By CAITLIN EARLY
News Writer

This year, Holy Cross Associates celebrates its 25th anniversary. The program, a service project founded by the Congregation of the Holy Cross, marks its 25th anniversary.

The Holy Cross Associates will begin its anniversary celebrations this Saturday at Moreau Seminary with a day of reflection entitled "Journey of the Heart," the beginning of a series of other activities and gatherings scheduled to take place this year.

It was nearly 25 years ago when Father Tim Seally and Father Jerry Wilson first envisioned a volunteer service program that would enable recent college graduates to assist and serve in the various ministries of the Congregation of the Holy Cross.

"The best way to do a program which would combine elements particularly fitted to osteopathic education and charisma which would draw many young people into a particular relationship with the Holy Cross community," Father Paul Marceau said in a June 1990 speech he delivered at the Congregation's History Conference.

In the fall of 1977, Father Richard Warner worked in conjunction with Seally and Wilson to present the idea of the Holy Cross program to the Indiana Province of the OCSA. After three years ofさせる, the necessary approval, Holy Cross Associates began to recruit students at the Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and the University of Portland. In 1978, Holy Cross Associates had its official beginning.

The first cohort of students graduated their second year of teaching experience at the program's first domestic site in Portland, Ore. Since that time, over 750 volunteers have served the program in Arizona, California, Colorado, Indiana, Massachusetts, Oregon, Pennsylvania and Chile.

Each year a large pool of applicants from various schools throughout the country apply to become Holy Cross Associates.

"People are applying a lot earlier than in past years. The one obvious trend is the increase in the number of students who are applying for the program in Chile. We received nearly 350 applications for four or five spots," Morlarity said.

The application process includes a written application and an interview at one of the Holy Cross Associates sites. Applications can be submitted from December until early spring.

Students who are accepted into domestic programs make a service commitment of one year. Students serving in Chile are required to make a two-year commitment.

"Holy Cross Associates provides an experience for people to learn how to apply their gifts. We don't have a single goal for our volunteers, rather we encourage them to apply their gifts to the people they encounter in their ministries," said John Pinter, director of Holy Cross Associates.

After volunteers attend a formal orientation in August at the Moreau Seminary, they begin service work on-site. At these sites, volunteers work in a number of different ministries including domestic violence services, youth ministries, education, homeless service and HIV/AIDS ministries.

"The social service agencies who work with the volunteers trust us to make a match with someone whose interests and strengths match up with the needs of that particular agency," said Morlarity.

While in the community, the Associates are also called to integrate the four pillars of the program in to their everyday lives. These pillars include "a commitment to service, a desire to live and share in an Associate community, a sense of lifestyle and option for the poor, and a spirituality, prayer and Christian commitment."

The program concludes in May with an end of the year retreat at the University of Portland.

"Our mission is to empower lay people to serve and develop their own gifts through the work of the Associates," said Ross.

The program is open for students from across the country, including about 65 from Harvard alone and expect about 35 nationally renowned jurists and professors to serve as panelists.

Panelists for the event include professor John McGinnis of Northwestern University School of Law, professor Peter Edelman of Georgetown University Law Center and professor Korin Huigens of the Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University.

Other schools being represented by panelists include Notre Dame, Cornell, Brigham Young, the Hudson Institute, the University of Pennsylvania, St. John's University, Stanford University and the University of Chicago.

The Federalist Society was founded in 1982. Its principles contend that the state exists to preserve freedom. Also, the society believes that the separation of governmental powers is central to the U.S. Constitution and that it is the duty of the courts to rule on what the law is.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND
- Lecture: "Goldsmith, Ireland and Empire," 3 p.m. in room 424 of Hesburgh Hall.
- Women's Tennis vs. Duke, 6 p.m. at the Eck Pavilion.
- Karnaval, 9 p.m. at the Palais Royale, 105 West Colfax Ave., South Bend.
- Board of Trustees Spring '03 Meeting, 7:30 a.m. in the Stapleton Lounge.
- SAI Interviews, 11 a.m. in room 304 of the Haggard College Center.

WHAT'S COOKING
North Dining Hall
Today Lunch: Tortellini with basil cheese sauce, cioppino sauce, blanco pizza, breadsticks, honey-garlic pork chops, white beans with ham, brown sauce, pork gravy, whipped potatoes, collard greens, chicken, sautéed lemon perch, baked potato, vegetable rice pilaf, and sautéed vegetables.

South Dining Hall
Today Lunch: Manicotti, cacciatore sauce, chicken fajita pizza, guicche loraine, chicken cordon bleu, baked cod, delmonico potatoes, honey-glazed baked ham, Italian risotto, cut green beans, rice and vegetable plate, potato skins, onion rings, zucchini beef and vegetable stir-fry.

Saint Mary's Dining Hall
Today Lunch: Lentil and bulgur pilaf, panini alla nora, pasta, marinara sauce, Cuban roasted vegetables, sizzling Caesar salads with chicken, patti melt sandwiches, fried chicken, grilled cheese, French Fries, pasta alla carbonara, roasted zucchini, garlic bread with cheese and roma and herb salad.

WHAT'S GOING DOWN
NDSP arrests trespasser
A visitor was arrested by NDSP for criminal trespass at the Fitzpatrick Hall of Engineering Wednesday.

Camera stolen at Fitzpatrick
A university employee reported the theft of a digital camera from a lab in Fitzpatrick Hall Wednesday.

Bookstore employee treated after fall
A bookstore employee was treated at the Hammes Bookstore by NDSP for injuries sustained during a fall Thursday.

Collision occurs on Juniper Road
NDSP responded to an accident on Juniper Road Wednesday. There were no injuries reported.

Car towed for parking violations
Two student vehicles were towed for parking violations on Wednesday at the Heschberg Center for International Studies.

-Complied from the NDSP crime blotter
Irish dancing gains popularity

By NATALIE BAILEY
News Writer

Mariekke Van der Maelen, with her straight black hair and olive complexions, dances with grace and poise. If you asked one on one if she could be a professional, they would say no, for the simple reason that she cannot be taught, it can only be learned.

Van der Maelen continued her activities in dancing, teaching and performing as a student in college by practicing with the club, performing with local bands such as Kennedy Associates, Maren and Cree and teaching Irish dance for the Celtic Heritage Society.

At Catherine Shoup, social work graduate student and Irish Dance Club member, Van der Maelen's love for Irish dance with St. Patrick's Church and an Irish dance school was formed. “I used to dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland. In addition, Fiddler's Hearth opened, the dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland. In addition, Fiddler's Hearth opened, the dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland. In addition, Fiddler's Hearth opened, the dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland. In addition, Fiddler's Hearth opened, the dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland. In addition, Fiddler's Hearth opened, the dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland. In addition, Fiddler's Hearth opened, the dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland. In addition, Fiddler's Hearth opened, the dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland. In addition, Fiddler's Hearth opened, the dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland. In addition, Fiddler's Hearth opened, the dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland. In addition, Fiddler's Hearth opened, the dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland. In addition, Fiddler's Hearth opened, the dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland. In addition, Fiddler's Hearth opened, the dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland. In addition, Fiddler's Hearth opened, the dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland. In addition, Fiddler's Hearth opened, the dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland. In addition, Fiddler's Hearth opened, the dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland. In addition, Fiddler's Hearth opened, the dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland. In addition, Fiddler's Hearth opened, the dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland. In addition, Fiddler's Hearth opened, the dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland. In addition, Fiddler's Hearth opened, the dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland. In addition, Fiddler's Hearth opened, the dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland. In addition, Fiddler's Hearth opened, the dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland. In addition, Fiddler's Hearth opened, the dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland. In addition, Fiddler's Hearth opened, the dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland. In addition, Fiddler's Hearth opened, the dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland. In addition, Fiddler's Hearth opened, the dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland. In addition, Fiddler's Hearth opened, the dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland. In addition, Fiddler's Hearth opened, the dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland. In addition, Fiddler's Hearth opened, the dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland. In addition, Fiddler's Hearth opened, the dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland. In addition, Fiddler's Hearth opened, the dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland. In addition, Fiddler's Hearth opened, the dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland. In addition, Fiddler's Hearth opened, the dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland. In addition, Fiddler's Hearth opened, the dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland. In addition, Fiddler's Hearth opened, the dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland. In addition, Fiddler's Hearth opened, the dance for Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland.
NASAs inquiry focusing on foam

**Application of foam insulation gets special attention of board**

**Associated Press**

SPACE CENTER, Houston - Just how the foam insulation was applied to the fuel tanks of NASA's space shuttles is getting special attention by the board investigating the Columbia accident, officials said Thursday.

One leading theory is that the insulation or the heavier material beneath may have damaged Columbia during liftoff, enough to trigger a deadly breach as the spacecraft hurtled toward Florida a little more than 2 1/2 hours later.

The foam insulation is applied at a Lockheed Martin plant in New Orleans. More of the foam is applied about a month before the rocket lifts off in small areas of the tank needing touchup at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

The investigation board has visited both sites and is going back for a second, harder look at the techniques - and safeguards - used.

"That is getting a good bit of attention by more than one of the groups," said NASA's Steve Nesbitt, referring to the board's three working groups.

"A couple of the groups are looking at the technique of applying the foam on the tank in this area, and some of them will be going back to see the manufacturing facilities, to talk to the people who were involved to see if it is getting some special attention.

Nesbitt said the theories that focus on the left side of Columbia's left fuel tank, where the overheating and other problems developed - "will be getting the earliest attention."

The shuttle broke apart, killing all seven astronauts, as it re-entered Earth's atmosphere on its way home to Florida on Feb. 1 after a 16-day mission.

Late Thursday, NASA said investigators were searching abandoned mines near the Utah border, for what is believed to be a piece of Columbia's debris that was tracked falling to Earth by air traffic control radar.

"Imagery, telemetry and ballistic experts have been analyzing video images of the descending shuttle, National Transportation Safety Board officials said. "They are looking for any unusual activity around the debris that may have been the cause of the breakup."

Air Force Maj. Gen. John Barry said earlier this week that he and other board members are not convinced that a history of trouble from omitting off the so-called bipod area, where a pair of struts holds the tank to the upper belly of the shuttle. That is the spot where a chunk of foam fell off 81 seconds into Columbia's flight on Jan. 16, the debris slammed into the shuttle wing during launch. An engineering analysis days later concluded that any large foam chunk off a tank, especially one that is premolded and posed no safety threat. NASA officials said that finding was based, in part, on the fact that previous foam impacts had not caused severe damage.

Barry said that four previous shuttle flights had foam falling off the tank area. Challenger in 1983, Columbia in 1990 and again in 1992, Atlantis in October 2002, and last October. A 10-year gap exists between the most recent flight. He pointed out, "so we've got some backtracking to do to be able to look at the history and make the analysis."

Last week, the board inspected the Atlantis and its fuel tank at a Kennedy and a completely assembled fuel tank at Michoud Assembly Facility in New Orleans that is identical to the one used by Columbia on its doomed flight. The Michoud tank has been impounded by the board for testing.

NASA estimates that the chunk of broken foam was 2.67 pounds and 20-by-16-by-6 inches. The weight would be more if ice were attached, a possibility board consideration by the board. The panel also is looking into whether the fuel underlayer may have been broken off. Barry said he has learned that the foam is premoded, a blanket beneath the foam "really doesn't serve a purpose." He asked workers whether moisture could have accumulated and loosened the insulation.

"We're looking at that as maybe an option on why the foam came off and why we've had some problems in that area," he said.

At Michoud, polyurethane foam insulation is sprayed robotically about an inch thick over a large cylindrical 154-foot tank to prevent ice buildup on the metal tank, which is filled with super-cold liquid hydrogen and oxygen during the final hours of the countdown. The foam also helps protect the orbiter from engine and aerodynamic heating.

In some small hard-to ­spray areas, workers at Michoud handpack the gaps with foam. At Kennedy, more foam is applied by hand in the area around the underlayer and also around the other attach points.

Internal NASA reports obtained by The Associated Press describe damage during some of the earlier shuttle missions, caused by foam falling off. Columbia suffered damage during its Jan. 27, 2003, launch, giving a June 1992 liftoff when a large chunk of foam from the bipod area - 26-by-12-by-3 inches - fell off. After the mission, NASA determined that the shuttle had suffered a "decreased amount of serious tile damage over 18 preceding flights."

