Students cope with family in Iraq

Editor's note: This is the first in a five-part series examining issues in the war in Iraq.

By MAURENE REYNOLDS
Associate News Editor

For most, the war in Iraq over the past year has been distant only on television and in the newspapers. But for some, the fighting has hit too close to home.

Those with family members in the military who have been deployed to Iraq deal with uncertainty and frightening news reports every day, but somehow, they keep optimistic knowing that their loved ones are where they are needed.

"I think it brings more of a personal investment," said Erica Kane, a member of Notre Dame's Army ROTC, whose brother, Christopher, is a first lieutenant stationed in Baghdad. "When you watch the news or read the paper, it's hard not to think that this isn't far away. It's close to home."

Christopher Kane graduated from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania in the summer of 2002, after serving in the ROTC program. Now, according to Erica Kane, he is an armor officer, in command of a platoon of four tanks and 16 soldiers and has been in Iraq since May.

Sarah McMahon, also a member of Army ROTC, said that she tries to cope with her step-father, Lt. Col. David Convoy, a Notre Dame and Army ROTC graduate, being overseas by focusing on the positive aspects.

"He loves doing what he does," McMahon said. "He really believes in what the army does and what the military does." In working in Baeraa, Iraq in a civilian capacity as part of the Army Corps of Engineers, McMahon said that when she saw her stepfather was leaving, she was upset, but remained grateful for his and others' sacrifices.

"I was worried for his safety, but glad that we're doing what we're doing and glad to be a part of what was going on," she said. "I'm definitely proud of him for volunteering and taking his responsibility well. But I'm still very scared, but remained grateful for his and others' sacrifices."

"I knew he was still in training," she said. "It's not just something that is going to be an integral step to fostering a more open community."

Disability week aims to educate students

By AMANDA Michaels
News Writer

For senior Laura Hoffman, the efforts made during Disability Awareness Week to enlighten the campus about the realities of those with disabilities generate very personal results.

Diagnosed with optic nerve atrophy in first grade—a condition which qualifies her as legally blind and makes the realities of those with disabilities generate very personal results.

"One of the things that has bothered me is that disability is not often seen as an element diversity at Notre Dame," Hoffman said. "I encountered those who have never known or experienced a disability, and they tend to evaluate people with disabilities not by their ability, but by their disability. It takes students who are open to other ideas in order for changes to be made in society."

In conjunction with Marissa Runkle, the Disability Awareness Week Coordinator at the Center for Social Concerns, Hoffman has helped put together four days of programs aimed at celebrating the value of those with disabilities and educating students about them. Best Buddies, an organization that pairs college students with adults who have developmental disabilities, is co-sponsoring the event, along with Saint Mary's, Howard Hall, the Office for Students with Disabilities and the Junior Class Council.

The week will start off with a Mass at the Basilica at 5:15 p.m. today, celebrated for students with disabilities and for those involved in volunteering with the disabled.

"This year we are trying to integrate a faith component into the week," Hoffman said. "We don't really have one in the past, but faith is so critical to the life of a person with a disability that I suggested we have a Mass to begin the week's events."

Grad student plans documentary

Film to examine twin cities St. Joseph, Benton Harbor at 3:26 on 3/26

By K. AARON VANOSTERHOUT
News Writer

On March 26 at 3:26 p.m., life in the twin cities of St. Joseph and Benton Harbor, Mich., will be occurring as usual.

And that is just how Mark Cook wants it.

Cook, a graphic design graduate student at Notre Dame, is organizing and compiling what he labels "a unique documentary event" of the region 35 miles north of South Bend. He, as well as anyone else who wishes to participate, will be crossing the border to capture one minute in the life of these two towns, with photographs, video, audio and journals.

"For me, it's a significant time and day because it's not significant, it's a typical time and day," Cook said.

The towns, however, are anything but typical.

St. Joseph is an affluent city of about 9,000 residents, 90 percent of whom are white, and boasts of an excellent public school system as well as a thriving economy. In 1994, Cook, then a freshman at nearby Andrews University, viewed firsthand the area's wealth while exploring the region. "A lot of activity" stretched before him, with a "lot of quaint shops" hugging closely together on the main street.

When he crossed the bridge over the St. Joseph River, however, he was struck by the stark contrast with Benton Harbor.

"It just felt like I must have driven hundreds of miles to get to this other place," he said. Benton Harbor was "totally vacant," with "a lot of major

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INSIDE COLUMN

Get serious

HOME — Rainbow "Face" (peace) flags flooded the streets of central Rome Saturday. Italians, from old women to students to families with young children, marched for hours to demand peace and voice opposition to the Iraq War.

Quite literally, half the city - "tens of thousands" according to The New York Times - was out in the street.

Italians are outraged. One year after the first troops marched in Iraq, their dissent seems to have diminished little. Like Spain's Jose Maria Aznar, Italian prime minister Silvio Berlusconi backed the Iraq War despite strong public opposition.

The Iraq War - whether you supported it or not - has persisted in the myth that thousands of European leaders will grasp the crucial importance of presenting a truly united front to terrorists.

But even they can thumb their nose at European leaders to explain current policy on Iraq and terrorism to the Europeans.

Colin Powell did the same. The Observer regards itself as a professional publica­tion, and European administrators did the same.

But Mayor Nestor Fengawan said the town has "I'll go with Reagan. If they're not trying to win the Stanley Cup, I don't care." (Sara Urban, Sophomore Pasquella West) "I'll go with ... Pitt." "If they're not trying to win the Stanley Cup, I don't care." (Sara Urban, Sophomore Pasquella West)

A student competes in the Rambler Scrambler 19-hole putt-putt golf tournament Saturday night in the Stepan Center. The Scrambler is Stigfelt Hall's signature event and all proceeds were donated to the ALS Foundation.

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"AUB, the Cinderella!" (Garrett Jost, Freshman O'Neil)

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO IS YOUR PICK TO WIN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT?

OFFBEAT

Philippine town bakes 25,000-pound cake

LA TRINIDAD, Philippines — A northern Philippin­e town is attempting to bake itself into the Guinness Book of Records with what it claimed was the world's biggest strawberry but­tercake.

The northern town of La Trinidad, which calls itself the Philippines' strawberry cap­i­tal, has been baking giant cakes for the last three years.

But Mayor Nestor Fengawan said the town has outdone itself this time with the giant dessert weighing 24,572 pounds.

At 10 pesos, equal to 18 cents, a slice in the town hall, the massive cake was expected to feed 53,000 townspeople.

About 6,614 pounds of strawberries were used in baking the cake, which measures 8.43 feet high and 8.69 feet wide.

The Guinness Book of Records doesn't have an entry for strawberry but­tercakes but organizers said they would seek a new category for their massive creation.

Plant City, Fla., holds the Guinness Record for biggest strawberry short­cake.

