Students blast off for Spring Break

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Over 140 attending CSC-sponsored service learning seminars

Prom dresses make ‘princesses for a day’

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OIT re-engineers new Net connection

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News Writer

A surfer catches a wave in New South Wales, Australia. Many Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students will be heading to beaches and oceans this Spring Break.

The Internet2 connection will be heading to beaches and oceans this Spring Break.

The Office of Information Technologies has worked to re-engineer its new Internet connection with the service provider and optimistically hopes that the Connex corporation will be activated in two weeks.

The connection was activated twice last week, but hardware failures both times rendered the connection inoperable several hours after it had been activated. The connection will initially replace the Internet connection to all buildings on campus except dorms, increasing the bandwidth from 25 Mbps to 100 Mbps. The Internet2 connection will also be increased from 20 Mbps to 100 Mbps.

OIT hopes that it will explain why it failed, prompting OIT to request that a different hardware vendor be used.

It’s “one thing for it to fail and the hardware manufacturer to say, ‘Yes, we know exactly why it failed,’ but when they keep throwing their hands up in the air and saying ‘We’re not really sure why it failed,’ that’s when’s it time to do business with another company,” Latimer said.

Hardware from the new vendor, Cisco Systems, has been ordered and will be installed by the Internet service vendor. OIT will then test the connection again before attempting to reactivate it.

Similar testing, pushing the maximum 100 Mbps of traffic down the link, also occurred before the connection was activated. Latimer characterized the two failures as a surprise on the part of the University.

With spring break only hours away, at least one student is looking forward to a week of relaxation on the Pacific coastline, although the Cavanaugh resident is traveling farther north than most.

Megan Kimmert will be flying home to Anchorage, Alaska, where 30-degree temperatures, moose and glacial rivers are likely to greet her.

“I’m used to having snow until late April, so it’ll be nice to go back to what I’m used to,” said Kimmert. “I get to go to the glaciers, it’s just awesome-looking, with the icebergs out in the water; it’s nice and relaxing seeing the ice.”

While Anchorage does not attract the typically sun-thirsty Spring Break crowd, it remains a popular destination for “younger Notre Dame students and people who want to go hiking in the wilderness,” according to Kimmert.

“Up there you can see so many different stars, and they’re so much brighter,” she said.

While the stars may be brighter, the sun is not.

“It’s still dark for a lot of the day now,” said Kimmert, with the sun rising at 6:30 a.m. and setting at 4:45 a.m.

Unlike the Alaska-bound Kimmert, other members of the Notre Dame community will be on campus, working full-time.

One such member, Keenan Hall custodian Michael Adamek, will be busy cleaning rooms during his daily shift from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

“It’s mandatory,” said Adamek of the spring break shift. “We have to do it.”

Instead of sweeping the halls and cleaning the showers, however, Adamek and his colleagues will be scouring students’ rooms.

“We’re going to vacuum, dust and clean, so it’s going to be busy,” he said.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Home
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While other Donors are spending their Spring Breaks in exotic locations like the Caribbean or Mexico, I’m spending mine in Dallas. (Yes, I’m from Texas.) And I’m really excited about it. Although I’ve usually traveled over the break, I think it will be nice to just kick back at home. I’m looking forward to some quality time with my parents, my dog and my bod. I miss my matrity. There will be no Real-Worldesque exploits at my house. Nothing Panama-City like. Just lots of sleep and reading (maybe even a little for fun) and television. Three cheers for Game Show Network and Great American Country. I’ve missed all those songs about pick-up trucks and break-ups and cowboy boots. Outkast ain’t got nothing on the Dixie Chicks.

I’ll still be able to lounge around by the pool, if I choose, but it won’t be with exotic white sand or crashing waves. Unless you count the noises from the family with their annoying children in the backyard next to ours. Maybe they’ll be inside. With the flu.

The mid-semester breaks always come at the best times, too. I think Notre Dame pinpointed the exact moment when you are so stressed you can’t see straight and immediately declares a week-long vacation. Maybe it’s due to liability insurance or the lines at the health services center. God knows they need help with that.

Dallas is actually a pretty happening place, something I’ve realized more now that an Observer friend is going to live there. We have great culture, sports and weather — most of the time. The food is pretty good too; it usually beats home cooking. And there’s no strange smell like another Texas city — the smell with “H” and ends with “ustom.” I’m sure I’ll hear plenty of wild stories about hook-ups and beer-drinks at some nightclub but I doubt I’ll have anything more exciting to share back, but it won’t bother me a bit. And of course I could do a lot worse. I could be here. Studying for the MCATs. (Best of luck, medical school applicants.) I just don’t envy you.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: How are you getting to your spring break destination?

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Freshman McGlan

"We're taking a road trip to UVA."

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Aaron McLeran
Grad Student
Fischer Grad

"Jogging."

Stephanie Madla
Sophomore Howard

"Rollin' like Molly Huddle in a 9K."

Kristin Pene
Sophomore Howard

"Pacing 'SED The Bobbler."

Sarah TeBeest
Freshman Pangborn

"Driving like ten hours."

Tom Wang
Freshman Alumni

"Plane."

IN BRIEF

The Midwest Ecology and Evolution Conference will be held March 5 to 7 at McKenna Hall, Michael Rose-Innes, Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Arizona, will give the keynote address tonight at 7:30 p.m.

The Omaha Theatre Company for Young People will perform "How Anansi Came to America" tomorrow from 3 to 5 p.m. in the O’Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary’s.

President of the Irish political party Sinn Fein, Gerry Adams will speak at Washington Hall March 16 at 5 p.m. Adams, an advocate of the reunification of West Ireland, is Member of Parliament for West Belfast.

A pizza and pro-life persuasion discussion will occur in the Knights of Columbus building from 6 to 7 p.m. March 16.

The ND Schola Musicorum will present an all-day concert of Gregorian Chant and early polyphony music in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. The event will occur March 17.

Legends will sponsor a Saint Patrick’s Day Party with the hand Another Pint. The concert will occur Saint Patrick’s Day, March 17, beginning at 9 p.m.

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Judge rules: custody to mother

Girl, kidnapped in infancy, to be reunited with birth mother

Associated Press

MOUNT HOLLY, N.J. — A judge approved a plan Thursday to grant custody to the biological mother of a 6-year-old girl who was allegedly snatched from her crib as a newborn.

"I'm going to have her pronto — very, very soon," said Luz Cuevas, the mother of Delimar Vera.

"The most recent official performance of The Vagina Monologues in 2000 at Saint Mary's, caused an overwhelming—

"I decided to attend because I believe they are empowering and inspiring for all women." — Carrie Freeman, senior

"I made my Student Account Payments at the LaFortune Student Center Branch. Not only is it convenient, but I have more free time." - Student Account Payments!

"I have already known — Carolyn Correa — with kidnapping, arson and 13 other crimes."

Probe blasts Ariz. prison system

Associated Press

PHOENIX — A prison warden was demoted and eight other supervisors reassigned after an investigation into a 15-day hostage standoff in a watchtower found gaps in security compounded by "years worth of bad decisions" at all levels of Arizona's prison system.

"This is a very, very sad day for our department," said Herbert Guenther, chairman of the panel investigating the hostage situation, to say the least. are a series of small but critical gaps in security that were made worse by inattention and complacency across the prison system.

The panel was part of ongoing investigations into how two inmates were able to overpower two guards on Jan. 18 and hold them hostage in the tower at the Arizona State Prison Complex-Lewis in Buckeye, about 50 miles southwest of Phoenix.

One hostage, Jason Auch, was released Jan. 24. The other, a female guard who said she was raped, was released Feb. 1, the day inmates Ricky Wassenaar and Steven Coy surrendered. Wassenaar has said the standoff was not a failed escape attempt.

Investigators concluded that a crisis of some kind at a state prison was inevitable given the Legislature's �a lack of adequate training for officers, severe staffing shortages and poor morale.

