South Bend business reps rallied at new maintenance building's ground breaking

By MYRA McGRIFF
Saint Mary's Editor

As ground breaking began on Saint Mary's new maintenance building, South Bend business representatives rallied against Saint Mary's decision to contract with non-unionized workers. The College's Board of Trustees signed a contract with the non-union company Majority Builders Incorporated. Feb. 16, a decision that came after months of deliberation.

In addition to a contractor, a new maintenance building in South Bend.

As a non-unionized company, Majority's benefit package operates on a merit system rather than a flat rate. Those who have worked the company the longest earn the highest salary. This merit system relates that we have some knowledge.

Four contractors presented proposals that were much higher than the product budget," said Saint Mary's financial director Keith Dennis.

When the four unacceptable-highest bids were returned, the Board restructured the parameters of the proposal and opened up bidding again. The new proposal not only entertained the bid of non-unionized companies but also did not make it mandatory that all company's workers had a specified benefit package, or pre-qualification. Under the parameters of this new proposal, Saint Mary's signed with the contractor Majority Builders Incorporated, a non-unionized firm based in South Bend.

As a non-unionized company, Majority's benefit package operates on a merit system rather than a flat rate. Those who have worked the company the longest earn the highest salary. This merit system does not branch out to subcontractors who do electrical and plumbing work. Majority has the choice to subcontract with union or non-union companies.

"Four out of the eight subcontractors Majority has chosen for the job are unionized," said Dennis. Dennis believes that having unionized sub-contractors on the job, the size of the construction job and the stability of Majority Builders legitimates the decision of Board of Trustees to use a non-unionized contractor.

"We do have pre-qualification, we work with senior contractors and we only invite people that we have some knowledge about," said Dennis.

Cardenas named among influential hispanics

By ALISON HEINZ
News Writer

Sociology professor Gilberto Cardenas leads a busy life. In addition to teaching and serving as the director for the Institute for Latino Studies, Cardenas was recently named one of the 100 most influential Hispanics by Hispanic Business magazine for the third time.

"It's nice to be recognized, I'm pleased to be in the company of some of the people on the list, but it's not something I go seeking," said Cardenas.

Cardenas was honored with this distinction because of his endless pursuit for scholarship money and improvement of educational opportunities for minority students.

"There's some real big gaps," said Cardenas in reference to minority representation at science, technology, and computer institutions. "A lot of students that get accepted to top institutions opt not to attend because they cannot afford it.

Cardenas was recruited by Notre Dame to head the Institute for Latino Studies in 1999, which got its name from the institute that Cardenas was a graduate student at Notre Dame from 1969-1973. And it was this personal experience that convinced him to leave a similar position at the
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Violence hurts**

When high school kids get angry these days, they no longer went to their friends or even arranged a fight after school. They bring a gun to school and shoot other kids.

Last year, my main concern every time I stepped into my public high school was whether I would make it to first period on time. I didn't worry about my personal safety, didn't consider what an upset student might do.

Students are losing this peace of mind about their safety with each person who brings a gun to school. Their learning is threatened by disgruntled students. They not only have to worry about their safety, but are also required to act as detectives.

Many schools have implemented policies against school shootings, and have taken steps to make sure they do not occur in a violence-ridden area. They happen in the suburbs, schools that were expected to be safe. They happen in the type of schools that the majority of Notre Dame students attended. They aren't isolated to any particular public school, one of this year's shootings was at a small Catholic high school. The kids are coming from stable family structures in which they weren't abused or neglected. Something just went horribly wrong and they destroyed their classmates.

As school shootings continue to get closer to home, all people become involved in trying to prevent them. This is the issue needs to come to the national agenda, and studies need to be done. Changes need to be made so that never again will students' days be shattered by all high schoolers do.

After each school shooting, pictures of distraught parents and teens are run by the media. School officials vow a full investigation, and try to determine why the student would do that. Other schools become extremely security-conscious for a few months, taking seriously all threats or intended threats. Eventually the memory of tragedies fades away and schools return to normal. Then another school shooting happens and the cycle begins again.

Where will this cycle end? It won't unless people take action, permanent action that outlasts the memory of a tragedy.

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**THIS WEEK IN ND/SMC HISTORY**

**Monday, March 17, 1980**

Security accused of harrassment

A sophomore accused Notre Dame security officials of verbal abuse and harrassment following an altercation at the Main Gate. When the student attempted to retrieve his ID card, one of the guards flared up, throwing off his badge and swearing at the student. Another guard immediately threatened the student, "I've decked other people for doing less than you." He would do that. Other schools become extremely security-conscious for a few months, and virtually all high schoolers do.

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**OUTSIDE THE DOME**

Harvard discrimination decision overturned

"We will file an appeal in the next few days," she said. "I plan on fighting it, if needed, up to the Supreme Court."

"We feel this is a great moral victory. We have great hopes that the appeals court will rule in my favor," Awerbuch-Friedlander said.

The lawsuit against HSPI which ended yesterday implicated University Provost Harvey V. Fineberg '67 who was dean of the school when the alleged discrimination took place. Awerbuch-Friedlander is seeking damages of $1 million in lost wages and benefits, as well as promotion at University.

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**UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH**

Death investigation continues

The investigation into the death of University of Pittsburgh student Jamie Penich continued yesterday in South Korea. Police are busy interviewing her friends with whom the 21-year-old traveled to Seoul on a weekend sightseeing trip. New information obtained by the Associated Press indicates that one of Penich's friends heard "angry shouts in a male voice" the night before Penich was found dead in her motel room. The investigation is concentrating on the Yi Tae Won district of the city, where Penich and five friends had rented rooms in a motel. According to police reports, Penich and a fellow female student named Kenzie were dancing at a club on the night Penich died. Pittsburgh police officials have enlisted the help of U.S. Army personnel, after reports that Penich and Kenzie may have been dancing with American servicemen in civilian clothes. According to Mr. Raimondi, the director of public affairs for the U.S. Army Crime Investigation Command, the Army has been asked to support the Korean National Police in their investigation.

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**CALIFORNIA STATE AT LONG BEACH**

Bomb threat pretrial set

A California State University at Long Beach student arrested in suspicion of making a bomb threat at the University Library is scheduled for a pretrial hearing Monday. Hasan Hasan, a mathematics graduate student, was taken into University Police custody last Wednesday after an investigation that led police to believe he was responsible for the bomb threat and other threats toward a faculty member. said Capt. Suan Skippworth of University Police. "We have a positive identification by the use of fingerprints. We have positive identification by another witness, and we have an interview with Mr. Hasan that indicates him very strongly, in our opinion." University Police received a call two weeks ago from a male stating he had planted a bomb on the third floor of the Library. Officials then announced a volunteer evacuation of the premises as police and Library employees searched for anything suspicious. Hasan was arrested Tuesday at the Long Beach Municipal Court the Friday following his arrest and was released on his own recognizance.

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**LOCAL WEATHER**

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Real World star to talk about faith

By ALLY JAY
News Writer

Looking for love? Matt Smith from New Orleans' Real World will speak as a part of No Greater Love, Campus Ministry's half-day retreat, tonight at 7 p.m. in the Hesburgh library auditorium. "Matt's the unofficial kickoff of No Greater Love," said Frank Santoni, Coordinator of Special Events for Campus Ministry. Smith was a cast member on MTV's reality show, The Real World, and is now the spokesperson for Life Teen, a national Catholic youth organization.

"Matt's a remarkable guy who's tough to put in any category. His exposure on the show lets us know his name, but it's his approach to life and faith that lets him cross a lot of boundaries. On the show he stuck with what he believed and he was not considered weird. He was considered likeable and approachable and those are the characteristics he brings to Notre Dame," said Santoni. Smith will be discussing his faith prior to The Real World, how his faith was impacted by the show and his faith now that the show is over. After the talk, he will take questions from the audience in a conversational style.

The main events of No Greater Love will be on Saturday. Workshops will be held throughout the day at South Dining Hall and the new Coleman-Morse Center and Father Mike Baxter will deliver a keynote address.

"This will be a great opportunity to recharger our faith. As spring brings new life, this is a chance to breathe new life into our faith life," said Father Bill Wack, who will lead the kick off prayer service.

No Greater Love is open to all, registration is not required and students may come and go as they please. A schedule of events is available at http://www.nd.edu/~nglove.

New policy changes SMC dance transport

By MYRA McGRIFF
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's students traveling to the all-school formal this Saturday will have to do so by campus-sponsored transportation, according to a new policy drafted by Saint Mary's administrators. The policy, which states that students must ride on campus transportation to and from off-campus dances, was first enacted last spring for the senior formal. In fall 2000, the policy was applied to any campus group sponsoring a dance — including Saint Mary's Residence Hall Association, which hosts the all-school formal. The dance, which has traditionally had an attendance of 1,000 students, fell under the policy. This weekend will be the first time the event is held under the umbrella of the policy.

Organizers said this week that ticket sales fell as a result. "Ticket sales definitely fell in the junior and senior classes," said co-chairwoman Janel Miller. "It is disappointing that we can't sell more tickets."

The policy, drafted by administrators in an effort to control drunk driving during off-campus, college-sponsored events has made planning a dance quite a challenge for the Formal Committee. Considering that last year's formal tickets sold out, this year's dance committee wanted to accommodate at least 2,000 students. Finding out early fall that all students would have to take a bus to and from the dance caused a major problem for organizers.

As of Thursday night, the committee reported sales of only 750 tickets — 1,250 shy of selling out. "It's a challenge. We booked a room for 2,000 people but it's difficult to figure out how to get people there," said Mindy Reenmaker, president of Residence Hall Association. Students attending the formal this weekend signed up for a specific bus as they bought their ticket. Buses will be leaving from each residence hall at staggered times. Holy Cross, McCandless and Regina have buses leaving each half-hour, while LeMans buses will leave every 15 minutes. Although the committee was able to sell 750 tickets in spite of the new policy challenge, they did say they thought more tickets could have been sold. The bus policy certainly played a factor in low ticket sales, said all-school formal committee members. Furthermore, minimal cooperation from administrators made the planning process for the buses difficult to enact.

"The official policy was not received from vice president for student affairs Linda Timm until the Friday before Spring Break, organizers said. The policy was applied for students — not administrators — to figure out, said Reenmaker.

"The policy isn't clearly defined," she said. Some members of the organization feel that the policy is worth the effort because it will ensure safety while still having an event off campus. "It's definitely a good idea that people who may have been drinking will not be driving to the dance. It may not be the most convenient, but it is practical and a safer way for people to get there," said sophomore RA member Adrienne Dorish.

