fumigant.

Congo limits tribunal's power

A military tribunal that has passed hundreds of death sentences will no longer have blanket authority to try civilians, Congo's president said Thursday after conditions of the court by the United Nations and human rights groups. The government is also setting up a committee to review the court's convictions, according to a statement from President Laurent Kabila, read on state-run television Wednesday. The tribunal, known as the Military Court of Order, was set up by Kabila to handle disciplinary problems within the army after he seized power in 1997. But it has slowly extended its jurisdiction to non-army matters.

Suharto defies second summons

Associated Press

JAKARTA

Police fired tear gas to disperse protesters near former president Suharto's residence after it failed to show up Thursday for questioning in connection with a corruption scandal.

Several students were injured and scores arrested after 200 demonstrators threw stones at riot police blocking off streets leading to Suharto's house in central Jakarta.

Chanting "Hang Suharto," the students demanded that the former dictator be immediately charged with corruption and tried.

Earlier today, 50 protesters broke into the grounds of the state prosecutor's office to demand that Suharto be tried. Police and guards stood by.

It was the second time this month that Suharto has defied a summons to face questioning.

President Abdurrahman Wahid reiterated on Thursday that he would pardon Suharto if necessary, saying Suharto "will be given clemency after he is found guilty."

A spokesman for the attorney general said Suharto's lawyers sent a letter saying he would not attend the session because he was too ill.

"He could not come today because he is sick," said Sudahyono, who like many Indonesians uses only one name.

Later Thursday, Chaerul Umam, the director for criminal offenses, said a new summons had been sent asking Suharto to appear on Monday. If he does not, prosecutors will question him at his home.

On Wednesday, a member of Suharto's legal team claimed his client had a speech problem, slight paralysis of his left hand and that his short- and long-term memory had been damaged by a stroke.

Suharto managed to attend the wedding on Tuesday of one of his granddaughters. He appeared healthy, walked unaided and was seen chatting with guests.

Suharto's lawyers and children have for months claimed the former autocrat was too ill to be questioned.

Russia

Troops seek missing comrades after ambush

Associated Press

URUS-MARTAN

Russian soldiers searched a mountainous district of Chechnya on Thursday for 27 comrades who were missing after an ambush — an attack that again demonstrated the vulnerability of Russian forces in the rebellious republic.

The Red Cross, meanwhile, announced that Russian officials have given the organization access to camps in Chechnya where detainees allegedly have been tortured.

A 49-man unit was attacked Wednesday near the southern village of Zhanik-Vedeno, said a top Russian commander. Col. Gen. Alexander Baranov. Four men were killed and 18 wounded in the ambush, he said.

"The rebels were waiting for them," said Sergei Yastrzhembsky, the Kremlin's spokesman for Chechnya. Of the 107 troops in a second convoy that tried to help the first unit, 20 were hospitalized, and the others escaped unharmed, the Interfax news agency reported.

Despite the latest losses, Interior Minister Vladimir Rushailo insisted Thursday that Russia was not losing control of the situation in Chechnya.

"The situation in the republic is not simple and requires constant attention and corrections in the federal forces' efforts," he told Interfax. "But it is being fully controlled, including in the southern districts, despite continuing series of the surviving rebel formations."

But other Russian commanders have said that the rebels could maintain a guerrilla war for some time to come. The seven-month-old war has subjected Russia to foreign criticism for alleged human rights violations.

Russia has rejected the allegations, but in an apparent bow to international pressure, President Vladimir Putin on Thursday agreed in principle to allow the international Committee of the Red Cross access to detention facilities.
Above: Members of the Saint Mary's community don hardhats and take up shovels for the groundbreaking of the new Welcome Center and Dalloway's.

Right: Nancy Midden addresses the crowd at the groundbreaking ceremony.

Ground

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"I talked to them right before the ceremony and they were really sad that they couldn't be here," she said.

Ryan is the third of eight children. Two older sisters, Molly and Meggie, graduated from Saint Mary's. Her younger brother Tim is a sophomore at Notre Dame.

"I'm so excited about this project," Ryan said. "I really think that it's going to do a lot for Saint Mary's. My parents and I have actually had conversations about improvements and doing more for the College."

After the opening comments, dedication and speeches, Eldred, Ryan, Jim Martell, Midden and others donned white construction helmets. They broke the brittle ground behind Madaleva Hall with gold shovels, after which the crowd applauded and cheered.

"The groundbreaking for these two projects is the first of many projects to come in executing this 10-year Master Plan for Saint Mary's College," Eldred said. "We appreciate the support of our donors, particularly the Parents Council for all of the work they have done to provide the funding for these two projects."

Midden, who will graduate in May, was excited about the beginning of the two projects.

"I am excited next year to come back and see the changes and how the students are making use of it," Midden said. "We were here for the beginning stages, but I would like to see the clubhouse in reality."

"This is a most exciting day for Saint Mary's College," Eldred said. "The future indeed looks bright."
Reflecting pool renovated to honor endowed chairs

By KRISTEN FITZPATRICK
New Writer

The area around the reflecting pool in front of the Hesburgh Library is undergoing refurbishing to honor esteemed professors throughout Notre Dame’s history.

The commemorative site will honor all endowed professorships and will feature a new granite-clad concrete seating wall, on which the names of endowed chairs will be etched.

It is fitting to honor the professors in this way since they are the heart of academic life at this University,” said Jim Lylyiou, vice president of Business Operations and head of the project.

The project has been funded in part by an anonymous $8 million gift to establish the Edward Frederick Sorin Program for Academic Distinction, comprising endowed professorships which are devoted to excellence in the six colleges and schools of the University. Along with additional funding by the University, the Sorin Program now totals $15 million in support for these endowed chairs.

A University committee decided that this site should be built to honor all Notre Dame endowed chairs and the tradition of excellence in teaching and scholarship they represent. A local architect worked with the University to design the site to both beautify this area of campus and honor these esteemed professors.

Notre Dame currently has 125 endowed professorships and will add as many as 45 more through the "Generations" campaign.

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Honor societies induct 8 juniors

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
New Writer

Thursday night eight Saint Mary’s juniors were initiated into the Phi Alpha Honor Society for social work and the Lambda Alpha Honor Society for anthropology. The societies are based on outstanding scholarly achievement.

Inducted into the anthropology society were Melissa Cordoza and Melissa Sakaney. The Epsilon Chapter of Lambda Alpha was founded at Saint Mary’s in 1995. The students in the society have the opportunity to submit papers to the Lambda Alpha Journal.

According to the society’s national constitution, the purpose of the society is to encourage and stimulate research in anthropology by recognizing and honoring superior achievement in the discipline among students, faculty, and other persons engaged in the study of anthropology.

Laurie Benetti, Molly Buchanan, Marcie Livesay, Jennifer Mascia, Amy Mastagh and Jeannine Mauro received the award, the highest honor Saint Mary’s bestows upon students for social work.

“The social work and anthropology departments will be running the social work club’s treasurer. The Lambda Alpha Journal.

Thursday night, Saint Mary’s College inducts eight of its juniors into the Phi Alpha and Lambda Alpha honor societies.

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Mr. James Wolfensohn, President
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Dear Mr. Wolfensohn:

As Provincial Superior of the Priests and Brothers of the Congregation of Holy Cross - Indiana, and in the spirit of the Jubilee Year celebrated on each of our campuses, we are writing to request that you support an immediate suspension of the economic policies and practices that have caused poverty and suffering among the world's peoples, and damage to the environment. On the occasion of the first meetings of the governing bodies of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund in the 21st century, we further call on you to cancel the unpayable multilateral debt of the world's poorest countries and use the resources of the World Bank and IMF to finance this cancellation.

We make these requests based on the call of our faith for solidarity among the members of the human family, genuine debt relief in the spirit of Jubilee, poverty reduction, and global economic justice. Pope John Paul II has been eloquent and unrelenting in his call for debt relief. He has noted that the existence of debt is "suffocating" quite a few countries, and that "the Church in her pastoral concern cannot ignore this difficult situation ..." I urge you, in your position as President of the World Bank, not to ignore this situation any longer but to propose and support immediate and significant action to cancel the debt which seriously threatens the lives of millions of people that our Congregation ministers to, throughout the world.

Archbishop Medardo Mazombwe of Zambia has written that "The debt problem is not simply an economic issue. It is fundamentally an ethical issue because it is a radically human problem, affecting the well-being of families, the survival of the poor, the bonds of community, and the security of the future." We join with the Archbishop and with the Bishops of the United States, and urge you to take the opportunity of the spring meetings to address the debt issue, making the year 2000 a true Jubilee year for the world's people who need it most.

