Nader discusses corporate ethics

By JULIA MILLER-LEMON
News Writer

Americans must question corporate practices and take action when they believe corporations are behaving unethically, Ralph Nader, consumer advocate and Green Party presidential candidate, said at Wednesday's lecture titled "Legislating Corporate Ethics.

"If you want to make sure that these companies behave, you have to empower the owners and the victims," Nader said. "It's the lack of power of the people who pay the final price that is the root of the fraudulence that occurred."

Nader said that corporate ethics can be synonymous with corporate crime, and that major corporations are responsible for more deaths and disease each year than street crimes.

Since 2001, Nader said there have been 58,000 deaths due to work-related accidents, 65,000 deaths due to air pollution caused by major industrial corporations, 85,000 fatalities as a result of medical malpractice and 42,000 deaths of highway workers according to the Department of Transportation.

On the other hand, street crimes punishable by law are only responsible for an estimated 14,000 deaths each year. Nader said he believes that corporal crime is really a source of violence not recognized by the law.

Nader argued that corporate ethics must encompass a vast spectrum of values, including honest internal auditing and a fair treatment of employees. The heightened levels of greed and corruption in the business world today make the need for a new type of corporate ethics all the more necessary, Nader explained.

No one thought this kind of corruption would happen," Nader said, specifically referring to the corruption evident in the Department of Transportation.

Ralph Nader spoke at the JACC on Wednesday about business ethics and corporate culture.

Review unlikely to return to SouthQuad

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
News Writer

After Student Senate passed a resolution March 19 calling for the return of the ROTC Presidential Pass in Review to South Quad, a University spokesman said the school is unlikely to take action on the Senate resolution.

Matt Storin, a spokesperson for the University, said the Campus Life Council must approve a Senate resolution before the administration can act on it. Because Student Body Vice President Trip Foley submitted the resolution directly to University President Father Edward Malloy and bypassed CLC, the resolution will probably not be acted upon.

The ceremony honoring cadets, which includes speeches from University President Father Edward Malloy and University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh, was moved to Loftus from South Quad several years ago as a result of inclement weather.

Foley sent the ROTC resolution to University President Father Edward Malloy along with a letter explaining the Senate's actions on the resolution as well as their opinion on the matter.

"I sent it to him because I think in this situation, he's the person to go to," said Foley, who chairs Senate. "He's the one who decides about the Pass in Review."

Foley said once the Senate passes a resolution, it is sent to the appropriate part of the administration for review and debate.

The University does not take any action or react to resolutions passed solely by the Senate, said Storin, but may review those resolutions as it receives them.

However, Storin also said that the ROTC department has already begun planning this year's ceremony, which could possibly make a location change for this year difficult.

"It is our understanding that the ROTC command has already made its plans to have the ceremony indoors and they're not contemplating any change in those plans," Storin said.

Colonel David Mosinski, chair of the Department of Military Science, said the Review would benefit from a more public outdoor setting.
Think before you protest

After hours of coverage of the war in Iraq, South Bend's CBS affiliate cut away to show a clip of a different sort—the one at home, created by those who oppose the war. In Chicago, anti-war protesters clashed with those who supported U.S. involvement in the war. In Oregon, a raucous group burned an American flag. In San Francisco, protestors staged a "vomit-in," regurgitating red-dyed milk on the steps of City Hall to show their disgust with the war.

Americans who choose to protest the war in those and other ways undoubtedly have the right to do so. Our First Amendment right to assemble and supporting the one at home, created by those who shred plastic. Another method of torture sands of Americans overseas who are and read the newspaper reports of the American flag. In

What's happening @ ND

A Life of Service: Lecture with Franke Schumh 4 p.m. at DeBartolo 118

Movie: Bread and Tulips 7 p.m. at Hesburgh Library, Carey Auditorium

"I Exilt-Voices from the Gay Lesbian and Gay Middle Eastern Community in the United States" 7 p.m. at Montgomery Theatre, LaFortune Hall

What's happening @ SMU

Plan of the Mind Meeting 3:30 p.m. at Haaggar College Center Room 303

Sophomore 80's Night 7 p.m. at Haaggar Parlor

Student Academic Awards Night 7 p.m. at Stapleton Lounge

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Breaded cheese sticks, marinara sauce, meatball marinagossouf sauce, supreme pizza, breadsticks, smoked creole flank steak roasted pean puopon potatoes brown sauce chicken gravy washed potatoes corn, apple cobbler, pasta primavera, swiss spinach bake, oriental vegetables, baked potatoes, cream of wheat

South Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: pasta shells primavera, gorgonzola sauce, cheese and pepperonini French bread pizza, London broil with wine marinade, turkey turnover, cheddar-crumbled scord, collard greens with ham hocks, shrimp creole, potatoes au gratin, whipped potatoes, cut corn, sliced carrots, broccoli, collard cuts. Today's Dinner: Roast top sirloin of beef, fresh grilled Polish sausage, southern-Fried chicken, Polish-style kluskis noodles, sautéed cabbage, reini with spring vegetables, whipped potatoes, cut corn, baked potatoes, broccoli, collard greens with ham hocks

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Development office to undergo transition period

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Editor

As the development office awaits the formal announcement of the University's next strategic plan and the subsequent development of a capital campaign, it will undergo a transition period as positions are reshuffled and created.

Lou Nanni, vice president for University relations, said promotions were made and a new position was created in order to increase development funding and the number of contributions.

"These changes would make the University even better," Nanni said.

Dan Reagan, assistant vice president for University relations and executive director of development for Notre Dame, received a promotion earlier this year to the newly created position of associate vice president for University relations and executive director for principal gifts and campaign administration.

Nanni said the position was created because many of Notre Dame's peer institutions have equivalent positions. He added that the move was not connected to the downturn in the economy or the decreased University endowment.

Nanni said the University needed to be more strategic in looking for major gifts, which are considered those that are above $5 million. Reagan will focus on and cultivate a group of prospective major gifts donors for the University's next capital campaign.

Reagan, who has been part of the development staff since 1984, worked extensively on the Generations capital campaign, which raised approximately $1 billion dollars. Nanni said he expects the next campaign will be established following University President Father Edward Malloy's May report to the Board of Trustees titled "Notre Dame 2010: A Quest for Leadership," which espouses campus wide strategic planning.

"Dan has been a senior administrator in developmental operations and an instrumental leader in the largest campaign ever in Catholic education," Nanni said. "He embraces the ideals of Notre Dame and is respected by his peers inside and outside of the University. He garnered great respect from alumni."

Two assistant vice presidents will fill the position that Reagan will vacate this summer. Timothy Rippinger, director of development operations, will be in charge of leadership, student relations, and executive director of a large staff. Tim is a perfect fit to lead this critically important area of the University.

"Tim is the consummate professional and represents, so very well, the values of Notre Dame," Nanni said in a press release. "We fell fortunate to have someone of Tim's caliber with the specific fund-raising experience he possesses. From regional development to the management and orchestration of a large staff, Tim is a perfect fit to lead this critically important area of the University."

The development office is searching for someone to fill the other assistant vice president position, which would be in charge of national programs.

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Students concerned about study abroad

By MARY BETH BROVIAK
News Writer

With the outbreak of war in the Iraq and the occurrence of sometimes-violent protests in foreign countries, Saint Mary's students are concerned about their safety when studying abroad. Mary Beth Broviak, director of the College's Freshman Orientation, said the policy of the College’s Freshman Orientation director of the College’s Freshman Carrie Brisson, who is considering studying abroad at the National Dijon, France program. She has the privilege of speaking with the faculty and advised students to contact her immediately should any concerns arise. Cultural Experience Abroad — the organization that facilitates the College’s Dijon program — has its own policies for dealing with safety concerns.

Sophomore Haley Samelson, currently studying abroad at the National University in Maynooth, Ireland, said program directors are often left in the dark about safety concerns.

The policy at Saint Mary’s is that those who are attending the university should understand that they are attending a conflict abroad. Samuelson said she and other Americans were warned by the American embassy not to attend last month’s anti-war protests because of concerns about the events turning against Americans, but she decided to attend anyway.

"We went and people seemed really happy that we were there," Samuelson said. Additionally, students scheduled to study abroad next semester face the decision of whether to travel overseas because of concerns over safety.

Freshman Carrie Brisson, who is considering studying in Rome next year, said her decision would not be affected by the situation in Iraq. "War doesn’t affect my thoughts on going abroad," she said. "Although it may affect my mother’s," she said. "You just get to stay and follow your life (and not let those things affect you)."

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Lecturers discuss women’s issues

By EMILY BRAMMER
News Writer

Women today should question traditional stereotypes about women’s issues when taking positions on such topics as the abortion issue, said lecturers Amy Richards and Jennifer Baumgardner Wednesday.

Richards and Jennifer, co-authors of "Manifesta: Young Women, Feminism, and the Future," discussed the Third Wave, a new generation of feminism, in their talk titled "Can I be a Feminist and...Shave, Love My Boyfriend, Make Money, Get Married, Be Pro-Life?"

Richards and Baumgardner explained that personal decision-making in life should not be dependent on the predominant feminist ideas concerning men, the pro-life issue and religion. They also said that many stereotypes do not reflect the true feminist movement.

"We needed men to help advance the feminist movement in the '70s, but the current incarnation of the 'man question' is that we need men to be feminists for their own sake," said Richards.

The speakers also emphasized the importance of diverse personal opinions among feminists.

"We find that some people are agreeing on certain issues, while some people have wildly different opinions and that's great," said Baumgardner.

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Euron scandal

Nader also discussed the current economic state of our country. Though the economy was growing at an unprecedented rate, Nader was concerned about the high numbers of low-class citizens.

"Why are there poor people?" said Nader. "Why are 25 percent of children raised in poverty? Why are public services crumbling before our eyes?"

According to Nader, Americans do not ask for the answers to such important questions because they are conditioned by the corporate business culture.

"You are not here just to learn a trade. You’re here for the liberal arts...to develop critical minds (and) to develop minds that reach the heights of human possibility," Nader said.

A key component of the policy of social accountability that Nader discussed was pre-eminently "Redo effective citizens are fundamental for a just democracy," Nader said.

Citizen impact on the accountability and integrity of core maturing and coming into influential roles, the people who are having a voice to be heard, hope and a new spark of energy, rather than just a continuance of the pre-previous movements, "said Nader.

"We need a people who have widely different opinions and that’s great," said Nader.

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**Needy Iraqis cheer arrival of delayed relief convoy**

Associated Press

**UMM QASSAR, Kuwait** The first sizable relief convoy rolled into Iraq on Wednesday, bringing water, tuna, crackers and other food to Iraqis, some of whom cheered as they swarmed tractors hauling out supplies. "Eat, eat!" shouted an Iraqi boy who rode on the back of one truck as the convoy lumbered past.

The relief effort had been delayed for days by a sandstorm, mined waterways and fierce fighting across southern Iraq. Three days after President Bush promised "massive amounts" of humanitarian aid, seven banded tractor-trailers entered Umm Qasr, escorted by U.S. soldiers.

They carried hundreds of cases of water stacked on three of the semis, as well as boxes of tuna, crackers, sweets and other food. "We planned for 30 trucks but we only got seven loaded because of the severe sandstorm," said U.S. military officials at the Humanitarian Operations Center, a joint U.S.-Kuwaiti agency. The storm cut visibility in 100 yards.

Iraqi youths cheered and swarmed British troops as they handed out yellow meal packets and bottled water. The troops, already a popular city, were not part of the aid convoy.

Two tanker trucks filled with fresh water were mobbed by crowds of Iraqi civilians carrying bottles, jars and other containers.

"Very, good, but it's not enough," said one man who was not satisfied with not enough, only two tankers. Not enough, two vehicles. Not enough, please. We need a good water supply."

British Capt. Brad Percival said allied forces were eager to win the trust of Iraqi civilians.

"This is the first time the water has been brought to this location," said Percival of the First Pioneer Regiment. "At the moment they're afraid we're just going to drive off and leave them dry.

"We come to these places for set periods of time. We vary where we go so that hopefully they get to trust us and they know we're going to be there. They don't have to rush. Today is the first time here. Tomorrow, when we come back, hopefully it'll be less hectic."