Amy Green contributed to this report.
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University of Texas at Austin where he had been for 23 years. While at Notre Dame, he noticed members who have had a significant experience with the new site strives to appeal to the more than 55,000 people who will take the medical school entrance exam this year. "We thought students would find it useful. It will not replicate the real test, but there is more flexibility in building your own test on the fly," said Ellen Julian, director of the Institute for Latino Studies. The Institute for Latino Studies is working to change this. It is a great commitment by the Board to the community and its environment and make a significant economic contribution to the entire community," said Brown. Business representatives see the community that union workers function in as part of the world that Saint Mary's exist within. As Saint Mary's is a Catholic Institution, union representatives see the college as a pillar in the South Bend community. If colleges like Saint Mary's hire non-unionized contractors, they say other South Bend business will follow. Union representatives are concerned that the workers rights will be jeopardized if hiring non-unionized workers becomes a trend. "Saint Mary's represents a main moral force and they are well respected. They carry a lot of clout and when they do something like this it influences others to follow," said Mike Kruk, business representative for the carpenter union. The risk of other companies following in the footsteps rests in the concept Kruk calls low bidding. Once it is established that people looking for contractors are more concerned with cost, non-unionized contractors have the ability to lower their workers' wages to fit the bill of the business. "People want to have the edge so it becomes a race for the bottom," said Kruk. Mike Kruk believes that in this race for the bottom the workers of both non-union and union outfits suffer. He explained that not only will the union workers not have work but also the non-union workers will be losing wages along with benefits. In the case of Saint Mary's, concerned faculty and staff also want to insure the worker's fair wage. Although the Board does have consultants they confer with, the college has no formal proposition. Currently, Saint Mary's does not have a committee or written policy to insure the fair wage and rights of the workers they hire. "We are not pursuing any prevailing wage agreement. We want to keep our options open," said Dennis.

MCAT practice tests move to Web

By MAUREEN SMITHE
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Tiffeny Colon knows her stuff—almost. After months of attending Kaplan sessions and taking daylong practice exams to prepare for the MCAT, the Notre Dame junior knows what to expect when April 21 rolls around. "I took Kaplan because I knew it would be hard for me to prepare for the MCAT on my own," Colon said. "I needed the motivation." However, a new Web site may offer students like Colon an alternative to the $1000 Kaplan fees. For $60, pre-med students can take the MCAT practice test online at www.samed.org/mcat.

With the added convenience of immediate, automated scoring and diagnostic feedback, the new site strives to appeal to the more than 55,000 people who will take the medical school entrance exam this year. "We thought students would find it useful. It will not replicate the real test, but there is

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Rwanda denies allegations of forced labor: Rwanda strongly denied Friday, March 23, allegations that it was using prisoners as forced labor for mining activities in neighboring Congo. He also said the government had no mining interests abroad.

Peru candidate called a report that he tested positive for drugs in 1998 a smear campaign, saying he had been kidnapped and drugged by agents of disgraced former intelligence chief Vladimir Montesinos. Alejandro Toledo was responding to a report Thursday in Caretas, a widely-respected weekly magazine.

Theme park wary of foot-and-mouth disease: A theme park is asking tourists who recently visited countries affected by foot-and-mouth disease not to visit the park’s petting zoo. When Busch Gardens opens for the season Saturday, signs will ask visitors who have been in affected European countries or South America within the last five days to avoid the zoo.

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INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Officer killed in crash may not have been wearing seat belt: An Elkhart policeman was not wearing a seat belt when he was fatally injured in a crash between his cruiser and another police car, a preliminary investigation shows. Police said Patrolman Doug Adams, 31, was thrown from the vehicle in the crash Tuesday night at a downtown intersection. Adams had been on a law enforcing seat belt use since 1987. Police and other emergency personnel are not exempted from the law at any time. State police aren’t expected to release a final crash report until next week.
Sophomores plan dance, spirit week

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

Faced with the challenge of replacing a scrapped class tradition, Notre Dame’s Class of 2003 will see a year-long project culminate next week with Spirit Week activities and the Sophomore Class Ball.

It’s part of the Sophomore Signature Event, a first-year initiative that began after last year’s cancellation of Sophomore Siblings Weekend. The weekend was a longstanding part of sophomore programming before being nixed due to safety concerns for students’ visiting brothers and sisters.

Organizers of the project, which includes a week of dress-up days, Sophomore-only activities and a class dance, are excited to see the preparations end and the fun begin Monday.

“All the planning is set, and we’re hoping for a lot of participation from our classmates,” said Karen Lysaght, who chaired the committee that oversaw arrangements for the dance.

The dance will be held Saturday, March 31 at the Century Center in downtown South Bend. Dance tickets are $20 per person or $40 per couple, and the cost includes a formal dinner.

Sophomores can purchase tickets at the LaFortune box office, and sales last through 8 p.m. Monday.

“We’re encouraging people to come with dates or with a group of friends,” Lysaght said. “The dance is unique; it’s different from the average hall dance.”

The ball wraps up a week of events aimed at boosting class spirit.

Beginning Monday, each weekday will be assigned a dress-up theme and a special activity, according to Geoff Polk, chair of the class council’s Spirit Week committee.

Monday is Pajama Day, and the committee is organizing a Grab ‘n Give service project from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in both dining halls. Proceeds from the food-drive-type endeavor will benefit South Bend’s Center for the Homeless.

Tuesday is Decade Day, when members of the campus community can dress in clothes from their favorite past decade. The Class of 2003 will also sponsor a class breakfast from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in front of DeBartolo Hall.

People can sport their favorite Notre Dame apparel on Wednesday, which is pegged as Blue and Gold Day. A karaoke contest from 9 p.m. to midnight at Heckers is planned. Campus athletes and other personalities will serve as judges for the event.

Thursday is Costume Day. A movie night, with a showing of “Remember the Titans,” is the day’s featured activity, and the first 100 students to the DeBartolo screening receive free admission.

Hawaii Day is Friday’s theme. Free sign-ups for the day’s photo scavenger hunt run through Thursday in the Class of 2003 office on the second floor of the LaFortune Student Center. Winning teams in the scavenger hunt receive gift certificates to the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

On Saturday, buses begin transporting students to the class ball around 6:30 p.m. Students will not be admitted to the dance after 7:15 p.m., and dinner is served at 7:30 p.m.

“We’re really encouraging people to come and support the Sophomore Signature Event,” Lysaght said. “It’s the first year, and hopefully it will take off and become an annual event.”
Irish begin slaughter to curb foot-and-mouth disease

Associated Press

Ireland officials slaughtered the first of thousands of doomed livestock Thursday, a day after the Republic of Ireland confirmed its first cases of foot-and-mouth disease, which is ravaging neighboring Britain.

Confirmation of the first cases in a rural peninsula on Thursday sent shock waves through the country, and stocks slumped more than 5 percent on the Dublin exchange.

Prime Minister Bertie Ahern called the outbreak a "national challenge for our country." British Prime Minister Tony Blair telephoned Ahern late Friday, a day after the Republic confirmed the outbreak from Thursday's confirmed outbreak on a sheep farm next door to Northern Ireland.

The entire Cooley peninsula, about 50 miles north of Dublin, had been under special restrictions and monitoring since foot-and-mouth was confirmed March 1 in a sheep herd near Meigh on the northern side of the border. That triggered fears the microbe would spread to the republic and its $7 billion-a-year livestock industry.

Officials said Thursday they feared the disease had crossed the border with a third group of infected sheep.

Authorities moved quickly to try to contain the disease to the Cooley area of County Louth. They announced that 3,000 sheep and 1,000 cattle within a half-mile of the infected farm would be slain first, and that about 40,000 livestock on the whole peninsula would be destroyed within the next few days.

At the infected farm, 130 sheep were piled up after being killed Wednesday night. Department of Agriculture workers in white coveralls monitored the scene as construction workers cut a dirt road into the field. Journalists weren't permitted to leave their cars for fear of spreading the disease.

In Dublin, Agriculture Minister Joe Walsh announced that Ireland would maintain its ban on exporting live cattle and sheep and impose a temporary ban on exports of all meat and dairy goods.

Walsh said he hoped the European Union would reward his country's exceptional efforts to prevent the disease's spread by confining any ban on Irish meat and dairy products to those from around County Louth.

"We then have the difficulty, of course, in convincing the markets that the produce from Ireland is safe," he said. "It's a major problem: for Ireland, which exports 90 percent of its farm production."

Agriculture accounts for 12.7 percent of the gross domestic product and tourism, which has also been hurt by foot-and-mouth restrictions, accounts for nearly 5 percent.

Don Walsh, economist at Goodbody Stockbrokers, estimated the disease would knock 1.4 points off the firm's current forecast of 8.1 percent growth in Ireland's economy this year.

The government ordered more soldiers to enforce sanitary measures at Irish ports and border checkpoints with Northern Ireland. Since March 1, soldiers have been backing up police on many of the more than 100 border roads connecting the two parts of Ireland.

Police established more checkpoints Thursday, including on both sides of Dundalk, the largest town near the Cooley Peninsula. Long lines of traffic waited to drive over main soaked with disinfectant, and police checked trucks to make sure they carried no livestock.

In the Netherlands, the second country in continental Europe to confirm cases of the disease, farmers appealed for vaccinations to save their herds. People cleaned and smoke their shelves of milk and meat, anticipating a prolonged ban on food from farm areas as the country struggles to contain the disease in two areas in the east and south. A 72-hour ban on transporting cattle and meat products was immediately declared after the government confirmed the outbreak on Wednesday.

In Britain, where the outbreaks began, a leading epidemiologist warned that the epidemic would not be over for at least five months.

Foot-and-mouth will not be eliminated before August, with new outbreaks unlikely to start falling until next May, Roy Anderson, a University of London epidemiologist, told the BBC late Wednesday.
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Hearing held about Clinton's alleged abuse of authority

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A day after President Bush signed legislation repealing Clinton-era workplace safety rules, lawmakers on Thursday discussed ways to negate some of the former president's other actions, including his attempt to fence off millions of acres of land.

A House Judiciary subcommittee, led by Rep. Bob Barr, R-Ga., opened a hearing into presidential executive orders and began questioning whether Clinton legally used his power to create 18 national monuments during his term.

"Former President Clinton's designation of millions of acres as so-called national monuments under the purported authority of the Antiquities Act raises a host of legal questions Congress has a responsibility to address," Barr said.

The GOP-controlled Congress and White House have moved quickly to negate several Clinton actions, including Clinton's ergonomic regulations and placing abortion restrictions on U.S. overseas aid funding.

Barr questioned why Bush had not moved to challenge even more of Clinton's executive orders.

"This administration has not acted as promptly as some people would have expected because they may well see there will be a time when they will use all of this centralized power in their own ways," said Rep. Melvin Watt, D-N.C. "That's just an observation."

"I think it's an accurate one," Barr said.

Also Thursday, Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., said he had written the heads of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Interior Department and the Agriculture Department seeking information about their decisions to set aside Clinton administration regulations.

