ROTC professors deployed to Iraq war

By KEVIN ALLEN

University engineering professor Daniel Groody, a member of the Army Corps of Engineers Reserves, was deployed to the Middle East early February. The second-year professor, who is affiliated with the Department of Civil Engineering and Geological Sciences, was called up for training in December of last year, prior to his recent U.S. departure.

Groody, an Army Reserve lieutenant colonel, is currently in Iraq with the 416th Engineering Command. Peter Burns, chairman of the department of Civil Engineering and Geological Sciences, said that Talley has not disclosed his exact location in Iraq. "Since the beginning of the war, his e-mails have been sporadic," said Burns. "But he has checked in with us so we know he's okay."

Burns said he has no knowledge of a faculty member in the College of Engineering ever having to temporarily leave the University for military service. The Army Corps of Engineers, Burns said, is most likely working to build bridges for the advancing U.S. and British forces and securing infrastructure for troops and for Iraqi citizens. Assuming U.S. and British forces are victorious, he said, the Corps will probably also play a part in reconstruction efforts at the conclusion of the war.

He added that with the threat of chemical and biological weapons being used by the Iraqi military, Talley's expertise in environmental engineering may become even more important in the war effort.

Three professors in the Army ROTC program have also been recently deployed. Two are in the Middle East to support the ongoing operation in Iraq. The other is a civil affairs officer in a reserve unit that was sent to Kosovo as part of a peacekeeping mission. Army ROTC Lt. Col. David Mosinski said he was not at liberty to release the names of the three ROTC faculty members.

Groody bound for national championships

Theology professor, priest, blends Scripture with ski slopes

By ANDREW SOUKUP

Over half his life ago, Daniel Groody sat during his family's vacation to Vermont glued to a television. On the screen, he watched as an Austrian downhill skier named Franz Klammer soared down the mountain at the 1976 Olympics. Groody loved the 75 mph velocity at which Klammer rocketed down the hill and he would see the fine line separating self-control from reckless abandon.

Klammer won the gold medal in the downhill. Groody desperately wanted to duplicate Klammer's success. That night, Groody went to bed and prayed to God for the chance to ski in the national championships in the giant slalom.

Ironically, the prayer Groody uttered over a quarter of a century ago became a metaphor for the rest of his life.

No, he never made the Olympics. He became a priest.

Now 38 and a theology professor at Notre Dame, Groody is a full-time priest and educator whose eyes at the top of the mountain at a former Olympic resort in Salt Lake City. Today, Groody will be skiing in the national championships in the giant slalom.

Saint Mary's rises to goal in Lilly Challenge

By LAUREN O'BRIEN

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it seems justice didn’t want me to
thought that I wanted peace, so
work for it. I was pretty uncomfortable about it. I
think was my secret. I tried to work for justice. But
un communically I did it. I let me know what
it didn’t pay me anything.


After that, I was unemployed for a few days, but I stayed positive about what else was out there, which I was my secret. I stayed “with it.” I decided to ignore the war with Iraq and fight a war that is more my speed. I joined
the war with Iraq and eventually I was pointed to a man in a puff coat.
I regained consciousness in a nearby alleyway to find a man named Barry snuggling near
the War to go up to Detroit with me?” asked Barry.

"What? Won’t I already in Detroit? "I’m krunked up," stated Barry. My ears perked a little bit when I heard this. It meant that Barry and I were fighting the same war, plus he sounded really enthusiastic.

Barry produced a bottle and shot me a knowing look.

"This stuff has got to be drugs, this is the real deal," I thought, “Liver do your thing!”

We both took a swig. “I’m set for the day!” proclaimed an awed Barry. I, on the other hand, was shocked. Right then, I knew that Barry wasn’t like me. I told him off big time.

"You don’t just stop fighting like that. I don’t think I’ll be joining you in Detroit.”

I quit fighting soon after my disheartening encounter with Barry. I’m actually back working for justice. Yeah, I know, but it’s better than nothing.

Besides, the drug war was considerably cut into the time I had free to spend looking at Japanese-style anime pornography at the various computer labs located around campus. J/K. TTYL!

WHAT’S GOING DOWN

Student receives harassing call
A student reported receiving a harassing telephone call at Welsh Family Hall Thursday.

Student loses wallet
A student reported losing her wallet at an unknown campus location Wednesday.

Student’s bike stolen
A student’s bike was reported stolen from the east side of DeBartolo Hall Wednesday. No suspects have been named in the incident.

Student vehicle towed
A student’s vehicle was towed for violating a parking code in the C01 Student South Stadium Lot Wednesday.

WHAT’S HAPPENING @ N D

“Shadows of War, Visions of Peace” conference all day at Hesburgh Center

"Cartography and Irish Humanitariam," Claire Connolly
3 p.m. at 424 Flanner Hall

Student Players
6 p.m. at McNemah Hall’s ETS Theater

WHAT’S HAPPENING @ SMC

Commencement Announcements 11 a.m. at Breyerzy Game Room

Tennis vs. Aquinas College
3:30 p.m. at Angela Athletic Facility tennis courts

Play: “Medea”
8 p.m. at Moreau Center for the Arts

WHAT’S COOKING

North Dining Hall
Today’s Lunch: Shrimp spaghetti, gorgonzola sauce, tomato pizza, cheese French bread pizza, seafood supreme pizza, cheese and vegetable pot pie, broccoli-cheese rice casserole, French green beans, apple cobbler, casserole crabmeat burger, fried clam strips, buffalo shrimp, hushpuppies.

Today’s Dinner: Seafood Normandie, long grain and wild rice, apple cobbler, cut corn, winter-blend vegetables, sliced carrots, cut green beans, salmon and crabmeat burgers, jumblo fish sandwich, crinkle fries, onion rings, that fried rice, tomato pizza

South Dining Hall
Today’s Lunch: Stuffed shells, mushroom, eggplant and pepper tomato, butternut squash, Italian vegetable hero, garden fresh salad, fish and chips bar, ziti parmesan casserole, cheese pizza, California stir fry, home style vegetables, BBQ chicken pizza, cheese and vegetable pot pie, cheese pizza, fresh saute, fish and chips bar, ziti parmesan casserole, cheese pizza, California stir fry, home style vegetables, BBQ chicken pizza, cheese and vegetable pot pie, cheese pizza, fresh saute, fish and chips bar, ziti parmesan casserole, cheese pizza, California stir fry, home style vegetables, BBQ chicken pizza, cheese and vegetable pot pie, cheese pizza, fresh saute, fish and chips bar, ziti parmesan casserole, cheese pizza, California stir fry, home style vegetables, BBQ chicken pizza, cheese and vegetable pot pie, cheese pizza, fresh saute, fish and chips bar, ziti parmesan casserole, cheese pizza, California stir fry, home style vegetables, BBQ chicken pizza, cheese and vegetable pot pie, cheese pizza, fresh saute, fish and chips bar, ziti parmesan casserole, cheese pizza, California stir fry, home style vegetables, BBQ chicken pizza, cheese and vegetable pot pie, cheese pizza, fresh saute, fish and chips bar, ziti parmesan casserole, cheese pizza, California stir fry, home style vegetables, BBQ chicken pizza, cheese and vegetable pot pie, cheese pizza, fresh saute, fish and chips bar, ziti parmesan casserole, cheese pizza, California stir fry, home style vegetables, BBQ chicken pizza, cheese and vegetable pot pie, cheese pizza, fresh saute, fish and chips bar, ziti parmesan casserole, cheese pizza, California stir fry, home style vegetables, BBQ chicken pizza, cheese and vegetable pot pie, cheese pizza, fresh saute, fish and chips bar, ziti parmesan casserole, cheese pizza, California stir fry, home style vegetables, BBQ chicken pizza, cheese and vegetable pot pie, cheese pizza, fresh saute, fish and chips bar, ziti parmesan casserole, cheese pizza, California stir fry, home style vegetables, BBQ chicken pizza, cheese and vegetable pot pie, cheese pizza, fresh saute, fish and chips bar, ziti parmesan casserole, cheese pizza, California stir fry, home style vegetables, BBQ chicken pizza, cheese and vegetable pot pie, cheese pizza, fresh saute, fish and chips bar, ziti parmesan casserole, cheese pizza, California stir fry, home style vegetables, BBQ chicken pizza, cheese and vegetable pot pie, cheese pizza, fresh saute, fish and chips bar, ziti parmesan casserole, cheese pizza, California stir fry, home style vegetables, BBQ chicken pizza, cheese and vegetable pot pie, cheese pizza, fresh saute, fish and chips bar, ziti parmesan casserole, cheese pizza, California stir fry, home style vegetables, BBQ chicken pizza, cheese and vegetable pot pie, cheese pizza, fresh saute, fish and chips bar, ziti parmesan casserole, cheese pizza, California stir fry, home style vegetables, BBQ chicken pizza, cheese and vegetable pot pie, cheese pizza, fresh saute, fish and chips bar, ziti parmesan casserole, cheese pizza, California stir fry, home style vegetables, BBQ chicken pizza, cheese and vegetable pot pie, cheese pizza, fresh saute, fish and chips bar, ziti parmesan casserole, cheese pizza, California stir fry, home style vegetables, BBQ chicken pizza, cheese and vegetable pot pie, cheese pizza, fresh saute, fish and chips bar, ziti parmesan casserole, cheese pizza, California stir fry, home style vegetables, BBQ chicken pizza, cheese and vegetable pot pie, cheese pizza, fresh saute, fish and chips bar, ziti parmesan casserole, cheese pizza, California stir fry, home style vegetables, BBQ chicken pizza, cheese and vegetable pot pie, cheese pizza, fresh saute, fish and chips bar, ziti parmesan casserole, cheese pizza, California stir fry, home style vegetables, BBQ chicken pizza, cheese and vegetable pot pie, cheese pizza, fresh saute, fish and chips bar, ziti parmesan casserole, cheese pizza, California stir fry, home style vegetables, BB
Foley outlines Student Senate’s achievements

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
News Writer

After a slow start this year, the Student Senate has proven they can take on major issues and begin to make real and important changes in student life. "The year started off tough with the alcohol policy changes," Senator Jeremy Staley said. "[Senate] got a slow start because they focused so hard on that," said Trip Foley, Student Body Vice President.