An American soldier, speaking in Arabic, announced the arrival of water through a public address system fitted to the roof of a Humvee, the Daily Telegraph of London reported. "Fresh water, fresh water," the crackling voice said. "Please take as much as you can in 20 minutes before we move to another location."

The near town of Safwan, a smaller aid convoy brought by Kuwait's Red Crescent Society opened. Aid workers tossed out the boxes, which disappeared into a forest of grasping hands.

"They were greedy by hundreds of Iraqis. Many were young men, some shirtless and dirty, who began fighting over the white boxes of aid as soon as the truck doors opened.

Hungry Iraqis grab for boxes of food in an aid convoy from Kuwait to the border town of Safwan. Relief is just starting to trickle into Iraq after a week of fighting cut off most cities from desperately needed supplies.

**WORLD NEWS BRIEFS**

U.S. paratroopers land in northern Iraq:

Army airborne forces parachuted into northern Iraq on Wednesday, seizing an airfield for a new front against Saddam Hussein. U.S. and British warplanes bombed an enemy convoy fleeing the besieged city of Falluja in the south.

Pakistan, India trade missile tests:

Pakistan and India conducted tit-for-tat missile capable, nuclear-capable missile tests Wednesday, pushing their decade of conflict to the forefront amid a global push for a nuclear-free world as the world's other conflicts continue. India on Wednesday also accused Pakistan of having a hand in this week's murder of 24 Hindus in disputed Kashmir, and the two countries exchanged heavy artillery across the cease-fire line dividing the Himalayan province between them.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

**Nobel peace winners arrested**:

The Trump administration arrested two Nobel Peace Prize winners and two bishops in Vietnam as part of a crackdown on Americans who have been critical of the communist regime. The arrests came as the U.S. and Vietnam were preparing to mark the 20th anniversary of the fall of Saigon.

Bush warns hardest battles lie ahead:

President Bush said Wednesday the war in Iraq is far from over and the toughest battles will come as a reminder that the world's other conflicts continue. India on Wednesday also accused Pakistan of having a hand in this week's murder of 24 Hindus in disputed Kashmir, and the two countries exchanged heavy artillery across the cease-fire line dividing the Himalayan province between them.

**Court rules on Elian excess force lawsuit:**

Former Attorney General Janet Reno and other federal officials have immunity from an excessive force lawsuit filed by the Miami relatives of young Cuban refugee Elian Gonzalez, an appellate court ruled. Reno, former Immigration and Naturalization Service Commissioner Doris Meissner and former Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder cannot be sued for their official actions even if they can be shown that they knew the agents would violate the Gonzalez family's rights when they seized the boy, the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said in a ruling made public Wednesday.

**Shuttle probe finds clues in melted metal**:

The space shuttle Columbia has left the majority of the space shuttle's left wing experienced the hottest temperatures, perhaps offering clues as to where fierce gases penetrated the spacecraft, experts said Wednesday.
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The Washington Post report­
ed Wednesday that Landstuhl is the only 100-bed medical center of the United States.

Although receiving two deliveries of wounded personnel Monday, the hospital said the sys­
tem has been preparing to increase its beds and staff. According to the report, the second group of wounded per­
sonnel arrived to Landstuhl with four people on ventilators, which is what Dustin Ferrell used initially to breathe.

The first day was pretty minimal because all they said was he had a very serious accident," she said.

A major from the Camp Lejeune, North Carolina mili­
tary base, where Dustin Ferrell worked, called Rachael Ferrell’s cell phone and noti­
fed her of Dustin’s situa­tion. After more calls were made by Ferrell’s father, Richard, the family soon found out that Dustin Ferrell had to have a field operation in Germany on his trachea because he was unable to breathe.

Although the family is still piecing information together, Rachael Ferrell said it has been a difficult process.

"We don’t have any knowl­
dge as to what happened," she said. "I know it was at night. That’s all I really know."

Since Dustin Ferrell is not

Former NY Sen. Moynihan dies

Associated Press
WASHINGTON
Daniel Patrick Moynihan, a former Democratic senator, ambassador and presidential adviser known for his scholarly intellect, has died. He was 76.

"He was a man of great intellect, a profound thinker, and one of the most eloquent and respected public figures of our time," said Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., who two years ago succeeded Moynihan in the New York Senate seat he announced his death on the Senate floor. "We have lost a great American, an extraordinary senator, an intellec­tual, and a man of passion and understanding for what really makes the country work," she said.

Moynihan died Wednesday at the Washington Hospital Center from complications stemming from a ruptured appendix. In declining health recently, he had undergone surgery to have his appendix removed on March 11.

During his 24 years in the Senate, lawmakers from both parties turned to the garly professorial Moynihan for his

expertise on welfare issues, transportation, Social Security and foreign policy.

"Rising from the depths of Hell's Kitchen in New York," said Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., "he became one of America's foremost intellectu­
als, whose foresight and ability to bring public attention to some of the nation's most serious issues before others even realized their existence."

"I just hope God gives us a few more Pat Moynihans in this Senate, and in this country," fol­

In 2000, Moynihan received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor.

Born March 16, 1927, in Tulsa, Okla., he became a shoe shine boy in New York City and then helped make ends meet after his father deserted the family when Moynihan was 12.

He graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School in East Harlem and attended New York University for one year before enlist­ing in the Navy, serving on active duty from 1944 to 1947.

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"We really think the in-hall dance is something the Campus Life Council should be reviewing again, especially in addition to the letter." — Katie Boyle, Cavanaugh senator Sciences major, Conley, Stanford senator, said Navy ROTC students are required to take a series of either six or eight courses, while University minors are only five courses. Conley noted that many other schools offer a similar option for ROTC students. (ROTC students) do all the work without the recognition that a minor would offer," Conley said.

Senate unanimously passed a resolu­tion calling for the estab­
ishment of a Na va l

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"While we applaud the University for providing tem­
porary funds to partially compensate for these added costs, we fear that the abil­
ity of hall councils to provide attractive and feasible dances has nevertheless been compromised," the letter stated.

The letter concluded by stating that because stu­
dents are now aware of the alcohol prob­
лем and understanding for what the body's most beloved and

"In keeping with our recom­
dendations, we thought it was reasonable to warn the students of the two groups about the possibility of alcohol and availability of food and drinks for the remaining in-hall dances," Conley said.

"But we're not willing to be responsible for the alcohol at these events," Conley said.

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Senator OKs budget reducing tax cuts

The Senate delivered a wartime refu...
Nobel peace prize winners awarded

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Two Nobel Peace Prize winners, two bishops and Vietnamese War activist Daniel Elsberg were among those arrested near the White House in anti-war protests Wednesday. More than 100 demonstrators in Florida denounced President Bush during his trip to the state.

Police said they arrested 65 people who climbed over police barricades closing off Lafayette Park, across Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House, and sang and prayed until they were arrested. Police said 65 people were taken into custody. Protesters left behind some pictures of Iraqi civilians that they said represented those who could die in the war.

Those arrested included Nobel laureates Mairead Corrigan of the Northern Ireland Peace Movement and Judy Williams of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, as well as Roman Catholic Auxiliary Bishop Thomas Gumbleton of the Detroit archdiocese; Bishop C. Joseph Sprague of the United Methodist Church in the Chicago area; Dave Robinson, a national coordinator of Pax Christi USA, the Catholic peace movement, and Elsberg.

Elsberg is best known for his leak of the Pentagon Papers, a top secret Defense Department study on the Vietnam War that he considered proof that American officials were lying about chances for victory. He said he hoped that his willingness to get arrested might encourage someone in the federal government to release more information about the war with Iraq.

“There are people who could prove the falsity of this war was in Tampa, Fla., visiting the headquarters of the U.S. Central Command, housed at MacDill Air Force Base. About 150 demonstrators protested in the city's downtown waterfront district.

“This is war so unjust. There is popular support against it,” said Audrey Colombe, 44, of Tampa, who carried a sign saying, “War is not the answer.” “I can't sit at home and do nothing.”

In New York, 16 antiwar protesters, linked by handcuffs, were arrested for blocking a busy midtown Manhattan intersection near Rockefeller Center by lying down in the street.

In San Francisco, all 12 demonstrators arrested on felony charges during last week's protests there had their charges dropped or reduced to misdemeanors. Overall, more than 1,500 people were arrested last week.

And 10 activists in Olympia, Wash., who chained themselves together with bike locks around their necks and blocked the main entrance to the state Senate were arrested after police cut the locks with an electric power saw.

Supporters of the war demonstrated Wednesday as well. Around 200 Yale University students held a rally on campus.

“Today we affirm that Saddam Hussein has lost. Yale junior Michael Anastasio told flag-waving supporters.

I don’t think, war or no war, those differences would be any differently reflected.” In a written statement, Bush said it was unfortunate that Senate’s tax number fell shy of his own.

“We will work to ensure that the final House-Senate budget provides the growth measures American workers deserve,” he said.

“The growth package is not what I want,” said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Don Nickles, R-Okla. “I think it's about half a loaf. That's better, though. It's better than nothing.”

The votes came as Congress begins considering Bush’s $74.7 billion proposal to pay for the war with Iraq and other costs of the U.S. drive against terrorism at home and abroad.

Members of both parties have said a concern about the war’s price tag — and the potentially expensive American role in a postwar Iraq — has helped soften support for Bush’s entire tax plan.

Bush’s economic package was dominated by his proposal to eliminate the taxes shareholders pay on corporate dividends, which lawmakers say is now in trouble. It would also include corporate income tax reductions already scheduled to take effect and enhance some write-offs for businesses.

The administration and its GOP supporters said the tax cuts would recharge the economy by boosting stock values, increasing corporate investment and putting more money into consumers’ pockets. Democrats and some moderate Republicans say the cuts would only worsen federal deficits that seem likely to near a record $400 billion this year, and are the opposite of the sacrifice the government often requires dur-
Smallpox vaccine leads to death

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Health officials are recommending that people with heart disease not get vaccinated against smallpox as authorities investigate a possible link between the vaccine and heart problems.

The vaccination has never been associated with heart problems before, but the warning and the investigation suffered from conflicting accounts.

Gerberding said she does not expect to find a link between the heart trouble and the vaccine but wants further study before ruling it out.

"It could be entirely coincidental," she said. "Coronary artery disease is a very common condition in our society."

The vaccine carries well-documented side effects, but they have never included heart problems. Still, the data were gathered during a time when most people being vaccinated were young children not likely to have heart trouble, Gerberding noted.

The CDC planned to gather cardiac experts on Wednesday to consider whether something in the vaccine might be triggering heart problems in people who already have risk factors.

Health officials also plan to compare the rate of heart problems in the pool of smallpox vaccine recipients with the rate expected in a similar population of people who have not been vaccinated.

Under the mandatory military program, several hundred thousand people have been vaccinated, the CDC said. Two people have been reported with inflammation of the heart, none of which was clinically severe. All the people who became ill were being vaccinated for the first time.

Based on studies in the late 1960s, experts estimate that one or two people out of every million being vaccinated for the first time will die. The death rate for those being revaccinated was lower: Two people died out of 8.5 million who were revaccinated in a 1968 study.

Additionally, 14 to 52 people out of every million being vaccinated for the first time are expected to suffer life-threatening side effects.

That's because the smallpox vaccine is made with a live virus called vaccinia, a cousin to smallpox which can cause illness if it escapes the inoculation site and infects another part of the body. Vaccina can also infect those who touch someone else's vaccination site.

Belgium

Seven more nations become part of NATO

Associated Press

BRUSSELS
NATO officially signed up seven eastern European nations to become members on Wednesday, an expansion hailed as a historic reunification of the continent after decades of Cold War division.

In an emotional ceremony at NATO headquarters, foreign ministers from Romania, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Lithuania, Slovenia, Estonia and Latvia approved the formal protocols of admission.

"This is a momentous day for NATO," said Nicholas Burns, the U.S. ambassador to NATO. "The United States congratulates these seven nations for their dedication to the Alliance and the broader trans-Atlantic community.

NATO invited the seven to join at a November summit in Prague. The countries will become members in May 2004 if their parliaments ratify the treaties. They will be covered by the alliance's core security guarantee that states an attack on one member is an attack on all.

"We feel like winners," said Romania Foreign Minister Mircea Geoana. "A dream of generations of Romanians has come true."

Ministers from the three Baltic states that broke free of Soviet rule in 1990 stressed in particular the importance of NATO's security umbrella.