"This thing is wrong," the panel said. "Some spontaneous and isolated, others the result of long-term institutional neglect and decay."

The panel found that one of the direct problems leading to the standoff was the fact that there was only one officer for 19 inmates in the kitchen, where the incident began. It also determined that of the 900-plus officers at the prison, half a few years or less of service.

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decided to forgo hedonism for extra MCAT study time.

Kegs Hall resident Michael Annen said he plans to use the week to get in extra study time. "I don't have a ton of time during the weekend to study for it, so this gives me a week where I can concentrate on it."

This is the first year that Annen has stayed on campus, and his plans contrast sharply with last year's trip to the Bahamas, according to friend Jake Granatino.

"I can understand his need to stay on campus," said Granatino. "There can be a lot of distractions over spring break."

This year, however, Granatino is traveling to Ft. Lauderdale, and many of his other friends are heading for cruises in such places as New Orleans, Charleston and the Bahamas.

Annen said that he had mixed feelings about not being able to attend the cruise with his friends. "It sucks, but it's my future, and I've got to do it," he said. His friends are not the only students traveling to California, however, as the Glee Club starts its biannual tour in Sacramento.

Freshman Jonathan Lin will be traveling from the capital of the Golden State all the way north to Vancouver, "taking stops and showing sites in Sacramento, Seattle, Portland."

During the week, the club members will stay both with host families and in hotels. "This is a record: we get three nights in hotels this trip," Lin said that he plans to use the free time to do some sightseeing.

"On the free days, we will just drive around town and see the sights," he said.

As and others prove, Spring Break affords all students the opportunity to work, play or just simply relax.

"The possibilities are endless," Lin said.

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has traditionally not been well served by the major national carriers," Wishon said. "The effect of the lack of competition in the area was principal­ly felt through high prices.

Latimer said that the new connection, which is a direct feed to Chicago, will cost the University about eight times less than its current connection with the service provider, Genuity.

Wishon said that the process of installing the connection, called a "dark fiber," was approached as a national initiative. "It's not an easy engineering feat to get a dark fiber or any fiber connectivity across that span of distance from Notre Dame to Chicago."

Wishon said that the new connection will be contractually limited to a bandwidth of 100 Mbps, the connection has the ability to allow 600 Mbps of bandwidth to Chicago.

Initially, it will not carry dorm Internet traffic from ResNet, which currently has 45 Mbps of bandwidth through South Shore service provider Gramtel. By the summer time, though, this traffic will be shifted to the new connection and the University will no longer need Gramtel for an Internet connection.

However, the University will maintain a connection with Gramtel that can be activated in short notice in the event that the new connection should fail.

"It would be naïve on our part if we didn't have our eggs in one basket, even though the circuitry is engineered to be redundant throughout," Latimer said. "The future also holds to promise of additional redundant connections between here and Chicago."

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trouble lending a hand to. "I know at home I have a bunch of dresses I don't even use, so why would I hold on to them if they're just going to sit there and I could be putting them to good use for people who can't afford them?" she said. "It's really hard to find an inexpensive dress, and it's an amazing thing for people with very little money to be able to get a good dress for free."

The deadline for the drive is March 19 at 5 p.m., and since everything is organized, St. Joseph County will hold an event at University Park Mall where the high school girls can choose the dresses they want.

Though Ziker Cleaners was the dress collection point through February, there are designated spots as of now. However, students can bring dresses to YWCA in the Office of Research at 511 Main Building.

Now all that's missing from the picture is the prince, but that's another story.

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Educational Immersions, explained the program. "Students work with agen­cies, such as churches, schools, and area agencies," he said.

Students will mostly work on home repairs, but they will also have the opportunity to partici­pate in some meetings with area officials. The participants chose their location from 14 sites in West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee.

The CSC also offers the Children in Poverty seminar in New York.

"Students learn more about the issue of poverty. They meet with the United Nations, churches and schools to learn how children are affected by poverty," Loesch said.

Students who participate in the Washington D.C. seminar will study documents used by the U.S. Catholic Bishops to better learn how to bring faith into the realm of politics.

"The theme is faith and cit­izenship," Loesch said.

The Migrant Experiences seminar takes place in Immokalee, Fla., and allows students to better understand the immigrant experience.

According to Loesch, the seminar lets students "live and work with migrant workers and thus learn about issues such as immigration [and] fair wages related to migrant farm workers."

The L'Arche seminar allows students to interact with people living in a community built specifically for disabled persons in Toronto, Canada. This seminar takes place with the cooperation of L'Arche International, a conglom­erate of over 200 communities.

Finally, some students are taking the Holy Cross Mission Seminar in Cochella, Calif. Ten to 12 students will live with parishioners, mostly Hispanic, and learn about the experience of Hispanic ministry.

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Delays in lakes barrier plague Army
Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Great Lakes lawmakers criticized the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on Thursday for delays in setting up an electric bar­rier to protect the waterways from invasive species.

The Corps had planned to spend $4.4 million this year to build the barrier on the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, but the proposed 2005 budget slashed funding for the project to $500,000.

Sens. Mike DeWine and George Voinovich, both R-Ohio, and Carl Levin, D-Mich., and 22 other law­makers sent a letter to the Corps this week asking that the funding be restored so the project can be completed this year.

They said the barrier is needed to keep species such as the Asian carp, which can destroy a system's food supply, from swimming up the Mississippi River to the Chicago River and into Lake Michigan. A temporary barrier has already been in operation on the Great Lakes for several years. Lawmakers said its positive results show the need for a second barrier, which consists of electric cables under the canal that emit low-level charges to keep fish away.

Corps officials in Washington and Chicago did not return calls seek­ing comment.

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9/11 convict gets new trial

KARLSRUHE, Germany — The only per­son in the United States to receive a life sentence for a role in the Sept. 11 attacks was granted a retrial Thursday after an appeals court faulted Washington for refusing to turn over key evidence to the defendant.

The Federal Criminal Court overturned the conviction of Mounir el Motassadeq, a Moroccan, leaving German prosecutors with little hope of ever securing an additional conviction.

President Bush is tied with independent Ralph Nader in the poll conducted for The Associated Press by Ipsos-Public Affairs.

Bush and the four-term Massachusetts senator who emerged as the nominee Tuesday after a string of primary race wins over several rivals, have been running close or tied since Mr. Kerry has been ahead in most recent polls that did not include Nader.

Since Nader entered the race Feb. 22, campaign strategists and political analysts have been trying to assess the impact of another presidential bid by the consumer activist, whom Democrats blame for Al Gore’s loss in 2000.

For example, in Iowa, as Nader has appeared on the ballot in 43 states and Washington, D.C., garnering only 2.7 percent of the vote. But in Florida and New Hampshire, Bush won such narrow victories that had Gore received the bulk of Nader’s votes in those states, he would have won the general election.

Exit polls from 2000 show that about half of Nader’s voters would have backed Gore in a two-way race. Nader dismisses the poll.

While Nader’s support in the AP-Ipsos poll was 6 percent, his backing in polls 2000 fluctuated in the single digits — often at about 4 percent, but sometimes higher. This year, Nader is unlikely to get the Green Party nod and faces a stiff challenge in getting his name on the ballot in 50 states.

Kenneth Freeman, an 86-year-old retiree from Smyrna, Ga., who joined Democrats, was clearly unhappy with Nader’s presidential bid:

"Ralph Nader is fouling it all up," Freeman said. "He’s taking votes away from the Democrats. I think he’s on an ego trip.

Bush’s job approval in the AP-Ipsos poll was 48 percent, with 49 percent disapproving, which is essentially the same as last month when 47 percent approved and 51 percent disapproved of the president’s job performance.

His approval rating, which soared close to 90 percent after the Sept. 11 attacks, was 72 percent on Tuesday elections and 74 percent in the new AP-Ipsos poll.

