Alums recruit Bush for ND Commencement speech

By CHRISTINE KRALY
Senior Staff Writer

The University is awaiting an official White House announcement that President George W. Bush will deliver the keynote commencement speech. According to Chris Mehl, press secretary for Indiana Third District Congressman Tim Roemer's office, there is no confirmation yet that Bush will speak. On Dec. 22 Roemer traveled to Austin to meet with Bush, armed with a letter urging him to accept the invitation to speak at Notre Dame.

Five Notre Dame alumni congressmen, including Roemer, sent a letter to Bush Feb. 21 encouraging the president to make a trip to South Bend.

"We urge you to give this invitation your favorable consideration," the congressmen said in their letter to the president.

Roemer also paid a visit to the White House this past Thursday and reportedly pulled Bush aside to lobby again for the commencement speech.

Bush would be the fifth president to accept an invitation to speak at Commencement; his father, George Bush Sr., was the most recent in 1992.

Bush would also receive an honorary degree from the University, as did Dwight Eisenhower, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan and Bush Senior, who have all spoken at Notre Dame. Franklin Roosevelt and Gerald Ford received honorary degrees at times other than Commencement.

ND 2001-2002 tuition hike lowest since 1959

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

In what Notre Dame officials are touting as the lowest tuition increase in more than 40 years, the University recently announced a nearly 5 percent increase in undergraduate tuition, a change that will ring up average costs at $30,530 for the 2001-2002 academic year.

The 4.9 percent hike, announced in a recent letter to the parents of freshman, sophomore and junior students, translates to a $1,430 increase in current tuition and fees. It raises tuition to $24,920 and room and board to $6,210.

The current cost of a Notre Dame undergraduate education stands around $29,100 after last year's 5.2 percent jump.

For about the past four decades, the University's Board of Trustees has approved annual increases in tuition. This year's increase is the lowest since 1959, when there was no increase from the previous year.

"Quality higher education is expensive, and we are determined to maintain the level of excellence which has given a Notre Dame degree its special value," said University President Father Edward Malloy in an early-March letter to parents.

"At the same time, we benchmark with peer institutions to make sure we are in touch with best practices in cost control and efficiency,"

Officials said Notre Dame charges remain for below those of similar private institutions.

Dennis Moore, director of Public Relations and Information, said the most recent tuition increase is tied to the record-breaking fundraising success of the Generations campaign and continued growth in the University endowment.

"There's no doubt the Generations campaign was instrumental in this record low increase," Moore said of the three-year venture that raised more than $1 billion. "The growth of the endowment also played a large part.

Moore said the endowed and generation funds have also contributed to the University's ability to meet students' need. He said increased resources now allow Notre Dame to meet the full financial need of undergraduate students.

According to a 2001 annual report prepared by the Office of Financial Aid, the amount of scholarship aid awarded annually by the University to undergraduate students increased by 21.5 percent in the past year.

"We've gone from a position of being non-competitive to the point where we can fully meet the demonstrated need of our students," Moore said.

In addition to undergraduate costs, the Board of Trustees at a recent meeting approved three other tuition increases. Graduate school tuition is up 4.9 percent to $24,220, and tuition for the Law School and Masters of Business Administration program is up 4.8 percent to $24,920.
A Sage King of our time

If all started with an email. Prior to break I wrote my professor an email addressing a problem I was having with our class’ coursework. I was frustrated with the Constant “Access Denied” box that appeared with my every attempt to enter my dropbox. I was feeling slightly frustrated.

In his reply my professor offered to talk to OFF and get my coursework problem straightened out. He assured me that everything would be fixed in just a few days.

However, unlike most replies from professors, my professor closed his with a genuine — and quite unusual — question: “How are you?”

I was stunned. I could not remember the last time a professor asked me how I was doing. Without reference to the class or the homework or even the coursework, he sought to have a conversation with me. He showed legitimate concern for me and my well being. He cared!

There are more than 70 students in our class, and he knows everyone’s name. His heart has no limits. He has faith that we all will find truth. Today after class I spent an enlightening daily lessons.

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Walk stimulates third world hunger problems

Student Diversity Board to begin new program to sponsor Mexican children

By MYRA McGRIFF
Same Mary's Edition

The newly formed Student Diversity Board (SDB) presented students with a walk through the reality of a starving nation Tuesday, kicking off one of its first major events of the month of March. Through interactive stations students got a glimpse into the lives of famished people. One station depicted how starving children become malnourished to the point of losing their sight and forming other vitamin deficiency diseases. Other stations gave detailed information on the contaminated water third-world nations consume and their lack of resources.

Along with showing the hardships of starving nations, the interactive walk also presented potential solutions to the problem. One of the stations was designated to provide information on groups and organizations students can get involved with to stop the hunger problem. SDB, working along with the Student Volunteer Advisory Board, hopes to jump start a program to sponsor a child from Guadalajara, Mexico. The Los Hijos y Las Hijas de Santa Maria would eventually pair Saint Mary's students with one of the 60 children involved in the program. Sponsorship includes letter writing and fundraisers, in hopes the children involved will be able to stay in school.

“It provides an exchange for the kids as well as the student and helps get the children through school…” Sister Linda Kors, director, Spec Unica Resource and Volunteer Center.

An outage that barred Notre Dame Internet users from accessing Web sites outside the campus network remained in effect early this morning, marking at least the fourth server failure this academic year. Administrators in the Office of Information Technologies said Tuesday night that they were unsure of the cause for the disruption and were unclear about when the problem would be resolved.

Computer operator Brandon Bauer, who was working to fix the failure Tuesday, said the problem was likely linked with a downed router at Genuity, the University's Chicago-based service provider. “We don't have a specific cause yet, the router that's down in Chicago carries our service,” Bauer said.

The outage began around 9:30 p.m. and prevented users from accessing Web pages outside the nd.edu domain and sending e-mail to anyone outside the University community.

“The local campus network is fine, but if you try to contact a Web site past campus, you're not go getting to anything,” Bauer said.