Investigators believe damage to those three tiles was from foam or similar material because of the size and depth of the damage. On the same mission at liftoff, ice and other insulation caused a "significant concentration" of damaging strikes to tiles near Columbia's right landing gear compartment. The shuttle returned safely from that mission.

The damage to Atlantis in October was not considered significant, at the time, by NASA. The foam from the bipod area hit the bottom of one of the two booster rockets, officials said.

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Church court cases delayed in Boston

**Associated Press**

BOSTON - The Boston Archdiocese and lawyers suing the church in more than 400 sexual abuse cases filed a request in court Wednesday seeking a 90-day hold on all litigation while they pursue a settlement.

If Superior Court Judge Constance Sweeney approves the request, both sides will suspend any action on the lawsuits and try to work out an agreement through mediation.

We will try to spend our time exchanging information, evaluating the cases, meditating them, negotiating, trying to work out a settlement," said attorney Jeffrey Newman, whose firm represents 270 people who say they were molested by priests.

Our hope has been that these cases can be resolved to the satisfaction of all parties through some form of mediation process, without the necessity of formal trials," the archdiocese said in a statement.

Several months ago, a similar agreement to suspend action on the lawsuits lasted 40 days and ended without an agreement.

Two lawsuits filed in the case of the Rev. Paul Shanley are not included in the proposed moratorium. Shanley is awaiting trial on charges he molested four boys from 1979 to 1989.

Also excluded from the 90-day moratorium are 108 lawsuits filed by attorney Mitchell Garabedian, who has refused to sign the request.

Last year, Garabedian negotiated a settlement worth between $20 million and $30 million for 86 alleged victims of defrocked priest John Geoghan. But the archdiocese backed out of the deal after its finance council said it could not afford the settlement, given the many other pending lawsuits.

The two sides ultimately agreed to a $10 million settlement in September. But Garabedian said Thursday he is not willing to suspend the addition on the additional lawsuits he filed alleging negligence on the part of church supervisors in their handling of several priests accused of sexually abusing children.

"If the archdiocese wants to settle these cases, they should make an offer to settle these cases, which they have not done so far," Garabedian said.

In its statement, the archdiocese said it was disappointed Garabedian had decided against participating in the moratorium.
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON A Florida computer engineering professor and seven other men have been charged Thursday with overseas terrorism and financing the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, a group which has been blamed for killing hundreds of civilians in Israel and adjacent territories.

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N.J. car dealer offers Saddam car to Saddam

Associated Press

SOUTH BRUNSWICK, N.J. The way car dealer Brad Benson sees it, even a ruthless dictator like Saddam Hussein needs a good car. Especially if decides to hit the road in a hurry.

Benson, who runs a Mitsubishi and Hyundai dealership in suburban New Jersey, ran a radio advertisement last week, offering a brand new car to Saddam if he leaves Iraq.

"If he'd just give up now and get out of Iraq, I'll give him a brand new Mitsubishi, nicely equipped, every year for the rest of his life," Benson said in the ad.

How about a four-wheel drive Mitsubishi Outlander, a perfect choice for running away in the desert?" The response was overwhelmingly negative.

"How dare you give a car to that guy, when he's going to be responsible for killing a lot of people," one caller said.

"I can't tell you how sickening it was to hear you making fun of a very serious situation," another said.

He said he decided to pull the ad after two days, however, given the response, and he apologized in another ad.

That one bombed, too. More than 700 people complained that Benson had nothing to apologize for to begin with.

Benson, 46, says he can't tell whether the ads have drummed up business or hurt it, in part because of a snowstorm this week.

Now he's at work on a third ad that aims at mollifying those offended by the second ad.

Oh, and the offer for Saddam still stands.

Mom: Genie circumcised baby

Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia A mother has claimed that a genie circumcised her 10-month-old son while she was cooking breakfast, the state news agency Antara reported Tuesday.

The report did not say whether the toddler, Riyan Abdullah, experienced any complications as a result of the operation, which allegedly took place early Wednesday close to the town of Tasikmalaya, on Java island 250 miles southeast of Jakarta, the agency reported.

"When I heard Riyan crying, I went straight to his bedroom and couldn't believe what my eyes saw," Riyans mother, identified only as Itech, told Antara. "He had been circumcised."

The family immediately suspected it was the work of a genie, belief in which is widespread in Indonesia. They summoned a local paranormal to the house who confirmed their suspicions, the report said.

More than 90 percent of Indonens 210 million are Muslim, though many still believe in spirits and the unseen world.

Tractor chase ends in crash

Associated Press

SISSETON, S.D. A man on a stolen tractor led authorities on a low-speed, two-state chase that ended when the farm vehicle crashed into a police car and pickup truck,idling both.

Thomas Arthur Dahl, 29, of Herman, Minn., faces charges including intentional damage to property and possession of stolen property. He made his first court appearance Wednesday and was being held in lieu of $2,000 bail.

Other charges were pending in Traverse County, Minn., Sheriff Donald Montonye said.

Authorities said after his pickup truck ran into a snowy ditch early Tuesday, Dahl allegedly stole a tractor from a farmyard and then led sheriffs deputies on a more than 20-mile chase from western Minnesota to a Hutterite colony in eastern South Dakota.

The big tractor stopped after it slammed into the squad car and pickup truck, Montonye said.

The sheriff said the man had allegedly been drinking but was "rational, coherent, cooperative and apologetic" when the chase ended.

Bachelorette talks about experiences

Associated Press

NEW YORK No, Trista isnt pregnant. No, she never went joy-riding with Charlie.

Doping false rumors was on the agenda Thursday when "Bachelorette" Babe Trista Rehn and her man, Ryan Suiter, took questions from reporters as part of a publicity blitz.

The night before, on the finale of ABCs dating-game series "The Bachelor," Trista had surprised most oddsmakers by choosing Ryan, a poetry-writing firefighter from Vail, Colo., over the more dashing finalist Charlie Maher, a financier from Los Angeles, where Trista also lives.

There was an unspoken chemistry that Ryan and I had that told me he was the one," Trista explained. "We complement each other very nicely."

Of course, theyve been complementing each other mostly over the phone since shooting on the series wrapped about three months ago. Maintaining suspense for the audience was a paramount concern.

Even so, "I like to think of my relationship as being a relationship, and not just a relationship on television, even though thats how you guys see it," Trista told reporters.

"The Bachelor" premiered Jan. 5 with Ryan and 24 other suitors vying for roses from Trista, a 30-year-old physical therapist and former Miami Heat cheerleader. Though it scored healthy ratings, the series suffered in comparison to Foxs similar "Joe Millionaire," which premiered the same week and concluded Monday by drawing an enormous 14.6 million viewers.

The two-hour "Bachelorette" finale attracted 20.4 million viewers, according to Nielsen, against strong competition including 90 minutes of "American Idol" on Fox that averaged 18 million viewers.
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**MARKET RECAP**

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**IN BRIEF**

AOL to crack down on junk e-mail:
America Online on Thursday said it would form a task force and seek tougher legislation against spammers to bolster its efforts to cut the barrage of unsolicited junk mail that clutters inboxes with pitches for everything from mortgages to ways lose weight.

The effort comes as AOL, the Internet arm of AOL Time Warner Inc., struggles to build its high-speed business and keep its dial-up subscribers from leaving while contending with federal probes into its accounting and calls from some investors to spin-off AOL if it does not show a recovery soon.

Nextel posts gain on investments:
Nextel Communications Inc. Thursday said it swung to a fourth-quarter profit, reflecting an investment gain and an increase in wireless subscribers.

The cell-phone company posted net income of $1.47 billion, or $1.38 a share, compared with a net loss of $1.73 billion, or $2.25 a share, a year earlier.

The latest results included a $1.22 billion gain from the spin-off of NII Holdings Inc., a wireless service in Latin America and the Philippines. NII filed for bankruptcy in May. Revenue climbed 24 percent to $2.33 billion from $1.88 billion.

J.P. Morgan to pay $86 million fine:
A major Wall Street firm, J.P. Morgan, has agreed to pay $6 million to settle allegations that its Hambrecht & Quist investment bank got inflated commissions from customers who improperly received hot news stocks, regulators announced Thursday.

J.P. Morgan neither admitted to nor denied the allegations by the disciplinary arm of the National Association of Securities Dealers, the brokerage industry's self-policing group. J.P. Morgan also was censured. The violations by Hambrecht & Quist allegedly occurred from November 1999 to March 2000, before J.P. Morgan acquired the San Francisco-based firm.

**Consumers cry foul as gas tops $2**

Associated Press

The middle of winter feels more like the heart of summer at gas stations nationwide, as fuel prices surge past $2 a gallon in areas and motorists grumble about being gouged.

When a gallon of gas costs more than a cup of gourmet coffee around the July 4 holiday, drivers chalk it up to industry greed during the peak driving season. Now consumers are accusing oil companies of taking advantage of the prospect of war in Iraq — an allegation the industry brushes aside as a conspiracy theory.

Gas station owners tell a more complicated story, explaining that today's high pump prices are partly the result of avocados, not their own.

The average retail price of regular unleaded has risen 56 cents since the beginning of the year to $1.66 a gallon. Meanwhile, wholesale gas prices have increased only 14 cents over the same period of time. That disparity in the source of tax for much of the public, while others accept high gas prices as a consequence of war rhetoric from the Bush administration.

"This is ridiculous," said 20-year-old Jose Quiles, a tanning salon man-
ager in Dallas, who paid about $10 for a little more than 6 gallons of Exxon-branded gasoline.

Corina Alba, 22, sees some correla-
tion between gas prices and the pos-
sibility of war in Iraq, but the Anaheim, Calif., resident doubts international affairs solely explain the situation.

"I think it's just an excuse to raise prices," Alba said.

Earlier in the week, Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., called on the Federal Trade Commission to launch an investigation of industry practices. "It appears as if price gouging is taking place across the country," Schumer said in a letter to FTC chairman Timothy Muris.
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Linda Berdayes- media coverage of the conflict
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Behind the commission’s divided ruling is a requirement that the regional Bell companies lease parts of their local networks to competitors such as AT&T Corp. and WorldCom Inc. at discount rates. The policy was adopted seven years ago to encourage companies to compete in the Bell’s markets while giving the Bells the chance to offer long-distance service in their regions. The Bell companies — BellSouth Corp., SBC Communications, Verizon Communications and Qwest Communications — say the rules allow competitors to use their networks at artificially low prices. The Bells said Thursday they were disappointed with the FCC ruling.

James C. Smith, an SBC senior vice president, called the decision “a pipe dream of people who have spent no time working in the real world.” Smith and officials from other phone companies said they would increase lobbying of Congress and state regulators and appeal the FCC decision in the courts. Bell rivals say the competition requirements allow them to offer alternative service and prevent the Bells from having an overwhelming advantage.

Jim Cicconi, general counsel for AT&T, praised the commissioners who voted for more state authority, saying that they “rejected radical proposals that would have killed local competition.” “Consumers will see lower prices and more choices in the marketplace,” he said.

Shares in the Bell companies all were hit hard on the New York Stock Exchange. Qwest stock plunged 14.1 percent, while SBC stock lost 7.5 percent, BellSouth fell 7.0 percent and Verizon sank 5.0 percent.

Among key rivals, AT&T shares dropped 1.7 percent, but shares in Sprint’s landline division gained 1.2 percent. Shares of DSL provider Covad Communications Co., which leases access to Bell networks, tumbled 53 percent in over-the-counter trading.

Mark Cooper, research director of the Consumer Federation of America, echoed the FCC’s Democratic commissioners, saying the agency decision would maintain local phone competition, but lifting broadband restrictions would mean higher prices and fewer choices for high-speed Internet access.

Powell took the opposite view. He applauded the broadband decision as promoting investment in new networks, but called the phone competition ruling “a molten morass of regulatory activity” filled with legal errors that will ultimately doom the measure.

Courts have rejected the agency’s previous two attempts to revise the rules, saying they failed to meet the requirements of a 1996 telecommunications law.