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AP poll: Bush, Kerry tied in race

Results show neither candidate has majority; Nader voters could swing outcome

U.S. Marines get mixed reactions

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U.S. Marines met with mixed reactions

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In the first poll since John Kerry locked up the Democratic nomination, independent Ralph Nader has captured enough support to affect the outcome, according to an Associated Press poll. Bush is tied with presidential hopeful Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass.

"We’re 240-something days from Election Day. We’ve got a long way to go and expect it to be a close race throughout, no matter what the factors are," said Terry Holt, a spokesman for the Bush campaign.

"We’re worried about the Democrats taking control," said Stephanie Banhantin, a Republican from Smyrna, N.Y. She said after the Sept. 11 attacks, she feels safer with Bush in power rather than hearing "I’m as angry as you are." Democrats will "divert our attention from the military.”

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Euro heat worst in 500 years

WASHINGTON — Last year’s deadly summer in Europe probably was the hottest on the continent in at least five centuries, researchers at the University of Bern, Switzerland, collected and analyzed temperature data from all over Europe, including New York City, and soil cores and other evidence. More than 19,000 people died.

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Senate attributes leak to two ex-GOP staffers

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two former Senate Republican staffers are to blame for distributing Democratic computer memos about the relationship between Prince Charles and Diana, Princess of Wales, to reporters, an aide to Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist and Latch, before resigning, and Jason Lundell, a clerk who worked on nominations for Hatch before leaving last year.

The report said the investigation did not identify any other individuals besides Miranda and Lundell "who were accessing other users' files on the Judiciary Committee computer network."

This marks the first time commercial ships carrying Senators had been referring to a "young Hatch staffer." No address was available for him.

Miranda, in an e-mailed statement, said the report "merely colors in what we volun­teered over three months ago, but does so at the cost of $500,000."

Regardless, "the report fails to find any criminal hacking or any credible suggestion of criminal acts," said Miranda. He also asked for an investiga­tion of what he called "uneth­ical substance" of the Democratic memos.

Conservatives say the memos prove the Democrats colluded with liberal groups concerning which Bush nominees to block, and at least one ethics com­plaint has been filed against Durbin and Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., based on the leaked information.

A report released by the Justice Department to the Judiciary Committee and authored by Senator Sessions at-Arms William Pickle's office faults two former GOP aides: Manuel Miranda, who worked for Senator Majority Leader Bill

Coast Guard finds terrorist connections

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Nine people with ties to the U.S. Coast Guard were identified during a two-week investigation into national secu­rity threats and document fraud among U.S. Coast Guard ships, offi­cials said Thursday.

The investigation also found thousands of cases of potential fraud and identified individuals working on ships who had arrest warrants pending against them.

"Through extensive and detailed investigative efforts, we have reduced vulnerabilities to terrorism by preventing the fraudulent use of credentials by those who seek to harm our nation and its citizens," said Admiral Thomas Collins, the Coast Guard commodant.

The FBI and Coast Guard examined nearly 9,000 background check reports and more than 200,000 individuals who work aboard commercial ships, including passenger ships. Such employees must apply for cred­entials from the federal gov­ernment that certify they are qualified to work aboard the ship and that allow them to embark and disembark while at a foreign port.

It is a federal crime to make false statements on the creden­tials or to fail to dis­close a required piece of information, such as past drug use. Some of people who did so are being referred to U.S. attorneys around the country for prosecu­tion, said Coast Guard spokes­woman Joile Shifflett.

No details were available about the nine people possibly associated with terrorist groups. Since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks blamed on al-Qaida, U.S. offi­cials have been concerned that terrorists might enter the coun­try via seaports or launch attacks on oil tankers or other ships.

About a dozen individuals have been arrested because of the pending criminal warrants against them. The Coast Guard is working to re­move the mariners from the vessels who were obtained under false pretenses.

In addition, the Coast Guard, FBI and Navy screened mariners who were working on Coast Guard ships carrying material for the war in Iraq, with about a dozen of them removed from the vessels when questions arose.

NBC airs Princess Diana tapes

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Princess Diana sadly described an unhappy and desperate exist­ence in her early life mar­ried to Prince Charles in audiocassettes recorded by her biographer.

The Princess of Wales described her early knowl­edge of Prince Charles affair with Camilla Parker Bowles, her battle with bulimia and several suicide attempts in recordings broadcast Thursday in a two-part NBC News special.

"I just had tremendous hope in me which was slashed by day two," she told her biographer. Andrew Morton with an ironic nick­name.

Diana, who was 36 when she died in a 1997 auto acci­dent in Paris, also described how sad she was in her rela­tion­ship with Prince Charles.

"My husband made me feel so inadequate in every possi­ble way," she said. "Every time I tried to come up for air, he pushed me back down again.

NBC wouldn't say how much it paid author Morton's publisher for the tapes, which served as the basis of the special, "Princess Diana: The Secret Tapes."

When Morton's book, "Diana, Her True Story" was published in 1992, it punc­tured the fairytale fantasy so many royally fans had cher­ished. At the time, Diana did not acknowledge being the source of it.

But when Morton published a revised version barely a month after Diana's death, he said the princess was the source of the original version.

There were few, if any, rev­e­lations in 1997's "Diana, Her True Story — In Her Own Words."

But Morton included a 46­page transcript of words he said were all Diana's except for some in parentheses. He said they substantiated every­thing he had written previ­ously about her.

Diana had cooperated with the book "happily and frankly and consistently over an eight, nine-month period of time," he said.

Morton said he obtained the taped comments from the princess by using a go­ between who conducted the interviews but wanted to keep his identity secret.

Within days, however, the book's publisher Michael O'Mara issued a statement saying Dr. James Colthurst, a longtime friend of Princess Diana, had taped her inter­views.

NBC used mostly stock footage of Diana to illustrate its special. But in next week's second part, it will use never­ before-seen footage pur­chased from Diana's former speech coach of her practic­ing speeches.

NBC has acknowledged that the tapes provide no new rev­e­lations, but contents it will be illuminating to viewers to hear Diana's own voice.
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CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY

ND prof works on U.N. effort

COBA's Williams helps to develop ethical guide for multinational corporations

By MATT BRAMANTI

In an effort to improve corporate responsibility worldwide, a Notre Dame business professor has been working to advance U.N. Global Compact. The compact is an agreement, promulgated by Secretary-General Kofi Annan, in which signatories agree to certain standards of behavior.

Father Oliver Williams, academic director of the Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business, has been cited by Business Week as having "an outstanding faculty" in MBA programs.

The compact began in 1999, when Annan gave an address to the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. The compact brings together international leaders from the areas of business, policy, and economics who are "committed to improving the state of the world," according to a U.N. organization's Web site.

In the address, Annan encouraged corporations to support nine principles concerning human rights, labor rights, and the environment.

In the compact, companies agree to support human rights, as laid out in the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights; to uphold workers' rights to collectively bargain; to eliminate forced labor and child labor; to eliminate discrimination; to act responsibly with regard to the environment; and to develop "environmentally friendly technologies.

"Annan's thesis was that if we want free and open dialogue, we have to start with the understanding of the major movers and shakers in business," Williams said. "We said we need a global compact, with the understanding of major non-governmental organizations in the area of human rights, the environment, the International Labor Organization's principles and the Rio Meeting on the Environment.

The documents principles are nothing new. Most of them can be specifically traced to previous international documents, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Labor Organization's principles and the Rio Meeting on the Environment.

Williams said the compact is different from major international codes, in that it takes a positive approach, rather than explicitly prohibiting objectionable behavior.

"In the past, we've been saying business should do certain things," Williams said. "They should bring certain values. We're asking multinational companies to be the advance guard of bringing moral values into international businesses.

However, Williams said the document could be improved.

