University selects Fox

By LIZ KAHLING
News Writer

University officials confirmed Tuesday that Mexican President Vincente Fox will be the principal speaker at May 19 commencement services.

Fox, 60, follows President Bush as the second consecutive head of state to deliver the graduation address.

"We are delighted that he will honor us with his presence," University President Father Edward Malloy said in a release. "President Fox is a leader who is at once pragmatic and passionate. While he has worked tirelessly to end corruption and strengthen his nation's economy, he also has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to representing and serving the most vulnerable among his constituents, from the poor to the unborn."

Fox had been in consideration as speaker ever since his historic election in July 2000, when his National Action Party (PAN) defeated the 71-year reign of the Institutional Revolution Party (PRI), according to Notre Dame officials. Fox was the first foreign head of state with whom Bush met upon assuming office, although that was not a factor in selecting Fox to speak, officials said.

Like every year, the University searched for a speaker who "made a significant contribution to church, society and the general welfare of mankind," said Dennis Brown, associate director of Public Relations and Information. "President Fox has achieved that with his accomplishments in such little time in office."

Brown compared the annual process of selecting a speaker to "kind of like athletic recruiting." University officers first made overtures to Fox last fall and received confirmation only two weeks ago. Administrators then coordinated with the Mexican general council in Chicago as well as with people in Mexico in drafting an appropriate press release.

Fox will be the sixth foreign chief to speak at a University graduation. He follows Canadian Prime ministers Lester Pearson (1963) and Pierre Trudeau (1982), Salvadoran President and Notre Dame graduate Jose Napoleon Duarte (1985), Chilen President Patricio Aylwin (1992), Irish Taoiseach Albert Reynolds (1994) and Bush.

Many students, faculty and staff had speculated that the speaker would be someone connected with the Sept. 11 attacks and ensuing rescue efforts.

The University has yet to release this year's honorary degree recipients. The 157th Commencement exercises will be at 2 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

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 Mexican President Vincente Fox, this year's commencement speaker, met with last year's speaker, President George Bush, in October.

Students asked to donate marrow

* Requests follow from overwhelming drive two years ago

By MAUREEN SMITHE
Associate News Editor

In March 2000, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students received a call for help.

Their ailing classmate, Conor Murphy, was struggling with leukemia and in desperate need of a bone marrow transplant. The disease had recently taken two other Notre Dame students, Brionne Clary and Miranda Thomas, leaving the community desperate for a way to help. Hundreds heeded the call, stretching a line through the LaFortune Student Center.

Many came, but only a few will ever be chosen. Jonathan
Adventures in the chair

Here's a message from the guy on crutches or in a wheelchair that you see on the quad, in De Bartolo or in the dining hall:

Thanks.
Three weeks after I fell getting down from my loft and broke all the bones in my ankle, so many people have assisted me.
Thanks to the golf cart drivers who have navigated through the snow while attempting to hit a minimum number of people, curbs and buildings. Thanks also to a friend from Knott Hall who has pushed my wheelchair on the way to my dining hall through the frozen tundra of Mod Quad that never seems to thaw.
Thanks to the nurses in the infirmary who have watched me in mild amusement as I flipped a triple room with all of my books and walking side. And thanks to the community of people who have held doors open and given my wheelchair a push when it got stuck in. I knew I was in trouble when I was laying on the floor of my room when everyone within earshot crowded in to look at my deformed foot that was rotated 90 degrees from normal. Thankfully, no one acted on my shouted need to “snap it back into place!”.

As the ambulance rolled away from Knott, I asked the medic what they would do to my foot and he responded, “Well, they’ll probably give you some medicine and snap it back into place.”

Well, I don’t remember that experience, but the many others will stay in my mind forever. I’ve fallen in the bathroom of the infirmary and had to swing my walker up into the air to get my wheelchair a push when it got stuck in. I’ve fallen on the ice outside the library and had a passerby pick me up and then summon a friend to bring my wheelchair. Now, the library monitors remind me to “be careful” every time I crutch through the lobby.

I’ve watched as the golf cart couldn’t make it through the snow and had to frantically dial the library to alert my professor who was in the library as a class presentation. At least 30 percent of my final grade was under way. When I finally arrived at the library in the back of the security Durango, my professor met me outside and pushed me in.

Of course, having a broken ankle does have a perk. I moved into a single to avoid my roommate, and I also get to park on campus.

I appreciate all the small things in life we come to take for granted like walking, holding a dining hall tray, going up stairs and taking a shower without a large rubber plastic boot on my foot.

So my message to everyone is appreciate what you have, and continue to help me and the other disabled students on our quest to lead as normal of a life as possible.

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Enron collapse spawns new class

By JUSTIN KRVICKAS
News Writer

Notre Dame has responded to the demise of the Enron Corporation with a class to explore the significance of the bankruptcy of the much-publicized corporate giant.

Beginning March 18 and running through April 22, the five-week course will focus on the business and accounting issues associated with Enron's collapse. The company's troubles have made headlines since late last year.

Cheney defends widening of war

WASHINGTON

Vice President Dick Cheney defended the Bush administration's worldwide strategy against terrorism from Democratic critics Monday night after he was criticized in Afghanistan are lamentable but our cause is a just one. Cheney said.

"The war against terrorism from Afghanistan are lamentable but our cause is a just one. Cheney said. "We wanted to support the education of the whole student body," Nagle said. "We're raising more money. We need to raise more money. We're already doing it." The student body president Michelle Nagle and the rest of the Board supported the committee's efforts to spread their message to the community.

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"I was taken aback initially. I was hoping to sign up a couple years prior, and the notion of being a donor faded with time,” Jorrissen said. "I was actually on a vacation when my contacts were trying to talk to me about it. I could barely say ‘yes’ to a call straight from the answering machine messages, which is a bit a l l . "

As a medical student, her family members were nervous. But that hasn’t stopped her from actively organizing future bone marrow drives from friends and relatives. "They were really nice about it. They were, and I think it would be just as positive and meaningful for everyone," Jorrissen said.

"I think it’s important to make the final decision yourself, and that everyone can benefit from the system. Any type of donation can be a great way to help a stranger, especially when you’re not sure if it’s the right thing to do," Jorrissen said.

"Our life is so short. I believe there is no such thing as a small thing when it comes to saving a life," Jorrissen said.

"It’s remarkable. It’s a beautiful thing. To be part of something so meaningful and helpful is quite easy," Jorrissen said.