Republican commissioner Kevin Martin, who voted with the panel’s two Democrats to shift authority to the federal government in the two states, was the only commissioner happy with both that change and the broadband decision.

Republican commissioner Kathleen Abernathy, who joined Powell in voting against the phone rule change, said dealing with different rules in different states “will be a nightmare for anyone to carry out a business.”
Bush may face death penalty

 Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Former Air Force Master Sgt. Brian Patrick Regan was convicted Thursday of offering to sell U.S. intelligence information to Iraq and China but acquitted of attempted spying for Libya. The jury now must decide whether Regan should be executed.

The U.S. District Court jury deliberated 24 hours over five days before returning the verdict. Regan, standing, assumed the emotion as the verdict was read.

The jury then resumed deliberations on whether Regan offered Iraq documents concerning nuclear weaponry, military satellites, war plans or other major U.S. weapons systems. After an hour, the panel recessed until Monday without reaching a decision.

If the jury finds that Regan offered those secrets to Iraq, he could be subject to the death penalty. Jurors would hear a second round of testimony to consider such evidence.

Ethel and Julius Rosenberg were the last Americans executed for espionage. They were executed in 1953 for conspiring to steal vital atomic secrets for the Soviet Union.

Attorney General John Ashcroft said Regan’s attempts to sell our nation’s secrets “demonstrate a lack of patriotism and a complete disregard for our country.”

Bush, who aggressively pushed Perdue in last year’s election, “thinks it’s a matter of the people of Georgia to decide,” spokesman Ari Fleischer said. The president tried to stay out of a similar controversy during his own campaign in 2000, saying the matter was a state issue.

Perdue said he will present the platform during Bush’s speech. The Georgia Republican is trailing in the polls.

Regan, a 40-year-old mar­ried father of four from Las Vegas, Md., was arrested Aug. 23, 2001, at Dulles International Airport near Washington while attempting to board a flight for Zurich, Switzerland.

He was carrying information with a combined value of possessing, American military secrets that could help Iraq hide anti-aircraft missiles. His asking price was $13 million.

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WASHINGTON

Falling to win Turkey's approval to base American ground forces there for a possible invasion of Iraq would be a big setback for U.S. war planners, but Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said it could be overcome.

"It's doable," Rumsfeld told a Pentagon news conference Wednesday. "There are work-arounds." He declined to discuss any specifics.

Plan "B" might involve air-lifting infantry directly into northern Iraq from another country or from aboard ships in the northern Persian Gulf, bypassing Turkey, private analysis said.

"That's what the alternative is going to have to be," said Michael Peters, a retired Army colonel who served in the 1991 Gulf War.

In that fight, U.S. and allied ground forces attacked Iraqi-occupied Kuwait from the south and west, using desert encampments in northern Saudi Arabia.

The standoff comes as U.S. ships loaded with tanks and other armor awaited orders off the Turkish coast.

Nicholas Burns, the U.S. ambassador to NATO, said Thursday on ABC's "Good Morning America" that the United States and Turkey will remain allies no matter what happens in the current dispute.

"Turkey is a very important ally," he said. "We have had good relations with them and we will continue to be allies. We have had an excellent relationship over many, many decades and that's not going to change."

Using U.S. armored forces in Turkey to open a northern front is a major feature of the U.S. war plan. It would force Iraq's army to defend from several directions. Around 100,000 U.S. and British ground troops would lead a charge into southern Iraq from bases in Kuwait, but there is no other country in the region bordering Iraq that will host large U.S. ground forces.

The war plan, as drawn up by Gen. Tommy Franks, the commander who would run by flying from assault ships in the northern Gulf, bypassing Turkey, private analysis said.

"As a mechanized infantry division, the 4th would use good relations and towers with artillery, Apache attack helicopters and highly mobile infantry, to spearhead a quick drive into northern Iraq, large parts of which are not controlled by the Iraqi government," Burns said.

Turkey, a long-time American ally, but its public opinion is strongly against a U.S. invasion of Iraq. Turkey's government is waiting out U.S. promises of a multibillion-dollar-aid package that would compensate Turkey for damage to its economy from a war with its neighbor.

Five U.S. cargo ships are waiting off the Turkish coast with weaponry and equipment of the 4th Infantry Division, and dozens more ships are scheduled to follow with supplies to sustain the division in combat. If no deal is struck with Turkey, the ships presumably would be ordered to head for the Persian Gulf, via the Suez Canal and Red Sea, to unload at a Kuwait port.

The approximately 17,000 soldiers of the 4th Infantry Division are still at their home bases - Fort Hood, Texas, and Fort Carson, Colo. They will fly to Turkey or Kuwait by passenger liner.

Peters, the retired Army colonel who is now at the Council on Foreign Relations, said in a telephone interview that if armored forces cannot open a northern front from bases in Turkey, then the Army's 101st Airborne Division might move by air from Kuwait into northern Iraq to set up forward operating bases.

Similarly, Marine forces could establish such bases by flying from assault ships in the northern Gulf.

The Marines demonstrated their capabilities for such missions in the Afghanistan war. At distances of up to 750 miles from their warships off the coast of Pakistan, troops from the 2nd and 15th Marine Expeditionary Units set up the first U.S. land base in southern Afghanistan. Never before in military history had an amphibious objective area been located so far inland, according to Lt. Gen. Martin Peters, the commander of U.S. Marine Corps Forces Atlantic.

Victim of transplant mistake still critical

DURHAM, N.C.

With perhaps only hours left to live, the 17-year-old girl mistakenly given a heart and lungs with the wrong blood type was miraculously saved a second time Thursday after doctors - against all odds - located another set of organs.

Surgeons rushed to transplant the new heart and lungs into Jesica Santillan, whose relatives had feared she would be dead by the weekend. She was in critical condition after the four-hour operation, and doctors warned it was too early to say whether she would pull through.

"She's as critical as a person can be," Dr. Duane Davis said at Duke University Hospital.

The Mexican teenager with O-positive blood had waited nearly three years for a transplant. But in a mistake that still has not been fully explained, Duke surgeons gave her organs from a donor with type A blood on Feb. 7.

Her body rejected the new organs and she suffered a stroke and shock and was in a coma. Her doctors had held out little hope of finding a new heart and lungs in time to save her life, in part because of her blood type and because she is so small at 5-foot-2 and 85 pounds that any organs would probably have to come from a child - and children are rare.

But new organs were found late Wednesday.

Lloyd Jordan of Carolina Donor Services said the donor family had requested anonymity. He said the donation was not "directed" - that is, the family did not specifically request that the organs be given to Jesica.

"She was in critical condition. Her parents feel she's too sick and they felt she would be dead by the weekend," Fulkerson, the hospital's chief operating officer.

Jesica's complicated condition.

"Duke must also answer to the United Network for Organ Sharing, which matches organs and recipients, is evaluating the mistake still critical as a surgeon."
**VENEZUELA**

**Opposition protests arrests**

Associated Press

Thousands of angry government opponents chanting "We want freedom" rioted in the midnight arrest of a strike leader by secret police.

But President Hugo Chavez triumphantly proclaimed that he authorized the arrest. Chavez even though it threatened the region's mass demonstrations and again paralyze the country.

"One of the coup plotters was arrested last night. It was about time, and see how the others are running to hide," Chavez said at the foreign ministry. "I went to bed with a smile."

Chavez said judges should not be afraid to issue arrest warrants against coup plotters.

Carlos Fernandez, president of Venezuela's largest business federation - Fedecamaras', said by about eight, armed agents around midnight Wednesday as he arrived at the Caracas' trendy Las Mercedes district, said his bodyguard, Carlos Fernandez.

The men fired into the air when patrons tried to prevent the arrest, the bodyguard said.

Carlos Fernandez faces charges of leading or instigating violence for leading the two-month strike that began Dec. 2, seeking to oust Chavez and form an interim government.

The strike ended Feb. 4 in south of Bhopal, capital of Madhya Pradesh state, police said. In nearby Anghera, police opened fire on a crowd setting fire to a Muslim-owned shop, killing a Hindu farmer participating in the attack, police said.

Earlier Thursday, Hindus burned buses in four central

**INDIA**

**Two dead after riots**

Associated Press

Religious rioting left two people dead in central India on Monday after Hindu extremists stormed an ancient Muslim mosque said to be small but Muslims consider a temple.

One of the dead was a Muslim who was attacked by Hindus in Charawat village in Madhya Pradesh state, police said. In nearby Anghera, police opened fire on a crowd setting fire to a Muslim-owned shop, killing a Hindu farmer participating in the attack, police said.

**TURKEY**

**Parliament to vote on U.S. troops soon**

Associated Press

The standoff centers around a Turkish demand for billions of dollars in U.S. aid to offset losses in case of an Iraq war, or around a U.S. ships loaded with tanks and other armament awaited orders off the Turkish coast.

Turkish leaders have said they will not agree to the deployment until the aid package is finalized. Secretary General Decio LaFortune of the Organization of American States, the United Nations, and the Center for Hem Occasions of acts of oil sabotage and the arrest could hinder efforts to end the stalemate between Venezuela's political rivals.

"This is an escalation of violence by the government, which has arrived at the extreme of repression," said Carlos Felajo, retired oil worker. "He wants to copy Fidel (Castro)."

Fedecamaras vice president Albin Munoz warned of another nationwide strike in response to the arrest. "As there will be actions, and very strong actions," Munoz said.

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**ANKARA**

Brushing aside U.S. warnings that the timing of a Yagos visit is a matter of a "religious senate" this week, said Thursday that a parliamen- tary vote on basing tens of thousands of U.S. troops for an Iraq war is unlikely before early next week.

As Yagos left open the possibility the government could decide in princ- iple earlier and leave the final authorization for next week.

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**TURKEY**

**Parliament to vote on U.S. troops soon**

"There is no question of an answer going today," the Anatolia news agency report-
ed.

A Turkish parliamentary committee met Thursday and made no decision to open parliament this week, mean-
ing that without a special request from the government, the legislature will remain closed until Tuesday.

"We have reached impor-
tant results, however negoti-
atations have not concluded yet, they are still ongoing," Yagos told legislators in par-

If needed we will submit a motion. We're not there yet," he added.

"It is difficult for the authoriza-
tion to come to parlia-
ment this week," Yagos said as saying by the Anatolia news agency shortly before he spoke to the legis-
lators.

"If there is an agree-
ment, it may not come to (parliament) by Tuesday, because our lawmakers need to be informed," Yagos said.

"Turkey's top politician, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, was quoted as saying that the timing of a Turkish decision depended on the United States accepting Turkey's demands for aid.

"We don't have a timetable in mind," the Yeni Safak newspaper Thursday quoted him as saying.

"Whenever there's an agreement, that's when a motion will be brought to parliament."
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Reflections on Christian Vocation in the 21st Century

Frank Keating
Chairman of the National Review Board of the Office of Child and Youth Protection, former Governor of Oklahoma

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**Letter to the Editor**

I would like to respond to Tom Seabaugh’s Thursday letter, “Speak out against coming war.” In it, he claims that United States action in Iraq would be no more than “open colonial brutality” against an “already desperate war-ravaged nation for strategic or financial gain.” Furthermore, he argues that the United States is willing to do this “without public opinion” and cited the recent peace marches against the war as evidence of this. Not believing that the blame for these anticipated atrocities lay solely on the shoulders of the United States, Seabaugh’s letter also targeted the European nations, quoting Lenin in calling the former “thieves’ den.”

There are several major oversights in this argument that border on gross misrepresentations. The claim that the United States is acting in hopes of colonial expansion or economic gain seems to me ridiculous, as no leader has yet suggested that the war to disarm Iraq include assimilation or colonization. The simple fact that the United States has chosen to go through an international body of nations and not confronted Iraq on its own is ample proof of that. The United States has also put forward convincing reasons to take such action — namely that Iraq has recently been guilty of unjust aggression (Kuwait, 1990), and currently guilty of stockpiling prohibited chemical and biological weapons, which it clearly has used before. The United States is essentially trying to hold Iraq responsible for treaty obligations signed more than ten years ago. In addition, Seabaugh’s claim that Iraq is “desperate and war-ravaged” overlooks the fact that Iraq itself has unjustly been the cause of this argument that borders on gross misrepresentation.