Lieberman, the Democratic vice presidential nominee, said he was beginning an investigation into "the method behind this madness, that is the decision-making process leading to these damaging actions."

He cited actions by the Bush administration on Clinton administration's steps dealing with arsenic levels in drinking water, protections for hard-rock miners in the West and a ban on roads in one-third of the national forestland.

Legal experts were split on Clinton's alleged abuse of authority. "History will show that President Clinton abused his authority in a variety of ways and that his disrespect for the rule of law was unprecedented," said Todd Gaziano, director at the Center for Legal and Judicial Studies the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank. "Given this pattern, no one should be surprised that President Clinton sometimes abused his executive order authority as well."

Gaziano said he thought many of Clinton's monument declarations could be illegal and that Bush probably could overturn them with another executive order.

Kenneth Mayer, a University of Wisconsin-Madison political science professor, said Clinton broke no new ground with his executive orders.

"In my view, the previous administration's use of executive orders and proclamations was not exceptional," he said. "Although many of President Clinton's orders were controversial ... his administration was actually continuing a longstanding practice among presidents, both Republican and Democratic, who have used executive orders to assert control over administration policy.

Western lawmakers have been complaining for years about Clinton's use of his executive authority to expand federal monuments.

"I can't think of one member who had a hand in the monuments," said Rep. James Hansen, R-Utah, chairman of the House Resources Committee.

Meantime, a House Resources subcommittee took the first step to curb one of Clinton's monument designations, approving a bill to change part of Idaho's Craters of the Moon National Monument into a national preserve so hunters could continue using the land.

Scaffolding at Oscar venue collapses

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Scaffolding along the red carpet for Sunday's Academy Awards ceremony collapsed Thursday, injuring five people.

The scaffolding at the Shrine Auditorium was the type commonly used to hold spotlights. The mangled structure, which had stood 20 feet high, fell just behind bleachers set up for fans and media to watch celebrities arrive Sunday's ceremony.

A portion also tumbled onto a tent over the red carpet that will be used by celebrities as they enter the auditorium for the awards ceremony.

Inspectors were trying to determine how the scaffolding failed, said Fire Department spokesman Bob Cogill.

"The injured were taken to two hospitals. One person was critically injured and another was seriously injured. A third victim had minor to serious injuries and the remaining two had minor injuries," Cogill said.

After the accident, workers resumed moving equipment into the Shrine and stringing cable from the building toward the red carpet.
WASHINGTON

President Bush sought to keep U.S. relations with Russia on an even keel Thursday, but a furious Kremlin was threatening to match the outburst of more than 50 Russian diplomats suspected of undercover intelligence activities.

The warning was conveyed privately as well as publicly by Russian authorities. "Naturally, we will try to find" U.S. diplomats to be expelled "into a more painful form to the U.S. than it was in our case," Sergei Ivanov, chief of Russia's influential Security Council, said on Polish state television during a visit to Warsaw.

The Bush administration countered that there was no computable contingent of U.S. undercover agents in Russia and no American had infiltrated Russia's counterintelligence operation as FBI agent Robert Hanssen stands accused of doing, a senior U.S. official said.

At day's end, it was not clear how Russia would retaliate, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

In Moscow, Russia's foreign minister said the expulsions, the most since the Cold War, were political. But Bush said he was simply dealing with facts, and the two nations could maintain a good relationship. "I'm confident we can have a good relationship with the Russians," Bush said after addressing the Moscow Senate Thursday night.

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Space station stabilized for final descent into South Pacific

Associated Press

KOROLYOV, Russia (Reuters) - After 15 years in the heavens, Mir started its return home on Thursday, its cargo-ships putting the aging space station on course for a fiery plunge into the South Pacific.

Engineers of the attached cargo ship Progress began a 21-minute burn Thursday that circled the globe just below the Equator, over the Indian Ocean. This burn — and a second scheduled 90 minutes later — were meant to slow Mir and put it in an elliptical orbit.

A final 23-minute blast, scheduled around 8 a.m. Moscow time and midnight Eastern time, was to hurl the station into the sea. If not, the consequences of 27.2 tons of blazing debris tumbling from the sky were frightening.

It was the first time that Progress engines had been fired for such a long period and tension was palpable as the station entered its critical phase. But the period and tension was palpable as the station circled the globe just below the Equator, over the Indian Ocean and South Pacific.

Some 1,500 fragments of 40 pounds or more were expected to fall over the zone.

Space officials said debris would be extremely unlikely event that Mir hit the floating target, the company promised free tacos to all 281 million Americans.

Taco Bell floats a promotional "bull's-eye target," in the ocean. The taco company is promising a free taco to all 281 million Americans if the core of Mir hits the floating target, similar to the one displayed in this photo.

But Mir was by far the heaviest spacecraft ever dumped, and its size and shape made it difficult to exactly predict the re-entry.

A fleet of fishing boats in the zone insisted on staying put because the tuna were biting, said Wayne Heikkila, general manager of the Western Fishboat Owners Association.

Thirty-five space buffs and scientists were in the South Pacific to observe the plunging station; participants were optimistic that they would catch sight of Mir in a 200-second window of opportunity.

And Taco Bell set up a 46-by-40 foot vinyl target — blazoned with the company's logo and the words "Free Taco Here!" 10 miles off Australia. In the extremely unlikely event that Mir hit the target, the company promised free tacos to all 281 million Americans.

But to Russians, Mir's demise was no joke. Mir came to symbolize the Soviet Union's fading technological prowess. It was launched in 1986 — just five weeks before former Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev embarked upon perestroika, the reforms that doomed the Communist empire, and just two months before the Chernobyl atomic reactor exploded in the world's worst nuclear accident.

RUSSIA

Space station stabilized for final descent into South Pacific

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Recalling times of subversion

Gary Caruso

Capitol Comments

Today is the 50th birthday of one of an elite group known as the “Black Leprechauns.” The Black Leprechauns were an ad hoc group of Notre Dame students residing on campus during the 1970s. It was a secret group who carried out their missions in the black of night long after sundown. Their mission — terror and mischief. For fear that today’s University official might ban this birthday boy’s children from future admittance, I shall call him “Mike.”

He and a half dozen others were students at a time when the military draft and a tour of Vietnam awaited them after graduation. They were not the type who would burn Notre Dame in protest of the war, but they, like every student during that time, needed to release their frustrations and fears. It was a nearly spring evening when the ducks on the lake were more chatty than usual. Boredom had overtaken the dorm section before night and to meet the editors and staff there was time to refuse and mischief. Fellow students had been killed at Kent State, and life was unlike anything before or since. At Notre Dame, a group known as the Black Leprechauns coped with life and their possible deaths following graduation. So to my good friend, “Mike,” happy 50th birthday from one of your fellow Leprechauns ... er, I mean Domers.

Gary J. Caruso, Notre Dame ’73, served in President Nixon’s campaign treasurer walked the streets of Washington with a million dollars in cash in a briefcase. It was a time when the war raged in Vietnam. Fellow students had been killed at Kent State, and life was unlike anything before or since. At Notre Dame, a group known as the Black Leprechauns coped with life and their possible deaths following graduation. So to my good friend, “Mike,” happy 50th birthday from one of your fellow Leprechauns ... er, I mean Domers.

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Fundraising allows Notre Dame to lead in tuition freeze

One billion dollars! No, that's not a line from an Austin Powers movie. Notre Dame has raised over $1 billion through its Generations fundraising campaign.

So why is tuition increasing at all? Before spring break the University announced that tuition was going to increase by a record low 4.9 percent. This translates into another $1,430 per student. The cost of going to Notre Dame now stands at $30,530. My question is why.

Notre Dame is blessed with an incredibly large endowment and I'm not here to criticize that. What I am here to criticize is the fact that tuition is increasing. Notre Dame stands to receive approximately $13 million from this increase, according to Mike Connolly's article by editor-in-chief Mike Connolly. This is just over 1 percent of the amount of money raised by the Generations campaign. It's really comforting to know that the University is not funching to increase its financial burden on us because we can afford to pay it.

Let's put this increase into the perspective of a college student. I work at Knott's Berry Farm and letters to the editor in The Observer have mentioned this year about The Observer's function as an independent newspaper and about how that function allows a forum for free speech. I love it. It pays very well but it can be tough. I've seen some of the most awful things imaginable. I've been yelled at, spit on, bled on, and at any single moment I have about 27 things to do at once. It is so stressful that I have, more than once, considered walking out to save my sanity. I am on my feet hustling for eight hours or more a day. At the end of the day, I know that I've made a lot of people and that I've earned every cent of my paycheck.

The tuition increase stands at $1,430. To make enough money to cover that increase, I have to work approximately 140 hours. This translates into three and a half weeks of working full time, before taxes. When you consider the taxes taken out, it translates to over a month of work, isn't it depressing to consider that Notre Dame is downplaying this "smallest tuition in decades" while I would have to work a whole month to cover this "record low increase"? Does anyone else see how much of an effect this tuition increase could have on families and students?

Here's an idea. Cover the $13 million gained by this increase with a measly 1.3 percent of the Generations campaign. It's also comforting to know that, compared to last year, we are saving $160 compared to last year's increase, according to Mike Connolly's article. I guess the $13 million gained by this increase could have on families and students!

Let's be a leader and go against the trend of increasing college costs. Use the Generations money to freeze tuition.

Stephen Carroll
freshman
Kearney Hall
March 22, 2001

Failure to run ad violated principles

I have read many times this year about The Observer's function as an independent newspaper and about how that function allows a forum for free speech. I myself have mentioned that fact in The Observer. But there are too many other controversial issues, even in the case of controversial material:

All this I applaud, since I feel it is important that students and faculty at a university be free to exchange ideas. I was therefore disappointed to read in the Wall Street Journal that The Observer was one of many college newspapers to refuse to run a paid advertisement by David Horowitz, a prominent conservative.

It is a pity that The Observer fails to see any contradiction between expressing freedom from University-enforced censorship and censorship of unpopular views like those of Mr. Horowitz.

Jack Watkins
freshman
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March 18, 2001

Women's Boxing Club responds to allegations

As captains of the Women's Boxing Club and judges at this year's Bengal Bouts, we would like to respond to Mr. Bravo's letter to the editor on Tuesday. While Mr. Bravo and Brian Horowitz collaborated to write a retraction, many students have expressed dissatisfaction with the decisions made in the finals of this year's Bengal Bouts. Therefore, we feel it is necessary to clarify the judging process.

Five judges officiate each fight. At any one time, no more than two of those judges are women's boxing captains. The other three judges, some of whom are alumni of the boxing program, are brought in from off campus. All judges sit ringside for a reason.

From such a short distance, we are able to see and count each boxer's scoring blows. The most equitable way to judge any boxing match is to count the number of punches that each boxer legally lands on his opponent. This eliminates any personal biases that a judge may have before or during a bout. For these reasons, we score each bout based on the rules set forth by the U.S. Amateur Boxing Association. The rules and scoring system are clearly explained to all of the boxers at practice just before the tournament.