"The one glaring omission here is that there's nothing about corruption," Williams said. He said it has been difficult to get U.N. member nations to agree to add anti-corruption principles to the document, because of corporate criticism in many of those nations.

After noting Williams' previous work in ethical business — he has written a book entitled "Global Codes of Conduct" — Annan's office approached him about helping to encourage companies to sign the compact.

"I had a lot of experience in codes of conduct, how they work, and what does it all work, what does it all work?" Williams said.

In 2002, the compact host ed a meeting in which he gathered top U.N. officials, as well as executives from major international companies, including Hewlett-Packard, Merck, Nike and Shell. Williams said several companies were eager to sign the compact after the meeting.

"We got HP and Pfizer to join as a result of that meeting, and DuPont has also signed," Williams said. The companies invited were model companies, that were already doing these things.

"Companies are like people: some are scoundrels and some are very admirable," Williams said, "If a company signs up and does something, they're exposing themselves to tremendous bad press.

Local networks in several countries, which address problems specific to their respective nations, administrate the compact.

"The problems in South Africa aren't the same as the problems in the United States," Williams said.

In addition, the United Nations maintains an office in its Secretariat building in New York, Williams said the program is so important to Annan that the office is adjacent to the Secretary-General's suite.

He said the compact can help to boost the reputation of the United Nations, which has suffered from U.S. and international criticism because of events leading up to the war in Iraq.

"The fact is, some of the criticism of the United Nations has been well-founded," Williams said. "A program like the Global Compact can lend credibility to the United Nations and lend legitimacy.

"Williams said he was optimistic that the compact will catch on with more international businesses.

"It has a great opportunity to be — and I think it will be — an instrument to advance the moral purpose of business."
When people think of Notre Dame pride, they remember Rudy, Knute Rockne and the Golden Dome. That brings the biggest of pride for the Fighting Irish should be the South Bend Center for the Homeless, the Logen Center or the University sponsored Summer Service Projects that send students around the nation and the world every year.

Right now midterms are ending, the weather is getting rainy and for most students nothing sounds better than sun, sand and a week away from schoolwork. This is even more reason to commend more than 200 Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students who will spend the next week doing service in Appalachia, Washington D.C., Toronto and other locations through the summer break. Social Contacts Seminars. These students will spend their break painting houses, picking tomatoes with immigrant workers, meeting leaders of the Civil Rights movement and learning about the need and opportunities for social service in many different parts of the nation.

All across the nation, "activist judges" are "legislating from the bench" while their liberal counterparts wage "class war" and strive for "social justice." Well, before you run off in fear of civil liberties or social welfare reformers, give a second thought to the language of my first sentence. Such mis­leading language can confuse sound bites have become the par­lance of the day for conservatives throughout the United States: libertarians and progressive citizens, as well as anyone concerned with the depth and honesty of our political and social discourse, should be eager to expose them for the shams they are. These terms do nothing but polarize or solidify the already turbulent debate simply for the sake of political advantage.

"Judicial activism," is frequently denounced by conservatives who claim the interpretation of the constitution should follow a "strict constructionist" approach that goes in search of the framers' intent. It is rather interesting where these strict constructionists often end up: with decisions that happily coinci­ded with the philosophical agenda of the social agenda. Among these are recent decisions involving the 11th Amendment: Alden v. Maine and other cases where minorities have the same advantages as many Notre Dame students. The fruits of these efforts can be found in landmark Supreme Court decisions like Brown v. Board of Education, which ruled segregated schools unconstitutional or more recently Atkins v. Virginia, which declared the execution of a mentally retarded individual to be "cruel and unusual punishment." Such decisions have expanded the freedoms understood to be protected by a document written, iron­ically enough, by a group of men who were largely slaveholders. These interpretations reveal that, behind the clause­conditioned language of the Constitution, is an understanding of justice that can and must be allowed to speak to the present.

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"To the man who only has a hammer in the toolbox, every problem looks like a nail." - Abraham Maslow
Where did the jobs go?

In the 1990s Americans saw some of the greatest economic prosperity in U.S. history. The influx of new computer and communications technology, combined with the pro-growth economic policies of former President Clinton, created more than 22 million domestic jobs. The nation experienced record job expansion, stable growth in the stock market and the first budget surplus in decades.

Unfortunately, those times of prosperity have changed, partly due to the enormous amount of outsourcing of domestic jobs overseas.

Nearly three million jobs have been lost since President George W. Bush took office. Many of the jobs that have disappeared are manufacturing jobs throughout the Midwest and in the heartland, where corporate fat cats seek to increase the size of their wallets by shipping good-paying industrial jobs to nations where they can hire cheap labor and avoid environmental regulations.

Many of these corporate executives are some of the largest contributors to both the Republican Party and Bush’s re-election campaign. Thus, it is no surprise that N. Gregory Mankiw, chairman of Bush’s council of economic advisers, said in a recent economic report that outsourcing was good for the American economy.

Mankiw and Bush are out of touch with American workers, especially those who have lost their jobs due to outsourcing. According to salon.com, many of the jobs being sent overseas aren’t just in manufacturing but are white-collar service sector jobs as well.

For example, if a person calls a customer-assistance help line for instructions on how to use a new computer, there is a good chance the representative one is talking to is in India or Thailand. Many of the types of jobs economists hoped would replace the disappearing domestic manufacturing jobs are being shipped overseas. This poses a serious threat to long-term economic growth in the United States.

The combination of manufacturing and service-related jobs being outsourced and sent overseas is having a devastating impact on the U.S. economy. For instance, citizens in Ohio have lost 192,000 jobs since Bush took office. Nearly one-fourth of those were due to outsourcing. When a person loses a job, their ability to purchase goods and services is diminished substantially, which reduces total demand in the economy.

Furthermore, without incomes, citizens pay less taxes, causing a reduction in the tax base needed to fund various government programs and services. The loss of more than three million jobs, combined with Bush’s irresponsible tax cuts that disproportionately benefit the wealthy, has created a record budget deficit as well. It is no surprise that the loss of American jobs, many due to outsourcing, is wreaking havoc on our economy and way of life.

The United States is no longer the only nation in the world that has a substantially educated workforce. Countries such as China and India now have substantial amounts of educated citizens eager to find work. They are willing and able to work for a fraction of the wages U.S. citizens do.

Without any real protections and laws preventing jobs from being outsourced overseas, corporate executives have no reason to keep jobs here in America. If they can make huge profits at the expense of dedicated employees and workers, they will more than likely take advantage of the cheap labor and educated workforces abroad.

The American worker can take steps necessary to preventing the rise of outsourcing. For starters, workers must not shy away from organizing unions to create substantial collective bargaining powers that will give them a voice with their employers. As the nation recently saw with supermarket workers on strike and a lock-out in southern California, organized labor still has great power and influence in protecting American jobs.

Additionally, workers must vote for officials who will look out for them and their jobs and not protect the corporate executives who dig deep into their pockets to fund the campaigns of Bush and his friends. Having elected officials on the side of ordinary Americans who work hard and play by the rules is perhaps one of the best assets a factory worker or engineer can have in preventing his job from going overseas. Until Americans wake up and understand the threat that outsourcing has on their livelihood, and until they take action to prevent the hemorrhaging of domestic jobs overseas, this unfortunate trend will continue.

This article originally appeared on Mar. 4 in The Battalion, the daily publication at Texas A&M.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Poker column pointless and rude

I am writing in response to an article entitled "Texas Hold 'em" that was published on Mar. 2. This article caught my attention because, like the author, I also participate in a weekly card game, mostly centered around the Texas Hold 'em version of poker.

Whenever I read a Viewpoint article, I am curious how the author is going to make his or her topic relevant to his readers. Usually they succeed in taking an apparently random or ordinary event and highlighting the take-home point that lies just beneath the surface.