We will experience a true Jubilee only when the well being of all, including the world's most vulnerable people and ecosystems, is given priority over macroeconomic adjustment and neoliberal economic policy. We urge you, in the spirit of Jubilee justice, to take courageous action now: abandon the failed policy of structural adjustment and cancel the debt of the world's most heavily indebted countries.

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What Can You Do to Reduce the Debt Burden on the Poor?
**UGANDA**

Sect leader’s estranged wife: Husband didn’t control cult

Associated Press

KABUMBA

Eight years after Joseph Kibwetere abandoned his family to help form a doomsday sect, his labeled black-and-white photographs still adorn his wife's home, alongside pictures of Jesus, the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Pope.

They are reminders of happier times, says Theresa Kibwetere — before she described visionary Credonia Mwerinde moved into her home and took over her husband's life.

Joseph Kibwetere, a former school administrator who had a lifelong interest in Catholic visionaries, has been widely touted as the leader of the Movement for the Restoration of the Ten Commandments of God.

But his estranged wife said this week it was Mwerinde, not her husband, who controlled the sect, where she was known as “The Programmer.”

“Whenever anything was to be done, it was Credonia,” she said.

Who orchestrated one of the worst mass murders in recent Ugandan history became even more pressing Thursday, as authorities unearthed 12 more bodies — the worst mass murder in a sect — found so far.

Mwerinde claimed to have had a vision of the Virgin Mary in a cave in the southwestern Ugandan village of Ngakishentiyi, said her former common-law husband, Eric Mazima.

A week later, she claimed to have had another vision of the Virgin Mary in a cave in the southeastern Ugandan village of Kibwetere, and her home.

Mazima challenged her claimed to have been a religious devotee, saying she claimed to have a vision of the Virgin Mary in a cave in the southwestern Ugandan village of Ngakishentiyi.

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Mazima added that she had moved into a room with Mwerinde’s whereabouts at the time of the fire are unknown.

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Mazima added that she had seen a man called “Kibwetere,” who would take them to his home where they would spread her message to the world.

“Every time we were to do anything, it was Credonia,” she said.

Within days of their arrival, Mwerinde’s home was turned into a room to write and receive messages from God that the Virgin Mary was going to end the world because of the sins.

The sect leader was a man of faith, Mazima said, with relatives of the 48-year-old Kibwetere serving as a leader of the sect’s “12 Apostles.”

Four months after leaving her husband, Mwerinde met Kibwetere in Nyamitanga, where he and his wife had gone to hear her testify about her visions.

Mugambwa, Kibwetere’s son, said Mwerinde told her father that the Virgin Mary had directed her to Nyamitanga to find a man called “Kibwetere,” who would take them to his home where they would spread her message to the world.

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Mazima said she was denied any sexual contact with her husband.

Mugambwa believes his father and Mwerinde had a sexual relationship and was surprised by it, she said.

“Someone who talks to God must be more righteous,” Mugambwa added.

According to Mugambwa and his mother, Mwerinde soon revealed a penchant for cruelty, exploding in rages, beating children and demanding total obedience to her divine inspired messages — all while saying she spoke directly for the Virgin Mary.

After a few months, talking was banned in favor of sign language, Mugambwa said. Meals were cut from three to two, with two days of fasting each week.

Finally, as the house swelled, the movement’s adherents, mostly women, were separated from their children.

Mwerinde enforced her rules through visions, retiring alone to a room to write and receive messages from God that the Virgin Mary is going to end the world because of the sins.

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Washington

House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt chided several congressional Republicans on Thursday for telling constituents to ignore what they consider intrusive Census questions, accusing them of opposing an accurate count for "their political purpose." Gephardt said Democrats "haven't gotten criticism" about the form but Senate Minority Leader Thomas Daschle said his office has been getting questions about it.

But Gephardt, D-Mo., maintained, "the Republicans have been trying to frustrate this census from the beginning. They don't want more people counted because they think it serves their political purpose. That's a pretty shoddy reason to do what they're doing."

Responding, John Czwartacki, spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, "If he's not getting any calls, I think he's the only member of Congress who isn't." Lott's office at least two House Republicans said they had received a number of complaints in recent days about questions on census forms. Reps. Nick Smith, R-Mich., and Tom Coburn, R-Okla., were specifically critical of the long-form questionnaire, sent to one in six of the country's 115 million households.

Earlier Thursday, Czwartacki said that Lott has been heavily promoting the census in his state, but was also suggesting to callers concerned about privacy to leave unanswered those questions they felt were intrusive and mail it back to the Census Bureau.

Daschle, D-S.D., said, "it is of concern, I think, to people that the questions asked and the length of time required has made it somewhat problematic." Daschle said he has advised people not to skip questions. "I'm not sure that it is anything that we ought to address, at least at this point," he said.

During a campaign stop in Milwaukee, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the likely GOP presidential nominee, said he encouraged people "who are worried about some of the questions and the government interfering in their personal lives to think about it." He later added he was not telling people to ignore census forms because they're important "for a head count."

Democrats have long supported incorporating a statistical method known as sampling to raw census numbers. Sampling would adjust actual head counts to account for populations with traditionally low response rates, such as minority groups in cities.

Republican lawmakers have opposed sampling, fearing it could force a Redrawing of boundary lines to their disadvantage.

Czwartacki said Lott has done television and radio ads encouraging census participation. But he added it was better to leave questions unanswered because "if the choice is between the trash can and partially filling it out, we're going to tell people to fill out as much as they can."

Census director Kenneth Prewitt on Thursday called the long form an "essential tool" to help communities across the country.

Even questions that some Republicans labeled as intrusive, such as "how old is your home?" and "are you a veteran?" are useful to determine how local services are provided. Prewitt said there are 53 questions on the long form this year, down from 57 in 1990.

Members of Congress received a detailed list of the questions two years ago from the Census Bureau and had a chance to weigh in, said Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., ranking member of the House Government Reform Committee's census panel.

Maloney said that six months ago, Lott and Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., sought to require all recipients of the short form to state their marital status.
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Castro ready to send Elian's father to U.S.

Associated Press

MIAMI — Talks resumed today between the U.S. government and Elian Gonzalez' Miami relatives, while the 6-year-old boy's Cuban father apparently was ready to jump on a plane to retrieve him.

Late Wednesday, the Immigration and Naturalization Service delayed the revocation of Elian's temporary residency status 24 hours, until 9 a.m. Friday. The two sides met for five hours late Wednesday, then resumed talking this morning. There was no comment from either side today.

The talks were extended at the relatives' request, a Justice Department official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Elian has been living with his great-uncle Lazaro Gonzalez, who has said he would be willing to release Elian to his father if Juan Miguel Gonzalez came to Florida from Cuba. He said he would not deliver the boy to the INS.

"Apparently calling the great-uncle's bluff, Cuban President Fidel Castro said out only would the father go to the United States, he would stay for the entire court process as the Miami relatives appeal federal orders to surrender custody of the boy.

"The passports are ready," Castro said. "And of course the airplane is ready."

He said a lawyer was seeking U.S. visas for the father and a large entourage. The Cuban government today issued a list of 31 people who would accompany Juan Miguel Gonzalez, including his wife and their 6-month-old son — Elian's half brother — as well as Elian's first-grade teacher and some classmates.

At her weekly briefing in Washington today, Attorney General Janet Reno said that if the boy's father comes to the United States, one option would be to move Elian to his custody in this country while the appeals court considers the case.

"This case has been heart-breaking for everybody involved," Reno said. "But we believe the law is clear: The father must speak for the boy because the sacred bond between parent and child must be recognized and Elian should be reunited with his father."

Reno said she believes most family disputes are best worked out between families, rather than by government officials.

Several thousand people rallied around the Gonzalez home in the Little Havana neighborhood late Wednesday. "We are not going to allow them to take the kid," said Oscar Pupo, 56, a Cuban-born U.S. citizen.

Elian has been living with Lazaro Gonzalez since he was found in November on an inner tube off the coast of Florida. The boy's mother and 10 others died when their boat sank as they tried to reach the United States.

The Miami relatives went to court to keep Elian, and their lawsuit is now before a federal appeals court in Atlanta, with arguments scheduled for the week of May 8.

INS spokeswoman Maria Cardona said the agency will tell Lazaro Gonzalez how and when he is to relinquish custody of Elian unless the two sides reach an agreement.

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Idaho town fights bad publicity

Associated Press

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho — Embarrassed by the sight of neo-Nazis parading through town at the height of tourist season, city leaders have decided they, too, can use the First Amendment to their advantage.