While it is possible that a judge would "miss a few punches here and there," the team of judges is strategically placed around the entire ring so that the bout can be judged from every angle. If one judge's view is momentarily blocked, the other four judges are still able to accurately score the blows landed.

"The majority of the spectators" in attendance cannot see everything that happens in the ring. The crowd perceives as "one fighter dominating the other" is often one boxer throwing sloppy punches. Boxers often throw a flurry of punches in which only one or a few may legally land on his opponent. Spectators in the bleachers cannot always distinguish between a legally landed punch and a skillfully blocked one. Again, this is why judges have the seats that they do.

Ideally, every bout would result in a unanimous decision. However, as we have mentioned, judges are human and their view may be obstructed at times. Any decision that is unanimous can hardly be questioned, especially by a spectator seated high in the stands of the JACC. Such a decision demonstrates that every single ringside judge was in agreement regarding the outcome of a match. Any boxer who wins by a unanimous decision can comfortably respond to allegations.

During the fights in which a student is serving as an official judged without any conversation with anyone. Nor does she scream or cheer. All of the student judges take their responsibilities very seriously, and they would not jeopardize the integrity of the tournament by behaving inappropriately. Students who are not better judges. Screaming were not judging at the time.

Every year the tournament is criticized for its "bias" against the men's captains and the returning champions. None of the captains are guaranteed championships, and a few went without them this year.

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Several of the returning champions from prior years did not make it to the finals this year. These facts suggest that captains and returning champions are not unfairly favored in the tournament. Indeed, they actually have to win their bouts on merit, just as every other boxer must do.

It is unfortunate that Mr. Bravo believes that the only way to win a bout is to box — to move around the ring, to successfully throw and land combinations and to defend against the punches thrown by an opponent. In the spirit of the Bengal Bouts, no boxer's goal should be to intentionally hurt another boxer. That would not be a sign of generosity or charity. It wouldn't even be a sign of good sportsmanship. Each boxer must have the courage to endure a season of demanding practices and to step into the ring to help raise money for the people of Bangladesh is a winner. No judge's decision can change that.

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Karl Lagerfeld
Buda Hall
Jessica Stimac
senior
Widl Family Hall
Women's Boxing Club
March 20, 2001
A little rock, a little funk

By AMANDA GRECO & LAURA KELLY

The Bush League: a punk-rock band of architecture majors. Since Sept. 2000, fifth-year David Miller and Mike Malmore have been playing in The Bush League. "We settled on 'Bush League' for several reasons," says the band. "The baseball reference (which is essential), Jesus Quintana says it in "The Big Lebowski," and our first gig was at an inauguration day party for George W. Bush. The name works on many levels."

The Bush League counts old proto-punk bands as their inspiration. "Our typical set mixes older punk rock tunes with newer bands such as Dropkick Murphys, Rocket from the Crypt, Smile, Bouncing Souls - stuff that's a little bit poppy but good for dancing."

Although three members are graduating this year, Moctezuma and Martin plan on having a band when they return from Rome as fourth years. For now, the group continues to rock on, with a can of Pabst Blue Ribbon as their icon - "a part of our daily lives."

The Inch Thieves: a rock band when they return from Rome as fourth years. For now, the group continues to rock on, with a can of Pabst Blue Ribbon as their icon - "a part of our daily lives."

In the great tradition of picking a band name, Pratfall's members just opened the dictionary, saw the word "pratfall" and were inspired by its definition: "to fall on one's butt for comic effect." Despite a comic name, Pratfall has serious talent. The band refers back to about three months, and the members span a range of ages. Dolphin is a senior, lead singer Brian Carrigan is a junior, Moezeczana a sophomore and guitarist Rob Gutierrez a freshman.

In describing their musical style, the band says "we play funk to heavy rock. We're basing our high hopes for their future: a European tour, a sitcom, action figures and then a special on MTV's "Cribs."

When asked if there is any significance behind the name of their band, members indicate that it was "a past life that we don't remember," says bassist Jeff McDonnell. "Johnny Girth is simple and honest. This 'avant-garde' rock band has been playing together for one year and is made up of five seniors: Mickey McGarry, Brian Galla, Jon Adler, Gusto Camara and Jesse Dang.

When asked about plans for the future of Housebound, McDonnell says the band hopes "to play a lot of cool music, maybe tour the world. Also, we want to eat some chicken sometime."

The Inch Thieves with their name. Despite the creativity, band member Josh Hich says they may just retire after NAZZ. "Or we'll just play a lot, many gigs, parties and the like," the band says.

Formerly a line from Dustin Hoffman's character in "Rain Man," "Qantas never crashed" is the name of one of Notre Dame's many bands. Qantas Never Crashed has been playing with its current lineup for three months, though some members have been playing together in different bands since arriving at Notre Dame. "The band is made up of seniors — Jason Limster, Geoff Hahne, the Booms, Chris Fazio and Jon Adler — and three have already performed at past NAZZs."

Qantas Never Crashed consists of its style "suburban funk." "Musically we enjoy Phish, Radiohead, Praxis, thick funk and rock music with seductive chord changes," says the band. "But on a deeper level, we draw our motivation from women, money and the thrill of standing before booming amplifiers."

After NAZZ, the band plans to "claim our own pieces of the spectacle that is rock music before the real world swallows us up."
Utah provides defensive test for Notre Dame

By NOAH AMSTADTER

The Irish hope not to hit a bump in the Rocky Mountains in their road to the Final Four. The women's basketball team travels to Denver this weekend to compete in the third and fourth rounds of the NCAA Women's basketball tournament.

Two wins will send the Irish to their first Final Four appearance since 1997. In fact, McGraw speculated Wednesday on her current team's abilities compared to that 1997 squad. A visit from 1997 star forward Beth Morgan prompted the debate. "I think this team would win," McGraw said with a laugh. "We were talking about that the other day. You look at the balance we have with Alicia and Ruth, as good as Korea turned out to be. I think Niele is a better player. I would give her the edge to this team."

"I think it would be their loss," McGraw said. "You know, I think they're a Cinderella team and they have a chance to do something they haven't done in the program yet. I think this is a great opportunity for them to know everybody because they're probably very similar to us when we went to the Final Four."

Utah is led by senior forward Amy Ewert, who earned co-Mountain West Conference player of the year honors earlier this season. Ewert scored 13 points in the win over Iowa. Ewert averages 9.6 points and 3.5 assists per contest. Lauren Beckman averages 12.2 points per contest for the Utes and Kristina Anderson puts in 10.2 per game. McGraw was impressed with the offensive balance Utah has. She compares the Utes to her own team. "They're very much a balanced team," McGraw said. "They have a couple of players that they like to go to, but overall I think their strength is similar to ours in that they have great balance."

Utah's strength is their defense. Notre Dame battled Utah all season long for the nation's top spot in terms of least points allowed per game. McGraw expects the game to be a defensive battle. "I think it's going to be a challenge for our offense," McGraw said. "We do like to score. Our defense is as good. I'm more of a coach that likes to see an offensive game, but I think this one is going to turn out to be a big defensive battle."

All-American senior center Ruth Riley realizes that the game is going to be a battle, but says that the team is approaching the game as if it would any other. "I think we're going to have to be focused on what we want to do," Riley said. "We're going to have to play the same game we've played all year. I don't think we're going to change that going that game."

Should the Irish advance to the Elite Eight, they will face the on the winner of a game between Vanderbilt and Iowa State. McGraw has connections with both teams. The Irish coach worked with Vanderbilt coach Jim Foster during her early years as a coach at St. Joseph's University in Pennsylvania. "He's my mentor. He's been so influential in everything I've done," McGraw said. "I don't think that I would be as successful if not for all of his help."

Iowa State coach Bill Fennelly worked as an assistant under McGraw in the late 1980's. McGraw is happy she only has to take on one of her close friends. "I'm glad we only have to play one of them if we win," McGraw said. "I think to have to get by both of them would be really, really hard for me."

Saturday's game will be televised on ESPN. Tip-off is at 8 p.m.

Sizing up the competition

The Commodores advanced to the Sweet Sixteen for the third straight season with a 85-70 win over Florida on Monday night. Their second seed this year is the highest in school history. In last season's NCAA tournament, Iowa State was seeded third and lost in the Sweet Sixteen. A year earlier, the Commodores upset Connecticut before losing to the Elite Eight. Center Angie Welle and guards Lindsey Wilson, Megan Taylor, and Tracy Cahan all average over 12 points per game. Welle leads the team in scoring (18.3 points per game), rebounding (16.1 points per game) and ranks second in the nation with a 66.2 percent field goal percentage. She was recently named a third-team Associated Press All-American. Iowa State won all 16 games on its home court this year but lost to Duke, Baylor, Colorado, Kansas and Texas Tech.

The Mountain West conference school is known for its stifling defense. Opponents have averaged just 50.5 points per game and have shot only 33.7 percent, on average, from the field. The Utes are making their first-ever appearance in the Sweet Sixteen. In the first two rounds, Utah beat Fairleigh Dickinson 79-57 then defeated No. 4 seed Iowa 78-69. Lauren Beckman's 12.5 points per game and Kristina Anderson's 10.2 points per game are tops on the team. Utah has won 17 of its last 18 games, with the lone loss coming against BYU on March 9.

The Commodores entered the NCAA tournament on a tear. They beat top-five Southern Conference rivals Georgia (71-65 on Feb. 25) and Tennessee (77-74 on March 3) before winning their first two NCAA contests. Two of the nation's top centers face off in Saturday's second contest. Vanderbilt's Chantelle Anderson (21.0 points and 6.2 rebounds per game) will match up against Iowa State's Angie Welle. But the Commodores are much more than a one-woman team. Junior forward Zuri Klimosova averaged 16.0 points, 7.9 rebounds and 3.3 assists per game in 2000-2001 and was named to the All-SEC first team. If the Commodores beat the Cyclones, it will be a reunion for the coaches. Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw served as an assistant under current Vanderbilt coach Jim Foster when Foster was the head coach at St. Joseph's (Pa.) in the early 1980's.

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Superstar Riley remains humble on, off court

By TIM CASEY
Associated Press

The best women's college basketball player at the nation was tured.

Outside Gampel Pavilion, snow fell faster than the NCAA. Inside the University of Connecticut's on campus arena, scribes listened while Kelley Sullivan, Amanda Baskette and Muffet McGraw spoke. It was March 5 and Notre Dame had just defeated Virginia Tech in advance to the Big East tournament championship game.

Then Ruth Riley arrived.

Due to the snowstorm, the Irish were to receive a police escort back to their hotel immediately following the press conference. So Riley decided to take a quick shower before answering questions.

"I want to apologize for being late," Riley said when she reached the podium. "I'm sorry about that." 