The most difficult evidence and argument that Seabaugh puts forward, however, was in citing the many recent protests against the war as implicit evidence of its wrongness and a clear indication that President Bush is tyrannically indifferent to their impassioned pleas. “One million people,” he righteousness declares, “lined the streets in major cities in every continent around the world in opposition — Jews and Arabs even marched together in Tel Aviv. Bush, however, has made it clear he is not the slightest concerned.” Perhaps it would be helpful to make clear that the president of the United States is not responsible to the opinions of non-American citizens, as he is our president and not theirs.

Moreover, even had all those 10 million protesters been U.S. citizens, they would still only constitute a meager fraction of the population. If he believes that the president should follow popular opinion, perhaps Mr. Seabaugh should look at the recent poll documenting the 66 percent of Americans in favor of military action in Iraq. More telling, however, is how Seabaugh ignores the fact that our president is bound not blindly to implement the policies he has expressed most vociferously, but to act in our country’s and the world’s interests.

Finally, the claim that the United States and the United Nations have a history of sordid and bullying colonial enforcement is not supported by a careful analysis of the situation. Such past colonial brutality should be viewed chastenedly, hidden from the eyes of the international community and American citizens, explicitly to further secure American influence in those regions. The current American path against Iraq is being conducted before the full implementation of neighboring nations, in pursuit of answers to the just and necessary questions of whether Iraq has fulfilled its treaty requirements or continued to illegally build its military. More important than our past history, however, is the understanding that we should do right regardless of shameful acts committed in the past. In urging the use of force to the United Nations in order to disarm Iraq, Bush and our country are doing just that.

Matthew Klobuchar
Staten Hall
Feb. 20
President George Bush wants to go to war. Many of his generals, such as Sw corp and Schwartzkopf, do not. As Maritime Gen. Anthony Zinni, former head of the U.S. Pacific Command in the Middle East put it: "It's pretty inter esting that all the generals see it the same way and all the others who have never fired a shot, and are going to go to war, see it another ... we are about to do something that will ignite a fuse in this region, that we don't even know we started.

Assuming we agree that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is a dangerous tyrant who lies about his weapons, then why war against Iraq? Why now?

Bush correctly claims that Iraq possesses weapons of mass destruction. But Bush pulled out of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and the Department of Defense admits that 12 nations have nuclear weapons, 13 have biological weapons, 16 have chemical weapons with 24.8 billion tons. North Korea, in particular, represents a threat. Will the United States war on all of these nations? If the Guardian is right, invasion and occupation of Japan would cost $19 trillion. Regardless of costs, perhaps terrorists should be stopped — but no. Sept. 11 terrorists were incarcerated, and British and most European intelligence agencies admit there are no Iraqi Al-Qaeda links. Besides. 15 of the 18 hijackers were Saudi, Bin Laden is Saudi and Saudi finances reappear actions all over the world. Yet Bush does not pursue our Saudi allies. Why war against Iraq?

Bush also correctly claims the United States ought to take the moral high ground. Does morality also involve admitting U.S. complicity in Iraq? When the United States supported Hussein during the Iraqi Iran War in the 1980s, the United States turned a blind eye to Hussein's use of biological weapons, purchased from a U.S. company near Fort Detrick, Md., the world's largest biological and chemical weapons laboratory.

The United States has more arms and makes more arms than any other nation. The United States also experimented on Native Americans, blacks and retarded children. A recent National Academy of Sciences committee, which I served on, recommended covert U.S. Army experiments using agents such as zinc cadmium sulfide, Barilla sunbliss and Serontia marcescens on millions of civilians. U.S. biological, radiological and chemical releases from substandard housing, trains and planes caused increased U.S. deaths and epidemiological "blips" in public-health statistics. But these "blips" were not causally traceable until 1990, when President Bill Clinton released formerly-classified military documents. If other nations read of these continuing experiments in National Academy and Congressional publications, would they not insist on investigating preemp tive attacks on the United States? Facing such an attack, should the United States apply the United Nations and to the rule of law?

Bush likewise correctly argues that Hussein violates human rights. But there are many repressive dictatorships, and the United States gives political protection and economic support to authoritarian regimes like those of Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf States. Most U.S. military aid goes to Egypt and Israel, both of which have distorting human rights records. Even if Iraq is the worst, why war?

Human Rights Watch says the United States should ask the United Nations to dispatch international human rights monitors to Iraq and press the U.S. Security Council to create an International Criminal Tribunal like those established for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda. These would gather evidence of Iraq's crimes against humanit.

Pursuing a tribunal might save lives and money, strengthen international law and cooperation, promote democracy and deter other rights violators. War, however, could cause more deaths. U.S. children make up half of the Iraqi population — exacerbate the $300 billion U.S. budget deficit, weaken the United Nations and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, jeopardize U.S. alliances, undercut democracy and set a precedent of "might makes right." U.S. action outside of international law. Why war?

Bush again correctly argues that Iraq has violated U.N. resolutions is disarm. But why violate U.N. accords to punish someone who has violated U.N. accords? Israel and Turkey, two U.S. allies, have violated 59 U.N. resolutions, yet the United States has made no war threats against them. If more Iraqi weapons were destroyed during the first week of inspections than during the entire Gulf War, inspections seem more effective than war. Why war now?

Is the United States pursuing war against Iraq, not North Korea, because Iraq has the world's second-largest oil reserves? Is the United States pursuing war against Iraq, not Saudi Arabia, because the United States has access to Saudi oil? Inspections and multilateral action would not give the United States direct access to Iraqi oil fields. Greece would not explain why the United States ignores alternatives to war, the increased terrorism war will bring and war's distracting us from fighting Al Qaeda.

Princeton economist Paul Krugman says war will also wreck the U.S. economy. I can think of eight ways to enhance national security, all of which cost less, ethically, politically and economically, than war. But they are a subject for another time. If we are concerned about national security, Hussein is a terrorist who lies about his weapons, then why war against Iraq? Why war? Why war now?

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
'Regionrat' debuts
A semi-autobiographical book by an Indiana author

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

"Regionrat," the first book by northern Indiana author Richard Laskowski, is nothing more and nothing less than an extended look into the mind of an average underachieving Midwestern teenaged boy.

The book is semi-autobiographical, mixing real events from Laskowski's life, imaginary events and stories he heard from friends or overheard in restaurants. The main character, Raymond Kozlowski, essentially represents the Polish-American author, and while the events of the story might be fabricated the attitudes of the character are not. With his own character as with all the others, Laskowski simply wrote what he perceived.

The result is a long and sometimes rambling description of parties, fights, girls, skipping classes and above all smoking marijuana. Ray is a self-confessed pothead, getting high multiple times every day and generally using marijuana to cope with a large percentage of his problems. He and his friends have few places for the future, and do little besides party and get high. Nothing really momentous occurs until Ray witnesses the death of a local girl in a car crash near the end of the book.

Laskowski's book does not stand out as a literary achievement, as the author himself would probably be the first to admit. Laskowski began writing as a method of therapy after his experience in the car crash, and only gradually decided to pull his story together into a book.

"When it comes to literary character development, I didn't really set out to do anything," Laskowski said.

The plot of "Regionrat" is often disjointed, and characters that seem like they might be important at first disappear or are never developed. A girl who may or may not be pregnant and have AIDS seems like an interesting character to explore, but then completely drops out of the story. Similarly, the author's main character does not always have the attitudes or lifestyle to think about how that central character is often difficult after reading his vivid descriptions of their philosophical or neurotic tendencies. Laskowski also shows distressingly little trust in the perceptiveness of his readers. His explanation of exactly what he means by not wanting a party to turn into a sausage fest, for example, is unnecessary and patronizing.

While Laskowski's book is not a technically accomplished piece, its greatest strengths stem from the same source as its greatest flaws. Since the author was not trying to achieve a particular purpose with his book and merely intended to make scenes as lifelike as possible, "Regionrat" has become an honest and detailed depiction of a culture and its people.

Laskowski had no intention of defending Gary or the other people who make up the area of northern Indiana known as the Region. He views Gary much as people around the nation view Gary, describing it as "a gang-infested shell, [which] bubbles with crime and mayhem on nearly every street corner." When I left northern Indiana, I hated it," said Laskowski of his move to Seattle. "I hadn't been back until November, and I had the remaining impression that I didn't like it here.

Nevertheless, Laskowski indirectly defends the people living in the Region and their lifestyles through his characters. Ray not only refuses to be embarrassed about his drug habit, his lack of goals or interest in school, or his tendency to get in fights, but seems to be defying the people who expect him to share their ideas of morality.

Laskowski's work is intriguing in the same way as the work of Detroit rapper Eminem — it challenges those who might criticize a person for their attitude or lifestyle to think about how that life looks a lot closer up. Unlike Eminem, Laskowski's main character does not come out about his disadvantages in life or actively accuse people of not understanding his background, but he shows no more regard for the people who have never seen a joint than they might show him. While Laskowski is not especially proud of his background, he is also not ashamed of where he is from or what he is writing about.

"Regionrat" will not dispel any stereotypes about the Midwest, but it could be an effective eye-opener for people with little knowledge of the actual lives of teenagers in the Midwest.

Laskowski began working on his book at 22, working for three and a half years before producing something he wanted to publish. Even now, less than a month before final publication, Laskowski is not entirely satisfied with his result.

"This is the most difficult thing I've ever tried to do in my life," Laskowski said. "I thought that once I finished life would be totally different, but I don't feel any different."

"Regionrat" will go on sale during the second week of March, and will be available for about $15 through Barnes and Noble Bookstores or www.amazon.com.

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The book cover from "Regionrat" depicts Richard Laskowski's main character, Raymond Laskowski, a typical, underachieving Midwestern teenager.
radio streams across campus

By SARAH VABULAS
Assistant Scene Editor

The varying sounds of WVFI Radio, the student-run radio station at Notre Dame, broadcasts via the Internet using RealPlayer. With about 180 disc jockeys, the station offers a show for every type of music taste, using the title, "The Voice of the Fighting Irish."

The station runs mostly by organizational committees and a strong commitment from the DJs and executive board. Tim Bradley, the station manager said that joining the staff of WVFI is a "great meeting place for non-mainstream music lovers" and provides an opportunity for music lovers at Notre Dame to unite and realize there are other music lovers on campus.

The DJs compile their own shows and play the music of their choice. The station has eight genres of music: rap-R&B, jazz-blues, folk-country, bluegrass, metal, techno, modern rock, indie and punk. There are about 15 CDs for each genre in the rotation, which is updated weekly.

The station's online magazine co-director, John Fanning, said, "The station plays a lot of diverse music to get the Notre Dame community at large to listen."

Not only does the station play music, but they also broadcast many sporting events at Notre Dame. Football games are some of the most popular listening times. Both men and women's basketball games are streamed over the Web, along with hockey and other popular sporting events. Most recently, WVFI is broadcasting Bengal Bouts. This provides students the opportunity to listen and work on assignments simultaneously, while promoting the station's other showtimes.

Broadcasting times are from 8 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. the following night. Different DJs are on all week, so tune in and find the DJ that suits even the most unique and off-the-wall music taste.

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**NBA**

**Mavericks limit Duncan and defeat Spurs 95-87**

Associated Press

The Dallas Mavericks did exactly what they had to do in what coach Don Nelson considered their most important game of the season. They limited Tim Duncan and beat surging San Antonio, to snap a nine-game winning streak that had gotten the Spurs within four games of Dallas for the Western Conference lead and the NBA's best record.

"It's good to break that streak," Mavericks coach Van Exel said. "Our defensive game plan was to limit Duncan's 1-on-1 attacks, always have someone in front of him and somebody behind him."

Duncan, with at least two defenders in his face every time he touched the ball, was held to 10 points on 3-of-10 shooting before leaving the game for good after being poked in the right eye.

"I'm not going to go into detail about that, we did," Mavericks coach Don Nelson said. "We were able to execute some things that they were never able to execute before and switch into a zone and do a really good job in a couple of their favorite areas."

"It was a really good win for us, probably one of the best of the season," San Antonio coach Bob Hill said.