"Latvia will never again stand alone in the face of a threat," said Foreign Minister Sandra Kalniete.

Estonia Foreign Minister Kristiina Ojulande called the accession of seven newcomers "a historic step for a Europe free, whole and at peace."

Under NATO procedures, the ministers did not themselves sign the protocols, but approved the signing by diplomats from the current 19 members.

"Future historians will recognize that this decision to open NATO's doors has been a turning point in the building of a Europe reunited and free," NATO Secretary General Lord Robertson said.

The United States firmly supported NATO's post-Cold War eastward expansion. In turn, it received strong backing from most newcomers in the run-up to the war against Iraq -- in marked contrast to opposition from long-standing allies France, Germany and Belgium.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld welcomed the pro-American sentiment from the easterners, saying it represented the views of a "new Europe" while French President Jacques Chirac denounced their refusal to back his anti-war stance.

Further underlining the demise of Cold War divisions, five of the new NATO members will join the European Union in May 2004 along with Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic, which became NATO members in 1999.
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NORTH KOREA

Officials call talks with Americans ‘meaningless’

PYONGYANG
North Korea on Wednesday cut off the sole regular military contact with the U.S.-led U.N. Command that monitors the Korean War armistice, saying it was “meaningless” to sit with the Americans. The move will further isolate the North amid heightened tension over its suspected nuclear weapons programs. The North has accused the United States of using the nuclear issue as an excuse to attack the communist state, and Pyongyang has said it would boost its defenses amid such fears.

But South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun on Wednesday dismissed as “groundless” allegations by the North that U.S. forces may attack and spark a “second Iraqi crisis” on the Korean Peninsula.

“There will be no war on the Korean Peninsula as long as we do not want a war,” Roh’s office quoted him as saying, adding that Washington has repeatedly pledged to resolve the crisis peacefully.

Meanwhile, U.N. envoy Maurice Strong said that North Korean officials told him in meetings in Pyongyang last week that they “reserved the right” to reprocess spent fuel rods that experts say could yield enough plutonium for several atomic bombs within months. Such a move would spike tension even further.

The North’s Korea People’s Army sent a telephone message to the U.N. Command saying it will no longer send its delegates to the liaison-officers’ meeting at the inter-Korean border village of Panmunjom.

“It is meaningless to sit together with the U.S. forces side by side to discuss any issue as long as it remains arrogant,” the North’s official news agency KCNA quoted the North Korean message as saying.

The announcement came as lawmakers from across North Korea convened the country’s rubber-stamp parliament amid heightened tension over the communist state’s suspected nuclear weapons program.

The U.N. Command, which has monitored the armistice since the end of the 1950-53 war, had no immediate comment. Without a peace treaty, the Korean Peninsula is still technically in a state of war.

U.S. officials representing the U.N. Command have met North Korean officers at Panmunjom almost weekly since the end of the war.

In Japan, space agency officials were preparing to launch their first spy satellites into orbit on Friday. North Korea has condemned the move, prompting fears it may retaliate and test-fire a long-range missile.

Japan’s satellite launch “is for the purpose of information gathering,” said Japanese Foreign Ministry spokesman Hatsuaki Takashima. “It is not offensive, or intended to interfere with any other nation’s security whatsoever.”

Takashima said that the satellites will play a role in Japan’s national security, however.

Meanwhile in the North’s capital, Pyongyang, North Korean Finance Minister Mun II bong said that the 2003 budget will increase 14.4 percent from last year, with 15.4 percent of the spending allocated to national defense, according to KCNA.

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Re-examining domestic policy

Paul Graham is right in his March 26 column. Despite the war, we certainly cannot ignore our economy or our domestic problems. I find it a humorous coincidence, though, that his article appears immediately above Mr. Graham’s article defending Aceita Foods. Zellner points out that the Progressive Student Alliance and Paul Graham advocate the union view in a manner unfair to Aceita. In this very same Observer issue, Graham again unfairly slants and skews the issues of domestic policy.

Graham describes a “strain on the national budget.” This includes deficit spending and a deficit in the national surplus. He can hardly be faulted for criticizing this. The Common understanding holds that elimination of deficits and debts is part of a fiscally responsible government. This common understanding, however, is wrong.

So long as a country can service the interest on its debt, deficit spending actually expands the economy and stimulates growth. Furthermore, when a government runs a surplus, it takes in more money than it spends. This saves the economy by removing money. It should come as no surprise, then, that periods of large deficit reduction — and even of government-run surpluses — have immediately preceded most of our nation’s recessions.

Graham unfairly treats tax cuts. Certainly, wealthier people receive more raw dollars back from these cuts than poorer people. This should be obvious, as wealthy people pay an enormous amount in taxes. Poorer people, in contrast, pay relatively little. In fact, some poor people do not pay federal income taxes at all; these people will obviously not receive any money from tax cuts.

An example should help. Imagine two people: one earns $1,000 a month and pays 10 percent in taxes, or $100. The other earns $10,000 a year and pays 30 percent, or $3,000. If you cut the first person’s taxes in half, so that he will only pay five percent of his income, then he saves $1,000. If you reduce second person’s tax rate by a mere one percent, to 29 percent, she will gain 10 times as much as the first person, or $10,000.

Even with minuscule cuts for the wealthy and huge percentage cuts for the poor, the wealthy always gain many more dollars. Raw dollars are therefore an improper means to measure tax cuts unless we believe that rich people’s tax burdens should never be reduced at all. Furthermore, if the poorest people desperately need the smallest amount of money being returned to them, then the tax cuts do “help those that really need the money,” despite what Graham says.

Consider local police, firefighters, and district attorneys. Would we tolerate a firefighters’ strike, so that workers picket while houses burn? Should we tolerate a police strike, so that communities lost protection from criminal activity while workers negotiated? What about a strike in the DA’s office? Prisoners would be denied their right to a speedy trial until the government settled with the government.

Some might welcome such strikes. I do not, as I recognize that public safety may sometimes trump certain aspects of “workers’ rights.” This applies to baggage screeners and the Justice Department. However, I would defend the absolute right, however, to peacefully and legally contest one’s job. In this very same Observer issue, Graham describes an unfair union view in a manner unfair to Azteca. In this very same Observer issue, Graham again unfairly slants and skews the issues of domestic policy.

The least I can do is to recognize that the American Dream is easier to fight for one’s principles than to fight for one’s pocketbook.

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Student Senate needs independence

I am writing this letter in response to Mark Leon’s letter in Wednesday’s Viewpoint and the coverage of Monday’s Executive Cabinet meeting.

I am very vocally opposed the idea presented in previous articles about giving Executive Cabinet power over the Senate. In addition to being a present member of the Executive Cabinet, I have also had the privilege last year of serving as the senator from Pasquerilla West. In that capacity, I served on the oversight committee, which specifically looked at and preserved the University’s Constitution, and later I joined an unofficial task force that looked at once again reorganizing student government through Constitutional redrafting. As the end result, I have nothing but the utmost respect for the role that the Student Senate plays here at Notre Dame.

I truly do believe that the Senate adequately reflects residential student opinion as best as it can be organized. I adamantly oppose the suggestion that the Student Senate should be checked by the Executive Cabinet. The Senate has enough checks on it already to make it difficult for University policies to be changed (the CCL, the Student Body President, the administration). Adding another check would not make a vast difference to policy ideas and goals that are presently being frustrated. Although Libby Bishop has attempted to lead Executive Cabinet into a more policy-influencing role this past year, my perspective remains the same.

Executive Cabinet exists primarily as a communication for programming efficiency across groups, and the Senate’s main emphasis is on affecting policy. The Student Senate deserves its independent power with no restriction from the Executive Cabinet. I hope that future students looking to restrict its capacity to affect positive change at Notre Dame take this experienced opinion into consideration along with the consciousness of student government history that Mr. Leon is talking about.

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It is easier to fight for one’s principles than to live up to them.
— Alfred Adler
Austrian psychologist
Thursday, March 27, 2003

Unleash the power of pacifism

Andrew DeBerry

ND Changing Times

I grew up in a military family. My brother graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy and is now in South Korea as an air traffic controller. I will also serve in the Air Force. And despite these strong family values, I have much hope for advent in the present of pacifism. My mentality is one of contradiction. Or is it?

The church promotes the just war theory and pacifism as two Christian responses to violence. While pacifism in a commendable personal ethic, it would be dangerous if it were a public government's exclusive response to violence. Although steady, pacifist efforts by the government could result in a strong decline of the public authority is responsible for addressing rising conflicts with an immediacy and effectiveness that pacifist efforts would struggle to provide.

The church consequently also endorses the just war theory (JW), which has a peaceful spirit in its focus on limited war. The government can work to stop immediate problems, ideally through a JW approach, but it is essential that we endorse ethics such as pacifism who are needed to cool the deep fires of hatred with the power of agape.

Imagine, for example, a tree dropping detritus-acorns of death onto innocent people. The military would cut ofT the branch causing the immediate problem, but people, especially those skilled at heart with the pacific virtues of peace and love, would be essential for providing the natural solution to uproot the core of the evil.

Such pacifists are to be recognized for being the voice in the desert working to keep people in their right, moral sense. They provide strong viewpoints to be considered in an era when military capabilities are develop at an exponential pace.

The more successful activists have shifted a "negative pacifist" image to effect significant improvements in the world. Even my ARFOIC textbook acknowledges the potential of pacifism with a picture of demonstrators that show how "Czech and Slovak national­ism led to the peaceful separa­tion of Czechoslovakia into the Czech Republic and Slovakia." These successes challenge the pacifi­cist advance to draw more from its great potential. The effort must have a presence in this world that is as tangible as military forces with an effective organization, coordinated leadership­ship, skilled professionals and clearly articulated objectives. The numbers of those who are willing to die for peace must match those of the numbers who are willing to die within the military. The resurrecting power of pacifism won't be realized until the peacemakers are willing to become peace martyrs. Pacifists have many avenues for realizing their vision. After seeing a war protest in D.C. through a Center for Social Concerns seminar, I can see that protests are helpful for uniting concerned citizens in a common spirit.

However, by intensely celebrating being a countercultural alternative voice, some protesters actually shoot themselves in the foot as they lose influential parts of their audience who may only see them as a deaf ear.

There's a Lebanese proverb that says, "Lower your voice and strengthen your argument." I imagine that the names at the Washington Monument went home to continue delving into the issues with an open mind to better understand the various perspectives. Many are very knowledgeable, such as Father Pfarr in Notre Dame who has imparted factual keys and perspectives that are imperative for any military officer at least to be aware of. Such capable people are needed to apply their intelligence to form brilli­ant arguments and solutions that knock people's socks off.

There are advantages to working within the system also. Instead of protesting the war at mass rallies that many politicians disregard, what if those energies were focused on finding ways to promote peace within the government structure itself? What if there was a Presidential cabinet position focused on finding practical, non-violent solutions? In essence, what if a person became so well versed in the gov­ernment system that they could help pro­mote a Department of Peace in Congress?

Someone already has. His name is Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-Ohio). A Google search on Department of Peace (HR2459) will bring up several links about this HR2459 bill proposing the Department of Peace to the House of Representatives. Bill proposes that utilizes often overlooked venues for promoting peace.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Protest false patriotism

My Washington Program peers, Ben Haney, Beth Monteleone and Jacque Wilson, have published a March 24 letter that once Congress has decided to go to war, not only is the debate over but speaking out against this decision is in fact unpatriotic even if it is protected under the Constitution. If going against my conscience, reasoning and religious and philosophical beliefs, is the only way I can participate in the system, there's a right way to do it.

I have been brought up to believe that the Constitution is not applicable only during peacetime. I also believe that it is my duty as an American to exercise my rights, including freedom of speech. This is especially so during a war that, according to Haney, Monteleone and Wilson, is being waged to give a people these same rights. Shouldn't we show them the bear of being a citizen, but against one's govern­ment? Shouldn't we exercise the right of rights that are supposedly defending?

The idea that patriotism requires a people to support a war and not speak out, even if their conscience is burning in their mind to better understand the various perspectives. Many are very knowledgeable, such as Father Pfarr at Notre Dame who has imparted key facts and perspectives that are imperative for any military officer at least to be aware of. Such capable people are needed to apply their intelligence to form brilliant arguments and solutions that knock people's socks off.