Think any other elite athlete would apologize to the drenched media without first being prompted by his or her con­

But when we had extras we had it together. I never put my kids on the back burner. I never allowed them. Just because I had to raise them alone for a while did not change my per­

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Secondly later, Riley opened the Gate 2 Joyce Center doors and peaked into the football office. She waved to strength coach Mickey Marotti.

"Hey Ruthie," Rogers said. "Nice game last night." 

"It's not like I just came here for school and basketball," Riley said. "It's an additional third dimension that makes the Notre Dame experience more complete. Little kids are so cute and so innocent. It's funny to hear what they have to say sometimes."

"After escaping without her signature enbroiled across a pair of sneakers, Phillips commented on Riley, the reason and Riley, the celebrity.

"She's just a really sweet person to talk to and get to know," Phillips said. "If I was here, I wouldn't be able to hit around so many people, you know? I'd be like 'Get away.'"

A Typical Walk

Riley walked from DeBartolo Hall to the women's basketball locker room early Tuesday afternoon. During the short stroll, she noticed a fellow classmate whose family attended a recent practice. Because all sestros are closed to the public, the family was asked to leave.

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Superstar Riley remains humble on, off court

by Tom Casey

Ruth Riley

It was unique.

When she gets a foul in an away game, everybody is cheering," Owens said. "Everybody wants her out of the game. If she puts her head down, she's giving 10,000 fans the satisfaction of seeing her unhappy."

She may be humble, unassuming, a bit shy, competitive, dedicated and deter­

Strength, Smarts and Skills

Riley remembers watching Riley in the summer of 1996, before her senior year of high school, at the prestigious Nike camp. She knew the young center was unique.

"When the other kids were sitting down and watching the games," Owens said, "Ruth was over shooting free throws or working on hook shots."

When Riley arrived the next fall, she did not start for the first few games. She had some trouble adjusting to the college game but the work ethic never wavered. Before and after every practice, Riley and Owens worked out together.

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"You're on the cover of Real Sports Magazine," Marotti said. "It's in my office."

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Riley's Roots

Her hometown (Mary, Indiana) could be mistaken for a small town. Almost no one has heard of it. She gets along with the trouble, possibly our team isn't as good," Riley said. "That's not really true.

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Irish face Mile High test on postseason road to Final Four

As a season of incredible highs moves closer to its end, the Irish reach their highest point so far this weekend — the Mile High City. And when the team's plane lands in Denver Thursday, the Mile High hopes of the Coach McGraw's squad rest on being able to top two quality opponents in a less than ideal environment. Mission: possible, but not to be taken for granted.

The Sweet 16 lasted simply sour for the Irish the last year. Y2K saw the Irish blow a 17-0 lead and fall to Texas Tech. Ruth Riley got in foul trouble, and so did the Irish lead.

A Yeoman's effort from the American's Heartland travels to a Midwest Regional about 500 miles west of any-where normally considered the Midwest.

Denver's atmosphere has about as much wholesome Midwestern goodness as Britney Spears on the MTV awards.

The air out there is thinner than Riley before she discovered weights. Fatigue will be a factor, a serious one for a team that has all five starters averaging well over 30 minutes per contest.

But not a factor the Irish cannot overcome. Playing at a high elevation is an old hat to Notre Dame's three key players: Riley, Kelley Siemon and Niele Ivey. They have all competed and trained in Colorado for extended periods during their careers.

Even if the starters get hit by the effects of light air, there is more to this Irish squad than just Ivey, Riley, Siemon, Alacia Ratay and Ericka Haney. "I think we're really going to be able to use more people than we have been earlier in the year in those tough games," Siemon said.

That bench — a group of six women whose main purpose early this year was keeping the sideline seats warm — has come on in force. Jeneka Joyce lit up the Wolverines from behind the three-point line during Notre Dame's second round win Monday. In that same game, backup center Amanda Barksdale recorded her first career double-double. It was the first time since high school Barksdale reached double figures in the scoring column. Even Karen Swanson, the sophomore walk-on who never sees time on the court unless the fans scream her name, has provided power for the Irish.

Against Alcorn State, Swanson scored a career-high five points, including a behind the back prayer that looked more like a Michael Jordan move than something Pat Garrity does in his few NBA minutes. The may be in the Pepsi Center, but Riley and Co. don't need any artificial stimulants to get ready to play.

Friday's opponent is Utah — a team as accustomed to playing in thin air as Riley is to blowing past opponents in the paint. The Utes held a talented Iowa squad to 20 percent shooting on Monday to earn their trip to Denver.

Furthermore, the Utes have nothing to lose. Unlike Rick Majerus' talented men's squads over the years, the Utah women are playing in their first ever Sweet 16. There are no ghosts of blown 17-point leads giving Utes' coach Elaine Elliot nightmares.

"They don't feel like they get a lot of respect," McGraw said. "They're playing out west, don't get on TV a lot. Unlike Rick Majerus' talented men's squads over the years, the Utah women are playing in their first ever Sweet 16. There are no ghosts of blown 17-point leads giving Utes' coach Elaine Elliot nightmares."

"They don't feel like they get a lot of respect," McGraw said. "They're playing out west, don't get on TV a lot. I think this is a great chance for them to make some strides for their program."

If the Utes are stride past the region's top team, it will be because of their aggressive defense. Elliott's team battled Notre Dame all season for the No. 1 spot in the nation in terms of limiting opponents scoring.

The aggressive defense poses a threat to an Irish transition game that moves faster than the Irish move through the Big East. At the same time, forcing the Irish to play in the half-court slows the game down, keeping any atmosphere-enduced fatigue to a minimum. And no defensive scheme changes the fact that Utah's center is three inches shorter than Riley.

If the Irish can withstand Utah, the road to the Final Four should pit the Irish against their biggest test since losing to Connecticut in the Big East Championship game.

Both Iowa State and Vanderbilt boast premier centers. Vanderbilt has upset both Georgia and Tennessee in recent weeks, and Commodores coach Jim Foster should be just foaming at the mouth at the chance to upset a No. 1.

Still, the Irish aren't looking past Saturday's game.

"We're not overlooking anyone," Riley said. "I think when that match-up comes, we'll probably think about it a little more."

One game at a time. Four more and the goal of a national title is in hand.

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Sweet Sixteen

(1) Notre Dame
(2) Iowa State
(3) Vanderbilt
(4) Oregon State

Elite Eight

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(2) Iowa State
(3) Vanderbilt
(4) Oregon State

Midwest Regional:

West: (5) Utah (11) Idaho State
East: (11) Idaho State (5) Utah

West: (3) Vanderbilt (13) Texas Tech
East: (13) Texas Tech (3) Vanderbilt

Southeast Regional:

West: (8) Tennessee (16) Alcorn State
East: (16) Alcorn State (8) Tennessee

West: (10) UCLA (17) Utah State
East: (17) Utah State (10) UCLA

Northeast Regional:

West: (1) Connecticut (9) Arizona State
East: (9) Arizona State (1) Connecticut

West: (4) Texas A&M (12) Memphis
East: (12) Memphis (4) Texas A&M

Southwest Regional:

West: (2) Duke (10) Georgia
East: (10) Georgia (2) Duke

West: (5) Utah (12) UCLA
East: (12) UCLA (5) Utah

Great Lakes Regional:

West: (3) Connecticut (11) Iowa State
East: (11) Iowa State (3) Connecticut

West: (4) Texas A&M (12) Memphis
East: (12) Memphis (4) Texas A&M

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Irish forward Kelley Siemon moves past Miami defenders in a game earlier this season. Siemon's offense in the post will be key when the Irish take on Utah Saturday night.
roll, a lot of NAZZ

Most bands define themselves as a mixture of different styles, but Right Hand Side plays “blues, just blues.” Sophomore members Patrick Mechem, Daly Barnes, John Banks and Luke Burke joined junior Neil Carmichael. They have been playing together for five months.

Right Hand Side is an experienced band — three members played NAZZ last year and the other two have played numerous gigs. This experience may be the reason behind the group’s choice of a representative object: “a rock that has been polished by the ocean until it is hard and smooth.” “Mostly we just want to play music for people and use the band as an excuse not to get our homework done,” says guitarist Carmichael.

“A nice blend of indie rock and power pop,” is how Oiseaux describes its music. Sophomore Tim Bradley and Bill Taylor performed at last year’s NAZZ in the now defunct band Moonshine, and the two joined with freshman Matt Dowling about six months ago to form Oiseaux’s current line-up.

All three members have distinctive taste in music. Bradley counts Weezer, the Pixies, Sloan and the Alkaline Trio as big influences. Taylor likes Red Fish and Dowling gets inspiration from the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

“The name ‘Oiseaux.’ “It looks cool and sounds sophisticated,” says Bradley. When asked for the group’s post-NAZZ plans, Bradley says Oiseaux would like to play a few shows and possibly do some recording before the end of the semester.

For a group that identifies with “Michael J. Fox in a white leisure suit doing the ‘Teenwolf dance,” its independence should lead it far.

The Skammunists want it known there is no significance behind their name. “We’re not even communists — we just like the sound of ‘skammunists.’ ” The band seems to have an inclusive philosophy nonetheless, as they boast 10 members: senior Sean Marky, sophomores Chris Giese and Dan Crowley, and freshmen Ben Sneaze, Pete Balogh, Sean Brooks, Pat Bayliss, Adriana Trunzo, Mike Zodda and Omar Artipe.

The large ska/punk band formed about seven months ago, and hopes “to keep playing and see what happens, above all to have a good time.” Skammunist influences include Catch 22, Mustard Plug, Boys Sets Fire, Bouncing Souls and Less than Jake.

Little known facts about the band: The Skammunists went through six drummers over five months before finding their current drummer Bayliss two days before their first show. And guitarist Balogh sports a magic hat that the band agrees is the object that best represents their style.

If you need a reason to see Red Dragon Tattoo this Friday, consider the intriguing significance behind their name: “Ask any one of us and we’ll show you.”

The three founding members of the band — sophomores Ryan McLaughlin, Joe Androkakis and Josh Byrne — began playing together over a year ago, recently adding sophomore Carl Sergio and freshman Dave Lodewyck to the lineup. All members are self-proclaimed NAZZ virgins.

Red Dragon Tattoo takes inspiration from Wayne, the Beatles and Britney Spears as its influences. The band’s style is 1960s British pop music, but when asked about its goals for the band, the members say they can’t decide whether they want to be the next Beatles or the next Spinal Tap.

One thing is for sure — Red Dragon Tattoo proudly declares an inflatable Oscar Mayer wiener as the object that best defines what their band is all about.

Unlike many NAZZ bands, 7 Pounds of Groove says they are quite serious about playing post-college. The band, which has been together for a year and a half, is made up of junior Alan Maginn and seniors Kevin Bruce, Chris Corr and Mark Miller.