Steve Nash had 29 points and 10 assists to lead the Mavericks. Duncan left the game with 8:13 remaining after being hit below the knee by Moby Finley on a hard foul. Duncan walked unaided to the locker room after staying down for a couple of minutes.

With Duncan's eye swollen and remained sore after the game, Spurs officials said there were no scratches or other damage to the eye. He will be reexamined.

Once play resumed without Duncan, the Spurs responded with an 8-0 run.

Tony Parker hit a 3-pointer, Matt Bonner added two free throws with 2:05 left to pull the Spurs within 82-81, the closest they would get.

"I was really happy with our group for continuing to play. A lot of teams would have cashed it in," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "Dallas played aggressively and went out and got a great victory."

Dirk Nowitzki, playing on a sprained right ankle, hit a 3-pointer from the right corner with 2:53 left to end the Spurs run.

Even though the Mavericks have the NBA's best record (42-13), they have some of the most important game.

"This was the biggest win because this game has been built up and up," Nash said. "I don't think any of us think we shouldn't beat that team."

**Nets 98, Pacers 91**

With teammate Kenyon Martin imploring him to take more shots in the second half, Jason Kidd couldn't be stopped - not even by the NBA's best defensive players.

Kidd scored 18 of his 31 points in the fourth quarter while being defended by Ron Artest and New Jersey Nets rallied for a victory over the Indiana Pacers.

"He was in attack mode," Nets coach Byron Scott said of Kidd after the Nets rallied from a 15-point deficit in the second half.

Kidd said 18 of his 31 points came down the floor and added five of his 12 assists in the second half.

"I told him at halftime that, 'I need you in the second half,'" Martin said.

Kidd responded. He played all 44 minutes, hit 8-for-11 from the field, 9-for-10 from the foul line and added five of his 12 assists and five of his nine rebounds.

"Any time a teammate comes up to you and asks something like that, you have to respond," Kidd said. "And I did."

Tempers flared repeatedly and the officiating crew called six technicals and one flagrant foul.

The Pacers' bad boy, the ball-handled Robinson, fouled out of the game with 38 seconds left.

Martin finished with 12 points for the Nets, who limited Indiana to 12-1-2-3-9 shooting (31 percent) in the second half.

"I'm not going to go into detail about that, we did," Spurs coach Van Exel said. "Just the defensive game. You know what the problem is. We're trying to try to figure out how to get him under control."

All Harrington came off the bench and had 22 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Pacers, who dropped their season-high third straight game. Jermaine O'Neal and Brad Miller had 18 apiece and Reggie Miller added 14.

"I understand that there's going to be some adversity in a league like that, you're never going to have a smooth-going season where you rise above and play great ball for 82 games," Thomas said.

The Kings have held four of their last five opponents under 80 percent shooting, winning all five games.

"I don't know why we don't play like that all the time, because the end result is beautiful," said Cliff Clark, who helped hold Antoine Walker to 15 points in 5-of-17 shooting.

"Everybody had an assignment, got to his spot and made things difficult for Boston. If they're missing, we need to get some credit for it."

Blade Divac had 16 points as the Kings improved to 22-5 at home with a blowout win over the Celtics, whose most successful West Coast road trip in 12 years ended with a resounding loss.

Paul Pierce had 22 points and 12 rebounds for Boston, which had won four of the first five games on the trip. But the Celtics were put away early by the Kings, whose five starters and reserve Hedo Turkoglu all scored in double figures.
Point guard Gary Payton looks to drive in recent action against the Clippers. Payton, along with Desmond Mason were sent to the Bucks for Ray Allen, Ollie Ollie, and a conditional first-round draft pick.

**In Brief**

James' jersey to be retired
LeBron James is getting another classic sports jersey—his own.

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**NEW YORK**

In a blockbuster five-player deal Thursday at the NBA trading deadline, Ray Allen was sent from the Milwaukee Bucks to the Seattle SuperSonics for Gary Payton and Desmond Mason.

The Sonics also received guards Kevin Ollie and Ronald Murray and a conditional first-round draft pick.

The trade ended Payton's career in Seattle after 12 1/2 seasons and will be Friday night against, of all teams, the Sonics. The nine-time All-Star guard's contract expires after this season, and the Sonics risked losing him over the summer on the free agent market with nothing to return.

Allen, a six-year veteran and three-time All-Star, has spent his entire career with the Bucks. A gold medalist for the United States at the Sydney Olympics, he also will be a member of the 2004 Olympic men's basketball team. Seattle also made a trade with the New Orleans Hornets, exchanging point guard Kenny Anderson for center Elden Campbell.

In the day's only other deal, Boston sent guard Shammond Williams, a second-round draft pick and cash to Denver for center Mark Blount and a conditional first-round draft pick.

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The carnival officially opened on this day to celebrate a new agreement with his agent and told him to take a contract, which includes a $15 million signing bonus.

"I just wanted to put something on my face," Tyson said. "I didn't like the way my face was looking."

Normally petulant in the days before a fight, Tyson was downright jovial at both the press conference and the weigh-in, where he actually showed up early and then had some fun playing to the crowd.

Maybe it was because he had just gotten out of the ring after sparring five rounds and splitting the split of his sparring partner.

Or maybe it was because he was thinking of the $5 million he was going to make to fight a boxer who once wouldn't have even been allowed in the ring with him.

"I'm thinking about what I'm going to buy with all the cash I'm going to get," Tyson said. "I'm planning to do a lot of things good and really putting that down on a course like this."

One thing Tyson was not about to trade with Woods was his score.

Woods, coming off a strong victory last week in San Diego, strode into a 1-over 73 in tough, blustery conditions at Riviera Country Club. "It's a long, tough day," Woods said.

What really got to him was missing the competition during his two-month break from knee surgery, but he certainly didn't miss the distractions.

"Turn off the television and get outside," Woods said. "Woods shouted at the fan, loud enough for everyone to hear, even with television having shut down for the day. Woods later called it a long, tough day, but indeed it was."

"The three-stroke lead, the largest in the history of the event," Woods said. "That sure wasn't the case in the final round."
Tommy Demko is the division's Stanford freshman Michael advanced to the semifinals of the ining Joyce. Holley lost to Mark in the quarterfinals after beating Dusty Wahoske face off in the bottom half of the final round last year. Keough junior Will Holley and the winner will face off against each other in the second fight.

Matt Durbin face

The heavyweight division does not have any preliminary matchups. All eight participants automatically advance to Sunday's quarterfinals.

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By LUKE BUSAM Sports Writer

Steve Tschanz will face Mark DeSplinter for this Sunday's final match after winning a unanimous decision over Ilian Sweeney. Sweeney was caught off-balance in round one and went to the mat after a right hand by Tschanz. Sweeney bled a bit near the end of round two and continued to do so throughout round three. Tschanz took advantage of Sweeney's tendency to lower his head with a number of good jabs. The match ended uneventfully after a stoppage to clean blood from Sweeney's face.

Enterline def. Flaherty

The next fight of the evening was between John Entline and Matt Flaherty. Enterline looked good as he delivered a number of strong right upper cuts that kept Flaherty off balance throughout the first round. Enterline scored a standing eight count to end round one. Flaherty came strong in the second but Enterline stayed composed and earned a second standing eight count.

Enterline won a unanimous decision. Flaherty's corner indicated they wanted to stop the fight, but Flaherty was not interested.

McCarthy def. Fitzgerald

Kevin McCarthy and Keith Fitzgerald matched up well as both boxers moved well, and the round one produced no dominant fighter. The boxers traded jabs and both kept form well in the second. McCarthy found success in leading with his straight right and caught Fitzgerald with his left at times.

Fitzgerald threw a number of good single jabs in the third, but McCarthy's right dominated in the final round as well, giving him a unanimous decision win.

Shallcross def. Borowecz

Jesse Shallcross earned a unanimous victory over Alex Borowecz in the closest match of the middleweights. The first two rounds were evenly matched with good exchanges. A series of good rights by Shallcross closed the second and set a brawling pace for the third round.

Both boxers' form suffered a bit in the third, but Shallcross' rights straightened out the round and held up to the end, getting the unanimous, yet close, victory.

White def. Yasil

Yasil was eliminated from earlier in the evening. Todd White won a unanimous decision over Rick Yasil. White initiated contact throughout the bout and Yasil had trouble countering.

White landed solid punch

The first round between Rector and Saroca was cancelled because of medical reasons.

Milliron def. McDonald

Milliron was strong in the first round and earned a second standing eight count for McDonald. Milliron won an excellent unanimous decision over Brent Burish in the final bout in the 165-pound class. Chris Milliron won an excellent unanimous decision over Mike McDonald. Milliron was strong in the first round with several combinations to McDonald's head.

A number of hooks and one-two blows brought Milliron more success early in the first round as well. McDonald fought well in the latter half of the fight. Milliron, however stuck with his one-two combinations up close and suffered too much for McDonald.

Bartels def. Burish

Ron Bartels won a split decision over Brent Burish in the final bout in the 165-pound class for the night. Bartels dominated early in a fight that began and ended in a brawl.

Both fighters settled down to box in the second round with Bartels dominating the action and throwing more punches. Late in the third round Bartels connected on a number of flurries and proved to be the dominant fighter.

Knust def. Gaffey .

The final match of the night was a 170-pound match between Matt Knust and James Gaffey, which Knust won in a unanimous decision. Gaffey turned his head a bit throughout the fight, but failed to land his punches and began to bleed early in the second round.

Knust fought a good bout, but Gaffey did not go down easily. Gaffey was stopped in the final seconds, but Knust's jabs proved too much.

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BENGAL BOUTS — 150-155-POUNDS

Experienced Vargas overpowers Lorenzo

By LUKE BUSAM
Sports Writer

The 150-pound class began with an impressive display by Nicaraguan Juan Diego Vargas. Vargas' previous boxing experience showed in this slightly mis-matched bout with Jonathan Lorenzo. Vargas was successful in countering all of Lorenzo's advances throughout the match. Lorenzo fought hard, yet Vargas' three- and four-punch combinations led to an early end as the bout ended 62 seconds into the third round.

Arevalo def. Biebl

On Sunday, Vargas will fight Southpaw, who scored strong in his first fight in Bengal Bouts. Arevalo dominated the bout against Hans Biebl and was able to back his opponent into a corner early in the third round. Both boxers stumbled in after a flurry to end the round.

Rogers def. Koegel

Ryan Rogers will once again move on to the quarterfinals after winning a unanimous decision over Christopher Koegel. Rogers was able to control the center of ring and connected well several times in a flurry in round one.

In round two Koegel looked stronger, but Rogers had a reply for deep punches and countered well. After a brief stoppage to fix Koegel's head gear in the third round, Rogers landed a number of straight one-two upstairs to end the fight.

Cardillo def. Príaz

Craig Cardillo overcame the experience and left hand of Jon Príaz to gain victory in a split decision. Príaz slipped in round one after being backed up to the ring by Cardillo, who showed off his left hand defense as strong as he blocked many of Príaz's lefts.

In the second round Príaz found himself backed to the body a great deal, but Cardillo's solid jabs and punches through and around the ring were too much for the southpaw.

Gasser def. McClellan

Luke McClellan's first fight in Bengal Bouts was a quick one due to an injury to his shoulder that ended the match 27 seconds into the first round. Brandon Gasser looked impressive in the short time he was in the ring.

Gorynski def. Sienko

A strong third round granted Bobby Gorynski a split decision victory over Ryan Sienko. Sienko, a southpaw, used his left hand well and landed more scoring punches than his opponent in the first round. However, Gorynski turned the fight around and dominated by going high and low in a number of exchanges in the second round. Gorynski worked Sienko's body well in the final round, scoring often and convincing the judges to grant him the decision.

Heaton def. Schnorr

Chase Heaton scored a decisive victory with a powerful shot to Charles Schnorr's head 62 seconds into the second round. Heaton had a distinct reach advantage, yet Schnorr was able to slip under his jabs and scored several to the body in the first round.

Thirty-eight seconds into the second round, the fight was momentarily stopped to clean Schnorr's nose. After the break, Schnorr initiated contact with Heaton a number of times, but was stopped and dropped by the Heaton's impressive shot which brought forth a splash of blood late in the round. Schnorr hit the canvas hard and the fight was ended.