"I’ve been really impressed with the whole process," Jorrissen said. "I’ve been really impressed with the way the process is set up, and how it’s designed to make things as easy as possible for donors and recipients. The process is so well-designed to make it easy to donate, and to give back to people in need."
Kashmir clashes kill 17: Separatist violence in India's region of Kashmir has left at least 17 people dead. Indian soldiers killed eight Islamic militants trying to sneak in from Pakistan-controlled Kashmir along the remote frontier. India accuses Pakistan of aiding at least a dozen Islamic militant groups fighting in Kashmir.

Russian vodka exporter blocked: The exporter of Stolichnaya vodka accused the Russian government on Monday of illegally blocking shipment of the popular spirit in a trademark dispute that has left tons of the beverage stranded in port in western Russia. Authorities in the western enclave of Kaliningrad have refused to release 150 shipping containers of vodka, mostly Stolichnaya, that belong to the SPI Spirits Group.

Kashmir clashes leave 17 dead:

Fake NYC firefighter sentenced:

Market Watch March 4:

Powell endorses summit meeting:

Associated Press
WASHINGTON
Secretary of State Colin Powell praised on Monday a proposal by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak for an Israeli-Palestinian summit meeting.

Powell took up the proposition with Mubarak, who offered to play host to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian leader Yasir Arafat. "It's an interesting idea," Powell said.

However, he said a decision ultimately was up to Sharon and Arafat. At a brief news conference after talking to Javier Solana, the senior diplomat for the European Union, Powell said the situation in the Middle East "was terrible," with violence between Israel and the Palestinians escalating.

He said the Bush administration was redoubling its efforts to halt the strife and that a peace proposal by Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia was a positive development. "It is a vision that we all have to examine, and hopefully it's a vision that all Arab nations and Israel will look at, and that all of us together in the European Union, the United States and other leaders around the world will look at this vision and see what we can do to make this vision a reality," Powell said.

Solana, who has been to the area, said he was very concerned about the fighting and the Europeans were determined to be helpful.

In that regard, Powell spoke by telephone over the weekend with German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer, who has played a prominent role in European peacemaking efforts.

Associated Press
WASHINGTON
Two U.S. helicopters fly over the mountains near Gardez, Afghanistan in a U.S.-led bombing campaign against Taliban and al-Qaida forces. At least nine American soldiers were killed in the offensive.

Attack kills at least 9 U.S. troops

Associated Press

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**Medical students report burnout problems**

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PHILADELPHIA

Three out of four medical residents at the University of Washington study report suffering from "burnout" and half of those said they sometimes gave less-than-ideal care.

Too little sleep, frequent shifts longer than 24 hours and lack of leisure time were most often rated as major stressors by residents in the university's internal medicine residency program.

Dr. Anthony Back, a University of Washington medical professor and one of the authors of the study, said the research didn't determine whether patient care was affected.

But according to the study in Tuesday's Annals of Internal Medicine, slightly more than half the residents experiencing burnout reported one or more "suboptimal" patient care practices at least monthly, compared with about 21 percent of residents not experiencing burnout.

Such practices included residents making treatment or medication errors "not due to a lack of knowledge of inexperience," failing to fully discuss treatment options and answer patient questions and discharging patients "because the team was too busy."

Doctors generally serve one year as an intern and train for three years as residents following graduation from medical school.

Dr. Julia Gore, chief resident at the Veterans Affairs hospital in the University of Washington system, called the study a "snapshot" that doesn't fully describe the experience.

"Sure, there definitely were times when I felt really tired and probably would say burnout," said Gore, in her third year as a resident. "After a few days off or after moving onto a different rotation, my response would be completely different."

Even when fatigued, Gore said, she felt "very supported" by other residents and the attending physician on duty.

Another article in the journal said about a third of 4,130 residents surveyed nationwide reported four or five symptoms of depression.

The survey, by the Resident Services Committee of the Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine, concluded that increased cynicism and symptoms of depression were associated with educational debt.

Of those surveyed, 42 percent had debt of at least $50,000; 19 percent had debt of at least $100,000 and 43 percent had a monthly disposable income of $100 or less.

"We cannot relieve the suffering of others if we, ourselves, are suffering," Linda Hawes Clever of California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco said in an accompanying editorial.

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**ISRAEL**

**Gunman kills 3, wounds 25 in café**

Associated Press

TEL AVIV

A gunman opened fire at a Tel Aviv restaurant early Tuesday, killing three people and wounding 25 before he was shot to death, officials said.

A shoe salesman who was eating said he pulled his own gun and shot the attacker. It wasn't immediately clear if police also returned fire.

The Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, linked to Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, claimed responsibility for the attack in telephone calls to local TV stations, Israel Radio reported. The callers identified the attacker as a Palestinian from the Jebalya refugee camp next to Gaza City.

Police said the assault on the all-night restaurant was carried out by a lone gunman, but the attacker fired from a roof.

"A man fired with an M-16," Tel Aviv police commander Uri Bar-Lev told Israel Radio. "He was also apparently tried to throw a grenade, but it did not explode," said police commander Yossi Sedbon, also over Israeli Radio. Sedbon said the attacker also stabbed people with a knife.

Shoe salesman William Hazan told the station that amid the violence he saw a tall man fighting with someone else.

"I thought he was beating the terrorist. Then the tall man grabbed me in the back with a knife. Then I understood that he was the terrorist. Right away I started firing at him," said Hazan.

The attack came during an especially violent period in the 17-month conflict between Israel and the Palestinians. In weekend attacks, Palestinians killed 22 Israelis, and in reprisals, Israeli forces killed 16 Palestinians on Monday.

"We saw a terrorist firing toward the restaurant and then entering," said a witness, who gave his name as Elie and said he is the owner of the business, called "Seafood." "He was firing all the time." He said the attack lasted about five minutes.

"We were dancing and all of a sudden we heard gunfire. We all hid under the tables," said another witness, who declined to be identified.

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**Medical residents report burnout out**

A study of 115 young doctors shows that the majority of them suffer from "burnout," a syndrome of depersonalization, emotional exhaustion and a sense of low personal accomplishment. Residents who reported these symptoms and behaviors also said they sometimes gave suboptimal patient care.

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**Doctors in debt**

Almost 20 percent of doctors have over $100,000 in student loans while in their residency.

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**Burning in the red**

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**Teacher Mara Sidmore loves the theater. Just as the students she teaches every day, she wanted a little less drama. So she turned to us, a fund manager known for a steady hand. In these volatile times, we can help people build portfolios that are anything but. Now she saves all the theatrics for the stage.**
Pilot Seminar for Sophomores...

Sophomores are invited to apply to a new pilot seminar. A group of sophomores will travel to the sea islands of South Carolina from May 11th through the 18th to work with the Gullah people and other members of the coastal communities. The group will work with the Catholic sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in their ministries of home repair, GED tutoring, ESL tutoring, food and clothing distribution, in addition to learning about the rich history and culture of the area.