Genuity officials said Tuesday they were still troubleshooting but it would not take long to restore the server, according to Bauer. Tuesday's interruption in service was the fourth in a string of Internet outages dating back to the beginning of the academic year. On Sept. 12, an extended outage of the University's e-mail server brought campus online communications to a standstill for nearly a full day. On Nov. 6 and 7, a 36-hour failure posed problems similar to the Tuesday outage.

Scattered outages—both scheduled and unexpected—have also disrupted campus Internet access throughout the year. Most recently, a planned outage of the University's Webmail server shut down e-mail usage on March 11 and 12. Bauer said that event was unrelated to Tuesday’s outage.

Project engenders discussion

By JASON McFARLEY

A mock newspaper distributed Tuesday and a set of two banners to be hung today are part of a project intended to raise awareness about campus gender relations.

The efforts are tied to the Dave Clark Bachelor of Fine Arts Project and kick off a half-semester-long undertaking of a Notre Dame senior.

“The project will be addressing various social factors at Notre Dame which contribute to the poor state of gender relations,” Clark said in an e-mail to The Observer.

Today Clark said he expects to hang the first set of two banners on academic buildings in prominent locations on campus. The banners will hang for a week and introduce the Notre Dame community to the topics the project will address.

On Tuesday, Clark distributed “The Observed” to each Notre Dame’s 27 residences halls.

An obvious imitation of The Observer, the two-page paper featured articles on single-sex halls and partials causing divisions between the sexes as well as the University's alleged lack of female faculty and seemingly male-dominated environment. Clark said he will speak to the seniors this afternoon.

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Fugitive man-hunt shuts down mall

Police forced to shut down down Mall of America

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. - Police closed the biggest shopping mall in the country for eight hours Tuesday to evacuate, including store employees, people who walk around the mall for exercise, and students who attend two schools at the shopping center.

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Deputy Police Chief

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groups in Connecticut are seeking federal recognition, which would allow them to open casinos.

John Poupart, president of the American Indian Policy Center in St. Paul, Minn., said it is more in vogue to be Indian now than when he was a child decades ago.

He also noted that no one checks the validity of census claims.

"Anyone can be what they want to be as far as the census is concerned," said Poupart.

More than 9,600 Connecticut residents identified themselves as solely of Indian ancestry last year - up from 6,700 in the 1990 census, when people could only choose one race.

More than 14,000 others claimed to be of mixed Indian blood in last year's census.

National Tribal Development Association, which helps tribes develop businesses, gets calls all the time from people seeking information about tribal membership, said Daryl Wright, chief of staff for the group.

"Personally, I don't find fault with tribal people who have been lost and disenfranchised who want to be as far as the census is concerned," Wright said.

"What makes an Indian is not the degree of Indian blood, but what's in your heart, and are you following ways that have been handed down generation to generation - the culture and way of life," he said.
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**Sub skipper discusses regret at hearing**

Waddle admits responsibility in submarine collision

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii By turnus apologetic and defensive, the skipper of a submarine that sank a Japanese trawler was on the stand Tuesday blaming errors by himself and his crew for the accident as a Navy court of inquiry into the collision ended. "These mistakes were human errors," said Cmdr. Scott Waddle. In a closing statement, Waddle's civilian attorney, Charles Gittins, implied the three admirals presiding over the inquiry had recommended a court-martial. Gittins blamed the accident on a series of extraordinary circumstances that he said could not be duplicated. "Commander Waddle exercised his judgement, and he did his best level. He may have fallen short on that day, but it wasn't criminal," Gittins said. Under investigation are Waddle's executive officer, Lt. Cmdr. Gerald Pfeffer, and the officer of the deck, Lt. j.g. Michael Coen. All three could face courts-martial. Before Waddle testified, a Navy lawyer listed the crimes he is accused of committing: "I am solely responsible for this truly tragic accident, and for the rest of my life I will live with the consequences." Cmdr. Scott Waddle USS Greeneville skipper

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Senate votes for exceptions to McCain-Feingold

Amendments would exempt opponents of wealthy, self-financed candidates from rules

WASHINGTON

The Senate voted Tuesday to ease campaign funding restrictions on candidates battling wealthy, self-financing rivals, overriding objections that the move would run afoul of the Constitution and undermine an effort to reduce the role of money in politics.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said limits would be raised for all candidates before debate on campaign finance legislation was through. "The only question is how much," he said.

Supporters of the amendment relating to millionaires said it was necessary because it flows to any candidate able to use a necessity to equalize an advantage that differs from those who have "soft money," loosely regulated, unlimited donations that unions, corporations and individuals make to political parties. It also would restrict certain types of political advertising broadcast within 60 days of an election or 30 days of a primary. Together, the Republican and Democratic parties collected more than $480 million in soft money in the last two-year election cycle. At the same time, candidates of both parties were upset by ad financed by outside groups, commercials that escaped disclosure because they did not expressly advocate the election or defeat of an individual politician.

The ninemembers amendment was advanced originally by Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., and while McCain and Feingold helped kill an earlier version Monday night, it was refined in overnight negotiations to the point that they deemed it acceptable.

"I think it's beginning to change in its character, and with each change I think you lessen the opportunity for us to keep Democrats together in support of a bill that they can no longer identify as McCain-Feingold," said the Democratic leader, Sen. Tom Daschle of South Dakota. In the case of candidates running against self-financing rivals, the amendment that passed would increase the size of allowable donations on a sliding scale based on a state's population. The current $1,000 contribution limit would eventually rise to $6,000, and political parties would be allowed to offer greater assistance than is now the case.

Sen. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, said the provision was necessary because it would rectify a "shell game," reinforced nervousness among Republican supporters of the soft money ban that Democrats eventually would find a way to ensure its defeat. While supporters of the bill labored to hold their coalition together on the floor, McCain met privately during the day with AFL-CIO President John Sweeney. Organized labor opposed the bill's provision that restricts late-campaign advertising.

Bush to repeal new safety law

WASHINGTON

President Bush said he will sign on Tuesday a repeal of new workplace safety regulations — making the business-backed measure the first substantive policy that he turns into law.

"There's a change in regulations that I believe is positive and I intend to sign today," Bush told an approving assembly of women business leaders in the East Room.