They are hiring a human rights coordinator with public relations expertise whose job will include publicizing all the good and decent things people are doing in Coeur d'Alene.

It's the latest tactic in a battle that has seen locals first try to ignore the white supremacist group Aryan Nations, then stage counter-demonstrations. The end result was national media coverage showing pictures of swastika-wearing extremists marching down the main street.

"Good deeds and positive activities never garner as much attention as the remarks of a crazy who doesn't represent anybody," said Jonathan Gee of the Coeur d'Alene Area Chamber of Commerce.

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Study: Awareness key to prevention

**Associated Press**

One-third of U.S. homes with children have at least one firearm and nearly half of them keep the weapons unsecured, a study found.

Firearms are present in 35 percent of U.S. homes with children — representing more than 11 million homes with more than 22 million children younger than age 18, according to the study.

The 9 percent of the homes that keep firearms unlocked and loaded would translate into homes with 1.7 million children, researchers found. Another 4 percent of the homes have guns that are unloaded and with ammunition stored nearby.

"The fact that at least one major gun manufacturer is going to be building safer firearms is good news," said Dr. Jeffrey C. Kantor, UCLA pediatrician and the study's lead author.

The study, released Thursday, is based on the American Journal of Public Health, a publication of the American Public Health Association.

The issue of children's access to guns has become a national focus as schools repeatedly become scenes of violence, ranging from the killings at Columbine High School in Colorado last year to a seventh-grader shooting a classmate in Michigan last month.

The study used information from interviews of 45,435 households for the 1994 National Health Interview Survey and additional questioning of 19,374 of those households in a supplement that included a section covering firearms, Schuster said. The surveys were administered by the National Center for Health Statistics.

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National Rifle Association lobbyist James Baker said he was not surprised by the study and cited National Safety Council data showing gun accidents at an all-time low.

"We think education and training is the key to reducing figures," Baker said. "We don't believe new laws will impact what goes on in homes.

Ultimately, families will decide what they feel is best for their particular circumstances."

Joe Waldron, executive director of the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms in Bellevue, Wash., said: "Considering the millions of homes that have firearms in them, the fact that firearms accidents and deaths are at their lowest point in U.S. history indicates the problem is not as great as the study indicates."

Rand, the Santa Monica, Calif., think tank, does research on national security, public policy planning, education, health, science and technology.

School bus-train collision claims 3 lives, injures 5

**Associated Press**

A deadly train crash that ripped a school bus off its wheels claimed a third victim Wednesday.

Amber Pritchett, 9, one of seven students on board the bus when it was struck at an unprotected rural crossing early Tuesday, died Wednesday night a spokeswoman for T.C. Thompson Children's Hospital in Chattanooga, Tenn., said.

Kayla Silvers, 6, and Daniel Pack, 9, were killed when the CSX freight train smashed into their Murray County school bus at about 50 mph, ripped the bus from its chassis and dragged it 100 feet down the track.

Four other children and the driver were seriously injured. Two children remained in critical condition Wednesday.

Gov. Roy Barnes joined hundreds of people on the lawn at the Murray County courthouse Wednesday night in Chatworth for a candlelight vigil.

"All I can say is to cherish them. You never know how much you'll miss them till they're gone," said David Silvers, Kayla's father.

Barnes said he planned to review Georgia laws governing stoplights and gates at railroad crossings.

School officials rerouted the buses Wednesday to avoid driving over the railroad crossing where the crash happened. At the site, eight yellow ribbons were tied to the railroad crossing signs.

The chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board urged schools around the nation to investigate whether their buses use railroad crossings that lack lights or signals.

"I am very concerned and personally do not believe that any grade crossing in the United States should be crossed with a school bus of our children when that crossing does not have lights or signals," NTSB chairman Jim Hall said.

**Attention Students, Faculty and Staff**

At its meeting on Thursday, March 23, 2000, the University Committee on Computing and Information Services (UCCIS) met and discussed the impact that a program named "Napster" is having on University computing resources.

As many of you are aware, "Napster" is a computer program that acts as an intermediary between computer users who wish to find and trade music files. Use of the program has raised serious concerns about network system security, security of personal computer systems, computer resource (bandwidth) management, intellectual property and copyright violations at college campuses across the country, causing nearly two hundred universities to prohibit use of the "Napster" program on their systems.

The UCCIS is concerned about these issues as well as the resultant cost to students, faculty and staff. Because conservative estimates suggest that between 25-40% of ResNet traffic is "Napster" use, the UCCIS has recommended that the Office of Information Technology immediately implement a moratorium on "Napster" and similar programs.

Accordingly, and consistent with the policy on Responsible Use of Information Technologies at Notre Dame, we have directed OIT to immediately implement measures to prevent usage of this type of software.

The UCCIS believes that the moratorium is necessary so that core University academic and administrative computing needs can be met and so that an actual determination can be made of the impact of the use of "Napster" on campus.

The UCCIS anticipates that the moratorium on the use of such programs could become permanent at a later date.

Please note of our appreciation for your understanding and recognition of the need to appropriately provide for and protect the University's academic and administrative computing needs.

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Vice President for Student Affairs
Goldin: NASA will not abandon ‘faster, better, cheaper’ approach

Article 1

NASA Administrator Dan Goldin is taking the blame for last year’s botched Mars missions, saying he pushed too hard, cut too much and made it impossible for spacecraft managers to succeed.

But Goldin said he will not abandon the National Aeronautics and Space Administration’s “faster, better, cheaper” approach. Mission managers will get enough money and people to do the job, but there won’t be a return to the days of big, expensive spacecraft.

“We’re going to make sure they have adequate resources, but we’re not going to let the pendulum swing all the way back.” he told employees of NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory, where Mars Polar Lander and Mars Climate Orbiter were managed.

Goldin visited the lab Wednesday, a day after two reports were released on the recent Mars fiasco. They found mismanagement, unrealistic expectations and anemic funding were to blame as much as the mistakes that actually doomed the missions.

“In my effort to empower people, I pushed too hard,” Goldin said. “And in doing so, stretched the system too thin. It wasn’t intentional, and it wasn’t malicious. I believed in the vision, but it may have made some failure inevitable.”

Richard Cook, project manager of the lander and orbiter at JPL, agreed with the reports but said no single person should be blamed.

“We’re all part of this,” he said. “The constraints were certainly part of it, but some of the ways we did business could stand to be improved.”

Investigators found resources were spread too thin for success. Too many risks were taken by skipping critical tests or overlooking possible faults. And nobody noticed or mentioned the problems until it was too late.

The $165 million Mars Polar Lander was most likely doomed by a sensor that misinterpreted a signal for landing when the legs deployed, causing the descent engines to cut off while it was still 130 feet above the planet’s surface.

The problem could have been easily resolved by installing new software to the lander during its 11-month cruise — if it had been noticed, said John Casani, a former JPL chief engineer who led one of the investigations. The lander was last heard from Dec. 3.

Mars Climate Orbiter was lost Sept. 23 when nobody realized that Lockheed Martin Astronautics delivered navigation data in English units rather than metrics. The $125 million craft burned up in the Martian atmosphere.

Their combined cost was about the same as the last successful spacecraft to land on Mars - Pathfinder in 1997.

Since 1993, NASA’s budget has decreased by 5 percent. During that period, 146 payloads valued at $1.5 billion were launched. About $980 million worth of that was lost, Goldin said.

Judge rules against Jackson, Hale

Article 2

A judge has approved a permanent injunction barring the Rev. Jesse Jackson, a white supremacist and numerous other protesters from demonstrating within 50 feet of any Decatur high school.

The ruling by Marion County Circuit Judge James Hendriksen extends a temporary injunction he granted in December after Jackson came to Decatur to protest the expulsions of six black students for fighting in the stands at a football game.

Superintendent Kenneth Ardelt called the ruling barring Jackson and white supremacist Matt Hale “good news.”

Lewy Myers Jr., lead counsel for Jackson’s Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, said he plans to appeal.

“It’s just more of that board building walls rather than bridges,” Jackson said. Over about 10 days in November, protesters were in Decatur almost daily, mostly on or near the grounds of Eisenhower High School.

At that school’s football game Sept. 17, students got involved in a bleacher-clearing brawl that ended with six expelled for two years.

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The Rainbow/PUSH Coalition fought to cut the expulsions in one year and has since rallied against the kind of zero tolerance discipline policy used in Decatur. Hendriksen said the controversy could be a detriment to Decatur education.

“There can be no doubt that if PUSH is allowed to continue its demonstrations, prayer vigils, rallies and press conferences in the same manner as it has done in the immediate past, there will be further continuing and irreparable disruptions to the educational process in the three Decatur high schools.” the judge wrote.