Applications are available at the Center for Social Concerns and are DUE TOMORROW, MARCH 6th.

For additional information contact Carl Loesch at loesch.4@nd.edu or Mary Murphy at mmurph16@nd.edu

Current Volunteer Needs:

Scouting Program at La Casa de Amistad - Charles Vonderheid - 289-0337

Were you a Boy Scout or Girl Scout? Looking for some interested volunteers to work with their scouting program on Thursdays from 4:00-5:30 at La Casa de Amistad. The program will run until the end of the school year.

Algebra/Geometry tutor for Junior in HS - Vanessa Kosanovich - 289-4330

She would like an algebra/geometry tutor to work with her son once to two times a week for 1-2 hours, preferably beginning around 6:00 or 7:00 p.m. Tutor would need transportation to her home in South Bend.

3rd Grade Math Tutor - Tanya Ford - 234-6041 (w) 268-1047 (h)

She is looking for a Math tutor to help her 3rd grade son. Please be available after school at least once a week, a location on campus can be arranged.

Tutors to help with 1-step preparation - Nan Tulchinsky - 283-7516

Many, many tutors are needed to help high school juniors and seniors study for their 1-step tests, which they must pass prior to graduation. Help is needed for English and Math, Monday thru Friday from 3:00-5:00 at LaSalle High School from February 25th - March 8th.

Greater St. John Church Tutoring Program - Thelma Harris - 631-5447

They have a homework-focused tutoring program on Tuesday nights from 5:45-7:00 and are looking for volunteers to help keep the children on task and answer questions on their homework. The church is located on the west side of South Bend and its program serves up to 45 children of all ages.

Tutor to help with study skills for 7th grader - Katie Mischowski - 251-9870

She would like a tutor to assist her daughter with homework and most importantly help her develop better study skills, including tips on memorizing material or reading textbooks. Please be available once or twice a week (Thursday thru Sunday) for one hour.

Male Mentor for 8-yr old boy - Deb Isakeh - 631-8844

Do you enjoy sports, cars, videogames and long for the days of childhood? If so, become a mentor for an 8-year old boy whose father is absent from his life. Please be available to spend time with him about once a week.

Newly Opened Safe House for Elderly - Charlotte - 246-0144

OASIS, a newly opened safe house which provides short-term emergency shelter for elderly at risk for abuse or neglect, is one of only 18 in the nation and is in need of volunteers for overnight (11pm-7am) and weekend shifts (7am-7pm & 7pm-7am). Volunteer must be able to become alert if needed during the night and 2 volunteers may sign up together for 1 time slot.

***If you have any questions about these volunteer projects feel free to email cscvols@nd.edu.***
Blaming victims promotes rape

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www.nd.edu/-jlitle/rapestat.html. Most importantly though, no matter what any­ one tells you, even if you were drinking or don't remember, no matter what — it's not your fault.

John Little is a junior MS major who has endured the rape of his sister to his column. His column appears every other Tuesday. He can be contact­ ed at jlitle@nd.edu.

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The incidence of false rape reports in the United States is 1 percent to 2 percent. This is the same incidence as false reports of burglary.

John Little

Frankly Obvious

What would your response be, if after hearing your sexual assault, you were told the rapist is a lawyer?

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NDToday/OBSERVER POLL QUESTION

Do you believe there is a tolerant environment for gays and lesbians at Notre Dame?

Vote at NDToday.com by Thursday at 5 p.m.
Feminist promotion of ‘V-day’ is not true social work

It has been said that benign neglect is the worst thing that can happen in politics. I write in the hope that the Notre Dame body, the Campus Life Council and Father Mark Poorman will not neglect a full consideration of what is at stake in the potential raising of the student activity fee.

It must be made clear from the beginning that this issue is not about the money itself. It is rather a question of the basic standards which must be maintained for spending the University’s funds. The current standards for accountability are not stringent enough, and until this is remedied, further funding increases are inappropriate.

As I understand it, club expenditure reports are due at the end of each year and are accessible through the Financial Management Board. While my senior friends claim to have easy access to these records, I am told that non-senators have been unsuccessful in obtaining this information, in spite of the fact that our fees help fund these activities. This is not fair.

These reports should be open and easily accessible, perhaps through the Internet with the requirement that one’s AFS and password be submitted. There is a larger issue, however. Notre Dame students entrust the Senate, CCL and administration with maintaining a healthy student life. This is not to be equated with the number of clubs and organizations present on campus.

What makes Notre Dame special is that its student body comes together for important events. Yet, as quoted on the front page this past Thursday, the outgoing head of the Club Coordination Council said, “The student activity fee increase would add to the number of events for students and keep the cost of events lower.” This is good logic but is also bad policy. A burgeoning club system (which lacks appropriate accountability) will decentralize the campus and further harm the extent of student unity.

These ideas, if accepted, will mean that some clubs will not receive the funding they desired. I have absolutely no problem with this. I love this school and gladly pay my dues for well-attended and highly useful extracurricular clubs. But I have no interest in funding the Cow Tipping Club, nor do I think a majority of students do. I ask that the Campus Life Council and Father Poorman adequately address these issues, because the majority of our popularly elected senate has failed to do so.

Feminist promotion of ‘V-day’ is not true social work.
String quartet attains perfect harmony with Tool

By TOM O'CONNELL
Scene Music Critic

Third Eye Open is an album with an extraordinary concept. The work of the critically acclaimed art rock band Tool has been paid homage by an unlikely group, the string quartet.

Tool's four studio albums are full of hard-rocking beats and guitar riffs. With the instruments nicely balanced by social- ist Maynard James Keenan's pop-oriented vocals, Tool is in a band that speaks your senses. Third Eye Open takes Tool in a completely different direction. Composed mostly but not exclusively of the band's hits, this album is minimalist, stripped down. The hard-thumping drumbeats are absent, and only the complexities of the melodies remain.

Third Eye Open was clearly a risky move, but upon listening to the album, you realize that it makes perfect sense because it has been so brilliantly executed. The reason Tool was chosen for this tribute project was that they are known for their intricate yet subtle musical arrangements. The album synopsis on the back cover of the album says it best: "The greatest road to advancement is through pain. Physically and emotionally. Tool demonstrate this through music that is more than typical head-banging power core.