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I appreciate Fred Zelner's March 26 response to the Progressive Student Alliance campaign in support of striking workers at Azteca Foods. Needless to say, there are two sides to any labor dispute, and ZeZner and others should be afford­ed every opportunity to present the company position. Many concerned students had in fact hoped that Mr. Velasquez himself would respond to Paul Graham's March 5 column. Such a response would allow interested individuals to further evaluate the issue.

While I found ZeZner's analysis of working conditions at Azteca to be somewhat informa­tive, I am left with the feeling that he failed to directly address many of the concerns raised by the striking workers. In merely pointing to past grievances and procedures and better retirement benefits, it seems as if he was more interested in seeking to cut take-home pay by up to $0.32 an hour through increased healthcare costs.

Indeed, in many cases the workers are striking precisely because they do not want to see a sig­nificant reduction in the benefits Zelner men­tioned at a time when Azteca is said to be doing quite well. Of further concern is the noticeable silence of Mr. VeZlezquez. He demonstrated an demands made by striking workers. As Graham noted, workers are also asking for seniority rights, grievance procedures and better retirement ben­efits. Readers may have found Zelner's letter more useful had these topics been discussed.

In closing, I would like to assure Zelner that my support for Azteca workers should in no way be construed as an attack on the character of Arthur Velasquez. While I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting him, Mr. Velasquez's reputa­tion as a philosopher has preceded him. I have tremendous respect for the work he has done here in Chicago and in making it financially possible for many at Notre Dame to attend this fine university. I look forward to the debate over the Azteca position on the ongoing strike.
MOVIE REVIEW

'Tears of the Sun' predictable yet entertaining

By JOE HEIECK
Scene Movie Critic

When I first saw the preview for "Tears of the Sun," I thought the movie looked stupid — so I went to see it. Expecting junk, it actually was entertaining.

Lt. A.K. Waters (Bruce Willis) and his SEAL team head deep into Nigerian jungle to extract an American, Dr. Lena Kendricks (Monica Bellucci), from the war-ravaged nation. Kendricks refuses to leave without the villagers she has cared for and has grown to love. A soldier that always does the "right" thing (following orders without thought of consequence based on U.S. policy), Waters decides to do the real right thing: save Kendricks and the villagers. Now, Waters and his men must get everyone to Cameroon while fending off the rebel army and defying orders.

The movie follows standard script format. Hence, its only noticeable drawback is you can anticipate what will happen, for example who will live and die, from their character development and dialogue. Yet the movie moves at a good pace. Plenty of twists, explosions, death and sexual tension hold your attention throughout the picture. Moreover, "Tears of the Sun" spotlights the wretched wars in Africa that claimed the lives of millions without much care from the rest of the world.

Director Antoine Fuqua is no stranger of fictions in forgotten realities. His last film, "Training Day," is such a story. Denzel Washington starred as an LAPD veteran narcotics officer who has corrupt ways of enforcing law and raises ethical questions for rookie Ethan Hawke. Washington won an Academy Award for Best Actor in a Leading Role for his complicated depiction, only the second black actor to do so (the first was Sidney Poitier). Again, Fuqua delivers a movie of gritty reality. He creates tension and conflict through great shots, good direction and few words. Overall, "Tears of the Sun" was an entertaining action-adventure film. Reality mixed with classic Hollywood conflicts makes it a good "popcorn movie."

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"Tears of the Sun"

Director: Antoine Fuqua
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Starring: Bruce Willis, Monica Bellucci, Cole Hauser, Fionnula Flanagan
Under Brey, Irish now have national respect

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Arizona years ago, few doubted Arizona, one of the most prestigious early-season tournaments.

Tonight, the two teams will meet in the West Regional semifinal with an Elite Eight berth on the line.

The increased respect for fifth-seeded Notre Dame playing in the Sweet Sixteen for the first time since 1987 — shows how far the program has risen in three years of Mike Brey's leadership.

After the Irish lost to Arizona in the Preseason NIT in former coach Matt Dacock's only year at the helm, the Irish went on to finish runner-up in the NIT after narrowly missing an NCAA berth. But under Brey, the Irish have advanced to the NCAA Tournament three consecutive years after an 11-year drought. The only Big East team to win 10 league games the last three years, the Irish are one of just nine teams to win first-round tourney games in three consecutive years.

Of course, Arizona, Duke and Kansas — the other teams in the West Regional — are also in that elite company. In the group of four, those are the traditional college basketball powerhouses. Notre Dame is the relative newcomer.

But that doesn't mean Brey thinks the Irish are in over their heads.

"I like that we are in with those three programs because I think we do belong," he said. "I think we're thought of in that mix now with these three years and that step we took in Indianapolis. Our guys certainly have a lot of pride in our program now."

Back in 1999, the Irish were hoping just to stay competitive with the Wildcats and glean a morsel of respect. Now they're looking to extend their tournament run.

For Notre Dame, who plays a No. 1 seed for the second straight year after losing to Duke in the second round last year, tonight's game represents a turning point of sorts. The team's goal since June has been to qualify for the Sweet Sixteen, and with that goal met, the Irish now turn toward making as much noise in the postseason as possible.

They'll try to do so at Arrowhead Pond, where Dan Miller advanced to the Final Four when he played for Maryland.

"We believe that we are one of the top programs and one of the best teams in the country, and we expect to win those games," said Carroll, who is one of two players on Notre Dame's team left from the squad that lost to the Wildcats three years ago.

"We are going in there ... to go beat Arizona, even though nobody is probably going to pick us."

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IRISH INSIDER: Mike Brey pumps his fist during Notre Dame's 66-60 win against Illinois Thursday, March 27, 2003. The Notre Dame team that got blown out by Arizona three years ago is far different from the Brey-coached squad that takes on the Wildcats tonight.
senior leaders, slowly blossom from lost three to do other college foes. Torin Damn coach looking around, but was not expected to help them win games in the season. Francis got accustomed to how the Irish played together. The veterans, meanwhile, spent time teaching Francis the finer points of the game. 

"One thing that was questionable about one team in the fall was the type of balance we'd have between the perimeter and front court guys," Francis said. "I knew I could be the one able to play early and help me gain confidence."

Starting quickly, the Notre Dame's early-season schedule since Mike Brey arrived three years ago has been one where the Irish play a hard of games in order to give freshman tons of experience early. The plan worked well for Francis, who saw significant playing experience and scored decent points in Notre Dame's first five games of the season. But the sixth game, an 85-80 Irish loss to Creighton, showed him how big the man had to learn. He never got into the flow of the game, got hurt mid-early and only played six minutes. Yet, much like he would in Big East games later in the season, Francis received back to reacting to two of his biggest performances. In one St. Joe's game, Francis averaged 20.5 points and nine rebounds, which worked wonders for the freshman's confidence.

"That was definitely a boost for the team, but for me personally, I just felt like I established my role on the team," he said. "I felt like I was getting better from then on."

Big East man Small, but surely, the Irish began to trust their big man with the ball more. An athletic rebounder and a solid defender, Brey often complemented the play of his big man even if he didn't have the points to support such generous praise.

"The situation that shows more about Francis' improvement than his skills, the freshman was in danger of getting taken out of a game at Pittsburgh because he was too reluctant to go to the basket with the ball. In fact, Brey had sent Cornette to the scorer's table to check in when Francis suddenly grabbed a pass, spun toward the basket like a veteran big man and scored an easy layup. After Francis repeated the move the next series, Brey moved Cornette back to the bench, and the Irish went on to knock off the then-No. 4 Panthers."

"My teammates had confidence in me, and that helped me gain confidence in myself," Francis said. "I think my teammates are willing to pass me the ball because they said, 'If he's effective, we'll give him the ball.'"

Stretch run As the Big East season wore on, Francis developed as an excellent rebounder — he averages 8.3 boards a game — and a solid defender. What's more, he proved himself was beyond his years when, if the shoes didn't fit in the first half, he refused to get taken out of his game. "I know they say that freshmen hit a wall during the season," Francis said. "Some games, I just didn't have a good game, and you can't have a good game every time. But there were games that I was effective."

The Irish began making concerted efforts to get the ball to Francis, who proved himself adept at either kicking the ball out or scoring on demand. When earlier in the season Francis seldom touched the ball on offensive possessions, Thomas would often dribble around the 3-point line waiting for Francis to establish himself.

"If you look at how many times I got the ball in the beginning of the season, and how many times I get it now," Francis said, "it just shows how much more of an effect I have on the game now."

Unwavering support Torin Francis' teammates gave him the confidence to live up to his lofty expectations. By ANDREW SOUKUP

"If you look at how many times I got the ball at the beginning of the season, and how many times I got it now, it just shows how much more of an effect I can have."

Torin Francis Irish forward

"You know, they were just telling me to keep going and keep it up."

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Good 'D' might not stop hot-shooting Wildcats

By ANDREW SOUKUP
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At one point in the season, the word "defense" seemed to be just that to the Irish basketball team—a word.

However, in Notre Dame's first two NCAA Tournament victories, the Irish won in large part due to a stingy defense that had disappeared for most of the 2003 calendar year.

But will a strong commitment to defense be enough to help the Irish knock off top-seeded Arizona tonight?

Notre Dame coach Mike Brey isn't sure.

A year ago, when the Irish faced Duke in the second round, Brey told his players they would probably have to score 80-plus points to win, because he knew the Irish would have a tough time stopping the prolific Blue Devil offense.

So how many points does Brey think the Irish need against Arizona, who enter tonight's game averaging a national-best 85.4 points a game?

"I'm thinking about asking for a hundred," Brey said, only half-kidding.

Although Brey thinks the Irish have a good chance against Arizona, he acknowledges the Wildcats are a tough team.

"To be the best, you've got to beat the best," Irish point guard Chris Thomas said, "and Arizona is on top right now."

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Chris Thomas slides in front of Pittsburgh's Brandin Knight during Notre Dame's 66-64 win in February. After that game, the Irish struggled defensively until the NCAA Tournament.

THE SWEET SIXTEEN

MIDWEST REGIONAL

No. 1 Kentucky
They have the most depth and are a tough touch. Look out everyone else.

No. 5 Wisconsin
The Badgers are here thanks to an amazing comeback against Tulsa.

No. 3 Marquette
Dwayne Wade and Travis Diener have made this team a threat in the Midwest.

No. 2 Pittsburgh
Defense will be the key to making the Final Four.

WEST REGIONAL

No. 1 Arizona
A scare from Gonzaga last week may have shaken this giant up.

No. 5 Notre Dame
The Irish are playing in their first Sweet Sixteen game since 1987.

No. 3 Duke
Duke is playing in 39th half of season in the tournament and could be dangerous.

No. 2 Kansas
After a scare from Utah State, the Jayhawks blew out Arizona State.

SOUTH REGIONAL

No. 1 Texas
The Longhorns have an excellent shot at making the final game.

No. 5 Connecticut
The Huskies are playing only other wins over BYU and Stanford.

No. 6 Maryland
A first round bang-out against UNC-Wilmington led the Terrapins alive.

No. 7 Michigan State
The Spartans surprised many by beating Colorado and Florida.

EAST REGIONAL

No. 1 Oklahoma
Star Hollis Price is having groin problems that could hurt the Sooners chances.

No. 12 Butler
This year's Butler team won over No. 17 USC and Louisville.

No. 3 Syracuse
Syracuse has played well already and could run the table as a No. 3 seed.
'Piglet’s Big Movie’ a postmodern haymaker

By BJ STREW
Sacramento Bee

Laugh it up, sure, but most critics miss the boat on the Winnie the Pooh spin-offs. Anyone remember the Tigger Movie? Alas, after its celebrated run on the festival circuit, it was roundly ignored by both American critical and mainstream audiences. Most wrote it off as a run-of-the-mill children’s musical, appreciating neither its debt to the frenzied New Wave nor its droll, nuanced commentary on American politics. So it is a small wonder that it bypassed the megaplex on its way to the living room VCR or DVD player.

Piglet’s Big Movie is inarguably one of the most ingenious spin-offs ever imagined — more so even than Tang. (Thanks, NASA.) At last, the much-maligned genre of animated musicals has subsumed the long-ignored genres of the spaghetti western, the Chinese "wuxia pian," burlesque, film noir and blaxploitation movies in this dazzling postmodern salmagundi. "wuxia pian," burlesque, film noir and blaxploitation movies in this dazzling postmodern salmagundi. At last, the runt of the Hundred Acre Wood family gets his fifteen minutes.

