A year later, Poorman sees effects of alcohol changes

By ANDREW SOUKUP
News Writer

One year ago Notre Dame students returned from spring break to find an email from Father Mark Poorman explaining the most drastic changes to the school's alcohol policy in over a decade.

After announcing the changes in March, Poorman faced intense student criticism as he outlined changes to Notre Dame's hard alcohol policy in dorm rooms, in-ball dances and tailgating rules.

Students flooded the steps of the Main Building protesting the changes and, urged by student government, signed a petition calling for an increased student role as the policy changes were implemented.

The protests by students had little effect on the policy changes and students returned to campus in the fall complaining bitterly that student life at Notre Dame was quickly heading downhill.

But a year after Poorman sent his email to students, the vice president for Student Affairs said he believes the changes have already had a beneficial effect on the campus community. However, Poorman added that the overall success or failure of the changes will not be determined for at least a few more years.

"We are finally talking about alcohol use and abuse as a community... the dialogue has been very good."

Father Mark Poorman vice president for Student Affairs

Editor's note: A year after Notre Dame announced the most significant alcohol policy changes in over a decade, The Observer examines what effect the changes have had. This is the first in a four-part series.

ND announces tuition increase

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Editor

University officials announced Monday tuition for the next academic year will increase by 6.5 percent bringing the total cost, including room and board, to $34,100.

Despite the additional revenue from the tuition increase, planned budget cuts will still occur but financial aid will not be affected, according to Matt Storin, a spokesman for the University.

"Because of economic conditions in the nation as a whole and how they affect us as a unit, it will be a challenge to continually fund financial aid at the same level although we hope to do so," Storin said.

Next year's tuition cost marks a significant increase over previous years when the increase had been under five percent, said Storin.

"The tuition is part of the general revenue that makes up for the loss of interest on the endowment and any possible drop-offs in contributions," he said.

However, Storin said that the University intends to "remain competitive and come in below where the tuition levels of other elite schools are."

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Bush to Saddam: Leave Iraq or face war

President Bush speaks to the nation Monday from the White House. Bush warned Iraqi president Saddam Hussein and his sons to leave Iraq within 48 hours or face war.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
President Bush said Monday the United States will unleash war against Iraq unless Saddam Hussein flees his country within 48 hours. The president warned Americans that terrorists may strike in retaliation and put the nation on higher alert.

"The tyrant will soon be gone," vowed Bush, commander in chief of 250,000 U.S. troops poised to strike.

Bush set a course for war without U.N. backing after months of futilely trying to persuade Saddam to disarm. In an address televised worldwide, he spoke to several audiences at once, starting with the American public and skeptical allies and including Saddam.
Spring break is over and we are starting the downhill slide into the summer and the beginning of the next year. However, we still have memories to reflect upon, from sitting on the beach to going to Big East basketball tournaments. Spring break has to be my favorite break of the entire school year except for summer break, of course. I believe that spring break is, of course, the most needed break. It gives all of us students the well-needed rest that we all deserve.

My spring break was spent in the wonderful city of New York. New York gives you many opportunities from shopping on 5th Avenue to going to Big Madson Square Garden for trying to buy tickets to Michael Jordan’s last game to buying fake Oakley’s. Buying fake Oakley’s probably had to be my most favorite memory from spring break. The best part of New York has to be the street vendors who try to sell you Oakley’s and Rolexex at every street corner. It really embodies the true American spirit and free enterprise.

My spring break took on a new pretense when I decided that I did not need a fake Rolex. So as I strolled past a street vendor who asked “Rolex?”, I said, “Yes.” After this we haggled on the price for a minute and I finally worked him down to $15. For that amount even a cheap watch is fine. This is where this adventure took an interesting turn. After going to a location where the cops couldn’t see us, I proceeded to look over the selection that the street vendor had provided and to my interest the watches were not fake Rolexes but very nice watches of lesser brands, such as Geneva and Citizen.

So as I pursued the selection, it came to my realization that most likely these watches were stolen. At this point, I got scared that the cops would bust us, so I said, “No thanks” and moved on. However, I very much still wanted to purchase a non fake Rolex more than ever. This phase passed me and I moved on to buying fake Oakley’s. This proved to be a much more enjoyable purchase. I approached another vendor and bargained with him about the price till we settled on $5. At this point he opened up his trash heap and I got to select which sun glasses I wanted. This purchase led me to the true meaning of spring break — illegal activity.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Chris Orenchuk at orrenchuk@nd.edu

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**What’s Happening @ ND**
- **Spanish Mass** 10:00 a.m. at St. Edward’s Hall
- **Romero Lecture** 7 p.m. at Hesburgh Center
- **Census Study** 7 p.m. at Coleman-Morse Center

**What’s Happening @ SMC**
- **Lenten Lecture Series** 12:15 p.m. at Stapleton Lounge
- **Mentoring Group** 4:30 p.m. at Haggard Parlor
- **Minority Women in Business Development Council** 6:30 p.m. at Madeleva Hall Room 2473
OIT installs new e-mail server

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER

The Office of Information Technology successfully replaced the campus e-mail servers over spring break, although problems with the new servers still exist. Some users have received error messages when they try to check their e-mail, and neither OIT nor users have seen a performance increase as a result of the upgrade.

According to Paul Russell, OIT senior systems engineer, technicians had not yet worked out problems with the e-mail system and problems with the upgrade itself.

"I do not believe that the number or scope of problems we have seen is unusual given the magnitude of the upgrade. Anytime you make a change there will be problems," said Paul Russell, OIT senior systems engineer.

Some performance problems since the upgrade after performing the steps recommended by OIT.

"I made changes to two areas of my e-mail program. I didn't encounter any problems and it only took 30 seconds to do," Goffeney said. Junior Danielle Protasewich said she primarily uses Netscape Messenger and had no problems following the upgrade but experienced some difficulties when using Webmail.

"It was frustrating because I was writing a long e-mail and it said I had only five minutes left before I was logged out of the system. I had to save my e-mail and open it up again," said Protasewich.

Junior Megan Thomas, also a Webmail user, said she encountered no problems with the service but does not like the new design.

"I think it offers you more options than the old one, although it looks more like a Web page and the old one was more aesthetically pleasing," said Thomas.

Paul Russell, OIT senior systems engineer, encouraged users with problems to contact the OIT Help Desk for assistance on using the new system.

"Many users are apparently not having problems because they haven't reported them," said Paul Russell, OIT senior systems engineer.

Students respond to possible war in Iraq

By MATT BRAMANTI

Students responded Monday night to President Bush's address to the nation, which gave Saddam Hussein 48 hours to leave Iraq or face military action.

The president's speech drew mixed reactions among Notre Dame students and some praised the president's remarks as necessary and prudent.

"You could see this coming for a while now ... but I think it's what needs to be done," said freshman Nick Stathisbimdo. However, not everyone agreed that military action was the best way to resolve the situation in Iraq.

Freshman Samantha Raneri described the ultimatum as "completely unreasonable," and said that further diplomatic efforts might bring about a peaceful solution. "I think we could do more for peace," she said.

Not all students expected that Bush would take such a hard-line stance in his address. Freshman Courtney Campbell called the remarks "alarming" and felt that the United States had not made the case for war and that the American military might eventually be overcommitted in Iraq.

"I think we're biting off more than we can chew," Campbell said. Several students commented favorably on the manner and tone of Bush's speech. "Bush clearly set out his objectives and he made it clear he's after the government of Iraq, not the people," said junior Chris Edwards.

Near the end of his address, Bush spoke directly to the Iraqi people and said that the United States wanted to free them from an oppressive regime.

Even students opposed to U.S. military action in Iraq characterized the president's address as clear and decisive.

"I thought he was well-spoken, but I see more evil coming out of this than good," said freshman Mark Szczuka.

Freshman Kathy Peterson agreed, saying, "Bush has good intentions about protecting the American people. I thought [the speech] was sincerely delivered."

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Students prepare for new members

By MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writer

In its last meeting before the new student government takes office, the Board of Governance prepared to hand over its responsibilities Monday.

Outgoing student body President Kim Jensen instructed board members to prepare their office binders and letters of advice for the incoming officers.

"You also need to clean out your mail boxes," Jensen added. "Next week they are no longer yours."

Both incoming and outgoing board members will be present at next week's turnover meeting and new officers will be officially sworn in March 28 at the Student Government Commissioning Ceremony. A farewell dinner will be held for outgoing officers on Apr. 13.

In other BOG news:

+ The BOG granted FlipSide $570 to help sponsor two dances on Saint Mary's campus. The dances will take place on March 22 and Apr. 4 and have been widely attended in the past. The money will pay for deejays, food and decorations.

+ BOG officers voted to endorse the Wellness and Physical Education Proposal. The proposal seeks to increase the depth and variety of physical education available to students.

+ SAB also selected a winner for its "What would you do for a Hundred Dollars?" contest. Elizabeth Voss volunteered to sing an Ace of Base song Wednesday outside of the Haggar College Center and wear a Saint Mary's Bell Head for two days straight in order to win the cash prize.

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Group travels to Mexico for retreat

By MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writer

During spring break, a group of Saint Mary's students and staff traveled to Mexico to participate in a spiritual development retreat.

Students Mary Braun, Sheila Figueroa, Juliana Hurman, Megan Kennedy and Mary Warshiba, along with Sister Linda Kors, director of the Spes Unica Resources Volunteer Center, Sister Kathleen Dolphin, director of the Center for Spirituality and Marcia Good Maust, fellow at the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership, participated in the trip which was sponsored by the SURV Center.

"I told myself when I came here that I would get involved ... and this was a really great opportunity to experience a different culture," said Kennedy.

Hosted by Daughters of the Holy Spirit, the travelers stayed at a retreat center in Cuernavaca, Mexico, where they experienced Mexican culture and poverty.

"I don't think that most people have seen that type of poverty and it is just really shocking," Kennedy said.

The group had the opportunity to visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, as well as the sight where Mary is believed to have appeared as Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patron saint of Mexico.

"Almost every house has at least one picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe. You can find her everywhere," said Kors.

One of the main events of the trip involved a one hour hike to Tlamacazopa, a Mexican village located in the Andes Mountains.

"I just realized that they have so much less than we do but they are so much more devote. It was truly motivating," said Kennedy.

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IRISH STEP DANCING IN LAFORTUNE

Cheyenne Blavat, left, and Leena Hacket show off their footwork in an Irish step dance performance Monday in LaFortune Student Center in honor of Saint Patrick's Day.

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STUDENT APPRECIATION WEEK
March 17th- 21st

MONDAY: FREE St. Patrick's Day T-shirts at Fieldhouse Mall

TUESDAY: 25% off of all imprinted apparel and gifts at the Bookstore

WEDNESDAY: FREE Powerbars and Powerade at Rolf's and the Rock

THURSDAY: FREE SUB Movie: "Die Another Day"

FRIDAY: Ice Cream Social during lunch and dinner at Dining Halls

ALL WEEK: 25% off on all long sleeve T-shirts and fleece (sweatshirts) at the Bookstore (ends March 23rd)

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Iraq

U.N. tells weapons inspectors to evacuate Iraq

Associated Press

BAGHDAD The United Nations ordered its weapons inspectors out of Iraq on Monday, widening the stream of diplomats and foreign journalists heading for the exit before any shooting starts.