Former insures 3M chickens for bird flue

HANOI, Vietnam - "Craving chicken? Go ahead. If you die of bird flue, one Vietnamese farmer says he'll foot the bill.

The Thanh Binh Animal Farming and Feed Co. Ltd., will insure up to 1 million chickens over the next two months for 3 cents each to help entice wary customers to buy poultry again. Relatives of anyone who dies from bird flue after eating the company's chickens will receive $6,400, plus medical bills.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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War on terror hard to fight in court

Associated Press

BERLIN — The post-Sept. 11 war against terrorism is suffering as much in the courts as in the streets with several legal setbacks involving suspected members of al-Qaida and other groups around the world.

The biggest reversal came in Germany when a court threw out the only conviction of a Sept. 11 suspect. But other cases have been hindered, too, including a militant Indonesian cleric and the al-Qaida operative charged in the Madrid bombings.

"Intelligence cooperation between countries like the United States and its allies has increased enormously, but there's still a long way to go," said Richard Evans, editor, Jane's Terrorism and Insurgency Center.

"The threat is a very broad global Islamic front where terrorist operatives will go to a second country to plan a terror operation then move to a third country to carry out their attacks," said Richard Evans, editor, Jane's Terrorism and Insurgency Center in London.

"Intelligence cooperation between countries like the United States and its allies has increased enormously, but there's still a long way to go," he told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

In granting el Motassadeq a retrial last month, a German appeals court pointed to the lack of evidence from Ramzi Binalshibh, a Yemeni in secret U.S. custody who is believed to have been the key al-Qaida contact for the Hamburg cell that included lead hijacker Mohamed Atta.

Judges ruled that the lower court, which found the Moroccan guilty in February 2003 of more than 3,000 counts of accessory to murder and infection of American passengers in the 2001 terrorist organization, failed to weigh how the United States' refusal to allow Binalshibh to testify influenced the case.

Fighting terrorism is no "wild, unregulated war," Presiding Judge Klaus Tolksdorf explained in the March 4 verdict, saying authorities' need for secrecy can't outweigh a defendant's right to a fair trial.

A German investigator in the case said the dilemma persists.

"Every country and every service has its own ideas and purposes and has to be careful with human sources and information or the politics of their country. So of course the flow of information is not one-to-one," said Manfred Marx, deputy head of the Hamburg agency that tracks extremists. "Nobody gets the full information of the other service."

U.S. authorities provided German intelligence with interrogation transcripts from Binalshibh, who was captured in Pakistan on the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States. But they came with the proviso that the information not be used in court.

Human rights film festival begins today

By ANGELA SAOUDE

Sanctuary's Editor

Interested in seeing a movie with a message? The Human Rights International film festival's traveling film series will be shown at Saint Mary's starting today and running through Saturday.

"The purpose of the film festival is to help educate people about human rights and the struggles of people who are seeking to secure their rights," said Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership fellow Sister Marianne Farina, one of the event's organizers.

The films center around issues of human rights, and the sponsors are hopeful the audience will take away a deeper understanding of the issues.

"We want the audience to see some of the key human rights issues and violations that are occurring in the world today in order to promote a greater solidarity," Farina said. "At Saint Mary's and Notre Dame, the students have a great interest to engage in peace and justice studies and advocacy, and these films are a vehicle in which to do so."

The film festival will kick off tonight at 7 p.m. in Carroll Auditorium with a presentation given by Marianne Farina and Isis Nusair of Saint Mary's CWIL program and George Lopez of the Notre Dame's Kroc Institute for Peace Studies. Following the presentation, the film "Bana's Wedding" will be viewed.

Each of the movies will be viewed nightly in Carroll Auditorium at 7 p.m. with a discussion to follow. On Friday and Saturday, "Freedom from Fear," a workshop on Peace Building and Human Rights will take place at the Kroc Institute. All of the events are free and open to the public.

Farina said she is hopeful the film festival will make an impact on the audience members.

"Films are also a great medium with which to share experiences across cultures," Farina said. "The pictures, sounds and stories help us to have a better experience of the reality of people's situations, needs and their efforts to work for peace and justice. These are important issues that need to be seen."

Saint Mary's Program in Women's Studies, CWIL, the Intercultural Studies Program, the Justice Education Program, the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Kroc Institute are sponsoring the Human Rights Watch film festival.

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every day.

Families also cope by recog­
nizing that soldiers do indeed have a responsibility that could be anticipated from the time of enlistment...

...in ROTC, you know [deployment] is always a possibility," Erica Kane said. "It's not something you're excited about, but it's something that you know might happen. You have to do what you're called to do...."

Any military family must
cope with the absence of a
loved one, but also with the
fear of that person not return­
ing....

According to McMahon, keep­ing busy helps to allevi­ate some of that fear.

"I try not to watch the news
or read the papers," she said.
"I try not to think about the
bad stuff, but try to think about
the good stuff instead."

"It makes me feel better
depending on how safe he feels,"
McMahon continued, refer­
ing to the fact that Convoy is
overseas and working techni­cally as a civilian.

Erica Kane says that her
faith and willingness to be a
part of the effort is helps her
cope with her government's
absence.

"I do rely on my faith and
have trust in God to bring him
home," she said. "This does bring me peace of mind.

"I send packages and do
other things for the soldiers.
direct groups and units, not just
my brother's, helping any way I
can."

Both McMahon and Kane
say that they keep in touch
with their family members
through e-mails and occasion­
al phone calls. Christopher
Kane is expected to return in
early May and Convoy in
June.

"I remain grateful for the
sacrifices of their loved ones,
which is how they get through
the day-to-day worries of the
war."

Erica Kane remembered a
picture her brother sent home
as a symbol of the sacrifice of
the soldiers and of the great­
ness of that sacrifice.

"Christopher spent a picture
of him and a little boy at a
bus stop last fall," she
recalled. "He said any time
anyone asks why we're there,
'tell them. We're there so this
little boy can have the free­
doms that you've had since
you were born."

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buildings boarded up” and had
one of the nation’s poorest
public school systems and
highest murder rates. Of its
roughly 11,000 residents, 90
percent are black.

"It seems really odd that in
America, in the year 2004, two
towns so close geographically
can be so different in many
other respects," Cook
said.

Cook had been contem­plating a documentary
since that drive ten years ago,
but finally decided to act
this year for a number of
reasons, the most striking
being last summer’s riots in
Benton Harbor. Mobs of citizens
fought police and razed
buildings throughout the city
in response to a motorcyclist’s
great fall. Several bystanders
were killed, a news report覆
the fact that

"I really want this to be a
community taking a look at
itself," she said.

Cook also said he hopes the
documentary will “generate
discussion about social condi­
tions in Benton Harbor and St.
Joseph.