Frequent changes in time and key make many of Tool's songs like three-movement symphonies. Slow-building crescendos that explode at their culmination make a string quartet a good candidate to handle such songs. The strings can be quiet and peaceful one moment, powerful and alienating the next. The reason this would never have worked for people like Britney Spears or Blink 182 is that their sounds are too sugary, too pleasant and too easily digestible. Tool does not write songs that you can hear once and then casually hum the melody. Like most Tool songs, this album makes you work to understand it, and that is exactly what makes it beautiful and ultimately more satisfying than much pop music.

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Morissette delivers typical, but strong album

By MAUREN SMITH
Some Music Critic

Alanis Morissette never really changes. From jagged Little Pill to Supposed Former Infatuation Joke, her general sound and lyrics remain consistent with her, a constant, familiar and dependable pulse. With that said, it should be expected that her newest album, Under Rug Swept, would disappoint Morissette fans looking for something new. But, it does not.

Morissette may do the same thing over and over again, but the same thing can be a good thing. Here is a channel's constancy and thoughtfulness through her career into her formula. Her formula is kind of like a scientific theory: it has yet to fail. Morissette's first single, "Hands Clean," is a typically Morissette sublime unloading of a song about a relationship lost through pain. Physically and emotionally. Tool demonstrate this through music that is more than typical head-banging power core.

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Under Rug Swept only further establishes Alanis Morissette's run of honest and emotionally solid rock albums.

The album closes with a hymn-like plea for what she considers perfection. "Utopia" describes a world of open discussion, open minds, and open hearts, perhaps a quiet response to the attacks of Sept. 11. "We'd rise post-obsca­

alce more defined and more grateful! We would heal be hum­

bled and be unstoppable! We'd hold close and let go and know when to do which We'd release and disarm and stand up and feel safe."

Like every other Morissette album, Under Rug Swept is a safe bet. But with this Canadian singer, it doesn't take a gamble to know you've got a winner.

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Wild Bill’s bring the bluegrass to the Golden Dome

Eve wonder what it’s like to be in a band at Notre Dame? Ever wonder what it’s like to be in a bluegrass band at Notre Dame? Wild Bill’s Bluegrass Brigade are not afraid to answer these questions—regardless of whether or not anyone is actually asking. In an attempt to advance the Notre Dame community’s awareness of its own campus bands, The Observer and WVFI have teamed up to spread the knowledge. In that spirit, Wild Bill’s Bluegrass Brigade have agreed to share some of their crazy bluegrass antics with the public through a little Q&A.

**Observer:** How did Wild Bill’s Bluegrass Brigade form?

**Wild Bill’s:** Actually, it’s a pretty good story. The late Colonel William T. Bonafide, affectionately known to his admirers as “Wild Bill,” was a true bluegrass lover and about as great a man as ever lived. While some say that Wild Bill is only a myth—a legend of sorts—those who believe in his spirit and the spirit of bluegrass know better. The five of us, arriving on campus early last semester as lonely bluegrass wanderers but believers in the Colonel, found a common bond in Wild Bill and joined together to bring his music to all who would listen.

**Observer:** So, describe your style of music.

**Wild Bill’s:** We play bluegrass music, a form of music [we’re being serious now] that was originally invented and popularized in the 1940s by a mandolin player by the name of Bill Monroe. His group, “The Bluegrass Boys” had a mandolin, a guitar, a banjo, a fiddle and a bass (but no drums), an instrumentation that has become standard for bluegrass bands. Known particularly for its fast tempos and opportunities for exhibition of musicians’ virtuosity, bluegrass grew out of folk and country music and finds its geographical roots in the southern Appalachian region of the United States. We play a more “northernized” and popularized version of bluegrass (not one of us, after all, is from south of the Mason-Dixon line) but we try to keep our repertoire balanced with a good number of “classic” bluegrass tunes.

**Observer:** What is the origin of your unique name?

**Wild Bill’s:** We’re jamming one day on “Bill the Circle is Unbroken,” when the ghost of the great Wild Bill was gracious enough to pay us a visit. Our mandolin player Nick was really scared at first, and Kevin didn’t believe that we had actually been blessed with the good Colonel’s presence and promptly left the room. Our fiddle player, Jamie, on the other hand, who was being accused to spiritual apparitions, was unfazed. Marcel, the banjo player, and Jared, having grown up in a small town in upstate New York, were more confused than anything. This was a typical response for them to most things. But those who were brave enough to stay in the room were aware of hearing Wild Bill proclaim the birth of a new band, a band to bring the joy of bluegrass to the cloudy skies of South Bend: Wild Bill’s Bluegrass Brigade.

**Observer:** Just who exactly usually shows up to a Wild Bill’s Bluegrass Brigade live show?

**Wild Bill’s:** Again, we turn to ol’ Wild Bill — “Friends, strangers, vagabonds, obscure appreciators and aficionados, your tired poor huddled masses . . . all walks of life show up to hear these boys play. It is truly a treat.”

**Observer:** So far, how has ND received Wild Bill’s?

**Wild Bill’s:** We’d say that most who come to listen to us are pleasantly surprised by what bluegrass actually is. All joking aside, we like to think that bluegrass is as its heart just fun music. It’s upbeat and it’s lively and it’s very accessible. The popularity of the “G Brother Where Art Thou” soundtrack has certainly helped to put the scene on the map as well. The best thing, really, is that it’s so flexible. We do Bob Dylan, The Beatles, and The Fifties and Sixties right alongside with classic folk or fiddle tunes. That definitely helps to get our audiences excited about what we’re playing. We have usual fiddle player, Nathan, wasn’t able to come back. So our guitar player Marcel says, “It’s all part of our secret plan to get our fellow students out of their rooms with played MP3 playlists and into the world of live music.”

**Observer:** Does Wild Bill have any groupies?

**Wild Bill’s:** Being a Wild Bill’s groupie is a calling. You might not think about such things, but we have received some surprising attention. In truth, we are indebted to our close friends who, while at times failing the wardrobe test, have been great about supporting us everywhere and everywhere we’ve played. Our bass player Kevin would like to remind the student body that we are, however, an equal opportunity fan-base employer and we are always trying to get the word out about our band to whoever will listen. Those who wish to receive the Wild Bill’s email newsletter [this really exist] need only e-mail our banjo player Jared at jmardnd@nd.edu.

**Observer:** Describe your greatest moment as a band.

**Wild Bill’s:** Our greatest moment was getting paid by Student Activities for a show at Senior Bar that we played in January. Oh wait, that still hasn’t happened . . . But seriously, we were pretty bummed out after Christmas break when our original first-year fiddle player, Jamie, left. We had played fiddle since his childhood and majored in music as an undergrad, to take his place. That’s not really a moment, but it was probably the luckiest thing that’s happened to the band.