In a message read, Saddam Hussein gave no sign of heeding President Bush's demands that he and his son leave Iraq within 48 hours, or face war. He warned that American forces will find a Iraqi fighter ready to die for his country "behind every rock, tree and wall.

But he made a last-minute bid to assure, admitting that Iraq once possessed weapons of mass destruction to defend itself from Iran and Israel — but insist ing that it no longer has them.

"We are not weapons collectors," the official Iraqi News Agency quoted him as telling Tunisian Foreign Minister Habib Ben Yahia, who was visiting Baghdad in a last-minute quest to avert war.

"When Saddam Hussein says he has no weapons of mass destruction, he means what he says," Saddam said.

His admissions were pushed aside, as President Bush made a countdown for war. "The tyrant will soon be gone," Bush said, either by Saddam's own choice to leave or by force. Saddam and his son must leave Iraq within 48 hours, Bush said.

In advance of the speech, Iraqi Information Minister Mohamed Saeed al-Sahaf said Saddam wouldn't leave. "He will stay in Iraq like a solid rock," he told Qatar-based television broadcaster Al-Jazeera in an interview Monday.

Baghdad residents prepared for the worst, flooding markets to stock up on food, lining up for gas and bread and taping windows for fear of flying glass from U.S. bombs. Store owners moved their merchandise to the relative safety of warehouses, fearing bombs and looting if a war.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan announced that he was ordering all U.N. staff out of Iraq, including 156 inspectors and support staff, humanitarian workers and U.N. observers supporting the Iraqi-Kuwait border.

Homeland Security raises alert level to high after Bush speech

Associated Press

WASHINGTON Worried that war in Iraq could lead to terrorist reprisals at home, the department of Homeland Security raised the terror alert Monday to orange, indicating a high risk of attacks, and implemented enhanced safeguards over the nation's food supply.

Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge also called on govern ments to deploy National Guard troops or extra state police to protect bridges and other key infrastructures.

The terror alert was raised from yellow, or elevated, to orange, the second-highest level on a five-color scale. Counterterrorism officials said the decision was based on threats from al-Qaida, Iraqi operatives and freelance terrorists.

"A large volume of reporting across a range of sources, some of which are highly reliable, indicates that al-Qaida probably would attempt to launch terrorist attacks against U.S. interests claiming they were defending Muslims or the Iraqi people rather than Saddam Hussein's regime," Ridge said in a statement.

He also referred to "reports of suspicious activity in and around military facilities, ports, waterways, general infrastructure and targets that are considered symbolic to U.S. power and influence."

The FBI has increased surveillance on certain Iraqis in America and other suspected terrorists or terrorist sympathizers. Homeland Security officials said any asylum-seeking Iraqis and people from 33 other countries would be detained for background investigations.

Turkish lawmakers to vote on U.S. plan

Associated Press

ISTANBUL Turkish leaders said Monday they were ready to press ahead with a measure to allow the U.S. military to use Turkey as a staging area for a war against Iraq.

Deputy Prime Minister Abdullah Sezer said the Cabinet would discuss authorization for American troops Tuesday, and parliament could take up the measure Wednesday, private NTV television reported.

"A unanimous decision was reached ... that there is a need to move urgently," presidential spokesman Tanac Edem said.

An earlier resolution failed by just four votes, and Turkey's government has been dragging its feet on reintroduc ing the measure. Polls show that more than 80 percent of the Turkish public opposes a war.

The United States has repeatedly called on Turkey's government to quickly re submit a resolution that would let in tens of thousands of U.S. soldiers to open a northern front against Iraq that would divide Saddam Hussein's army. Turkish and U.S. generals agree the strategy would make a war shorter and less bloody.

On Monday, political and mil itary leaders called on parlia ment to take steps to let in for eign troops.

Libya opens U.N. human rights meeting

Libya has accused of widespread rights abuses, began its controversial leadership of the United Nations' top human rights body on Monday, leading to accusations that the entire meeting was a "masquerade."


Rwandan cons to serve time in France

The French government has agreed to allow people convicted in the Rwandan genocide to serve their sentences in France, the U.N. tribunal for Rwanda said Monday.

France is the first European country to agree to provide prison space for those convicted by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

NYC revelers mark St. Patrick’s Day

Marchers and spectators enjoyed spring-like weather in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade along Fifth Avenue. The parade, which featured clusters of bagpipers and drummers, was among many events that celebrated Irish pride. The day also was marked in the Middle East, where British troops preparing for a possible war with Iraq participated in a traditional shamrock ceremony.

Gandolfini and HBO may renew talks

"The Sopranos" star James Gandolfini and HBO are considering a deal to drop their dueling lawsuits and proceed with contract negotiations, a newspaper said Monday.

The dispute stems from a breach-of-contract lawsuit that Gandolfini, who plays mafia boss Tony Soprano on the award-winning series, filed against HBO in a Los Angeles court earlier this month.

Sheen defends Hollywood protesters

Actor Martin Sheen defended the rights of Hollywood anti-war activists to express their views in an opinion piece published Monday in the Los Angeles Times.

"Whether celebrity or diplomat, cabdriver or student, all deserve a turn at the podium," Sheen wrote.

Sheen criticized those whom he said were trying to denigrate his and other Hollywood activists' views, "solely due to our celebrity status."

Moynihan critical following surgery

Former Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., was in critical but stable condition Monday, suffering from an infection after an emergency appendectomy.

Moynihan, who turned 76 on Sunday, was in the intensive care unit of the Washington Hospital Center, said Paula Faria, a hospital spokeswoman.
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that alcohol must be a central part of their
Alcohol, which tracks instances of alcohol abuse
and on- and off-campus drinking. A reported 51
cases of alcohol poisoning occurred in the fall of
2001. In the fall of 2002, that number dropped to
20 cases.
Poorman said he has received positive feedback from hall staff
members, with hall rectors saying they have had to make less
trips to the hospital for alcohol-related reasons.
Parents have been supportive of the changes, and first-year
students say they feel less pressured to drink.
Reaction from students, however, has been mixed.
“I think that most students were upset because they believed
abusive drinking was a part of what you do in college. . . .
. . . If they were asked to do it, they would do it, but nobody
has offered reliable evidence to support their case,” he said. “I think
there will be more students who will feel that this is a significant
trend.”
The University’s intent in implementing the changes was to eliminate polarized attitudes on campus, Poorman said. He
predicted events like the recent Margaritaville, where seniors drank alcohol on the beach by Joseph’s Lake, and "a tremendous success" and an example of how students of legal age could enjoy alcohol in moderate amounts.
Instead, Poorman said the University wanted to curb abu­
sive drinking in places that often occurred around-in-ball
dances. When the dances were put on hold, Poorman said, the focus was more on drinking than dancing. Now that the dances have continued, dorm officials have had to plan in advance to secure appropriate venues with appropriate space for dorm residents.
“I think that students who are looking for an alcohol-driven party have been discouraged by the changes in the SVL,” Poorman said. “I think that stu­dents who have been looking for a general dance may be
encouraged by the changes.”
The University doesn’t plan to revisit the alcohol changes any­time soon, Poorman said, partly because of the “exhaustive” research that went into develop­ing the new policy. Moreover, the Board of Trustees endorsed the changes — although University spokesman Matt Storin said the trustees generally leave student life issues to student life officials — and pro­vided additional funding for hall dances next year.
Poorman said he does not feel the culture of drinking that the changes were designed to cor­rect will change rapidly, nor does he believe the changes will adversely affect campus life. He said the number of students wanting to live on campus increased 3.7 percent and applications to be resident assistants — those charged with enforcing polices — increased 13 percent from the previous level since 1997.
While he acknowledges that students may complain about the potential changes, Poorman said only time will tell what effect the alcohol policy changes have had on campus life.
“AS I wrote last year,” he said, “I have lived in the halls for 20 years as a rector, AR and RA and I just think it is going to take a lot more than taking away hard alcohol or moving dances out of the hall to negatively affect a 160-year tradi­tion.”
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Hollywood: War won't stop Oscars
Associated Press
LOS ANGELES
Organizers of the 75th annual Oscar awards say the impending war in Iraq won't derail Hollywood's biggest event on Sunday.
President Bush's 48-hour ultimatum for Saddam Hussein to leave Iraq or be forced out by military action increased the likelihood that news coverage could super­cede the live Academy Awards telecast on ABC
Show producer Gil Cates has acknowledged that war would change the tone of the production, but as of late Monday, the glitzy red-carpet ceremony was still scheduled to proceed as planned.
If the country is at war on Sunday, he has said ABC might break away from the ceremony for news updates even run a news crawl across the bottom of the screen.
Many nominees noted the show would likely be a much more somber affair if the country is at war.
Nicole Kidman, a lead­
actress nominee for "The Hours," said at an Oscar luncheon earlier this week she is "in two minds" about addressing the event during war.
"There are two arguments, aren't there, where they say you need to continue with things and not be the two, and then there's the other argument that if we're going to be at war, of course, it would feel very strange to show up," she said.

Bush
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Iraq's military and its citizens "The day of your liberation is near," Bush told Iraqis.
The speech did not silence opposition from home and abroad in Bush's tough-on-Iraq, Saddam policies. Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle said Bush had failed "mis­erably" at diplomacy, forcing the United States to go to war with Iraq.
From the ornate cross halls of the White House, Bush said for the first time that Saddam could not retain power even by begin­ning to disarm his nation of weapons of mass destruction and that he was withdrawing the stated goal of U.S. pol­icy in the Iraq war. The only way war can be avoided now is Saddam's exile, Bush said.
"All the decades of deceit and cruelty have now reached an end," the president said. "Saddam Hussein and his sons must leave Iraq within 48 hours. Their refusal to do so will result in an assault on Iraq that will commence at a time of our choosing.
"The 48-hour clock started at 8 p.m. EST Monday, White House spokesman Adam Levine said.
"At home, Bush raised the ter­
ror alert status from yellow to "high risk," the orange, the highest level.
"War has no certainty except the certainty of sacrifice," Bush told a worldwide television audience.
"An intense White House debate over whether to establish a timetable was settled before the president's speech. Some argued that Bush should notried to do so because of the risk of war, while other Bush officials argued that Saddam could use the notice to build opposition to the president's case or even launch a pre-emptive strike.
Bush told journalists and even some of the Iraqi leaders, is the war over."
He issued his ultimatum after U.N. allies refused to back his bid for a resolution sanctioning military force. The diplomatic defeat led Bush to move toward war accompanied by Britain, Spain, Australia and a handful of other nations in his self-declared "coalition of the will­"
He lashed out at France and other war allies at the U.N. "These governments share our assessment of the danger but not our resolve to meet it," Bush said.
For the first time since he drew the nation's attention to Iraq last fall, Bush focused on the questions most asked by Americans: Why war? And why now?
Spying out the threat, he said Saddam has a history of hating America, has ties to ter­rorists and is a destabilizing force in the Middle East. Primarily, he said Saddam could turn his weapons of mass destruction over to terrorist groups.
"The day of horror can come, before it is too late to act, this danger will be removed," Bush said.
Iraq denied it has weapons of mass destruction, and Bush offered no new evidence to counter Baghdad's assertion.
Planned to exercise his doctrine of pre-emptive military action, Bush said responding to ene­mies who strike first is "not self­defense. It is suicide. The secu­rity of the world requires the arm­ing Saddam Hussein now.
"Bush said that after 12 years of diplomacy and weapons inspections, "our good faith has been tested and returned. The Iraqi regime has used diplomacy as a play to gain time and advan­tage."
MARKET RECAP

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IN BRIEF

Goldman sacks more stock analysts

Goldman Sachs Group Inc. laid off three more stock research analysts Monday, including brokerage industry specialist Richard Strauss.