After dealing primarily with the alcohol policy issue for some time and attempting to represent student opinion on the issue, something Foley said they did very well, the Senate began to tackle other key issues.

The primary issues this year’s Senate has been involved with are Teacher Course Evaluations, the proposed Flex-10 plan, a resolution on in-hall dances and the split of the Economics Department.

Foley said that conversations on these issues will continue into next year, but that the Senate has made good progress on all of them.

Foley said that the Teacher Course Evaluations have been working hard on the TCEs, which have been working on a Flex-10 plan. The proposed Flex-10 plan, an issue that was part of last year’s presidential campaign for Foley and current Student Body President Libby Bishop, is also of major interest to students. This issue, however, was not discussed until early this semester.

"It took a while to get on the right people’s radar," said Foley.

Foley said that ND Food Services will conduct a broad survey soon to gauge how students utilize their food plan in general.

Through the survey, he said, Food Services will look for areas in which they can scale back and things students would be willing to trade in order to obtain a Flex-10 plan.

"It’s certainly a money issue," Foley said. By cutting back in certain areas, he said, Food Services may be able to provide students with such a plan. They will also look for new sources of fundings.

The debate on this issue, Foley said, is also one that will likely continue into next year.

"It’s sure to stay on people’s radar in the coming year," he said. "Pat and Jeremy put in a lot of work on this, and I know they will follow up with it because it is an issue that is important to students in general."

Foley said the Senate did an effective job of representing the student body perspective on the issue of the Department of Economics split.

They sent a letter to Father Edward Malloy, University President, asking that the administration bear in mind student opinion and reaction in all future decisions that affect them. Malloy replied to their letter, agreeing that student opinion is important, and he said that the administration shares the Senate’s goal of acting in the best interests of students.

"A resolution was worked out and a good compromise was reached," Foley said.

The in-hall dance policy is a major issue that recent ly resurfaced in the Senate debate. A resolution was passed Wednesday, to be sent to the Campus Life Council at their meeting on April 14, asking that in-hall dances be reinstated for a probationary period of one year.

Foley said that the Senate believes that the changes in the in-hall dance policy have reduced incidents of alcohol poisoning on campus.

"Any moves to that end are good moves," Foley said.

He said the Senate hopes that the positive changes towards more safety and responsibility for students will cause the administration to reconsider putting the dances back in the dorms.

"Most people can agree that the dances this year have not been successful at all, and we need to get them back in the residence halls," Foley said.

The issue will be discussed at the Campus Leadership Council meeting April 14. If the resolution is passed, the administration will likely closely examine the in-hall dance policy.

A second resolution on the agenda for the CLC on April 14 deals with weekday parietals, and it was passed by the Senate last week.

The Senate’s resolution called attention to the number of students studying in groups. This number has doubled since 1993, Foley said.

The Senate suggested that students have resources in their rooms conducive to studying that justify later weekday parietals.

"There are issues they’ve been working hard on — TCEs and Flex-10. What is important to remember is that it takes time to effect change. They’re leading the ground work and I think we’ll see the changes from that next year," he said.

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content with his decision, Groody began deciding how he would fulfill his responsibilities as a priest. But he still didn’t think skiing could be a part of his life.

However, one of the requirements before a priest may take his final vows is that he take a 30-day retreat by himself. The silence is intended to help the future priest both develop a deeper connection with God as well as understand their own personality better. Interestingly, Groody took his 30-day retreat in Colorado, the heart of ski country. There, he said God revealed a way to connect his love of skiing with the priesthood.

"I remember God revealing to me that the same things I developed in skiing were the same things I could bring to myself as a priest," he said. "When I first entered the seminary, it was like I had to leave it behind, I really felt that it was the wrong road for me, what God said.

"But in Colorado, it felt like God was saying, 'think about you to approach skiing the same way you approach sking. But the gold medal is no longer a race that can mean a lot to people's lives and make them for the better.'"

FATHER DAN GROODY Theology professor

Groody had good reason to resist at first. He had a girlfriend, a career as a promising enter to the pipe principle of love and meant everything—even his love of skiing—to be left behind.

"I had," he said, "to divest myself of images of what a priest was—never get married, not interested in women, didn't ski, didn't date.

Still unsure of his decision, Groody entered the seminary believing he had to cast aside what he enjoyed before entering the priesthood. This meant that his fanciful childhood dreams of qualifying for the Olympics, of flying down a snow-covered mountain faster than a car on a freeway to be exchanged for a life of no adventure, it really and lots of prayer.

But after a year in the seminary, he took a cross-country bike trip from Portland, Ore., to Portland, Maine. He went alone, and with a friend. He left with lots of questions, but returned with even more answers.

Journey of a lifetime

"All kinds of territory, mountains, valleys, people running us off the road—just like in the adventures, it really became a challenge."
IRAQ
Coalition bombing rocks downtown Baghdad

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The heaviest bombardments in days, including an attack on one of Saddam Hussein’s presidential compounds in the heart of Baghdad, rattled the capital Thursday, Yemeni newspapers said, with flames and smoke filling the night sky.

Before the attack, the Iraqi defense minister warned U.S.-led forces would have to fight for the city street by street. “The enemy must come inside Baghdad, and that will be its grave,” Defense Minister Sulem Hashem Ahmed told a news conference in a downtown hotel. “We feel that this war must be prolonged so the enemy pays a high price.”

The Baghdad resort was followed by the latest series of missile attacks on Baghdad, including one of the strongest blasts felt in days. Shortly after 11 p.m. Thursday (3 p.m. EST), the heart of the city was rocked by explosions.

A building inside the “Old Palace” complex — a presidential compound hit in earlier attacks — was targeted in the precision bombing strike. The compound, on the west bank of the Tigris River, includes a camp of the Republican Guard, which was also targeted last week.

One massive blast sent flames and dense, orange smoke reaching into the sky. In addition to the attack in the center of the city, other very strong explosions were heard southwest of Baghdad.

Iraq’s satellite television channel was cut in and out during the attack. The U.S. forces had hoped to knock out Iraqi television and radio to disable Saddam Hussein’s propaganda outlets.

There also was bombing in the Mosul area in northern Iraq beginning about 10:30 p.m. (2:30 p.m. EST).

Hours earlier, loud explosions were heard in and around Baghdad, with witnesses saying an unknown number of people were killed and injured in an attack on a housing complex for employees of a weapons-producing facility.

The Military Industrialization Authority of Iraq complex is in the Al-Yousifiah area, about 12 miles south of the capital.

An explosion about 700 yards west of the Information Ministry sent scores of journalists fleeing. Anti-aircraft guns on the roof of the ministry opened fire, witnesses said, but there was no word on damage or casualties.

One of Baghdad’s main telephone facilities also was hit early Thursday, causing service disruptions. Iraqi officials, speaking before the late night attacks, said 36 civilians were killed and 215 injured in U.S. bombing attacks.

Billowing smoke rises from an explosion in the presidential compound in Baghdad following Thursday night’s U.S.-British air raids. The attacks, which used precision bombs and missiles, targeted command and communications facilities.

Faith-based measure fails, lawmakers look to tax breaks

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Unable to pass even a watered-down version of the president’s faith-based initiative, congressional sponsors Thursday said they would remove all efforts to pass legislation to church-run programs to churches and other religious groups from the bill.

Their legislation instead will just provide tax breaks for donations to charities, including religious groups.

“I would like to have gotten the whole program, but in the United States Senate this year, you’re lucky to get anything, and I’ll take anything,” said Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa. “We just thought it was a great trade off.”

Santorum said the Bush administration has succeeded in rewriting government regulations to open programs to religious groups, making legislation less urgent.

He also said the tax provisions will aid charities, including many that are religious.

Santorum said House Republicans had agreed to go along with the scaled-back bill — a remarkable shift since the legislative effort began two years ago.

The initiative, at the center of Bush’s “compassionate conservative” campaign, met stiff opposition from the start.

After a bitter debate, a divided House approved Bush-supported legislation opening a dozen new social programs to religious groups. It allowed these groups to hire or fire based on their religion, and allowed them to skirt state anti-discrimination laws.

The bill was strongly opposed by civil rights groups and others, and when it got to the Senate, sponsors Santorum and Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., scaled it back.

Their bill initially offered tax breaks and made it clear that religious groups may not be excluded from government contracts for reasons such as having a religious name or displaying religious symbols.

Still, critics objected.

Some Senate Democrats argued that the bill specifically should bar groups from using federal funds to proselytize.

They said it should expressly prohibit groups from getting tax dollars from discriminating against beneficiaries or employees of other religions. Without this clarification, the administration would interpret the law on its own to allow these things, argued Sens. Jack Reed, D-R.I., and Dick Durbin, D-Ill.

Unable to overcome these objections, Santorum said he was stripping the contested language from the bill.

Reed said Thursday that he was encouraged by the move but was waiting to see exactly what would pass Congress. A prominent opposition group was less restrained.

“This is a huge step in the right direction,” said Rev. Barry Lynn of Americans United for the Separation of Church and State.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS
Serbian cops shoot suspected assassins
Belgrade police shot and killed two major suspects in the assassination of Zoran Djindjic as they resisted arrest late Thursday, the government said.

Dusan Spasojevic and Milan Lakovic were leaders of the Zemun clan, a crime gang that has been accused of masterminding the March 12 assassination of Djindjic, the Interior Ministry said in a statement.

E.U. states move to ban some oil tankers
European Union governments agreed Thursday to ban all single-hulled tankers by 2010 in an attempt to reduce the risk of spills like the one that befuddled the coast of Northwestern Spain last year.