Bush, who threatened to veto the ergonomics rules during a when the measure was issued earlier this month with help today. Business interests who criticized the cost and scope of the regulations. Bush held the legislation up as a victory for him and the Republican-controlled Congress. Last week, in his first Rose Garden signing ceremony, Bush put his signature on a bill naming a Boston courtroom for retiring Rep. Joe Moakley, D-Mass.

"The Congress is beginning to get to a sense of accomplishment. There is a culture of accomplishment in Washington," Bush said Tuesday.
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Price Spikes

The price of natural gas saw an increase last March and spiked to almost $11 over Christmas.

Who is using natural gas

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U.S. energy consumption

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Nuclear 8.3%
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For a decade natural gas has been the fuel to love. It's clean, plentiful and found close to home. Most important, it was cheap.

No longer.

As natural gas prices have soared to as much as five times what they were 18 months ago, consumers — from the elderly trying to heat their homes to executives who are shutting down chemical plants because of high gas prices — are wondering what happened.

Are producers profiteering?

Maybe. At the very least, they're raking in billions of dollars.

Will the high costs, which have eased in recent weeks, rebound this summer and into next fall? Supplies remain tight. If the summer is a hot one, prices could again soar.

Can future production meet growing demand? Most experts say there's plenty of gas developing it will depend on price and building new pipelines.

Should the government reimpose price controls? A few advocates say yes; the Bush administration and most economists, no.

Government regulations produced a "couple of real disasters" — gas shortages in the 1970s and a gas "bubble" of too much supply in the early '80s, says Paul MacAvoy, a Yale economist who has followed the industry for 15 years. Despite greater risks of occasional price spikes, MacAvoy argues, a free market provides lower prices and adequate supplies in the long run.

President Bush's energy plan, expected to be unveiled next month, will stress expanding natural gas production and building new pipelines, but experts agree it will be years before those efforts significantly influence the gas market. Meanwhile demand for the fuel will continue to rise, especially for generating electricity.

It may be some time, perhaps never, before prices again will be as low as they were over a 15-year period covering the late 1980s and all of the 1990s, energy economists say.

During that stretch the wholesale price of gas hovered around $2 per 1,000 cubic feet. After accounting for inflation, natural gas prices actually declined by almost a third between 1985 and 1999, according to the American Gas Association.

Then in the first six months of last year, the price doubled, then doubled again. By Christmas and into the new year it had spiked to nearly $11 for the same 1,000 cubic feet. It's been even higher in power-starved California, prompting charges of price manipulation by suppliers and pipeline operators.

As the surge in gas prices drove up home heating bills by 50 percent or more in many areas, businesses and industrial plants saw energy costs cut into profits. Some chemical plants using natural gas as a feedstock have seen foreign competitors grab business because of the high U.S. energy costs.

Redland Brick Inc. of Williamsport, Md., has seen the cost of firing up its kilns at four plants soar. An expected extra bill of $4 million is twice what it was in 1999, says James Vinke, the company's president.

In recent weeks, wholesale gas prices have begun to fall back to about half what they were in December and early January, but at $5 per 1,000 cubic feet, they remain more than double what they were in the winter of 1999.

"The length of time that gas prices have remained so high is unprecedented," the government's Energy Information Administration said in its latest energy forecast. It predicted prices will not ease much this year or next.

Energy experts say prices could just as easily spike again if supplies lag and demand jumps over a hot summer or unusually cold weather next winter. So far, demand is unusually low for the end of winter, raising some concerns if demand this summer is strong.

"It is becoming clear with each passing month that we grossly underestimated the demand pressure facing natural gas," says Matthew Simmons, a Houston-based investment banker and energy analyst who frequently has warned of an impending natural gas crisis.

Simmons helped craft a National Petroluem Council report at the end of 1999. It predicted that over the next 15 years natural gas prices will increase by 40 percent to 31.5 trillion cubic feet annually. With power plant construction at a fast pace, that demand now could come in five or six years, says Simmons.

While the council, an advisory panel to the government, said enough gas exists to meet the demand, it warned that production will have to increase dramatically, including in some areas that long have been off limits or restricted for environmental reasons.

Ironically, the report assumed that even with higher demand, prices would stay under $3 per 1,000 cubic feet, saying that was enough of an incentive to spur development.

Of all fossil fuels, natural gas is clean.

It is by far the cleanest, compared to coal and oil, natural gas emits far less smog-causing and toxic air pollution or heat-trapping greenhouse gases when burned. Environmentalists embrace it as the transition from fossil fuels to solar technology or hydrogen fuel cells that are still decades away from wide use.

Natural gas also is plentiful. An estimated 2.494 trillion cubic feet of reserves in the United States and Canada is enough to meet today's demand for 100 years. And there is no worry about cutoffs from unfriendly nations halfway across the globe.

Nevertheless, the price explosion of the last year has prompted more than a few energy experts to wonder, once half jokingly, whether the OPEC oil cartel had captured the natural gas market.

Energy prices skyrocket, experts say rise may continue
Dorm life does offer benefits

I am trapped but my prison is self-imposed. Come next year I will be starting out into the world through the bars of my golden cell and I'm ready for it. While most of my friends will move to the exotic locales sprinkled around South Bend, I wish however by the off-campus housing fairy, all grown up and ready to take on the world, I'll see things from my single in Zahm Hall. And I say that's fine — fine indeed. I have studied both sides of the issue and I have determined that the only rational choice one can make is to remain on campus. I hope I can convince you of this in about 800 words. And maybe along the way we can share a smile or two.

Okay, first of all, isn’t it kind of a hassle to park your car around here? I mean, I’ve gotten three tickets in the past month. Granted the dining halls aren’t grade A, but if you’re off campus is because of food. My roommates won’t do any dishes and eventually you want to move out of the dorm. or once a month when you have to spend your money wisely.

Another reason why no one should move off campus is because of food. Granted the dining halls aren’t grade A but they do the job and they do the dishes and the cooking and the cleaning.