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Date rape drug death puts four in jail

Associated Press

DETROIT

Three men were sentenced to up to 15 years in prison for manslaughter Thursday in one of the nation's first trials involving a death linked to a "date rape" drug.

A fourth man received a shorter term for his part in the death of 15-year-old Samantha Reid of Rockwood.

All four were convicted March 14.

In January 1999, Samantha asked for a drink at a party and was given a soft drink spiked with the drug known as GHB. She became violently ill, lost consciousness and died the next day. A friend also ingested the drug and was briefly in a coma, but survived.

GHB has been linked to at least 58 deaths since 1990 and more than 5,700 recorded overdoses, according to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Joshua Cole, 19, of Southgate; Daniel Brayman, 18, of Trenton; and Nicholas Holtschlag, 18, of Brownstown Township were sentenced to terms of up to 15 years, the maximum for involuntary manslaughter.

Samantha's mother, Judi Clark, had urged the judge to sentence the men to the maximum.

"Since her death, people ask me how many children I have and I don't know how to answer," Clark told Wayne County Circuit Judge Maggie Drake. "I don't know. I'll have to deal with that forever.

A few drops of colorless, odorless GHB mixed into a drink can render a victim unconscious within 20 minutes.

Victims frequently have no memory of what happens while under the drug's influence, and it is difficult to trace, often leaving the body within 24 hours.

The sale has been banned since 1990 by the federal Food and Drug Administration. Last month, President Clinton signed legislation toughening federal laws against possess­ ing, making or distributing GHB.

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THANK YOU!!!
What is your goal in life? That was a question that haunted me in my last year of Notre Dame and even for the last couple of years since I graduated. I never had an answer. I never had a goal. I spoke with a friend of mine the other day who is absolutely killing herself to get all of her work done in the time that she has between Saturday sunsets. There are only 168 hours in a week. She must be awake and working nearly 147 of them for her activities. She is working something that I know to be at least a 24-hour-a-week job. It is a full-time student and is studying for placement exams into a professional school. Now, if this were anyone else that I know, I would have watched for the steam to begin pouring out of her ears and making that annoying whistling sound like in a cartoon.

But this person is usually such a workhorse that she would do all of that and still look for more things to fill up her time. Why? Because she has a goal. That is not to say that you have to plan out everything that you want to do with yourself for all of the rest of your life. Such a planned existence is a soulless existence that would never be conducive to creativity on any level. It also does not mean that whatever you set as your goal needs to remain your goal throughout your life. When we are young we set our goals too high and are disappoint ed when we fail short. It is easier to set goals so lofty that they are unattainable or not to set goals at all when you are in college. You live a rather sheltered life that allows you to dream and to consider great things without applying it to your life. After graduation I set myself the goal of visiting all 50 states in 12 months. I did it, but at the expense of some of the quality sights that I might have been able to better appreciate had I spent more time and only seen a portion of the country.

Then, I had nothing. I lived with my mother and drifted through life as a snail’s pace. I was still the same person that I was before but I was larger in the real world that I realized to what I could do with a job and graduate school. I began to develop goals for my life. As we age we amend those goals to meet the world that will most match their thoughts right now: far from it. The best and brightest at whatever it is. You will fail. No there are not enough hours in the day to do every thing that will make you the best. But, if you don’t have a goal and don’t try, how do you know what you will accomplish. If you want something bad enough, you have to sacrifice for it. That will make the failure at least a little less embarrassing. It is hard to rebuild your dreams in the real world. Use the time that you have know how and find out what makes you come alive. Then, strive to be the best and brightest at whatever it is. You will fail! No there are not enough hours in the day to do everything that will make you the best. But, if you don’t have a goal and don’t try, how do you know what you will accomplish. If you want something bad enough, you have to sacrifice for it. That will make the failure at least a little less embarrassing. It is hard to rebuild your dreams in the real world. Use the time that you have know how and find out what makes you come alive. Then, strive to be the best and brightest at whatever it is. You will fail! No there are not enough hours in the day to do everything that will make you the best. But, if you don’t have a goal and don’t try, how do you know what you will accomplish. If you want something bad enough, you have to sacrifice for it. That will make the failure at least a little less embarrassing. It is hard to rebuild your dreams in the real world. Use the time that you have know how and find out what makes you come alive. Then, strive to be the best and brightest at whatever it is. You will fail! No there are not enough hours in the day to do everything that will make you the best. But, if you don’t have a goal and don’t try, how do you know what you will accomplish. If you want something bad enough, you have to sacrifice for it. That will make the failure at least a little less embarrassing.
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Return eating concerns surveys

Discovering there is a ‘Notre Dame family’
It was a blustery South Bend morning as we prepared to embark on our first-ever college Spring Break. There were nine girls and five boys heading to Jacksonville, Fla. — 14 people overexerted and packed into three SUVs, and ready for an adventure in the Sunshine State. My car was one of the three in our caravan, and for the first hour of our trip down I-80, all was well and our destination was reached. We didn't extend our welcome — we were simply going to stop my Tennessee state line when an absent friend and one of the three in our car began to pound on my windshield. "No problem," I thought, as I turned on my windshield wipers. "This will pass." Then came the snow. "Just a little reminder of what we're leaving behind," I confidently told my car, as my knuckles were turning white from gripping the steering wheel. When the snow started to fall, the third car in our group was separating the three of us. And we were already separated. It wouldn't be until the Tennessee state line when they would catch up to us. (It's not the most likely to happen, but what was it, we worked at it.) To break up the trip, we had to offer some fun and came across a tech-news postcard, a frisky Leopolda, and asking for three in particular. It was a great way to spend a perfect day of fun. In the beach, the surf, the Frisbee around. It was great fun; our hotel, we decided, was reached. Two compromise was reached. Two people would stay and search for our missing friends, and everyone else would go back to Jacksonville. Just my luck, I was one of the chosen. We had a great day, trying to find the humor in the previous night's activities, as everyone else seemed to be doing. Daytonas were built for college students. The alcohol flows freely and clothing is at a minimum. It's a co-ed's paradise. Daytonas, I've decided, was built for college students. The alcohol flows freely and clothing is at a minimum. It's a co-ed's paradise. Daytonas, I've decided, was built for college students. The alcohol flows freely and clothing is at a minimum. It's a co-ed's paradise. Daytonas, I've decided, was built for college students. The alcohol flows freely and clothing is at a minimum. It's a co-ed's paradise. Daytonas, I've decided, was built for college students. The alcohol flows freely and clothing is at a minimum. It's a co-ed's paradise. Daytonas, I've decided, was built for college students. The alcohol flows freely and clothing is at a minimum. It's a co-ed's paradise. Daytonas, I've decided, was built for college students. The alcohol flows freely and clothing is at a minimum. It's a co-ed's paradise. Daytonas, I've decided, was built for college students. The alcohol flows freely and clothing is at a minimum. It's a co-ed's paradise.
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SCENE ASKS

Did anything bizarre happen to you over break?

"We got chased by four odd, naked men who didn’t speak English on the beach in Florida."
Vandy Hench and Jo Jameson

"My friend got propositioned by a high schooler."
Colleen O’Connor freshman, Welsh Hall

"I saw a police officer stop chasing a suspect because the crook jumped a fence."
Holden Bonwit freshman, Dillon Hall

"I caught my brother ‘entertaining’ his girlfriend."
Chas Grundy freshman, Dillon Hall

"We got stuck in an elevator for three hours with a mother and her two screaming children — one of which had a dirty diaper."
Tiffany Fox and Kerry O’Reilly freshmen, Holy Cross Hall

"We plan for it months in advance. We purchase new wardrobes, go tanning, diet and work-out like crazy kids to get our bodies in perfect shape. Rumor has it that some people even let their lovers take a break before being assaulted in the long-awaited work of dehumanizing. No, this isn’t Antisocial. This is spring break — college-style.

But alas, we are more college kids. Though we may forsake responsibility in our little campus world, there are some things we just don’t know how to deal with. Senior Josh Burgosino and his friends had just arrived in Ireland and rented a car when they were bent over by an interesting dilemma. While driving along a narrow road in Ireland’s highest pub, they accidentally hit a rock protruding from the mountain side, resulting in a flat tire. As they attempted to lift the car to replace the tire, the jack became stuck.

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After answering the call, Matt tried futilely to flush the toilet. It wouldn’t go down. Due to the poor plumbing of the old house, the contents of the toilet backed up in the pipes and started to come up through the bathtub drain. There was this murky, brown sewage water filling the tub,” Matt said.