**Observer:** Describe the weirdest thing that has ever happened to any of you as a result of being in a band at ND.

**Wild Bill’s:** Well, we once got a big group of kids from Amnesty International to dance in a big circle to Bob Dylan’s “Knockin’ on Heaven’s Door.” That’s not quite so weird as incredibly fitting, though. Let’s see. It surely will be weird when Study Activities actually pays us...

**Observer:** What can ND students who have never seen Wild Bill’s expect from one of your live shows?

**Wild Bill’s:** They can expect an upbeat, energized mix of traditional and popular music played in true bluegrass style. Fast-paced dancing has been known to break out spontaneously at our shows, including many interpretations of the “electric slide” (at least, that’s what it looked like to us) as well as many, let us say, less-choreographed steps. If you like to clap your hands and stomp your feet, you’re our band.

**Observer:** What else does Notre Dame need to know about Wild Bill’s Bluegrass Brigade?

**Wild Bill’s:** Many things we have said here are bol(ieries. We’re not lying; however, we say that we love what we’re doing. When all is said and done, we’re mostly in all of this to have a good time. We enjoy just practicing and when we play in front of people we just hope that we can share a little bit of the excitement that we find in the music with them. And we might add to any who are still not sure if they want to come out to see us. We do play a damn fine version of the Charlie Daniels’ Band’s “The Devil Went Down to Georgia.”

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame suffers 7-6 setback at Pennsylvania

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame men's lacrosse team suffered its second straight one-goal loss as the Irish dropped a 7-6 decision on the road at Pennsylvania. Sonny Sarker broke a 6-6 deadlock with 4:30 remaining when he tallied the game-winning goal which gave the Quakers the victory in their season opener.

Sophomore Dan Berger scored a career-high four goals for the Irish in the contest. Berger netted Notre Dame's first four goals of the game.

Trailing 6-5, freshman Chris Richez's first collegiate goal tied the game with 7:10 left in the contest. Kyle Frigon tallied the other goal for the Irish. Sarker and Scott Solow each had two goals for Pennsylvania in the win.

The Quakers led 5-3 at the half after outscoring the Irish 3-1 in the second quarter. Notre Dame held Pennsylvania scoreless in the third 15-minute stanza as the two teams headed into the decisive fourth quarter tied at 5-5.

With the loss, Notre Dame falls to 2-0 on the season. The Irish return to action on Sat., March 9 at home against Rutgers. Face-off is at 1:00 p.m.

A Notre Dame player makes his way down the field surrounded by Quakers. The Irish fell 7-6 to Pennsylvania this weekend to fall 0-2 on the season.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish set pace early for 15-3 win over No. 17 Ohio University

By CHRIS COLEMAN
Sports Writer

Alissa Moser and Lauren Fischer set the tone early for the Irish on Sunday’s game against No. 17 Ohio University on the way to a 15-3 victory over the defending champs.

Moser, team captain, scored the first goal for Notre Dame in under 30 seconds. Then, was assisted by Fischer for another point two minutes later. Fischer continued the scoring streak, grabbing the next three Irish goals. The pair scored five of the team’s first six goals.

“I was on a roll,” said Fischer. “I was just hoping to play well.”

Fischer was the leading scorer for the Irish.

The Bulldogs were not able to come back from the initial scoring bombardment as the Irish played stingy defense the whole game.

“The attack was getting possession off the draw, (Ohio) never got it down on our side of the field,” said Tracy Coyne, Irish head coach.

The Irish played a more active defense, attacking the ball as soon as it came into their half. Both Kelly McCauley and Maureen Henwood had steaks that led to goals in the early first half.

Goalie Jen White had 10 saves, an interception and some out of goal plays.

“Jen is technically very sound. She reads the play very well,” said Coyne.

Ohio threatened to make the game closer in the second half scoring two quick goals. Natalie Loftus led an Irish rebuff, gaining an assist and goal as well as colliding with the keeper.

“We played solid the whole game and we did not want them to come back in it,” said Loftus. “We had to step it up.”

The team responded to Loftus’ effort and played out the end of the game solidly despite aggression from the frustrated Ohio team.

The Irish dominated the middle of the field for the entire game, forcing the Bulldogs to constantly try to catch up with the faster home team. Danielle Sherer set up three goals, and scored one herself. Angela Dixon and Loftus both had two goals in addition to three each from Moser and Fischer. Ten different people scored for Notre Dame, showing the number of potential weapons this team has.

After coming off last weekend at Loyola, it was really one of our goals to be the first to score and to keep it rolling,” said Moser. “We needed to come out strong and game and set the tone for the whole season.”

The Irish hope to carry this tone into Stanford and Florida during their spring break trip. The Irish will be back at home March 17 against Big East opponent Boston College, which will begin a five game home stand.

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SOFTBALL

Irish split pair of games at Aggie Invitational

By AARON RONSHEIM
Sports Writer

For the third time this season the No. 24 Notre Dame softball team split a pair of games on the opening day of a weekend tournament. The Irish dropped the first game 6-3 to No. 19 Louisiana-Lafayette, but regrouped to defeat Illinois State at the Texas A&M Aggie Invitational over the weekend.

"I think that we are playing some great teams ... but that day, that game, they played better than us," said Deanna Gumpf, Irish head coach. Against Louisiana-Lafayette, Irish pitcher Steffany Stenglein was not helped by the Irish defense, as two Notre Dame errors allowed the Cajuns to take a quick 3-0 lead. Stenglein was pulled in the second inning after giving up another run on double down the leftfield line by the Cajuns' Summer Lapeyrouse. Hight-hander Carrie Wisen went the rest of the way holding the Cajuns to only two runs.

"We battled back. Unfortunately we had too many mistakes. The mistakes will get you in the end because the teams with less mistakes are going to win," said Kas Hoag, team captain.

In their second game, the Irish defense was again solid as Stenglein rebounded from her poor outing to shut out Illinois State. Stenglein spread five hits over seven innings for her forth victory of the season.

Both pitchers posted zeros on the scoreboard until Irish All-American center fielder Jenny Kriech started a two-out rally with a triple over the ISU center fielder's head. Freshman right-fielder Megan Giolli followed with a single up the middle, bringing Kriech home and giving the Irish a 1-0 lead.

"(Megan) really stepped up. All the freshmen have stepped up. I am proud of all of them, and they can only get better," said Gumpf.

The Irish brought some awful weather with them to Texas as both of their games on Saturday were cancelled because of rain and high winds. The Irish were scheduled to play Illinois State again and a rematch of last weekend's 2-1 lost to No. 23 Texas A&M.

"We would have loved to get a second chance against Texas A&M again because I know we could have won. We were pretty positive about the weekend but unfortunately the weather didn't hold off," said Hoag.