After he gathers the record­
ings, Cook will then use his
graphic design expertise to
compile all the sights, scenes
and stories into a body of
work where the viewer could
be multi-present. The work
will then be exhibited in local
public libraries, shopping
doms we have,” she continued.

Both Patty Rose and Gretchen
Ryan have views of the war
that are grounded in their
concern for the troops.

"Initially I supported the war,"
Gretchen Ryan said, "because
I thought it was very important
to take care of Saddam Hussein.
But now that it’s done with, I
think that I would have
troops over there. I think we
did just need to let those people
do it on their own."

Patty Rose expressed the
importance of support for the
troops.

...whether you support the
war or not, ... support the men
and women because that’s the
most important thing," she said.

"We have smart people running
this country, I trust them to
make good decisions.

“We have no idea what [the
soldiers] give and we’ll never be
able to understand."

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and that he would have no risk
of going over there until he was
done, which I knew was another
six to nine months,” she said.

That made it better.

"When he got assigned to
Korea, we knew that was
where he was going to be almost
world where he wouldn’t get
any more information. That
was comfortable, although Korea
has problems of its own."

And there are other places:
less threatening, perhaps, but
also nerve-wracking for the
families of those soldiers and
sailors stationed there.

Junior Patty Rose’s brother
Paul is a 2002 Notre Dame and
Navy ROTC graduate. After
graduation, Paul Rose attended
nuclear power school in South
Carolina for a year, and then
took a time training in New
York and Connecticut before being
stationed in Pearl Harbor,
Hawaii.

Ensign Paul Rose now runs a
nuclear reactor on the U.S.S.
Buffalo, a fast-attack subma­ine.

"It still feels like a long way
from home," Patty Rose said,
even though he’s stationed in
the United States, he’s away,
and it’s weird not knowing when
the next time I’ll see him in."

Both girls agree having their
brothers far away is hard on the

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Taiwan court reviews election TAIPEI, Taiwan — Taiwan's High Court ordered all ballot boxes sealed Sunday as thousands of protesters demanded a recount of President Chen Shui-bian's re-election, saying it was marred by irregularities and an apparent assassination attempt that wounded one of the then-mainland Chinese leaders.

The court said it was sealing the boxes to preserve evidence, but it did not order a recount of 54 percent of Chen's vote as requested by challenger Lien Chan. The opposition also sought to seek to nullify Chen's narrow victory Saturday, arguing he unfairly received sympathy votes because of the election night shooting, which remained unexplained.

Chen, who campaigned on a China-bashing platform, and Vice President Annette Lu were shot and slightly wounded while riding in an open jeep on Friday in Chen's hometown of Taichung.

Opposition left takes lead in France PARIS — Exit polls showed the opposition left taking 50 percent of the vote in the first round of France's regional elections Sunday, with a six percentage point lead over the government bloc.

The extreme right, which could play a major role in recent events, still had a 40-point margin against the left. The right is likely to win in 19 of France's 26 regions.

The exit polls showed candidates of President Jacques Chirac's conservatives lagging with 34 percent. The regional elections were widely viewed as a national test of Chirac's governing right, and the estimate is opposed to confirm predictions that it could be punished for France's economic and social woes.

NATIONAL NEWS

Cigarette makers face federal trial WASHINGTON — Cigarette makers are no strangers to the courtroom, but after settling a lawsuit with states, they face Uncle Sam as the plaintiff.

In what is shaping up as the biggest civil anti-tobacco trial in history, repeated efforts to get the $280 billion class action case dismissed have failed. So has an attempt by the Bush administration to negotiate a settlement.

Last week, U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler rejected the Bush administration's bid have the case thrown out, and the government submitted a list of witnesses it intends to call.

Six years ago, 46 states settled their suit against the industry for $120 billion, payable over 25 years. Four states settled separately for $3.7 billion, of which $1 billion has recovered costs for treating sick smokers.

Gay minister acquitted in trial BOTHELL, Wash. — A lesbian Methodist pastor was acquitted Saturday in a church trial over her sexual orientation, and will be allowed to continue her ministry.

A jury of 17 priests ruled in favor of the Rev. Karen Dannemann, 47, who disclosed three years ago that she is in a homosexual relationship.

Church law prohibits the ordination of self-avowed, practicing homosexuals and the church's book of Discipline declares homosexuality to be "incompatible with Christian teaching. But the church's social principles support gay rights and liberties.

LOCAL NEWS

Changes proposed to Title IX rules FORT WARE, Ind. — Separate classes for boys and girls could become more common in Indiana as the state, along with the rest of the nation as federal rules prohibiting gender segregation in education are relaxed.

U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige announced proposed changes to the 30-year-old Title IX law Sunday. The changes are part of the No Child Left Behind legislation adopted two years ago, but are now just now being made official policy.

Gaza Strip

Hamas leader killed in Israeli strike

Associated Press

GAZA CITY — Sheik Ahmad Yassin, the founder and leader of the Hamas militant group that targeted Israeli soldiers in suicide bombings, was killed by missiles fired from Israeli helicopters. He left a mosque at daybreak Monday, witnesses said.

Tens of thousands of Gaza residents, many of them in tears, poured into the streets after Hamas announced the death of the quadruple Yassin over mosque loudspeakers. Masked fighters at Shifa Hospital in Gaza City, where Yassin's body was taken, shot into the air in rage. Angry mourners burned tires, sending black smoke over Gaza City.

Hamas, listed as a terrorist group by both the United States and Israel, vowed revenge against Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. The Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, a militant group allied with Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, also promised swift retaliation.

The Israeli army imposed a full closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip after Yassin's killing, dividing Gaza into three areas, preventing movement to and from Israel.

Witnesses said Israeli helicopters fired missiles at Yassin and two bodyguards as they left the mosque, killing them instantly. He was carried around in a special car that could accommodate his wheelchair.

Four people were killed and 17 were wounded in the attack, officials said.

Yasser Haddad, 35, a taxi driver, said he saw the missiles hit Yassin and the bodyguards.

"Their bodies were shattered," he said.

Yassin was by far the most senior Palestinian militants killed in more than three years of Israeli-Palestinian fighting. Since Sept. 2000, 474 people — the majority of them Israelis — have been killed in 112 Palestinian suicide bombings, most of them carried out by Hamas.

One Israeli official recently said Yassin was "marked for death." Sharon's government has gone after militant leaders using Israeli helicopter gunships in a controversy policy that has resulted in a number of civilian casualties in addition to the deaths of senior Hamas and other groups.

The army and Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's office declined to comment. Deputy Defense Minister Zeev Boim told Israeli radio, "I said for a long time that Yassin is a target for killing. He was not immune." More than 150 Palestinian militants have been killed in targeted raids, according to Palestinian medical officials, although that total also includes militants killed resisting arrest.