Besides Strauss, specialty retail analyst Tom Filandro and video gaming software Chris DeBiase were let go, said spokesman Ed Filandro and video gaming software

Beer heir Joseph Coors dies at 85

Joseph Coors, who used his brewing fortune to support President Reagan and help create the conservative Heritage Foundation, has died at age 85.

Coors, whose grandfather founded Golden-based Joseph Coors Co. in 1873, died Saturday in Rancho Mirage, Calif., after a three-month battle with lymphatic cancer.

In the 1970s, Coors began providing money and his famous name to start the Heritage Foundation, the influential think tank in Washington, D.C.

Japan: Economy flat but improving

The Japanese government raised its assessment of the economy for the first time since July despite uncertainties over a possible war in Iraq.

In its report for March, the Cabinet Office said Monday the economy was essentially flat, citing stronger investments in the corporate sector. In the report for February, it had said the economy was weak.

The report said corporate profits are improving, although private consumption is flat and the unemployment rate remains high.

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United Airlines asked a bankruptcy court Monday to nullify its labor contracts after failing to reach agreements with a self-imposed deadline, raising the pressure on its unions to agree to long-term cost cuts.

The move gives the two sides until May 1 to settle on negotiated terms or the court could void the contracts with immediate means of slashing labor costs that is rarely employed in airline bankruptcies.

If agreements aren't in place by then, the requested ruling by Judge Eugene Wedoff would enable United to impose its own, stricter terms, helping stay on its lenders' timetable to show progress in bankruptcy or lose its financing.

That would send ripples through the beleaguered airline industry, where other troubled carriers are closely watching United's efforts to lower costs in hopes of making their own severe labor cost reductions.

It also would effectively wipe out decades' worth of negotiated contract provisions at United, the world's second-largest airline.

Nullifying contracts is generally avoided in the industry, in part because of the danger of alienating employees at a time when labor turmoil can doom a struggling carrier.

United has warned since January, when it secured interim wage cuts worth $70 million a month in savings, that it would begin the contract-scraping process if unions didn't agree to concessions by mid-March.

But the talks with unions remain bogged down over both the size of United's requested labor cuts—31 percent, or $2.56 billion annually, through 2008—and its plan to start a low-fare carrier, which would entail a lower wage scale and separate work rules.


The Dow has climbed 617.86 in four days, allowing it to recoup above the 8,000 level for the first time in nearly a month, or since Feb. 21, when it stood at 8,018.11.

Monday's advances buoyed the Dow's 269-point gain on Thursday as its biggest one-day gain in five months, or since Oct. 15, when the blue chip average rose 378 points to 8,255.68.

The broader market also rallied sharply higher. The Nasdaq composite index jumped 51.94, or 3.9 percent, to 1,392.27. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 29.52, or 3.5 percent, to 862.79.

War worries have depressed the market for months, investors in recent sessions have been buying on the belief that there will be a rally after a war begins. That has been the market's pattern in past conflicts, including the Gulf War in 1991.

"We are getting closer and closer to some sort of conclusive event, and people are trying to position themselves for that," said Brian Belski, fundamental market strategist at US Bancorp Piper Jaffray.

The market advanced on Monday following announcements that the United States, Britain and Spain had ended their efforts to win U.N. support for a war and that President Bush would give Saddam Hussein an ultimatum during an address to the nation Monday night.

Last week, the market's indicators posted weekly gains, snapping their two-week losing streak, on investors' growing confidence about a war. While investors had been selling on fears that a long war would quash an already weak economic recovery, they are now showing a willingness to place bets on the notion that a conflict would be over quickly and the economy will be harmed less than previous

So far, however, the recent rallies have simply pushed the major indexes back to levels last seen a month ago. The retailing sector traded higher Monday on upbeat news about sales and profits. Wal-Mart advanced $2.61 to $51.97 after reaffirming its March and April sales forecasts. Dollar General rose $1.71 to $12.48 after the discount retailer reported fourth-quarter earnings that beat analysts' expectations by 2 cents a share.

Oil stocks rose in anticipation that a war would bring down crude prices. Royal Dutch climbed $1.25 to $40.15 and Exxon Mobil rose 66 cents to $35.05.
The Center for Social Concerns is seeking nominations for

The Rodney F. Ganev, Ph.D. Foundation Community-Based Research Award

Nominees should be Regular Faculty who have completed one or more research projects that address the need of a South Bend area community based organization. Greater consideration will be given to a project that is:

* oriented around a challenge articulated by a local community group;
* conducted in collaboration with a local organization;
* inclusive of graduate and/or undergraduate students; and
* published in a refereed journal or presented in other forms (juried exhibitions, distributed films, etc.) recognized as highly valued in the recipient’s area of expertise.

This is a monetary award of $5,000. Nominations should be submitted by 5 pm, Monday, March 31. Please visit the CSC website for additional information about nominating, or call or email Mary Beckman, Ph.D., at 631-4172, mbeckman@nd.edu.

Annual Romero Week Lectures

4:30-6:00 PM, TODAY, March 18 - Hesburgh Center Auditorium
Showing of Film: “Justice and the Generals”
A Historic U.S. court trial of former Salvadoran Generals

7:00 PM, TONIGHT, March 18 - Hesburgh Center Auditorium
“Archbishop Oscar A. Romero: Martyr of the Option for the Poor”
Bishop Samuel Ruiz, Chiapas, Mexico

7:00 PM, TUESDAY, March 18 - Hesburgh Center Auditorium
“Has Justice Been Won? The Case of the Salvadoran Torture Survivors and the Generals”
A panel presentation featuring:
Neris Gonzalez,
Shawn Roberts, and
Garth Meintjes, Center for Civil and Human Rights, University of Notre Dame

Annual Romero Week Lectures are sponsored by the CSC; Justice Education Program at Saint Mary’s College; Maryknoll Affiliates; the Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies; Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies; and Latin American/North American Church Concerns

St. Joseph's Volunteer Program: Need for Volunteers

We need volunteers four days a week, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the St. Joseph's Infirmary. Duties include assistance in patient care (meals, grooming, simple treatments) and light cleaning. Some medical training is helpful but not required. Contact: Francine 699-7184.

TO DO?

A pizza supper will be served.
A panel presentation with:
Rob Ercoline, MA ’89, High School Teacher, Pastoral Associate at Little Flower Parish, Spiritual Director, currently with Retreats International
Sheila Provencher, MDiv ’00, Jesuit Volunteer Corps, Assistant Director of NDVI, currently a writer and an activist
Kathy Schneider, ’78, MDiv ’84, Holy Cross Sisters Program in Brazil, Pastoral Associate in New York parishes, currently Director of St. Margaret’s House in South Bend

“Coffee House for Peace”
NEXT WEDNESDAY, March 26th, 8:00 - 10:00 PM
Coleman Morse Lounge
Featuring: Emeline Stone (ND ’03), Poetry Readings & Open Microphone

Prayers for Peace

Campus Ministry would like to invite you to join other students, faculty, and staff to pray for peace.

Each Friday, the 5:15 p.m. Mass in the Basilica will be a Votive Mass for Peace. As our country and the world face much conflict, we recognize the importance of gathering as a community of hope to pray for the perfect peace Christ gives.

Please join us this Friday and in the weeks to come.

WHAT ARE YOU CALLED TO DO?

LAY MINISTRY CAREERS AS VOCATIONS

THIS SUNDAY, March 23rd, 2003
4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Center for Social Concerns
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ND For Animals Upcoming Events (www.nd.edu/~animals)

THIS THURS, March 20th, join people around the world for Meatout 2003. Stop by ND for Animal’s table in LaFortune or visit www.meatout.org to learn how “kicking the meat habit” holds lasting benefits for consumer health, world hunger, resource conservation, environmental quality and animal welfare.

Also on March 20th, come to a free screening of the award-winning documentary “The Witness” and “Life Behind Bars: The Sad Truth About Factory Farming”, 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Montgomery Theatre in LaFortune. Refreshments served.

NEXT TUES DAY, March 25th, Dr. Michael Greger will be speaking on “Corporate Globalization: Trading Away Our Right to Protect Animals” at 5:30 p.m. in Montgomery Theatre: Refreshments will be served.

Current Volunteer Opportunities

A mother is in need of relief care for her premature twins (they are 3 months old, but were born 2 months premature). Care would consist of sitting with and holding the babies as well as occasionally helping to feed them for only one hour, one evening a week.

Please contact:
Heidi Eckstein @ 246-9883

Coffee House for Peace
Panel will study Smart investigation

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY

An independent commission will be appointed to investigate how police handled the Elizabeth Smart abduction case, Salt Lake City's mayor said Monday.

Rocky Anderson said the five-member panel will begin its work after the completion of the case against Brian Mitchell, who is suspected in the kidnapping. He did not identify the commission's members.

The commission will likely focus on the level of attention authorities gave the self-proclaimed prophet during the kidnapping. They concentrated too hard on Richard Ricci, Anderson said.

Ricci had worked as a handyman at the Smart home more than a year before the kidnapping and was considered a possible suspect in the weeks after Elizabeth's disappearance. Ricci died last August of a brain hemorrhage in jail, where he was being held on an unrelated parole violation.

Elizabeth was spotted with Mitchell and Wanda Barzee in Sandy, Utah, on Wednesday, nine months after she vanished.

Mitchell, 49, and Barzee, 57, remained in jail Monday as prosecutors weighed their case against the pair. They will likely face federal or state charges by Wednesday, said Melodie Dykshoven, spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Utah.

Mitchell's father and attorney said authorities should be lamented.

"There's a lot of people that kidnap little kids and murder them," said Shirl Mitchell, 83. "He took care of the girl and she came back in good health.

"Attorney Larry Long, who is representing Mitchell, said that giving his client a light sentence could encourage kidnappers to keep their captives alive. He said Mitchell considered Elizabeth's disappearance a "call from God" and took her as his second wife.

