Leaders propose fee hike

By MATT BRAMANTI News Writer

Student government officials will propose an increase in Notre Dame’s student activity fee this week. This year’s proposal, however, provides for small annual increases, instead of the larger, more infrequent hikes of the past. The Financial Management Board, a unit of the Student Union Board, will recommend increasing the fee each year by 3/4 the rate of tuition increase. Tuition increases have generally been raised by 5 to 6 percent per year.

This year’s student activity fee was $80, compared to $65 of last year. The money is a key source of funding for student organizations. Amy O’Connor, chair of the Club Coordination Council, said the plan is necessary to promote the “overall financial health of the student union.”

If student activities are underfunded,” O’Connor said. “Currently, the student union is unable to meet the demands of the student body.”

She said that The Shirt project generates a significant amount of money for student activities, but those revenues can be unpredictable. “If the market was saturated this year, we have

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Women boxers may open Bengal Bouts

By JESSICA DALSING News Writer

The Women’s Boxing Club is embarking on a new era of competition. Currently, competition between women boxers has been limited to unofficial sparring, but soon women boxers may be opening Bengal Bouts.

A proposal by the team’s co-presidents, Shelley Skiba and Laura Young, will allow for six women’s bouts, or exhibition spars to open the men’s boxing competition. Rehabs and health management must ratify the proposal before the women will be allowed to spar in public.

“Once the proposal has seen no major opposition,” Young said.

The women’s boxing club was started in the spring of 1997 and has grown to over 100 members. The club has a novice season and a veteran season ending with two weeks of sparring in the ring. The proposal was a response to the advanced status of many of the women boxers.

“We wanted to offer the girls something more and we felt that they were ready for it,” Young said.

Since 1931, the men’s boxing club has been entertaining audiences at the Bengal Bouts, a fundraiser for Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh. Throughout the six years of the women’s club’s existence, the female members have been silent partners in running and sponsoring the competition. Yet, the issue of women’s involvement as contestants had never been addressed.

Young said, “The idea was assumed as not being plausible, so [previous team captain] never asked. It’s a natural progression for the club, but it will be a big step.”

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Poet reflects on past, hopeful of future

By KIHLIN TURNER Associate News Editor

As outspoken today as she was in the civil rights era, poet Nikki Giovanni captivated her audience Saturday with edgy humor and witty stories. And for a moment, her anecdotes might have reminded her of her own life’s story, as a mother, and about her recent bout against cancer.

Giovanni voiced her support of the Mars probe and the similarity between the journey into space and that of the plight of Africans during the Middle Passage journey.

“I know that the trip to Mars has only one precedent,” said Giovanni. “The trip to Mars can only be understood through Black American history.”

Introducing her poem, “Quilting the Black-Eyed Pea: We’re Going to Mars,” Giovanni described the qualities of traversing without certainty.

“The psychological trip to another planet is much like the unnerving distress and hardship experienced by slaves as they left their own, familiar homes to an unknown destination. With their life torn apart, they managed to hold on to their own sense of humanity,” said Giovanni.

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The time to explore is now, said Giovanni.

“It is very important to know your moment. If you don’t know your moment, you’re always going to be lost,” said Giovanni. “The experience should be universal, so everyone should share said she.

“I believe in what I call the percent solution. Every tenth person should know someone who has been to space,” Brining the past and future together with the parallels between the slave trade and the disorientation that goes along with space travel, Giovanni brought her talk back down to earth in the present day.

Pointing to the hip-hop culture and rap music as a movement to bring the youth to the forefront in actualizing change, Giovanni revealed a tattoo – “Thug Life,” as a testament to her faith in the power of song.

“I [the slaves] decided to fight a war with song,” said Giovanni. “We want people to believe in what we believe in.”

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Inside Column

What are you listening to?

Did you know that you are possibly missing out on one of the best radio shows streaming out of Notre Dame's internet frequency, WVFR? The show I am referring to is "This is not America," brought to you by Lindsay Melvin and Kate Kalsky every Monday from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The show brings the listener to places like Ethiopia and Togo, and on to the internet. There are special emphasis on artists like Travis, David Gray, ColdPlay and often revisits to old favorite, David Bowie.

Last week, I was a guest on the show, I was able to personally witness what it's like to be a target of the many inquisitive minds to Internet dating.

And if you're intrigued by the idea of Internet dating, consider that Virginia is a bit far away from the Bend and I can't say I am too thrilled if you called her show.

Beyond spinning tunes from the British Isles, the hosts sometimes try to listen to radio waves and try their hands at match-making. As a guest on the show, I became a target of their attention so they decided to auction me off for a date.

Describing me as a blond haired, blue eyed, political science major from New York, I was taken aback at their favor with an old Virginia listener from Virginia. My major is political science and I can only say I am too intrigued by the idea of Internet dating.

But, it is these experiences that make life interesting and add to the pile of possible stories to integrate into a political campaign speech or to tell the grandchildren one day.

Whether you are into British Pop or just want to treat your ears to new sounds, it will be worth your while to give this little college show broadcasted out of LaForte a try. It is an excellent accomplishment to help you finish up your work for the day or even something to fill you up to dreamland.

Title: "This is not America"

Hosts: Lindsay Melvin and Kate Kalsky

More information:

http://wvfr.nd.org/
The Saint Mary's reading day proposal continues to move forward through the proper channels, toward approval. Two weeks ago, Board of Governance President, Kim Jensen, and Vice President, Elizabeth Jablonski-Diel presented their proposal to the Saint Mary's Academic Standards Committee and a decision was made regarding the Committee's decision on approval. The reading day proposal, previously known as the study day proposal, has been a concern to student government since 1992. The purpose of the reading day proposal was to leave the Friday before exams week open, so students could study, work on projects or any other activities they desired to and from school. The proposal was open, so students could submit their proposal. Two weeks ago, the Academic Standards Committee voted “yes,” then the proposal will move on to the Academic Affairs Committee. However, if the proposal fails, the process will be set back.

"There was positive discussion at the Academic Standards Committee presentation and it was looking very good at the meeting," Jablonski-Diel said. "If passed by both the Academic Standards Committee and the Academic Affairs Committee, the reading day proposal will be implemented into the 2003-2004 College calendar as a pilot program.

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Young alumni want more board activity

By JULIA MILLER--LEMON
News Writer

For many young Notre Dame alumni, graduating from the University presents one of the most significant changes of their lives. Thanks to an expanding network of young alumni, recent gradu­ate relations have been provided with increasing opportunities for maintaining close ties with the life they had on the campus. When I graduated I was devastated, I loved Notre Dame so much and knew exactly who I was when I was there," said Laura Merritt-Bird, a 1996 graduate and current Young Alumni Director. "I had this wonderful family on campus, and I felt like that was ripped from me when I graduated," she said.

Two years after graduating from the University, Bird contacted her local alumni club in Wisconsin looking to recon­nect with the community atmosphere that she left behind in South Bend. She now sits on the Board of Directors of Notre Dame's Alumni Association as a Young Alumni representative, part of a group composed of 26 voting members who oversee 210 local clubs in 18 United States regions, as well as 40 international clubs.

Until the early 1980s, there were no Young Alumni repre­sentatives sitting on the Alumni Board -- there was no one providing a voice for the recent graduates. In 1980, members realized that there needed to be better mechanisms for young alumni to voice their concerns to the national board. Thus, the position of Young Alumni Director was born.

The primary purpose of Bird and the two other Young Alumni Directors is to encourage the active involvement of young alumni in their local clubs, as well as to make sure that the Alumni Association provides "great opportunities for young alumni to stay connected to the University," Bird said.

Bird remembers being a channel for graduates to stay connect­ed to other members of the Notre Dame community, the clubs provide a number of dif­ferent activities ranging from volunteer opportunities, special masses and group game watches. Bird said that the main mission of the club is to "keep people connected to each other and to the core val­ues of the University."