I know, some of you like to cook — we’ll see how you like it when you have to do it at least once a day and the damn roommates won’t do any dishes and something smells in here. No, give me my nature burger or flank steak. Grocery shopping can be fun but not when you have to spend your money wisely. I would like to leave that to the University and my parents for as long as possible. All I want to buy is Dinty Moore Beef Stew, Funnies and soda, and the occasional avocados. I don’t want to buy milk, eggs, bread and other less glamorous stuff.

And what are these off campus meal plans? Flex Eight-and-a-half? Leonard Part V7? Okay, the last one is a Cosby movie (it ain’t “Ghost Dad,” let me tell you) and not an actual meal plan, but it might as well be.

No, I don’t think living on campus is great. While I am here, I have to obey all of the state’s laws and then some: no girls after two, no kegs, no candles, no throwing food in the dining hall. But I guess it’s all worth it. This place rocks sometimes. For instance, when I get to go back to the dorm, or once a semester when the dining hall has chicken tenders, or when they turn Stonehenge on for the first time, or when I’m only staying on because I wanted to be an R.A.

Eric Long's column appears every other Wednesday.

The views expressed in this column are the views of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Adapting Christ's Image Normal

After publication of yesterday's letter to the editor that examined the treatment of officializing, Derrick Bravo and I sat down to discuss how contexts are evaluated and have decided to try and explain the officializing system.

A good cornerman will advise his fighter not to leave a corner without cards and judges. When a fight goes to the cards there tends to be a close contest and judges are fallible. Take a play at the plate in baseball. While one fan will be pleased with the outcome, others will be disappointed. Some of the crowd at the Bengals was displeased with some calls and fan reactions are an important part of sport.

Every measure is taken to ensure that close calls go the right way with the resources the Boxing Club has. The role of student judges was criticized in the letter. It was suggested that they could not be objective. However, one judge explained that every effort is made for student judges to remove themselves from fights where friends are participating. That might explain why some judges were supporting a particular fighter — but they were not judging that bout.

Additionally, judges from the Notre Dame community that have been a part of the sport of boxing and the Bengals for years make their judgment on the other two cards evaluated by the referee before making a decision. So in the case mentioned in the student's question judges supported the student judge saw as well.

With respect to the offer of having professional judges evaluate the fights, a member of the boxing team presented this option to one of the coaches. However, the coach dismissed the offer, elected to keep the judges who have been with the program for a long period of time, some of whom are even alumni that they have done a good job in past tournaments — including this year's contests — and will continue to do so in the future.

With respect to the issue of the cause versus the glory of participating in the Bengal bouts an honest boxer will tell you it is both. Anyone who had their hand raised at the end of the fight will not deny it is a great feeling and a reward for weeks of training and sacrifice. And anyone who has lost a fight will tell you it is important to feel the pride of being a part of a greater cause.

Finally, a good team will always find ways to strengthen their program and resolve conflict internally. I commend Derrick for meeting with me to resolve this issue. We feel that it illustrates that the best way to resolve conflicts within a team or organization is through internal communication, openness and understanding rather than a public back and forth in the media.

Brian Hobkins
sene, co-president Notre Dame boxing club

March 20, 2001

The idea that this country was founded by white people, for white people is a statement most people would consider to be backwards and regressive. It implies this nation is designed for the advancement of whites over everyone else. This statement at first may seem absurd, but if a politician, would probably signal the end of his or her career.

It is common knowledge how much different is the above statement from how we view the world today. When we talk about the struggle of the immigrant, the English speakers, for English speakers, it refers to people who speak Spanish. And we will benefit from it.

It is our duty to try and change with the times. It is our duty to look around us. Most people can relate to the experience of having been a minority. It is our duty to use this experience to help us understand the plight of others. It is our duty to use our empathy to help us understand how other people feel. It is our duty to use our knowledge of history to help us understand how other people feel. It is our duty to use our knowledge of history to help us understand how other people feel. It is our duty to use our knowledge of history to help us understand how other people feel.

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Calculators and drug selling lessons

By LAURA KELLY
Associate Story Editor

The Internet is a beautiful thing. Not only has it provided a generation of procrastinating college students with e-mail, Instant Messenger and MP3s, but students rarely have to exert more energy than moving a mouse to do research or find the answer to any question.

Our parents sang the virtues of a good dictionary and thesaurus, our older brothers and sisters researched the secret of "Cliffs Notes." But today it may actually be possible to graduate from Notre Dame without opening up a reference book or setting foot in the library. Why bother walking across campus when everything you need can be found online?

Thus the smart student—or the student who knows how to get by on the least amount of work—has to know where to go to find answers to life's big questions. Questions like, why bother reading Hamlet when someone else can write me a synopsis? Or, how can I get out of my Spanish requirement without ever actually learning to write in the language?

Of course, the dedicated intellectuals at Notre Dame and Mary's would never be the type to slack off in their studies. But occasionally, drastic times call for drastic measures. And it's always better to know where to go for help. Among the many Web sites that claim to have the answers to all your class assignments, a few stand out in terms of quality, ease of use and completeness.

SparkNotes

For students looking for a quick, easy answer, SparkNotes is the site to use. Students and teachers search the Web for information related to their course assignments, and SparkNotes provides a list of topics related to the assignment. For example, a student looking for help with a problem in biology might search for "photosynthesis," "chemistry," or "biology." Once the results are displayed, the student can then read the article that best matches their needs.

SparkNotes.com has become a popular user-friendly tool for the classroom. With the ability to search for topics by keyword, the site allows students to find the information they need quickly and easily. In addition, SparkNotes provides a list of related topics so that students can expand their knowledge on a particular subject.

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Wednesday, March 21, 2001

Homework got you stumped? From dictionaries and encyclopedias to literary study guides, SparkNotes.com is the Web site to visit. Developed in 1999 by two Harvard grads, "CliffsNotes," but online at the touch of a button.

The site also markets itself to confused chemistry and biology majors, offering simple explanations of topics like stoichiometry and cell respiration. For those baffled by calculus or economics, SparkNotes puts important equations and formulas at your finger tips.

Some of SparkNotes.com's quirky sections include "Biography," where you can learn the details of JFK's childhood and schooling, or "Relax," where you can find out about the history of theasta, the MCAT and the GRE.