The ban would be phased in, with a ban on single-hulled tankers carrying heavy crude oil taking effect in July if approved by the European Parliament.

Shuttle data recorder may yield clues
Salvaged tape from Columbia’s data recorder may hold vital information up until just a few seconds before the shuttle disintegrated over Texas, accident investigators said Thursday.

While the 9,400 feet of magnetic tape was being duplicated at Kennedy Space Center this week, a time tag on it confirmed that some type of imprint exists until 18 seconds past 9 a.m. on Feb. 1, the board said. After that, the tape is blank.

Sniper suspect to get psychiatric tests
Lawyers for sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad received permission Thursday to hire a psychiatrist and a psychologist to evaluate his mental health. But the judge temporarily denied requests to hire private investigators.

The mental health experts were not identified during the 45-minute hearing before Prince William Circuit Judge LeRoy Millette Jr.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS
Jury awards $14M in ’98 car crash case
A jury has ordered the state and a Clark County man to pay $14 million to the families of four people killed in a 1998 automobile accident at an intersection in southern Indiana.

The Clark County jury agreed with the plaintiffs’ contention that motorists were not adequately warned about the danger of the intersection, which was essentially blind to drivers coming up a hill.

Bloomington enacts public smoking ban
The Bloomington City Council approved a ban on smoking in public and most workplaces, but gave private clubs and over-18 clubs extra time to comply.

The panel passed the ordinance by an 8-1 vote Wednesday night.

Council members also approved an amendment that would exempt private clubs and 18-and-over businesses with lawful smoking areas from the smoking regulations until Jan. 1, 2005.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS
"Father of the Family" to air new episode
"Father of the Family" will air a new episode Sunday, the ABC network said Thursday.

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campaign through payroll deduction or a direct gift. The donor may determine where their donation and the Lilly matching dollars are designated. It doesn’t matter what you give,” said Kay Ball, Saint Mary's Director of Development. “You just participate at whatever level you can.”

Faculty and staff have contributed 60 percent of their $250,000 goal, with nearly $150,000 contributed so far. Ball said she fully expects them to meet or exceed their goal this year.

Student campaigns are also actively progressing toward their goal in the Lilly Initiative.

Traditionally, each Saint Mary’s senior class has

have made a smooth transition. They are experienced instructors and they enthusiastically took on the extra workloads and each picked up extra classes,” said Mosinski. “They did a tremendous job and we didn’t miss a beat.” The department was short-handed for about five weeks until two temporary instructors joined the department last week. An adjunct professor has been hired to teach Taylor’s class this semester, as well.

None of the professors in the Nave or Air Force ROTC programs have been deployed for duty. Students participating in ROTC cannot be deployed because they are in uniform.

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ing campus cultural clubs will be held this afternoon from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the La Fortune Ballroom. Additionally, many social events sponsored by campus groups are planned for this weekend, which began Thursday evening with Lumpia Night, sponsored by the Filipino American Students Organization. Students will also have the opportunity to attend “Latin Expressions” tonight at the Century Center in downtown South Bend and the Black Cultural Arts Council’s Fashion Show, themed “Tell It Like It Is,” which will be held Saturday evening in the Stepan Center. Though these events are usually held sometime in the spring, MSPS works with student cultural clubs to plan the events during Spring Visitation so that minority students are presented with a wide variety of activities for the weekend, said Outlaw.

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College plans to add $200 technology fee

By ANNELEISE WOOLFORD

Saint Mary’s has added a $200 technology fee to the 2003-04 student tuition to raise necessary funding for ongoing technology upgrades and campus software licensing.

The College’s Department of Information Technology has decided to update its network capacity, in a move that will affect both on- and off-campus students.

“Much of our maintenance licensing expired last summer, so basically we’ve been using older software,” said Keith Fowlkes, Saint Mary’s director of Information Technology.

Fowlkes said that his office has facilitated upgrades to Microsoft programs only. Others, such as Macromedia and Adobe, are slated for future upgrades.

In addition to the College’s need to upgrade its programs, initial funding comprised of grant funds and a 1998 bond issue run out in the summer of 2003, further necessitating the addition of a technology fee.

“It takes money to keep up with new technology,” Fowlkes said. “We’re rounding the corner right now on five-year upgrade needs for our campus network.”

To build on the campus network’s infrastructure, the Department of Information Technology will install a cable-endangering system, user information database and a new system for e-mail—a significant improvement from the IMP system upgrade last month.

Current Internet connections will be enhanced, providing on-campus students with a faster Internet connection.

Off-campus students will be accommodated with a “package shaper,” enabling faster and more flexible access outside of campus.

Proceeds from the fee will also help to cover operational costs within the Information Technology Resource Center.

A grant from the Huisking Foundation will pay for additional ITRC computer costs.

New computer-based audiovisual production will make the ITRC, the hub for the “campus channel,” a television studio to produce student-produced programming, campus news, world sports, and weather.

The ITRC is in the process of forming a Cablevision Advisory Board and is planning to initiate the “campus channel” during the 2004-05 academic year.

A cable television channel was instituted at colleges where Fowlkes previously worked. Based on its success on other campuses, Fowlkes said he is optimistic that the channel will thrive at Saint Mary’s.

“We have so many incredible offerings on this campus for technology and we want to keep them up,” he said. “We’re doing this primarily for students so they can be exposed to the latest technologies. When they graduate, they’ll be ready to use whatever technology is out there in front of them.”

Other colleges and universities around the country have an additional technology fee outside of student tuition.

Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio has a $120 technology fee. At Ball State University, the fee is $130. At Indiana University, Bloomington, it’s $400 per year.

Saint Mary’s will continue to use a portion of the bulk of the technology costs.

“The $200 will help us provide more and better technology for our students,” Fowlkes said. “We believe students will understand that technology is expensive, and to maintain the technology we have on campus is crucial to the education of students here at Saint Mary’s.”

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U.S. economy still struggling

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WASHINGTON

The economy that turned sluggish at the end of last year and has remained tepid ever since — and may well be doing worse — as war uncertainties and the stagnant job market make consumers and businesses more cautious. Some analysts worry about a slide back into recession.

Since the 2001 recession, the economy has tried, unsuccessfully so far, to get back to full throttle. Optimistic analysts believe the economy in the current January-March quarter has grown at a below-normal annual rate of around 1.5 percent to just over 2 percent. More pessimistic economists are suggesting growth of under 1 percent, and some believe the first quarter could see the economy shrink, a step toward recession.

"I don't think anybody really wants to make significant financial commitments in view of the jobless recovery, the geopolitical situation and higher energy prices, which are eating a lot of purchasing power," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Wells Fargo.

The broadest measure of economic health — gross domestic product — shrunk, a step toward recession. The price of oil on futures markets has risen to $30.45, as high as $30.45. On last Friday, when it closed at $26.91.

As part of its liquidation, eToys sold its name and other intellectual assets for $3.4 million to Kitos Inc. In his new job, Lenk will run the e-commerce sites for one of the Internet's biggest retail-to-pulp stories.

Taubman's properties include the world's largest shopping mall — Westfield America's largest shopping mall — and Westfield America's largest shopping mall — the former Dillard's at U.S. 308,000 jobs. In offering a slate of board candidates, Taubman would not delay its annual meeting and Westfield America's Peter Lowy issued a statement saying they trust the government will release its initial estimate of jobless claims Thursday, with new claims for unemployment benefits last week at 28,433 points to close at $2,803.45.

In a second report Thursday, new claims for unemployment benefits last week fell by a seasonally adjusted 25,000 to 402,000, a two-month low, the Labor Department said. Even with the drop, claims are at a level suggesting the job market remains sluggish.

Shoppers descend a staircase at the nearly empty International Plaza Mall in Tampa, Fla. Many retailers are feeling the effects of a slow consumer economy as the war in Iraq continues.

Some analysts foresee another recession in '03

Associated Press

IN BRIEF

Crude futures spike on supply fears

The price of oil on futures markets has risen to $30.45, as high as $30.45. On last Friday, when it closed at $26.91.

Since the end of 2001, economic growth has been stronger, a three-month period of strength followed by a quarter of weakness. That muted climate — along with concerns about the war, higher oil prices and a turbulent stock market — has made businesses reluctant to make major financial commitments, namely capital investment and hiring. That is the biggest factor restraining the economy's recovery.

Although businesses largely have restricted spending, consumers have been the main force keeping the economy going. But recent economic reports show consumers are becoming more cautious, especially as the job market has worsened. The unemployment rate rose to 5.8 percent in February as the economy lost a whopping 308,000 jobs.

Economists believe the jobless rate moved up to 6 percent in March and may creep higher in coming months. The employment report for March will be released next week.

In the fourth quarter of 2002, consumer spending grew at a rate of just 1.7 percent, a sharp pullback from the 4.2 percent rate in the third quarter. Some economists believe consumer spending in the first quarter may have slowed further. "Higher energy prices are basically picking the pockets of consumers," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group.
Friday 3.28
Mass for Peace and Justice
5:15 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

807 Mass
8:00 p.m.
CoMo Student Lounge

Junior Retreat #2
Friday and Saturday
Potato State Park

Marriage Preparation Retreat
Friday and Saturday
Fatima Retreat Center

Sunday 3.30
RCIA Session
10:00-11:00 a.m.
Coleman-Morse Student Lounge

Senior Night
Follow up to Senior Retreat
4:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Parish Center

tuesday 4.01
Confirmation Session #13
7:00-8:45 p.m.
Siegfried Hall Chapel

Campus Bible Study
7:00-8:00 p.m.
114 Coleman-Morse Center

Graduate Student Christian Fellowship
8:00 p.m.
Wilson Commons

Interfaith Christian Night Prayer
10:00 p.m.
Morrissey Hall Chapel

Wednesday 4.02
When Did I See You Hungry?
Film-Screening & Meet the Director
7:00 p.m.
Hesburgh Center Auditorium

Thursday 4.03

Friday 4.04
Mashtera for the Breast Feast
9:00 p.m.
Siegfried Hall Chapel

Saturday 4.05
Mass Schedule
9:30 a.m.
Spanish Mass
9:30 a.m.
Zahm Hall Chapel
12:00 noon
Latin Mass
12:00 noon
St. Elizabeth Hall Chapel
5:00 p.m.
Latin Mass
5:00 p.m.
St. Edward's Chapel
7:00 p.m.
Mass
7:00 p.m.
Mendoza Chapel
10:00 p.m.
Gospel
10:00 p.m.
St. John's Chapel

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1st: 2 Chr 36: 14 - 16, 19 - 23
2nd: Eph 2: 4 - 10
Gospel: John 3: 14 - 21

Considerations....