Lohmeyer def. Dowling

In the final fight of the 150-pound weight class, Nathan Lohmeyer earned a unanimous decision over Matt Dowling. Lohmeyer moved well and held his form throughout the bout, delivering straight punch combinations to Dowling's head. Dowling's headgear needed adjustments each round after taking a number of shots from Lohmeyer. Lohmeyer controlled the center of the ring throughout the match and boxed well, showing his experience in the ring.

Melby def. Cardillo

Mike Melby showed his years of experience in winning a unanimous decision over Christopher Solis in the first fight of the 155-pound weight class. Melby controlled the ring and used his jab well to keep on his heels throughout. Melby's left hand moved Solis around the ring and the third round ended in the gold corner of the ring with Melby the dominating winner.

Kerrigan def. Maglione

Colin Kerrigan will meet Melby Sunday after winning a unanimous decision over Ted Maglione. Each boxer threw to the body a great deal, but Kerrigan began to dominate early in the second round as he forced Maglione to the corner.

A number of closed florries ended the second round, which was controlled primarily by Kerrigan. Kerrigan boxed extremely well to begin the final round and used his jab to set up right and left hooks to Maglione's body, convincing the judges that he was the dominant boxer in this bout.

Basola def. Morton

Mark Basola won a unanimous decision over Ryan Morton in the 155-pound preliminary round fight. Basola's reaching jab proved dominant holding him there. Early in the third round, Morton charged and scored on a nice flurry, but Basola's reaching jab proved dominant.

Loughrey def. Christoforetti

Galen Loughrey's impressive ring speed and constant motion earned him a unanimous decision against Jeff Christoforetti. Loughrey was constantly in motion, making himself a difficult target. He dominated the ring space and closed in well against Christoforetti.

Christoforetti chose to protect himself rather than counter throughout the first and second rounds, but scored several punches against Loughrey late in the final round. Loughrey moved comfortably and dominated the fight.

Koepf def. Boylan

Steve Koppel returned from London to earn a close victory over Colin Boylan. The match began with a number of high exchanges. Koppel controlled the center of the ring and forced Boylan to the ropes twice in the second round. Boylan fled a bit in the third round and the fight ended with a strong shot by Koppel to Boylan's head. Koppel was declared the winner in a split decision.

Peter def. Novanic

Michael Peters overcame a significant reach advantage in his split decision victory over Nick Novanic. Novanic controlled the ring well and pushed Peters to the ropes, but found himself there shortly after in the first round.

The second round brought even exchanges with neither fighter dominating. A series of advances by Peters that back Novanic into the corner in the final round proved to be the winning factor in this close match.

Hamlin def. Hansen

Cliff Arnold offered a consistent serving of one-two combinations in his split decision victory over Brian Hansen. The fight stayed primarily in the middle of the ring and was dominated by uppers punches with virtually no body shots attempted. Hansen countered Arnold's one-two well when he chose to, but the barrage of punches proved too much in the end.

Schafer def. Campbell

Greg Schafer dominated in his unanimous win over Joe Campbell. Campbell's hands left his face simultaneously at times as he tried to counter the constant headshots from Schafer. A well-developed under Campbell's left eye in the second round after a strong display of straight jabs and power punches by Schafer which prompted a standing eight count on Campbell.

In round three, Schafer scored a second standing eight after several one-twos uppers. Schafer stuck with his combinations to the head throughout the match and boxed well. Referre Tom Suddes stopped the fight 30 seconds into the final round, declaring Schafer the victor.

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Men seeking 1st home win

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

As the Irish prepare to host No. 41 Northwestern Saturday, it would be hard for them to forget the tendency of these two teams of late.

The past two years, Notre Dame defeated Northwestern, but in tightly contested matches. This season, Northwestern returns six of nine letter winners, while Notre Dame lost six to graduation.

Yet both the young Irish squad and the more experienced Wildcats had similar results against two of the same opponents this season. They both suffered narrow 4-3 defeats against Indiana, and they both dominated Wisconsin, 7-0.

"I expect we'll have our hands full but I'm expecting a very close match," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "We are optimistic, guardedly optimistic." Overall, the Wildcats, 5-2 on the season, have had a more successful start to their season, with their only losses coming against No. 14 Alabama and No. 40 Indiana. The Irish, on the other hand, struggled early on, and now stand at 3-5. Of late though, Notre Dame has been improving.

"Our inability to win the doubles point has really hurt us this year," Bayliss said. "We're really working on it. We played Michigan State really close in doubles. Winning the doubles point could have come in handy for the Irish during close matches with Duke and Florida State, for example. Bayliss said that the doubles lineup is an area of major concern for the team.

"Between injuries and a lot of things that have happened, we just haven't been able to come up with [the right] combinations," he said. The No. 1 doubles duo, junior tri-captain Matt Scott and sophomore Brent D'Amico has been successful so far, with the No. 2 and No. 3 pairs. The question for the Irish is whether D'Amico and Scott should be split up, in an effort to spread the talent among the four players, or whether the bottom of the lineup should just be allowed time to gain experience and to improve.

With the match against Northwestern looming tomorrow, the question of who will play with whom remains to be settled, at least in an earthly sense, according to Bayliss.

"Coming into this morning only God and I know what the doubles lineup was going to be, and right now only one of us knows, and it's not I," Bayliss said. Bayliss stresses the Irish are considering all of their options in hopes of finding the proper combination that could transform their losing record into a more favorable one.

"We really look at everything," he said. "We'll run a poll in The Observer as to what our doubles team should be."

Still, the three victories the Irish have had, and a narrow loss to Duke, have given the team confidence. Additionally, all of their victories have come on the road, and that reassures the team that they have the talent needed to win.

"We're a work in progress," Bayliss said.

According to Bayliss, one of the reasons why the Irish have yet to win at home is the caliber of the competition they have faced this season. This situation does not seem like it will change anytime soon, given that Saturday's match is at home against another tough squad. But the Irish seem to be breaking out by gaining confidence through experience.

"We're beginning to get a little bit of confidence. We're starting to scrap and claw a little bit better," Bayliss said. "We've actually one a couple of close matches, which is a good feeling." Contact Joe Lindley at jllindsley@nd.edu

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Irish have plenty to gain, nothing to lose

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

The Irish have had two weeks of relative ease. Now they face a weekend of formidable challenges.

Last weekend, the Irish easily dominated two Big East opponents, winning 6-1 in each contest. Prior to that, Notre Dame had a week off from competitive play.

But today, Notre Dame hosts No. 1 Duke.

Then, the Irish head south for a two-match road trip against No. 11 Tennessee Sunday and No. 25 Kentucky Monday.

The No. 19 Irish, who stand at 4-2, believe they have nothing to lose in the face of a trio of collegiate tennis powers. "We don't have to worry about anything," said junior Caylan Leslie of tomorrow's matches. "We can just go out there and give it our all and see how it goes."

Today will mark the first time at No. 1 team has ever visited the Eck Tennis Pavilion, and the Irish are excited by the prospects of testing their mettle against the nation's very best. "It's a good opportunity," junior Alicia Salas said. "We have nothing to lose. It will be fun to go out there and have them here."

The undefeated Blue Devils trounced strong opponents such as No. 5 North Carolina, No. 10 California, and Kentucky in the National Indoor Team Championships. Additionally, Duke also triumphed over No. 12 Northwestern. The Tar Heels defeated the Irish 5-2, and the Wildcats triumphed over Notre Dame 7-0 during the same weekend.

Fortunately for Irish morale, those two consecutive losses were followed by their strong home victories over Boston College and Virginia Tech last weekend.

Against the Eagles and the Hokies, every member of the Irish squad earned at least one point. "I think everyone gained a lot of confidence in those," Leslie said. "It's just nice to get some wins under your belt."

Leslie's two wins last weekend were a considerable boost for her. She sat out all last season with an injury and has been struggling a little in her comeback this spring.

"It's been difficult," Leslie said. "It's slowly coming back. It's a lot tougher than I ever imagined."

The No. 19 Irish will be looking for their first home victory over Duke. "It's a lot tougher than I ever imagined," Leslie said. "We'll all excited about this weekend. "We're a young team and I think we definitely have the ability to do well against [Duke], Tennessee, and Kentucky." freshman Lauren Connelly said. "But, it will be definitely tiring."

Leslie said the team is focusing on today's challenge and trying not to concern themselves with Tennessee and Kentucky. Considering that Duke will probably be the toughest opponent of all, most of the challenges for the Irish lie early on in the weekend.

"We'll all excited about this weekend," Leslie said. "We know it'll be tough. You can't look too far ahead, otherwise you'll lose sight of what's right in front of you."

Salas, a veteran of many Irish matches, is optimistic. Last season the fourth-ranked Blue Devils toppled the 23rd-ranked Irish, 6-1 in Durham, N.C. Salas expects the home court advantage to help make the Irish a more challenging opponent today.

"I think it was harder for us last year," she said. "We played them at Duke outdoors. I definitely think that the match will have a different flavor [today] since it's at home."

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Notre Dame junior Lus Haddock serves the ball in a match on Jan. 31 against Florida State. The Irish will be looking for their first home win Saturday against Northwestern.
**SMC SWIMMING**

Ramsey on the verge of history

By ERIK POWERS

Ragan Ramsey will go down in the history of Saint Mary’s as a swimming trailblazer. The senior, who is the first Saint Mary's student-athlete to participate in both the preliminaries and finals of an NCAA Championship, has continued from page 32.

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A-cut time by .04 seconds.

The other student-athlete for the Irish who came out of that preliminary heat, which she placed seventh.

Even more notable is Garcia’s awesome.

The rest of the team became behind only one Miami diver.

The determined junior came made history this weekend.

Garcia stole the senior title at Big East.

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Ramsey said. They ended up winning the meet.

“Everyone's doing well,” she said. “She has some great times in the prelims.

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**MENS SWIMMING AND DIVING**

**Maggio a star in the pool and the classroom**

By LISA REIJULA

**Irish senior and co-captain Andy Maggio performs a dive Thursday at the Big East Championships.**

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Krakowski in the 50 freestyle all broke existing school records Thursday.

"We swam very, very well today, and especially well this morning," Irish coach Tim Welsh said. "We had 13 swims this morning and 11 of the times were lifetime bests."

After Thursday morning's preliminaries, the stage was set for the championship competition. In the 1-meter diving event, Notre Dame senior Andy Maggio finished fourth with 243.20 points. Maggio also qualified for the NCAA zone meet. He's a very strong student, a very strong diver, a very strong leader and a really good person," Welsh said.

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**MENS LACROSSE**

**After rough 2002, Irish ready for season**

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN

**Brian Giordano Irish midfielder**

After making an appearance in the Final Four in 2001, the Notre Dame lacrosse team struggled in 2002 as they lost seven games by a combined 10 goals. However, there is nothing but optimism for this year's team that starts this season Sunday when the Irish travel to State in a game to move up or stay down in the Nittany Lions rankings.

With six returning starters, the Irish have just the right mix of experience and youth to be successful.

"We are a relatively young team, but it is not a bad thing," Brian Giordano, Irish midfielder said. "The young have to step up, and the starters bring upon their experience.

Among the returning players is leading scorer Dan Berger. Last season, he netted 21 goals, 15 assists and 47 attempts, giving him an outstanding .447 shooting percentage.

On defense, the Irish boast an experienced corps. Freshman, honorable mention All-Americans John South and Eric Peters look to anchor a unit that will be the strength of the Irish. Notre Dame will need the experience of their defense to lead them, as they play a schedule of 25 teams of the Inside Lacrosse Poll in which the Irish were ranked No. 17.

"It is a good thing for us because our opponents are getting better," Giordano said. "We want to be ready and continue to play against good teams that will help us to be well-prepared.

This year's team boasts an attitude that has surpassed those of previous years, as the Irish are extremely optimistic.

"This year, we have great leadership," Giordano said. "In practice, the captains and the seniors are getting people excited to play." This positive attitude could be crucial for the Irish, as many young players will be looking for experience early in their careers, especially in the midfield positions where senior captains Mike Tobin, Matt Obringer, Matt Turkish, Matt Randolph, Frank Lingberg of Virginia Tech Tech set a meet record with his time of 1:22.30.