Terror, in the form of marauding ronin, again plagues the serene Hundred Acre Wood. It goes without saying that Christopher Robin, the judo-yet-prissy British leader of said rojin, supplies the greasy amount of honed menace to propel the action of the story. In the penultimate dancing showdown between the Piglet-Roo-Kanga camp and Robin’s set of bandits, it’s Superfly meets Sergio Leone in 1930’s Manhattan. Then Philip Glass chimes in.

Truth be told, however, Glass’s stri­dent Tibetan score finally meshes nei­ther with the sunny, easygoing tenor of the Pooh franchise, nor the clashing melange of genres. Fans of Dolemite will recognize Piglet’s voice as belonging to the relentlessly debonair Rudy Ray Moore. Fred "The Hammer" Williamson, of Black Caesar fame, takes on the dual task of furnishing the voices of both Eeyore and Pooh. Pooh, world­ weary, with a chip on his shoulder, and brandishing a lustrous platinum wakizashi, is finally summoned to right Robin’s wrongs against the forest dwellers. His final mano-a-mano melee with the fiendish Robin will be puzzled over for years by undergrad film majors.

In the end, the sundry influences of B­movie titan Boger and corporate forces working in tandem could be matched, let alone outdone. One thing’s for sure: in order to save the animated musicals genre, Piglet had to destroy it. And postmodernism was his wrecking ball.

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Indiana Pacers 64

The Pacers regained a one-point lead after two free throws by A Harrington with four minutes left. It would be their last lead.

Van Horn, who scored six of his 10 points in the fourth, gave Philadelphia a 78-76 lead on a baseline dunk. He appeared to hurt his right hand on the play, shaking it as he returned down court.

Iverson, Van Horn and Derrick Coleman scored successive baskets to cap the 9-0 run and put the Sixers ahead 84-76. Coleman finished with 13 points and 11 rebounds.

Snow added 18 for the Sixers and Kenny Thomas had 10.

Jermaine O'Neal, playing with a limping right shoulder, led the Pacers with 24 points and Ron Artest had 15.

Warriors 107, Celtic 95

James Richard scored 31 points and the Golden State Warriors broke open a close game early in the fourth quarter to hand the Boston Celtics their sixth straight loss, 107-95 Wednesday night.

Three other Warriors had at least 18 points — Antawn Jamison with 29, Gilbert Arenas with 23 and Troy Murphy with 18 — as Golden State at 52 percent from the field. Murphy added 11 rebounds.

Paul Pierce had 25 points and Eric Williams 15 for the Celtics, whose losing streak is their longest in at least four seasons.

The Warriors, coming off a 21-point loss at Cleveland the previous night, took an 81-74 lead on a driving layup by Arenas — who then slammed the ball off the backboard with about five seconds left. The Warriors opened with a 17-2 run in the fourth quarter, helping Detroit run out the clock.

The game-winner was the second in less than three weeks for Billups. He hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer March 9 to give the Pistons a 107-105 win over Golden State.

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Paul Pierce added 18 points and nine rebounds for the Boston Celtics, 107-95 Wednesday night.

But even so, it was no surprise that the Sixers would fight back.

"I thought this could be the best game of my life," Okur said. "I thought I could do something special because everyone knew Okur was going out and we had a chance to win," Carlisle said. "He has done some great things at the end of games.

Terry, who played all but 13 seconds after playing 42 minutes Tuesday in a loss to the Lakers, said he was hurt more emotionally than physically.

"It's hard to work that hard all night and then lose because someone hits a deep bomb on you at the buzzer," he said. "I feel fine — I was more tired last night — but this one is very demoralizing."

Suns 101, Grizzlies 99

Stephon Marbury capitalized when the Phoenix Suns got a second chance at a game-winning

Marbury scored 23 points, including an 18-footer and a free throw with 1.2 seconds left Wednesday night that gave the Phoenix Suns a 101-99 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies.

Shawn Marion missed a 15-footer with about five seconds left, but got his own rebound and found Marbury on the right wing for the winning three-point play. Marbury had seemed limited in the second half after catching a knee to his thigh with 8:18 left in the third period.

"I really had no burst," Marbury said. "I tried to play the playmaker role. The (winning) shot was just there. It was ordinary. The same thing I always do."

Memphis couldn't get the ball inbound for a tying shot after Marbury's winner.

Phoenix snapped a three-game road losing streak, while Memphis lost for the first time at home in its last four.

"Give Marbury credit, he had a tough shot, got fouled and hit the free throw," said defending NBA Most Improved Player Shane Battier, who guarded Marbury. "They made one more big play than us."

Amare Stoudemire added 22 points for Phoenix, while Marion had 21 points and 18 rebounds. Penny Hardaway scored 18, and Marbury added eight assists.

"It was nice to pull it out and get one of those gut wins," said Kittles, who was 10-for-14 from the field.

We've been trying to do that but we've been coming short. We were more organized down the stretch and we played better defense.

In their last three close games at home, the Nets played poorly down the stretch in losses to Utah, Philadelphia and Milwaukee.

"I would say 75 percent of the season we would have that spurt," said Richard Jefferson, who added 18 points. "Then 10 games later, I don't have that spurt, something goes wrong. All of a sudden, you're struggling in the fourth quarter.

The Knicks were the ones who struggled down the stretch. They made only two baskets after Kittles gave New Jersey an 87-85 lead, and they were late.

Sprewell turned the ball over twice and Allan Houston once.

The Nets won a close home game in Philadelphia's 91-85 win over the Pacers.

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FIGURE SKATING

Kwan wins group at World Championships

Associated Press  WASHINGTON
Michelle Kwan could have done this in her sleep. Kwan practically tumbled out of bed to beat Russia's Elena Sokolova and U.S. teammate Sasha Cohen, winning her qualifying group at the World Figure Skating Championships. Olympic champion Sarah Hughes was sixth.

"It's odd to skate so early, compete so early," said Kwan, whose Wednesday session began at 10:30 a.m. "But all the skaters are in the same boat."

Well, they wish they were in the same boat as Kwan.

Considered the "old lady" of the sport — her first worlds were in 1994 — the 22-year-old Kwan remains a force. The lack of an Olympic title has had little effect on her. Kwan tends of an national title and sixth in a row.

Now Kwan leads at worlds, as well as Kwan, her program was pretty much spotless. Kwan did mess up once late in hers, and she wore an ironic smile after doing just a single toe loop as the second part of a combination that included a triple.

"What was that?" she said, laughing. "I was like, 'OK, got to go.'"

Hughes lacked spark and looked rusty from lack of competition this season — an injured leg sidelined her until nationals, where she was second behind Kwan. She never got in the air for a planned triple salchow-triple loop combination, and then after a nice triple loop out of footwork, she fell on a triple flip. Later, Hughes managed only a single toe loop rather than a triple.

"My body is a little tight right now," Hughes said. "I didn't have a year of competitions to rely on."

It was a disappointing performance after Hughes lit up the arena in Dallas for her free skate at nationals. Her chances for a first world title disappeared. Even a medal will be difficult for the 17-year-old high school senior who has dealt well with the distractions that follow an Olympic champion.

"I'm a little tight," Hughes said. "I've had an injured leg, and I'm not as comfortable as I want to be."

Sokolova's mouth was wide open almost in disbelief after finishing a technically strong program that included seven triples, four in combination. Two judges had her first and her marks ranged from 5.6 to 5.9, but her artistry couldn't match Kwan's.

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American Michelle Kwan competes in her qualifying skate of the World Figure Skating Championships in Washington. Kwan, the four-time world champion, won her group Wednesday.

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NFL

League rejects OT changes

Associated Press

PHOENIX - NFL owners changed nothing.

The league closed its annual spring meeting Wednesday by voting down a proposal to give both teams a shot at the ball in overtime. And it tabled a proposal to expand the playoffs from 12 teams to 14.

The plan to change the overtime rule got 17 votes, seven short of the 24 required for passage.

"They made the decision because the current system presents a tremendous reward or risk," said Indianapolis general manager Bill Polian, who helped convince the other teams by citing the Colts' 23-20 win overtime win over the Broncos in the Denver snow.

The expansion of the playoffs got more support than either commissioner Paul Tagliabue or competition committee chairman Rich McKay expected.

But it was tabled until the league's May meeting in Philadelphia because, Tagliabue said, the league had to study the ramifications for both competition and television coverage involved in adding two wild-card teams.

Some teams also are concerned that only one team would have a bye under the proposed system. And both Tagliabue and McKay noted it was a change in an agreement to wait two years with the new eight-division alignment before tinkering with the playoffs.

"We had no problems last year with the alignment," said McKay, Tampa Bay's general manager. "The teams that made the playoffs were the teams with the best records."

The change in overtime was proposed after a record 25 games went into an extra session in 2001, seven of which ended in overtime, and the last year, Ten of those were won by a team on its first possession and 55 percent were won by the team that won the coin toss at the start of the OT.

One of those was the game in Denver, which seemed to sway many teams.

In that contest, which was televised nationally, the Colts' Mike Vanderjagt tied the game with a 54-yard field goal in regulation. Indianapolis then won the coin toss in overtime and moved the ball far enough for Vanderjagt to try a 51-yarder into the wind, which he made.

In another move, the league changed the rules involving onside kicks in the final five minutes of games.

In the past, if a ball did not go 10 yards, went out of bounds, or was touched illegally, the kicking team was penalized, but had a chance to kick again from five yards back. McKay said that while that was rewarding a team for an illegal play, coaches wanted it retained; the coaches feared teams would stop trying surprise sideline kicks.

It finally passed when it was amended to cover only the final five minutes, when a trailing team often tries to get back in the game by getting another possession through an onside kick.

The owners also spent considerable time discussing racial diversity in hiring practices. There was no agreement, however, on what discipline to take against the Detroit Lions, who hired head coach Steve Mariucci without meeting the new guidelines set to interview at least one minority candidate.

The Lions said that five prospective black candidates turned them down because it was clear that Mariucci was the first choice for the job.

NBA

Mourning plans on return if healthy

Associated Press

MIAMI - Alonzo Mourning intends to play basketball next season, as long as his body cooperates.

"My intentions are to play. The only thing that can stop me is my body," Mourning said Wednesday in a telephone interview from Chicago. "Other than that, I know I can play."

Mourning, who was forced to miss the 2002-2003 NBA season with a kidney ailment, was at the University of Chicago Hospitals to speak with patients as part of an educational campaign called Rebound from Anemia. Anemia is a frequent byproduct of chronic illnesses like kidney disease, diabetes and high blood pressure.

"Basketball has helped give me a great lifestyle," Mourning said. "I've been doing it for 20 years, and it's difficult to turn off the switch. I want to leave on my own terms. I don't want to be forced out by anything."

Sitting out the season was tough on Mourning, especially having to watch from the sidelines as his Miami Heat teammates foundered in last place in the Atlantic Division.

"It was difficult to sit around and watch your team suffer and leave it all out there, and know that you can still contribute to those games," Mourning said.

Mourning was diagnosed with focal segmental glomerulosclerosis in October 2000, and missed most of that season before making a surprising return. He was able to play the entire 2001-2002 season, and made his seventh All-Star team appearance.

"I want to send out a message to people that this, too, can happen to you," Mourning said about his work in trying to raise awareness about anemia and kidney disease. "You, too, are a target if you don't take care of your body."

Dr. Patrick Murray, a University of Chicago Medical Center kidney specialist accompanying Mourning on his visit, said Mourning is a role model for patients.

"He's pretty much a dream patient because he's very serious about his care, and was in wonderful shape going in," Murray said.

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Ace finishes spring strong

Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Pedro Martinez capped his healthiest spring in years Wednesday with a dominant performance, marred only by a two-run homer by Cincinnati's Jason LaRue. The three-time Cy Young Award winner faced the minimum through four innings and looked untouchable before stumbling in the fifth and giving up three runs. He finished with nine strikeouts and no walks.

Still, with the deadline he imposed for a contract extension by the end of spring training fast approaching and Randy Johnson seeking signed a two-year, $33 million contract in Arizona this week, most of the questions afterward were about his future in Boston.

Answers were harder to come by.