In this case, I was looking forward to learning how a discussion about a weekly poker game might be translated into a comment on friendship, bonding, stress relief, luck, risk-taking, etc. In fact, I was even more eager for the punch line after reading through the comic graphs of rather dull play-by-play of poker hands. But instead of any meaningful conclusion, the self-proclaimed moral of the story was "ladies come in pairs, and if you have a six and a nine be aggressive, for it is the money hand."

Not only is this message completely pointless, but a more suspicious reader might interpret it as crude.

In short, if you are more selective in publishing Viewpoint articles, I think the space occupied by this article would have been better filled by an ad for Friday rib specials.

Jim Kelly
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Mar. 4
Recommended reading from the Scene staff

Cage Eleven
by Gerry Adams

Gerry Adams is the current president of Sinn Fein and lifelong activist for peace and unity in Ireland. He was imprisoned without trial and suffered interrogations and torture during his four years at Long Kesh Prison, most of it in cell block "Cage Eleven." He wrote this collection of essays while imprisoned, and it was smuggled out after he was released. As president of Sinn Fein, Adams helped author and broker the Good Friday Agreement for peace in the late '90s and remains one of the most influential voices in Ireland and in international politics. Adams is coming to NC on the 16th, and this would be a good background before attending his lecture.

Recommended by Patrick Vaseel

"Goat," a hard-hitting memoir

By TAYLOR CLARY
Scene Writer

Considering the recent overwhelming popularlity of memoirs in literature, the memoir of a twenty-something male coming to terms with his identity would seem, at first glance, to have already been done. It would be easy to disregard Brad Land’s major writing debut, "Goat," as simply another example of a novice author self-consciously writing his own story. However, Land offers much more than a carbon copy of what has recently been showing up on bookshelves. In just 208 pages, his gritty and frank narrative style, brutal honesty and ability to capture his often quirky and, at times, unstable personality provide a refreshing alternative to the often arriviste and otherworldly stories we are used to seeing.

Land’s story is dark and his subject matter often gruesome and violent, but he manages to make it entirely readable. His story spans two years. In the first, Land is robbed, beaten and abducted by two men to whom he gave a ride when leaving a party. In the second, he follows his younger brother, Brett, to Clemson University in South Carolina, 70 miles from his home. He pledges his brother’s fraternity, Kappa Sigma. Land finds the pledging process barbaric and the hazing techniques physically and emotionally traumatic, especially after his abduction the previous year. Throughout his story, Land is plagued by feelings of isolation and paranoia as he searches for his own voice and tries to understand his place in society.

Land skillfully weaves his accounts of these two brutal events into a tale that is shocking and disturbing, yet insightful and oddly enjoyable. In the first chapter the author immediately dives into the details of his abduction, explicitly describing his near-fatal beating. Although he provides graphic descriptions of his physical injuries, it is the incident’s emotional repercussions that plague him and are the topic of the rest of his story. The memory of his assailants still haunts him as he heads to Clemson. During the pledging process, Land and his fellow pledges, "goats" as they are called, are subjected to hazing rituals that include physical beatings and binge drinking. Ironically, these practices of "fraternal brotherhood" alienate Land from his actual brother, and he is overwhelmed by feelings of self-loathing and displacement.

Along the way, Land chain smokes to ease his nerves, keeps a tally of the growing contents of his pockets, falls in love with every girl he meets, fantasizing that each one will save him from the fraternity and himself. His methods of coping with the pressures of pledging are not enough to dispel his nagging conscience that repeatedly tells him he doesn’t belong. As a result of his own self-doubt and desire to be "normal" Land subjects himself to the brutality of the pledging process for longer than he should, and walks away with a bleak but less burdensome future. Despite the plight of unhappiness he felt as a "goat," he still admits, "I’m also terrified of what I will be without the fraternity, that I will be nothing, that I am already nothing."

As a writer, Land is able to gracefully walk the line between honestly telling the terror of his experiences and appearing to ask for pity from the reader. He never entirely blames the fraternity members for his problems or even their own actions, recognizing that they are also victims of the same traditions and systems. Furthermore, he realizes the role his own unstable emotional state played in creating his situation. Land, now 27 years old, has just enough distance from these two years to provide insight but still remain close enough to his emotions at the time to write this memoir in a believable stream of consciousness.

"Goat" provides a glimpse directly into the author’s mind. He often fumbles with words and their ability to articulate his emotional state, but seems to find that the truth of raw emotions is best expressed through simplicity. It is this honest, honest writing style that makes "Goat" so enjoyable and makes Land an author worth looking for in the future. Land never gives the impression that he is glossing over details or trying to portray himself as the innocent victim. He writes unselfconsciously of his own faults and the role he plays in his own unhappiness, making his accounts of others more believable.

Land’s memoir begins, "This is how it goes..." and at its close, it feels as if he has told it exactly how it went.

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ND boxing coach expresses creative side

By JOE HETTLER
Some Writer

There are some days when 81-year-old Jack Zimmerman doesn’t feel like doing 151 straight pushups. But once he begins, he always finishes. “I’m a pushup freak,” said Zimmerman, who normally does between 151 and 201 every morning. “I do pushups every day.”

The Notre Dame boxing coach has undertaken a variety of hobbies during his life—from pushups to racing pigeons. Zimmerman now officially adds the title of poet to his name, recently publishing a book, “Dead Mouse,” of almost 30 poems.

“I tried things like writing my initials on a tree; after a while, it grew over. After a while I marked mud turtles with paint—never caught the same ones. As I got older, I got thinking, maybe I can make something a little more permanent than that,” Zimmerman said. “All of my life I’ve pointed toward writing because a writer needs to have an innate love for literature.”

Zimmerman has been writing for much of his adult life and said he always wanted to have his work published. He continued to write and occasionally took his poems to two friends at Office Max, who would then critique Zimmerman’s work. Both sides made corrections and after numerous revisions, Zimmerman had his poem book. “I had 26 poems that were more or less accidents to be in here,” Zimmerman said. “I didn’t exactly select them; they just evolved and we had to have a display for the poems.”

Zimmerman, or “Zimmy,” as he is called by some of the boxers, writes about a diverse number of topics in his poem book. He has poems about love, drugs, insects, death and other themes throughout the collection. Zimmerman has priced his work at $19.95, though he is not yet selling it anywhere. He said he is working on selling the collection online.

Zimmerman is also quick to point out that writing poetry is not a simple or fast process. He usually goes through several stages of revisions with each poem.

“I stole this from another writer: When I write, it’s like I just vomited and I have to clean it up,” Zimmerman said. “I have a writing, a rewriting, a rewriting, and I never quit. I might go back to a poem and correct it now and then 10 years later.”

Zimmerman got the interesting title of his poem book—“Dead Mouse”—from an experience he had 30 years ago. While repairing his fireplace, Zimmerman found the skeleton of a mouse. He was going to throw the mouse away, but Zimmerman’s mother came in the room and told her son that she knew what to do with the mouse.

“She was delighted,” Zimmerman said. “That’s where it comes from.”

“I always loved that because I did look like a wimp.”

Zimmerman has been working with Bengal Box Fighting for 12 years. Before each fight, he prepares the boxer’s equipment and gives them some final words of encouragement.

“Bengal Box is unlike the professionals,” he said. “You’re fighting your friends to the extent they might even beat you. It’s just that way.”

When Zimmerman is not coaching boxers or writing poetry, he keeps pigeons as pets and is a member of the American Racing Pigeon Union. Part of the season, pigeons are first, and part of the season, boxing is first,” Zimmerman said. “I’ve been grandfathered by the American Racing Pigeon Union. I have an honorary membership.”

As for boxing and poetry, Zimmerman does not plan on quitting anytime soon, “as long as God allows me to live.”

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Hamhuis’ 5-point night helps Nashville defeat Pittsburgh

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FENCING

Irish to host Midwest Championships

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

The wait is finally over. After cruising through the regular season with only one combined loss, the Notre Dame men’s and women’s fencing teams will begin their post-season run when they host the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships on Saturday at the Joyce Center.