"Every weekend we are playing top competition. I think that's something people don't realize. As long we keep improving against these great teams we will be there in the end and that is all I care about," she said.

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Strong Irish pitching leads to three wins over weekend

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame baseball team relied upon strong pitching in all four of its games last weekend at the Homestead Classic in Florida, en route to picking up three wins in four tries. The Irish won their opening game 6-0 against Duquesne Friday night behind the arm of junior right-hander P.J. Gagne and the hitting of senior catcher Paul O’Toole. Game gave up two hits, struck out six and did not walk a batter in his seven innings of work. Another strong debut an impressive one by Macri had been unable to play in any of the Irish’s previous games this season due to an elbow strain.

Macri made his Notre Dame debut an impressive one by collecting two hits, including a double and an RBI single.

Junior center fielder Steve Stanley paced the Irish with four hits and scored two runs, while Matt Bok went 3-3 and scored one run. Macri started as the designated hitter and had another solid hitting performance by adding a double, driving in two runs and scoring once again.

Macri’s classmate, Grant Wilson, got his first career victory in a weekend finale against Sacred Heart University.

Senior closer Matt Laird pitched the ninth innings, yielding only one run, striking out four and walking only one batter.

The Irish were led by their 1-2-3 pitching performance by Pete Ogilive, who went five innings, yielding only one run, striking out four and walking only one batter.

Bok collected three more hits, and freshman shortstop Matt Edwards added two hits of his own to pace the Irish.

Bok improved his team-leading batting average to .500 (10-20) while Stanley moved into third place in Irish history with nine career hits.

Thursday, April 4

Senior Paul O’Toole heads to the base in a previous Irish baseball game. Notre Dame won three of its four games this weekend.
WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish defeat Wisconsin, Ohio State in weekend matches

By COLIN BOYLAN
Sports Writer

The Irish earned a convincing victory against Wisconsin on Friday, beginning by sweeping the doubles matches and going on to sweep the match. They came back against Ohio State on Saturday to win 5-2, pushing the record to 9-2 and their winning streak to season-high five matches.

"I thought the team played fantastic this weekend," said Jay Louderback, head coach. "Obviously it wasn't good to lose the doubles point against Ohio State, but it's a great confidence boost to know we can come back and win a match like that."

Friday's match against the No. 30 Badgers was expected to be a difficult test, but the Irish played strong early on and fought back in several tough singles matches to blank their opponents.

The team opened competition by sweeping the doubles matches with surprising ease. Teammates Lindsey Green and Becky Varnum won their match 8-3 and Katie Cunha and Nina Vaughan clinched the doubles point with an 8-4 victory. Only the third team of Alicia Salas and Sarah Jane Connelly seemed to struggle, but they too pulled out a 9-8 victory and a doubles sweep.

Things got interesting when Wisconsin forged a strong comeback in singles and several players struggled early in their matches. Both Vaughan and Salas dropped their first sets by scores of 6-3, 6-2. However, Green continued her strong play with a 6-2, 6-0 win and both Vaughan and Cunha pounds their opponents by scores of 6-0, 6-0.

Vaughan's win was particularly impressive, coming against Erica Fisk, who was No. 49 in the nation entering the weekend. Once again, Connelly was there to clinch the victory with a 6-2, 6-0 win.

"Yeah, it's really nice to clinch the match," said Connelly. "It takes a whole team to play well, and I don't think that my win is more important than anyone else's."

The win improved the Irish to 9-2, a stark contrast from a couple of weeks ago when the team was struggling at 4-5. Louderback credited the 5-2 win against Iowa two weeks ago for the team's improved play.

"I think the Iowa match was a turning point for our season," said Louderback. "It was a big one for us and all the Irish were really up for it. We stepped up our games when we needed them to. Since then, we've played very well as a team."

The Irish now face a difficult road test as six of their next seven matches will be played away from the Eck Center. The road trip will include difficult matches against North Carolina, Duke and Wake Forest. Louderback, however, is trying not to focus too much on that fact. "It's big for us because we will be playing outdoors for the first time this year."

The team battled cold and high winds on the way to a 352 total par 73, 6,008-yard Lakewood Country Club. The second round of play was cancelled due to poor weather conditions. The final 18 holes will be played on Tuesday beginning at 9:00 a.m. with a shotgun start.

The 352 total left the Irish 4 strokes behind Tulane University. Playing on their home course, the Green Wave turned in a 25-2 victory over par 308 on the way to the tournament's first round lead. The Green Wave will take a 10-stroke lead over Campbell University into Tuesday's final round. Mississippi State was third with a 319, followed by the University of Memphis with a 321, fourth and Central Florida with a 323 in fifth.

Individuals, Tulane's Alexis Wester and Alabama-Birmingham's Heather Lourie each fired one over par 74 to tie for the first round lead. Anna Knott of Mississippi State and Carolin Landmann of Tulane were one stroke behind with two-over 75's.

Notre Dame's top golfer was senior Kristin McMurray who shot a seven-over par 89. McMurray is entered in the tournament as an individual entrant. Sophomore Rebecca Rogers was the team's top scoring golfer as she tied for 43rd with an 85. Eleven strokes behind the tournament leader was Shannon Byrne who tied for 54th.

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**Men's Tennis**

Irish make transition to outside play with tournament

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

After its first outdoor tournament play since last fall, the Notre Dame men's tennis team is confident about making the transition to the upcoming outdoor season.

The Irish participated in the 113th annual Pacific Coast Doubles tournament over the weekend, which was held at the LaJolla Beach and Tennis Club. Since the tournament is open to professional, amateur and collegiate athletes, it is not officially sanctioned by the NCAA. While it counts towards a playing date, it does not count toward official standings. There are no team scores since it is an individual doubles tournament.

Boasting Don Budge, John McEnroe and Jack Kramer as previous winners, the tournament attracts elite competition.

"Indoors you're in a relative vacuum, so the ball sounds bigger. It's very easy to hear the sound of the ball. By listening to the sound you can pretty much tell how well it's hit and how hard it's hit, and [the ball] travels the same because there's no wind," Bayliss said.

"Outdoors all that changes," he said. "Most indoor teams have a really hard time when they first go outdoors. ... I think we can be better outdoors. We have to make the transition though."

The Notre Dame doubles team of Brent D'Amico and Aaron Talarico was the most successful of Irish pairs participating. They lost to Scott Lipsky and David Martin of Stanford, one of the top doubles teams in the nation.

"Our guys played awfully well," Bayliss said. "Over the weekend, I was really happy [with the transition]."

"I think everyone got some good practices. We could have done a little better in some areas, but overall, going outdoors after being in doors for so long, it was a good transition," D'Amico said.