Women's History Month

Where are the women?
by Chandra Johnson
Assistant to the President & Assistant Director, Cross Cultural Ministry

I traveled to Cuba over Spring Break. As part of with the theology class, "From Power to Communica-
tion", we met with various leaders in the Havana community-priests, young adult and elder lay ministers,
shorts, social service administrators, journalists, and a foreign ambassador. They each had their own
distinct opinions on Castro's leadership and Cuban society. We were fortunate, though. Before we left
the U.S., Fr. Bob Pelton led us through Latin America's implementation of Vatican Council II documents
in both glowing and critical terms. He was honest and up front about its successes and failures in the
American. The course preparation was an exercise in patriotic formation with an understanding of gospel
values and Christian diplomacy. As American citizens, we were challenged to enter Cuba with open
minds and a willingness to learn from the Cuban people.

While sitting in the Miami airport on our return home, I asked Fr. Bob how he got to be this way.
"What was?" he said.
I asked, "You know...you see everyone the same. There's a creative tension driving your theology and
ecclsiology that keeps you open to difference." He thought for a moment and responded, "Probably Chilé-I spent a lot of time there."
"It has to be something more," I pressed.
He thought again and said, "It was my mother. I watched her not to be afraid to see others as equal. She
taught me how to be a Christian."

Even then, Christ's message of liberation and respect of human dignity drove the behavior
and prophetic actions of women who were in
the wrong place at the right time.

Rev. James Foster, c.s.c.

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Police arrest 215 war protesters

Associated Press

NEW YORK - About 215 protesters were arrested Thursday after they lay down in Manhattan's Fifth Avenue, blocking traffic in the latest of a series of demonstrations against the war.

The "die-in" temporarily closed the avenue between 49th and 50th streets, near St. Patrick's Cathedral and the Saks Fifth Avenue store and across the street from Rockefeller Center. The arrests stemmed from face charges of disorderly conduct and obstructing governmental administration, police said.

Anti-war groups had called for civil disobedience, hoping to draw more attention than the largely peaceful protests held daily in the city since hostilities began in Iraq.

"I am not saying else gets attention," Fordham University student Johannnah Westmacott said as she showed her badge numbers.

The protest drew hundreds of demonstrators, filling a block of Fifth Avenue in the midtown business district. As helicopters hovered overhead, the protest organizers - some of whom - chanted "hey, hey, ho, ho, Bush's war has to go!" and "Peace now!"

Officers arrested those who refused to rise. They cuffed many with plastic restraints before half-carrying them into waiting police trucks.

The "die-in" was intended to symbolize Iraqi war victims, said organizers of M27, the ad-hoc coalition behind the event.

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As students enter the final push of this academic year, other 18-to-22-year-olds are piloting helicopters, firing missiles and operating tanks in the war in Iraq. Their sacrifice should particularly resonate with Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, as the faces they pass on the way to class each morning aren't very different from those now marching to Baghdad. Despite the vigorous disagreement between those who support and oppose the war in Iraq, both sides should find common ground in the need to support the service­men and women in Iraq and around the world who are serving on behalf of all Americans.

This appreciation for members of the military should extend to those who represent it on this campus: the cadets and officers in Notre Dame's ROTC program. The University can decisively communicate its respect and support for everyone serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students who will serve after graduation by moving the ROTC Presidential Pass and Review back to South Quad. The Pass and Review's current location — tucked out of sight inside the Loftus Sports Complex — does not show the proper respect for both the ROTC program and others on campus by limiting community participation in the event. It is not right for those who oppose the military to be able to put out in the open for all to see while ROTC is kept under wraps and out of the public view. The Pass and Review ceremony brings together the Air Force, Army and Navy branches, which march before University President Father Edward Malloy in a show of respect for their civilian commander. ROTC cadets doff for months to achieve the proper organizational discipline for this event, which also includes the presentation of awards to senior cadets and speeches by Malloy and former President Father Theodore Hesburgh. Historically held outdoors, the Pass and Review moved to the indoor arena several years ago because of inclement weather — and, some have contended, the threats of protesters who oppose ROTC's presence on campus have kept the Pass and Review inside. Regardless of the reason for the move indoors, now is the time to move the Pass and Review back outside. Holding the ceremony on South Quad will convey the appropriate respect for the cadets who work hard while at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's to prepare for the challenges of military service they face after graduation. It serves as a way to honor the service and sacrifice of those now fighting in Iraq, including Notre Dame graduates like Marine 1st Lt. Dustin Ferrell, who was wounded Saturday in the line of duty. The outdoor location will also allow other members of the Notre Dame community to attend and participate, whether they come to honor the cadets or tactfully protest the organization repre­sent. Such openness is critical for stimulating debate and discussion, which are both essential components of the lib­eral education the University strives to provide for its stu­dents.

By respecting those who may one day soon be fighting for America, they can prove that the University's time-honored motto, "God, Country, Notre Dame," still holds true today.

Don't condemn opposing opinions

In the debate over the war in Iraq, "freedom of speech" has become a very controversial term with its meaning used on both sides of the debate. However, a recent trend has been developing that is, at least to me, disconcerting if not downright McCarthyistic. When someone makes a public statement exercising their free speech that you disagree with, you essentially have two options: offer a rational and unbiased rebuttal or criticize the statement itself. It seems that the latter option has become increasingly popular of late.

"This is not inherently bad — if speech is inappropriate for someone's role in society, that is grounds for their criticism. If for example, a respected news anchor, ethically bound to rel­ative objectivity, such as Peter Jennings or Dan Rather, were to publicly speak out in either opposition or favor of the war, that would be inappropriate. But where do we draw the line? Are celebrities obligated to remain mum on their stance? If so, where does one cross the border into celebrity? When does it cease to be a job like any other and come with rules regarding your opin­ion? Would you be offended by a local plumber speaking out against the war? Perhaps a prominent lawyer or entrepreneur? I would hypothesize that mere notoriety does not obligate one to quiet dissenting opinions. In the example of the news anchor, Tom Brokaw is expected to be objective, but the Dixie Chicks are not. But wait. Isn’t criticism of a statement free speech in and of itself? Possibly, but when a group of citizens engages in an organized attempt to silence a particular person or group or attempts to damage a person’s career because of their views, that violates their free speech. Remember, a violation of free speech does not have to be an act of govern­ment. Whenever a crowd of people purposefully attempts to drown out a speaker, boycott a musical group or publicly protest a celebrity appearing in a movie because of their opinion, that violates free speech. You can call anyone you’d like, including your radio station, to tell them you disagree with the Dixie Chicks, but to threaten a boycott of stations that play their music is to threaten their career. This is called blacklisting. It was wrong during the Red Scare, when the government was responsible for it and it’s wrong now with citizens responsi­ble for it.

Jeff Skarski
March 27
It would be worse without Bush

Nader inspires

It's not often that I am inspired by politicians and too often that I am discouraged by them. Ralph Nader's lecture March 26 at the Mendoza College of Business on the topic of legislative corporate ethics inspired me. I have heard our President, George W. Bush, speak. I have heard my governor speak. I've spoken with corporate ethics-oriented business people, but none of them enlightened me to the extent that Nader did. Ralph Nader inspired me to greater sense of personal responsibility and moral fortitude than Ralph Nader, except Pope John Paul II, who told the shevving crowds at World Youth Day in Rome to "be the saints of the next generation." Ralph Nader was articulate, animated, and extremely well prepared. He challenged the auditorium at every turn. When was the last time you heard a recommended book to you and assumed you were literate enough to read it? Nader recommended 10. He reminded me why I came to Notre Dame in the first place — to become educated and to change the world by being a better citizen in it. This fall I sat through one freshman orientation speaker after another — an unconvincing football metaphor after another, and I learned two things.

First, life's a game and you've already won it by getting into Notre Dame. As a student, we've grown up with brand-name ethics, the only important thing is having the brand-name ethics, the only important thing is having the pros and cons of any war, price and costs of any war, and cost of any war. With the costs of any war, price and cost of any war. With the costs of any war, price and cost of any war.

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By MARIA SMITH  
Scene Editor

Contrary to what some people may believe, everyone should have a few Broadway show tunes in their lives. With New York 700 miles away, students can still take advantage of the chance to see popular Broadway numbers performed by students this weekend at the "Pasquerilla East Musical Company Musical Revue 2003: A Night on Broadway." The numbers, taken from musicals like Grease! and Les Miserables, were prepared by students who auditioned for the show before spring break. The group has had barely three weeks to pull the show together and learn four group numbers. The show has encountered a few snags along the way, including pianist Lauren Prieto spraining her hand a week before the show. Since break, student directors Brian Grundy and Shawna Monson have been working to organize the show and get the numbers up to their final performance level.