While the Alumni Association does not provide a formal career placement serv­ice for recent graduates of the University, the organiza­tion has worked to increase awareness about the concerns of young alumni. "It has been very receptive to the changing needs of graduates," said Bird.

According to Bird, the Alumni Association wants to welcome every single person into this extended Notre Dame family. Part of this means that at every level, members are generally very receptive about linking recent graduates with good contacts for career net­working among the area.

Bird also emphasized the importance for recent Notre Dame graduates of becoming involved in the Alumni Association in whatever regional area students live in after graduation. In addition to these regional clubs, seniors should register on IrishOnline during mid-July, a directory of all alumni and a prime resource for locating the whereabouts of other alumni, said Bird.

When recent graduates add their name and contact infor­mation to this database, they will be included on the Alumni Association's mailing list, a direct way to obtain more information about local clubs and happenings.

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Lack of jobs keeps students in classrooms

By LYDIA LEUNG
Michigan Daily

ANN ARBOR, Mich. The job market is at a 20-year low, according to recently released statistics by the U.S. Labor Department. This information, combined with the uncertainty created by the possible war with Iraq and the flagging economy, caused University of Michigan engineering students from all disciplines to form long lines at booths of different companies at the Engineering Internship Fair Thursday.

Down from 190 companies that participated in the career fair held last September, only about 30 companies which included Shell, IBM, URS Warburg and many other firms from across the nation came to recruit University students this semester.

The decline in companies' incentives to hire new workers was illustrated by a report conducted by Conference Board, a research firm that said the number of help-wanted advertisements in newspapers in the United States hit an all-time 40-year low in December. Students said the wave of bad news concerning the job market is forcing them to think up ways to avoid entering the job hunt rat race.

"I think postponing graduation is a good idea," Engineering senior Francine Calheron said.

In anticipation of the gloomy economy, many graduating seniors have opted to value-add themselves by staying one more year at school to pursue their masters degrees.

"Last spring, we saw a lot of panicked students. This year, I think seniors are more prepared," said Stephanie Townsend, campus recruiting representative of Lockheed Martin Corp. "We've seen more seniors are looking for internships because they are not going to graduate this year. But some companies, such as Lockheed Martin Corp, an advanced technology company that supports NASA's shuttle program are still strong in the job market and actively recruiting new blood, Townsend said.

"The (Columbia) shuttle was a tragedy, and we are doing everything we can to support NASA students in the way that they are asking us to help. But there really is no effect on us," Townsend said. "We are strong and healthy, and have quite a few new contracts."

While Townsend said Lockheed Martin Corp is hiring over 2,000 full-time positions and 500 intern positions nationwide this year, job-cut statements were made news all week. Bank of America, Circuit City and WorldCom announced that they are laying off 300, 2,000, and 10,000 jobs respectively.

Although it was an internship fair, many students in line were trying their luck at securing full-time positions.

Alum Jonathan Frohlich, who graduated last December, said despite being optimistic about his ability to land a career soon, his job hunt was slowed down by the dismal economy.

"I've been to a couple of career fairs, done a little bit of online job search... but I've got nothing more than an interview," Frohlich said.

With fewer participating companies and more students trying to find a job at the career fair, students said they did not get much time to talk to the recruiters because of the long wait.

"It's really impersonal. They just took my resume and stored it in their database. I don't have much hope. There's just so many people," Engineering sophomore Joel Valentine said.

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National Security Advisor Condoleeza Rice as well as President Bush for supporting affirmative action given their own, respective legacy status as college students.

She described her quest to promote awareness through out her neighborhood about the unnecessary "murder of squirrels as hurled drivers run them down."

Through her flight against cancer, she noted how watching a family of robins build a nest gave her peace and helped her recovery in her poem entitled "A Robin's Nest in Snow."

About the irresponsibility of society when it comes to the environment, her observations are filled with scorn.

"We're glad Earth won't put us on trial— who would vote for us, water?" said Giovanni. "Human beings need to get their lives together."

Giovanni is currently a professor of English at Virginia Tech, and has been named Woman of the Year by Ebony, and Mademoiselle. She is also the recipient of the Rosa Parks Woman of Courage award, NAACP Image Award and the Langston Hughes Award for Distinguished Contributions to Arts and Letters.

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a lot to lose in the future," she said. Andrew Oxenreiter, student union treasurer, agreed. "The fixed fee that is now in place is too low to adequately meet the needs of campus organizations."

Both officials stressed the long-term nature of the proposal. "It's not just about the money," O'Connor said.

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Bush to U.N.: moment of truth approaches

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush said Sunday that Iraq has foiled the world for a month by alleging "illegal" weapons and the United Nations now faces "a moment of truth" in disarmament negotiations with Saddam Hussein.

"It is clear that not only in Saddam Hussein deceiving, it is clear he's not disarming. And so you're going to see over the short period of time working with friends and allies and the United Nations to bring that body along," Bush told congressional Republicans at a policy conference.

He reiterated his warning that Iraq is expanding the fight against terrorism to Iraq and the United Nations now faces a "moment of truth." Bush said the terrorist acts of Sept. 11 changed America and the world. Before the attacks, Bush said, "We were confident that two oceans could protect us from harm. We are not so confident anymore. We are vulnerable."

"The world wants to see that hide-and-seek is a game in disarming Saddam Hussein," Bush said. "The United Nations gets to decide whether or not it is going to be relevant in terms of the peace, whether or not its words mean anything."

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Bush said "it is important for the country to realize that Saddam Hussein has fooled the world for 12 years, is used to fooling the world, is confident he can fool the world.

"At a moment's notice, we stand ready to act," Bush said. "We are being patient, but the United States is prepared." Earlier, Bush's national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, dismissed movement toward compliance by Iraq as another attempt at "chastize and retreat."

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In a policy meeting on Sunday, President George W. Bush said to Congressional Republicans that the United Nations faces "a moment of truth" in disarming Saddam Hussein. Secretary of State Colin Powell is pictured at his side.

World News Briefs

Lawmakers push missile-defense funds:

Two New York congressmen on Sunday outlined proposed legislation for the federal government to spend as much as $15 billion to install missile defense systems on all commercial airliners. The equipment is being sought by airline pilots who view the current system of portable, shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missiles as ineffective and a ploy to delay military action opposed by Berlin and Paris.

Papal envoy seeks Iraq's cooperation:

Pope John Paul II will send an envoy to Iraq to appeal for peace and to encourage Iraqis to cooperate with the United Nations. Their mission is to "show to all the plea of the Holy Father in favor of peace and to help the Iraqi authorities make a serious reflection on the need for effective international cooperation, based on justice and international rights," spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said.

Meetings with top Iraqi officials, including possibly Saddam Hussein, are planned. The envoy, known as an apostolic nuncio, "is being sent in the name of the pope," the spokesman said.

American flags and prayer for an end to North Korea's nuclear ambitions: "North Korea must stop nuclear development," said a statement by the National Council of Churches in Korea, which organized the rally. "But there is little sign of an end to the standoff after the North suggested it reactivated nuclear facilities that U.S. officials say could produce weapons within months."

North Korea accuses the United States of inciting the current nuclear tension as a pretext to invade the communist country, and has warned of a "total war" that could devastate both Koreas.

National News Briefs

Lawmaker's push missile-defense funds: Several Colorado lawmakers are sponsoring legislation to elevate the status of cats and dogs from property to companions. The measure would allow people in Colorado to use veterinarians and animal hospitals and seek damages for "loss of companionship," up to $100,000. Current law classifies them as property, and pet owners can seek only "fair market value" in a lawsuit.