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I searched the whole town, maybe a few blocks before giving up hope. I found the perfect street corner and was preparing to sit down and cry like a little orphaned child when I noticed someone was already occupying that corner. There sat a young man singing and playing guitar. I befriended him instantly and spent St. Patrick’s Day with him, his mother and his friends. I never would have thought that I would spend an evening with some who might label a vagrant, but I don’t regret for an instant. From start to finish, my trip was an interesting experience in random meetings and odd characters. I’m still waiting for MTV to offer a bid on my story.

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The games ended with a 180-124 win, which was led by Walt Williams' 18 points. Stephon Marbury had 16 each for the Rockets.

The Timberwolves held the lead for 37 percent, shooting 30 percent. Mike D'Antoni had 19 points for the Wolves and Joe Smith had 10 rebounds.

Twelve of the 13 players on Minnesota's roster scored at least two points. Dean Garrett was the only player who didn't score.

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Crispin shines in Penn State's consolation win

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Joe Crispin made an uncontested layup with two seconds left and interruped Damion Wilkins' inbound pass to lead Penn State to a 74-72 victory over North Carolina State in the consolation game of the National Invitation Tournament on Thursday night.

After N.C. State's Kenny Ingle tied it 72-72 on a short jumper with 13.6 seconds left, Crispin calmly dribbled the ball up the court and drove in for the game-winning basket.

Crispin, who finished with 14 points, then intercepted Wilkins' long pass to seal the victory for the Nittany Lions (19-17). The game preceded the NIT final between Notre Dame and Wake Forest at Madison Square Garden.

Jarrett Stephens added 28 points on 11-of-18 shooting for Penn State, which beat N.C. State for just the third time in 17 meetings.

Wilkins, who had 20 points, said he thought the N.C. State team would have won the game with a better performance from Stephens to tie it at 19-19.

The Nittany Lions couldn't get the lead under nine until Crispin's 3-pointer with 8:31 left made it 62-56. Then the Nittany Lions, who lost to Notre Dame in the semifinals, slowly chipped at the lead.

N.C. State's biggest lead of the first half was 19-10 with 12:46 remaining on Clifford Crawford's layup. Penn State went on a 9-0 run, keyed by two baskets by Stephens to tie it at 19-19.

The Wolfpack took leads as large as five points, but the Nittany Lions came back to lead 29-27 on Crispin's 5-pointer with 3:57 left.

Woods decides to return for senior year at Arizona

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz.

Admitting that he was torn in both directions, Arizona's 7-foot-1 center Loren Woods announced Thursday that he would return for his senior season and would fight for his senior season.

"By me coming back, I'll definitely be a better player," Woods said, "but I think I'll also be a better person. By me growing up and maturing in a year, it'll be a huge difference than if I would have gone to that level this year — emotionally, handling things on and off the court. I'll definitely be more mature after another year."

Woods' decision means that all seven players who played regularly for the Wildcats will return from a team that shared the Pac-10 championship and was the No. 1 seed in the West in the NCAA tournament.

"If we're not preseason No. 1, then there's something wrong with the polls," said Woods' teammate, Richard Jefferson, who briefly toyed with the idea of turning pro but decided to return next season.

In addition to the returning players from this season, Arizona will have the services of tough power forward Eugene Edgerton, who sat out a year to get his teaching degree, as well as whatever freshmen recruits coach Lute Olson can get.

Woods led the Wildcats in scoring at 15.6 points per game, and was one of the most prolific shot blockers in the country. He tied an NCAA record with 14 blocks against Oregon. But he missed the final seven games because of a compressed disc in his lower back. The injury would have prevented him from participating in any full-scale tryouts for NBA teams.

He said he expects a complete recovery by next season. Woods kept his decision a mystery throughout his long statement during a news conference at McKale Center, until the very end. When he announced it, several teammates and friends cheered and applauded.

Woods insisted he didn't make up his mind until about 40 minutes before the press conference, even though Olson said earlier this week that he thought the big center would be coming back.

Woods said people close to the Arizona program urged him to return because the team could have a shot at the NCAA championship, while others not close to the program said he should leave and go for the money.

"All the people who know me personally have been saying just to follow what you feel in your heart," Woods said. "Sometimes I feel like I should stay, sometimes I feel like I should go. So I don't know about taking that advice, because my heart has been torn in two different places — the love for the game playing against the best competition by going to the NBA or the love for the University of Arizona just for letting me be myself."

Woods said he talked with several NBA general managers and said all told him that while he would be one of the top picks, there were questions about his strength and he wouldn't be expected to make a big impact right away. Woods said strength will still be a problem after next season, but he plans to work on that as much as possible until then.
Irish head coach Matt Doherty hugs sophomore Troy Murphy as he leaves the game late in the second half Thursday.

"The thing about this team is that we never quit," sophomore forward David Graves said. "We were down 16-18 and we came back and brought it to five. A couple shots here and there it's a different ball game but, that's the way it goes. We are happy about this year."

This year's 22-15 season came on the heels of a losing record. A couple shots here and there it's a different ball game but, that's the way it goes. We are happy about this year.

Senior point guard Jimmy Dillon said. "It was important to us to have a good season and we did that. We ended up being a successful season in my wildest dreams," Murphy said.

"I didn't work hard," sophomore All-American Troy Dillon provided perhaps the best example of that gritty tenacity. He played the entire year on ham and sugar, and then contributed five assists in 21 minutes of play Thursday after spraining his ankle in the semifinals.

His five gave the Irish a major spark, one that left Doherty near tears at the realization Dillon had played his last game.

"His toughness," Doherty said before pausing. "When I got the job I wasn't sure if he was going to be able to play. We had to really monitor him in practice because he would go and I wouldn't tell me he was hurting."

"Without Jimmy Dillon, we don't win 22 games. His toughness, his energy, his leadership, his timing, which at times could drive you crazy but at times it won basketball games. He has been that guy that turned it around for us and I think that's why you guys as a group that would win 22 games."

"I couldn't have imagined this season in my wildest dreams," Murphy said.

It won't be so far-fetched to visualize Notre Dame as an NCAA-tournament bound team come next season. The Irish lose Dillon and reserve seniors Todd Palmer and Skylar Owens. But with Doherty and the core of the squad returning, they will hope to improve their chemistry. The team chemistry. If they manage to attain those goals, Matt's Outrageous Success will be out in force at the ACC to support the Irish on the road to the top 25 for the first time in years.

"I think we have all the talent in the world," Graves said. "I think we have all the ability in the world, and with the addition of Ryan (Bumprey), we're only going to be better."
Selig envisions global league

Associated Press

TOKYO

An exhibition game in Havana last year, opening day in Japan this season. So what's next for major league baseball?

Maybe a regular-season series in Venezuela real soon. Possibly a return trip to Cuba.

Potentially games in places such as Australia and even Africa farther into the future.

And someday, perhaps a true World Series.

A lot of ideas are in the mix these days as baseball pushes its plan to go global.

Certainly to this week will help.

"Win, lose or draw, I think it was something that baseball needed," Mets first baseman Todd Zeile said Thursday night.

After getting a good reception in Caracas, there's a slight chance regular-season games could be played in Venezuela next season.

Also, there's talk about another exhibition in Cuba, like the one Baltimore played last year.

The upcoming Sydney Olympics have spurred speculation about trying to send two teams to Australia for an exhibition.

Far-fetched? Could be.

But watching the Cubs and Mets play in Tokyo has made many believe that baseball is growing far beyond its North American borders.

"I never thought I would've seen this day, opening day in Japan," Hall of Famer manager Tommy Lasorda said.

And it could continue to spread internationally. Just don't ask Mark McGwire to make the trip — spurred by his opposition, the St. Louis Cardinals turned down the tour to Japan and the Cubs accepted.

Commissioner Bud Selig wants to someday see a baseball World Cup.

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Daubach, Martinez give Red Sox edge over Twins

Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla.

Brian Daubach homered twice and Pedro Martinez won his final spring training start as the Boston Red Sox beat the Minnesota Twins 6-5 on Saturday.

Daubach's first home run gave Boston a 1-0 lead in the fourth inning. His second came in the fifth inning after Darren Lewis doubled, and put the Red Sox up 4-3.

The Red Sox added two runs in the sixth when Jeff Frye tripled and scored on Donnie Sadler's single and Jose Offerman knocked in Scott Hatteberg, who had walked.

Martinez pitched five innings, striking out six and allowing three runs, all in the fifth inning. Minnesota's Todd Walker hit his first home run of the spring after Marcus Jensen singled. Cristian Guzman followed with a triple and came home on a single by Maree Cummings.

Martinez finished the spring with a 4.59 ERA.