"Some of the acts were performance quality at auditions," said Monson. "Others needed a little more work." For opening night, however, all the acts will be up to snuff and beyond. The show opens with a cast rendition of "Razzle Dazzle" from "Chicago," and as they remind you, "What if, in fact, you're just disgusting? Razzle dazzle'em, and they'll never catch wise!" After opening with a bang, the show slows down a little with some ballads and solo performances. Numbers like "I Enjoy Being a Girl" from "Flower Drum Song" performed by Natalie Martinez and "Your Daddy's Son" from "Nights and Music" performed by April Trimble are favorites with audiences everywhere and are performed powerfully in the Revue. As in any musical review the comic numbers are some of the most fun. "Mr. Cellophone" and "Cell Block Tango" from "Chicago," performed by KC Kenney and a group of six girls from the cast respectively, light up the second half of the show. The highlights of the show are undoubtedly the larger group numbers. The cast learned "Razzle Dazzle" and most of the group numbers and choreography by Erin Porvaznik in the weeks since spring break. The guys may leave the stage after "Let It Go" from "The Full Monty" wearing more clothes than the guys from the Keenan Revue, but the act is entertaining nonetheless. One of the independent group numbers includes an original musical skit called "The Prodigal Son" by cast member Tommy Curtin. The senior music major composed the skit for a series of summer camps for high school students organized by the Notre Dame Vocational Institute last summer. "The Prodigal Son" not only features an appearance by the devil and his consorts but also a singing cow played by Ramin Saghafl. The skit will be a hit with anyone who enjoys "VeggieTales." The numbers in this year's Revue are divided into titled sections in honor of this year's theme, "What are you trying to say?" The sections, including "Concerning Love," "Concerning Leaving" and "Concerning Philosophy," are preceded by inspiring or at least relevant quotes on the subject.

This is the second year PEMCo has put on a musical revue, and the group hopes to continue the tradition in future years. "There are important things that need to be said, and one of my favorite ways to say them is with musical theatre," said Grundy.

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Playing Above Their Class
Irish want to depend on ‘D’ just one more time

By KATIE McVOY

When her team lost 71-54 to the Boilermakers on national television in January, Irish coach Muffet McGraw labeled that the low point of the season. Now, as they head into the Sweet Sixteen to face Purdue once again, the Irish are riding high.

"I think for us looking back at that game, we were very disappointed with the outcome," McGraw said. "We’re not talking about it, we’re not going to show any film of that game. But we all know we can play better than that."

In the last week, Notre Dame has done the unthinkable — twice. The game, we were very disappointed once again, the Irish are riding high.

"I would like to play someone new," McGraw said. "It was exciting for us to play Kansas State, who we never played before. At the end of the year you do so, toBroaden your league, because you see them on TV but you don’t know so much about them."

The possibility of the Irish defeating No. 2 Purdue is not unreasonable, in fact, it’s not such a long glance back in the history books to see the last time that happened. In 1996 the No. 12 Irish upset No. 5 Purdue in the first Irish NCAA tournament win. But, as they head into the third round of this year’s tournament, McGraw would rather have a team she isn’t so familiar with.

"They have great balance," McGraw said. "I think that Beth Jones is someone you really have to guard on the perimeter. Even if she doesn’t take the shot or make the shot you have to have someone guarding her."

Action gets under way Sunday at UD Arena at 2:30.

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Teresa Burton fights for the ball against an Arizona player during Notre Dame’s victory in round one of the NCAA tournament. The Irish have relied on solid defense to bring home wins against their last two opponents.
Ahead of their time

Duffy and LaVere may be freshmen by name, but in the NCAA tournament they have played like anything but.

By KATIE MAVOY
Senior Staff Writer

When she heads home to Dayton Sunday, it's an older Megan Duffy that will greet her family. In fact, it seems that, despite the fact that First Year of Studies is still next to her in name on the campus phone book, Megan Duffy has left her freshman status behind.

In the last two games, games that are big enough to make a seasoned veteran nervous, Notre Dame's Duffy and classmate Courtney LaVere have played like anything but freshmen. In fact, it seems that Irish coach Muffet McGraw has added two more seniors to her team.

"They don't play like freshmen. . . Those two freshmen really play like seniors." McGraw said.

Duffy has stepped up for the Irish this March. Against Kansas State, the freshman point guard scored 10 points, four of which came when it really mattered.

In the final 60 seconds of a very close-up match-up, Duffy stepped to the charity stripe four times. She hit both straight home all four times.

"I feel really good about her time to adjust the line," McGraw said. "She's not someone who really allows pressure to get her." "They don't play like freshmen. . . Those two freshmen really play like seniors." Muffet McGraw Irish coach

Playing well in pressure situations isn't new to Duffy. This season she has found some success playing when the heat is on. For that reason, McGraw isn't that surprised that she has been able to step up this tournament and find success amidst the oppositions screaming fans and with the eyes of the nation upon them.

"She has played well all year long in pressure situations. She's had a lot of success already," McGraw said. "She's a very confident person."

What's more, Duffy has begun to step up to the kind of leadership position that is required from a guard. The freshman, who needed some time to adjust to Notre Dame's triangle offense, has started to be vocal on the floor.

"I think Megan's got a leadership potential," McGraw said. "She is somebody that never hangs her head after a mistake." And Duffy is confident with that role.

"I think during the season, we had a stretch where we needed leadership and I'm just going in with the attitude that whatever this team needs, do it," Duffy said. "I guess whether they like it or not, it's kind of something that I think it's my role as point guard and something that I need to do." Coming up big

For LaVere, hitting the big shots when it matters isn't so new. "LaVere] has stepped up in every big game that we have had this year," McGraw said. "She has had a big game and had a double-double in about every big game.

The freshman post player made her first start as the new year turned, as the Irish struggled through that month -- becoming, in fact, the light in the darkness.

"I think that when we were struggling, someone had to step up and I was confident enough to know I could help the team win the games," LaVere said.

LaVere, who started the season as a bench player, joined the starting lineup, and then found herself back on the bench, has played several roles for the Irish. Although she started against Kansas State because Katy Flecky was injured, she provides an excellent spark from the bench.

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Finding some seniority

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They think they can

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

If you thought the Irish women's basketball team would still be playing on the second weekend of the NCAA Tournament, you're either Miss Cleo or you knew something that the rest of the college basketball community didn't.

Because, after watching the Irish this season, they shouldn't have had a chance against two very good basketball teams — Arizona and Kansas State.

But no one told Notre Dame they couldn't do it. For all they knew, the Sweet Sixteen was reachable. And they were going to get there — no matter whom they had to take out on the way.

So after losing, the Irish got a whole week to practice and improve. They worked on bettering their game and playing solid defense. They tried to find a way to peak for the tournament.

After watching them hold two opponents under 55 points in back-to-back tournament games, it's safe to say they got better in both areas.

It was interesting watching the Irish in that first tournament game against Arizona. They shot horribly in the first half, but no one panicked. The Irish looked confident in the second half. They looked like a team that expected to win.

Once they upset Arizona, only God could have known they were about to snap Kansas State's 22-game home winning streak two nights later. Mere mortals simply can't make those types of predictions.

But there Notre Dame was, 48 hours after upsetting Arizona, beating a Kansas State team that had never lost at home during the 2002-03 season.

And if you looked at the Irish players, you could see that confidence in their eyes. The Irish didn't care what the odds were, they were proving to the country just how well they could play.


No one is giving them a chance. No one thinks they can win. No one believes they can pull off another upset.

But after their first two tournament games, no one should be surprised when a confident, determined Irish team takes the floor in Dayton, Ohio this weekend. And especially when that same team gives the Boilermakers all they can handle.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Joe Hettler at jhettler@nd.edu.

MIDWEST REGIONAL

No. 1 Duke
Duke is the best women's basketball team to win four consecutive ACC titles.

Saturday 9 P.M.

No. 5 Georgia
The injury-ridden Bulldogs boast six freshmen and sophomores players.

No. 6 New Mexico
New Mexico State is the Sweet Sixteen after defeating No. 3 Mississippi State.

Saturday 11:30 P.M.

No. 7 Tennessee
Tennessee upset No. 2 Texas and is the only team to beat this team twice.

MIDEAST REGIONAL

No. 1 Connecticut
The Huskies are the undefeated best team in college basketball this year.

Sunday 12 P.M.

No. 4 Boston College
Boston College is having a much better tournament than expected.

Sunday 2:30 P.M.

No. 5 South Carolina
The Gamecocks are coming off of two upsets and are a roll looking for one more.

No. 2 Purdue
Shereka Wright and the Boilermakers are going to cause some serious noise for the Irish.

THE SWEET SIXTEEN

EAST REGIONAL

WEST REGIONAL

No. 1 LSU
LSU has won the top five all season and has only lost three SEC games.

Sunday 7 P.M.

No. 5 Louisiana
Louisiana Tech, coming off an upset, is looking to knock off its state rival.

No. 8 Minnesota
Minnesota knocked off the top 25 team in the tournament when it defeated Stanford.

Sunday 9:30 P.M.

No. 2 Texas
Texas edged Kansas State for its first-ever Big 12 regular-season title.
Medea loosed at Saint Mary’s

One Corinthian woman said, “Death is here….”

By KRISTIN FREDERICK

An eerie music loitered across the black silence, portending unnatural acts and tantalizing first-time viewers of the “Medea,” raising questions about revenge, the nature of justice and natural laws, Medea rocks Greek culture. She brings out Greek arrogance against foreigners and questions the very foundations of their culture.

The Saint Mary’s Department of Communication Studies, Dance and Theatre presents Euripides’ chilling tragedy, “Medea,” adapted by Robinson Jeffers, this weekend in the O’Laughlin Auditorium. An introduction to Greek culture precedes the play, beginning about half an hour prior to the main performance.

For those of you who aren’t familiar with the “Medea,” it makes “Oedipus the King” look like a bedtime story and puts the rage of Achilles to shame. Medea is a fierce Asian princess, who married the Greek hero, Jason the Argonaut. For love of Jason, she murdered both her father and husband dropped her for a new Asian princess, younger, model and more cash.

When we see her for the first time, her eyelids droop as if in a trance and pain seems to wash over her body like the lapping tide, licking her wounds in repeated rhythm. There is witchcraft, violent murders and cruel taunting from Medea. But you’ll have to show up at Saint Mary’s this weekend to see the rest.