AFGHANISTAN

Soldiers shoot aviation minister

Resulting gun battle kills 100 people; Karzai sends extra troops to establish order

Associated Press

KABUL — Soldiers loyal to a local commander shot and killed Afghanistan's aviation minister Sunday in the western city of Herat, setting off a big gun battle in which as many as 100 people died in vicious factional fighting, the commander told The Associated Press.

In Kabul, President Hamid Karzai's Cabinet convened in emergency session after the killing of minister Mirwais Afai — a son of Herat's powerful governor — and dispatched extra troops to try to calm the city.

Presidential spokesman Khaled Ahmad said only that the minister had been shot in his car and circumstances were unclear.

However, a top Herat military commander, Zaher Naib Zada, told the Associated Press by telephone Sunday night that his forces had killed Saddiq in a confrontation after the minister went to Zada's home to fire him.

Afterward, Zada's forces and soldiery loyal to Saddiq began fighting with machine guns, tanks and rockets for control of the city's main military barracks. Zada said 400 to 500 and 100 soldiers were killed in the first hours of the ongoing battle.

Saddiq is the third leading figure killed this year in the government, and the second aviation minister, to be killed. The father of the slain minister, Ihsan Khan, is a former anti-Soviet guerrilla commander who runs a large private army and has had his troops control the city since the fall of the Taliban in late 2001. But there have been persistent tensions — and occasional factional fighting — between his family, the military and those loyal to rival warlords. Saddiq was widely believed to be his father's representative in Karzai's government.

State television had reported that Saddiq's father, Commander Ihsan Khan, was killed in a suicide car bomb attack unburied. The presidential spokesman and other officials, however, said there had been no confirmation of Ihsan Khan's death. Aid workers in the city speaking by phone reported gunfire and heavy explosions and said they had been ordered to stay indoors. U.N. workers scrambled into a bunker at the airport to protect themselves.

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Students in city schools improve

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Students in the largest urban public school systems showed improvement in reading and math in the first year under the federal education overhaul, according to a coalition of inner-city schools.

The study by the Council of the Great City Schools compared state test scores from 61 urban school districts in 37 states. It compared 2002 and 2003 test results.

The council’s executive director, Michael Casserly, said the gains in fourth-grade reading were especially impressive.

"It’s one of the first signs that the major cities are making substantial headway at the elementary school level in teaching students to read," he said.

The report being released Monday found that 47 percent of the fourth-graders in the study scored at or above proficiency in reading — a gain of almost 5 percentage points from 2002.

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Disability Awareness Week

March 22-26, 2004

Notre Dame Disability Awareness Week

Monday, 3/22
5:15 p.m. Mass at the Basilica

Tuesday, 3/23
8 p.m. at Reckers Panel Discussion by students with disabilities

Wednesday, 3/24
9:30 p.m. at Legends Theology on Tap Discussion

Is there such a thing as wrongful life?

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Coffee and Conversation
For Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Questioning Students at Notre Dame

Tuesday, March 23rd
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The Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs invites gay, lesbian, and bisexual members of the Notre Dame family, their friends, and supporters to an informal coffee at the Co-Mo.

Everyone is welcome and confidentiality is assured.

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Market Recap

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Fortune 500

Wal-Mart tops Fortune 500 list

Leads publically traded companies for third year with sales of nearly $259 billion

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A tail wind of improving economic conditions blew many major companies closer to record revenues in 2003, but none was able to knock Wal-Mart Stores Inc. off the top of the Fortune 500 list.

With sales of almost $259 billion — nearly a quarter of a trillion dollars — the late Sam Walton’s global chain of general merchandise stores topped the list of the nation’s largest publicly traded companies for the third straight year.

There was some predictable shuffling among the rest of the top 10.

Fortune’s annual ranking, to be published in the magazine’s April 5 edition, is based on the companies’ sales figures as reported in financial statements for 2003.

Jittery geopolitics kept the price of oil high, helping Exxon Mobil Corp. post $213 billion in revenue. The 17 percent jump leapfrogged the oil company past General Motors Corp. into the No. 2 spot.

In terms of profits, Exxon Mobil was first with $21.5 billion in earnings. Wall-Mart, which has the lower profit margins of the retailing industry, earned $9.05 billion in earnings.

GM and Ford Motor Co. came in third and fourth respectively, with revenues of $164 billion and $134 billion respectively. General Electric Co., the provider of everything from jet engines to sitcoms, remained at No. 5, with revenue of $134 billion.

Both Ford and GE held their spots from 2002. Chevron Texaco Corp. moved up a spot to No. 6, while another refiner, Phillips Petroleum, dropped five spots to No. 7. Banking powerhouse Citigroup Inc. was eighth, followed by International Business Machines Corp.

According to Fortune, "Making the accomplishment even sweeter was the fact that few observers had expected it," wrote Fortune’s Jane Resschel.

Profit grew in 34 of the 39 industries that Fortune tracks. And only 37 of the 500 companies disappointed shareholders with negative returns, which the magazine calculated by adding the change in a company’s stock price to its dividend income.

Fortune credited barely there interest rates, fewer accounting scandals, tax cuts and increased government spending as helping to power the blue chip boom. And although the war in Iraq kept oil prices high all year, the quick end to major fighting gave companies confidence, according to Fortune.

Among the 11 debuts on the list, the most notable newcomer was Medco Health Solutions, a prescription benefits manager that was spun off from drug giant Merck & Co. Inc. last year.

With revenue of $34 billion, it premiered at No. 41, but its initial public offering helped bump its former parent Merck to the 83rd spot from 17th last year.

The magazine noted that big pharmaceutical companies as a whole took a beating in 2003 due to expiration patents, competition from generic drugs and a backlash against expensive medicine.

Schering-Plough Corp., for example, dropped to 247th on the list from 187th as revenue fell from $16.2 billion to $8.3 billion.

On the upside, the Federal Reserve Bank’s decision to keep interest rates low boosted homebuilders, Centex Corp., Lennar Corp. and D.R. Horton Inc. all moved up considerably in the rankings.

Antitrust Suits

EU meets to review Microsoft fine

BRUSSELS, Belgium — European Union antitrust officials gathered Friday to review what could be a record-setting fine against Microsoft Corp., the final step before issuing a long-awaited decision against the U.S. software giant.

Representatives from the 15 EU governments were to consider a proposal from EU Competition Commissioner Mariotti Monti behind closed doors ahead of Wednesday’s meeting of the European Commission, the EU’s executive body.

That’s where Monti’s ruling and fine — expected to run into the hundreds of millions of dollars — is expected to be adopted.

EU rules allow the Commission to fine antitrust violators as much as 10 percent of annual global revenue. The largest ever actually imposed on a single company, however, was less than 2 percent — $568 million — against Roche Holding AG, one of several companies caught fixing the prices of bulk vitamins in 2001.

Even a fine set at 2 percent would amount to around $700 million for a giant like Microsoft, which expects to take in nearly $36 billion this year.