Twins starter Eric Milton pitched six innings, allowing four runs on six hits. Carl Everett went 0-for-4 with two foul outs to drop his average to .188.

Pirates 5, Phillies 2

Kris Benson, slated to start Pittsburgh's second game of the season, pitched like an opening-day starter as the Pirates beat the Philadelphia Phillies.

Benson hurled six shutout innings, allowing three hits and striking out two. He ran his spring record to 3-0 and lowered his ERA to 2.16.

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11th inning and the Mets beat
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''I'm going to make them
Agbayani's two-out drive to
But the Mets, having room
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outfield
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failed to secure the job with
bassy. And I haven't taken any plays
improve my
Jackson said.
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made a wild throw to
slick infield. made
Shortstop.
Gomez's fielding had improved. He was on
got off a slow start as he
mets, they were diseouraged
off before resuming the season
Monday.
The crowd was announced as
more than 35,000, yet
once again it was relatively
quiet. Games in Japan usually
feature fronted fans carrying
drums and horns — to the
dis­
pointment of the Cubs and
Mets, they were discouraged from
to fan behavior by local
officials.
There was a dramatic
improvement in Agbayani's fielding,
the dirt on the mound and batter's
boxes.
Players on both teams
complained about the foreign
soil after the
Mets-3 5 win in
Wednesday night's opener and,
after a spirited effort by the
grounds crew, the problems
seemed
solved.
Ordonez's streak of 101
straight games without an
error, a major league record
streak for shortstops, ended
when he charged in and
overan Damion Bureau's
eroll in the first inning. It was his first
error since last June 13 against
Boston, a span in which he
cleanly handled 418 chances.
The three-time Gold Glove
Showed no ill effects, however,
later making a nifty play up
the middle on Sammy Sosa's
grounder and taking part in
two double plays.
The Mets turned six DF s in the series.
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former Padres shortstop
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f. J.
had a better
spring,"
Bochy said.
Jackson, 26, hit .308 (16-for-52), stole
six bases and scored 18 runs.
Gomez, coming off a season
marred by knee problems,
got off to a slow start as he
tested his knees. But he made a
good run at the job by bat­
ting 333 with solid defense.
"Obviously, I'm disappoint­
ed," Gomez said. "I don't
know what I can
do. I thought I played well. I played well,
too. I'm not going to root
against Damian or anything."
Gomez now becomes San
Diego's lone backup middle
infielder. He will spell
Jackson and, less
frequently, second baseman
Bochy said.
"Jackson
Gomez has played 78
games at second base in
the major leagues, mostly
with Detroit before he was traded
to the Padres in June 1996.
In his time in San Diego,
Gomez was the starting
shortstop on two first-place
But that was only because he had
car­
tilage problems in both
knees, which
required
arthroscopic surgery
June 4.
He was on the
disabled
list June 4 through July
31 and never fully
recovered.
In 76 games, Gomez batted
.252 with only one home run
and 15 RBIs.
Jackson got the opportunity
to play regularly in his first
major league season, but he
failed to secure the job with
erratic performance.
Flasby in the field and with
good range, he also made 25
errors at shortstop. And a
threat on the bases (84
steals), he didn't get so base
(224 batting average,
105 steals).
"My whole goal all winter
and this spring has been to
improve my
focus," Jackson said.
"I've been very focused,
and I haven't taken any plays
for granted. I'm excited for the
opportunity."
**NCAA Men's Final Four**

**Officials clear Miller to play**

**Associated Press**

**INDIANAPOLIS**

Florida officials cleared forward Mike Miller to play in the Final Four after determining he made no improper contact with an agent who called him 45 times since last September.

"This is not a major problem," coach Billy Donovan said Thursday when the team arrived in Indianapolis. "There are no issues with Mike Miller, no issues eligibility-wise. He's going to play. To harp on it would take away from what this team has accomplished and what it's trying to do."

In a story Thursday, The New York Times reported an agent Andy Miller could have broken laws in Tennessee and Florida by calling Miller and Tennessee guard Tony Harris.

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**Mike Miller acknowledged that the agent called him at least 45 times since Sept. 1 and that he had spoken to the agent at least 20 times.**

The agent, who is not related to the player, is not registered to practice as an agent in the state, which both have agent laws.

"At least theoretically, this is a violation of Florida law," said Bill Cervone, assistant state attorney in Florida. "It's something that has to be looked into. So far, nothing has been brought to our attention."

University police said they had received information about the case from the Florida compliance office and had assigned an investigator.

Athletic director Jeremy Foley said the sophomore forward did nothing to compromise his eligibility.

"We're here to win a national championship," Foley said, "not talk about agents."

Still, agents have been a frequently discussed topic in Gainesville over the past year. University police have filed a sworn complaint against agent Tank Black in an unrelated case involving improper contact with former Gator football players. It was the aftermath of that case that led Florida to redouble its efforts in educating players about agents.

"I have not violated any NCAA rules and my total focus is on getting ready to play North Carolina in the Final Four," Miller said.

The news broke soon after Donovan lectured his players of the distractions awaiting them at the Final Four.

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**Peterson peaks for Spartans in tourney**

**Associated Press**

**INDIANAPOLIS**

By his own admission, Morris Peterson was an immature, out-of-shape freshman when he enrolled at Michigan State.

Five years later, he has helped lead the Spartans close to their first NCAA title since 1979.

Peterson, finally stepping out from behind Mateen Cleaves to become MSU's third NBA lottery pick, has scored in double figures in all four NCAA tournament victories. He's averaging 16.6 points and 6.1 rebounds this season.

"Pete's been a main contributor to this team all year long," forward Andre Hutson said. "He's done so much for us."

"He'll try to do even more Saturday when the Spartans (30-7) play Wisconsin (22-13) in the national semifinals."

The 6-foot-7 forward used his ability to score 16 of his game-high 21 points in the second half of a comeback win over Arkansas in the Midwest regional semifinals.

Two nights later, he scored 18 points in another comeback, this time against Iowa State.

After the victory, the 22-year-old Peterson was told his grandfather died earlier in the day. He attended her funeral Thursday in Mississippi.

"Even I think it's really stuck with me," Peterson said. "That really shows how close we are."

The Spartans showed it on the court, too.

On a play Peterson suggested during a timeout late in the Iowa game, he scored on a soaring dunk off an alley-oop pass from Cleaves. The play made it clear Michigan State was going back to the Final Four.

"I think Mateen said it best: This is Pete's team now," coach Tom Izzo said. "He's the one we look for to take the big shots and kind of carry this team."

Things haven't always been this easy.

The Spartans had always relied on Cleaves. But he was sidelined for the first two months of the season with a broken foot.

The team needed Peterson to step up. He scored 31 points in an early game at North Carolina, 17 against Arizona, 18 against Kentucky and 16 in a win over Florida.

"People think Morris turned his game up when I went down," Cleaves said. "But he was a great player before I was injured."

People helped Peterson turn his game around - including Peterson, himself.

"He's the most fortunate player I've ever been associated with, in how he came out and how he came out," Izzo said. "I think he's made great progress in all parts of his life."

"Peterson was a shooter and little else - when he came out of Flint Northwestern High School, Spartan teammate A.J. Granger shook him with the nickname "shaggy" because all he did was fire away."

"A couple years later, when I broke my wrist, coach started calling me the 'Club' because the cast was so big," said Peterson, who scored just two points before breaking his finger and becoming a medical redshirt his freshman year.

But the cast finally forced Peterson to play a little defense.

"He's now one of the team's best defenders."

"Coach used to ask me if there was anybody on campus I could defend," Peterson recalled.

Still, the inroads did little good. He continued to go his own way, and to skip classes.

Peterson got a strong message when Izzo took the team to Hawaii for a tournament but left him behind.

"I learned I wasn't going to do anything in basketball until I was doing well off the court," Peterson said.

There are still a few rough spots, of course. The difference is that these days Peterson is quick to correct them.
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Irish prepare to avenge 1999 loss to Buckeyes

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men’s lacrosse team will finish off their three-game home stand this Saturday as it takes on Ohio State in a Great Western Lacrosse League contest. The Irish lost a heartbreaker to the Buckeyes a year ago on a last second goal.

"This is a huge game," said captain Kevin Higgins. "Everyone remembers what it was like last year to lose and how bad it felt." The Irish are coming off a tough one-point loss to Hofstra in which the play of both the offense and defense was sporadic and inconsistent.

Notre Dame gave up seven points in the first half but rebounded, letting up only one in the second. The Irish have given up big second periods in their last two losses, and players hope to avoid any letdowns against Ohio State.