Going to see Meredith Pierce, a senior theatre major, rage about the intimate stage setting, in truly tormented Medea—fashion, is worth the trip alone. Before she ever appears onstage, the agony in her unseen cries pierces the nervous opening speech of her faithful old servant, played by sophomore, Betsy Brown.

Merideth admitted that she was “scared to death” of Medea at first glance but has come to understand how a larger-than-life character, like Medea, could be perverted by this “downward spiral” to such extreme, unnatural acts. First-time Saint Mary’s audience, Director Leigh Taylor also noticed Merideth’s increased understanding of her role. Despite being originally concerned about how a 21-year-old girl was going to achieve the depth of a character like Medea without any life experience that could even come close to comparable. Taylor found herself well pleased with the results.

Because of all the conflicting issues in this work, Taylor hoped to leave the audience in “wonder” about how far a person can be driven.” Although Medea never seems quite human during the play, her supernatural qualities are reemphasized by the fact that she seems to be exempt from divine justice at the end of the play.

Because the play is acted and staged on the auditorium stage, this presentation definitely does it justice. Lies! Yost, Adrienne DeGraff and Meg Lawrence play three of the women. There are some great lines in this play, the scenery was excellent because it provided the necessary setting, while not drawing the audience’s attention away from the intense dialogue that demands their focus.

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“Medea” will be performed Friday March 28 at 8 p.m., Saturday March 29 at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. as well as on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the O’Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary’s. Contact the box office at 284-4626 to purchase tickets or for further information. Contact Kristin Frederick at kfred@nd.edu

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Wade's 20 second half points puts Marquette in Elite Eight

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS Marquette's triggers momentum of his 15 points in the final straight points - seven by earlier. came up short. McGuire.

NBA

Eagles to a 77-7 4 victory over Missouri, was held to four points again the second half points and then just three the rest of the way.

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The Jayhawks were on top the rest of the way. Collison made 14-of-22 shots, scoring mostly from inside.

Kansas (27-2) will face Arizona (25-5) in the second round. Kansas led Arizona by as many as 20 points before losing a 91-74 decision to the Wildcats in Lawrence, Kan., on Jan. 23.

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Freshman Ryan Doherty pitches in Notre Dame's 8-3 win over Toledo in Tuesday's home opener. The Irish are hosting Georgetown at Eck Stadium Saturday and Sunday.

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paces the Hoyas with a .464 average and 15 RBI, followed by outfielder Roberts O'Harre, who has hit .410 in starting 10 of Georgetown's 18 games this year.

Georgetown's pitching, meanwhile, has been suspect, as the staff has posted a team ERA of 6.58 for the season. The top threat on the mound for the Hoyas could come from freshman righthander Warren Sizemore, who is 3-1 on the season with a 3.56 ERA. He leads Georgetown pitchers with 30 1/3 innings on the hill.

The Irish continued to see solid production at the plate in the two midweek games, with Notre Dame cracking out 20 hits and plating 16 runs in the two games.

Freshman Cody Rizzo continued to impress, with his 4-for-6 performance at the plate in the pair of midweek games, pushing his average to .358 for the season. Rizzo also drove in five runs and crossed the plate three times in the home-opening games.

Second baseman Steve Sollmann improved from his 1-for-13 performance in the Big East opener with a pair of 2-for-5 days Tuesday and Wednesday. The junior still leads the team in batting with a .367 average.

After the pair of games, Mainieri gave his team a day off Thursday to gear up for the important weekend series. The Irish coach realizes the importance in taking these early conference home games.

"When you're at home, you've got to take care of business," Mainieri said. "Our players know that it's important that we get the job done at home, so we took Thursday off, and we will get back to practice on Friday and get ready for Georgetown."

Play is scheduled to begin Saturday at noon with a seven-inning opener of the doubleheader before the full-length nightcap at 3 p.m.

The teams wrap up play Sunday at noon at Frank Eck Stadium.

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By HEATHER VAN HÖGARDEN
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame track and field teams look to continue to enjoy the outdoor season, as they travel to three sites this weekend.

The Irish track team travels to Stanford in Palo Alto, Calif., for the Stanford Invitational.

For the women, Lauren King and Molly Hudgins will run in the 1,500-meter race Saturday. Also running Saturday is Kerry Meagher, who will be competing in the 800-meter race. Meanwhile, Ana Morales will start off the Irish on Friday, running in the 1,500 meters as well.

On the men's side, the Irish have significantly more competitors. Friday, Vinni Ambrico will run in the 1,500 meters. Saturday will see Thomas Chamney compete in the 800 meters, and Eric Morrison and Kevin Somok in the 1,500-meter race.

Also competing for the men is John Keanne, who will run the 5,000-meter race. Chris Stasen will compete in the high jump, and Godwin Mbagwu will enter both the long jump and the triple jump.

In other action, some of the Irish women will travel to Gainesville, Fla., to compete in the Florida Relays. Tiffany Gunn will compete in the 400-meter hurdles. The Irish will also have teams for the 4x100-meter, 4x200-meter and 4x400-meter relays.

Finally, while their fellow teammates are enjoying the sun, more Irish athletes travel to Western Michigan for the Western Michigan Invitational.

The three meets are both today and Saturday.

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Thower Juan Alba competes in the shot put earlier this season. The Irish are going to three events this weekend.

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MENS GOLF

Cold Kentucky awaits Irish

By ERIK POWERS
Sports Writer

Could the University Club of Kentucky be the site of an Irish resurgence? Notre Dame invades the University of Kentucky’s golf course Saturday with aspirations of their first victory of the spring season.

The Irish have had two meets since tournament play resumed. After finishing eighth in the rain-abbreviated Big Red Classic, Notre Dame placed 12th in the Conrad Reiling Alabama Spring Invitational. Two weeks of practice later, the Irish are looser, more confident, and poised to return to their fall season form.

"We’re getting back to where we were before the winter break," freshman Scott Gustafson said. "We worked the rust off during the two meets over spring break.

Mark Baldwin, Brandon Lunke, Eric Deutsch and Gustafson are expected to anchor the Irish this weekend. Freshman golfers have been pushing the top five

"Whenever we golf, we come prepared for all different conditions." Scott Gustafson

None of Notre Dame’s four freshmen has played at the University Club, yet inexperi-

ence is something that the team has over-

come all season. In addition to windy weather possibly playing a factor at the

fairly wide-open course, frigid temperatures await the Irish. Saturday’s high is predicted to be 48 degrees, but Sunday’s is forecast at a chilly 33 degrees.

"It’s definitely something that we’ll have to adjust to," Gustafson said. "Whenever we golf, we come prepared for all different conditions."

Notre Dame might not make the trip. After finishing

elbow."

But the Irish have the advantage of conditioning in chilly climates. After this weekend, only two more meets remain for Notre Dame before the Big East championships. Each of the 54 holes moves the team one step closer to a chance at an automatic NCAA berth. But the Irish have more on their minds than worries of peaking at the right time. This weekend, they have a tournament to win.

"Winning the Big East Tournament is our best chance to advance — it’s in the back of our minds. We’re building up to it," Gustafson said. "But in each tournament we definitely do the best that we can. Every tournament will be different, but we will prepare ourselves.

The first two rounds of the Johnny Owens Invitational begin at 8 a.m. Saturday. The final round begins at 8 a.m. Sunday.

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SMC SOFTBALL

‘Eager’ Belles kick off MIAA season at home

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary’s softball program has gotten off to a tremendous start this season. Going into the weekend, the Belles stand at a respectable 10-6-1 record.

"Winning the fundamentals of the game as well as the strategies of the game will give us the edge on the competition." Anna Welsh

The Belles are averaging over four runs per game, scoring 73 runs in their first 17 contests.

All indications are the women are eager to play and win under their new coach.

"My coaching style is that of a very aggressive, strategic and fun nature," Welsh said. "I teach the fundamentals of the game as well as the strategies of the game that will give us the edge on the competition."

Recently, the Belles went 1-3 in a tournament in Indianapolis, defeating No. 10 Olivet Nazarene University, 3-2, in the first of two match-ups between the two teams.

Yet the team struggled at the plate. It took an all-around great individual performance from freshman Kate Sajewich — on the mound and at the plate — to put Saint Mary’s over the top against Olivet Nazarene.

But with 10 wins under their belt, the Belles have proven they can at least compete on the road. The next step is bringing the early season intensity and the offensive produc-

tion seen on its Fort Myers trip to league play.

Saint Mary’s begins MIAA league play this weekend, as they host Olivet College Saturday at 1 p.m. Welsh is confi-

dent her team can bounce back from the challenging tournament of last weekend and show what they are capable of at home on Saturday.

Hitting from junior Katrina Tebbe, senior Susan Kurtz and freshman Greta Linde will be key for the Belles. "I have instilled an attitude in my team that consists of working hard, having fun and learning the game," Welsh said.

And, she hopes, an attitude of win-

ning.

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it's a sign that the program is rapidly moving among college basketball’s elite.

In a locker room filled mostly with dry eyes and dreams of what could have been, Matt Carroll gave his teammates one final piece of advice before the team became somebody else's team, anybody else's team, but not Matt Carroll's team. "Pillars, listen what we've done this year," Carroll told his teammates after the 88-71 loss. "You guys have ended the season on a lot of momentum. You have to use this to go ready for next summer and get ready for next year." It's what Irish teams have done before.

Two years ago, Notre Dame fell in the round of 32 because they lacked the journey maturity to avoid getting wowed. The memory of that defeat motivated them over the summer to set a goal of making some noise in the tournament, not just making the tournament.

And so the next year, Notre Dame hung tough against top-seeded Duke before falling because they didn't know how to close out top teams. The narrow loss helped galvanize the Irish toward wanting to make the Sweet Sixteen.