End near for Galileo after 14-yr. orbit: As NASA temporarily grounds its shuttle fleet following the Columbia disaster, an unmanned spacecraft that has been exploring the solar system for 14 years is nearing the end of its mission — and still revealing the secrets of a planet hundreds of millions of miles from Earth. Like many extended journeys, Galileo's will end soon with countless miles traveled, its fair share of breakdowns and album after album stuffed with snapshots.

South Korea

Americans gain support for action against North Korea

Associated Press

Busan

Thousands of South Koreans staged a protest Sunday against a two-day New Year's holiday in North Korea to give up its nuclear ambitions and an envoy of the United States' public officials bluntly dismissed the French-German plan to increase the number of weapons inspectors in Iraq in hopes of averting a U.S. military action is "a diversion, not a solution" to disarming Saddam Hussein.

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Students learn about disabilities

By AMANDA MISNIAK
New Wire

Saint Mary's Student Diversity Board wanted to educate the student body about how difficult it would be if they were disabled, but its focus was not only on physical disabilities but "invisible disabilities." Two representatives from the Counseling and Career Development Center participated in "The Invisible Disability" discussions.[int]Psychologist and director of Counseling and Career Development Center Mary DePauw gave the presentation "Depression: An Invisible Disability." Counselor and Academic Success Program specialist Gina Chiofolla presented "Anxiety Disorders: An Invisible Disability."]

DePauw spoke about the symptoms of depression and mania, how to recognize these medical disorders and treatment.

"People can't see it, and people can't recognize it for what it is," said DePauw. "Depression is an illness of the whole body, not just the mind."

The presentation began with a video that discussed symptoms of depression. DePauw explained that professional help should be obtained if at least five symptoms are experienced for two weeks or longer. Signs of depression include: sad or anxious mood most of the day, for at least 2 weeks; loss of interest or pleasure in once-liked activities; appetite and weight loss or weight gain; difficulty sleeping or oversleeping; fatigue or loss of energy; feeling that you're better off dead; and thoughts of suicide.

"Depression affects approximately 18.8 million U.S. adults. Ten percent is adults, and 12.4 million are women, while 6.4 million are men. One in five people suffer from depression at some point in their lives, serious enough to require treatment," said DePauw.

Symptoms of mania consist of inappropriate irritability, severe insomnia, grandiose ideas, increased talking, noticeably increased energy and disconnected or racing thoughts. Experiences of mania have mixed features, where some people may be categorized under mania while others appear to be of depression. Physical examination and diagnostic evaluation will determine what is wrong. "Know where you're going and know what you want. Take time to invest in yourself," DePauw said.

On Feb. 7, Mary DePauw, a psychology professor, presented "People can't see it, and people can't recognize it for what it is." Mary DePauw explained that a way of identifying "depression is asking someone else, "Do you know what's wrong with you?" and "Do you feel like yourself?" If the answers are "I don't know" and "No, I don't," professional help should be sought.

According to DePauw when you are depressed you should be honest and show that you care. Know when your friend needs his or her own space, and always be supportive. "Let's be committed to support one another."

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Business Department organizes trip to NYC

By MELANIE BECKER

The Business and Economics department (BUEC) at Saint Mary's is now accepting applications for their third biannual trip to New York City.

Every other year the business department sponsors a one-credit trip on business.

"The New York program is wonderful way for Saint Mary's students to connect with alumni and other professionals in the real world," said Sarah Blundy, a senior and May 2001 participant. "The cost of the program this year's trip is $1,195 plus the cost for one credit of summer school through the college, which has yet to be determined. The hotel stay, round-trip air transportation, hotel expenses for seven nights at the Lyden Gardens and at least 8 meals are included in the price of the program.

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Report: Lay had faith in stock

**Published report sheds light on Enron collapse**

**NEW YORK**

Former Enron Corp. chairman and chief Kenneth Lay had nearly absolute faith in the company's stock, even as it plunged, with many of his share sales made only to cover margin calls, according to a published report.

Lay's personal finances were structured similarly to those at Enron — a firm belief that the company's stock would never tumble, The New York Times reported Sunday after reviewing some of Lay's financial records, provided by people sympathetic to him.

The records appear to cast doubt on the widely held notion that Lay urged employees to buy Enron stock while he was secretly unloading his own shares in 2001, the newspaper said.

The records present evidence of reckless financial planning and hubris, potentially complicating prosecutors' efforts to build a criminal insider-trading case against Lay, the paper said. Prosecutors are nearing a decision on whether to charge Lay, the paper said.

Lay has maintained that his sales were only to cover calls on money he borrowed to fund stock buys and other investments, and not because of his belief in the future of Enron's deep flaws.

"There was no way that Enron was going to collapse," one of Lay's former advisers told the newspaper. "Every step along the way, we felt like today is the bottom and tomorrow is going to be better."

Still, prosecutors might conclude that Lay structured his selling to hide his actions from the market or was aware of nonpublic information that should have led him to stop trading, the newspaper said.

As calls to pay his debt mounted, Lay sold nearly $100 million of Enron stock in 2001, but the records show that he went to great lengths to hold onto the shares, the Times said.

When selling share prices reduced his collateral — Enron stock — Lay sold other investments and persuaded a bank to accept an illiquid asset before he sold Enron shares.

In July 2001, Lay stopped his daily share sale begun a year earlier because he felt Enron's stock price was too low.

And in September 2001, Lay used a $10 million incentive payment to pay down debt — relinquishing cash instead of selling Enron shares. That same month, Lay began selling private equity investments that required additional cash, even though further sales of Enron shares would have provided that money.

Lay insisted that Enron shares be sold only to cover margin calls, advisers said. That left him with 1.2 million shares as Enron's stock price spiraled toward zero.

"He was always a bull on the stock, right up to the day that the company filed for bankruptcy," one adviser said.

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Kenneth Lay, former Enron executive, testifies before a Senate Committee hearing in February 2002.

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**Cost-cutting lifted corporate earnings**

The jump in corporate earnings last quarter didn't come because there was a sudden surge in business. Much of it was fueled by layoffs cutting across corporate America.

Profit growth far exceeded sales growth for many companies that recently reported their quarterly results. That means they successfully lowered expenses and were more productive with the resources they had, but still struggled to sell more goods, raise prices and find new customers.

At least many were making money, but it's tough to keep profits growing this way over time. Operating efficiencies don't help much in the long run if there isn't corporate expansion.

"In a bad economy, cutting costs is how companies achieve profits, but you still want to see your revenues grow," said Marc Gerstein, director of research at the investment strategy firm Multex.com.

Operating earnings, which excludes special gains and charges, jumped more than 16 percent this fourth quarter over last, compared with about a 6 percent gain in sales, according to a study by Prudential Securities of the more than 300 companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 stock index that have already reported earnings.

That stark difference exemplifies the weak economy's effect on business.

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The result has been a surge in productivity that has helped boost profits. The output per hour of work for all of 2002 grew by 4.7 percent, the strongest showing since 1990, the Labor Department said.

But while productivity has improved, companies haven't been able to grow their businesses. And that is really cutting into sales. They can't raise prices because financially strapped customers will flock to cheaper alternatives. Those who are buying aren't going above and beyond what they absolutely need. And new clients are hard to come by.

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ABA may oppose U.S. on enemy combatants

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The nation’s largest lawyers’ group is set to condemn the government’s refusal to give legal rights to American enemy combatants, part of the Bush administration’s terrorism fighting strategy.

The American Bar Association also is expected to press for more openness about government surveillance in the United States.

The war on terror has been a prominent theme at the association’s winter meeting in Seattle, a port city where signs of the heightened terror alert are evident with tighter security on the water, at the airport and the state border with Canada.

ABA leaders will vote as early as Monday on the proposal calling for lawyers to be provided to Americans and U.S. residents held as combatants to help them argue in court that their detentions are illegal.