In the last event of the afternoon, Lutkus, a freshman, finished his meet. He's a very strong diver, a great, and his performance for the Irish in the one-meter event. He also excels in the classroom, owning a 3.48 cumulative average.

"He's the complete Notre Dame student-athlete," Notre Dame coach Tim Welsh said. "He's been one of the elite divers in the conference and been to the NCAA zone meet. He's a very strong student, a very strong diver, a very strong leader and a really good person.

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Team titles in sight at Big East Tournament

Irish hurdler Selim Nurudeen competes in a Jan. 24 meet against Ball State. The Irish have high hopes for the Big East Indoor Championships this weekend.

By ANDY TROEGER
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Despite having no individuals win Big East Championships last season, the women's track team came home with the team title. They will look to repeat and add individual championships as both Notre Dame track teams head to Syracuse for the Big East Indoor Championships this weekend.

Both teams expect to be among the primary contenders for the team titles, but the women's depth will give them an advantage in their quest. The Irish have a number of athletes in most events across the board. Tameisha King and Kymia Love both have the top time in the 60 meters and will have multiple opportunities to win individual crowns. Tiffany Gunn, Kristen Dodd, Tanya Cheatham and Ayesha Boyd are among the other sprinters looking for good performances this weekend.

In the distance events Molly Huddle, fresh off her school-record performance in the 3,000 meters at the Meyo Invitational, will lead the distance group that includes Lauren King, Anna Morales, Megan Johnson and Jennifer Handley.

In the field events, Jaime Vinone, Laura Huarte and Jill VanWeelden will be looking to give the Irish a one-two-three sweep in the pole vault, while Stacey Cuanan, and Emily Loomis lead the Irish in the high jump. Meghan Horn is the lone Irish representative in the shot put and weight throw.

For the men, Luke Watson will be looking to add to his already impressive indoor season by competing in the mile and 3,000 meters. Watson should be favored to win both races, as he finished second in the 3,000 meters and third in the mile last year.

In addition to Watson, the Irish will have depth on display in the distance events, with Eric Morrison, Kevin Somok, Thomas Chamney, Tim Moore, John Keane and Mac Strizowski competing.

Selim Nurudeen, who won the 110-meter hurdles at the outdoor conference meet last year, looks to add indoor titles in the 60 meters and 60-meter hurdles. He holds the top qualifying time for both events. Jules Vandersarl and Ryan Hord add depth to the sprint contingent as well.

For the men the team to capture the crown this weekend they will need great performances from their field specialists, including Godwin Mbagwu in the triple jump and long jump, Chris Stanosan and Ryan Mineburg in the long jump, Brian Thornduirg in the weight throw and Juan Alba in the shot put.

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great deal at stake concerning bragging rights and retribution.

Last season, Arizona State coach Bob Murphy, who took great steps to build up the Notre Dame baseball program as head coach of the Irish from 1988-1994, made his home-coming to South Bend on April 26, but was defeated 9-4 by Mainieri's Irish.

Notre Dame would later go on to win its NCAA regional, defeat No. 1 Florida State in the NCAA Super Regional, advance to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb., for the first time in 45 years and finish with 50 wins and a sixth-place ranking in the both the Baseball America and Collegiate Baseball polls.

With the excitement of the anticipated matchup between two of the nation's premier programs, Mainieri is trying to be sure that his team does not overlook its first two opponents of the weekend.

"I'm not even looking at Arizona State right now," Mainieri said. "All everyone is thinking about is playing Dayton. We know what's lurking, but I don't want our players to look past these first two games, because obviously those first two games are important.

"We want to get ourselves off to a good start, get our feet wet and get our confidence going," Mainieri said. "Then we'll take on the fourth-ranked team in the country in their ballpark."

The four games this weekend should provide a good early test for a young Irish squad that returns without five every-day players from its 2002 line-up as centerfielder Steve Stanley, third baseman Andrew Bushby, catcher Paul O'Toole and designated hitter Matt Rok graduated. Junior left fielder Brian Stavisky decided to leave for the pros after being selected in the sixth round by the Oakland Athletics.

The new-look Irish lineup against Dayton will likely have juniors Joe Thaman at first base and Steve Sollmann at second on the right side of the infield with highly-touted sophomores Matt Macri at shortstop and Matt Edwards at third base on the left side.

Javier Sanchez, who spent the majority of 2002 as the starter at shortstop in place of the injured Macri and Edwards, worked in the off-season to adapt to a new position, and the junior will start behind the plate for the Irish at catcher.

The Irish outfield will feature a pair of fresh faces for the first time in three years, as freshman Brennan Grogan will take over left field for Stavisky and classmate Craig Cooper will replace the four-year starter Stanley in center field.

Senior Kris Billmaier, who along with Sollmann and relief pitcher J.P. Gagne will serve as the 2003 Irish captains, will reclaim his regular spot in right field for Notre Dame.

Despite the season-ending shoulder surgery to ace right-hander Grant Johnson, who was 9-3 with a 3.46 ERA in 101.1 innings pitched for the Irish in 2002 as a freshman, Notre Dame returns to action this season with one of its deepest pitching rotations.

The starters scheduled to pitch this weekend are sophomores Chris Niesel in the opener against Dayton and John Axford against Newman. Seniors Pete Ogilvie and Ryan Kalita will get the nod as the starters on the mound against the Sun Devils.

The four pitchers combined for 45 percent of Notre Dame's innings pitched last season, with a combined record of 21-7.

While Niesel missed a portion of the 2002 season with mononucleosis, he shone in the NCAA post-season, earning the World Series-clinching 3-1 victory over Florida State and allowing only two earned runs over 6.2 innings pitched in Notre Dame's 5-3 College World Series victory over Rice.

Gagne, who began the 2002 season as a starter but ended up as the team's leader in the bullpen, should be the squad's feature closer this season. Gagne finished 2002 with a 9-4 record and 3.14 ERA in 94.2 innings pitched. He also had six saves on the year, including his one-inning, three-strikeout performance against the Seminoles in the NCAA Super Regional to help the Irish advance to the College World Series.

The Irish officially begin their 2003 season at 1 p.m. today at Arizona State's Packard Stadium against Dayton.

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Irish second baseman Steve Sollmann takes a swing in a game last season against Valparaiso.

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NO SOFTBALL

Irish battle defending national champs Cal

By AARON RONSHEIM
Sports Writer

After the No. 23 Irish (2-2) split their first four games of the season, they look to improve this weekend at the NFCA Leadoff Classic Challenge in Columbus, Ga. The task won’t be easy as the Irish are facing one of the top teams in the country, senior shortstop Andria Bledsoe is confident of their chances of winning.

"If we go out there and play our game we can definitely beat any of the teams that we play," Bledsoe said. "It all depends on if we play our game and not to the level of the competition."

This will mark the second straight season that the Irish have faced the defending champions. Last year they played Arizona, the 2001 national champions, twice.

Notre Dame has earned the reputation for playing one of the toughest schedules in the country and this year is no different.

Besides playing tough competition this weekend, the Irish will have to battle against teams that have had the chance to practice outside and already play between ten and twelve games. Bledsoe, though, is not making any excuses for her team.

"We make sure that when we are practicing indoors that we’re focusing on the basics and mechanics and when we get to where we are playing we make sure we take a lot of cuts and lots of grounders. It all comes back very quickly." Bledsoe said. "We’re inside Loftus and the turf gives us a good feel for throwing and fielding ground balls. I don’t think it will be an issue in any of the tournaments."

One of the pleasant surprises of last weekend’s games was the play of Notre Dame’s five freshmen. All five played last weekend with pitcher Heather Booth and catcher Mallorie Lenn playing important roles in the Notre Dame’s two victories.

"They did an awesome job for their first couple of games. They were both really confident for being freshmen and played their roles just like the older girls," Bledsoe said. "They are young, but they stepped up and caught on very quickly."

This past summer, Lenn played on the U.S. Junior National team. She has big shoes to fill at Notre Dame with the graduation of All-American catcher Jarrah Myers.

Last weekend due to travel conflicts, the Irish could not finish their fifth game of the weekend against Rhode Island. The Irish were up 12-0 after four innings, but the game had to be called to enable Notre Dame to make their returning flight. Even though the game will not enter effect their record, it gave the Irish some confidence heading into this weekend.

"That was great," Bledsoe said. "Everyone going out and being able to hit well and our pitcher’s also doing a great job. That game really ended the weekend on a high note."

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HOCKEY

Irish riding 1st winning streak of new year

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team is in unfamiliar territory for the first time in 2003; they're on a winning streak.

The Irish (11-13-6, 9-10-3) in the CCHA hope to continue their good fortune when they face off against conference doormat Lake Superior State (5-21-4, 2-19-2) in a two-game matchup today and Saturday at the Joyce Center.

Notre Dame is riding on a two-game winning streak after going winless the previous nine. The last Irish winning streak for the season was last year, from Dec. 7 to Dec. 14, in which the Irish defeated Bowling Green twice and Wayne State once.

Last weekend, the Irish started their new winning streak with a two-game sweep of Bowling Green, beating the Falcons twice by the score of 3-2.

Irish sophomore goaltender Morgan Cey was stellar in both games, making 65 saves. Senior forward and alternate captain John Wroblewski paced the Irish offense with two goals on the weekend.

"I think we had the most balanced attack I've seen in a while," Notre Dame coach Dave Poulin said. "All four lines were contributing.""We've been playing with a lot of confidence. I've seen it a lot of games on the road, posting a 0-11-2 mark in the previous seven.

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Offensively, the Lakers are led by one of their five seniors, forward Jeremy Bachusz, who has eight goals and eight assists. The Lakers are one of the younger teams in the CCHA, with a roster that features fifteen freshmen.

"If you look at the week, we broke down our tape into the five little things that we always have to do to be successful," Poulin said.

The Irish hope to be successful in front of their home crowd, who saw the Irish recently go 0-4-2 over the most recent home stand, including a 3-1 loss to Yale and a five-game winning streak.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles look to keep momentum after victory

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Sports Writer

After getting their first win since Jan. 8, the Belles look to build on that momentum and win consecutive games for the first time since December in a Saturday afternoon matchup with Alma.

Saint Mary's broke an 11-game losing streak Wednesday with a 71-58 victory over Adrian (0-11-3, MIAA). Another win Saturday would propel the Belles above Adrian in the MIAA standings.

The win moved the Irish up to eighth place in the CCHA standings, just one point behind seventh-place Western Michigan and two points behind sixth-place Northern Michigan. The top six finishers in the league get in the CCHA's first round of the playoffs.

"It's the right time of the year to be winning," Poulin said. "You'd like to do it all year, but now's the time when you like to get on a roll."

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"If we can just fix that 10-minute period, we can make it a game," McGraw said. "That's how we're trying to approach it."

McGraw also said her team can't get caught up under role as a motivational device.

"The girl [of McGraw's] is a nice position for me to be," McGraw said. "It's not a must-win game for us, but we want to show them we're better than we were when we played them last time. We're a lot better now."

The Irish have won four of their last five games, and have started to gain some momentum as they head into Sunday. One reason behind the Irish surge is guard Alicia Ratay, Ratay, the reigning Big East Player of the Week, averaged 24.5 points and seven rebounds in Notre Dame's last two games. She knocked down seven 3-pointers in the Irish last game against Providence.

Notre Dame has also improved their defense in recent games. Since McGraw changed her 2-3 to a 1-3-1 and 2-2-1 zone, Notre Dame has held four of its last seven opponents under 60 points and five of their last seven under 35 percent shooting.

In their last meeting, freshman guard Emily Cey was stellar in both games, averaging 15.9 points and 12.4 rebounds per game. In the previous matchup between the teams, Ulfig led the way for the Scots, scoring 10 points and five of their last seven rebounds per game.

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BENGAL BOUTS — 145-POUNDS

Dillon all business in preliminary round

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

Last year, junior Luke Dillon just missed winning the 145-pound division when he dropped a split decision to senior Matt Fumagalli. This year, Dillon is the top seed and favorite in the 145-pound division, and he began his quest for a title Thursday with a decisive second round TKO over sophomore Stephen Sylling.

Dillon came out of the corner aggressive in the first round and did not let up for the duration of the shortened fight.