“Everyone’s listening background is quite different as well,” says the band, “which makes the band different styles together, giving us a really unique sound.

7 Pounds of Groove like to consider themselves a jamband, but “like all jambands, we have our own unique mix of eclectic rock, fusion, and other multiple styles.” The newest addition to their stage is an object they feel represents their band well — a stuffed Canadian goose named Beau Goose that was found in Bruce’s trunk. As for its name? “Oiseaux”?

“It means the same thing is for sure — Red Dragon Tattoo does as the object that best represents their style.

Presto Pine’s name comes from the ancient tradition of tree erection. “That and it was the label of a box in the Koomen music room where we first started practicing,” says senior vocalist Jeff Russ. Joining Russ are senior bassist Nate Blaisdell, senior lead guitarist Brian Snakalay and junior Steve Sanchez on drums. The band came together last semester, and the upper classmen have “come out of the cans of the obsolete just in time to bid our farewell to the giant bubble known as Notre Dame,” according to Russ.

This resilient group feels that a 1985 He-Man figurine of Moss Man best represents their band. “Our style is a mix of ska, 7 Pounds of Groove, and Animal of the Nittany Lions,” says guitarist Russ. “Not really, we play pure rock and roll, of course.” Presto Pine’s main influences are Brandon Boyd of Incubus, Flea of the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Jimmy Page of Led Zeppelin and Animal of the Muppets. Future plans include playing at bar mitzvahs, weddings and for audiences of 10 or fewer.

Their goal is to become Notre Dame’s oldest band. Their inspirations include Weezer, Spinal Tap and Slayer. When asked to pick an object to embody their band, the members of the group chose “a small, angry little man with bad teeth and big hair.” And their name? “Who wouldn’t like a guy named Lester?” is their only response.

Lester is composed of senior Ryan Murray on vocals/philosophy grad student Pat Emmons on bass and juniors Joe Madina on guitar, Jon Alvarez on drums and Tim Ferrell on guitar, who is now abroad in France and missed by his bandmates.

Even without Ferrell, Lester continues to rock out in its signature style, “a more melodic, upbeat rock, with elements of pop-punk, emo and a teeny-weeny bit of metal thrown in for good measure.” Though Lester has only been together for six months, the members say they always knew they would find each other and hope to have the same luck at NAZZ that group members have enjoyed in past years.
NAZZ performers flying solo

One night, one voice: 7 brave soul-oists will perform at Senior Bar

8:10 p.m.

"I think my style is a reflection of a blend of Ani DiFranco, Joan Osborne and something else that I can't quite put my finger on," says Vinita Ollapally.

A self-described "energetic singer/songwriter," Ollapally's style is folk music with a kick. She considers DiFranco to be a strong influence in her work and performance, although she feels that she has a different influence for every song she writes.

The senior performed at NAZZ last year, as well as at parties and events around campus like AcousticCafe and Amnesty events.

8:50 p.m.

Luke Mueller says his music is inspired by "living and dying and everything in between."

The junior from Knott Hall has been playing the guitar for a little more than two years, but this marks his first appearance at NAZZ. Mueller will also be playing in a rock band for the first time this summer.

Mueller counts his influences of several artists, most notably Pearl Jam and Ben Harper. "I would say my music attempts to capture meaning in the way that Pearl Jam, Ben Harper, Bob Dylan, Bruce Springsteen and various other artists have done, but with a unique sound and style," says Mueller.

9:30 p.m.

Shawn Storer's greatest inspiration is God's grace, which he experiences through the people and the world he encounters each day. Storer has been singing since he was a child, playing varied instruments for almost nine years and writing music exclusively for the past few years. The senior theology major credits many varied influences, from the Psalms and Francis of Assisi to Bruce Springsteen and the Beatles.

Storer describes his style as "folk rock" music (because it doesn't just "rock" it "rawks"). Now Storer says he relies on his own brew of folk, blues, gospel and "insurgent country music" to move his audience.

A previous NAZZ performer (in last year's second place band The Mad River Bluegrass Society), Storer prefers to go by the title "Plain Dealer." He prides his music on its simplicity, and says that an old flannel shirt best describes his sound and himself.

10 p.m.

Joel Ebner

"I gravitate toward [music] that is introspective and bitter sweet, but still has a catchy silver lining," says Joel Ebner, a junior from Keough Hall.

The ALPP/Graphic Design major has been performing and singing in various rock bands for about seven years, but has been playing the six-string acoustic guitar almost exclusively for a year. Ebner considers his "singer-songwriter/pop music," but says he tends to play songs that are sometimes forgotten or unnoticed. "I'm really into experimental rock and a n a p p e n g a m e s so I prefer to play pop-oriented music," says Ebner, "but I would love to pursue a career in music, but this is a lot easier said than done," says Wittliff. "If I ever have the opportunity to play music for a living, it will be a dream come true.

10:40 p.m.

Phil Wittliff

Since he began playing at the age of five, Phil Wittliff has recognized his love of music. "I don't know how good I was, but I have always considered myself a guitar player," says Wittliff.

The sophomore from Fisher Hall compares his music to Neil Young and Willie Nelson, but has developed his own unique style.

"I consider my music to be 'just plain music,'" says Wittliff. "It's not pop, it's not blues and it's not country, but it has a hint of all of them."

Friday marks Wittliff's first NAZZ performance, but he has played at Acoustic Cafe and M-a-c-a-foo. "If I ever have the opportunity to play music for a living, it will be a dream come true.

11:20 p.m.

"There is nothing that brings me more joy than to play mellow folk songs with my acoustic guitar in order to share a piece of God's love with this world," says Danielle Rose Skorich.

Since Skorich began playing the guitar seven years ago, the focus of her music has been on her faith. "I really love life, God and writing music about it," says Skorich. "Heck, if the angels sing for joy unceasingly, why can't we give it a shot? Yippee!"

Skorich describes her style as "folk pop acoustic music about my faith." She has played at various sites around campus, and this Friday night will bring a double dose of her music.

Skorich will be playing a concert for the Campus Ministry's kickoff of "No Greater Love," and then will bring her acoustic sound to NAZZ later that night.

12 a.m.

"I've always written songs for 'my band' regardless of whether of not I had a band at that particular time," says the junior from Morrissette Hall. But McKeever says he is coming to realize that he doesn't necessarily need a band to play some of his songs.

A first-time NAZZ performer, McKeever names as his strongest influences indie rock artists like Sebadoh and Seam and "folkloric" artists like Bob and Ben Wood. To the future he says he would like to sing and play for "a really mellow band, with a lot of delicate instrumentations.

McKeever has been playing the guitar for over five years and prides himself on being self-taught. "I like the fact that sometimes I don't know why certain chords or notes sound good in certain places," says McKeever. "It keeps a sense of mystery about playing music, keeps it from becoming too scientific.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
USC upsets Kentucky 80-76, will play Duke in regional final

* Stanford, Maryland advance to West regional

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

With the game on the line, Southern California made sure Duke was going nowhere, slipping a 11-point lead. USC hung on for an 80-76 victory over Kentucky in the NCAA West regional.

The sixth-seeded Trojans (24-9), seeking their first Final Four berth since 1954, spoiled Kentucky's bid for a rematch of last year's NCAA title-game final overtime loss to Duke in Philadelphia. The top-seeded Blue Devils beat UCLA 76-63 in the second semifinal.

USC used some sizzling first-half shooting and took advantage of Kentucky's lack of depth to build a 21-point lead. The proud Wildcats staged a furious second-half comeback, twice hanging on the lead to one point. But USC hit 75-74 with 32 seconds to play, and John Hollen, who led all scorers with 27 points and had 13 rebounds, took a foul shot every time. USC put the ball inbounds, Hollen took a pass and put the ball in the hole. USC was down by two, and was fouled on the subsequent free throw.

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"We have total confidence in Duke," said coach Bob Bohl. "That's the guy we want to get, and we want to beat him." USC was down 21-9 at the half, but scored a season-high 45 points in the first half and held Kentucky to just 29.

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"We went out and did what we needed to do," USC coach Bob Huggins said.

Duke 76, UCLA 63

A six-foot-five junior forward with 32 points and 13 rebounds, he had a lot of good players on the team who have reached the Sweet 16. "In his 23rd year of coaching at Carolina, Williams said he has guided a team to an NCAA Tournament regional final. Duke beat fourth-seeded UCLA. Stanford beat fourth-seeded Kentucky.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Smoltz may be out for season opener

Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. - Atlanta Braves pitcher John Smoltz, trying to come back after missing last year because of surgery on his right elbow, will "probably" open the season on the disabled list with tendinitis in the elbow, he said Thursday.

Smoltz was passed over for his scheduled start on Wednesday. He had asked team physician Dr. Joe Chandler to check out his elbow Monday after feeling some soreness following his previous start against the New York Yankees.

"He told me it was tendinitis. There's a little inflammation there," Smoltz said. "I've just got to let it settle down."

Smoltz has not pitched more than three innings in any start this spring.

"My goal was to pitch five, six innings and that's not going to happen," he said.

Asked if that meant he would likely open the season on the disabled list, Smoltz replied: "Probably. But that's their [the club's] decision."

Manager Bobby Cox said a decision would not be made until the end of spring training, but tried to remain optimistic.

"I think he'll be fine. I'm not thinking about it right now," he said.

Smoltz, who is coming back from "Tommy John" surgery exactly one year ago on Friday, said he had some pain after each of his three spring starts, but it lasted longer each time.

"The surgery took. The elbow is great," he said. "But there's going to be other issues and I just have to learn to deal with them."

He said he would take it slow.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Ankiel gets off to wild start

Associated Press

JUPITER, Fla. — Rick Ankiel, who threw nine wild pitches in four astonishing postseason innings last fall, walked his first three batters Thursday before giving up a grand slam to Montreal’s Vladimir Guerrero.

“I’m just trying to get it right,” Ankiel said. Ankiel, the St. Louis Cardinals’ 21-year-old left-handed phenom, walked eight in his previous spring start against Florida.

“I had a little more feel for my fastball but my curve wasn’t working like it was the last time,” Ankiel said. “I felt like I battled after a tough first inning. I was able to come back and throw strikes.”

Ankiel threw only one strike to the first three batters, walking Peter Bergeron, Milton Bradley and Fernando Tatís on 13 pitches to open the game.

After taking a called strike, Guerrero hit the next pitch over the right-field wall. Ankiel appeared to recover his control after that, getting Lee Stevens on a called third strike, Geoff Blum on a popup, and Orlando Cabrera on a groundout. Ankiel threw 25 pitches — eight strikes — in the inning.

With most of the capacity crowd backing Ankiel, he retired the side in order in the second inning on 10 pitches, seven strikes.

“I was impressed with the way he bore down after Vlad hit that homer,” catcher Mike Matheny said. “He really showed me something the way he got out of the inning. That’s a really good hitter hitting the ball good. And he was the only one who hit the ball hard.”