"I just think we have to keep our concentration," Higgins said. "We are playing good teams and we have to realize that good teams are going to make runs and we have to keep it just them making good plays and not us making mistakes. If we do this we will be fine."

With a win, the Irish would be in a good position to win the league championship and get an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. After coming out tentative in the last few games the Irish need to establish some of the offensive firepower that helped them knock off Penn State in the opener. Facing a possible three-game losing streak, they have been working hard and preparing for Ohio State all week in practice.

"Basically we have been working on some fundamental things," Higgins said. "Everyone has been fired up all week to get another shot to get back at them. It was disappointing and embarrassing last year and everyone is so fired up to play this weekend."

Ohio State is heading into this game with a 3-3 record and they are fresh off a 7-4 victory over Vermont. The Buckeyes are led by offensive leader Greg Zytkowski and goalie Mike Abeles, both preseason all-Americans. The Irish are going to need to come together as a team and play a full game to gain a well-needed victory on Saturday and put them closer to clinching a tournament birth.

WOMEN’S TENNIS

Saint Mary’s falls to Hope 8-1

Observer Staff Report

The Saint Mary’s tennis team suffered an 8-1 loss to Hope College on Wednesday. "We knew it was going to be a tough match to start with," said Coach Dee Stevenson. Hope has won eight consecutive Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association titles.

"It wasn’t like they just blew us off the courts," she said. Most of the matches were extremely close, but senior Becky Kremer was the only Belle to pull out with a win. She took a 7-0 tiebreaker after a 7-6 first set. She won the second set 6-1.

"I think we played tough but we weren’t as prepared as we should have been," Kremer said. "They were a lot better than we expected them to be."

One thing Stevenson wants to work on with his team is its quickness in doubles play. "We’re not getting to the net in doubles," he said. Stevenson is looking forward to facing Hope again in the conference tournament. The Belle’s tennis team is on the road this weekend, at Spring Arbor College on Saturday and at Kalamazoo College on Sunday.

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SPORTS WRITER  
Prepared for their second weekend of Big East play, the Irish baseball team played two home games this week, defeating Siena Heights University Thursday after falling to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Wednesday.

Thursday's game was a success for the Irish both on the mound and at the plate. Four pitchers combined to allow only five hits. Freshman Matt Laird extended his hitting streak to 13 games, and Matt Strickroth and senior first baseman Jeff Felker both knocked out doubles. Freshman right fielder Matt Nussbaum went 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored.

"It was nice to see Matt Laird go out there and pitch well," said head coach Paul Mainieri. "This is the time of year that begins to test the depth of your pitching staff. Tom O'Hagan's going to get a lot of chances to pitch over the next few weeks."

Nine players combined for 14 hits to lead the Irish offense. Sophomore left fielder Matt Strickroth and senior first baseman Jeff Felker both knocked out doubles. Freshman right fielder Matt Nussbaum extended his hitting streak to 13 games with a leadoff single in the third inning.

"Today was certainly encouraging," said Mainieri. "It wasn't really been consistent with our offense like we need to be," he said. "We need to see everybody contributing with a couple of guys having a big day for us."

Thursday's successful victory followed a disappointing loss on Wednesday, as Wisconsin-Milwaukee topped the Irish 14-3.

UWM senior right hander Chad Sadowski pitched five strong innings and his offense supported him with 20 hits. "Buchmeier followed Gagne, yielding four runs in 2 2/3 innings to take the loss." Gagne pitched out of some jams and showed a lot of poise out there," said Mainieri. "Buchmeier has been very consistent during his career for us."

Senior left fielder Matt Aussenbaum was the only Irish player to register multiple hits in the game, as he recorded two hits in four at-bats.

"You've got to tip your hat to Wisconsin-Milwaukee," said Mainieri. "They were an NCAA team last year, and actually beat the No. 1 team in the nation in their first game."

This weekend, the Irish head to Storrs, Conn., to take on the Huskies of Connecticut. The teams play a doubleheader on Saturday, followed by a third game on Sunday afternoon.

Junior Aaron Hallman and senior Scott Cavozy start for the Irish on Saturday. The two right-handers are a combined 7-1 this season. Gagne will take the mound for the finale on Sunday.

"They have excellent athletes and a very good team," said Mainieri. "If we go out there and do the little things I feel confident that we'll go out there and have a very successful weekend."

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Irish work toward NCAA championship with home meet

By BRIAN BURKE
Sports Writer

Last weekend the Irish men's and women's track teams enjoyed more than just the nice weather out West, earning seven NCAA qualifying standards, including one automatic, at the Arizona State and Standard Invitational.

This Saturday, with the Notre Dame men and women back in northern Indiana to host Butler, Miami (OH) and Western Michigan for a scoring meet, the focus will be less on notchng NCAA bids and more on preparation.

"We certainly want to win the meet," head coach Joe Piane said. "It's different things for different people. We're running a lot of guys at different events, for some it's a tune up, for some it's the last race for a few weeks."

A big difference between this week and last will be the less than ideal conditions outdoors making it difficult for runners to run their fastest times.

"It probably won't happen," said Piane of Notre Dame's prospects for more NCAA qualifications this weekend.

Some of the top runners for the Irish will compete in events other than their usual events. Antonio Arce will compete in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, Marshall West will race in the 10,000-meter run and Chris Cochran will run in the 100-meter dash.

"Most of us are running a lot of events, which is not conducive to top times. We're looking to work on our 4x100 (meter relay), especially the passes, maybe break the school record this weekend," Cochran said.

One potential NCAA qualifier this weekend could be Jennifer Engelskardt in the women's high jump, if the wind cooperates. Engelskardt won the high jump at Arizona State last weekend and is one of the top high jumpers in the country.

"I think it's really early, a transition from indoor, Engelskardt said. "It's definitely going to be cold... that will take some getting used to, but everyone has to compete in it."

While it may appear that this weekend is almost a competitive practice, it is the only scoring meet before the Big East Championships take a scoring meet.

The Irish home this meet will prepare them for that format.

"We want to prepare for the Big East where we run a lot of races over a few days," assistant coach John Millar said. "We want to have people run a race and come back up and run another 45 minutes later..."

Notre Dame, Butler, Miami (OH), and Western Michigan start it off Saturday at 10 a.m. at Moose Krause Stadium.
Irish look to give Miller 300th win at Notre Dame

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame softball looks to give head coach Liz Miller her 300th win with the Irish as they open conference play with a doubleheader against Connecticut today.

Miller, now in her eighth season at Notre Dame and currently 298-143 for the Irish, has led Notre Dame softball to a 23-8 record, the best in the program's 12-year history, with its best year a 21-9 season in 1995.

"The three years I've played for her she's been very personable. She cares about stuff on and off the field," said junior Melanie Alkire. "She's a good motivator and she puts a lot of emotion into everything. She's good at making sure we're giving 110 percent all the time and doesn't accept anything less. She coaches every game for what it's worth."

The No. 21 Irish are coming off a 5-2 victory over Eastern Michigan on Wednesday.

Notre Dame's Jennifer Kricke tripled to right field before scoring on an infield single by Alkire to give the Irish the lead in the third.

But the Eagles fought back in the fourth with two singles and a double to drive in two runs for the 2-1 lead.

Freshman Lisa Mathison kicked off the Irish half of the fourth with an RBI double while Alkire drove in two runs with a single. Sophomore Jarrah Myers singled to drive in the final Irish run. Pitcher Jennifer Sharron earned the win, upping her record to 12-3.

Notre Dame, chosen to finish first in the Big East preseason poll, hopes to grab its first two conference wins against Connecticut (15-9).

The Irish have a 10-2 all-time record against the Huskies, earning three wins last year, including a 4-1 victory in the conference tournament. But Connecticut's all-Big East first team shortstop Jessica Vannoy will look to put a stop to Notre Dame offense.

"She's not just out there for herself," Alkire said of Miller's possible 300th win. "She wants to win for us, because everyone wants to win.

Notre Dame will begin doubleheader play at 4 p.m. today at Ivy Field against Connecticut.

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Dasso ready to continue Irish winning streak

By KEVIN BERCHOU
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The Irish, seen here during their split double-header with the Boilermakers of Purdue look to give head coach Liz Miller her 300th win today.
**Irish face No. 10 Longhorn squad in tough road trip**

By RACHEL BIBER

Sports Writer

Things just aren’t getting easier for the Irish.

The 30th-ranked Notre Dame men’s tennis team has hit the road again this weekend to travel to Austin, Texas, to take on the 10th-ranked Texas Longhorns.

Last weekend, the Irish dropped two road matches, to 25th-ranked North Carolina and fifth-ranked Duke, and fell to 9-7 on the season.