For those who need a quicker answer to their academic woes, SparkNotes.com offers a helpful side bar with reference materials, including a dictionary, a thesaurus, a calculator, maps and a periodic table. Students from around the world can use the translator to write back and forth between Spanish, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and English.

Aside from its academic seriousness, SparkNotes.com has a lighter side as well. Under the "Relax" category, stressed-out students can enjoy articles about famous college dropouts and the origins of the dunce cap.

Another amusing feature is the "SparkNotes KnowledgeCam." More than a webcam, this device allows Internet junkies to watch students studying and hear their thoughts at the same time, according to SparkNotes.com.

After about 20 seconds of weather, Ben, Justin, Porter or Boonie study and reading their random thoughts, even the most dedicated slacker will return to the books out of sheer boredom.

Overall, SparkNotes.com is a complete reference Web site for every college student. It provides simple, clear information, and while it may not have all the answers, it is a solid foundation.

Dictionary

This dictionary is the delicacy of every arts and letters professor. And it's not so bad for students who don't
wanted to shell out $40 for Mr. Webster's book, either. Dictionary.com's main purpose is obviously clear: at the top of the page you can type in any word and instantly find its meaning, pronunciation and origin. While this is a helpful tool for anyone writing a paper, the Web site offers much more than a simple dictionary search.

Dictionary.com is (surprisingly) linked closely to its counterpart, Thesaurus.com, and users can easily switch back and forth between the two. If you've ever found yourself banging your head on your keyboard trying to come up with just the right word, the thesaurus option is for you. And it prevents any nasty paper cuts that might arise from flipping through an actual book to find synonyms and antonyms.

English majors are not the only ones who will feel at home at Dictionary.com. The site offers dictionaries of all kinds: medical, scientific, geographical and foreign languages. Dictionary.com also offers a translator tool, with the added feature of translating entire Web pages simply by typing in the site's address. As with all foreign language translation programs, however, it is always best to check closely what the computer gives you, as the translation is by no means guaranteed.

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iTools.com

While Dictionary.com is as well known as other Web research sites, iTools.com is a surprisingly complete resource for students. The site contains many different kinds of information, but a well-structured format makes it easy to navigate.

From its homepage, iTools.com offers three basic services: Language Tools, Research-it! and Find-it. Find-it is a standard search engine, but the other two sites boasting a variety of academic resources.

Language Tools is similar to Dictionary.com, offering English and foreign language dictionaries and thesauruses, language translators and rhyming dictionaries. An unusual feature is a link to AllWords.com which allows you to listen to a pronunciation of the word you look up.

Research-it! is iTools' largest collection of Web resources. Under "Library Tools" you can hunt for inspiration or type a title of a book or research paper into the search box. iTools.com claims to be written by Harvard grads, and it is always important to remember reading the abridge notes (or worse, writing an entire paper off the notes) is never a good idea. Not only could it border on plagiarism, but every good professor can see through it in an instant. Drat.

Encarta.msn.com and Britannica.com

Of the many encyclopedias available online, Encarta and Britannica are two of the most complete. The well-known Encyclopedia Britannica offers a thorough search option, providing full-length articles on any topic, as well as pictures, movies clips and sound bites. The Web site has an easy-to-use format, with categories on Art and Entertainment, Science and Technology and History and Humanities. These sections offer in-depth articles on current and controversial issues — an excellent resource for pages on history or ethics.

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So if your eyes are bleeding from an all-nighter and you start to panic because you know you'll never finish that seven page paper in two hours, fire up the Internet and start searching. Fast.

But you can't always rely on those supposedly brilliant Harvard writers to do your work for you.
NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Top seeded Huskies dominate Rams, advance to Sweet 16

Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. — Swin Cash and Connecticut Huskies made quick work of yet another overmatched team, this time a No. 16-seed in the tournament.

Cash had 18 points and 11 rebounds as the top-seeded Huskies beat the Rams 89-44 Monday night in the first round of the tournament.

The score was 47-43 when Dales hit a 3-pointer from the far left corner to put her coach, coach Tara VanDerveer, "I've never disappointed to come in here and play our game," Cash said. "But I know now we have two games to win." Cash added that the Huskies were coming off a loss to Stanford in the semifinals of the West Regional on Friday night.

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The victory was the eighth straight for the fifth-seeded Lady Bears (27-5), who will play No. 2 seed Iowa in the West Regional semifinal at Spokane, Wash., on Saturday. The Blue Devils beat Arkansas 75-54 Monday.

Fourth-seeded Rutgers, which had made at least the round of 16 the last three years, finished 23-8 after losing at home for the first time in 14 games this season.

"I'm in shock," senior Linda Miles said. "We had the opportunities. I just can't believe we didn't execute.

Stiles was the main reason Rutgers fell short this time, scoring 10 of the final six points for the Lady Bears. The senior guard hit 8-of-16 from the field and 16-of-19 from the foul line in sending Southwest Missouri State to the round of 16 for the first time since 1993.

"My hat's off to Jackie Stiles," Rutgers coach C. Vivian Stringer said. "She is the hardest working player."

No other player scored in double figures for Southwest Missouri State, although Early Deer hit two go-ahead free throws and Melody Campbell added a key baseline jumper for a 49-45 lead with 2:25 to play.

Tasha Pointer had 15 points for Rutgers, but the senior point guard had a crucial turnover with about 12 seconds left and the Scarlet Knights down 56-53.

"I was hit, and then it went off my foot," said Pointer, who kept Rutgers in the game until the late mistake.

"They have a lot of quickness and size and the ability to knock you in the head," Deer said. "And that's what we were trying to do, but we didn't do it today."

Southwest Missouri State, a 60-53 winner over Toledo after being seeded Rutgers' bid for a second straight final four berth by beating the Scarlet Knights 60-53 in the second round of the West Regional.

"This is your senior year and you go for it with everything you got," said Stiles, who missed the final 10 minutes of Saturday night's first-round win over Toledo after being knocked woozy running into a pick.

"My athletic training staff and the doctors traveling with us did a great job of getting me healthy for this game," she said.