Martinez said last month that unless Boston picked up his $17.5 million option for 2004 by the end of spring training and re-signed him to a new contract, he would finish his career elsewhere.

Then he sealed his lips, and said he wouldn't discuss the matter again until the deadline passed.

Though the deadline isn't until opening day, Wednesday was Martinez's final appearance of spring training, and reporters pushed him for hints of progress.

"It's been such a long time without doing anything, I should be pessimistic, but I'm not," he said. But at other points, he sounded less sure. While not precisely repeating his threat and insisting he wanted to finish his career in Boston, he didn't appear to be softening.

"If they don't show that they have interest in signing me, what are they telling me?" he said. "What am I going to do — go in and beg them to extend my contract?"

Martinez said he has no reason to believe a deal will be done before Monday — but acknowledged he might not be the best person to ask since he told his agent not to come to the Sox until it's done.

Martinez was also asked if he thought New York Yankees' owner George Steinbrenner was hoping the Red Sox would lose out on Martinez, and about the prospect of one day pitching for a team like the Yankees. He acknowledged it would be quite a spectacle.

"Pedro Martinez pitching in New York," he said, "I don't even want to think about that."

PGA

Burk takes another shot at CBS, Augusta

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Martha Burk believes it is "appalling" that women who fight for the United States in Iraq face discrimination at home as private golf clubs like Augusta National.

"Broadcasting the Masters now and showcasing a club that discriminates against women is an insult to the nearly quarter million women in the U.S. armed forces," she said at a news conference Wednesday.

Burk, chairwoman of the National Council of Women's Organizations, was invited by a half dozen City Council members and representatives of civil rights groups denouncing CBS and the club for its all-male membership.

Several council members planned to introduce a resolution Wednesday condemning Augusta National and asking CBS not to broadcast the tournament.

The Masters, the year's first major tournament, will be held April 10-13, and Burk has said she plans to protest in Augusta, Ga. The American Civil Liberties Union has filed a federal lawsuit on her behalf to hold a protest at the club's front gate.

Burk said the club's all-male membership is an affront to women in the U.S. armed forces, particularly those in Iraq.

"It's appalling that the women who are willing to lay down their lives for democratic ideals should be shut out of this club ... Democratic ideals do not include discrimination," she said.

Club spokesman Glenn Greenspan characterized Burk's remarks as "grandstanding."

"Ms. Burk will say anything to get publicity," Greenspan said. "But if she is invoking the troops to draw more attention to herself, only three words apply — shame on you."

When asked before the news conference whether her message would be lost because of the attention on Iraq, Burk said her position would actually be strengthened.

"Women in the military know what it's like to fight for equal opportunity," she said. "While I know that more important things are on their minds, as more important things are on the mind of the nation, including us, it is just part of a continuum of discrimination."

Boston's Pedro Martinez hurls a pitch from the mound in a spring training loss to Tampa Bay. The right-hander for the Red Sox has been one of his most dominating springs to date.
Shadows of War

Conference Schedule

Friday, March 28

9:00am-5:05pm
- Conference Registration (Great Hall of the Hesburgh Center)

6:00pm
- Dinner at Greenfield's for those involved in the conference

8:00pm
- War Got You Down? Visions of Peace in Troubled Times Panel by various professors (Hesburgh Center Auditorium)

10:00pm
- Karaoke party (Great Hall of the Hesburgh Center)

Saturday, March 29

9:30-10:00am
- Presentation by Take Ten (Hesburgh Center Auditorium)

- Women in War and Peacemaking (Room 102)
  - Doris J. Brogan, moderate (Professor of History, Peace Studies, and European Studies, University of Notre Dame)
  - Johana Husa (College of St. Benedict), "On Solas or OTT: The Link Between Mothering Activities and Visions of Peace"
  - Gwain Ross (Antioch College), "The Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA) in India as an Example of Gandhi's Vision of Empowerment for Peace through women's Education and Development"
  - Teresa Hansen (University of Notre Dame), "Resolution 1325: The Role of Women in Peace Building"
  - Steven Malek (University of Notre Dame), "The Legacy of the Mothers of the Disappeared in Argentina"

- Regional Conflicts of the Middle East and Central Asia (Room 103)
  - Aliyar Khashwai, moderate (University of Notre Dame)
  - Omar Ahmad (Maxwell School, Syracuse University), "Pragmatic Hands, Poetic Souls: Creating Freedom While Rebuilding Kashmir"
  - Bob Newberry (McMaster University), "Gandhi, Israel, and the Problem of Hatred"
  - Adene Zabara (University of Notre Dame), "Chavez: An Inter-Ethnic Conflict"
  - Enrica Inahak (University of Bremen), "Parliamentary and Civil Control Over the Military Forces in Kyrgyzstan"

10:15-11:45am
- Opportunities and Challenges of NGO's and IGO's in Global Society (Room 102)
  - Moderator TBA
  - Chris DeHarve (University of Notre Dame), "How NGOs Spoiled the Rome Statute"
  - Staci Willis (Antioch College), "Nonviolent Action and Peace Initiatives in the Middle East: Case Studies of Three Organizations and How They Might Work Together to be More Effective"
  - Adam Leonard (St. John's University), "From India to Iraq: The Role of NGOs in Creating Global Change"
  - Masako Jamieson (Antioch College), "How to Improve UN Structures and Effectiveness for Global Peace and Security: A Perspective from Japan"
  - Laura Kamer (Antioch College), "Proposal to Reform and Upgrade UN Peacekeeping"

11:45-12:15
- Lunch

12:15-1:05
- Innocence Lost: The Effects of War on Children (Room 102)
  - Kim Overbeck, moderate (Coordinator of Take Ten, University of Notre Dame)
  - Christine Chavious (College of St. Benedict and St. John), "Peace and War through a Child's Eye"
  - Alanna Longren (University of Notre Dame), "Columbus's Small Soldiers: The Forced Recruitment of Children into Colombian Military Forces"
  - Ayungh Ok (Kyung Hee University), "Children in Armed Conflict: What can Children do to Formulate Peaceful Solutions?"
  - Luisa Shorey (Antioch College), "Lisbon and Peace"
  - Neil Bolson (University of Notre Dame), "Living the Vision of Peace: Que' ame Texts and Harriet Practices"
  - Parnass Mason (University of Notre Dame), "Preparing for Peace: Exploring Peacebuilding Capacities within Mormonism"

- Presentation by students from Notre Dame's Washington DC Seminar (Room 104/105)

2:00-3:30
- Workshop: Resolving Conflict with Other Americans Over the Current War by George Lopez (Room 03)
- Workshop: Street-Relief by Lisa McKay (Room 104/105)
- Peace of Mind: Education and Psychology in Peacebuilding (Room 102)
  - Radiation Johnston, moderate (Professor of American Studies and Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame)
  - Zina K. Oyeyemi (Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary), "Equipping African Tribal Peacekeepers Through Structured Peace Education"
  - Nathan Smith (Antioch College), "The Implications of Ken Wilber's Transpersonal and Epistemological Theories of Human Development for Peace and Conflict Resolution"
  - Caroline Nappo (Antioch College), "Body, Image, and Peace"
  - Meredith Morelli (Antioch College), "A Teacher and an Agent for Peace"
  - Jonah Liebert (Antioch College), "Fostering Participatory Citizenship in a Democratic Nation: A Case Study of a Model for Structural School Reform"

3:45-5:15
- U.S. Foreign Policy: Blessing or Burden (Room 105)
  - Moderator TBA
  - Aliyar Khashwai (University of Notre Dame), "The Dilemmas in the U.S. Policy Towards the Islamic World after 9/11"
  - Cena Salt (University of Notre Dame), "Pan Columbia: A Plan of War or of Peace?"
  - Mary DallaValle (University of Notre Dame), "Economic Sanctions in Iraq: A Call to Protect Civilians"
  - Papoo Banjouli (University of Notre Dame), "US State-Building: Afghanistan a Year Later?"
- Political Party Debate: Democrat vs. Republicans vs. Greens (Room 102)
- Children's Art Therapy by Megan Sutton (Room 104/105)

5:15-6:15
- Dinner
- 6:15-7:15
- Concert sponsored by Amnety International (Hesburgh Center Auditorium)

The Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies
The spring weather allowed the Saint Mary's tennis team to travel to Valparaiso Wednesday to play a match that had been postponed a week. The Belles made the most of the rematch, notching a solid 5-2 victory over the Crusaders.

Singles winners for the Belles were freshman Kristen Palombo at No. 2, Kira Spriggle at No. 4, senior Elisa Ryan at No. 5 and Angela Sandner at the No. 6 spot. Jeannie Knuth was defeated in No. 1 singles play by Mara Sonkin of Valpo, 6-4, 6-1. The Crusaders' other singles were taken at the third spot as Jill Dierberg beat Katlin Cuder 6-2, 6-2, 6-2 in a close match.

In doubles action, the Belles continued their winning ways. Valparaiso (2-5) managed to win just one match. Dierberg and Monika Danko defeated Cuder and Ryan 8-2 at second doubles. The No. 1 team of Knuth and Palombo won their match, as did the No. 3 team of Spriggle and freshman Lindsay Cook.

The Belles improved their record to 6-1 on the season as Valparaiso lost their fifth straight dual match. The Crusaders were coming off a disappointing 7-0 loss to Indiana State on Mar. 25. The upcoming weekend will be busy for the Belles as they host matches at home both Friday and Saturday. First up is Aquinas on March 28. The match will take place at Lakeland Health Club in Niles in the event of bad weather.

Aquinas returns four of six starters from a squad that went 9-4 last season. Senior Kara Ferguson leads the way for the Saints as a strong first singles player. MIAA conference foe Olivet will travel to Saint Mary's for a morning match on March 29. St. Joseph's was also scheduled to compete but has cancelled out of the match. Tentatively taking their place is the women's team from Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

The match against Olivet will be the first MIAA conference games for both teams. The Lady Comets have just three returning players from last year's squad. They recently suffered a 9-0 shutout loss against Triffin University.

On March 31, the Belles will be on the road again, this time against Bethel at 4 p.m. The Royals aren't off to a stellar start for the season, having lost four of their last five matches.

Saint Mary's will face Aquinas Friday at 3:30 p.m. and Olivet at 11 a.m. Saturday.

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Womens Soccer Showcase brings 5 top teams

Special to The Observer

Michiana-area soccer fans will be treated to a display of international womens soccer, during next week's Women's Soccer International Showcase. The games will take place on April 2, 4 and 5 at Alumni Field. The showcase will feature five games highlighted by a Wednesday night matchup between the Mexican womens national team and the Canadian under-18 national team. Action continues Friday night, April 4, with facing Canada at 5:30 p.m., followed by the renewal of the Notre Dame-Mexico rivalry. The Irish posted hard-fought wins over Mexico in the springs of 2001 and 2002.

The event now will conclude on April 5 with a Mexican-Mexico game at 5 p.m. and the Notre Dame-Canada matchup to follow at approximately 7 p.m. "These games will provide a unique opportunity for Michiana soccer fans to see international soccer played at a very high level," fourth-year Notre Dame coach Randy Waldrum said.

"Mexico has enjoyed its previou experiences coming to Notre Dame for training, and this is something we hope to make into an annual event, with the possible inclusion of mens international teams as well. We anticipate this being a great event for soccer fans in this community and look forward to the challenge of facing such a high level of competition."

The Mexican womens national team, which was founded in 1999, steadily has developed a one of the world's emerging world's young players. Canada's under-18 national team stands with the United States as one of the world's premier teams for that age group, with the U.S. edging Canada at the 2003 under-18 World Championship 1-0 in overtime.

Top players expected to participate in the Showcase with Canada include Kara Lang — one of the world's emerging forward talents — and Brittany Timke, who has signed to play at Nebraska next season.
In last home match of season, Irish pull away with win

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

With Notre Dame up 3-0 in Wednesday's match against Purdue, all the remaining matches were in the third set and the Boilermakers, if they were to prevail in each remaining match, could have stolen the victory from the Irish. But in their last home match of the season, the Irish held on for the 6-1 victory over No. 59 Purdue.

Like their match against Michigan Tuesday, the Irish began well against the Boilermakers by winning the doubles point and by continuing that success into the singles portion.

"Purdue always plays really hard, and that was a great match," Irish coach Jay Louderback said.