Mitchell also told his attorney he wants Smart to be named "Remnant Who Will Return.

"He wanted me to tell the world that she is his wife, and he still loves her and knows that she still loves him, that no harm came to her during their relationship and the adventure that went on," attorney Larry Long said in an interview aired last Sunday on KUTV.

Smart family spokesman Chris Thomas dismissed Long's comments.

The case against Brian Mitchell, who is suspected in the kidnapping of Elizabeth Smart, will be appointed to investigate how police handled the case, according to the Associated Press.

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Joyce Center
IN THE ECK CENTER
Hours: 8:30am-10:00pm

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March 18
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March 17-22

25% Notre Dame Sweatshirts & Off Long Sleeve T-shirts*

*Discount does not include the following items:
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Hours: 9:00am-5:00pm

Student ID required.

STUDENT ID REQUIRED- NOTRE DAME, HOLY CROSS AND ST. MARY'S STUDENTS

AUSTRALIA

Australia commits troops to Iraq strike

Associated Press

CANBERRA

Prime Minister John Howard said Tuesday his government would commit 2,000 military personnel to any U.S.-led strike aimed at disarming Iraq.

At the same time, the government announced it had ordered the five diplomatic assistants who work at the Iraqi embassy and their families to leave the country, giving them five days to pack their bags — a direct result of Australia's decision to join any war against Iraq.

"The government has authorized the chief of the Australian Defense Force to place the Australian forces already deployed in the Gulf region as part of any U.S. led coalition operation that may take place in the future," a somber Howard, flanked by two Australian flags, said in a televised address to the nation.

Howard's comments came just hours after President Bush called him to ask for Australia's support of his "coalition of the willing.

"The action that has to be taken as a result of this decision has a sound legal basis in the resolutions of the Security Council that have already been passed," Howard added.

Howard said if international forces massed on Iraq's borders were withdrawn, "any semblance of cooperation from Iraq [with weapons inspectors] would disappear.

Howard said he was "very conscious" of the opposition to his decision in the Australian community. A poll published Tuesday showed 71 percent of voters oppose U.S.-led strikes.

"This government has taken a decision which it genuinely believes is in the medium and longer term interests of this country," Howard said.

Another sign of opposition was emblazoned on the Sydney Opera House early Tuesday in the form of huge red letters spelling out "No War" on the landmark building.

Howard, one of Bush's staunchest supporters, pulled his Cabinet in for an early morning emergency session to consider Bush's request for military support.

The meeting broke up after only 30 minutes and Howard then briefed lawmakers before addressing the nation.

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Answering questions from reporters in Canberra after the address, Howard refused to discuss a timetable for military action, saying that was now an "operational" matter.

Howard said the government had no intention of increasing its deployment from the current 2,000.

Howard's decision was to be debated later Tuesday in parliament but would not be put to a vote.

Opposition Labor Party leader Simon Crean earlier warned Australian involvement in a U.S.-led strike would put Australia at greater risk of terror attacks.

"Our involvement in this war will spawn terrorism and encourage terrorists and Australia will as a consequence become more of a target," Crean told reporters.

Bush placed the call following an announcement Monday that the United States, Britain and Spain would not seek a Security Council vote on their U.S.-led resolution authorizing war — a move that all but ended diplomatic efforts to avoid military action.

Australia has elite troops, fighter planes and navy ships in the region.

The government Monday issued new warnings to travelers in the Middle East, advising citizens to leave Iraq, Kuwait and Israel, and to defer nonessential travel to Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Qatar and Bahrain.
## Campus Ministry

### What's Happening

**Friday (cont.)**
- **807 Mass**
  - 8:00 p.m.
  - CoMo Student Lounge
- **Sunday, 3.23**
  - **RCIA Session**
    - 10:00-11:00 p.m.
    - CoMo Student Lounge
- **Tuesday, 3.25**
  - **Campus Bible Study**
    - 7:00-8:00 p.m.
    - 114 Coleman-Morse Center
  - **Weekly Spanish Mass**
    - 10:30 p.m.
    - St. Edward's Hall

**Friday, 3.21**
- **Mass for Peace and Justice**
  - 5:15 p.m.
  - Basilica of the Sacred Heart

### Special Celebration

**Solemnity of St. Joseph**

Come join in a special celebration honoring the Brothers of Holy Cross on their Patronal Feast.

**Wednesday • 5:15 p.m.**
- Basilica of the Sacred Heart

### Mass Schedule

**Basilica of the Sacred Heart**

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**Sunday's Scripture Readings**

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2nd: 1Cor 1: 22 - 25
Gospel: John 2: 13 - 25
Experts urge against panic over illness

Associated Press

A handful of suspected cases of a deadly flu-like illness surfaced in new spots around the globe Monday, but medical experts said there "should not be panic" because the spread is not as aggressive as most forms of influenza.

There also were no new fatalities since the first reported world-wide, but WHO officials said they were investigating suspicious cases in countries including France, Israel, Slovenia and Australia, all of which previously had none.

Most of the 167 cases that have appeared in the past three weeks are health workers in Hong Kong, Vietnam and Singapore. China said 300 people had what appeared to be the same illness in an outbreak that began last November in Guangdong province.

In the United States, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention was skeptical that the four cases it was looking into would be verified as "severe acute respiratory syndrome," or SARS, the name given the unidentified illness. The CDC already has ruled out 10 other suspicious cases.

"Disease investigators said it could take weeks to determine the cause of the mysterious outbreak," WHO officials also said that for the first time, China was allowing doctors to go from the country to take a closer look at its own earlier outbreak, which killed five people before it was brought under control. WHO investigators should be there by week's end, the U.N. agency said.

Experts believe that the most likely explanation for the respiratory illness is an exotic virus or - the most feared scenario - a new form of influenza.

However, WHO's communicable diseases chief, Dr. David Heymann, said the illness doesn't seem to spread as quickly as SARS.

"It isn't contagious at the level of many other infectious diseases," he said. "A normal influenza would be very contagious to people sitting in the same room."

So far, experts say there is no evidence the infection spreads by casual contact, such as sitting next to somebody in an airplane.

"There should not be panic. This is a disease which, it seems, requires very close contact with patients and it is mainly hospital workers who have been infected in the first wave of infections. Now we are seeing that some other family members have been infected," Heymann said.

CDC head Dr. Julie Gerberding, who doubts the flu virus is responsible, said Hong Kong labs, which are very good at diagnosing influenza, have not been able to identify it.

The incubation period for SARS appears to be three to seven days. Often it begins with a high fever and other flu-like symptoms, such as headache and muscle aches. In Hong Kong, typically develop coughs, pneumo­nia, shortness of breath and other breathing difficulties. Death results from respiratory failure.

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A call for dedication to the other America

A couple of weeks ago, I traveled to Mt. Vernon, Kentucky to interview for a volunteer position with the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP). Now, I know what you are thinking, "Oh, funny girl can't get a job. She thought she was so smart. Who's laughing now. If you're thinking that, you're absolutely right, but I'm still smarter than you are. Yes, perhaps the demand for English literature denominates isn't as high as I thought it would be four years ago. Regardless, my decision to do a year of service after graduation actually has very little to do with my job prospects and a whole lot to do with the fact that, for some strange reason that I don't yet fathom, I feel called to spend the next part of my life in Eastern Kentucky. The breath-taking beauty of the eastern Kentucky mountains is overshadowed only by the devastating poverty of its inhabitants. When the coal mining was thriving, good jobs were plentiful. Now, with the coal companies gone, there's plenty of black lung but very few jobs with decent wages. As a result, the mountains are littered with shacks and tents, families without access to running water. The other America. Like the poor in urban ghettos who are clumped tightly together out of sight of the wealthy suburbs, the poor in Appalachia are tucked away in the mountains, completely forgotten by the American conscious and the mainstream media, except for the occasional news story. Unfortunately, the picture of Appalachians that most of Americans see is one of backwardness and ignorance. Yet today's news programs highlight the hottest topics around the world but often fail to address the most fundamental reasons and causes of human tragedy and triumph. A pending war with Iraq, hostility in North Korea and continued Middle East conflict (which reminds me of understanding politics and international relations is not only the job of leaders and academics, but very important for all participants in civilized society. Cuba, a poor country, is a fascinating case study with richness in both culture and historical significance. With the exception of the most inflammatory of news events such as Elian Gonzalez, meaningful discussions about Cuba have faltered in recent years. Yet relevant and important topics such as the relationship between church and state, the influence of a burgeoning tourist industry in a Marxist society and the advantages of a strong social welfare system continue to unfold in Cuba and hold great insight for the rest of the world. Whether it is human rights or trade embargoes, discussing Cuba and its revolutionary effect in Latin America and beyond will only increase awareness and illuminate truth.

Letter to the Editor

Do not forget Cuba.

Do not forget Cuba. Traveling and studying with a group of Notre Dame students and faculty in Havana, Cuba over spring break clarified for me the importance of political awareness and social awareness.

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What effect do you think the change in the alcohol policy has had on campus life?

Vote at NODaily.com by Thursday at 5 p.m.

Quote of the Day

"Peace is not enough, they must also be content."—Ben Hecht

Novelist

Carol Hall

March 17

2003
Notre Dame has paid a price in pursuit of greatness

"Megolomania. That's what ails Notre Dame," said the Rev. John F. Jenkins, C.S.C., president of the university. "It is an obsession to do things on a grand scale." The priest's comment comes in the wake of the Iraq war, which has been the focus of Notre Dame's political engagement. The university has been criticized for its support of the war, and the students have been urged to participate in the protests against the war.

"The tradition of Notre Dame students serving in their country's military dates as far back as the Spanish-American War, when a young graduate was one of the sailors killed during the mishap on the USS Maine. It is a tradition that was built by naval midshipmen living and learning at this university. It is a tradition that our University administrators have publicly supported and honored in speeches and ceremonies in the cadets and midshipmen. It is a tradition that so many of our classmates have supported through private acknowledgement, respect, and curiosity. In an effort to foster solidarity, or at least respect, it is time in this University properly and formally recognizes its students who turn away from the higher-paying civilian world and enter into the military role. It is a tradition that our University administrators have publicly supported and honored in speeches and ceremonies in the cadets and midshipmen. It is a tradition that so many of our classmates have supported through private acknowledgement, respect, and curiosity.

"In closing, I encourage all who are, like Mr. Benedict, tired of seeing "No War for Oil" signs to come to the next meeting of the student activist group and more the more convincing arguments against a war in Iraq. Perhaps you might do your research and come up with some arguments of your own. And for all those who will not come out of the gate, the question is do we allow Iraq to achieve democracy? Furthermore, if we are to justify a U.S. attack with such moral and idealistic goals as promoting democracy and forging justice, we should expect our government to uphold these same ideals. For instance, we ought to consider the country's policy towards the United States in the Arab world or not, please remember that these military actions violate basic principles of human rights. Just as the Bush administration does not allow Iraq to achieve democracy, the test scores won heavy discounts, scholarship athletes, ROTC students, minority scholarship students, faculty and staff children and those non-wealthy students, diminishing in number, who chose Notre Dame under every year from 1977 to 1999 in various majors. In the variety of available courses, class size, quality of teaching and the recognition of the university as persons who have had bad experi- ence has deteriorated since 1977. Twenty-two percent of all students were not enrolled by the new students. Notre Dame, while far from the worst offender, played this game.