Fourteen other teams will be in attendance on Saturday, but No. 5 Notre Dame will probably provide the biggest challenge for the No. 2 Notre Dame men’s team. The top ranked team will have to contend against the No. 2 Buckeyes and No. 6 Northwestern. The Irish squads met both teams earlier this season at the Notre Dame Dual Meet, also held in the Joyce Center. In two very intense matches, the Notre Dame men and women narrowly defeated the Buckeyes by the respective scores of 15-12 and 14-13.

Northwestern did not prove nearly as much of a challenge to the women who handily dispatched the Wildcats by an 18-9 margin.

However, head coach Janusz Bednarski feels that the Irish will have to make an extra strong effort to repeat their success against Ohio State and Northwestern.

“They will respond very strongly,” he said. “They brought all the best fencers, even those who did not compete during the regular season because they had a problem with eligibility. It looks that they did everything to be stronger at the end of the season.”

The Irish have historically dominated this tournament, taking first place in either the men’s or women’s division every year since 1984. This included a decade-long stretch of dominance when the Irish swept both the men’s and women’s competitions from 1989-1999.

This year, women’s fencing will defend its title while the men will attempt to rebound from last year’s loss to Ohio State. The men had previously won 19 consecutive conference titles dating back to 1984.

The conference championships will be the first exposure that the many freshmen will have to the playoffs of college fencing. With almost half of the men’s lineup filled with freshmen in addition to three more women, Saturday’s competition will be a trial by fire.

Freshman saber Patrick Ghatas sees this competition as a new challenge from his previous fencing experience.

“I’m a little nervous because before I came to college fencing was always an individual thing for myself,” he said. “Now there’s so much more of a team aspect to it that if I fence well then I’m letting down the team, not just myself. It’s a lot more pressure.”

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Colorado makes changes to its football program

Associated Press

AURORA, Colo. — Colorado announced sweeping changes to its scandal-ridden football program Thursday, barring recruits from visiting bars and private parties and putting them under the close supervision of parents and coaches.

Calling the guidelines the strictest in the nation, university president Betsy Hoffman and head coach Dan Hawkins said recruits will now visit the Boulder campus during the off-season so coaches and athletes will have more time to focus on them. All activities will be planned, approved and supervised by a coach.

The recruits primarily high school athletes, also will be limited to a single night’s stay during campus visits, instead of the usual two. A 1 a.m. curfew will be moved up to 11 p.m.

“As painful an experience as it may be, we view it as an opportunity to set the standard for an issue all colleges and universities must be concerned about,” Hoffman said.

Seven women have accused Colorado football players or recruits of rape since 1997. The school faced federal lawsuits by three of the women who say they were raped by football athletes at or just after a 2001 off-campus recruiting party.

The Irish have historically dominated this tournament, taking first place in either the men’s or women’s division every year since 1984. This included a decade-long stretch of dominance when the Irish swept both the men’s and women’s competitions from 1989-1999.

This year, women’s fencing will defend its title while the men will attempt to rebound from last year’s loss to Ohio State. The men had previously won 19 consecutive conference titles dating back to 1984.

The conference championships will be the first exposure that the many freshmen will have to the playoffs of college fencing. With almost half of the men’s lineup filled with freshmen in addition to three more women, Saturday’s competition will be a trial by fire.

Freshman saber Patrick Ghatas sees this competition as a new challenge from his previous fencing experience.

“I’m a little nervous because before I came to college fencing was always an individual thing for myself,” he said. “Now there’s so much more of a team aspect to it that if I fence well then I’m letting down the team, not just myself. It’s a lot more pressure.”

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SMC GOLF

No. 7 Belles to open season at Methodist Invitational

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

The No. 7 Saint Mary’s Belles headed into their first competition of the season Sunday in Pinehurst, N.C., at the Methodist Inaugural Invitational — keeping in mind coach Mark Hamilton’s mantra.

“The will to win is important, but the will to prepare is imperative,” Hamilton said.

For the first four days of their stay, the Belles will acclimate themselves to outdoor play after practicing indoors during the winter. They will spend the last two days of the March 6-13 trip challenging teams at the Invitational.

Hamilton said the team anticipates tough competition in its third year at the Invitational.

No. 3 Methodist College.

“We’ll face some of the best right off the bat,” Hamilton said. “This meet will be a barometer to see where the team is at after playing one of the best teams in the country.”

The team has already seen much success this season, with a first place finish at the MIAA Championships highlighting the fall season.

“We made a lot of strides towards the end of the season,” Hamilton said.

Among the key contributors for the Belles are last year’s NCAA individual Champion Stephanie Simmerman. First Team All-MIAA pick Megan Matlak and team scoring leader Julia Adams. Team captain Liz Hanlon is also expected to add consistent scoring and leadership.

“We have a solid core of players and a deep team,” Hamilton said. “The women all get along, and there’s a great team atmosphere. They really enjoy each other’s company, and let the results fall.”

The team hopes those results will ultimately bring them to the NCAA finals and a possible NCAA championship.

“We hope to improve on the NCAA finish and the attitude the Belles have going into the spring season, this outcome seems quite possible.”

“We’re not afraid to challenge any team anywhere. That might sound crazy, but I think that’s the attitude we need to have,” Hamilton said.

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Terrell Owens makes a catch in a game Dec. 7 against the Arizona Cardinals. Owens was traded to the Ravens from the 49ers for a second-round draft pick after he failed to become a free agent.

Owens traded to Ravens from 49ers

Associated Press

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Four-time Pro Bowl receiver Terrell Owens was traded to the Baltimore Ravens by San Francisco on Thursday after a paperwork error prevented him from becoming a free agent.

Owens, who quarreled with coaches, teammates and opponents during the last few seasons, was given permission by the 49ers to seek a deal after his agent failed to file a document voiding the next three seasons, including $5.3 million next year — a relative bargain for one of the NFL's best receivers.

Owens had been hoping to land a signing bonus of more than $15 million from Baltimore, Philadelphia, Atlanta or a handful of other teams with the cap space to sign the star receiver.

Owens has spent all eight of his NFL seasons with the 49ers, who drafted him in the third round in 1996. He and Indianapolis' Marvin Harrison are the only receivers with more than 5,000 yards and 50 touchdowns over the past four seasons. Last season, Owens had 80 catches for 1,102 yards and nine TDs — his lowest totals since 1999.

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IN BRIEF

Capitals trade Nylander to Bruins for draft pick

BOSTON — The Boston Bruins acquired center Michael Nylander from Washington on Thursday in the teams' second deal in two days. The Bruins gave Washington a second-round draft pick in 2006 and future considerations for Nylander.

Nylander becomes the sixth Capitals veteran to be traded this season as the money-losing team slashes payroll. Steve Konowalchuk (Colorado), Jaromir Jagr (New York Rangers), Peter Bondra (Ottawa), Robert Lang (Detroit) and Sergei Gonchar (Boston) have all been dealt since October.

Gonchar was sent to the Bruins on Wednesday for rookie defenseman Shane Morrison and first- and second-round draft picks.

Boston general manager Mike O'Connell said the Bruins filled their most glaring needs with the late-season deals.

"We went into this time of year looking for a defenseman and a second line center and we accomplished that," O'Connell said.

Dredge leads at Dubai, Woods has rough day

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Tiger Woods has the $3 million appearance fee at the Dubai Desert Classic. Little-known Bradley Dredge of Wales has the lead.

Woods had a long and frustrating day Thursday, and was at even-par through 12 holes when the first round was suspended because of darkness.

The start of tournament was delayed 2 1/2 hours by fog, and about half the field failed to finish the round.

Dredge took an early lead with an 8-under 64. David Howell of England was three back after a 67, and Richard Green of Australia shot a 68. Ernie Els opened with a 70, and Darren Clarke of Northern Ireland had an even-par 72.