As soon as Stiles finished the sentence, Southwest Missouri coach Cheryl Burnett quipped, "She plays like this, we're going to knock her in the head again."

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The Frank O'Malley Award is presented to a faculty member for their outstanding contribution to the Notre Dame Student Body.

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Nominations are due March 23 by 3pm in the Student Government Office. 203 LaFortune.
Tennis
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At 14-3 the Irish are playing the
best they have in years and show
no sign of slowing down. They
have been ranked as high as fifth
in the country and now sit at No. 7.
They are gearing up to make a
strong showing to end out the
season. After a little trouble deal­
ing with their demanding sched­
ule and high ranking, the Irish
have bounced back and are play­
ing tougher than ever.
"This is probably better than
we've ever been," said Louderback.
"Early on in the rankings ef­
ected us some because we
hadn't really been ranked that
high before," said Louderback.
"But as the season has gone on
we are pretty much used to it and
have quit thinking about it."
The Irish will have their work
cut out for them this weekend as
they travel to Kentucky and
Tennessee to take on the
Wildcats and Volunteers who are
both in the top 30.
"We have the talent and fire
power to beat anyone in the
country but we need to take each
match one at a time and we can't
take anyone for granted," said
Louderback.
The road trip marks the second
weekend in a row that the Irish
are traveling and the team feels
they need to stay focused and
concentrate on every match.
"They are both very good teams
who play very well at home," said
Louderback.
"Kentucky and Tennessee are
always a tough road trip but
we've gotten used to playing a lot
on the road."

No. 26 Irish win Blue
and Gray Classic

By KATIE HUGHES
Sports Writer

The Irish men's tennis team
found their pot of gold the day
after St. Patrick's day.
The Blue and Gold came
home with a big Blue and Gray
National Tennis Classic title on
Sunday, continuing a spectacu­
lar run of victories that the Irish
have not seen the likes of in
over a decade.
The 26th-ranked Irish beat
22nd-ranked Fresno State 4-2
by dominating in singles action.
"Going in, we were pretty
fired up. The day before, we
had a big crowd from Auburn
cheering against us, and
that actually motivated us a
lot," said senior Matt Daly.
The Irish went into their
match against Fresno after
defeating Tulane and Rice 4-0,
and then beating 18th-ranked
Auburn to reach the finals of the
tournament.
"They really took it to us in
doubles," Daly said. "We were
kind of lucky in doubles,
and that was kind of a disapp­
pointment. But I think that
might have been a good thing
for us in singles."
Then the Irish got crazy in
Alabama, denying a Fresno
upset with their unstoppable
singles. Junior Aaron Talarico
laid the match by beating David
Mullins 6-2 6-1 at No. 4 singles.
Freshman Luis Haddocks-
Morales then defeated Nick
Finstad 6-4, 7-5 at No. 3 singles.
Junior Javier Taborga, ranked
30th, kept the momentum of the
match going, beating Sean
Cooper 6-4, 7-6 in No. 2 singles.
"I think as a team, we're real­
ly better outdoors," Daly said.
"Indoor tennis favors quick
points and big serves. What we
have is a lot of scrappy play."
Fresno State's 35th-ranked
Peter Luczak defeated Notre
Dame junior Casey Smith at No. 1
singles, but then sophomore
Brian Farrell increased his win­
ing streak to nine in a row by
defeating the Bulldogs' No. 5
singles. Daly didn't even have to
finish his match against Alex
Meschini in No. 6 singles after
Farrell's win.
"Right down the line, from
two to six, everyone came out
really fired up and played really
well," said Daly.
The Blue and Grey victory
brings the Irish winning streak
to 13 in a row, the longest
streak since winning 14 straight
in 1990.
"Ever since Duke we've been
on a roll," Daly said. "This is a
very important part of our sea­
son. Our next four matches are
against top 20 teams, and we're
not looking for a letdown."
Earnhardt autopsy photos spark debate

**Associated Press**

ORLANDO, Fla.

A Daytona International Speedway doctor reviewed Dale Earnhardt's autopsy photos before they were sealed, an action that may jeopardize an agreement between the driver's widow and the Orlando Sentinel.

Sentinel attorney David Bralow said he hasn't decided whether the disclosure that Dr. Steve Bohannon looked at the photos puts the agreement in jeopardy but added: "We're looking at our options."

The deal reached last week limits access to the photos, which are public records under Florida law.

The Sentinel had tried to have its own medical expert review the images. Instead, an independent medical expert will look at the photos and then submit a report to the newspaper and the Earnhardt family on the cause of death and an explanation of certain head injuries. The photos then will be permanently sealed as requested by Teresa Earnhardt because of privacy concerns.

"Do you think we would have been as accommodating had we known that NASCAR had an independent medical expert who would look at the photos and submit a report to them?" Bralow said Tuesday. "As far as I'm concerned, when something is private, it's private."

But Earnhardt attorney Thom Rumberger said the Sentinel should think twice before trying to get out of the agreement.

"As far as I'm concerned, the Sentinel has pledged their honor, their faith and their fortunes to that agreement," Rumberger said.

Earnhardt died at the Daytona 500 Feb. 18 after crashing into a wall at an estimated 170 mph. Volusia County officials had contended that nobody other than the medical examiner's staff had viewed his autopsy photos. But a visitor's log obtained by the Sentinel showed that Bohannon looked at the photos for 35 minutes on Feb. 21, three days after Earnhardt's death.

Bohannon is director of emergency services at the speedway and accompanied Earnhardt in the ambulance to the hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The day after Bohannon viewed the photos, Volusia County Circuit Judge Joseph Will granted a temporary injunction requested by the Earnhardt family that sealed the photos from public viewing.

A day later, Bohannon said at a NASCAR news conference in North Carolina that Earnhardt might have survived the crash if his lap belt had not broken. Earnhardt probably was thrown into the steering wheel because he wasn't fully supported, Bohannon said.

The Sentinel is investigating whether safety-devices available to stock-car drivers could have saved Earnhardt.

NASCAR President Mike Helton said Saturday that a NASCAR medical expert had reviewed the autopsy photos as part of the circuit's investigation into Earnhardt's death.