The government will not release the names of those held as combatants, and only a couple of examples of detentions in America are widely known. The most high-profile is Jose Padilla, accused of plotting to detonate a “dirty” bomb, which would use a conventional explosive to spread radioactive material.

Enemy combatants, a type of wartime prisoner, are held without charge or trial and are not allowed to see lawyers.

Miami lawyer Neal Sonnett said it is un-American to deny legal rights to Americans or anyone else in the country when they are apprehended.

“We cannot allow individual rights to be eroded as part of the war on terror,” Sonnett said.

Supporting the government’s policy is David Rivkin Jr., a lawyer from Washington, D.C., who said the administration has foiled crimes with information obtained from combatants.

Giving them lawyers would ruin interrogations and threaten the public, Rivkin said.

“If we go in that direction it will disrupt our ability to stop attacks and a lot of people are going to die,” Rivkin said Sunday during a debate with Sonnett at an event jointly sponsored by the ABA and the more conservative Federalist Society.

The resolution was being revised to satisfy some critics, by spelling out that judges could impose restrictions on lawyer-combatant meetings so that national security is not compromised.

The 400,000-member lawyers’ group also is weighing in on the increased surveillance power Congress gave the government after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. An ABA resolution would ask lawmakers to amend the law and order more oversight of wiretapping and searches granted by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court.

That panel of federal judges, who meet in secret, handles government requests to gather intelligence on suspected spies, terrorists or foreign agents in the United States. The court was created in 1978.

The administration has argued that the surveillance is important for its terrorism investigations.

The ABA would urge Congress to require the court to give annual statistics of its work and clarify when it can allow surveillance.

Mark Agrast, a Washington, D.C., lawyer who heads the ABA committee that developed the proposal, said the court’s activities are too secret, and the secrecy may encourage constitutional violations.

“You never know whether you’ve been under surveillance. That’s a sobering power to give to anybody,” Agrast said.

Scott Silliman, director of Duke University’s Center on Law, Ethics and National Security, said he is not worried that the judges on the court are “going to be under the thumb of the attorney general.”

He expects legal challenges to the government’s monitoring in criminal cases that arise from information collected.

“The courts need to speak before the ABA comes on too strong,” he said.

Little was known about the secret court until last year, when it rejected a wiretap request by the Justice Department.

NEW ORLEANS

It was a brutal and ultimately deadly confrontation that transfixed the nation for weeks in the spring of 1993: government agents facing off against a fanatic cult leader and his followers in Waco, Texas.

Nearly 10 years after the fire that ended the standoff and killed the Branch Davidian leader David Koresh and scores of his disciples, survivors and their families are still pushing claims against the federal government.

On Monday, they’re scheduled to make a last-ditch effort before the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals here, seeking to have the judge removed for their wrongful-death lawsuit and asking for a new trial.

On Wednesday in Waco, U.S. District Judge Walter Smith dismissed the lawsuit, backing the federal contention that agents had not used excessive force in their tear-gas assault on the cult compound.

Smith found that the Davidians themselves set the fire that killed nearly 80 men, women and children.

Monday’s appeal arguments are being made on behalf of the estates of 14 children who died in the fire, a 15-year-old girl who was badly burned and three parents whose children died in the blaze.

The Davidians, whose beliefs encompass fierce hostility against the government, say Smith’s rulings in related cases, and comments on and off the bench, betray “deep-seated antagonism” and “preconceptions” against them.

They say he expressed “negative characterizations” of them, including calling one Branch Davidian follower “crazy” and a murderer.

Government lawyers dismiss the bias claims.

“To the contrary, Judge Smith displayed patience and diligence wading through enormously complicated legal and factual claims and gradually winnowing down the issues for trial,” they say in their brief.

A lawyer for the Davidians, James Juraneck, acknowledged that the odds are against him in court. Appeals such as his are “granted less often than they are denied,” he said.

On Feb. 28, 1993, federal agents stormed the Branch Davidian compound looking for stockpiled automatic weapons and hand grenades. Four federal agents and three Davidians were killed in the clash.

For 51 days, the government attempted to get the cult followers to come out. On April 19, agents fired tear-gas rounds into the compound and fire consumed it.
As the nation prepares for war with Iraq, the suffering of war’s likely victims, including untold numbers of non-combatants, weighs heavily on our minds. During the initial forum of “Peace and War 2003,” Debating the Issues,” theologian Father Michael Baxter delivered a report on his recent visit to Iraq, where he celebrated Christmas with members of the Christian community and interacted with other ordinary Iraqis. Baxter spoke movingly of a people who have been denied basic human needs, including adequate nutrition and health care, as well as freedom, religious liberty, and social infrastructure of Iraq society that had virtually collapsed.

Baxter came away from the experience, he said, with an awful awareness that Iraqis, who number approximately 1 million, are no more willing to open their hearts and minds than the international community over the last decade. Antibodies are absent or in short supply, with many here and around the world determined to believe the worst.

The consequences of such public opposition, of course, are far more severe in Iraq, where freedom of speech, assembly and religion are a distant dream and state torture and execution of dissidents are commonplace. Respondents Dan Philpott, professor of political science, and sophomore Teresa Hansen thought such opposition might add that such conditions in Iraq are worse than the Iraqis suffer because they lack the moral and religious remonstrations common to the United States. Hansen than U.S. Christians are willing to launch a sustained and effective protest against the destructive and pernicious policies of their own government. The Observer’s mission is to provide a forum for respectful but critical commentary and to engage the public in thoughtful debate. The Observer welcomes the right to refuse advertisements based on content.

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Trip to Timbuktu allows for adventure rarely experienced stateside

I just returned from Mali the relative tourist Mecca of West Africa, Mali. Mali is most famous for Timbuktu, the mysterious city of gold that Europeans led to an adventure. We were in Mopti, a city on the Niger River.

All of these problems, accidents and lack of plans led to an adventure. We were in Mopti, a city on the confluence of the Niger and Bani Rivers, and in a taxi home when some man came up to us. After brushing him off for a minute or so I asked him randomly if we could take a boat from there to Djenné. It started off as a game to see if it was even possible and we were raised a bit for the safety pitch he made. Our destination city was in the complete opposite direction from where most tourists go and also, if I later learned, the wrong river. Luckily this is one of the few instances that Africa is easier to get around in than other places. Tourist operators, being any local hustler on the street, make everything possible for a few dollars. So, around 8 p.m. at night we met some random man, argued about which way the river flowed, wrote a "contract," gave him some money and said we would meet the next morning at 7 A.M. We went home not uncertain whether it was some elaborate scheme to get some money.

Early the next morning we made our way back to the place we argued last night and realized which other of us can remember what the "guide" looked like; we hoped that he would remember us. Five minutes later he found us and we walked to our boat and met the two men responsible for our safety and security for the next two days. The boat was about the size and space of three or four canoes put together. It was solid wood, with two long poles to propel us forward, a sail made out of old woven totta plastic rice bags and a mast that was already leaning slightly to the right. We checked for water in the bottom of the boat, water to drink and enough food for the two days. With no real idea how far we were going, how we would get there or what was in between, we got into the boat and set off. Immediately one of the boatmen raised a big bag sail. One or the strings that held the sail in place broke. The sail fell into the river in a hopeless mess. Through McGyver-like ingenuity he repaired the sail with an old fishing net, and we were on our way again.

Moments like this continued for the next two days. All of our meals were cooked on the boat. Never before had I thought that an open fire on a wooden boat would be a good idea.

The entire boat was an example of an amazing recycling program of old rope, plastic and wood scraps. The endless hours on the boat allowed my brother and I to return to childhood imaginations, or perhaps African reality. In the pitch black we got stuck on a sand bar and became completely turned around. I wasClassic African story: We walked to the Finos. We passed villages where children cried or stared in amazement when they saw us.