"Our leaders act in what they see as the best interest of Notre Dame and its students. It may be useful, however, to consider what price Notre Dame has paid for the grand project.

"1. Cost. Notre Dame's tuition and fees make up 55 percent of the budget. The undergraduate tuition, room and board charge for 2002-03 is $32,020. In 1978- 79, it was $13,800. It had kept pace with inflation it would now be $14,245. Notre Dame, through its excellent financial aid office, tries to provide financial aid to students. The student loan, however, remains the primary form of financial aid. Predictably, the non-wealthy students at Notre Dame will soon be the ones whose test scores won heavy discounts, scholarship athletes, ROTC students, minority scholarship students, faculty and staff children and those non-wealthy students, diminishing in number, who chose Notre Dame under every year from 1977 to 1999 in various majors. In the variety of available courses, class size, quality of teaching and the recognition of the university as persons who have had bad experi- ence has deteriorated since 1977. Twenty-two percent of all students were not enrolled by the new students. Notre Dame, while far from the worst offender, played this game.

"2. Diminishment of the undergraduate experience. Notre Dame undergraduates are paying more than twice as much, in real dollars, than they did in 1979, but they are getting less. Members of our family were Notre Dame undergraduates every year from 1977 to 1999 in various majors. In the variety of available courses, class size, quality of teaching and the recognition of the university as persons who have had bad experi- ence has deteriorated since 1977. Twenty-two percent of all students were not enrolled by the new students. Notre Dame, while far from the worst offender, played this game.

"3. The campus. Undergrad life is diminished by the "bigness" building that has transformed Notre Dame into a larger, urban-style university even at the price of a crippling loan burden.

"4. Government. In my view, the administration has not kept pace with the increase in the university's endowment. In the Research University, you can no longer rely on the endowment to pay for a center to do research on the escrow of social justice. For instance, we ought to consider the country's policy towards the United States in the Arab world or not, please remember that these military actions violate basic principles of human rights. Just as the Bush administration does not allow Iraq to achieve democracy, the test scores won heavy discounts, scholarship athletes, ROTC students, minority scholarship students, faculty and staff children and those non-wealthy students, diminishing in number, who chose Notre Dame under every year from 1977 to 1999 in various majors. In the variety of available courses, class size, quality of teaching and the recognition of the university as persons who have had bad experi- ence has deteriorated since 1977. Twenty-two percent of all students were not enrolled by the new students. Notre Dame, while far from the worst offender, played this game.

"5. Athletics. For all you football fans out there, Notre Dame athletics pride is fading. The winning percentage of the football team is in the doldrums of the past decade. The basketball program has been struggling and the tennis program is in a decline. The athletic program, however, is not the only program that is suffering. The administration has not kept pace with the increase in the university's endowment. In the Research University, you can no longer rely on the endowment to pay for a center to do research on the escrow of social justice. For instance, we ought to consider the country's policy towards the United States in the Arab world or not, please remember that these military actions violate basic principles of human rights. Just as the Bush administration does not allow Iraq to achieve democracy, the test scores won heavy discounts, scholarship athletes, ROTC students, minority scholarship students, faculty and staff children and those non-wealthy students, diminishing in number, who chose Notre Dame under every year from 1977 to 1999 in various majors. In the variety of available courses, class size, quality of teaching and the recognition of the university as persons who have had bad experi- ence has deteriorated since 1977. Twenty-two percent of all students were not enrolled by the new students. Notre Dame, while far from the worst offender, played this game.

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"7. The tradition of Notre Dame. Notre Dame's mission in pursuit of education, in an important sense, is to do things on a grand scale. The tradition of Notre Dame is to do things on a grand scale. The priest's comment comes in the wake of the Iraq war, which has been the focus of Notre Dame's political engagement. The university has been criticized for its support of the war, and the students have been urged to participate in the protests against the war.

"In closing, I encourage all who are, like Mr. Benedict, tired of seeing "No War for Oil" signs to come to the next meeting of the student activist group and more the more convincing arguments against a war in Iraq. Perhaps you might do your research and come up with some arguments of your own. And for all those who will not come out of the gate, the question is do we allow Iraq to achieve democracy? Furthermore, if we are to justify a U.S. attack with such moral and idealistic goals as promoting democracy and forging justice, we should expect our government to uphold these same ideals. For instance, we ought to consider the country's policy towards the United States in the Arab world or not, please remember that these military actions violate basic principles of human rights. Just as the Bush administration does not allow Iraq to achieve democracy, the test scores won heavy discounts, scholarship athletes, ROTC students, minority scholarship students, faculty and staff children and those non-wealthy students, diminishing in number, who chose Notre Dame under every year from 1977 to 1999 in various majors. In the variety of available courses, class size, quality of teaching and the recognition of the university as persons who have had bad experi- ence has deteriorated since 1977. Twenty-two percent of all students were not enrolled by the new students. Notre Dame, while far from the worst offender, played this game.

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Harper's diamonds are sparkling

By RYAN RAFFERTY

Ben Harper first emerged on the music scene in 1994 with his release Welcome to Cruel World. Harper's first album was very laid back and acoustic. Since then, he has released three other studio albums, all with progressively broadening sounds. Ben Harper has always been known for creating music that reflects several different styles of music, and his latest album, Diamonds on the Inside, is no different.

Harper wears his influences on his sleeve, as is most apparent in the Bob Marley sounding reggae track "My Own Two Hands." Influences from Bob Dylan, Lenny Kravitz and Al Green can be heard on this album as well. Diamonds on the Inside also showcases some of Harper's best Weissenborn style guitars, which look almost like an acoustic guitar but has a deeper sound and is played like a lap slide guitar. Harper has been a pioneer in Weissenborn guitar playing in recent years, most recently appearing on Jack Johnson's solo album playing Weissenborn on Johnson's single, "Flake."

The lyrics on Harper's albums have always been very religious and poetic, but his latest release features some of his best songs. Many songs have biblical references and are built around Harper's intense spirituality. The best example of religious influences to date is the song called "Picture of Jesus." This song is entirely vocal with no instrumental accompaniment. The Ladysmith Black Mamba sings the rhythm to the songs beautifully and is reminiscent of Paul Simon's Graceland album. Harper sings about how when I feel lost, and about how Jesus will guide him in life whenever he prays.

Amongst the religious references and serious tracks, there are several fun pop songs. One of the best, "Bring the Funk," sounds like it could have come off of any George Clinton album. A heavy synth bass line lays out the groove in the song and a very George Clinton-like keyboard wails over Harper's lyrics. Another fun track is the title track, "Diamonds on the Inside." It is a mainly acoustic sound very similar to Lenny Kravitz's electric sound with melodic distorted guitar work. Harper tracks "Temporary Remedy" and "So High So Low" sound very similar to Lenny Kravitz's electric sound with melodic distorted guitar work. The best track is "Blinded to Be a Witness," which is a track played exclusively by Harper. He plays several types of conga drums and percussion instruments, along with the melody played on a tongue drum, which is very similar to a Jamaican steel drum.

Overall, Diamonds on the Inside is Ben Harper's strongest album to date and showcases his blend of different styles of music perfectly. The only bad apple on this album is "When She Believes," which is bogged down by too many strings and sounds more like a song a symphony would play. Other than that, this is an excellent album with something any music fan will enjoy. No matter the musical taste, reggae, folk, rock, blues or funk. This is the perfect album for everyone.

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Alabama offers southern lovin'

By CHRISTIE BOLSEN

Note to listener: country super group Alabama's latest release, to the Mood. The Love Songs, is a quality compilation of two discs worth of classic Southern ballads from an incredible career of hits, but it will probably not actually get anyone of college age "in the mood." You can only hope that you are fortunate enough on the point of view, sounds like Alabama's are fading away in today's country music. A rundown of today's top country music is comprised mostly of crossover sensations and regulars on adult contemporary and pop radio stations. The result is that albums like in the Mood seem a little bit too much country and not enough rock 'n roll for younger audiences that cut their teeth for country music on the likes of Toby Keith and Trick Pony. Yet the faithful fan base that made the band the best-selling country group of all time will not be disappointed by the romantic lyrics and familiar tunes on Alabama's 24th album. The band, which writes its own songs and plays its own instruments, has a style of recording and performing songs that has made it a bigger-selling band than legends such as Led Zeppelin, The Doors and Pink Floyd. Their announcement of this latest album was paired with the surprising announcement of "The American Farewell Tour." In the Mood has two newer tracks, "I'm in the Mood" and "The Living Years." "I'm in the Mood" is an example of Alabama's stellar ability to sing emotional lyrics with out any emotion, a significant weakness in some of their songs that have passionate words but none of the passion in the sung version. When they sing, "Girl, I'm in the mood to be your man / To win your heart all over again / Let my eyes trace, let my lips taste / Nothing but you" it sounds like they could be singing about milking cows or planting sweet potatoes, with their voices seeming so disinterested.

Their other new single fares much better. It features quick guitar and drumbeats with slow, melodic lyrics. Unlike the songs about romance, it handles the weightier topics of parental loss, familial love and regret. "Say It loud, say it clear / You can listen as well as you hear / It's too late when we die / To admit we don't see eye to eye." The quartet has already enjoyed considerable radio play with this more recent song, proving that their influence is likely to endure long after the farewell tour ends. From their first No. 1 hits in 1980, they have compiled an impressive set of classic ballads that made this album. Their cover of the Carpenters' "Touch Me When We're Dancing" from the 80s is another highlight of the first disc, but many of the best parts are on the second disc. Their countrified version of "God Must Have Spent a Little More Time on You" gets a helping hand on the harmonies from 'N Sync, and some chart-topping hits on both discs include "Fallin' Again," "Lady Down on Love" and "Picture." While Alabama clearly has had success with showing their softer side, like on many of these ballads that have reached the top, they are far more fun on their fast-paced good time songs celebrating the South and all that is country. Any fan of "Mountain Music," "Dixieland Delight," "If You're Gonna Play in Texas (You Gotta Have a Fiddle In the Band)" and "Song of the South" would do themselves a favor by picking up their greatest hits album. For the Record: 41 No. 1 Hits, instead of this mediocre collection.

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In the Mood: The Love Songs

Alabama

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ALBUM REVIEW

No surprises from Everclear

By BECCA SAUNDERS
Some Music Critic

The struggles of life in suburban America — everyone is aware that they exist, but they are brought to a whole new level of attention by rock band Everclear in their new album Slow Motion Daydream.