Kearse passes physical for Eagles

PHILADELPHIA — Jevon Kearse wanted to make a difference for a Super Bowl contender, and the Philadelphia Eagles were desperate for a pass rusher.

Each found what they were looking for Thursday when theformer Titans signed a $36 million, eight-year contract with the Eagles in a bold move for a franchise known more for shifting away from big-ticket free agents.

Kearse had 36 sacks and went to the Pro Bowl in his first three seasons, twice earning All-Pro honors. But he had just 11 1/2 sacks in the last two injury-plagued seasons.

Kearse said he was never 100 percent last year, but the Eagles ran him through a series of tests and he passed a physical early Thursday to complete the deal.
Softball to travel to Fla. over break

By HEATHER VAN HOEGENARD
Sports Writer

After knocking off three of six ranked opponents in the early season, Notre Dame has finally jumped into the rankings, climbing No. 23 in the latest polls.

The Irish (10-4) look to continue their play of late as they travel to Florida Atlantic for the FAU/Worth Invitational. This is the first time since 2000 that the Irish will not be in California for spring break, as they have participated in the Klaas Classic at Cal State-Fullerton for the past three years. This year, the tournament did not coincide with the Irish's spring break.

At Florida Atlantic, the Irish will face four teams, two of which are under .500. Saturday, they are set to face Massachusetts (4-7), the Minutewomen are led by pitcher Jenna Busa, who is 2-2 for the past three years. This is the first time these teams met, the Irish knocked off the Minutewomen 3-2.

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Just one.
That is how many more chances the members of the Notre Dame Track and Field team have to qualify for next week's NCAA Championships as they enter this weekend's Alex Wilson Invitational. The annual Invitational will begin tonight at 6 p.m. at the Loftus Sports Center and will resume Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. with the women's triple jump.

Notre Dame has already qualified athletes in eight events, but many more Irish runners, jumpers and throwers are chosen to qualify for the Nationals. In an interview last week, assistant coach Tim Connelly discussed his expectations for the meet.

"We hope to do a little fine tuning at the Alex Wilson," he said. "We want to get a bunch of NCAA qualifiers." Headlining the list of current qualifiers for Notre Dame is distance runner Molly Huddle. The sophomore is coming off a victory in the 5,000 meters at last week's Big East Championships and is currently qualified for the NCAs in both the 5,000 and 3,000 meter events. She then pitched eight innings against Cal State-Fullerton, giving up just eight hits and one earned run while striking out 11. The next day, Booth pitched a complete game shutting out No. 14 Nebraska, giving up just four hits and striking out five.

At the Seminole Classic, the Irish will face Michigan State (8-3) and Troy State (7-5) Friday, Mar. 12. They will face Georgia State (3-5) and Maryland (5-5) Saturday. The Spartans come off a championship at the Golden Panther Invitational at Florida International after beating the Golden Panthers 3-2.

The Irish have matched their second-best start in school history, as the 1995 and 2000 teams both started 10-4.

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BASEBALL

Antonio. All four games will be played in San Antonio's Wolff Stadium, a doubleheader.

The following weekend, the Irish travel to Round Rock, Texas, for four games against Penn State, Arizona, Texas Tech and Rice.

With the break from classes, Irish coach Paul Mainieri is excited for his team's opportunity to get to new games under the lights.

"I'm like a little kid this week. It's nothing but baseball," he said. "It's eight games in nine days and usually the weather is beautiful.

"We play in two beautiful ball parks, and we play against a bunch of outstanding teams. If you love baseball and college baseball, then this is what you live for.

"Even without the strain of trying to balance classes, studies and baseball, Mainieri is aware of the challenge his players going to see when they face heading into the weekend's games.

"It's great for the players, because they get a break from school, and they can just concentrate on baseball," Mainieri said.

"But it's also a new challenge, because we're a young team, you're playing eight days out of nine, so physically there's a new challenge there."

The probable starting rotation for the Irish this weekend will feature junior right hander Chris Nislel against Southern Illinois Saturday, sophomore lefty Tom Thornton on the hill Sunday against Northwestern, and freshman righty Derek Ohevy slated to start Monday against Penn State.

Offensively, the Irish have been on a tear through the first two weekends of play. Battling .352 as a team and averaging 10.5 runs per game. Catcher ballyhoo Lopez leads regular Irish starters with a .409 batting average and 10 RBIs.

"I think we're starting to get a feel for each other," Mainieri said. "The guys are starting to see the game, and they're becoming more comfortable in the box."

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

The following weekend, the Irish travel to Round Rock, Texas, for four games against No. 8 James Madison next Sunday.

"We're feeling better," Mainieri said. "We're feeling really good, and we're going to pitch this weekend, probably not Saturday, but hopefully by Sunday or Monday he'll get back on the mound."

Notes:
- Junior pitcher Grant Johnson, who missed Notre Dame's four games last weekend with concussion, will likely return to action this weekend.
- "Johnson is feeling better. He threw [Wednesday], and he's feeling really good," Mainieri said.
- "We're hoping that his going to pitch this weekend, probably not Saturday, but hopefully by Sunday or Monday he'll get back on the mound."

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"I believe the Irish will have to worry about looking past a lower-ranked Cornell squad.

"We're absolutely not looking past Cornell," Coyne said. "We were embarrassed by them last year. I just don't think anyone (returning from last year) is thinking about any other game than that one."

On Sunday, the Irish had no trouble polishing off No. 17 Stanford and gaining a little vengeance in the process.

Eleven months after the Cardinal topped the Irish in a 14-13 double overtime heartbreaker, the Irish ran all over them, jumping out to a 6-0 lead midway through the first half.

By the time the final whistle sounded, four Irish players had at least a pair of goals - including four tallies from both senior midfielder Simon and senior middle Abby Owen - and Notre Dame had trounced its way to a 16-5 victory.

The Irish scored a score just two days earlier on Feb. 27 from the University of California at Berkeley in the season opener.

"After building commanding leads of 5-1 and 8-2, the Golden Bears shocked the Irish by reeling off seven straight scores to take a 9-8 lead with less than nine minutes left in the contest.

"Although Owen and Simon were each able to find the back of the net on free position shots to regain the lead with 4:21 remaining, the Bears weren't done. Cardinal Leanne Zillilli scored on a last-ditch free position shot with five seconds left to tie the score and force overtime.

But Owen was up to the challenge. The senior scored both Irish goals in the extra period, and Notre Dame was able to hold on for a dramatic 13-11 victory.

"The California game didn't exactly go as expected it was to go, but we did what we had to do to win," Coyne said. "Good teams find a way to win."

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fense, battling down low for the rebound and getting the floor for a loose ball is how they
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I told the younger guys in the locker room that you should look at these guys. Some of these guys that aren't playing, these
are guys that have paid their dues and it's all working for them as a part of a very good team," Brey
said. You don't see guys like that. I'm really proud of how they've handled their careers. Now they
realization of me in front of you and not making your team get in help, because you can't afford make
defense.
That's the message Brey wants to get across.

The fans recognize how hard
Dillon advanced to the semi­
finals with just five times all game, though Notre Dame leads the Big East
tournament.

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After the fight, he said, "In the ring, the corner really helped me out." Keep in mind, after the fight he was coming after
completing six complete weeks of the most intense training he had ever experienced, he pushed himself harder than ever before in order to secure that first win, and where Dillon puts his hands down, someone else
highlights.
White personally critical out­
side the ring, he is actually a
dynamic specimen inside. Even
in his earliest days with the club, Dillon was drawing the team's attention. Blood bloomed on one of the first punches he ever threw.
"I remember bloodying my
opponent's nose in my first
sparring session," Dillon said.
"It was a good friend of mine who happened to have a weak
nose.
Over the years, he has grown from a brutish slugger to more of a technical counter-puncher.
He has maintained a willingness
to take a punch through­
out his career, believing it will open a chance for a strong counter-attack.