Thirty-six hours later we arrived at our destination both relaxed and satisfied with the way the chaos and uncertainty went.

These are the types of days and adventures that I appreciate the chaos here that my life in the United States rarely offered. Some days it is nice to not know how, where, what or even why. And also not to worry when the mast leans a little to the right.

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It took the space shuttle Columbia, becoming a shooting star in the Texas sky to make space travel seem as extraordinary as it was so long ago. The Soviet Union's launch of the bowling ball-sized sputnik shocked the world, but mostly because the U.S.S.R. had momentarily surpassed the U.S. technologically. But on May 25, 1961, when President John F. Kennedy broadcasted that America would send men to the moon, it was not solely for a Cold War advantage, but for the advancement of all people. People need the inspiration and the dreams, the space race, to push the boundaries of knowledge. In short, we need the space program as so routine that it captures our attention.

Despite his assassination and the deaths of the three Apollo 1 astronauts on Jan. 27, 1967, Kennedy's vision prevailed.

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The quotable Woody Allen
It's not that I'm afraid to die, I just don't want to be there when it happens.

What if everything is an illusion and nothing exists?

Is sex dirty? Only when it's being done right.

The difference between sex and death is that with death you can do it alone.

How can I believe in God when just last week I got my tongue caught in the roller of an electric typewriter?

I am at war with nature. I will not eat oysters. I want my food dead. Not sick. Not wounded. Dead. The good ones slept better...while the bad ones seemed to enjoy the waking hours much more.

What if nothing exists and we're all in somebody's dream? Or what's worse, what if only that fat guy in the third row exists?

The real life Woody Allen is an apartment dweller, a Jewish New Yorker who's been in standup that Alvy is a psychoanalyst for 15 years. Alvy is a neurotic Jewish New Yorker's most cutthroat persona for which he has become known.

In 1964, Allen released a self-titled LP of his standup comedy that was nominated for a Grammy Award. His most memorable formula as a standup comedian, an anxious Jewish New Yorker and a neurotic neurotic Jewish New Yorker who's been in psychoanalysis for 15 years. Allen is a neurotic mess of a man who can't seem to keep his love life together.

The real life Woody Allen is an apparently neurotic Jewish New Yorker, an award winning comedian, who has had a number of high profile marriages and high profile divorces including his 1992 split with longtime partner (though not wife) Mia Farrow that culminated in charges of sexual abuse of their adopted daughter, Soon-Yi Previn, whom he eventually married and with whom he now has two children.
Allen leaves his mark on cinema

Woody Allen is one of the most prolific filmmakers. He has written, directed, and starred in at least one film almost every year since 1969. Allen has been nominated for 15 Academy Awards, he has won three, two for Best Writing (Screenplay Written Directly for Screen) — one for "Annie Hall" in 1977 and another for "Hannah and Her Sisters" in 1986 — and best director for "Annie Hall." Allen demands almost exclusive artistic control over his film. Often, the studio works with the Allen signature, often in the form of subtle changes or edits that he deems necessary. This is why his films tend to garner a mixed reaction from critics. Some feel that he's a bit formulaic in his writing; often his films are like, I don't know how they get through life. It's amazing to me. And the other side is exactly the opposite. That's all. So you should be thankful that you play miserable, because that's very lucky, to be miserable," Allen said in the movie "Hannah and Her Sisters.

In 1965, Allen began playing the clarinet at age 12 and has had a deep love for jazz music ever since. Allen plays with Eddie Davis & his Jazz Band at the Carlyle Hotel every Monday when he is not otherwise occupied with a film project. Allen has been so dedicated to his music that he does not attend the Academy Awards, which are always held on a Monday night; he did make a notable exception in 2002, when he appeared to plead the case for Hollywood to continue shooting movies in New York after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Though Allen often seems like a morose and hopeless neurotic, he quit therapy after almost 35 years. For a man whose writing obsesses over a Nietzschean recurrence of reliving his own shortcomings, Allen has matured not only as a writer and filmmaker, but as a person as well. Allen has survived 40 years of show business, 35 years of analysis, and hours of nagging critics and continues to produce film after film. Woody Allen has left, and continues to leave, his mark on cinema — not that he'd ever admit it. In his own words: "I don't want to achieve immortality through my work, I want to achieve it by not dying."
The Carolina Hurricanes are still going in circles, and the needle is stuck. Paul Kariya scored his 20th goal and Jason Krog got his first career short-handed goal as the Ducks dealt Carolina its sixth straight loss, 2-1 Sunday night. Jean-Sebastien Giguere made 28 saves for the Ducks, who have won five of their last six games and 10 of 14 after going 0-4-1 in their previous seven. They have a two-point edge over Chicago for the eighth and final Western Conference playoff spot.

"We've been playing a good team game, and the defense has been allowing one shot and taking the rebounds away. If you put all that together, you get the result," Jeff O'Neill said.

JEFF O’NEILL scored his 20th goal for the Hurricanes, who have gone from Stanley Cup finalists to bottom-feeder in less than a year. They are last in the Southeast Division with 14 losses in their last 15 games. They have dropped eight straight since...
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Marquette defeats Wake Forest for 28th straight home win

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Marquette needed Robert Jackson and Scott Merritt to be at their best. The two post players certainly were, combining for 35 points, and Dwayne Wade had 18, including a memorable seven points in the closing minutes, as Marquette beat No. 14 Wake Forest 68-61 on Sunday, the Golden Eagles' 28th consecutive home victory. "I wouldn't say it was their best game because they had to guard really good players," Marquette coach Tom Crean said, referring to Jackson and Merritt. Jackson had 19 points and 11 rebounds, and Merritt added 16 points and nine rebounds as Marquette won its ninth straight game and ended Wake Forest's four-game winning streak. Wade's milestone came on a breakaway dunk, his third of the game, that was part of an 8-0 run that gave Marquette (17-3) a 53-43 lead. Wake Forest (16-3) closed within four points twice over the final two minutes before the Golden Eagles wrapped it up from the free throw line. Fans chanted "One more year," an obvious reference to the possibility of Wade jumping to the NBA after completing his sophomore season.

"They always chant 'One more year' but I've got two more years left." - Dwayne Wade, Marquette player

Marquette coach Skip Prosser said. "Every time we made a run, they answered." The Golden Eagles led by as many as seven points and didn't trail the entire first half, which ended 29-26. Wake Forest stayed close despite foul problems on center Eric Williams, who had three called against him, two within 20 seconds. Williams played only 23 minutes, fouling out with 2:06 left after scoring four points. The Deacons lost despite out-rebounding Marquette 48-35 as Levy grabbed 12 and Howard 10. But Wake Forest shot only 33 percent (22-66), failing to take advantage of a 37 percent (21-57) effort by Marquette. The Deacons also had 17 turnovers to Marquette's 12. "I thought both teams guard pretty hard and you could see that in the shooting percentages," Prosser said. Crean said the game’s festive atmosphere with an announced crowd of 17,370 had "a March feel to it." "It was a hard-fought game and we knew it would be," he said. "It's the best team we've played this year. ... And that's what makes this win so special for us. It was a great win."
Pitchers and catchers begin to report to spring training

Associated Press

Mike Piazza stepped off the plane and shuddered. Like a lot of places, New York was in a deep freeze.

"Man, my ears almost fell off," the Mets star said. "I'll be glad when we get going."

He's not the only one. Because "Man, my ears almost fell off," the Mets star said. "I'll be glad when we get going." it takes a few words to warm up baseball everywhere: It's time for pitchers and catchers to report to spring training.

Associated Press

The Seattle Mariners will be the first team to open camp. They get going Sunday, and there's a reason for the quick start — Ichiro Suzuki, Freddy Garcia and the Mariners will play the major league opener real early, on March 25 in Tokyo against Oakland.