“But every day, Rick has to get a feel for his pitches,” Matheny said. “For the mound, a feel for his legs. He was in a fastball mode today and executed all his pitches well.”

The left-hander threw nine of 14 pitches for strikes in the third inning, but also allowed a walk and back-to-back run-scoring doubles to Guerrero and Stevens.

Ankiel allowed six runs, three hits and four walks in three innings. He struck out two. He threw 29 of 55 pitches for strikes.

“He said he felt good when he came out of the game,” pitching coach Dave Duncan said. “He is going to have some adversity when he pitches and he has to learn how to work out of it. He started to after the home run today. Compared to the last game, his demeanor on the mound today was outstanding.”

It was Ankiel’s third start this spring. He pitched two shutdown innings against the Mets on March 13, before struggling to find the strike zone against the Marlins in his last start on Sunday.

It was Ankiel’s third start this spring. He has a 1-2 record with 13 walks and seven strikeouts in 6 2/3 innings. He’s allowed 12 earned runs.

Ankiel has been getting help from baseball psychologist Harvey Dorman.

“In the playoff opener last October against Atlanta, Ankiel became the first major league pitcher in 110 years to throw five wild pitches in one inning. On Sept. 15, 1890, Bert Cunningham did it for Buffalo of the Players League.”

After a wild outing in practice early during spring training, Ankiel (11-7 with a 3.50 ERA last year) spent the next few weeks pitching on one of the back fields at the team’s spring training complex. The sessions were in the early morning, out of the media glare and without crowds.

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Women’s Tennis

No. 7 Irish face hard road trip this weekend

By STEVE KEPPLE
Staff Writer

This weekend, the women’s tennis team will have its work cut out for it as the Notre Dame takes on Kentucky and Tennessee, two solid teams who will be looking to knock off the No. 7 Irish.

“Kentucky and Tennessee are always a tough road trip,” said head coach Jay Louderback. “Both are very good teams who play well at home.”

Junior Nina Vaughan knows the weekend trip to Appalachia provides a challenge.

“We have to respect that they are two very tough teams but we are confident in our abilities,” said Vaughan. “We go into every match thinking that we can win.”

It will be a difficult road trip for the Irish as they are traveling for the third week in a row. The team is on a four-game winning streak will have to deal with hostile crowds and long bus trips this weekend but are confident that they can pull together and play well.

“Tennessee is a very tough place to play,” said Vaughan, “the crowd is always rowdy and obnoxious but expecting that makes us all the more ready for it also makes us want to win more.”

With eight games remaining before the Big East Tournament the Irish look to win out and go into the post season on a high note.

“Our goal as a team is to win the rest of our matches, it is very feasible to go the rest of the season undefeated,” said Vaughan.

The team is on a roll after another undefeated weekend with wins against Miami and West Virginia down in Florida. The Irish improve their record to 14-3 with the impressive wins, losing only one singles match.

“I thought we did very well, it was a big adjustment to playing inside and outside but we did a good job,” said junior Nina Vaughan after another great weekend.

Head coach Jay Louderback sees last weekend’s performance as a positive step as the season winds down.

“The best match we played was Miami it was our first outdoor match and we played really well,” said coach Louderback. “Everyone played well, Becky [Varsham] has been playing better and better as the spring has gone along, she has really stepped it up at number two and Nina Vaughan at three has played well for us.”

The win against Miami is a big one for the Irish who split matches with the Hurricanes.

The win puts them at the top of the Big East and in control as they get ready for the Big East Tournament in April.
Azinger takes lead; Woods misses par

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Paul Azinger finally found the Players Championship to his liking Thursday, thanks to a relatively soft Stadium course, a one-stroke lead and his best score at Sawgrass in 49 rounds.

Paul Azinger's best finish at The Players Championship was a tie for third in 1991. Azinger started with three consecutive birdies, had a similar stretch in the middle of his round, and kept it straight and simple down the stretch for a 6-under 66 and the lead over Vijay Singh, Scott Hoch and Jonathan Kaye.

"When the greens hold, it's a manageble golf course," Azinger said.

Not everyone felt that way. Tiger Woods said he hit only a couple of bad shots but signed for a 73.37, the highest first-round scoring on the Stadium course in 17 career rounds in the tournament that he has failed to break par. One of those shots was his 3-wood on No. 18 that started left and into the water and led to a double-bogey.

"I didn't get a whole lot out of the round," Woods said. "I only hit two or three bad shots all day, which in these conditions is pretty good. The golf course is going to keep playing harder and harder as the week goes on."

Even with greens that allowed certain pins to be attacked, the Stadium course is no pushover. The average score was 73.37, the highest first-round scoring on the PGA Tour this year.

"If we had to play a golf course this difficult every week, there would be a lot of guys retiring of heart failure at age 40," said Billy Mayfair, who was at 68 along with Robert Allenby and Skip Kendall.

Three of the top four players, including Azinger, started in the afternoon, a rarity in golf because the course tends to get dry and crusty as the day goes on. Thursday was an exception because of rain that soaked the Stadium Course earlier in the week, and wind that only gusted hard in the morning.

Azinger noticed the difference right away, especially when he kept bending over to replace pitch marks. In years past, when the rough was ankle deep and the greens were like cement, he figured he had no chance because he hits the ball low and hard.

"When the ball hit the green, you could hear it from 150 yards out," he said. "That favored a certain type of player, and that wasn't me. It just didn't fit my style."

Singh broke 70 for the first time in 15 rounds on the Stadium course, and the 67 was his best score ever in 33 rounds of official competition. There hasn't been many casual rounds, even though Singh lives about five miles away.

"I don't go out on the golf course as much as I should," Singh said. "But when I'm home, I'm here almost every day. I use the range a lot."

Big surprise there. Singh is one of the most tireless workers in golf, and it has begun to pay off. He is the only player who has not had a round over par on the PGA Tour this year.

"If you drive the fairways here, you've got a lot of chances to make good approaches to the green," Singh said. "From tee to green, I was really solid. And when you do that, you're supposed to play a good round."

So how to explain Hoch? He likes The Players Championship now because the rough is like a jungle and keeping the ball in play is a priority. On Thursday, Hoch missed six fairways and six greens, and had a 67 for his best score of the year.

"I was very fortunate," he said. "When I do play well, I keep the ball in play. And I did not do that today. But I made a whole lot."

When asked whether the Stadium course was there for the taking, Hoch scoffed.

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Bryant reluctant to play triangle

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Phil Jackson likes to hand out books to his players for inspiration. Apparently, he's still trying to find the right one for Kobe Bryant.

It has been well-documented that the Lakers coach and his All-Star guard don't share the same philosophies of offense. Specifically, Bryant is unhappy with his role in Jackson's vaunted triangle offense.

Bryant's season-long feud with Shaquille O'Neal about who should be the focus of the Lakers' offense has been the biggest problem for Jackson's team. As the Los Angeles Times noted Rick Telander published previously.

"Jackson's vaunted triangle offense. The Lakers' offense has been so simple. It doesn't display any skills among teammates.

"The other day I said to Kobe, 'What's the problem?'" Jackson said. "He said, 'The game's too boring for me. The offense is so simple. It doesn't display my talent.' I said, 'I realize that. But we're trying to win games with the least amount of things going wrong, the fewest injuries, the least fatigue.' He said, 'I don't know what I have to have for my game.'"

Jackson had given Bryant a copy of Corelli's Mandolin, a 1994 novel by Louis De Bernieres. The book is about a Dutch sailor who was eventually shipwrecked and ended up being an officer for the Italian army during World War II. It touches on the adaptiveness of a tight-knit community.

"Kobe's a real Mediterranean kid," Jackson was quoted as saying. "I thought the book would be a good look at the culture he's attached to. It's a beautiful book. Tragic. But he didn't like it. Last year I gave him a book by Paul Bonts, White Boy Shuffle, about a black youth who grows up in a white community. But Kobe had no affinity for it. He's not willing to let someone else's ideas penetrate his mind."

"The point of the book was that you can't always dictate the terms of what your life is going to be," Jackson said. "Those Greeks are going to be overrun and organized by the Italians. So they learn how to win by losing. In a way, 'We are going to be occupied, now how do we get along?'"

"Kobe's having a hard time with the triangle offense this year. Not last year. Last year he could hardly wait to get to the spot on the floor where Michael Jordan had been. He wanted to be Michael. But it's a different team this year. We don't have a Scottie Pippen for him, the guy who allowed Michael to be Michael. That's the cross Kobe has to bear."

Jackson then added: "Someone told me that in high school, Kobe used to sabotage his own games. So the game could be close. So he could dominate at the end. To sabotage the team process, to be so self-centered in your own process ... it's almost stupifying."

Jackson said that recent on-court disturbances with Bryant might not reflect their total relationship, however.

"It's not butting heads at all," Jackson said. "We had one interchange on Monday night. He was upset at his teammates. I told him he had no right to be upset with his teammates. He made the pass from up in the air. That wasn't even contentious."

Martin breaks leg in 113-98 loss to Celtics

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.

Kenyon Martin, the No. 1 pick in last year's NBA Draft, fractured his right leg in the New Jersey Nets' loss to Boston on Thursday night.

The right leg is the same one Martin broke around this time last year while playing for the University of Cincinnati.

"Kenyon has a non-displaced fracture of the right fibula," Nets spokesman Aaron Harris said about an hour after the Nets 113-98 loss. "It's a completely different injury than last year."

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**BASEBALL**

**Irish set to take on Big East rivals**

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Assistant Sports Editor

The last time the Notre Dame baseball team started their season this well, Roosevelt was president — Teddy Roosevelt. The Irish, at 14-2-1, are experiencing their best start since 1998, when the baseball team opened at 16-1. Behind outstanding pitching and a lineup that can manufacture runs effectively, Notre Dame will surge into Big East competition this weekend with a Friday doubleheader at Pittsburgh and a Saturday twin bill with the Hokies of Virginia Tech at Blacksburg, Va.

The Irish are fresh off a 3-0 shutout of Cleveland State in their home opener Wednesday at Frank Eck Stadium, a game that saw sophomore starter Peter Ogilvie scatter three hits in seven innings of work, with fellow sophomore Matt Laird securing his third save of the season.

Leftfielder Kris Billmaier provided Ogilvie with plenty of run support, smacking two hits for 2 RBIs and adding a stolen base.

The Cleveland State win came on the heels of a successful California road swing over spring break, where the Irish went 7-0-1 en route to winning the Poppi/F Johnny Quirk Classic in Fresno.

Through the first 17 games of the season, the Irish have shown to have a deadly strategy — pitching and fielding that simply do not allow runs combined with an offense that can rally from any point in the batting order.