Timmermans maintains his
deep presence on defense -
put in the middle of the
biggest leadership role this sea­
son but still remained discl­
ined on the defensive end. His
perfection the man-to-man is
part of what held Georgetown to such a shooting percentage.

Our defense has been really
seen on the defensive end. We've made our last home game a
memorable one. His coach was
not pleased.
"He knew he had me hostage
to some extent," Brey said.
Timmermans maintained his
inside presence on defense -
inside presence on defense -
and sat in the middle of the
Georgetown, believing it will
cut down their offense. turning the ball over
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that it is also competing for a possible NCAA berth, however, and will certainly be focusing on Lake Superior State just as hard as the Lakers focused on last weekend’s sweep of then-No. 6 Michigan Tech.

“We’re already thinking about [Lake Superior],” coach Dave Poulin said about the Irish. “We’ve already discussed it as a team.”

The Lakers enter this weekend’s series with a record of 6-15-5 in the CCHA, placing them in 11th place in the 12-member conference. That record is somewhat deceiving, however, as the Lakers have gone 2-1-2 over their last five games and tied the Irish in a 2-2 game earlier this season at the Joyce Center on Nov. 22.

Much like the Irish, the Lakers have been bolstered by the play of a freshman netminder who has collected some of the best stats in the country.

Rookie Jeff Jakaitis is in the top three of the CCHA in GAA with a 2.15, compared to Notre Dame’s David Brown, who leads that category with a 2.03 GAA. Jakaitis’ save percentage is also remarkably close to Brown’s, with the two goalies collecting a .932 and .933 save percentage, respectively. Although he has struggled some this season, Lakers backup goalie Matt Violin is an NHL draft choice, so Notre Dame’s opponent this weekend has some considerable depth in net — something which was not the case with Michigan, who was forced to use their unseasoned backup after an injury in Friday’s game to No. 1-starter Al Montoya.

Unfortunately for the Lakers, they also have the lowest-scoring offense in the CCHA, which does a lot towards explaining Jakaitis’ record of 4-7-4. Hitting at only a 2.09 goals per game clip, the Lakers are nearly an entire goal behind Notre Dame’s 8th place offense with 2.81 goals per game. Not a single player on the Lakers’ roster has more than 20 points so far this year.

The team’s leading scorer is forward Dominic Osman with 19 points (10 goals, nine assists), followed shortly behind by Bo Cheeseman with 18 points (11 goals, seven assists) and Trent Campbell with 17 points (four goals, 13 assists).

Notre Dame faces the Lakers Friday and Saturday with face-off scheduled for 7:05 p.m. each night.

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takes on No. 9 Georgetown and No. 6 West Virginia plays No. 11 St. John’s.

Eight of the 12 teams in the tournament are contending for an NCAA Tournament berth.

To put into perspective how good the conference is, No. 8 Virginia Tech is 21-6 this season and was ranked for several weeks.

“This is certainly the deepest, most competitive conference we’ve ever been in,” McGraw said. “It’s amazing how competitive it is. In a first-round game we’re probably going to play Rutgers, who was picked second in the conference this year. Notre Dame will rely on its tough defense to travel deep into the tournament.

The Irish have held 10 of their last 14 opponents under 40 percent shooting and are 4-2 when accomplishing this feat.

Notre Dame has also held opponents to 59 points a game.

The biggest question mark for Notre Dame is its ability to play away from the Joyce Center. All nine of the Irish losses have come on the road this season, while the team is 13-0 at home.

Jacqueline Batteast has been the leader on both the offensive and defensive end for the Irish. She averages 15.1 points and 8.3 rebounds. Megan Duffy could be Big East Most Improved Player after scoring 10.6 points and running the Notre Dame offense well.

The Irish are a virtual lock for an NCAA Tournament berth after beating seven top-10 teams during the season. Heading into the conference tournament, Notre Dame will look to improve its seeding.

But with this year’s conference, getting any wins in the tournament will be impressive.

“It’s just been a really good year in the conference,” McGraw said.

The Irish will play their first game against either the Scarlet Knights or the Pirates at 6 p.m. Sunday.

The semifinals are Monday and the finals are Tuesday.

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Megan Duffy dribbles against Syracuse on March 2. Duffy is in the running for Big East Most Improved Player award.

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Notre Dame Athletics Action Packed Weekend

Women’s Lacrosse First Home Game

#12 Women’s Lacrosse vs. Cornell at the Loftus Sports Center

Sunday, March 7 @ Noon

-First 200 fans will receive Lacrosse Schedule Glass sponsored by Legends

Alex Wilson Invitational Track and Field

at the Loftus Sports Center

Friday, March 5 @ 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 6 @ 10:00 a.m.
**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

Irish leach Hoyas, need wins in New York

By PAT LEONARD
Spokes Writer

Critics have spent the week saying the Irish must win at least the next three games to have a shot at the NCAA tournament. One down, two to go.

Notre Dame defeated Georgetown 61-48 on Thursday night behind 19 points from high point man Chris Thomas and 18 points from Thomas’ backcourt mate, Chris Quinn.

One of the main stories in a dominant performance by the Irish was the Hoyas’ shooting, or the Irish defense — or both.

“We really guarded them and made them take tough shots,” Thomas said. “Nobody really got good looks, and if they did, we were blocking out and limiting their second chance opportunities.”

While Rick Cornett and Tom Timmermans combined for 18 rebounds, Georgetown outrebounded Notre Dame. This was due, however, to longer shots and longer rebounds, Thomas said.

Georgetown shot 28.1 percent from the floor, compared to 37.5 percent for Notre Dame. The Hoyas’ leading scorer Gerald Tiley (17.8 points per game) finished 0-for-8.

Senior Torrian Jones skied for the hoop in Notre Dame’s 61-48 victory over Georgetown. It was Jones’ final game at home.

**ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

Irish ready to rumble

By JOE HETTLER
Spokes Writer

This season, even the top seeds in the Big East tournament don’t get an easy draw. The conference has so many quality teams that even the higher seeded could exit the tournament quickly.

“It’s really an up-for-grabs year.” Muffet McGraw Irish basketball coach

Notre Dame faces the winner of the No. 7 Rutgers versus No. 10 Seton Hall first-round game. The Irish have lost to both teams in the regular season. In other first-round action, No. 5 Boston College faces No. 12 Syracuse, No. 8 Virginia Tech and the No. 9 Hoyas.

Notre Dame finished the regular season 12-4 in the conference and earned a second-place finish behind Connecticut. The top four teams in the conference receive a bye into the second round.

“I’ve never had to see a player come in and play as well as Muffet McGraw, every single game.” Matt Lozar

Pat Dillon: humble boxing hero

By LUKE BUSAM
Spokes Writer

A dominating right cross, a lightning-quick left jab. A relentless work ethic.

Those are just a few of the more recognizable traits that earned Pat Dillon a club captaincy as a junior and the club co-presidency as a senior. Those are also just a few traits that make Dillon an outstanding boxer. But ask him about those stand-out traits, and he won’t admit he has them. And the fact that the boxer has never taken credit for any of his success or any of his talents nearly says more about his character than all those qualities combined.

**HOCKEY**

Irish look to finish strong on road

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
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They’re on the home stretch — on the road. The Irish (17-11-4, 13-10-3 in the CCHA) face the Lakers in a two-game series this weekend, as Notre Dame attempts to secure home-ice advantage in the first round of the CCHA playoffs for the first time since the 1999-2000 season.

Notre Dame currently has 29 points and sits in a tie for fifth place with Alaska Fairbanks. They are one point behind fourth place Ohio State and three points behind third place Michigan State.

The Irish need only one point to eliminate Western Michigan from contention for the sixth home-ice spot for the CCHA playoffs.

Notre Dame realizes