Within a week, every team will break out the bats, the balls and the big hopes. From Florida to Arizona, from Vero Beach to Scottsdale, optimism will mix with the sun and sand. All over, teams are excited, particularly with so many top players having moved. Jim Thome, Tom Glavine, Mike Hampton, Ivan Rodriguez and Jeff Kent switched sides, and the New York Yankees brought two newcomers to the big leagues — Japanese slugger Hideki Matsui and Cuban pitcher Jose Contreras.

Plus, camps will be full of fresh young faces who sooner or later may become household names. Could the new star be 19-year-old Mets shortstop Jose Reyes, Cleveland first baseman Travis Hafner, or Phillies center fielder Marlon Byrd?

So why not be enthused, especially after what the Anaheim Angels accomplished last year?

Yet even the fabulous K-Rod, now about to receive a championship ring at 21, sounded like a seasoned veteran as the Angels prepared to open camp on Valentine's Day in Tempe, Ariz.

"Everything starts with zero," the reliever said. "The most difficult thing in baseball is to be consistent. You can have one good year but if the next is bad, you're defrauding everyone."

And remember how the spring starts for the Angels last year? They got in an exhibition fight with San Diego, and Troy Glaus and Scott Spiezio were suspended. By October, Glaus was the World Series MVP, and Spiezio was a postseason star.

On the field, if there's ever a time to think big, it's now. So maybe that's why Milwaukee ace Ben Sheets was looking ahead after a season in which the Brewers lost 106 games.

"To be honest with you, I don't even think about last year. It all goes away — good year, bad year, doesn't matter. Just like a good game, bad game, you can't bring it with you," he said. "Clean slate."

The Rangers left Port Charlotte, Fla., where alligators used to sun themselves in ponds around the ballpark and former owner George W. Bush would stroll the grounds. The Royals exited their old Boardwalk and Baseball site in central Florida, which opened with a lot of fanfare in 1988 but quickly lost popularity.

This also will be the last time Philadelphia trains at Jack Russell Stadium in Clearwater, Fla. Nearly a half-century old, the ballpark is one of the coziest, with perfect touches where else can fans find a warning track made of crushed seashells?

Meanwhile, a few familiar faces are still looking for jobs. Reggie Sanders and Kenny Lofton, who started for the Giants in Game 7 of the World Series, remain free agents, as do Rickey Henderson, Kenny Rogers, Chuck Finley and B.J. Surhoff. David Justice and Andy Benes, meanwhile, say they're done.

"Fourteen seasons is long enough," said Justice, whose teams made the playoffs in his last 11 years. "I have a diminished desire to play."

For everyone else, the exhibition games begin Feb. 27. That's when Baker and his Chicago Cubs will take on his old team, the Giants. The same day, Cincinnati will visit the Yankees in Tampa, Fla.

The Yankees already are gearing up for Matsui's arrival, and there's a plot to sell sushi at the concession stands at Legends Field.

Derek Jeter, David Wells and manager Joe Torre also are prepared for owner George Steinbrenner's blurster. The Boss was not happy that his guys were whacked out of the playoffs by Anaheim in the opening round, and he let them hear it.

"We know what it's like to win, and we also know what it's like to lose. You don't want to lose anymore," Jeter said.

Besides, the Yankees don't need to look far for a reminder of the success Steinbrenner expects. Beyond the center-field fence at Legends Field, there's a message board that reads: Congratulations, Super Bowl Champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The Bucs' home is Raymond James Stadium, right across the street from the Yankees' complex.

"I was happy for Tampa Bay. It's great. It's good that they won it," Wells said. "Now that spring training is here, and we're a Tampa product, hopefully it will be catching. The guys can catch on to what the Bucs did."
Womens Basketball Polls

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Yao Ming has seemed comfortable most of his rookie season, showing composure on and off the court. His first All-Star game might have gotten to him, though.

Voted a starter for the Eastern Conference, Yao had only two points and two rebounds in 17 minutes, sitting out the fourth quarter and both overtimes.

Shaquille O'Neal, Tim Duncan and Kevin Garnett were the big men who got most of the playing time down the stretch as the West beat the East 155-145 in double overtime.

Yao, picked No. 1 overall by the Houston Rockets in last year's draft, became the first rookie to start in the All-Star game since Grant Hill in 1995. His selection was helped with ballots printed in Mandarin for Yao.

His first All-Star game came after fellow West starters Duncan and Kevin Garnett prodded him.

Yao did wear a pair of powder blue low-top shoes, a tribute to Michael Jordan's alma mater, North Carolina. The brightly colored shoes clashed with the red uniform of the West, but Jordan was making his final All-Star appearance.

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Duke overpowers Notre Dame

By JOE LINDSLEY  
Sports Writer

The weekend started off well for the Irish mens tennis team, as it won its second match of the season Saturday at Purdue, but Duke put Notre Dame's fledgling win streak to an end as the Blue Devils dominated, 4-2, Sunday.

Notre Dame, which fell to the worst start in program history that began the season with two losses in its first three matches, had won its first meet of the season Wednesday against Purdue, 5-2.

"We're trying to look at it in a positive way," freshman Patrick Buchanan said. "We're obviously a young team right now. We're getting stronger from each of our matches and learning from our experiences."

Buchanan in part symbolizes the team's gradual improvements. The Irish have a youthful roster, and inexperienced player has played in their starting lineup. Buchanan came into the week with a five-match losing streak, but Tuesday he clinched victory for the Irish against Wisconsin, and Saturday he contributed to the Irish win with his singles victory against Purdue. Sunday, the freshman defeated the Blue Devils' Ryan Heinburg, 6-4, 6-1. Additionally, transfer Nicholas Lopez-Acevedo defeated York Allen, 6-3, 6-1.

Sunday was not a great day for Irish veterans, but they had to deal with tough competition. Junior Matt Scott, ranked 119th, was defeated by No. 77 Ludovic Walker, 6-3, 6-4. No. 72 Luke Haddock, a junior, was upset by the Blue Devils' Phillip Kim, 6-3, 6-1.

Jonathon Stokke prevailed over Irish senior Brian Farrell, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5. The Irish were also lacking one of their best, Sophomore Brent D'Amico, who has gone 6-0 in singles play this spring, was injured during the doubles portion and could not play singles.

Saturday, playing at No. 46 Purdue, the Irish participated in another close match. Yet they were able to win, as they came from behind to triumph 4-3. The Boilermakers began the match by winning the doubles point and the first singles contest. Then the Irish won the next four singles events to secure the victory, their second of the season. Haddock, Scott, D'Amico, and Buchanan were the contributors to the Irish win.

Notre Dame will have some time off, to reassess its doubles lineup and to improve their confidence on the courts, before they head to East Lansing, Mich. Feb. 19 to take on Michigan State.

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MENS SWIMMING

Swimmers look to Big East Tourney after loss

By LISA REIJULA  
Sports Writer

In one of the fastest and competitive meets of the season, the Notre Dame mens swimming and diving team was edged by Oakland University, 151-149 on Saturday. The Irish finished the dual meet season with a record of 6-8.

"Obviously it stinks to lose, but it was a test to see where we were," said junior Matt Obringer. "We're partially resting for the Big East meet and we had some season-best times."

Notre Dame had the momentum to start, as the 200-meter medley team of Doug Bauman, Jason Fitzpatrick, Frank Krakowski and Tim Randolph took first.

In the 1,000-meter race, Patrick Davis notchcd a victory, while teammate Matt Bertke was second.

Other event winners for the Irish included Bauman in the 100 breaststroke (57.63), Obringer in the 500 freestyle, 400 IM, as the Irish were edged by Krakowski in the 100-meter butterfly (50.08) and Maggio in the three-meter diving competition (133.80).