“This will be the seventh straight Top-25 team we’ve played,” Irish head coach Rob Bayliss said. “So certainly this is a stretch of matches that has challenged us, and we’ve been pretty close to a breakthrough...so I think we’re due to win one of these, and maybe this will be the one.”

The match-up with the Longhorns marks the third time in the last five contests that the Irish have faced a Top-10 team. Texas has beaten Notre Dame in their last seven meetings, but its margin of victory has been slim. The Longhorns have won each of the last four games 4-3.

“In the last four years we have played Texas, we have lost 4-3 matches that have usually come right down to the wire,” Bayliss said. “I am sure this year’s match will be competitive. We’re certainly ready to play another good team.”

Texas heads into the weekend’s competition on a recent tear highlighted by an eight-match winning streak and a perfect record in conference play.

With its recent 6-1 win over Oklahoma State, Texas picked up their 26th-straight win over a team. The Longhorns have won their last four matches in dual matches, to improve to 14-2 in dual matches, and hope to support the Irish lineup with their dimb in the doubles matches.

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“We’re playing real well right now and need to continue to stay focused down the home stretch of our season,” Texas head coach Dave Crowell said. “The Irish doubles team of Sachire and Trent Miller have also demonstrated solid doubles play in their recent matches, winning their last four matches at No. 2 doubles to improve their record to 11-8 overall and 10-5 in dual matches. The pair has reeled off nine wins in their last 12 matches and hope to support the Irish lineup with the same winning ways against Texas on Saturday.”

The Irish are back in action Saturday when they travel to Texas to take on the No. 10 Longhorns.

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Irish plan to end three-game slide against Commodores

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's lacrosse team looks to improve its third consecutive loss as it faces the Vanderbilt Commodores at home in Moose Krause Stadium Sunday.

The Irish are coming off a 9-7 defeat last weekend in the Johns Hopkins Blue Jays. The loss put Notre Dame at 1-3 on the season.

"The loss was disappointing because we played really well," midfielder Kelly McCardell said. "It was frustrating.

The Irish came out fast to build a 2-0 lead with McCardell scoring twice in the first seven minutes. Notre Dame held a 3-1 lead after freshman Danielle Shearer beat Blue Jays goalie Sara Lee.

"I think to take control right from the start was cool," McCardell said. "It showed Hopkins that we were out there to win.

But the Blue Jays countered Notre Dame's strong offensive play with three straight goals of their own and took a 4-3 lead into halftime. But Notre Dame came back with two goals from co-captain Lauren O'Shaughnessy, the second with 20 minutes to go. After two more tallies for Johns Hopkins brought the score to 7-5 in favor of the Blue Jays. O'Shaughnessy scored her third goal of the game.

"It was a close game that came down to a few shots," McCardell said. "We played a lot better than before. No one had a bad game.

As the game came down to the wire, the Irish again came within reach of tying the game when sophomore midfielder Natalie Loths converted a free position shot past Love, bringing the score to 8-7 with three minutes to go. But the Blue Jays finished the job when Erin Weilbacher scored on a rebound from Irish goalie Tara Durkin with 20 seconds to go.

"Against Ohio State it came down to a couple of seconds," McCardell said. "Against Johns Hopkins we had more time. It was tough. We played hard the whole game and tried to pull through but we didn't.

Durkin made 17 saves for the Irish. Johns Hopkins outshot Notre Dame 32-26. The Irish continued to lead their opponents in draw control, taking 13 of 18 faceoffs.

Notre Dame also turned over the ball 27 times, 11 more than Johns Hopkins. Irish co-captain Kaitlyn Perrella and sophomore defenseman Rachel Turk had assists against Johns Hopkins.

"Out on the field we work really well as a team," McCardell said.

The Irish laxers face No. 18 Vanderbilt on Sunday at home in Moose Krause Stadium. After losing their first three games, Vanderbilt now sits at 4-4 on the season.

The Irish have lost three straight to the Commodores, including a 15-9 defeat last year. All four of Vanderbilt's losses this season have come on the road.

Team leader and co-captain Sue Napolitano scored six goals in the Commodores' victory over Notre Dame in 1999. She has 24 goals and six assists so far this season. Emily Lough, a junior and the returning starter in goal for the Commodores, has posted an 11.94 goals against average and a .461 save percentage with six starts.

Shana Crabtree, Lough's back­ up, started two games for Vanderbilt, compiling a 7.5 GAA and a .500 save percentage. Crabtree started for Vanderbilt in the 1998 game against Notre Dame and played in goal against the Irish in 1999, fulfilling the duty for that game with Lough.

Cathy Sweney is in her third year as head coach for the Commodores. In 1999, the team finished seventh in the nation.

"We've been looking forward to this game because it is a home game and (Vanderbilt) is a ranked team," McCardell said. "This is a game we are really going to go after."
All-American Troy Murphy shoots over Wake Forest defender Thursday night at Madison Square Garden. Murphy and David Graves were named to the 2000 NIT All-Tournament team.

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half and stretched their lead to as many as 20 at the 12:35 mark.

Tournament MVP Robert O'Kelley caught fire and drained some clutch 3-pointers to give Wake Forest a comfortable lead.

"Credit O'Kelley. He's a competitive kid," Doherty said. He's struggled shooting the ball and I was hoping he would struggle more, but obviously he did not. He really came alive in the second half and hit a couple shots that really helped us.

Every time the Irish made a run, it seemed that the Deacons had an answer.

"It's pretty demoralizing when we played defense for 30 seconds and then they run off some dribble penetration and kick it out for a three; that's tough," Murphy said. "They hit us from behind with 19 points and Dawson came off the bench to contribute 13 points.

Notes:

- Sophomores Graves and Murphy were named to the 2000 NIT All-Tournament team.
- With five assists in the NIT championship game, senior point guard Jimmy Dillon tied the team's single-season assist record. He now shares the record with Jack Meehan who dished out 214 in the 1970-71 season.
- The Irish are now 0-3 in the NIT title game.

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Irish have special place in hearts of Notre Dame fans

Throughout the 1990s, excitement for Notre Dame basketball lay dormant, the frantic crowds and 30+-game-winning seasons of yesteryear a long-gone memory. This year, Irish guard David Graves said, "You play in rowdy sell-out crowds at the Joyce Center. The young team battled its way to a 22-win season. It upset five ranked opponents with a confidence uncommon among inexperienced players.

Most importantly, they stole the hearts of the Notre Dame community and of their first-year head coach Matt Doherty.

"I told them, I said they'll have a special place in my heart," Doherty said after Thursday's loss to Wake Forest. "You don't ever want to say one team's going to be more special than another. It's like saying one child's more special than another and that's not fair. But it's going to be tough for some team to steal my heart like this team did."

The 1999-2000 Irish basketball team captured the adoration of the community with its upstart attitude, a belief that it could beat any team in the nation on any given day. And they sometimes did, knocking off two defending Final Four teams during the first two months of their season in Ohio State and Connecticut.

Little was expected of the Irish this year, as seven of their top nine players were freshmen or sophomores. That kind of note did not matter, though, as the Irish turned the ball over 13 times in the first 16 minutes and the Deamon Deacons were able to capitalize on these miscues, converting the 13 turnovers into 23 points.

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The Deacons, however, struck back in the second half.

Irish sophomore David Graves takes an elbow to the face as he wrestles for the ball in Thursday's NIT championship game. Graves had 17 points and six rebounds for the Irish.

Making a racket

The No. 14 Notre Dame women's tennis looks to prove its strength when it takes on 12th-ranked Vanderbilt Sunday.

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Notre Dame's storied season ends with NIT loss

By BRIAN KESSLER

The third time was not a charm for Notre Dame Thursday night, as the Irish failed to win their third-ever NIT championship for the third time in school history.

Notre Dame (22-15), who was the runner-up in 1973 and 1992, dropped a 71-61 contest to Wake Forest (22-14) in the NIT title game in front of 12,351 fans at Madison Square Garden.

"You have to take your hat off to them," sophomore David Graves said. "They played well defensively and shut down our offense, but we never quit. A couple shots here and there and it's a different ball game. But that's the way it goes."

It didn't go Notre Dame's way in the first half. Wake Forest outscored the Irish 25-6 over an 11-minute span to take a 17-point lead with less than two minutes to go.

"You've got to score to win and you gain momentum by making plays and scoring baskets," Irish sophomore All-American Troy Murphy said. "If you can't score for a long time, you kill your momentum. Credit their defense. They were tough and hit some shots. Can't have stretches where you don't score against good teams. We tried to do that tonight and came up short.

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