As for pitching, the Irish staff is the proud owner of a 2.66 overall ERA, spearheaded by senior starters Aaron Heilman and Danny Tamayo.

"I always knew Aaron and Danny would be our No. 1 and 2 starters, we just had to wait to see their senior season to do it," said Mainieri with a laugh, referring to Tamayo's absence from the mound due to injury the past two seasons.

At the plate, Notre Dame has shown that it will walk, single, steal bases, get hit by pitches, execute hit and runs — anything to advance runners and score runs.

The order lacks holes, with freshman Steve Sollmann leading the team in batting average from the ninth spot, and leftfielder Kris Billmaier tied with Brian Stavisky for the team lead in RBIs while hitting sixth.

Meanwhile, the trio of Sollmann, Stavisky, and junior leadoff hitter Steve Stanley has declared war on the competition, terrorizing opposing pitchers with a combined .394 batting average.

Pittsburgh is coming off a split with Ohio, a series that ran their record to 9-5-2-1 in Big East play. The Panthers are a power team, with 15 home runs as compared to Notre Dame's eight, but Pittsburgh's pitchers have a staff ERA of 5.44 through the first 14 games of the season.

Virginia Tech completed a three-game sweep with Boston College on Monday, improving their record to a 10-8 mark. The Hokies are led offensively by John West's .418 average, with three home runs and 12 runs batted in.

**CLARIFICATION**

On page 32 of Thursday's The Observer the headline on the lead story incorrectly read "Tamayo overcomes diversity to throw for victory." The word "diversity" was used instead of the word "adversity" to describe Tamayo's battle back from Tommy John surgery.

Furthermore, Tamayo did not pitch in Wednesday's game against Cleveland State. Tamayo is scheduled to start against either Pittsburgh or Virginia Tech.

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"Organizational Ethics: A New Frontier for Bioethics and Medicine"

In the last thirty years bioethics has developed as an interdisciplinary field focusing on ethical controversies in clinical medicine, medical research, and the allocation of resources in healthcare. However, in recent years there has been a call by a number of people working in bioethics for greater attention to organizational ethics as part of the field. Organizational ethics reflects a growing sense among many professionals working in bioethics that the way healthcare is organized and structured raises another type of ethical question that influences many of the other areas of bioethics. Most notably the questions of healthcare organization have a direct impact on the delivery of care in the clinic.

One can also argue that the impact of organizational issues goes beyond the clinic and patient care. For example, the recent changes in managed care that restructure the fundamental paradigms of healthcare delivery. Changes in the way the organization is structured necessarily raise questions about the way that changes in the organizational structure influence the delivery of healthcare. The lecture will undertake a thorough ongoing examination of the relationship of organizational ethics and bioethics. The lecture will also argue that the problems and issues are far more significant than many of the proponents of organizational ethics seem to realize.

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Fencing

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"Our first match was against them and I wasn't really ready. A chipped bone in his foot is also bothering Debic. He injured it a week ago and the recovery has been slow. "It is getting better but I am definitely not fencing the way I would usually," Debic said. "I am much more static." Despite his painful foot, Debic still picked up a few impressive victories including a dominating 5-1 defeat of Columbia's Jed Dupree. The loss to Debic was Dupree's only defeat in the first four rounds. St. John's 12-point lead after the first day poses a threat to Notre Dame's victory plan. With a men's team that is much stronger than the women's team, the Irish hoped to build a big lead after the first two days of competition and protect the lead on the last two days. Now they that are trailing after the first day, the Irish must re-evaluate their strategy but still think they can overtake the Red Storm.

"I think tomorrow we are going to show them up. I know Keeth is undefeated but hopefully after he meets us he won't be."

Andre Crompton sabreist

"I wouldn't say we are going to catch them [Friday] but we are definitely going to close the gap," Viviani said. "They had a lot going for them today and we had a lot go against us today but hopefully that will change [Friday]." The Irish will benefit from an easier schedule in some weapons. Epee has already fenced St. John's and Penn State. Folli has already faced Stanford and Columbia and will get a chance to face St. John's head to head today. St. John's has a much tougher schedule today. Sabre has the toughest schedule today with matches against St. John's and Wayne State but Notre Dame's best fencers are looking forward to the greater challenge and the chance to deal Smart his first loss.

"Me and Andrzej have been fencing really hard and I think tomorrow we are going to show them up," Crompton said. "I know Keeth is undefeated but hopefully after he meets us he won't be."

The large deficit and strong performance by St. John's on the opening day, however, has led some Irish fencers to re-evaluate their chances for a team title. "Anything is possible but when you get to the logistics of it, it is pretty much a fight for second," Bednarski said.

Men's foilist Ozeen Debic, left, scores a point during Thursday's NCAA competition. Debic is in sixth place after one day of competition.
Lacrosse

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Penguin superstars to play on new lines

Associated Press

CANONSBURG, Pa.
Mario Lemieux and Jaromir Jagr are splitting up.
The Pittsburgh Penguins stars agreed before practice Thursday to playing on different lines for at least three or four games.
Lemieux, the team's owner and a Hall of Famer who ended a 3 1/2-year retirement in December, will play with Kevin Stevens and Wayne Primeau, while Jagr will skate with Jar Hirdina and Alexsey Morozov against Carolina on Friday.

Mario Lemieux
Penguins' forward

"That's the idea, to have a team that's going into the playoffs playing well and having three lines who can score," Lemieux said. "That's the idea, to have a team that's going into the playoffs playing well and having three lines who can score."
Lemieux and other players spoke with coach Ivan Hlinka earlier this week about the switch.
"It makes sense," Jagr said. "It's going to be tough for other teams to match the lines."

"If we don't like the matchup, we can always change guys and adjust to it easily," Martin Straka, Robert Lang and Alexei Kovalev will stay together on one line.
"In this position, I don't like to say who is the first, second, third line," Hlinka said. "I don't think it's good for the guys. We tried to get a good three lines and that's it. I don't know who's the first right now."
Jagr and Lemieux will play together on power plays.

Margs - "It's been a stone groove"
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Avon Lake, Ohio

Avalanche win, but lose Forsberg

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS
Another injured star didn't slow down the Colorado Avalanche.
Joe Sakic had a goal and two assists, and Peter Forsberg had two first-period goals before injuring his right arm in the Colorado Avalanche's 3-1 victory Thursday night over the St. Louis Blues.

The Avalanche, who lead the NHL with 109 points, have won four in a row and have lost only once (12-1-1-1) in 16 games. They began the game without goalie Patrick Roy, who is day to day with knee tendinitis, and defensemen Rob Blake, who has a sprained ankle.

It was unclear when Forsberg, who assisted on both of the Avalanche's first-period goals, was hurt. He was not on the bench in the second period.

Colorado leaned heavily on rookie backup goalie David Aebischer the last two periods. The Blues had a 10-4 shot advantage in the second period, and bout got only a third-period power-play goal from Jochen Hecht.

Ville Nieminen wrapped it up for Colorado, beating rookie Brent Johnson on a power play with 1:28 to go. Sakic, who has a goal each of the last five games, assisted on the play.
The victory set a franchise record for points for Colorado, which had 107 in 1996-97.

The Blues have the NHL's best home record at 25-3-4, but have lost twice at the third period. Michigan tied it at 1 when defensemen Lubomir Sekera and Brent Johnson killed a bouncing puck past Detroit goalie Manny Legace at 16:45 of the first.

The normally low-scoring Wild took a 2-1 lead at 4:21 of the second period when Darby Hendrickson collected a rebound and put it past Legace.

Draper beat Gustafson from the left circle at 6:56 of the second, tying it 2-2.

With Pat Verbeek off for interference, Martin Lapointe scored a goal that beat Gustafson on a short-handed breakaway at 6:16 of the third period, giving Detroit a 3-2 lead.

It was Draper's first two-goal game since March 18, 1998, at Toronto.

It was Lapointe who sealed the win when he scored a power-play goal at 13:05 of the third, brendan Shanahan hit the right post, and the puck bounced back behind Gustafson into the crease from where Lapointe banged it in.

Lapointe has two goals and two assists in three games. The victory extended Detroit's record against Minnesota to 2-1-2.

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**WOMEN’S LACROSSE**

**Notre Dame confident heading into home opener**

By ANDREW SOUKUP  
Associate Sports Editor

Ask the Big East player of the week how the women’s lacrosse team matches up with its weekend opponent, Denver, and she just laughs.

“We’re heads above them,” said Lael O’Shaughnessy.

That’s not to say that the Irish are looking past Denver. They’ve just been preparing for their inaugural season competing in the Big East conference.

“We’re not going to try to run them up, and we’re certainly not going to underestimate them,” O’Shaughnessy said.

“We’re just going to work on some things for our upcoming games.”

Already the women’s lacrosse team is off to a red-hot start. After a season-opening loss to No. 8 James Madison, the Irish have won their last three games, including a pair of wins over Big East foes Georgia Tech and Boston College.

“We’re very confident at this point in the season,” O’Shaughnessy said.

The women’s lacrosse team has a different attitude this season. Joining the Big East conference has given the Irish a new focus. Before this year, the Irish played whatever team would schedule them and didn’t have a clearly defined team goal. Now, they have plenty of opponents and a brand new purpose — winning in the Big East.

“We have more of a point to our season, said O’Shaughnessy. “We have other, new goals, like winning the Big East tournament. It makes it seem more official.”

Already, O’Shaughnessy and her teammates are excited to have earned Big East recognition. The senior was named the Big East player of the week following her sensational spring break performance. Against Virginia Tech, O’Shaughnessy scored one goal and five assists in Notre Dame’s 19-8 win. Four days later, she helped the Irish edge Boston College 8-7 by scoring one goal and assisting on two more.

Notre Dame’s Sunday afternoon match against Denver is their first home contest of the season. O’Shaughnessy said the women’s team is happy to finally be competing at home this weekend, and they’re hoping for some support from the students.

“We get a little tired of being on the road,” she said. “Hopefully we can get a little people out.”

Notre Dame’s match against Denver will take place Sunday afternoon at Moose Krause Stadium. The match is slated to begin at 1 p.m.

Sophomore Jen Berarducci looks to pass during a match last season against Colgate. The Irish are off to a 3-1 start this season and are 2-0 in Big East play.
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Irish sit in second place after first day of nationals

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

The non-scholarship, little-schooled Irish sit in second place after first day of nationals.

The Irish are 12th-seeded Irish shocked the fifth-seeded Loyola Greyhounds, 15-13, in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The upset was just the second time in NCAA Tournament history that a No. 12 seed beat a No. 5 seed.

The first time was in 1995 when Notre Dame beat Duke in the first round. The Irish ended their season with a loss to John Hopkins in the quarterfinals and many experts dismissed the win against Loyola as just another fluke win by the pesky Irish. But for the Notre Dame players, that win was the boost of confidence they needed to propel them through off-season workouts and into the 2001 season.

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