NASCAR spokesman John Griffin didn't return a phone call Tuesday seeking comment on whether Bohannon was that expert.

Bohannon doesn't have a published home phone number and no one at Holcomb, a spokeswoman at Halifax Medical Center where he works in the emergency room, said Bohannon wasn't granting any interviews.

Rumberger said Tuesday that he wasn't sure when Mrs. Earnhardt found out that Bohannon had viewed the photos. The lawyer said he was under the belief that Bohannon viewed the photos in his role as the attending physician, not a NASCAR medical expert.

"I have no reason to believe that she would be concerned," Rumberger said. "It was done by the attending physician and not an intruder or outsider, someone trying to invade Mrs. Earnhardt's privacy."

Sentinel executives had said repeatedly they had no intention of publishing the photos but only wanted a medical expert to review them for an investigation into NASCAR safety.

But Mrs. Earnhardt's attorneys argued that stock car drivers could organizations would be able to have access to the photos if the Sentinel was granted permission.
Knish, freshman Belles sizzle in Arizona road trip

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

The weather wasn't the only thing that was hot in Arizona last week. The Saint Mary's tennis team smoked its competition, winning four matches to start the season.

"The weather was great," head coach Dee Stevenson said.

The Belles won 29 sets during their four victories in Phoenix as the freshman players stepped up to fill the spots left by graduating seniors Katie Vales and Becky Kremer.

"Our freshmen played pretty well," Stevenson said.

The freshmen finished the week with combined record of 15-2, with the only losses coming in No. 3 singles and No. 3 doubles.

On Thursday, the Belles ended the week with an impressive 6-3 victory over Div. II Colorado Christian College, which boasted several scholarship athletes. The Belles took five of six singles games and one of three doubles. The only loss in singles came as Annie Knish fell to Colorado's Katie Fitzgerald 8-0.

"Annie Knish played an outstanding player [Fitzgerald] who had just transferred in from a Div. I school," Stevenson said.

Freshmen Jeannie Knish and Katie Cutler dominated in No. 2 singles and No. 3 singles, both by 8-5 margins.

Junior Natalie Cook, playing No. 4 singles, and freshman Kris Spriggle, playing No. 5 singles, both claimed close matches that exceeded the normal eight-point victory mark. Cook and Spriggle each left the court victorious after defeating their opponent 9-8.

Sophomore Elisa Ryan wrapped up singles with an 8-3 victory over Colorado's Laura Spence.

The No. 2 doubles team of Jeannie Knish and Cutler took home the only doubles victory, defeating their opponents 9-7.

Annie Knish and Cook (No. 1 doubles) and freshmen Annie Basinski and junior Elizabeth Spieth (No. 3 doubles) dropped their sets 1-8 and 6-8 respectively.

The victory over Colorado Christian College came in the same day as a Saint Mary's victory over Webster State, a Div. III college from St. Louis, Mo. The Belles claimed eight wins to win 8-1, taking their only loss in No. 2 singles.

The Knish sisters led the charge with Annie, at No. 1 singles, defeating her opponent in three sets (6-1, 6-3, 6-1), and Jeannie, at No. 3 singles, defeating her opponent in two sets (6-1, 6-1).

Cutler and Ryan both held their opponents scoreless, defeating them 6-0. 6-0. Spriggle added the final singles victory with a 2-0 victory (6-1, 6-2).

Cutler added another shut out to her tally along with partner Jeannie Knish as they dominated No. 1 doubles 8-0.

Sophomores Trisha Jones and Marta Dziekan took No. 3 doubles 8-1.

Stevenson had been counting on his No. 5 and 6 singles players and his No. 3 doubles team to play key roles in Saint Mary's victories. They did their jobs in the Belles first two victories of the Arizona trip.

Saint Mary's defeated Scottsdale Community College in nearby Scottsdale 6-3 in a match that allowed a real team effort.

"All 12 players on spring break got to play," Stevenson said.

The 6-3 victory came on three singles wins and a sweep by the doubles teams.

Jeannie Knish shut out her opponent in No. 3 singles 6-0, 6-0 and was followed by a 2-0 (6-1, 6-0) victory by Cutler at No. 4 singles. Spieth added the first victory, defeating her opponent 2-0 (6-1, 6-0).

Annie Knish, Cook and Dziekan dropped their matches 2-1, 2-0, and 2-1 respectively.
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  - 6 PM - Montgomery Theatre, LaFortune Student Center
  - Lenawee Cowboys Go America (Finland/Sweden, 1989)
  - 8 PM - Montgomery Theatre, LaFortune Student Center
  - INTERNATIONAL SPORTS TOURNAMENT - 7 PM - 10 PM - Rolfs Sports Center

**Saturday, March 24**
- DAY 2 - INTERNATIONAL VILLAGE -
  - 9 AM - 3 PM - LaFortune Student Center (1st and 2nd Floors)
  - CULTURE FEST - Dances, Poetry Recitals, Songs & more
  - 7:30 PM - 7 - Hesburgh Library Auditorium

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Texas Tech faculty to discuss Knight hiring

Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - Texas Tech faculty who oppose Bob Knight don't expect much support from their colleagues at a meeting Wednesday to discuss a new basketball coach.

About 85 of Tech's 900 faculty members signed a petition last week criticizing Knight's past behavior and advising against hiring him, but some see it as a done deal.

Knight, who could be hired as soon as Friday, will be the subject of a faculty senate meeting Wednesday at which President David Schmidly is expected to speak.

"There was always a hope - not a very large one - that this would head this off," said geography professor Gary Elbow, a Knight opponent.

"I still do feel like the university is taking a rather sizable risk in hiring Bobby Knight, but they are entitled to hire whoever they want. We have raised the flag, and that's all we could do," he said.

University regent James Sowell said he doesn't expect the input from faculty members to Schmidt to be "immaterial."

"The president wants to hear what they have to say," Sowell said. "The faculty definitely has a right to have a say in this issue."

But the ultimate decision whether to hire Knight rests with Schmidt, who will make a recommendation to Tech chancellor John Montford.

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What should you do to stop a friend from driving drunk?