Monday’s meeting comes two weeks after the same advisory panel unanimously backed Monti’s draft ruling, which sources familiar with the 5-year-old case say finds Microsoft abused its Windows monopoly to unfairly gain market share in software for playing digital media and running office network servers.
Victims seek answers at Nichols state trial

Associated Press

MCALISTERY, Okla. — Since two of her grandsons were killed in the Oklahoma City bombing, Jannie Coverdale’s thoughts have been locked on the horrific event and answering the question that has haunted her ever since: “Why?”

“The last nine years, I’ve just put my life on hold,” Coverdale said. “Almost everything I do, it has something to do with the bombing.”

Coverdale hopes to find answers in bombing conspirator Terry Nichols’ trial on 161 state murder and firearms charges. Opening statements are scheduled Monday.

Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty — something many victims’ family members and survivors believe he deserves.

“This is bitter about the life prison sentence Nichols was given after his 1997 federal bombing conviction. Bomber Timothy McVeigh was executed.”

“In this country we execute people for committing a single murder,” Coverdale said. “If Terry Nichols does not get the death penalty, we might as well abolish the death penalty in this country.”

Nichols was convicted of federal conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter charges in 1998 for his role in the April 19, 1995, bombing that killed 168 people. The state charges are for the bombing, which killed 40 miles south of Oklahoma City.

Gusty winds, rain and lightning were in the area at the time, although it has not been determined if weather was a factor in the accident, said Kathleen Bartlett, a dispatcher for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Ana Lilia Urias had brought her baby across the border from Mexico to seek medical help, Wilmes said. Pedro Urias, her son, had also been having trouble breathing. Wilmes said.

The baby was being taken from a hospital in Alpine in southwest Texas to University Medical Center in Lubbock, Wilmes said. Wilmes said pilot Mickey Price was giving his flight coordinates to a dispatcher about 30 minutes after taking off when he said “Hold on a minute.”

A minute later, Price did not respond to the dispatcher. The Department of Public Safety was called and officials located the downed helicopter at about 6 a.m.

Bartlett said a department report shows the helicopter turned to the southwest from its northeastern path when it flew through the Pecos area.

The hometown of Urias and her son was unclear. The other dead were identified as Price, of Dumas, and hospital para-medical Paul Lujan, of Odessa.

Four die in helicopter crash

Associated Press

PIOTE, Texas — A medical helicopter crashed early Sunday en route to a hospital and killed four people, including the 3-month-old patient and his mother.

A nurse was also critically injured in the crash near Pote, said Ed Welch, head of emergency services at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa, where the helicopter was based. The crash site is about 40 miles southeast of Odessa.

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SAUDI ARABIA

Authorities release 7 of 13 reformists

Associated Press

RIYADH — Seven of 13 Saudi reformists arrested in a crackdown on dissent that brought condemnation from Washington have been released, activists said Sunday.

One of those released, Najib al-Khuzaimi, said they first had to pledge in writing not to petition for reform of the Saudi system or talk to reporters.

He said the professors, lawyers and writers, who were detained last week in several Saudi cities, had — in newspaper articles and television appearances — criticized the kingdom's strict religious environment and slow pace of reform.

The Saudi government began a cautious move toward reform after the Sept. 11 attacks carried out by 19 Arab hijackers, 15 of them Saudi.

While it has encouraged debate and allowed newspapers more freedom to criticize, the arrests indicate the regime sees the reformists as a threat.

"Those guys who were detained and the ideas they represent have made a lot of waves, sparking a lot of debate," said Ibrahim al-Mugaiteeb, head of Human Rights First, an independent group.

The government was afraid the debate would not remain a debate in the papers," he added.

Some had signed a recent letter to Crown Prince Abdullah calling for a speedy introduction of political, economic and social reform, including elections of the Consultative Council, which acts as a parliament and is appointed by the king.

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HAIITI

U.S. Marines shoot, wound two men

Spokesman: men did not stop at checkpoint

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE — U.S. Marines shot and wounded two men who did not stop at a checkpoint in Haiti's volatile capital, a military spokesman said Sunday.

A French Legionnaire was accidentally shot and killed by another French soldier who was clearing his rifle. It was the first fatality for international peacekeepers in Haiti, the U.S. military said in a statement Sunday.

The soldier was wounded Saturday night in northern Gonaives, where he was working with the Third French Foreign Legion infantry regiment. He was flown by helicopter to a French ship off Haiti's coast, where he later died.

French forces were investigating the accident.

The latest U.S. Marine shooting occurred late Saturday in Port-au-Prince's Pont Morin residential neighborhood half an hour after a 10 p.m. curfew imposed by international peacekeepers. Maj. Richard Crusan told The Associated Press

The Marines were on patrol when two men in an all-terrain vehicle slowly drove past a checkpoint and ignored orders to stop, Crusan said.

Soldiers opened fire, hitting one man in the head and the other in the stomach, he said. Both were in stable condition at Canape Vert Hospital.

Marines recovered a pistol with three clips of ammunition from the vehicle. Crusan said he did not know whether the men fired on the Marines.

"It's still a little cloudy right now," he said. "We don't know if the Marines fired because the man ran the checkpoint or if the occupants fired at them.

"Relations said the men were out buying medicine.

The Marines form part of a multinational security force that arrived in Haiti after President Jean-Bertrand Aristide fled the country Feb. 29.

Aristide says Washington forced him out. The United Stetss insists he resigned under pressure from a rebellion led by street gangs and former militiamen, and retired with some 3,000 soldiers. Six Haitians were killed and one Marine was wounded in incidents before Saturday night's shooting.

At Canape Vert Hospital, angry relatives and friends accused the Marines of shooting without warning.

Sunday morning, dozens of onlookers gathered around the bullet-riddled vehicle, with three flat tires, windows blown out and seats smeared with blood. Across the street, the national telephone company's building was pock-marked with bullet holes.

Gerald Pierre, a 40-year-old resident who claimed to have witnessed the shooting, said the men tried to pass another car stopped at the checkpoint.

"They tried to slow down but it was too late," he said, sitting on his steps and earter anticlios from a plastic bag.

About 1,800 U.S. troops are in Haiti taking part in the multinational force deployed to restore order for a new interim government headed by Prime Minister Gerard Latortue. Some 1,000 French soldiers also are in Haiti, but they have not reported any major clashes.