Dillon used a steady diet of jabs followed by overhand rights that connected with Hill's nose and sent the sophomore to the corner. When Hill came back out, Dillon went back to work with the jab and right, and the referee quickly called the fight.

Sylling def. Piposar

In the second round of the 145-pound division, freshman John Piposar tried to use an "upright" style and his height advantage over junior Andrew Sylling.

But the tenacious Sylling was determined to get inside of Piposar's reach to eliminate his opponent's advantage.

In the second round, Piposar appeared to gain the upper hand when he sent Sylling to the corner with a cut on the cheek.

But by the time the final round rolled around, it looked like Piposar had run out of energy. Sylling became the aggressor as the arm and leg-weary Piposar had trouble fighting off Sylling's attacks.

In the last round, Sylling brought a cut to the cheek of Piposar and later sent the freshman to the canvas. With his strong effort in the final round, Sylling was able to come away with the split decision.

Robinson def. Sims

If you were to measure by his nickname, Thursday night was a failure for junior Paul "One Punch" Robinson. After all, it took him more than one punch, but Robinson still defeated second-seeded Tim Sims by unanimous decision.

Robinson used a deadly jab to keep Sims off-balance for much of the fight and then often followed up with a punishing right when Sims was dazed.

But at the start of the second round, Robinson was sent to the corner to take care of a bloody lip, which was the only set-back for Robinson.

The junior came out of the corner and soon hit Sims with a strong jab that sent blood flying from his nose. Robinson spent the rest of the fight pummeling Sims with jabs and rights and combined them with low blows.

In the third, Sims was given a standing eight count. The referee made more or less seal the fight for Robinson.

Harris def. Shonkwiler

Junior Joseph "I'm Still, I'm Still" from the Block Shonkwiler didn't have law student Paul Harris with rocks or fists or just about anything else Thursday as the experienced Harris used a conventional style to defeat the brawling Shonkwiler by a unanimous decision.

Harris used his size and rich style over Shonkwiler to feel the shorter fighter out early in the fight and let the younger boxer make the first mistake.

By the time the last round arrived, Shonkwiler was worn out from throwing a heavy wave of punches in the first two rounds, and Harris took advantage. The final round proved the difference as a steady Harris got Shonkwiler into a standing eight count from the referee, a decisive edge to the law student.

Ham def. Schoppe

"Money" boxed a rusty "Irish Fan" Murphy was trying to resurrect former heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali's patented Rope-a-Dope style in his fight against freshman David "The Flying Dutchman" Duffy.

The idea of the Rope-a-Dope is that one fighter lure the other into throwing a large number of punches early in the match to tire him out so he can easily attack the fatigued boxer later in the match.

But "Money" Murphy just didn't have enough at the end of the match to make a decisive charge over Duffy as he dropped a split decision to the freshman.

BENGAL BOUTS — 140-POUNDS

Freshman firepower: Liva defeats seniors

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

Usually in Bengal Bouts, the more experienced fighter has the upper hand, especially when one is a senior and one is a freshman. But this was certainly not the case in this final fight of the night in the 140-pound weight class, freshman out "One Punch" Liva overcame senior Kevin "I pity the" Hool in a tight split decision.

Both fighters had quick hands and mobility over the ten-year-old ring, and the first round was pretty even as the fighters felt each other out.

In the second round, Hool came out of the corner strong, but the younger Liva was able to effectively counter and hold off the senior with a steady diet of jabs and rights.

In the final round, Liva's punches began to show some effect as Hool started to bleed from the nose that was sent to the corner by the referee to stop the bleeding.

When Hool came out of the corner, Liva quickly hit him with three more solid combinations to secure the victory.

Marks def. Connor

In the opening fight of the night, first-year fighter Mark Connor out-matched first-year "Kazoo" Marks and took the decision.

The pair of first-year fighters struggled it out through three rounds, but Marks appeared to have the upper hand throughout the bout.

The difference came in the third and final round as the freshman Connor appeared to run out of gas and Marks was able to take the upper hand.

With the younger Connor landing very few punches, Marks was able to land more punches and sway the judges.

Davidson def. Welsh

The fight between senior Stephen Davidson and junior Matt Welsh began with both fighters throwing a lot of punches and placing landing very few.

The fighters didn't appear to bother too much with blocking, as both fighters employed an early strategy of throwing a bevy of punches.

Both fighters had quick hands and mobility over the ten-year-old ring, and the first round was pretty even as the fighters felt each other's styles.

In the second round, Davidson tried to use his height advantage and reach to keep the shorter Welsh at bay. But the smaller boxer fought hard to get inside and take away Davidson's advantage, and he even got Davidson stuck in the corner for a few rounds.

In the final round, Welsh again appeared to be able to outmuscle Davidson with an adroit away a close victory. But the early-pace game was too strong, and the senior won in a split decision.

Pfizenmayer def. Velez

Junior Mark Pfizenmayer from Stamford Hall and sophomore Adrian Velaz from Keenan Hall wagered the weight of the grouped in the last fight of the pre-
Irish center Torin Francis dribbles towards the basket against Pittsburgh forward Ontario Lett. The Irish will try not to overlook Big East opponent Virginia Tech Saturday.

Irish focusing on the Hokies

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Life on the road hasn’t treated the Irish well lately. That’s part of the reason why the Irish can’t wait to get back into the Joyce Center this weekend.

But they’ll face the difficult challenge of playing two games, with a day of rest in between, against one of the worst and then one of the best teams in the Big East.

No. 12 Notre Dame’s merry-go-round begins Saturday, when the team plays lowly Virginia Tech, who is tied with Miami for last in the Big East Division. Monday, the Irish play Connecticut, who are a half-game behind Villanova for the East Division lead.

However, the Irish (20-5, 8-3 in the Big East) insist their focus is first on the Hokies (10-14, 3-9), even though they’ll have scarcely 50 hours to get ready for the Huskies when Saturday’s game is over.

The Irish are excited to be back at home this season, and for good reason. In their last three road games, the Irish lost to Seton Hall and Syracuse and nearly lost to West Virginia Tuesday.

More importantly, the Irish have yet to lose in the Joyce Center in 13 games this year. In fact, Notre Dame’s last home loss came Feb. 17, 2002.

Right now, the Irish are concentrating on winning the Big East West Division — a task that became slightly more difficult with a loss to the Orangemen on Saturday. Notre Dame is tied with Pittsburgh for second in the West Division, a half-game behind Syracuse.

And with games against Connecticut, Rutgers and Syracuse looming ahead on the schedule, the Irish end the season on a difficult stretch.

But in the back of the player’s minds, the Irish are also trying to position themselves for the NCAA Tournament. Few doubt the Irish will make the NCAA tournament, but the question remaining for Notre Dame is how high they’ll be seeded.

Besides having an easier path through the tournament, earning a high seed means the Irish could also play closer to home. Last year, the NCAA instituted a new seeding policy, where it grouped teams of four into “pods,” giving teams that were seeded higher the chance to play closer to home.

The Irish saw firsthand how powerful the stretch can hurt their location—instead of nearby Chicago, the Irish were sent to South Carolina to face top-seeded Duke.

This year, the closest tournament site for the Irish is Indianapolis, just three hours away from South Bend. And while the Irish won’t openly admit it, the prospect of playing nearby — where legions of fans can watch in person — is an enticing one indeed.

But before the tournament, before Connecticut, the Irish have to handle themselves against Virginia Tech.

The Hokies are a team pinned against the ropes, as they have lost their last three games by an average of 16 points. But before the losing streak came upon wins over Connecticut and St. John’s, when Virginia Tech knocked off three opponents by an average of 19 points.

Notre Dame’s big men have been tested all season long, and they’ll face another big challenge in Ryan Matthews and Terry Taylor. The 6-foot-7 Matthews, who leads the team in rebounds and points with 16.9 and 7.2, respectively, is capable of playing either on the perimeter or inside the basket.

But Matthews is dwarfed by Taylor, who averages 14.9 points and seven rebounds a game. At 6-foot-8 and 292 pounds, the offensive line¬man-sized Taylor poses a dominating inside presence.

The Irish and Hokies tip off in the Joyce Center at 7 p.m.

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At the front of the pack

**Womens squad claims the early lead in Big East Championships**

By PAT LEONARD
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UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Danielle Hulick won the 200-meter freestyle relay team of Katie Eckholt, Hulick, tri-captain Heidi Hendrick and Kristen Peterson won the first event of the day with a time of 1:33.32. Hulick and Eckholt swam on this relay team in the Big East Championships in Uniondale, N.Y. in first place with 176 total points.

Rutgers is close behind with 165 points, while Miami's 116 points put them in a distant third.

The 400 medley relay went down to the wire. Rutgers had a time of 3:42.33. Hulick and Eckholt, tri-captain Heidi Hendrick, and Kristen Peterson made this team a real challenge for us, Weathers said.

"Virginia Tech and Rutgers are good there so I was really pleased with that. I think we could have a little bit faster. Our exchanges were pretty conservative, but I thought overall it was a good swim."

Hulick, a three-time Big East champion prior to Thursday's events, won the relay and her first individual championship, the 50-meter freestyle. She won the 50-meter freestyle in 22.93 seconds and missed an NCAA record by one one-hundredth of a second.

**Irish off to record start in 1st day of Big East Tourney**

By LISA REIJULA
Sports Writer

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Despite a delayed flight and other travel-related headaches, the Notre Dame mens swimming and diving team got off to a strong start Thursday. The Notre Dame mens freestyle relay team takes its place on the stand after winning the event at the Big East Championships Thursday. The womens squad is in first place after the first day.

"That's the second-fastest relay time ever as a team, which is incredible because none of those girls except for Danielle (Hulick) in her freshman year have swam it before," Weathers said.

After good showings across the board in the morning's preliminaries, the 200-meter freestyle relay team of Katie Eckholt, Hulick, tri-captain Heidi Hendrick and Kristen Peterson won the night's first event with a time of 1:32.01. Hulick and Eckholt swam on this same relay team in the Big East conference record with a time of 1:32.01.

**BASEBALL**

Devil of time lies ahead for Irish

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

Just eight months after the completion of their historic 2002 season that ended at the College World Series, the Irish begin their quest today for a return trip to Omaha's Rosenblatt Stadium.

Notre Dame, ranked as high as No. 11 by Baseball America, travels to Tempe, Ariz., for a four-game opening weekend against Dayton, Newman University and host Arizona State.

The Irish begin competition today with Dayton, followed by a pair of games Saturday with Newman and Arizona State. Notre Dame will close out the opening weekend with a matchup at 1 p.m. Sunday with the Sun Devils.

As is the case nearly every season for Notre Dame, the Irish will need to overcome a lack of experience early in the season against warm weather competition. While Dayton and Notre Dame will open the season against each other, Newman has been in competition since Feb. 1, and Arizona State will have played 20 games by the time they face the Irish Saturday.

To make matters worse, the Sun Devils, ranked as high as No. 4 by the Sports Weekly/ESPN Coaches poll and no lower than No. 6 in any of the four major polls, are 18-1 and off to their best start since 1972.

But even with the arduous task at hand, Irish head coach Paul Mainieri relaxes the opportunity for his club to face such tough competition so early in the season.

"This weekend will be a great opportunity for our kids to make a statement early in the year," Mainieri said. "But if nothing else, it's going to be a great environment and a great experience, and it will make us better as the year goes on, there's no doubt about it."

The pair of games between the Sun Devils and Irish will likely be the feature events of the weekend, as there is a college basketball record 64 straight games dating back to March 30, 2001. Their last loss came against the Irish in the NCAA Tournament that season, 90-75. Notre Dame eventually went on to win the national championship that season.

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**ND WOMENS BASKETBALL**

Irish have a chance to break the streak

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Connecticut's basketball team will not have lost a basketball game in 694 days Sunday when the Huskies face Notre Dame. Irish coach Muffet McGraw thinks that's just too long.

The way McGraw sees it, Connecticut has to lose eventually, so it might as well be against the Irish in Storrs, Conn.

"We're thinking 'Why not us?'" McGraw said. "Their streak has been going on for quite a long time, so if you can get them in a close game, they're not going to be familiar with that. We've got nothing to lose."

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