Whatever you have to do, friends don't let friends drive drunk.
Special to The Observer

Notre Dame loses in semis of Kia Klassic

The 14th-ranked Notre Dame softball team lost in the semifinals of the Kia Klassic on Thursday night, 2-0, to 15th-ranked Southern California, dropping the Irish to 10-6 on the season. The first game of the day was postponed until Friday due to rain and the other game was moved to 2:00 p.m. at CSUF. The Irish are now 0-3 in the Kia Klassic.

The Irish starter would plunk in the first pitch to Amy Larocque to load the bases on another by-pitch. Topping followed with a sacrifice fly that scored the first run of the game. Gina Kriech made a spectacular diving catch, ending the Titan bottom of the second. A three-run single to leftfield that scored Bledsoe, but Madrid was suddenly around there before, but now you can get your game on at the bars.

We may have seen your nose around there before, but now you can get your game on at the bars.

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Sharon

Belles finish trip with 6 wins

By MOLLY McVOY
Senior Staff Writer

After a slow start, the Saint Mary's softball team went on a six-game winning streak to end their trip to Fort Myers with a 6-5 record and an 8-5 record overall.

"We struggled a little with the bats the first few days we were down there, but we came back with six straight wins at the end of the week," said John Kovach, the Belles' first year head coach.

On Friday, the Belles split a double header with a win against Edgewood College. 3-0 and a loss to Ursinus College, 6-3. Freshman pitcher Libby Wilhelmy pitched the winning Edgewood giving her a 3-0 record for the trip. The team captains and the coach pointed to Wilhelmy's performance as one of the high points of the trip.

"What's nice is we have more flexibility," Kovach said. "Libby Wilhelmy pitched a couple of games and she was just wonderful. I think she walked some, but in the two batters in the 22 innings she pitched. It was really a plus."

"With Libby, its nice to have an extra pitcher so, if something would happen to Kristin or I, we know we would be fine," senior co-captain and starting pitcher Anne Senger said. "We have another good pitcher ready to go."

The pitching was strong throughout the trip with the three pitchers giving up an average of three runs per game over the course of the week.

"The thing I was really pleased with overall was that the pitching kept us in every game," Kovach said.

Saint Mary's beat Rent Poly Institute, 1-0, and Hamilton College, 14-5, on Thursday. Senger pitched a one-hitter against Rent Poly and junior Kristin Martin got the win against Hamilton. Freshman Marline Walsh had a three-hit game that included a home run in the Hamilton game.

"We were really impressed with the freshmen this week, so that was great," Martin said.

Pitching again dominated Tuesday with a sweep of the day's games. Senger allowed four hits in the 3-1 win over St. Joseph's College and Martin showed her versatility by delivering three hits for the Belles.

"It was a little bit of a slow start because we didn't hit very well, but once we got into the swing of things and started hitting, we started to win," Senger said.

"Our defense is really strong and we just need consistent hitting," Wilhelmy was backed up by solid hitting in a 5-1 win over Palos Verdes. Tuesday. Freshman Kateria Tegbe tripled and homered and sophomore Susan Kutz added another home run, two RBIs and two runs scored. "Kutz just smacked the ball all over the place," Kovach said. "At No. 8, she's at a good spot in the batting order, and we've been getting runners on in front of her."

The close 1-0 win over SUNY-Brockport on Monday was the first win that the Belles needed to start the six-game winning streak for the week. Wilhelmy recorded her first win in the game and Kutz hit game-winning home run.

With six straight wins at the end of the week, the Belles expect a close, competitive game. "Typically, Bethel has a good club," Kovach said. "They would be a good match for us."

Although Martin suffered a slight injury to her knee over the trip, she is expected to start one of the games along with Senger.

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EUGENIA LAST

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2001

CELEBRITIES BORN ON APRIL 26

BEER (1965): The 34-year-old singer and actress is known for her roles on television and in films. She has been married to actor Matt Damon and has a daughter with him. Beer is also involved in various charitable causes, including environmental issues.

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University suspends Jones for spring practice

Julius Jones breaks a tackle against USC last year. Jones, Notre Dame's leading rusher last season, and fellow tailback Tony Fisher will not be participating in spring practice.

Fisher will also miss spring workouts due to injury

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

Julius Jones will not participate in spring practice after he recently violated University rules. The sophomore tailback is suspended for the 15 practices but will be able to return in the fall.

Jones led the Irish with 657 rushing yards, 1,169 all-purpose yards and seven rushing touchdowns last season.

"It's tough but he understands the consequences if he does something that's against school rules," Tony Fisher, Running back

With Jones and Fisher out, junior Terrance Howard will likely receive the bulk of carries this spring. Howard ranked third on the team in rushing last season.

Women's Tennis

Irish improve to 14-3 by beating Miami, West Virginia

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

The Irish swept the doubles against Miami with solid victories from Michelle Dasso/Becky Varnum, Katie Cunha/Kim Guy and Lindsey Green/Nina Vaughan who all won decisively.

The Irish then went on to win five singles matches in straight sets as Lindsay Green clinched the win with a victory over Miami's Katie Bogolomova 6-1, 6-2. The match was highlighted by the play of Varnum, 99th-ranked

"Becky Varnum has been playing better and better as the spring has gone along." - Jay Louderback, Tennis coach

Nina Vaughan and All-American Michelle Dasso who won in doubles and singles despite battling an aching back.

"Everyone played well," said Louderback. "Becky Varnum has been playing better and better as the spring has gone along. She has really been stepping it up at the No. 3 spot and Nina Vaughan at three has played very well for us."

Later that afternoon the Irish showed that they are still the team to beat in the Big East by shutting out the Mountaineers without two of their top players, Dasso and Guy both rested because of nagging injuries.

Once again the Irish won the doubles point in easy fashion and then swept the singles matches. Cunha and freshman Alicia Salas showed a little of what is to come in the future as they filled in quite nicely, winning in straight sets.

"Michelle [Dasso] hurt her back before the Michigan match and Kimberly [Guy] had a little arm trouble so it gave us a chance to let them rest a little," said Louderback.

"Katie Cunha stepped in and played very well and Alicia Salas did also."

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