Despite the commanding score, the match was actually a close one with several matches extending into three sets.

"That might be the closest six-one match ever," Louderback said.

With the Irish up 3-0, it was freshman Lauren Connelly who came through with the requisite win to give Notre Dame a fitting conclusion to its home season.

Connelly, clinching victory for the third time this season, defeated Missy Wright, 6-0, 4-6, 6-4.

A tweaked doubles lineup began the winning momentum for the Irish. Sophomore Sarah Jane Connelly and freshman Christina Stastny, who have never played nor practiced together before, claimed an 8-4 victory at No. 3 doubles. Then senior captain Katie Cunha and freshman Jennifer Smith, playing in Stastny's usual role, won 8-3 at the top of the lineup to put the Irish ahead 1-0.

Louderback was especially pleased with the performance of the doubles teams. He admitted that he and assistant coach Liz Balanis were "just shooting from the hip" when they formed the doubles lineup.

"It's just a great effort from all of them, especially those in the doubles," Louderback said. "They played so well.

The No. 2 doubles duo of Lauren Connelly and junior Alicia Salas lost for the first time this season.

Junior Caylan Leslie, who was forced to drop out of her Tuesday match due to an illness and who has been experiencing some shoulder problems, was the first singles player to leave the court with a win.

Leslie toppled Purdue's Gretchen Maynor 6-1, 6-3 at the No. 1 position.

The Irish veteran, freshly ranked 33rd nationally, has now won 11 of her last 13 matches, and is the highest-ranked Irish singles player since Michelle Dasso finished fifth in 2001.

After Leslie's win, No. 77 Salas put the Irish within a point of the win when she triumphed over Amy Walgenbach, 7-6 (7-1), 6-3.

After the match was decided, Stastny defeated Shawna Zuccarini, 2-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4.

Then the elder Connelly, Sarah Jane, came back to win in the third set after losing the first for the fifth time this season. Connelly rallied to defeat Lara Burgarello 6-7 (5-7), 6-2, 6-1 at the No. 5 flight.

Despite the frequency of this occurrence, Connelly does not want to get accustomed to it.

"I'm definitely not getting used to it, and I hate it more than anything, always playing from behind," she said.

Louderback also would prefer that Connelly, 19-10 overall, win her first set too.

"It's good she wins the third, but we don't want to her to lose the first," he said, laughing. "She's been battling. She's just played very, very hard. The thing she's done really well is that she hasn't mentally lost."

With all their home matches behind them, Louderback is proud of an Irish squad that has done well against a tough schedule and in a season of so much parity.

The Irish embark upon the next few weeks, beginning with Ohio State Saturday. "(The Buckeyes) are going to be out to get us," Sarah Jane Connelly said. "I know that they're always a really strong team. We're going to have to go out and fight in every match. Every match is big, and winning the doubles like we did today [will be] really important."

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irish senior captain Katie Cunha jumps as she tries to return the ball at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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ND WOMENS GOLF
Irish finish in 8th after 'mediocre' tourney
By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

After a strong week in Florida, the women's golf team was looking to continue their momentum at the Baylor Tapito Springs Shootout.

The Irish did not play quite as well as they had hoped, however, finishing eighth with a team total of 963, 45 strokes behind champion Illinois. The Irish fired rounds of 318, 326 and 319.

"It was not a terrible tournament," Irish coach Debby King said. "But it wasn't a great one either. We just had a lot of mediocre rounds. The second day was really windy but other than that the weather was quite good."

Once again the brightest spot for the Irish was freshman Katie Brophy, who tied for 17th at 235 (80-77-78). Brophy was coming off her best week of the season in Florida when she won the Peggy Kirk Bell Invitational and also had a good showing at the Northern Illinois Snowbird Invitational.

"Katie Brophy is really hanging in there and staying very consistent," King said.

Following her was senior Terri Taibi, who fired the lowest round of the tournament for the Irish with a final round 75. She tied for 26th at 238 (79-84-75) after also coming off her best tournament, which included rounds of 75 and 74 in a top five finish at the Snowbird Invitational.

"I'm really proud of my senior, Terri Taibi," King said. "She's really peaking at the end of the season."

Illinois won the event by three over Missouri, overcoming the Tigers on the final day. Baylor finished third, not a terrible tournament," King added.

"It wasn't a great one either. We just had a lot of mediocre rounds. It was not a terrible and Texas Christian and Kent State rounded out the top five.

Dae Ward of TCU won the individual crown, firing a 221 (68-75-78) to win by one over Illinois' Renata Young, Randi Gauthier of North Texas and Malinda Johnson of Wisconsin tied for third at 224.

For the Irish, junior Shannon Byrne tied for 41st at 244 (81-82-81), while freshman Sarah Bassett was 45th with a 248 (78-85-85). Sophomore Karen Lotta tied for 54th at 253 (82-86-85) and freshman Lauren Gehauer finished 58th with 256 (87-83-86).

The Irish have next weekend off before heading to Bloomington, Ind., for the Indiana Invitational to be held at the Indiana University Golf Course beginning April 5.

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- Calgary 29-24-14-4 71 7-5-2-1

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**Around the Dial**

Former Dallas running back Emmitt Smith breaks through a hole in the line last season. Smith was signed by Arizona to a two-year contract after being released by the Cowboys and is expected to start for the Cardinals.

Smith guaranteed to start for Arizona

Associated Press

PHOENIX

The NFL’s career rushing leader believes he still has some yards left in those 33-year-old legs. The Arizona Cardinals sure hope so.

Released by Dallas last month, Emmitt Smith agreed to terms with the Cardinals on Wednesday, moving from one of the league’s most storied franchises to one of its most downtrodden.

"Emmitt will start," head coach Dave McGinnis said, adding that he will also help break in Marcel Shipp, who led the Cardinals in rushing last season in his second year.

Smith will wear the same No. 22 he wore with the Cowboys.

The Cardinals said Smith got a two-year contract, but did not disclose terms. It was believed to be worth about $4 million a year.

A starting job was one of the things Smith had hoped to see when he agreed to terms with the most downtrodden franchise.

"If it can be worked out, we’ll do it," Pacers president Donnie Walsh said Wednesday. "If it can be worked out, it will be half the player he is." Pacers GM Jerry West indicated a five-year, $25 million deal is possible.

"I am not a guy that is against competition," he said. "We walk up and face it full throttle. I will help someone’s organization get to the Super Bowl, get back to the Super Bowl or win the Super Bowl."

In Brief

Pacers trying to sign veteran Hardaway

The Indiana Pacers are trying to sign Tim Hardaway in hopes of getting an experienced point guard for the rest of the season.

The 36-year-old Hardaway, a five-time All-Star, has not played this season. He averaged 17.9 points and 8.3 assists in 12 seasons with Miami, Orlando and New York.

"We’re talking to him," Pacers president Donnie Walsh said Wednesday. "If he can be worked out, we’ll do it."

The earliest Hardaway could be in uniform most likely would be for Friday’s game at Chicago.

Walsh has said he did not expect to tinker with his roster, but Indiana has showed few signs of ending a 41-14 slump entering Wednesday’s game against Philadelphia.

"I am told he’ll be able to run full speed by June, and that’s what we’re counting on," he said.

Walsh was having one of the best seasons by a running back when he was injured after being caught from behind in a game at Denver in December. Still, he finished with 1,615 rushing yards and 24 touchdowns.

While questions linger about Holmes’ health, the Chiefs have decided to hold off on his demand to renegotiate his contract. General manager Carl Peterson has indicated he might be willing to discuss an extension.

Expos’ Duque moved to disabled list

The Montreal Expos placed Orlando Hernandez on the 15-day disabled list Wednesday with tendinitis in his right shoulder.

The move is retroactive to March 21, meaning Hernandez will be eligible to return on April 5 when the Expos play the Mets.
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got to be able to take advant-age of our scoring opportuni-ties," Mainieri said.

The Irish were able to tack on more runs on the board in the bottom of the sixth inning. With shortstop Matt Macri and Sanchez already on first and second, respectively, Rizzo knocked a single up the middle that was bobbled by the Purdue centerfielder, allowing Sanchez to score and Macri and Rizzo to each advance a base.

After a pitching change brought in a left-handed pitcher, Mainieri replaced designat-ed hitter Steve Andres with freshman Craig Cooper, whose groundout with no outs not only scored a run, but also put the Irish in great position to score another run by advancing Rizzo to third with one out.

Mainieri deemed Cooper's at-bat as a turning point of the game. "The best at-bat that was a determiner of the game wasn't even a base hit," Mainieri said. "A ground ball to the second baseman scored a run and moved another runner to third base, which set up the squeeze by Thaman. That at-bat by Cooper really created two runs for us."

Thaman's successfully-executed squeeze bunt on the very next pitch gave the Irish a 6-3 lead.

Meanwhile, on the mound for the Irish, reliever Tyler Jones gave up two more runs in two innings of relief of Thornton, leaving the Irish with a 6-5 lead into the eighth inning.

Cooper picked up another RBI in the bottom of the eighth on another groundout, and Sollmann closed out the scoring with an RBI single three batters later.

Irish closer J.P. Gagne pitched a 1-2-3 ninth inning to earn his fourth save of the sea-son.

Notre Dame will now take a day off before returning to practice in preparation for the Big East home opening series with Georgetown this weekend, beginning with a doubleheader slated for Saturday at noon.

Notes:
• With his fourth save of the season and his 10th of his career, Gagne became only the third pitcher in Notre Dame history with 20 wins and 10 saves, joining Aaron Heilman and Chris Michalsak.
• With his 0-for-5 perfor-mance Wednesday, freshman centerfielder Brennan Grogan's nine-game hitting streak was snapped.

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Scoring only four runs in the two games came down to one basic thing, being too passive at the plate.

"We were not aggressive at all, and that's why we couldn't get it done today," Gumpf said. "I think we didn't capitalize on good pitches. We need to hit good pitches, and we need to be aggressive.

In order to right the ship heading into the opening of Big East action this weekend, Gumpf feels the Irish must raise their game in one area to get back in the win column. "We need to start playing great somewhere, that's the dif-ference," Gumpf said. "I think if we could have played great in one area, that could have car-ried over to the other areas."

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Harry Potter AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS.
By MATT LOZAR
Aquistc Sports Editor

They obviously are friends outside of the pool, but once they’re in the water, it’s another story. "It’s a friendly game, a fun game, but once you get in the water, we want to take them," water polo captain and club Aquatic president Jay Deimel said. The Notre Dame water polo club team is holding its Alumni Classic this weekend at Rolf’s Aquatic Center. While they will play other collegiate teams, the highlight match is between the current team and its alumni. And the younger guys always win.

"Oh yeah, all the time. They usually come in, some are in shape, some aren’t. It’s a good time," Deimel said. "The tournament is for the alumni, they come in from all around the country. We set it up for them."

Besides setting up the tournament for the alumni, the club team uses the event to raise money for its expenses, which are mainly from traveling. From Jan. 31 to Feb. 2, the team went to the University of South Florida for a tournament. Out of 12 teams, the Irish finished fourth and dropped a 30-year link in one of the local papers. The team was recognized for their efforts in what was billed as the best game of the tournament.

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No. 24 Northwestern ruins home opener at Ivy Field

By MATT LOZAR
Associated Sports Editor

When it came right down to it, the Wildcats simply played better.
No. 24 Northwestern ruined Notre Dame’s home opener sweeping the doubleheader 4-2 and 3-2 Wednesday at Ivy Field.

"Even when we were ahead in the first inning, I don't think we had any momentum." - Deanna Gumpf, Irish coach

The Wildcats added an insurance run in the top of the sixth, and it could have been worse. Carrie Wizen reliever Steffany Stengel (3-4) and retired two batters with the bases loaded to keep the score 4-2.

The Irish got the tying run on base in the bottom of the seventh with one out, but couldn't muster anything after that and the Wildcats took game one.

Irish first baseman Lisa Mattison attempts to tag out a Wildcat runner during Notre Dame's doubleheader with Northwestern Wednesday. The Irish lost both games in their home opener.

The Wildcats went up 3-2 on a leadoff home run by first baseman Jamie Doutson in the top of the sixth.

The Irish had a golden opportunity to tie the game against Northwestern, but they couldn’t take advantage of it.