The turning point of the afternoon was the 400 IM, as the Grizzlies finished one-two-three and gained crucial points. The 16 point gain pushed the Irish into a corner going into the final event.

In the 400 freestyle relay, Oakland overtook the Irish on the last leg, winning the race and the meet. However, Notre Dame's team of Randolph, Krakowski, Fitzpatrick, and Matt Obringer posted their fastest time of the season (3:06.31).

The Irish are optimistic even after the close loss.

"Overall the results were pretty positive," said Obringer. "It was definitely a good sign of our progress and hopefully a sign of good things to come."

The Irish will compete next in the Big East Championship on Feb. 20-22 in Uniondale, N.Y.
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But sometime during Watson's run for the record he realised something. Running really can be exciting. There are no timeouts, no breaks in the action. It is sport at its simplest, a race against the competition and a race against time. Having five of the fastest runners in the world pitted against each other doesn't hurt either. Watson was in fifth place during much of the race.

He was behind after a quarter mile. At a half mile he remained in the lead pack. After three quarters of a mile, he still trailed four other runners.

It was not until the final stretch, the final possible moment, that Watson made his move. "I like to finish hard. I like to beat people in the last 100 or 200 meters. That's always been a strength of mine, and I exploited that today.

"Watson has been just a terrific performer in cross country, indoor, and outdoor," said Irish coach Joe Piane. "He's a many time All-American and a real positive influence. He works extremely hard and everyone else follows his lead."

Two other Irish competitors also provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships in the mile, as Eric Somok finished at 4:01.90 and Kevin Dodd finished at 4:03.82. They must wait for other results around the country to find out whether or not they will make the NCAA field.

"Somok and Morrison train with Luke every day," said Piane. "They know that if they can run with him they are going to run well and we saw that today."

In addition to Watson's record-breaking accomplishments, freshman Molly Huddle shattered the school record in the women's 5,000 meters. Huddle, who automatically qualified for the NCAA's in the event along with teammate Loreena King, broke the old school record by more than half a second. She finished second in the race to teammate Lauren King, broke the old school record by two seconds, while King finished fifth with 9:19.52.

Selim Nurudeen provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championship with his best 60-meter hurdle time of the season in 7.83. That time easily bettered the NCAA provisional qualifying mark and could put Nurudeen in the NCAA field.

Other strong Irish performances for the men included Vincent Ambrico who won the regular mile, and Chris Staron who finished third in the high jump.

For the women, Emily Loomis tied for first in the high jump, Kymia Love won the 400 meters, Jaime Vollmer tied for first in the pole vault, Tameisha King won the long jump, and the 4x400 yard relay team (Love, King, Tiffany Gunn, and Kristen Dodd) finished second with one of the fastest times in the nation.

"The sub-four minute mile and Chuck Aragon's record (3:59.9 in 1981) have been things I've been chasing for two minutes now with a realistic chance of breaking. I needed all the conditions to come together on the right day, and that's something that really doesn't happen all that often. Today was just perfect. I felt great, the pace was perfect, the race was perfect, the competition was there, and all the elements fell into place."

"We had a wonderful day," said Piane, who credited both the facility and the packed crowd. "We had a couple of ladies (Huddle and King) qualify for the NCAA in the 3,000. Selim is ranked either eighth or ninth in the country (in the 60-meter hurdles) so that's marvelous. Luke's ranked number one in the country. What a day."

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er Torin Francis, whose basket with just 0.6 seconds left to play put the Irish on top by two.
"Matt Carroll was saying how he'd never experienced that here, and we thought it shouldn't be (that way). So we just came out here and we knew we wanted to win this game, and that we had to win this game, and in the end, it was a great feeling seeing our crowd run out there."

Pittsburgh guard Brandin Knight drained a three-pointer — his only basket from the floor all day — with 30 seconds left to knot the score at 64.

With the shot clock turned off, Irish point guard Chris Thomas let the shot clock run down to close to five seconds before making his move on Knight. The sophomore drove left from a few feet outside the free throw line for an apparent last second shot. But just before he came down, Thomas slipped a pass off to Francis in heavy traffic near the free throw line, and the freshman worked his way back into the game, and in the end, it was a great feeling seeing our crowd run out there.

"Everyone knows that Pittsburgh is very experienced and well-coached. They are a great defensive team, and I'm very proud of our guys because they never gave up."

Mike Brey
head coach

Notre Dame guard Torin Francis then pressured the in-bounds pass and went up to block it. He didn't block it, but rather tried to get under the basket, and the Irish were able to grab the rebound and the game was over.

Kevin Brey called a timeout and began to tell the team what they did wrong.

"It was a great lesson...That was a big turning point in the game."

The Irish would get no closer than one until just over 10 minutes remained, while the Irish were able to hold onto the game and take the lead. With 34 seconds left, Knight went up for a layup to tie the game at 66.

Irish center Tim Tommeyman was called for a technical foul on the game's final play, resulting in a flagrant foul call against the Irish. The foul was called for a technical foul and Francis was able to make both free throws to win the game.

The crowd exploded, but Francis didn't hear it at first. He was too busy letting a primal instinct with necessary prudence. He scored 24 points, because it showed that our defense was what was making us win the game. That's when we were at our best, when our defense is really playing well."

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"We challenged (Pittsburgh)," Brey said. "We got the ball and made baskets, and I think we took a big step forward today."

The victory moved Notre Dame to 14-4 on the season and 7-2 in the Big East, while Pittsburgh fell to 16-3 and 6-2.

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Notre Dame guard Chris Thomas drives on Pittsburgh guard Brandon Knight during Sunday's game. The Irish defeated the Panthers, 66-64.

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opposing point guard.

A couple weeks ago, Thomas found himself in a similar situation at Boston College. He was facing Troy Bell, the clock was winding down, the game was on the line, the fans going nuts. He waited until the clock hit five seconds, took Knight across the floor about half a foot outside the arc, and the Irish needed overtime to escape from Conte Forum with a win.

"You never want to be down by 14, with five seconds left, and being down by 14 on the line, the fans going nuts. He waited until the clock hit five seconds, took Knight across the floor about half a foot outside the arc, and he didn't get a good look to make a play. .... That was a big turning point because it showed that our defense was what was making us win the game. That's when we were at our best, when our defense is really playing well."

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MENS BASKETBALL

It's the 'Pitts' for Panthers

• Francis' late layup lifts Irish over No. 4 Panthers in 66-64 comeback win

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

Notre Dame tri-captain Matt Carroll had recently lamented that he had never experienced the thrill of being mobbed by a crowd of crazed fans and students rushing the court of the Joyce Center in his four years with the Irish.

Sunday afternoon, that all changed as No. 10 Notre Dame pulled of a 66-64 upset of No. 4 Pittsburgh before a sellout crowd at the Joyce Center.

"We couldn't ask for anything better. The fans were unbelievable today," Carroll said after the last-second victory. "I had no idea. There were 20 people jumping on my back. I looked up and there was a big wave of green coming on me."

Just four days after being on the losing end of such a celebration after Notre Dame's 78-72 loss to Seton Hall, the Irish players saw Sunday's matchup with conference rival Pittsburgh as an opportunity to turn the tables.

"We had talked the other day about crowds rushing the courts, because at Seton Hall, their crowd rushed the court when they beat us," said freshman center Torin Francis.

Notre Dame forward Torin Francis celebrates scoring the game-winning layup in front of two Pittsburgh defenders Sunday. The Irish upset the fourth-ranked Panthers, 66-64.

• Thomas grows up with game-winning pass

Chris Thomas dribbled down the court, bouncing the ball in his left hand, pointing to his teammates with his right.