This is not the first time Everclear has chosen this theme as a dominating force on an album; in fact nearly all of their past albums have been focused on the hardships of those people in middle-class suburbia. This suburban theme is especially exemplified in Daydream’s first single, “Volvo Driving Soccer Mom.” Although credit must be given for originality in making the overall claim that “all porn stars become Volvo driving soccer moms,” the premise of a parent struggling to have their own identity in the midst of a suburban family is not an idea that is new to an Everclear album.

The repetition of subject is one thing, but through and through the album’s repetition is also strongly felt in the music. On many occasions, the beginnings of songs sound nearly identical to past Everclear hits. The energetic guitar is present on most tracks, lightening to a more sentimental sound on softer numbers such as “TV Show.” The poten­t voice of lead singer Art Alexakis is a promi­nent force when paired with the strong guitar and punky rhythm.

Lyrically, S l o w M o t i o n Daydream is very strong. The wistful wisdom of Alexakis comes through on every track. A former cocaine addict, Alexakis turned his life around in the mid-80s and since then has written with a wisdom one can only have from having personal experience. Everclear has been around since the early 90s and grew to prominence beginning with 1994’s album, Sparkle and Fade. The band continues to carry the punk rock tone in their music, as well as empathy with common middle-class American struggles.

Overall, the album is a commentary on the true nature of people. At times, a depressing nature overtakes songs such as “How to Win Friends and Influence People” when Alexakis warns, “People love to break your heart” and “People love to hurt you when you close your eyes.” “I Want to Die” and “Beach” begins, “Everybody here in this small town looks used and abused today.” Just as one is about to lose faith in the world, the album turns the mood around with songs such as “Science Fiction,” where Alexakis sings, “You need to remember, life is always getting better.” Slow Motion Daydream brings itself to conclu­sion in the sentimental song “The New York Times” in which Alexakis earnestly claims, “I want to believe in this world / I want to believe in life.”

The music causes emotions to range from high to low, and although some of the tunes are extremely familiar, the recipe of punchy vocals and a strong guitar presence is what creates success for Everclear. Even if it has been heard before it is still very much an enjoyable listening experience.

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New punks on the block

By STEVE HOEPLINGER
Some Music Critic

Imagine that punks were a thing of the past, food services was worth the cost, and every issue of The Observer had witty, entertaining comic strips — what could possibly be better than all that? The answer is the Transplants, a band that blows away everything about the past, food services was worth the cost, and every issue of The Observer had witty, entertaining comic strips — what could possibly be better than all that? The answer is the Transplants, a band that

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With a name that is very reflective of their music, the Transplants’ moniker is one that actually makes sense, something all too rare among modern bands (for instance, what is a “substantially”)? Guitarist Tim Armstrong, vocalist Rob Aston and drummer Travis Barker take elements of hip hop, punk, dancehall, roots and rock and fuse them together for a sound that is like nothing ever heard before. Their self-titled debut is one of the most wholly original recordings — an album the listener’s brain as soon as it’s heard.

The opening track, “Sad R B.E.A.M.,” which features under­ground rapper Diaplor, is a hip hop anthem that even the Rudeboys can chant along to. Newcomer Rob Aston, who had never been in a band before this and whose only previous music experi­ence was refunding for AFI and Rancid, is right at home behind the microphone, furiously spitting out lyrics with a passion that puts him in the running for the title of White Male Rage Personified. “Glimme a chance to shine and I’m a blind the world” he proclaims in the song “B.D.D.” and you know from the seriousness in his voice that he means every word.

The Transplants have created an album that is not quite punk or rap, but some­thing more. Their greatest success is their ability to make music that is appealing to a diverse cross section of music fans but still unique and refreshing. This is musical art­istry at its finest.

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Canseco released from Miami prison

Associated Press

MIAMI — Jose Canseco was released from jail Monday and resentenced to house arrest for a 2001 assault conviction.

Canseco had spent the last 30 days in jail for violating his probation when he pleaded guilty to battery charges stemming from the Oct. 31, 2001, fight.

The 38-year-old Canseco was sentenced to probation violation charge, but Judge Leonard Glick warned him that any future violation would result in a 15-year prison sentence.

Canseco originally was sentenced to probation in November 2001 after he pleaded guilty to felony aggravated battery and two counts of misdemeanor battery.

Canseco could be released to house arrest during the Halloween night fight inside a Miami Beach nightclub.

Glick ordered that the house arrest be served in Florida. He did not immediately rule on a defense attorney Gustavo Lage that Canseco be allowed to serve the house arrest in California where he could continue pursuing his 6-year-old daughter.

Canseco will be allowed to leave his home for certain events and court for permission to travel under special circumstances. Further conditions of his house arrest are to be determined following interviews with the lawyer who will monitor his sentence.

Glick issued a warrant for Canseco's arrest Feb. 14, after a probation officer reported that the three-time All-Star had violated several terms of his probation. Canseco failed to attend anger management classes, had not worked his community service, had been out of Florida for longer than 30 days and still owed a small fine — all probation violations.

Canseco appeared before Glick on Feb. 18 and said he had been in Los Angeles because of a custody battle for his young daughter. The judge denied Canseco bond and ordered him held until Monday's sentencing hearing.

Canseco said last month that he unsuccessfully tried to arrange the anger management classes, misunderstood the timeframe during which his community service was supposed to begin, and spent several weeks in Los Angeles. Canseco and his twin fought with two men at the nightclub.

Ozzie Canseco also pleaded guilty to battery charges and received probation. He has complied with his sentence.

One of the men allegedly involved in that fight, ChristianPresley, filed a lawsuit in January seeking at least $1 million in damages.

Canseco's five-game home run streak, the 263rd-best total in baseball history, was retired in May after 1,887 games with seven teams.

Canseco signed a six-year, $34 million contract before the season. The 6-foot-7 guard is averaging 20.7 points and is the first player in team history to record three 40-plus scoring games in a season.

Cleveland's Ricky Davis holds the ball over his head in a game earlier this season. Davis will not be fined by the Cavaliers as a result of hisbotched triple-double attempt.

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Davis also had two run-ins with former coach John Jacobs. Davis, who had a 10th-grade education, was allowed to travel for permission to travel under the Jazz's DeShawn Stevenson, angered that he club was being mocked.

Smart said Davis did not get a shot attempt or his rebound. "I talked with Ricky after the game," said Smart. "The thing is, one tiny moment really ruins a successful game. Ricky had his chance, but once [he] gets into a rhythm, he can't get back in with his teammates. None of that will be remembered, but what he did will follow him always."
The storyline for the Irish the past few games has been reading like a broken record. The Irish start slow while the opponent builds an early lead, then the Irish make a huge comeback in the second half. This has happened several times in the past three weeks. In Notre Dame's last five games, the Irish were down by 17, 24, 21, seven and 23 points. Not surprisingly, the Irish only won one of those five games.

Finding the source of these slumps is crucial to Notre Dame's postseason success. Irish coach Mike Brey believes these slumps are caused by the team not being able to hold on for a victory against Georgetown March 8. In each of the other four games, however, the Irish took the entire first half – or longer – to dig themselves into an insurmountable hole.

That high intensity was obviously lacking in the early going of each of the last five games. Luckily for the Irish, the team snapped out of its slump early and was able to hold on for a victory against Georgetown March 8. In each of the other four games, the Irish want to – or should – be in if they expect to win the game. After the disappointing loss to St. John’s, the Irish are more than ready to get back on track. We’re very disappointed about what’s happened the last couple of weeks, and just move on and realize that we have a great opportunity ahead of us, and just take it from there. Big East opponent or not, the Irish need to execute better on both sides of the ball right from the opening tip. Otherwise, people will be opening Friday’s sports section and reading another story about another failed Irish second-half comeback.

After returning to South Bend from New York Thursday, the Irish will have had a full week of practice under their belts when they face off against the Panthers at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. Let’s hope they get an early start on those practices.

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Blue/Gray Classic provides problems for Irish

MEN'S TENNIS

Losses to Tulsa, Boise State eliminate Irish from tournament which Notre Dame has won in past

By JOE LINDSLEY Sports Writer

The Irish usually see much success at the Blue/Gray National Tennis Classic, held in Montgomery, Ala., over spring break. Two years ago, the Irish brought home the coveted green jackets awarded to the victors, and last year they reached the finals.

Last week though, No. 46 Notre Dame began the tournament with a close 4-3 loss to No. 57 Tulsa, after the match was postponed due two days of rain delays. The Irish then came back on the same day to defeat UAB 4-2 in a consolation round match Friday, but Boise State ended the week on a sour note for Notre Dame, as the Broncos (10-6) shut out the Irish 4-0 in another consolation match.

Notre Dame is now 5-8 on the season.

The Broncos began by securing the doubles point with wins at No. 1 and No. 3. The team of sophomore Brent D'Amico and junior Matt Scott was defeated for the only time during the break, and the pair of sophomore Paul McNaughton and junior Nicolas Lopez-Acevedo lost their second match of the week.

With the doubles point clinched, the Broncos' Marcus Bernston, ranked 67th nationally, and Nils Klemann defeated junior tri-captains Luis Haddock and Brian Farrell, respectively. Haddock and Farrell each lost in straight sets, and the Broncos were up 3-0. The remaining matches were close though, and Notre Dame still had the opportunity to rally. Before they could put up their first point, Boise State's Thomas Schoeck defeated D'Amico, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2, and the Broncos claimed the win.

Haddock was winless in singles at Blue/Gray, but Farrell picked up two singles victories, including the match-clinching win against UAB. The two had success in doubles together, and they contributed to Notre Dame's winning of the doubles point against Tulsa.

D'Amico and Scott's upset at No. 1 doubles of Tulsa's Ryan Livesay and Dustin Taylor, ranked 55th as a duo, combined with Haddock and Farrell's victory to put the Irish ahead 1-0. But severe thunderstorms intervened, and caused the singles portion to be delayed until Friday morning.

Lopez-Acevedo continued the seeming Irish shutout with his victory at the No. 6 flight over Alek Charpantidis, 6-1, 6-3. After Haddock succumbed to Livesay, Farrell put the Irish up 3-1, and within just a point of victory, when he defeated Shunsuke Shimizu, 7-5, 7-6 (7-4).

Notre Dame lost the next three singles contests though, all of which went into three sets. Freshman Patrick Buchanan and D'Amico began their matches with victorious sets of 6-4 and 6-3, respectively, but both of their opponents rallied to win the remaining sets. Meanwhile Scott won his second set 6-7 (6-8) after losing the first one 6-1, but No. 66 Alejandro Tejerina came back to win 6-0.

Notre Dame will have a pair of tough home matches this weekend. No. 12 Minnesota visits Saturday and No. 44 Virginia Tech will be at the Eck Pavilion Sunday.

Both matches begin at 1 p.m.

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Notre Dame's Brent D'Amico prepares for a forehand in a recent match. D'Amico and the Irish lost twice at the Blue/Gray Classic in Alabama over spring break.