The Irish duo of Javier Taborga and Casey Smith, ranked seventh nationally, did not participate in this tournament because the NCAA limits the number of playing dates to 25, and Bayliss would rather have them compete in tournaments that count toward official records and standings in the Notre Dame's eligibility to compete in the Big East and to advance to the regional and national championships.

Andrew Laffin and Matt Scott advanced to the second round, where they lost to Sebastian Graff and Stefan Suter of Pepperdine. The duo of Matt Horsley and Billy Pate and Brian Farrell and Luis Haddock lost in the first round.

The Irish will next compete indoors at Illinois on Thursday.

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**Track**

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championships. The team — consisting of Liz Grow, Ayesh Boyd, Dodd, and Kymia Love — is ranked in the top five in the nation.

"The women's mile relay was a great race. That puts them solidly in the NCAA's and pretty high up in the country," said Piane.

"I didn't think we would break any records. Honestly, I didn't think we would run any faster, we would just maintain our spot. Then when I heard our time, it was almost fake. It was just awesome," said Grow. Grow raced for the final time on Meyo Track and ended just where she wanted to be: on top. Grow set school records and personal records in the mile relay and the 400-meter dash en route to two first place finishes on the weekend. Going into nationals, she is currently ranked seventh in the country.

"I was definitely very excited. I feel really good going into nationals. I'm just going to go out there and run as fast as I can and make it into the finals," said Grow.

Boyd had a melodramatic end to her indoor season before nationals. Her 200-meter time of 24.00 seconds puts her at No. 17 in the nation. She wanted to run better this weekend, but she stumbled on the turn and lost a few precious hundredths of a second. Like the DMR, it is up to the NCAA officials to determine whether or not she makes it to nationals.

If all goes well, the women will send two relay teams and three runners to nationals.

"On the women's side I think we're going to be pretty solid in having Liz [Grow] in the 400, two relay teams, Tameisha King in the long jump and possibly Ayesh Boyd in the 200," said Piane.

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Irish figure skating places 7th in U.S. Championships

**Club Sports**

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame figure skating club ska ted a strong pro gram this weekend at the 2004 U.S. Figure Skating Championships at Lake Placid, N.Y.

With the backdrop of Sarah Hughes, Michelle Kwan, Jaime Sale and women’s figure skating receiving so much sports coverage in recent weeks, the timing was right for the Irish to receive well-deserved attention.

Traditional power Miami hadn’t owned a title, even as one judge placed the Irish ahead of the Redhawks.

Skating to a Latin-themed program, the Irish finished ahead of many experienced clubs and even several varsity programs. Teams from the Big East (Seton Hall, St. John’s, Providence) to the Ivy League (Princeton, Columbia), from Big East Syracuse to potential powers such as Delaware and New Hampshire competed, yet the Irish, skating what was described as “program of a lifetime” still were able to place in the upper tier of the nationals.

**Men’s Volleyball**

The men’s volleyball club split six decisions this weekend, including two wins against top-four nationally ranked teams.

The Irish opened 2-1 in pool play, losing to Lees-McRae 25-21, 26-24 and losing Baldwin Wallace 25-21, 24-26, 15-12. The highlight of the tournament was the victory over No. 4 Illinois 25-20, 20-24.

Rob Smith, Dan Pariale and Mike Giampa all played in middle hitter while Mark Overmann’s defensive play at libero anchored the club. In a playoff game for seeding, the Irish defeated Ohio to advance to the gold bracket.

Jim Lowder, Brian Price, Adam Schreiner and Brian Mitchell were strong on attack all weekend and led the Irish over the Bobcats 15-7.

In the championship round, losses to Toledo, 25-17, 25-23 and Indiana, 25-20, 25-17 dropped the Irish to a ninth place finish in the 27-team field. The Irish held the lead most of the first game against the West-ranked Hoosiers, before a powerful arsenal of jump serves knocked the Irish out of the tournament bracket.

**Equestrian**

Several equestrians had exceptional performances this weekend at the Illinois Wesleyan Show.

Gaille Willis placed first in both novice flat and novice fences to earn Reserve High Point Rider honors. Molly Kopacz again was a standout for the Irish as she placed second in intermediate fences. Also garnering points for the Irish were Sabrina Badger and Quin Swiney.

**Sailing**

While the campus was subjected to snow, ice and continued cold weather, the sailing club was competing in the Eckerd College Intercollegiate Regatta in Florida.

Competing in a strong field against teams that practice in a Big East Tournament, and that basketball is "madness," anything can happen.

And the Irish can be pretty much assured they’ll have a shot to make that anything happen, regardless of what happens on Thursday, Friday or Saturday.

Of course, it will do the Irish no favors if they have a hard time focusing on this week’s preliminaries.

But it would be understandable.

Ted Fox
Sports Columnist

Unseasonably warm weather leaving town like a boxer running from Mike Tyson. Convincing yourself that you’re on a platform isn’t really "trying to read everything".

Finding out Notre Dame hadn’t won 20 games in the regular season since 1988-89.

None of this could spell the month of Madness always leading to the best in us.

For starters, you can scratch Digger Phelps’ late ’80’s team from that distinction and replace it with Mike Brey’s bunch, who picked up regular-season win No. 20 Saturday against Providence. It throw in the three-game skill of Syracuse to finish the season, and despite their 2-0 record against the Pirates, successive Seton Hall wouldn’t be much easier.

But here’s the funny thing about the conference tournament: what does it mean, again, exactly? If you’re a team like Providence, the sixth seed out of the “Is There an Echo in Here?” Division, the NCAA Tournament bid.

And you’re rolling off that magic act, try to convince the PAC-10 and Mountain West to stop complaining about the East Coast bias, would ya?

Beyond it, that’s no man’s land of hoops, predominantly featuring teams already in the NCAA tournament and encompassing four days that no one will remember as soon as it ends.

The two things that save these conference tournaments are the fact that they feature college basketball, and that basketball is in the month of March.

The only playoff that does matter gets underway next make with the 64 teams that make it through selection Sunday and onto the court on Thursday. I’m sorry, but team No. 65, the loser of the “play-in” game, has no record of you actually being there.

In the NCAA Tournament, it’s win six straight games played over the course of three weeks, go home national champions.

Lo, just one game.

This is all anyone cares about. These are the brackets Brey has hanging up in his office all year long.

Whether you’re Davidson, whose already in as the Southern Conference Champion, or Duke, who’ll go out on a limb because, we guess, there will be talk, that’s only one game, win six.

Once you’re there, no coaches or sports writers care whether or not you get to play for the national title. Win six, and you can ask them to help you make room in your trophy case.