And so this year, Notre Dame made the Sweet Sixteen before losing to a much more talented, much more experienced Arizona team. But they didn't fold. They didn't give in. They didn't get buried themselves.

Arizona's experience advantage was no more obvious than early in the first half. After Torin Francis threw down a fast-break dunk to give the Irish a 26-25 lead — the last lead the Irish would hold — the Wildcats put a choke hold on Notre Dame from which the Irish could never escape.

Suddenly, a one-point Irish lead turned into a one-point Wildcat lead. Then a three-point lead. Then a five-point lead. And after Matt Carroll missed a wide-open 3-pointer, starting a trend when the Irish would miss four very quick, very bad shots, Arizona continued its 23-3 run and the Irish were toast.

"We," Brey said, "kind of buried ourselves." In another year, in another season, maybe the Irish will have the experience to stay with a sharp-shooting talented team like Arizona. But they didn't Thursday, and so the guard changed faster than anyone wearing blue and gold wanted it too.

Out went Carroll and Dan Miller, who set a team goal in the summer of making sure the Irish made the Sweet Sixteen — and then made sure the Irish met that goal, too. They finished their college careers shooting a combined 8-for-27 in their final game.

But in came Francis and Chris Thomas, who showed they might be able to lead the Irish up another step in another year. While Thomas burly scored 20 points despite facing a tough Wildcat defense, Francis enforced his will on the Wildcats frontcourt. He scored a career-high 25 points on 10-for-11 shooting, including a 3-point bomb in the game's final minute.

"We might have to run some more plays for him to shoot the 3," Thomas cracked after the game.

"We will," Brey added shortly after he pulled Francis into the shower room and told him the Irish needed him to be a leader more than ever next season.

The Irish accomplished tremendous things under Carroll and Miller's leadership. They helped pull a team many thought was destined for the NIT into the Sweet Sixteen. Now, where will their successors go?

"The bar has been raised," Thomas said.

"Hopefully coach will give us a couple days off, then we'll be right back working on next season," Brey said. At this, Brey and Francis — the only two others at the post-game press conference as the Irish seniors symbolically stayed in the locker room — smiled. Notre Dame's present may have ended Thursday night. Meanwhile, their future began.

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Tim Kacmar, The Observer

Irish forward Dan Miller gets a dunk in Thursday night's game against Arizona. Miller combined with fellow senior Matt Carroll to shoot only 8-for-27 in their last collegiate game.

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after Torin Francis made a fast-break dunk to put the Irish ahead by one. Arizona's Hassan Adams came off the bench and provided a spark for the Wildcats, making back-to-back layups to put Arizona in front 29-26. Adams had six points and three steals during the run.

"[Notre Dame] came out and shot the lights out early," Olsen said. "All year long, we've been a team that's been able to put together really good runs and really good runs usually happen as a result of our defense." By the time it was over, the Irish trailed 47-29 and could never recover.

"During that run we quick-shot a couple of times and they went down and scored so quick, we kind of buried ourselves," Brey said. "They're so hard to stop because they come at you from so many different angles."

Notre Dame stayed within striking distance thanks to Francis, who canned all eight of his field goals, including one with 22 seconds left in the half to get the Irish within 53-40. The freshman ended the game with a career-high 25 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

The Wildcats shot 53.5 percent in the half and 6-of-8 on 3-pointers. The Irish hit 48.6 percent of their shots and half of their 10 3-point attempts.

But it was the way Arizona toughened on defense that made the difference. They forced the Irish into 19 turnovers for the game, nine more than the Wildcats, themselves. And Arizona also held Notre Dame to only eight second-half field goals and 33.3 percent shooting.

The second half started out strong for Notre Dame when Chris Thomas drilled a 3-pointer, pulling the Irish within 10 points. But Arizona responded with a 10-2 run to extend their lead to 63-45. Salim Stoudamire and Gardner each nailed 3-pointers during the run for the Wildcats.

The closest the Irish got during the rest of the game was 12 on a Dan Miller free throw with 1:55 remaining, but Arizona went on another 16-3 run to go up by 25. Luke Walton led the Wildcats during that stretch, scoring eight points for Arizona. The Wildcat lead reached as many as 26 in the second half.

Matt Carroll and Miller each had 11 points on 4-for-14 and 4-for-13 shooting, respectively, in their final games in Irish uniforms.

Brey was proud of the way his team played, especially over the course of the season. "Nobody’s crying in that locker room," he said. "We had a great year. I’m really proud of this basketball team, given where we started and how we were thought of back in October."

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Arizona senior point guard Jason Gardner defends Notre Dame sophomore point guard Chris Thomas Thursday night at the Arrowhead Pond.
Key GWL stretch awaits Irish

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

After ending a three-game losing streak last weekend with a 17-3 cloudbusting of unranked Hartford, the No. 13 Irish (4-3) will host Great Western League rival Denver Sunday at Moose Krause Stadium in the hopes of regaining its early season momentum.

The Irish fought hard against an early season schedule that featured six ranked teams in Notre Dame's first seven games. Notre Dame jumped out to 3-0 with wins over Penn State, Penn and North Carolina, but the Irish fell to top-ranked Virginia, Loyola and Hofstra to send the team to the 500 mark at 3-3.

The 4-2 record, however, does not do head coach Kevin Corrigan's group justice. Two of the three losses were decided by one goal. Loyola needed a Craig Georgelas goal with 41 seconds remaining to edge out the Irish in the highest-scoring game to date, 9-8. Hofstra got a rare seven-goal performance from Jim Feminella to edge the Irish, 9-8. Notre Dame could very well be 6-1 at this point.

"We look at every game like we should win it," Corrigan said. "We're disappointed if we don't win it, but if we lose then we ask ourselves what we could have done differently. We've talked about what we didn't shy away from playing anybody in the early season, and that's why our kids come here, I think, to play people like that." The Hartford match came just in time for a team that was used to seeing one top-ranked contender after another.

"It was mostly a good break from the tough loss to Hofstra on Friday night," Corrigan said. "It was nice to not have to come back to practice and talk about the loss. We said, 'Let's just get back there and play again.'" If anything, the tough early season schedule will motivate the Irish to continue to dominate teams like Hartford, and hopefully, Denver as well.

Now, the Irish look to structure a winning streak of their own as they face Denver. Notre Dame leads the career series against Denver with a 6-0 record, and has never failed to score in double-digits against the Pioneers. Notre Dame leads Denver in head-to-head goals, 97-42.

"The next twenty days is a huge stretch for us," Corrigan said. "We have five league games in twenty days. We'll find out what we have in the next couple of weeks."

The game is scheduled for Sunday at 1 p.m.

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Hokies host Irish in conference clash

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

Coming off two close losses to ranked teams, the women's lacrosse team will look to get back on the winning track as they head to Blacksburg, Va. to face the Virginia Tech Hokies.

For the Irish, returning to life on the road will be familiar, as they played only one of their first five games at home. In all, seven of their first nine games are on the road before they play five consecutive home games.

The match-up against Virginia Tech will be the second Big East game for the Irish in the last two weekends, as they already have a win at Boston College. Virginia Tech has struggled to a 1-7 record in the early season, including 0-2 in the conference. The Irish are 2-3 overall, with all three losses coming to teams ranked in the IWLCA Rankings.

For the Hokies, this could be a bad time to face the Irish, who have lost their last two games, in close finishes to Yale and Ohio State.

The Irish, now ranked No. 14 in the IWLCA, after beginning the season in the top 10, will look to respond as they did after their first defeat when they went out and beat Ohio 19-4.

For the first time in the program's history, the Irish have a nominee for the Tewaaraton Trophy that goes annually to the top player in men and women's lacrosse. Senior, all-American candidate Danielle Shearer is one of 21 nominees, and leads the Irish with ten goals and nine assists through the first five games.

Against Ohio, Shearer also became the second player in Notre Dame history to reach 100 goals in a career, and is chasing the Notre Dame records for goals (122), assists (68) and points (190) all held by 2001 graduate Lael O'Shaughnessy. Heading to Virginia Tech, Shearer has 105 goals and 49 assists, for 154 points.

After battling the Hokies, the Irish will travel to Syracuse for a game against the Orangemen, giving the Irish another chance to knock off a highly ranked opponent. The Irish return home to face Connecticut on April 5.

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Jim Harrick Sr. is all smiles before a game earlier this year against South Carolina. Harrick resigned as the head coach of the University of Georgia mens basketball team Thursday amid allegations of academic fraud.

Harrick resigns as Georgia coach

Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — Georgia coach Jim Harrick resigned Thursday amid a scandal in the basketball program that also cost his son a job as an assistant.

Harrick was suspended last month while the school to the regional finals of the 1998 NCAA tournament. He was accused of lying about an expense report.

The scandal began after Tony Harrick of paying his bills, doing schoolwork and teaching a sham class on coaching.

In Brief

Bennett undergoes foot surgery

Minnesota Vikings running back Michael Bennett will have surgery Friday on his broken left foot and is expected to be sidelined for six weeks.

Bennett felt discomfort while working out at the Vikings' practice facility on Tuesday, coach Mike Tice said in a statement released by the team Thursday. Bennett was diagnosed with a fracture, and is expected to make a full recovery following surgery and rehabilitation.

A message left with Bennett's agent, Patrick Dye, was not immediately returned.

Last season, Bennett became the first Vikings running back to play in the Pro Bowl since Robert Smith in 1999.

Bennett rushed for five touchdowns and 1,296 yards last season, his second in the NFL after being drafted by the Vikings in the first round out of Wisconsin in 2001. He tied for third on the team with 37 receptions and ranked third in the NFC in yards rushing.

Andretti enters final race as driver

Michael Andretti entered four cars for the Indianapolis 500 on Thursday. What made the task unusual for Andretti is that his name was appearing on the paperwork for the first time as a driver.

Andretti, who co-owns the new Andretti Green Racing team, plans to retire after the May 25 race and run the team with drivers Tony Kanaan, Dario Franchitti and rookie Dan Wheldon.