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Tuesday, March 23

Mass in Honor of Archbishop Romero

5:15 pm, Immaculate

LECTURE

Remembering Romero:

After September 11

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Iraq: one year later

A war of words (and the need for words), continued

Last year I urged our politicians and ourselves to summon creatively new ways of describing our own war in Iraq. Last year I urged them to supply their own words, which clearly which really did shock me, but not in the way I intended. And despite other rhetorical maneuvers, including the tapping of a statue, the temporary draping of the U.S. flag on the statue's face, the pronouncement that the war was over, was concluded, etc., etc., ad nauseam, the war does not appear to have been justified, the war is certainly not over, but escalating, and the polarized rhetorical positions continue to escalate — again, on both sides. On my way to class, I can see it end in sight, see the escalation of the words between supposedly civilized countries and supposedly terrorist renegades (our perspective) which will continue to fuel actual war in increasing geographical stretches across our globe. Indeed, that is happening now with specific details (such as Madrid) that I know other of my colleagues will catalogue.

So, what is the role of a professor of literature here? What is the role of a professor of literature when the war is over, when we are currently examining what I call an "eco-ethical" issue? Can literature help us find new ways to describe ongoing war and the wars we are currently fighting in a way that will not engage us yet will speak directly to what we are discovering about the world? Of course, I am not alone in this undertaking. The fact that literature matters is clear. The story of the destruction of the Tower of Babel — and the resulting splintering of people and languages into distinct ethnic groups today — is indeed a real story of human history, human words, human wars. It is, finally, all entwined, including the gross deterioration of the earth itself in addition to human and animal lives.

The fact that it finally, all entwined is a lesson we learn in this Methodology course. After examining several possible ways of approaching literature, we currently examine the last approach: an exploration of the political correctness of Islamic feminism. This arrangement is of interest to me because it reflects the enormous interest in the experience of the earth itself which, in turns, doubles back on ourselves (as does war).

Last year I urged to the Observer about my anxiety over the looming war between Iraq and the U.S. — a war that I have spoken of as a "feminist" war. As I said then, quoting Shakespeare, "... a war of words to the end of it" — that statement that evokes the possibility of apocalyptic destruction is echoed now by the reality of the possibility of the destruction of the earth itself which, in turns, doubles back on words, with our words, with how we choose to describe our world.

So as I write this, what are our words? What are the words which the United States has used to describe itself and others were not words of constructive spirituality. While calling Hussein "evil" and while saying "God is on our side," the country with the actual largest cache of weapons of massive destruction engaged in a huge media marketing campaign labeled "Shock and Awe," a rhetoric which really did shock me, but not in the way I intended. And despite other rhetorical maneuvers, including the tapping of a statue, the temporary draping of the U.S. flag on the statue's face, the pronouncement that the war was over, was concluded, etc., etc., ad nauseam, the war does not appear to have been justified, the war is certainly not over, but escalating, and the polarized rhetorical positions continue to escalate — again, on both sides. On my way to class, I can see it end in sight, see the escalation of the words between supposedly civilized countries and supposedly terrorist renegades (our perspective) which will continue to fuel actual war in increasing geographical stretches across our globe. Indeed, that is happening now with specific details (such as Madrid) that I know other of my colleagues will catalogue.

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Debunking terrorism myths

Al-Qaeda, Hamas and Hezbollah: three terrorist groups that are responsible for thousands of deaths, millions of dollars in damage and a psychological toll that is beyond measure. In the post-Sept. 11 world, it seems as if the names of terrorist groups appear just as often in the news as the names of nations and themselves. Yet for all the coverage these groups receive, many Americans still have a very flawed view of what terrorism is all about.

1. Terrorists are not crazy. Perhaps the most widespread falsehood about groups such as Al-Qaeda is that their members are all crazy. Many people comment, "Whoever planned to fly airplanes into the World Trade Center and Pentagon must have been completely insane," for whom would honestly think that killing 3,000 civilians and antagonizing the United States military would help their cause? The individuals who actually carried out the orders are even more insane, because who would commit suicide to advance a vision that they would never experience? In reality, interviews with members of these organizations have shown that they are in perfect mental health. Terrorist planning is not put together on a psychic whim to satisfy an urge for mass murder, but are constructed over a course of years by a group of intelligent leaders thoroughly weighing the costs and benefits. They might calculate the attack to be a political cause, but so does every government, and every person for that matter. Bad decisions do not necessarily mean that a person is crazy.

2. Those who carry out the acts themselves also think carefully about what their decisions entail. They make a conscious decision to sacrifice their lives for something they believe in. The men and women who fought the hijackers and crashed the plane into the woods of Pennsylvania died trying to protect something that they deemed to be greater than themselves. For that, we call them heroes, not lunatics. I challenge you to understand that for many, the hijackers were heroes in the same way, because they, too, were willing to die for a greater cause.

3. Terrorists are not homeless beggars who are simply brainwashed by charismatic leaders. But why would anyone want to commit suicide in front of a camera? We think, perhaps it is because they are devastated by extreme poverty and hate Americans for their luxurious lifestyle. Perhaps they are uneducated and simply do not understand the true meaning of American democracy. Or, most likely, manipulative monsters like Osama Bin Laden seek out the most weak-willed persons and use them as pawns for their diabolical war.

The evidence suggests otherwise. Of the biographical data collected from the families of all Hezbollah members killed between 1982 and 1994, the fighters were on average more educated and less experienced than the Lebanese citizens around them. Likewise, most of the Sept. 11 hijackers were from Saudi Arabia, the country boasting the most wealth and best educational system of the entire Middle East. Another study of terrorist organizations points out that terrorist groups have a university degree, and well over two-thirds come from the middle or upper class of their respective society.

Most terrorists fight not because they are brainwashed, but because they believe that they are fighting for a political cause. It is true that terrorist leaders use rhetoric to convince individuals to join them. However, this is no different than President Bush using rhetoric to make Americans feel that they should support a war against terrorism or in Iraq. Both situations are grounded in a political reality that demands action, and in both cases, effective leaders use emotion to motivate people to comply.

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Debating the ends of higher education

A friend of mine called Ben, whom I have known since we were freshmen together at university, has for some time suffered from two persistent difficulties. The first is that for the duration of his undergraduate career, Ben’s life resembled nothing so much as a pornographic film from which all the sex had been removed, leaving only a succession of implausible plot contrivances.

To give an example of what I’m talking about, back in the spring of his second year, Ben’s psychology professor gave a small group of 18-year-old high school girls, that I think we can all agree on this, just isn’t the sort of thing that happens in real life, or even in reputable works of fiction. But it happens to Ben, and, more implausibly, he remains chaste throughout the process.

The payoff of Ben’s situation was that he didn’t want to take advantage of it, but sometimes he wanted to take advantage of them. I know quite a few men like that, but none of them wanted to do anything like the succession of tantalising situations that was Ben’s life. By our final year at Oxford I had expected a group of female aliens bearing an uncanny resemblance to the Ben that Ben would just have to land near flying saucers outside Ben’s dorm and refuse to leave until he agreed to help them repopulate their planet.

But this was only one of the two sources of Ben’s frustration. The other was that he was a psychology student and no one except other psychology students seemed to have the slightest idea what he was involved. When he told people what he studied they would almost invariably pause for a moment to consider this and then ask, “So, can you tell me what I’m thinking?”