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Winning streak halted at Arizona State

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

The Irish began spring break with a close win that extended their winning streak to three matches, but they ended the week with a 5-2 loss at No. 7 Arizona State Friday.

The Sun Devils (7-3) were the seventh straight top-50 team to face off against the No. 15 Irish. Notre Dame notched a 4-3 win over No. 49 Brigham Young March 9 at the beginning of the break.

The Connell sisters, sophomore Sarah Jane and freshman Lauren, proved to be an asset for the Irish. The siblings each won their singles matches against Brigham Young, and the pair, playing at the bottom of the lineup, gave Notre Dame its two points against Arizona State.

Overall, the Irish believe the week of practicing outdoors in Arizona will benefit them as their tough schedule continues.

"It brought the team closer together, spending a whole week together, at each other's side at every minute of the day," Kristina Stastny said with a slight laugh.

Stastny was serious enough about the positive qualities she saw in her teammates, like how much we give our hearts out while we're playing a match. "It definitely made our team closer. I noticed many things about my teammates, like how much we give our hearts out while we're playing a match. Every girl fought really hard, we have a lot of persistence on the team. These are very good qualities that I had not [realized] before we had spent so much time together."

The Sun Devils, with two ranked doubles teams, began the day by claiming the initial point. The 47th-ranked pair of Adria Engel and Lauren Calalli upset No. 27 Katie Gunha and Stastny, 8-5. Gunha, a senior, and Stastny, a freshman, have had a successful partnership this season, but the duo was winless over a week that began with their 8-4 loss to Brigham Young's Dominique Reynolds and Leezo Klepner.

The younger Connell, Lauren, teamed with junior Alicia Salas, kept the doubles point in reach for Notre Dame against Arizona State with their 8-6 upset of No. 53 Mhairi Brown and Cindy Sureephon. The Sun Devils secured the doubles point though as Megan Yeats and Jeslyn Burkett triumphed over junior Caylan Leslie and freshman Jennifer Smith, 8-4.

In singles play, 15th-ranked Engel dominated No. 51 Leslie 6-4, 6-2 at the No. 1 flight. Then Dora Krstulovic, ranked 48th, defeated No. 65 Salas, 6-0, 6-2. The Sun Devils' Brown and Cunha each defeated Sureephon, 2-6, 7-5, 1-0, and Lauren triumphed over Burkett, 3-6, 7-6, 1-0 (10-6).

"The loss was really hard. It could have gone either way. We played really well and so did [the Sun Devils]," Kristina Stastny said.

The Irish will next see No. 62 Iowa when the Hawkeyes travel to Notre Dame Friday.

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Wednesday, March 19, Noon-1 pm
Hague Parlor, Saint Mary's College
Ernis Gonzalez: Salvadoran church worker and torture survivor
Shawn Roberts: international human rights attorney, former Legal Director, Center for Justice and Accountability

Has Justice Been Won? The Case of the Salvadoran Torture Survivors and the Generals

Wednesday, March 19, 7-8 pm
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WOMENS LACROSSE

Irish win 2 very different games

By ANDY TROEGER  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame’s women’s lacrosse team won two games over spring break in very different fashions by knocking off Boston College 13-12 and dominating Ohio 19-4. The two victories gave the Irish a 2-1 record with their only loss coming in their opener at Cornell.

The No. 11 Irish were severely tested by the Eagles in Chestnut Hill, Mass., but preseason All-American senior Danielle Shearer scored the eventual game-winner with 2:44 remaining in the contest. The game featured many goal spurts by both teams, with the Irish reeling off four goals in a row on two different occasions, while Boston College countered by scoring three unanswered goals on three different occasions. It was the Eagles’ last such streak that tied the game at 12 before Shearer’s game winner.

The Irish received multiple-point efforts from four different players. Shearer had six points on two goals and four assists, while classmate Eleanor Weille contributed five points on three goals and two assists. Junior Abby Owen had two goals and two assists for four points, with classmate Lauren Fischer scoring two goals.

It was the fifth time the Irish had faced Boston College, with Notre Dame taking all five games.

In their first game of spring break, Notre Dame fell behind Ohio 1-0 before taking over. The Irish scored four quick goals to take the lead on their way to a 10-3 halftime lead.

Junior Meredith Simon paced the Irish against the Bobcats with seven points on three goals and four assists while Shearer added three goals and three assists for six points. Freshman Crysti Foote added three goals and senior Anne Riley scored twice for the Irish, who had 13 players on the score sheet. The Irish out-shot Ohio 37-12 and outscored the Bobcats 9-1 in the second half.

Notre Dame completes their season opening road trip today with a game in Orlando against Yale at 10 a.m.

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Storm

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the ball spun out of the cylin-
der. Francis missed the two
 ensuing free throws, forcing
the Irish to foul St. John’s
coach Marcus Hatten with 8.6
seconds left.

“That’s where we would have
won it, right there,” Brey said.
“He makes that 3-point play.
that’s one of those where you
steal it. That’s how you are
going to steal the win.

But we had a similar situation
in the Syracuse game where
we came back, Chris [Thomas]
had a great look, and it went in
and out.

“It’s almost like you don’t
deserve it because you haven’t
played consistent enough for
40 minutes and the basketball
gods say, ‘Not today, you are
going to steal it today.’

After Francis’ missed free
throws at 82-80, Hatten made
the first free throw but
missed the second. With
precious seconds ticking
away, a scrum ensued for
possession of the ball
and the basketball gods
gave us. ‘Not today, you are
going to steal it today.’”

Mike Brey
Irish coach

“It was a last-second
ball out of the back of
the rim.”

Kearny said.

The Irish were one of four
schools with initial plans to
send their teams to the NCAA
Tournament. Notre Dame’s
area study program will be
available to provide information and answer
questions for all students.

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ty much set up for us where we
can get some wins and have
support.

The 22-9 Irish, who earned
their highest seed since 1987
and seeded in the West
Region for the first time in
school history, will play 24-7
Horizon League champion
Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Thursday at 9:40 p.m. If the
Irish win, they will play either
No. 4 seed Illinois or No. 13
seed Western Kentucky
Saturday.

What school officials had ini-
tially planned as a celebration
in the Joyce Center when the
Irish were ranked in the top 10
quickly became scaled back to
a small private viewing of the
selection show in Brey’s home.

And the Irish admit there
was some anxiety as they wait-
ed nearly an hour for Notre
Dame to appear on the televi-
sion screen.

But players are con-
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Irish have approached the NCAA
Tournament.

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Brey said the Irish will spend
a small private viewing of the
Irish in the first round.

Brey said the Irish will spend
the first seven points of the half for
the Irish. Dan Miller added a free-
throw and a 3-point play to put
the Irish within 24.

The Red Storm and Irish
exchanged baskets for a few
minutes, but a 3-pointer by
Thomas, followed by a Miller
jumper after a Red Storm
charge, brought the Irish back
to within seven at 75-68.

“We were more aggressive
driving the ball in the second
half,” Miller said. “I think we
just moved the ball a little better
in the second half. We didn’t
force that many shots, (which)
helped us defensively as well.

And we’re just on offense
it helps our defense.”

The Irish cut the Red Storm
lead to five at 80-75 with just
over two minutes remaining in
the game, setting up the gut-
wrenching finale.

The loss, Notre Dame’s
fourth in its last five games,
gave the Irish some motivation
in the extended break be-
tween the conference and
national postseason tourna-
ments.

“It’s a long season, but to
have missed the last couple of
games in the Big East ...
yeah, it’s tough, but we know
what?” Carroll said.

“The off week of rest is
gonna help us, and we’re going
to bounce back and have a
strong NCAA Tournament,
where everybody’s got a clean
slate. We’ve just got to move
on and play better basket-
ball.”

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Indianapolis as opposed to
heading out to Salt Lake City
or Spokane, which are tra-
tional West Region sites.

Of the 65 teams in the NCAA
Tournament, Notre Dame has
played nine — Creighton,
Connecticut, IUPUI, Kentucky,
Marquette, Maryland, Pitts-
burgh, Syracuse and Texas.

Notre Dame’s 5-6 record
against those in the Tournament.

The Irish were one of four
Big East schools to earn an
NCAA Tournament invitation,
connecting, Pittsburgh and
Syracuse. Boston College,
who won the Big East East
Division, and Seton Hall
entered Selection Sunday on
the proverbial bubble but
didn’t get a bid.

For the Irish, the focus now
shifts to breaking down tape
teenage player, who
clipped an automatic bid by
clinching the Horizon League
conference champi-
nship Tuesday.

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At one point in the season,
the Irish were projected
high as a No. 2 seed. But after
Notre Dame dropped five of its
last eight games, the Irish
began to slip down the
seed based on their
strength of schedule and the
wins they accumulated against
high qual-
ity opponents.

I would have been disappoint-
ed if we were lower than
a five,” Brey said. “We’ve done
everything we’re supposed to
do.

Beginning last year, the
NCAA Tournament selection
committee used a pod system
to determine where teams
would be placed in their first
and second-round games.

The idea is that the higher
the seed, the greater the probability that
a team could play closer
to home. That kept the Irish in
College Basketball

NCAA President Myles Brand, above, announced Monday that the NCAA would consider the postponing of tournament games in the event of war out of consideration for the safety of athletes and fans.

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

The NCAA will consider postponing games in the men’s and women’s basketball tournaments and other national championships if war with Iraq begins this week.

President Myles Brand acknowledged Monday for the first time that the NCAA was checking the availability of arenas and hotels for the days after first and second-round games are scheduled to be completed. That would give the officials more flexibility in making a decision about postponements.

“Don’t know when it will start, and we have to be respectful of our men and women in uniform,” Brand said following an NCAA town hall meeting on sportsmanship that was sponsored by Indianapolis television station WISH.

“On the other hand, I think we have to be very careful not to let Saddam Hussein control our lives. We have to balance those,” he said.

The primary consideration, Brand said, would be the safety of the athletes and fans.

Brand said his office has been in contact with the Department of Homeland Security and has been in contact with the games could be shown on ESPN if CBS needs more air time for war coverage.

ESPN and ESPN2 already are scheduled to show the women’s tournament.

NCAA vice president Donna Heinel said that if war begins, the league would look at potential sites where the women’s tournament would be held.

The preliminary round of the men’s tournament five times in six years, a feat matched only by Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski.

“It’s been a long time, and it’s in good shape.”

He’s missed every exhibition game since playing against Arizona last Tuesday.

Rodriguez, in the third year of a 10-year, $252 million contract, had problems with his left shoulder, but he said that was helped by an anti-inflammatory shot he was given Thursday.

He said he is feeling stronger every day.

“There is zero pain, but it was almost if my shoulder felt anemic,” Rodriguez said. “It just felt weaker. I did some test where they check the sensation in your hand, and my left hand was less sensitive. The spinal test was perfect, but it’s the nerve.”

He was re-examined by Dr. Drew Dossett on Sunday and cleared to return to the team.