About five feet in front of him, crouched in his defensive stance, Pittsburgh's Brandin Knight started yap-ping at Thomas, egging the sophomore to challenge him.

"This is how it's supposed to be," the senior barked at the sophomore.

Thomas just smiled. Clock winding down, game on the line, two of the Big East's best guards squaring off. "Those kinds of situations don't come along too often," he said.

Normally, Thomas thrives on the one-on-one matchups. In fact, he often thrives so much on them that the game and even the team get forgotten as Thomas wages his own personal war against the opposition.

But this game was different. Two seniors, both conceiving some playoff hopes, both with something to prove, both vying for the conference's top honors, both fighting for the team's respect.

"It's the last-second surge, the defensive stance, the free throws, the clutch shots," Carroll said. "I just want to talk about this guy. He feels like maybe most sports fans would not consider a race, such as Luke Watson's school record mile at the Meyo Invitational, to be exciting."

Watson's: 3:57.83

When you think of an exciting moment in sports what usually comes to mind? A last second shot? A last minute touchdown, or maybe a bases loaded home run in the bottom of the ninth inning? A race perhaps?

Wait a minute, a race?

So maybe most sports fans would not consider a race, such as Luke Watson's school record mile at the Meyo Invitational, to be exciting."

Watson's last-second surge added excitement to a usually mundane event

• Senior finishes first in Meyo Mile, claims world's fastest mile time this year

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

An impressive performance earlier this month in Boston qualified Luke Watson for the NCAA Championship in the 3,000 meters, and created high expectations for Watson in the running of the Meyo Mile Saturday.

All those expectations were exceeded as Watson came from behind on the last lap to finish first in the Meyo Mile in front of an energized crowd at the Loftus Sports Center. In the process, he broke the four-minute mile barrier and the school record in the mile, automatically qualified for the NCAA Championship, and ran the fastest mile in the world as this year

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The Belles dropped their ninth consecutive match Saturday.

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A back-and-forth match ended as a setback for the Irish Sunday.

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The Irish kicked off their season with an exhibition victory Saturday.

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The young Irish squad fell to the Grizzlies Saturday.

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Hokies deal Irish a close road loss

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It was too close to call until the last second ticked off the clock. Fourteen ties and 12 lead changes highlighted the back and forth game between Notre Dame and Virginia Tech Sunday that left the question who would come out on top.

With only 34 seconds remaining and the Irish down by two, Irish guard Alicia Ratay made two free throws to tie the score at 50. It wasn’t quite enough to make the Irish winning streak any longer than two.

After a solid second-half performance against Georgetown Wednesday, the Irish (13-5, 7-3 in the Big East) found themselves back on the losing end of the court, as they fell 53-50 at Virginia Tech (13-5, 7-3 in the Big East) Sunday.

After the two Ratay baskets from the charity strips it looked like Notre Dame might have been able to piece together a three-game winning streak. But Hokies guard Carrie Mason converted a three-point play with 13 seconds left and the Irish couldn’t respond, despite a final effort by forward Jacqueline Batteast to make a trey with just two ticks left on the clock.

Sunday’s game was a battle to the finish line.

Neither the Irish nor the Hokies led by more than four points at any time. Sports that put the Irish up by four fell short in carrying momentum through the rest of the game. And with only two players in double digits, Notre Dame could not sustain any significant scoring run.

Neither the Irish nor the Hokies could claim that it was their shooting that kept them in Sunday’s contest.

Only two Irish players finished the game in double figures and, while Notre Dame shot a below-average 38.6 percent from the field, the Hokies shot a dismal 28.6 percent. Notre Dame did manage to dominate Virginia Tech inside, outscoring the Hokies 24-4 in the paint, but the Irish just couldn’t get the job done.

The Hokies found their only offensive success on the foul line. Virginia Tech hit 16 of its 24 free throws, recording a new team-best 91.7 percent from the free-throw line in Big East play.

Hokies junior forward leva Kublins was a perfect 11-for-11 from the charity stripe, on her way to leading both teams with 21 points.

Mason and teammate Crystal Starling also hit double figures for Virginia Tech, recording 11 and 16 points respectively.

After recording its first positive assist-to-turnover ratio in several games against Georgetown, the Irish fell back into mid-season woes with 21 turnovers and only 10 assists. Although they out-rebounded the Hokies by three, the Irish still struggled to shut off their opponent’s ability to make second chance points.

Batteast led the Irish with 13 points while forward Katy Flecky added 11.

The loss marks the fifth Big East loss for the Irish and the seventh Big East victory for the Hokies. Sunday’s game was an important one for both teams as the second half of the season gets under way and they vie for good position in the Big East tournament.

Notre Dame will have three days off before facing St. John’s Wednesday at home.

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Alicia Ratay defends a Temple player earlier this season. She made two clutch free throws as time ran down before Virginia Tech went ahead to win 53-50.

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Saint Mary's (5-16, 1-9) didn't give themselves a chance on Saturday afternoon, as the Hornets of Kalamazoo (13-7, 7-3) jumped on the Belles early, building a 14-point halftime lead on the way to a 69-43 victory.

Amanda Weishuhn led the charge against the Belles with 18 points on 7-for-10 from three-point range, on her way to 16 points on 7-for-10 from the field.

The Saint Mary's game was the story of turnovers, as they jumped out to a 32-18 halftime lead, scoring eight points on 25 Belle turnovers. Meanwhile, Saint Mary's, scoring 33 points, didn't give themselves a chance on Saturday, as they shot 51 percent from the field as a team, and 54 percent beyond the three-point arc. Meanwhile, Saint Mary's only shot 33 percent from the field and 54 percent from the line.

Emily Van Hoegarden led the Saint Mary's (5-16, 1-9) defense, who was impressive on the offensive end. Contributing to the Belles' offensive woes was the Kalamazoo defense, who capitalized on 25 Belle turnovers with 33 points.

Kalamazoo earlier in the year, Saint Mary's is not getting down on themselves, however, even after their ninth straight loss. Kalamazoo's shooting did not keep Saturday's game within reach, as they shot 31 percent from the field as a team, and 54 percent beyond the three-point arc. Meanwhile, Saint Mary's only shot 33 percent from the field and 54 percent from the line.

Katie Miller led the Belles with 16 points, on 4-for-8 shooting. However, she was the only Belle in double digits, as Saint Mary's struggled on the offensive end. Contributing to the Belles' offensive woes was the Kalamazoo defense, who capitalized on 25 Belle turnovers with 33 points.

Despite a series of beautiful shots and impressive passes and impressive individual play, the Irish were unable to find a way to win, and these next few weeks will be a difficult stretch for the team.

Junior Irish goalie Stewart Crosland was impressive with the start, turning away 13 of 16 shots from a team that claimed the top two offensive players in the world. Senior Nick Antol replaced him in the fourth period.

In the first period, it looked as though the scrimmage would be a close match, as the teams knotted at a 2-2 tie early in the first period. With a series of beautiful passes and impressive deflections, the Irish were able to score 10 straight unanswered goals. Impressive individual play allowed the Irish to score one of the 10 unanswered goals, as their attacker Dan Hooper stole a clearing pass from the Titan Tour goalie and shot it into the vacated goal to give Notre Dame a 10-2 lead.

The Notre Dame defense almost achieved a shutout in the second period, but Titan Tour was able to score with just six seconds remaining to spoil that chance.

Each team scored once in the third, with midfielders Travis Wells collecting the loose ball and banging it past the Titan Tour goalie to answer a goal from the MLL makers and play the score 13-4 going into the fourth.

In the fourth, Titan Tour started playing like the talented team they were, scoring five unanswered goals as one point and six total in the final period. The Irish only scored two more goals in 2003 in the final 15 minutes.

"I was looking for was to see how we could play as a team," said head coach Kevin Corrigan. "I was extremely happy with our first team defense."