As background, I should explain that in England there is no tradition of the arts degree. Most people attend university for three years and study only one subject or occasionally two closely-related subjects. One consequence of this is that the vast majority of university-educated Englishmen end up basing their conception of psychology on the popular criminal psychologists in Hollywood movies, which usually treat the subject with the same meticulous attention to details that Hollywood has brought to the practices of computer hacking. Psychologists are often flabbergasted when they are confused with psychiatrists, just as astronomers are annoyed when they are confused with astrologers. In England, most psychologists are just happy to meet anyone who realizes they are not psychic.

Ben got no pity from me regarding the situation with the high school girls and the bikes, but I sympathized with his other frustration because philosophy has a similar public relations problem. I know that a lot of my friends can’t help imagining that when I’m in my office I wear a toga and spend hours in silent contemplation, leaning forward with my chin resting on my bloated, impression of a Rodin sculpture.

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The reason I oppose the open acquiescence to homosexual behavior now are the same reasons I opposed it as a student in the late 1970s.

I find St. Paul’s argument in Romans I to be conclusive on this subject. My Jerusalem Bible says, “The more they called themselves philosophers, the more stupid they grew ... that is why God has abandoned them to degrading passions: why their women have turned from natural intercourse to unnatural practices and why their menfolk have given up natural intercourse to be consumed with passion for each other.” St. Paul taught that homosexual culture and behavior were a result of the rejection of God in the society. For he continues, “Since they refused to see it was rational to acknowledge God, God has left them to their own irrational actions and to their monstrous behavior.”

By choosing to wear the orange shirt, you are effectively encouraging a lifestyle which is diametrically opposed to the Gospel’s way of life. By encouraging homosexual activity you become an accomplice to behavior that is morally sinful. Christian people can find more beneficial ways to show friendship and truth to the homosexual members of the Notre Dame family without caving in to their demands for pseudo-tolerance.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily of The Observer.
It might be snowing this week in South Bend, but April and warm weather are coming up. It's time to get to the mall, break out the credit card and invest in some new styles to show off the spring break tan.

This spring's look for women is bound to get even those who simply are not into fashion racing to the malls. That's because the clothes are more colorful, exotic, feminine and flattering than they have been in years. The diversity of clothing items and accessories that are in style this spring is what makes being fashionable so attractive and easy. With so many different cuts for skirts and dresses available, every girl is bound to find something ultra-feminine that flatters her figure.

Skirts

For example, this spring's fashionable skirts range from extremely short to knee-length, to mid-calf-length, to even ankle length. Fringe is popular for all skirts and looks best on longer skirts. Ruffles and asymmetrical hems are two things to look for when picking out your spring skirt.

To give yourself a cute Euro-look try a multi-layered mini with legwarmers. These skirts somewhat resemble last year's short pleated shirts, but have more feminine flair to them. Of course sporty tennis-inspired skirts, plaid kilts, plexion, try inspired colors, plaid kilts and other kinds of pleated skirts are still very in this spring. These pleats can be either large or tiny. Just keep in mind that for pleated and multi-layered skirts, the shorter the better.

Dresses

There's also more than one dress style favored by designers this spring. If you've always felt you were made for '70s styled clothes, it's your time to look your best in a silky flapper-inspired dresses. These are straight, drop at the waist and have asymmetrical hems. If you'd prefer to have been born in the '50s, you can sport this decade's dresses, too. They are full-skirted and fitted everywhere else — think Audrey Hepburn. Also, don't throw out your timeless halters or strapless dresses that are frilly and full of ruffles. The best length to go with for dresses is slightly above the knees.

Shoes

If you are on the shorter side and just can't stand dresses of this length, put on a pair of high strappy dress shoes to lengthen your legs. Ballet flats, high-heeled sandals, round-toed pumps and any kind of colored shoes, including sneakers, are the newest styles to put on your feet.

Colors

When it comes to choosing the right color for this spring, pink is your best bet. Any shade will do, but hot pink certainly is the hottest color on the runway. If pinks don't work with your complexion, try inspired colors such as blue, yellow, orange, lime-green, teal or soft mint green. Purchasing pants, dresses, skirts and purses with either tiny or big flower prints incorporating some of these colors would be great moves. Clothing and bags with stripes and polka dots are also in style.

Accessories

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This spring's fashion is great because it leaves plenty of room for experimentation and provides girls with the opportunity to dress as femininely and vibrantly as they desire.

Men's fashion this spring revives some old trends, updates some more recent ones and infused clothing with some outside influences. The amalgamation of new and retro styles somehow comes together into a coherent style for this spring, even offering some fashionable leeway for dealing with inclimate weather. The blending and borrowing between different elements of style makes these trends easy to follow, and difficult to mess up. You may already have some of the big items sitting in your closet.

A variety of sports are being tapped as influences for this spring's fashion, including track, motocross and soccer. The key to wearing athletic pieces is to mix them up with other style elements, so as to not look like you're just an athlete suiting up for a game. Many of the pieces have a retro '70s feel to them, especially in the bright colors paired with white stripes and other details. Examples of this fashion fusion would include wearing a sporty jacket with dress pants or pairing athletic shoes with a suit.

**Polo shirts**

While always a fashion staple, polos are enjoying added attention this spring. Expect to see a variety of polo styles, like fitted or classic. Patterns range from brights to stripes. Brands like Ralph Lauren and Banana Republic are always classics, but this year heralds the Lacoste revival. The shirts were popular in the 80s and disappeared from the fashion radar for a while, but they are back with a vengeance this year. Polos are always popular among a variety of different age groups, but it is enjoying its new place in the fashion world because of the athletic influences tingeing most of the spring collections.

**Denim**

Jeans are another staple of every male's wardrobe, but the styles vary from season to season. This spring, two completely different types of denim are in style. Dark denim with a clean finish is one of the main styles, and the fact that it can be easily dressed up or down makes it an extremely versatile style. The other major look in denim this season is distressed jeans. These jeans are slightly ripped and faded to give the appearance of age. This style is less versatile than undistressed jeans, but it does add some edge to an outfit. It also goes well with athletic- or punk-inspired looks.

**Shoes**

Tennis shoes are a necessity for every wardrobe, but that doesn't necessarily put them in the ranks of high fashion. With the incorporation of athletic styles into the fashion world, tennis shoes have begun to move up the ranks of the fashion ladder. Many athletic shoe companies, like Nike and Adidas, have begun to make more fashion-friendly models. Popular styles include bright colors and some throwbacks to shoes from the '70s and '80s. Companies like Prada and Dolce & Gabbana are making 'shoes', revealing the trend has pervaded over the upper echelons of the fashion world.