Irish pitcher Martin Vergara releases the ball during Notre Dame’s 8-3 victory over Toledo at Eck Stadium Wednesday.

By BRYAN KRONK
Senior Staff Writer

Some key hitting by the Notre Dame offense helped the Irish overcome three defensive errors on the way to an 8-5 victory for the home team at Frank Eck Stadium Wednesday night.

"We did a lot of little things tonight," Notre Dame coach Paul Mainieri said. "I thought [starting pitcher Tom] Thornton and all the guys we brought in did a good job on the mound. Our defense was a little shaky at times, but did enough to win. It was a good win against a good Big Ten team, so we'll take it."

The game was characterized by sloppy defensive play as the two teams combined for seven errors in nine innings of play.

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Under Brey, Irish now have national respect

By ANDREW SOKUP
Sports Writer

They last met on a basketball court called Madison Square, when one program had three future NBA players and the other team had a lot of star-struck looks on their faces.

In the Preseason NIT Classic three years ago, few doubted Arizona, Kentucky and Maryland belonged in the NCAA Tournament after losing to Duke in the second round last year, tonight's game represents a turning point of sorts. The team's goal since June has been to qualify for the Sweet Sixteen, and with that goal met, the Irish now turn toward making as much noise in the postseason as possible.

"We're going to do so at Arrowhead Pond, where Dan Miller advanced to the Final Four when he played for Maryland. "We believe that we are one of the top programs and one of the best teams in the country, and we expect to win those games," said Carroll, who is one of two players on Notre Dame's team left from the squad that lost to the Wildcats three years ago.

"We are going in there... to go beat Arizona, even though nobody is probably going to pick us."

Matt Carroll
Irish guard

Three years ago, few thought the Irish belonged on the same court as the Wildcats.

Tonight, the two teams will meet in the West Regional semifinal with an Elite Eight berth on the line.

The increased respect for 7th-seeded Notre Dame — playing in the Sweet Sixteen for the first time since 1987 — shows how far the program has risen in three years of Mike Brey's leadership.

After the Irish lost to Arizona in the Preseason NT in former coach Matt Doherty's only year at the helm, the Irish went on to finish runners-up in the NIT after narrowly missing an NCAA berth. But under Brey, the Irish have advanced to the NCAA Tournament in three consecutive years after an 11-year drought.

The Irish rely on their perimeter players for most of their production, and their West Regional play has provided offense at times in the tourney. Notre Dame needs to play at their tempo and not let Arizona dictate the pace of the game.

Francis played well for the Irish in their first two tourney games by scoring rebinding and playing good defense. He, along with Cornette and Timmermans will need to shut down the Wildcats' big men like they did against Illinois.

"The key to this matchup, and probably the game, is Thomas vs. Gardner. Both will have a lot of the flow of the game and both can score a lot points, especially when their team needs a basket."

Notre Dame has relied on solid play from Quinn, Cornette and Jones off the bench and they will need all three to play well again Thursday. Jones is the Irish spark and he could play a big factor against the Wildcats.

Arizona has one of the deepest benches in the country. Olsen's freshmen are a lot — except down the stretch when he turns to his veterans. Still, the freshmen have contributed all year. The Wildcats' depth is one of their biggest assets.

The best thing to happen to Arizona was to have a close game like they did against Gonzaga. That contest should wake the Wildcats up and have them more ready than usual.

Arizona head coach Mike Brey pumps his fist during Notre Dame's 66-60 win against Illinois Saturday. The Notre Dame team that got blown out by Arizona three years ago is far different from the Brey-coached squad that takes on the Wildcats tonight.

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Unwavering support

Torin Francis' teammates gave him the confidence to live up to his lofty expectations.

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He was just a 6-foot-10, gangly freshman who arrived on Notre Dame's campus this summer. He hadn't earned his teammates' respect yet and hadn't shown he could fill the gap in Notre Dame's frontcourt. So Torin Francis had to earn his weight on a regular basis.

Sure, he had a reputation for being the nation's top big men out of high school, and he was quite capable of putting up points. But his accomplishments in high school amounted to little more than a summer spent laying the foundation for a college career. His teammates, who quickly discovered, were more than eager to welcome him to the team.

That started a confidence-building process for Francis, a process that resulted in solid play from the Irish freshman in Notre Dame's first two NCAA Tournament games.

But for Francis, his work in the summer showed he could be the answer to a question that loomed over the Irish basketball program: how would Notre Dame replace Harold Swanagan and first-round NBA draft pick Ryan Humphries?

"The thing that was questionable about our team in the fall was the type of balance we'd have between the perimeter and front court guys," Francis said. "I knew I couldn't come here to play only for the perimeter. I knew that was a possibility, and I thought, 'OK, I can do what it takes to help gain confidence for me as a freshman.'

"In the summer, I tried to instill the mentality in myself that I have to be ready to go out and play," he said. "I know I could keep being myself, be a freshman, I know that was a possibility, and I think I played in a way that helped me gain confidence."

"Starting quickly"

The philosophy of Notre Dame's early-season schedule since Mike Brey arrived three years ago has been one where the Irish play a lot of games in order to give freshman tons of game experience early.

The plan worked well for Francis, who saw significant playing time and scored decent points in Notre Dame's first five games of the season.

But the sixth game, an 85-80 Irish loss to Creighton, showed how much the big man had to gain. He never got into the flow of the game, got his shot blocked and only played six minutes.

Yet, much like he would in Big East games later in the season, Francis rebounded back to record two of his best performances of the season at the BB&T system in Maryland and edged Texas in the Big East Tournament. Those performances earned him the recognition of the freshman he is and only early and only played six minutes.

"If you look at how many times I got the ball at the beginning of the season, and how many times I get it now, it just shows how much more of an effect I can have," Francis said.

Irish forward

Just felt like I established my role on the team," he said. "I felt like I was getting better from then on.

Big East big man

Slowly but surely, the Irish began to trust their big man with the ball more. An athletic rebounder and a solid defender, Brey often complemented the play of his big man even if he didn't have the points to support such generous praise.

Francis knew he was improving. Instead of merely standing with the ball when he caught a pass, Francis started making his move to the basket much quicker, which started generating more points.

In a situation that shows more about Francis' improvement than his skills, the freshman was in danger of getting taken out of a game against Pittsburgh because he was too reluctant to go to the basket with the ball. In fact, Brey had sent Corsee to the scorer's table to check in when Francis suddenly grabbed a pass, spun toward the basket like a veteran big man and scored an easy layup. After Francis repeated the move the next series, Brey waved Corsee back to the bench, and the Irish went on to knock off the then-No. 4 Panthers.

"My teammates had confidence in me, and that helped me gain confidence in myself," Francis said. "I think my teammates were willing to pass me the ball because they said, 'If he's effective, we'll give him the ball.'

Stretch run

As the Big East season wore on, Francis developed a reputation as an excellent rebounder — he averages 8.3 boards a game — and a solid defender. What's more, he proved himself wise beyond his years when, if the shots didn't fall in the first half, he refused to get taken out of his game.

"I know they say that freshmen hit a wall during the season," Francis said. "Some games, I just didn't have a good game, and you can't have a good game every game. But there were games that I was effective.

The Irish began making concerted efforts to get the ball to Francis, who proved himself adept at either kicking the ball out or scoring on demand. When earlier in the season Francis fell out of favor, Coach Brey accepted the ball on offensive possessions, Thomas would often dribble around the 3-point line waiting for Francis to establish himself.

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He accomplished one of his pre-season goals by getting named to the Big East All-Rookie team after averaging 10.7 points a game and recording nine double-doubles.

In the NCAA Tournament, Francis followed his offensive outburst against Wisconsin-Milwaukee with a solid performance against Illinois. Although he only scored five points on 1-for-9 shooting, he was a key part of a defensive alignment that limited Big Ten Player of the Year Brian Cook to just 6-for-23 shooting.

Now that the Irish are in the midst of an NCAA Tournament run, Francis has also started establishing himself as a vocal leader in the locker room. He knows the time will come when Carroll and Miller graduate, and a new wave of leaders will have to emerge in the Irish locker room to lead the team forward.

But for now, those leaders who groomed Francis in the summer have started saying something entirely different to the player who is only a freshman by grade only.

"I wanted to establish myself in our system and get recognition as a freshman, be effective, and play on a winning team," Francis said. "My teammates helped me a lot with that. Now, they're just telling me to keep going and keep it up."

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Good ‘D’ might not stop hot-shooting Wildcats

By ANDREW SOUKUP Special Writer

At one point in the season, the word “defense” seemed to be just that to the Irish basketball team—a word.

However, in Notre Dame’s first two NCAA Tournament victories, the Irish won in large part due to a stingy defense that had disappeared for most of the 2003 calendar year.

But will a strong commitment to defense be enough to help the Irish knock off top-seeded Arizona tonight?

Notre Dame coach Mike Brey isn’t sure.

A year ago, when the Irish faced Duke in the second round, Brey told his players they would probably have to score 80-plus points to win, because he knew the Irish would have a tough time stopping the prolific Blue Devil offense.

So how many points does Brey think the Irish need against Arizona, who enters tonight’s game averaging a national-best 85.4 points a game?

“I’m thinking about asking for a hundred,” Brey said, only half-joking.

Although Brey thinks the Irish match up fairly well against the Wildcats, who play a style of basketball similar to Notre Dame’s perimeter-oriented attack, every member of Arizona’s starting five averages double-digits in scoring.

Jason Gardner leads the Wildcats in scoring with an average of 14.3 points per game, but he is closely followed by 3-point sharpshooter Salim Stoudamire, who averages 13.4 points a game and shoots 44.1 percent from behind the arc.

When the Wildcats want to look inside, they can pass to either Channing Frye or Rick Anderson, who average 12.8 and 10.7 points a game, respectively.

What helps make the Wildcats so dangerous, however, is forward Luke Walton, the son of Hall-of-Famer Bill Walton.

One of the best passing big men in the nation, Walton averages 10.3 points and 4.9 assists a game — the same assist average as point guard Gardner.

Couple those impressive offensive statistics with the fact that the Wildcats are a relatively experienced team, and the Irish have good reason to be worried.

“To try and guard the best offensive team in the country right now, we’re not going to shut them down,” Brey said.

“But if we can take a few things away every now and then, that certainly would help the effort.”

Throughout the season, the Irish have been a team whose defensive prowess is directly related to their offensive production. If the shots fall for the Irish, then the players appear to buckle down on defense more.

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The Sweet Sixteen

MIDWEST REGIONAL

No. 1 Kentucky
They have the most depth and are tourney-tough. Look out for everyone else.
TODAY 7:10 P.M.

No. 5 Wisconsin
The Badgers are here thanks to an amazing comeback against Tulsa.
SATURDAY 9:40 P.M.

WEST REGIONAL

No. 1 Arizona
A scare from Gonzaga last week may have shaken this giant up.
TODAY 7:27 P.M.

No. 5 Notre Dame
The Irish are playing in their first Sweet Sixteen game since 1987.
SUNDAY 9:40 P.M.

No. 3 Duke
Duke is playing in its first half of season in the tournament and could be dangerous.
TODAY 9:57 P.M.

No. 2 Kansas
After a scare from Utah State, the Jayhawks blew past Arizona State.
SUNDAY 9:57 P.M.

SOUTH REGIONAL

No. 1 Texas
The Longhorns have an excellent shot at making the final game.
FRIDAY 7:27 P.M.

No. 5 Connecticut
The Huskies are playing for their first ever NIT and St. John’s.
SATURDAY 9:57 P.M.

No. 6 Maryland
A first round bye for Virginia against UNC-Wilmington is a death-bye and a half alive.
FRIDAY 9:57 P.M.

No. 7 Michigan State
The Spartans surprised many by beating Colorado and Florida.
SUNDAY 9:57 P.M.

EAST REGIONAL

No. 1 Oklahoma
Star Hollis Price is having groin problems that could hurt the Sooners chances.
FRIDAY 7:10 P.M.

No. 12 Butler
This year’s CJ Giles is a tournament wins over the Cincinnati and Louisville.
SATURDAY 9:40 P.M.

No. 3 Syracuse
Syracuse has played well already and could run the table as a No. 3 seed.
FRIDAY 9:40 P.M.

No. 20 Auburn
Is one of the tournament’s biggest surprises after upsets at St. Joe’s and Wake Forest.