No, the best team doesn’t always win (Kansas, we’re look-
THINGS DO NOT LOOK GOOD FOR OUR TEAM

BURNS

BEER PONG CHAMPIONSHIPS

THOUGHTS DON'T CAN'T HAVE THEM

DIDN'T TELL ME YOU WERE HERE ALL NIGHT PREPARING THIS ZUM FOR ME! POOR GUY!

GO HOME! TAKE A SHOWER! SEE YOUR WIFE AND KIDS! HECK, TAKE THE DAY OFF!

FOX TROT

HERE'S THE GOLDFINGER

PROPOSAL, SIR.

F.O.X., YOU LOOK AWFUL!

THIRD INCHES

TOM KEELEY

THOUGHTS DON'T CAN'T HAVE THEM

F.B.I.

BILL AMEND

DON'T TELL ME YOU WERE HERE ALL NIGHT PREPARING THIS ZUM FOR ME! POOR GUY!

THOUGHTS DON'T CAN'T HAVE THEM

HOROSCOPE

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2002

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

Jake Lloyd, Dean Stockwell, Ray Nereen.

Happy Birthday! You'll do everything in a big way this year. You will come across secret information that will help you get ahead honestly. You'll be likely to benefit properly or possessions. You will achieve important goals related to business or travel. Your insight into future trends in your field will enable you to make the right choice. Your numbers are 2, 5, 6, 10, 11, 14, 19.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You'll be able to deal with emotional matters today. You'll feel good about what you have done. Personal rewards will be yours. Financial opportunities are present but don't take a risk. 00000

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll be able to deal with emotional matters today. You'll feel good about what you have done. Personal rewards will be yours. Financial opportunities are present but don't take a risk. 00000

CANCER (June 21-July 20): You'll be able to make headlines wherever your career and money-making skills are concerned. You'll get the position you want today. Your name will be recognized. 00000

LEO (July 21-Aug. 20): You'll come up with all sorts of brilliant ideas that will enable you to further your creative projects. You should be sure to make time for social events. 00000

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Final touches at home may lead you out the door today. Don't let someone push you or pick an argument with you. Stay calm and refuse to let anyone or anything get to you. 00000

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Cut out and talk to as many people as possible. Many who seem to be out of the picture today really do have a lot to offer. You can be proud of your accomplishments today. 00000

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take care of any personal paper that has been neglected. You need to tidy up your own matters before you can tend to someone else. You may want to check out a few places that you have heard about. 00000

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take the initiative and do something to counteract any of the ongoing problems that have been bugging you. If someone isn't treating you properly, stop putting up with it. 00000

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Walk behind the scenes in order to push ahead. The more you do without others knowing your success, the more of an impact you will make. 00000

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19): You'll be dedicated, loyal and hard to shake off. You work well alone. You will have plenty of opportunities to get others to know you. Don't let anyone bulldoze you back or need to your 00000

PICTURES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't take what others say to heart today. It probably isn't your fault. You feel happier to be in the wrong place at the wrong time today. Avoid recent acquaintances. 00000

Birthday Baby: You have the ability to visualize and create all sorts of things at a very early age. You are innovative, loyal and responsible. You will always want to be doing something worthwhile.

(Read ahead! Check out Eugenia's Web sites at astroadvice.com, eugenialast.com, eugenialast.com.)

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Monday, March 5, 2002
Graves, Humphrey, Thomas named All-Big East

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

Three Notre Dame basketball players earned spots on the All-Big East team, but all insist the focus of the tournament is on how the team does, not their individual accolades.

Senior forward Ryan Humphrey was one of seven players named to the All-Big East first team. Freshman point guard Chris Thomas joined him on the squad as a third-team selection and senior guard David Graves earned honorable mention recognition.

"It's great and all, but I'm just glad three guys got the honor," Humphrey said. "It really shows the strength of our program right now." Humphrey averaged 18.9 points per game and a league-leading 10.6 rebounds per game. He recorded 18 double-doubles in 27 games.

Thomas, who was also named to the Big East All-Rookie team, is averaging 16 points per game. He joinedConnecticut's Emeka Okafor and Providence's Ryan Gomes as the only unanimous selections to the rookie squad.

"(Thomas) has gotten a lot of respect from the players and the coaches in the league," Brey said.

Graves, who has played the most games in Notre Dame history, is averaging 14.9 points per game. He has also recorded 49 steals this season.

"It's a nice honor that some guys think I'm good enough to be on the All-Big East team," Graves said. "But my focus was for us to win games, and we've done that. We're poised and ready to go."

The seven players named to the All-Big East first team were Boston College's Troy Bell, Connecticut's Carmen Butler, Georgetown's Mike Sweetney, Pittsburgh's Brandin Knight, St. John's Marcus Hatten, Syracuse's Preston Shumpert and Humphrey. The Big East Player of the Year will also be announced tonight.

The Irish play the winner of Wednesday's St. John's-Seton Hall game. Game time is 9 p.m. Thursday.

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Irish set records at Alex Wilson Invitational

Women's track and field

By DAVE COOK
Sports Writer

The women's distance medley team accomplished all they could in trying to qualify for the NCAA championships this weekend.

The relay team — consisting of Kristen Dodd, Megan Johnson, Lauren King, and Jen Handley — finished their first place at the Alex Wilson Invitational last Friday. In doing so, they ran a season-best 11 minutes, 26.12 seconds, placing them 15th in the nation.

Each year the NCAA determines how many teams will qualify for nationals in any given event. The relay team's ranking of 15th in the nation puts the Irish on the bubble. Now, all they can do is wait for the NCAA to make a decision Monday on whether or not they will qualify.

"I think everyone put together what they had on that day. The provisional time is what we were looking for, and we got it. Now we're just going to have to wait and see how we compare with the other teams in the country," said King, who runs the anchor leg of the relay.

King also ran a personal-best in the mile last weekend. Her second place time of 4:44.60 qualifies her for nationals, although she may not be running in it if the distance medley team qualifies.

"(King) qualified in the mile, but probably wouldn't run it. She'll probably just run in the distance medley," said head coach Joe Plane.

Megan Johnson and Jen Handley qualified in the distance relay, while Kristen Dodd also qualified in the mile relay.

The mile relay team continued their success this weekend, breaking all kinds of records. Their time of 3:36.84 is a track record, meet record, and school record over by 1.5 seconds set by the same four girls. It also moves them up in the rankings for next weekend's NCAA meet.

Liz Grow runs her portion of the mile-relay. The team broke the track record, meet record and school record in this weekend's meet as well as being ranked in the top five in the nation.