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Hockey

Cey records 2 shutouts to put RedHawks on ice

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

Morgan Cey picked a good time to register his first shutout of the year. He picked an even better time to register his second.

The Irish shocked Miami of Ohio on the road this weekend in the first round of the CCHA playoffs, winning the best-of-three series two games to one and upsetting a top-six seed in the first round of the playoffs for the second straight year.

After losing 4-2 Friday and on the brink of elimination, the Irish eked out a 1-0 win on Saturday to even the series at a game apiece. On Sunday, the floodgates opened and the Irish punched their ticket to Detroit for the CCHA's Super Six with an impressive 5-0 win over the RedHawks.

The player of the series was goaltender Morgan Cey. The sophomore netminder made a total of 69 saves in his consecutive shutouts. Cey also held the RedHawks scoreless for the final 124:35 of the series.

"Morgan was huge for us," said Irish coach Dave Ponlun. "Two shutouts in the playoffs are quite an accomplishment. He really played well the entire series."

Notre Dame advances to the second round of the CCHA playoffs for the third straight year. Only Michigan and Michigan State have made all four years since 1999-2000.

"That's quite a legacy for our seniors," Ponlun said. "It really is a remarkable thing that we have been able to advance to Detroit that many times."

After Friday, it looked as though the Irish would go nowhere as the RedHawks' leading scorer Greg Hogeboom scored a hat trick to pace Miami to a 4-2 win over the Irish.

Miami took the early lead in the first period when freshman forward Chris Michael slapped a shot from the top of the left wing circle that beat Cey high to the glove side. For the period, the RedHawks outshot the Irish 15-6.

The Irish tied the game just 39 seconds into the third period when Aaron Gill beat RedHawk goalie David Burleigh with a wrister from the slot for his 11th of the season.

Hogeboom, the CCHA's top power-play goal scorer during the regular season, scored his fifth of the season in the man-advantage to regain the lead for Miami.

Forward Mike Kompon took a shot from the right point that Hogeboom deflected past Cey with eight minutes into the period.

The Irish answered just 14 seconds later, when freshman Matt Amato fed sophomore MCLean, who beat Burleigh for his 10th goal of the year.

Hogeboom scored his second goal of the game just three minutes later when he beat Cey with a low wrist shot for the RedHawks ahead for good.

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Burleigh and Cey battled toe-to-toe through the first two periods of the game, with neither team scoring in the first 40 minutes of the game.

At 7:18 of the third period, junior defenseman Brett Lebda and sophomore Cey McLean were called for high sticks, leaving the game shorthanded.

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Junior Rob Globke got the Irish offensive explosion started in the first period when he beat Burleigh with a rebound shot off a point shot into the period.

It was Globke's 20th of the season, making him the first Irish player to score 20 goals in a season since Ankit Dhadphale during the 1997-98 season.

Lebda scored on a beautiful end-to-end effort with less than a minute left to give the Irish a crucial two-goal lead after one period. The defensemen picked up the puck from behind the Irish net and raced up the right side before cutting to his left to beat two Miami players.

Lebda then ripped a shot through Burleigh's five-hole from between the circles.

"I just carried the puck up the boards and really didn't have anyone to give it to," Lebda said. "I kept going and when I got to the blue line their defense pinched up on me. I went past them and had a clear shot to the net and shot it in over his blocker."

"Brett's goal was the turning point," Ponlun said. "It really gave us a boost that late in the period. We really played with confidence and poise the rest of the way."

Junior forward Aaron Gill then scored two goals in the third period, including one on a power play, snapping an 0-for-24 drought for the Irish man-advantage that extended over seven games.

Sophomore wing Brad Wanchuk got an exclamation point on the victory as he scored on an odd-man rush with a little more than five minutes left in the game.

The Irish will face off against Ohio State on Wednesday in the first game of the Super Six at 4:05 p.m. The Irish had a 0-1-1 record against the Buckeyes during the regular season.

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**WOMENS GOLF**

Brophy takes title at Florida invite

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

After struggling in its first tournament of the spring, the women's golf team came out firing in Florida over break.

Leading the way was freshman Katie Brophy who parred the final two holes to win the Peggy Kirk Bell Invitational in Orlando.

Brophy fired rounds of 73 and 74 to win by one shot over Penn State's Katie Putke and Cynthia Skilton Penn State.

"Katie told me right before the start of today's round that she felt like something just clicked," Irish coach Debby King said. "She had a great swing for the last two days."

"The thing that clicked for me was my putting," said Brophy. "I didn't putt very well in the fall and that's what I was known for in high school. Everything dropped for me the last two days. I got my confidence back."

The event came down to the last hole and Brophy needed a 12-foot putt to put the last hole for the win. She took her time before making the winning shot.

"I didn't know exactly where I was going into 18," she said. "I just wanted to par it. I got near the green and put my second shot about 12-foot away. I knew I had made those before and I just said to myself, 'Just do it,' and then I stood over it ahelve to focus."

Brophy became the first Irish golfer to win a tournament since current junior Rebecca Rogers won the Notre Dame Invitational in 2000. As a team, the Irish finished eighth with rounds of 314 and 317 for a 631.

Sophomore Karen Lotta and freshman Lauren Gebauer fired identical rounds of 156 (78-78) to aid the Irish team effort, with freshman Suzane Hayes one stroke behind them at 157 (76-81).

Following their performance in Orlando, the Irish traveled to Tampa for the Northern Illinois Snowbird Invitational where they fired a season best 297 to tie for third. Notre Dame was led by senior captain Terri Taibi who shot the two best rounds of her career to tie for fourth at 149 (75-74), only four strokes away from giving the Irish their second winner in as many tournaments.

Gebauer and fellow freshman Sarah Bassett also recorded top 10 finishes for the Irish at the Snowbird by tying for seventh at 152. Gebauer fired rounds of 77 and 75 while Bassett shot 78 and 74 as an individual entrant.

Junior Shannon Byrne also had a good showing, finishing at 153 (78-75) as an individual entrant. Byrne followed up her win with a 156 (82-74) to tie for 22nd.

On the Irish play next March 23- 25 at the Baylor University Tapito Springs Shoot-Out in Boerne, Texas.

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**FENCING**

Irish qualify maximum number

By MATT LOZAR
associate Sports Editor

They had to wait it out, but the Irish got what they wanted. After qualifying 11 fencers through automatic bids at the Midwest Regional Championships at Ohio State University March 8, Notre Dame needed junior saber Maggie Jordan to earn an at-large bid to give them a complete team for this weekend's NCAA Championships. The announcement came Friday that Jordan was selected.

"We have worked very hard the entire year," said Notre Dame coach Janusz Bednarski. "But you have to get a little bit lucky when you are fencing to only five touches. Sometimes, there are unpredictable results. You can work hard and lose by one touch. It is very hard to make predictions."

Bednarski's statement about unpredictability is no more evident than in women's epee.

Defending national champion Anna Carnick. Call fenced in the NCAA Championship as a freshman and sophomore, but watched from the sidelines last year.

"I was not surprised. I know that we have two great fencers in Anna Carnick and Meagan [Call]." Janusz Bednarski Irish coach

With only the top four earning automatic berths, Jordan needed to be an at-large qualifier to make the NCAA Championships field. What makes Jordan's performance impressive is the fact this is her first year fencing solely at saber.

"Jordan is not young as a student, since she is a junior, but as a fencer she is young because in other competitions she used to fence at foil," Bednarski said.

Completing the women's team at foil are sophomores Alcya Kryczalo and Andrea Ament who finished first and second, respectively, at last year's National Championships.

On the mens side, the No. 1 team in the country easily qualified the six fencers with no Irish fencer finishing lower than fifth at the regional competition.

The Irish took the top three spots at mens foil, but a school can only qualify two fencers at each weapon. The odd man out was Forrest Walton as senior Ozren Debic and sophomore Derek Snyder return to the NCAA Championships.

At the talented mens saber weapon, senior Gabor Szelle finished second while senior Matt Fabricant was fifth. The Buckeyes took first, third and fourth, but could only qualify two at the weapon.

The domination continued at mens epee with the Irish taking the top two spots. Senior Jan Vivian and sophomore Michal Solorz were first and second, respectively.

Debic and Vivian can become four-time All-Americans with top 12 finishes at the national championships.

The Irish and host Buckeyes were the only teams in the country to qualify the maximum 12 fencers. Defending champion Penn State qualified 11 fencers but they have the NCAA automatic qualifier to mens epee should someone else be able to participate.

The NCAA Championships take place Thursday to Sunday at the Air Force Academy.

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By AARON RONSEMHEI SPORTS WRITER

Just when the Notre Dame softball team thought that they had their bad luck and bad weather in South Bend, the Irish ran into inclement weather that forced the cancellation of the remainder of the Kia Classic.

Worse, the Irish encountered a strep throat virus that caused two players to miss the Nebraska game and that caused two players to miss the Notre Dame game to miss the DePaul game.

"We had a lot of people playing out of position and people batting in different spots in the batting order," said Irish third baseman Andrea Loman. "It was tough to get things going."

The cancellation of the second half of the tournament means that the Irish have lost six games to the weather even though they have yet to play a game in South Bend.

Not only has the weather forced the Irish to cancel games this season, it also forced Notre Dame into a 15-hour ride back to campus after a weekend tournament in Georgia.

"It is frustrating, but we can either be frustrated or we can move on and that is what we need to do," said Irish coach Deanna Gumpf. "We need to look forward and get ready to start the second half of our season."

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Warm weather equals hot streak for Irish over break

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Sports Writer

With snow on the ground and a chill in the air, the Irish left the wintry conditions of South Bend behind for the Kennel Club Classic. The warm weatherSuitable

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The Irish would then add three more for the victory.

Senior pitcher Ryan Kalita contributed a strong outing for his first win of the season, allowing only one run and three hits in seven innings pitched.

Jacksonville 9, Notre Dame 6
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MENS BASKETBALL

Same old story

Irish slump early, respond late, but still fall short in the end in 83-80 loss to St. John's in first round of Big East Tournament

By BRYAN KRONK
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NEW YORK

Notre Dame’s dominant second half was not enough to overcome St. John’s strong first half, and the Irish fell to the Red Storm in the first round of the Big East Tournament, 83-80, Wednesday at Madison Square Garden.

The Irish were unable to recover from a 21-point deficit — a deficit that climbed to 23 points in the second half — despite shooting 66.7 percent from the field in the second half.

“I am very proud of our group to give us a chance to win the basketball game,” Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said. “But it was just too much of a hole to dig out of.”

The Irish seemed poised for an amazing comeback when Matt Carroll hit a 3-pointer with just over a minute left in the game to bring the Irish to within two points at 80-78.

After forcing the Red Storm to take a bad shot with the shot clock winding down, the Irish called a timeout with 24.2 seconds remaining to draw out their final play.

Guard Chris Thomas took the ball and drove to the hoop, but his layup missed. Luckily for the Irish, Thomas hit the rebound and went back up with the ball.

His layup seemed destined for the bottom of the net as the whistle blew, but...