"This is a bit of a strange feeling for me," said Andretti, who delivered the winnings to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway himself.

The Seattle SuperSonics suspended guard Joseph Forte for one game Thursday for conduct detrimental to the team.

General manager Rick Sund did not provide any details about the conduct that led to the penalty.

Forte will miss Friday’s game against the Memphis Grizzlies.
MENS TENNIS

Irish to face Hurricanes

◆ Win at Miami would improve team's chances of making NCAA Tournament

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

After a win over Virginia Tech last Sunday that put the Irish atop the Big East conference standings, Notre Dame will face its second — and last — conference opponent of the regular season Sunday when they travel to the domain of the 25th-ranked Miami Hurricanes.

Miami's match against Notre Dame will be the Hurricanes' 10th consecutive home match, and it will give the Irish more outdoor playing experience as they prepare for the Big East Championships.

Additionally, Notre Dame needs to beat some highly ranked teams in order to increase its case for entry into the NCAA tournament.

If they do not win the Big East Championships in late April, the Irish will have to rely on their ranking to earn them an at-large bid.

Notre Dame has two opportunities to greatly improve their rank, starting with Sunday's bout with the Hurricanes.

Then on April 13, Notre Dame will travel to Kentucky, which is currently ranked 12th.

The Irish will also have a few opportunities to improve their record, with matches approaching against Ball State and Indiana State, ranked 62 and 63 respectively.

The last time the Hurricanes competed, they defeated Dartmouth 5-2. They were supposed to host Tennessee last Sunday, but that match was postponed and eventually cancelled due to downpours.

Fortunately for the Irish, one of Miami's stars, No. 18 Todd Widom, will likely miss the match due to illness. Widom has not played since the Hurricanes' Mar. 13 upset of Texas Christian.

In last year's Big East tournament, Widom, ranked 22nd at the time, upset Notre Dame's Javier Taborga, who was ranked 14th. Despite that, the strong Irish squad was able to defeat Miami 4-1, adding to a 6-1 triumph earlier in the season.

Notre Dame's performance this weekend could give a likely indication of how they will finish in the Big East Championships. A win Sunday will significantly increase their odds of reaching the NCAA Tournament, while a loss will most likely require them to seek vengeance on Miami come late April.

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ROWING

Warmer weather providing Irish ample practice time

◆ Indiana and Purdue among opposition at Indiana Classic

By CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG
Sports Writer

The sun has been shining over Notre Dame and women's rowing coach Martin Stone couldn't be more pleased.

Ten teams, which has only been on the water for a little over two weeks, is capitalizing on the unusually warm weather conditions as it prepares for this weekend's Indiana Classic. Before its Spring Break regattas in Tennessee and South Carolina, the team had only practiced in the boats once since November. The rowers quickly acclimated themselves to the water, though, and garnered victories at both Tennessee and Clemson, and most recently, raced side by side against Michigan last weekend.

"The weather makes a huge difference and has given us the opportunity to get out in the boats," said Stone. "Just as in any other weather-dependent sport, we work best when the conditions are favorable. We have been learning from our races, rotating rowers, and identifying areas to work on. The gains have been very receptive in practice."

Practices out in the boats enable the rowers to both solidify team unity and hone technical problems. The rowers are determined to challenge their noteworthy 2002 spring season performance and return to the NCAA Championships.

"We've worked hard every day since last year with this goal in mind," said Erica Drennen. "It's certainly an attainable goal, but one that will take continued hard work up until the end." In West Lafayette, Drennen and the other rowers will take on Indiana and Purdue. At last year's classic, Notre Dame won the varsity eight race by almost 15 seconds and the varsity four had an equally impressive win by 20 seconds.

The rowers are confident that they will have another strong showing. They will finally implement their race plan over a full 2,000 meter course, and hope to move one step closer to the NCAA Championships.

"I personally have high expectations for our 2003 season because I know our team is fully of nationally-ranked competition. "I have been fully of nationally-ranked competition. Notre Dame has played 11 out of their 17 matches against ranked opponents, and each Irish loss has been to a ranked team.

Both the Buckeyes and the Irish defeated No. 33 Michigan at the respective home courts, and Notre Dame also scored a big win over Texas, currently ranked 30th.

The Eck Pavilion has generally been favorable to the Irish, who are 8-3 at home, however, Notre Dame has only gone 2-4 on the road.

Ohio State may be aiming for some vengeance against the Irish. Last year, when the Buckeyes visited Notre Dame, the Irish won 5-2, despite Ohio State starting ahead by winning the doubles point.

Wednesday, Notre Dame will face one of the nation's best teams — No. 17 Illinois. Then, after a trip to Indiana, Notre Dame will travel to Miami to take on the No. 19 Hurricanes, their last opponent before the Big East Championships, which are also in Miami.

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ND SOFTBALL

‘Confident’ Irish begin defense of Big East crown

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish softball team has gone from hunter to hunted. Notre Dame (10-11) will begin its Big East conference schedule this weekend, traveling to Pittsburgh Saturday and then to Virginia Tech Sunday.

Northwestern swept Notre Dame in Wednesday’s home opener for the Irish. A bright spot for the Irish was third baseman Andrea Loman, who had a home run, three RBIs and made some of her trademark stellar defensive plays at the hot corner.

“I thought she played pretty well. She made some great plays at third base, and obviously the home run helped,” Gumpf said. “Unfortunately, it wasn’t enough to win, but Andrea is just a solid, solid player.”

The Irish will need similar performances from the rest of the team in order to overcome the pressure of retaining its perch atop the Big East.

 “[We feel] pressure but are confident,” Notre Dame coach Deanna Gumpf said. “We might have a little more pressure but we have confidence to carry us through.”

That confidence comes from the Irish having won a Big East regular season crown in all seven years the team has been a member of the conference. The Irish have also won three of the past four Big East postseason titles.

Last year, the Irish compiled an 18-2 conference record, and clinched the regular season title at home on Senior Day with a doubleheader sweep of Villanova.

This year, the goal is the same. “We emphasize conference play. We have to win the Big East Championship and that’s what we are gunning for,” Gumpf said. “We have to play great in every conference game we play.”

Coincidentally, Notre Dame started its Big East regular season schedule at Pittsburgh last year as well. The Irish easily swept the Panthers, 13-1 and 9-2.

Pittsburgh is 14-14 on the year, has won nine in a row and is a perfect 8-0 at their new home field.

In their last game against Cleveland State, Pittsburgh pitcher Nikki Gasti allowed just one hit in five innings and tied her school record of 11 strikeouts.

For the year, Gasti is 10-7 with a 2.99 ERA and has 117 strikeouts in 105 1/3 innings pitched.

The Hokies head into the weekend with an 11-15 record, winning their last six games, which have all been at home. The Irish also easily beat the Hokies last year, 10-0 and 8-0, but the Hokies returned the favor in the Big East Championship.

At the Big East Tournament, the Irish dropped the first game to Virginia Tech, but fought through the loser’s bracket and beat the Hokies twice to win the postseason title.

While the Panthers appear to be a cupcake, the Hokies could present a good early season in-conference challenge for the Irish.

“It doesn’t matter [when we play them] because we have to play them all at some point,” Gumpf said.

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Happy Town

Ellie the Dog
A case of the measles

I think I'm going to lay down again. No, wait. I think I just got done saying that.

Noon

Happy Birthday. Change is coming your way. Embrace it and make the changes you know in your heart are for the better. Live for the day and find the positive in the quandary you're in. Try for the turn for change and do things because they're just right for you. Your numbers are 2, 15, 27, 33, 35, 45.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each, to form four ordinary words.

Barib - 6
Cunde - 8
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Solej - 4

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**MENS BASKETBALL**

Too much to handle

> 22-3 first half run allows Arizona to take big lead and end Irish season

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

ANAHEIM, Calif.

Lute Olsen called the game between No. 5 seed Notre Dame and top-seeded Arizona a track meet.

The Irish played well early, racing to a first half lead. But they ran out of gas, just when the Wildcats were hitting their stride.

After trailing 26-25 with 12 minutes, 11 seconds left in the first half, Arizona showed the nation why they were ranked No. 1 for 13 weeks this season.

Five Wildcats scored in double figures, led by guard Jason Gardner's 19 points and six assists and Arizona used an impressive 22-3 first-half run to end Notre Dame's season, 88-71, in the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA Tournament.

"We were beaten by a heck of a basketball team," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "I'm very impressed with Arizona. They were a little too much for us to handle this afternoon."

The huge first-half spurt began

Several Irish players look depressed at the end of Arizona's 88-71 victory over Notre Dame in the Sweet Sixteen Thursday night in Anaheim, Calif.

**BASEBALL**

Good weather needed to start Big East home schedule

> Irish looking to continue winning play at home against 6-12 Hoyas

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

While colder weather looms, the Irish are hoping to be able to dodge the snowflakes and hit the field this weekend when they open the home portion of their Big East schedule against the 6-12 Georgetown Hoyas.

"Hopefully the weather's going to clear for us, and we're going to be able to get these games in," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said of his team's chances about getting all three conference games in Saturday and Sunday. "We need to go out there and do the job."

The Irish opened play at home during the week with a pair of victories coming against Toledo 8-3 and in-state rival Purdue, 8-5.

Notre Dame also got off to a solid start in Big East play last weekend, taking two of three games on the road from Villanova.

After dropping a tough 13-inning 3-2 loss in the opener last Sunday, the Irish closed out the series with a double-header sweep Monday.

The Hoyas have struggled of late, suffering a three-game series sweep at the hand of Connecticut last weekend to fall to 1-5 in conference play.

A pair of batters hitting over .400 lead the Hoyas at the plate, who have hit a solid .316 as a team for the season.

Georgetown catcher Michael Lombardi

After winning their first two games at home this year, Notre Dame looks to continue that streak this weekend when they host Georgetown.

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