**Suits**

Spring often brings new innovations to classic styles, and men's suits are a perfect canvas for such fashion re-workings. Pinstripes and other classic styles are regaining their popularity, and one of the biggest trends in men's wear this season is pairing striped or patterned shirts and ties together to create contrasting textures. Another trend is suits this season is incorporating less formal elements into dressing up. Suits are being designed to be worn with tennis shoes, and many have lower waists and wider legs so as to look less fitted and more laid back. Suits now have the freedom to be completely tailored or somewhat less fitted and formal.

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Irish to face Middle Tennessee in second round

Irish to face Middle Tennessee in second round victory Sunday over No. 12 Holmes scored 18 points, including Tia Stovall added 12 points and six rebounds. had 13 points and nine rebounds and Missouri State 69-65 in overtime time since 1985. a pair of rebound baskets to spark a lead to 10-0. The Blue Devils hadn't played since the rout was on. Cunningham, who led the Lady Lions with 18 points in 26 minutes. "We understood that this game was all about us." No. 1 Texas 92, No. 16 Southern 57 It has been 16 years since Texas was a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament. The Longhorns figured to have some fun with it. Tiffany Jackson scored 21 points and the Longhorns, the top seed in the West Regional, rolled over Southern Sunday night, putting on a show for a home crowd that didn't get to see any of Texas' run to the Final Four last season. Jamie Carey scored 18 points, and Heather Schreiber added 15 for Texas (29-4), combining for a flurry of first-half pointsmen that buried the Jaguars early with a 55-22 halftime lead. The Longhorns ran the nation's longest home winning streak to 35 and advanced to the second round Tuesday against the Michigan State-Arizona winner. Rolanda Monroe and Ashley Blake each scored 16 points to lead Southern (17-13). Longhorns had earned their first top seed since 1988, but were coming in off a loss in the Big 12 tournament title game and struggling to find the form they showed in February when they reached No. 1 in The Associated Press poll. It took about 18 seconds to find it. Lucy Simmons won the opening tip against Southern's 6-foot-4 center Fredrickia Lewis. Schroiber hit a 3-pointer, was fouled by Shere Cunningham, made the free throw and the rout was on.

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Hundreds gather to watch Vet get demolished

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Hundreds of rabid fans, terrible turf gave it a legendary reputation

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Veterans Stadium became merely a memory Sunday when the building known for rabid fans, terrible turf and an in-house judge was reduced to a pile of rubble in just more than a minute.

Hundreds of people gathered to watch the demolition of the place where Mike Schmidt jumped into Tug McGraw’s arms after the Phillies’ only World Series championship and Dick Vermeil sent the Eagles to their lone Super Bowl.

It was also the place where a merciless crowd cheered the ambulance that carried off Dallas receiver Michael Irvin after a career-ending neck injury. Pete Rose met his future wife at the Vet when she was an Eagles cheerleader — years later, the women sued 29 NFL teams, claiming visiting players peeped on them in the dressing room.

About 3,000 pounds of explosives took down the concrete structure, section by section in a clockwise direction as beams rang out.

Ladies and gentlemen, you just witnessed history,” Vet public-address announcer Dan Taps on a silver trumpet.

Greg Luzinski, a slugger on the Phillies’ 1980 World Series team, and the Phillie Phanatic pushed a ceremonial red plunger as the explosions began to bring down a stadium that opened in 1971.

“That was a big one,” Luzinski said.

“It took 2 1/2 years to build it and it went down quick.”

A large area around the sports complex was closed off, and airspace above the stadium was restricted to a 1,500-foot elevation for a quarter-mile radius during the implosion.

Passing trucks blared air horns in salute. Dozens of bystanders tried to cross a police barricade but were pushed back by police. The detonation began after Mayor John Street’s veto deadlock countdown.

When it was over, a large cloud of dust rose over the site, home to the Phillies and the Eagles for more than 30 years. All that remained was a pile of concrete slabs and pillars.

Firefighters hosed down the rubble to contain the dust, which was so thick at some points that the implosion was obscured and only the thudding booms could be heard.

Workers eventually will begin breaking down the concrete pieces, which will amount to 70,000 cubic yards of material. Contractors will recycle debris on the site until July, and the spot ultimately will serve as a 5,500-space parking lot.

The Phillie plan to paint an outline of the Vet’s playing field across the new lot, and they’ll remove granite markers where once stood home plate, the pitching mound and bases.

New baseball-only and football-only stadiums have been built nearby. The Eagles began playing at Lincoln Financial Field last year. The Phillies played their last game at the Vet in September, their season opener in Citizens Bank Park is April 12.

Like its predecessor Connie Mack Stadium, the Vet had become outdated. Team officials, players and fans agreed the concrete-bowl design stadium — much maligned for rats, leaky ceilings and insufficient amenities — was way past its prime.

The Vet earned a reputation as a fearful place for opponents, as much for its intimidating crowds as for its rock-hard artificial turf, voted the worst surface in the NFL by its players’ union.

Chicago Bears receiver Wendell Davis blew out both knees on one play on Oct. 10, 1993, a moment that became symbolic of the danger of a visit to the Vet.

Greg Luzinski, former Phillies player

In 2001, a preseason game between the Eagles and the Baltimore Ravens was canceled because of problems with the field and the newly installed Niagara playing surface.

The fans often caused other problems.

In a game against the San Francisco 49ers on Nov. 10, 1997, an Eagles booster shot a flare gun into some empty seats and there were more than 60 fights. The rowdy behavior prompted the city to set up “Eagles Court” at the Vet to arrest and convict unruly fans.

Some in respects, Veterans Stadium became a relic,

Street said. “We really had to let it go.”

The most riveting memory of the Vet may have come at the end of Game 6 of the 1980 World Series, when mounted police pranced their horses onto the field while snaring German shepherds waiting nearby.

It was at the Vet in 1981 where Rose passed Stan Musial for most hits in the National League.

And it was at the Vet in 1993 where the Phillies lost to Toronto 15-14 in Game 4 of the World Series.

“It’s amazing how emotional you can get about a giant slab of concrete,” 20-year-old John Middleton said.

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Top-seed Kentucky falls as upsets abound

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The NCAA tournament's top seed got sent back to its Oh Kentucky home. Mo Finaly made a 17-foot jumper with 12.2 seconds left and ninth-seeded Alabama-Birmingham hung on to stun the heavily favored Wildcats 76-75 Sunday in the second round of the St. Louis Regional. Kentucky's Gerald Fitch missed a 3-pointer with 2.2 seconds left and Chuck Hayes' tip rolled off the rim just before the first-half buzzer, Chalmers, Anthony Myles and Romain Sato missed a 3-pointer with 12.2 seconds left and Chuck Hayes' tip rolled off the rim just before the first-half buzzer, Chalmers, Anthony Myles and Romain Sato missed a 3-pointer with 12.2 seconds left and Chuck Hayes' tip rolled off the rim just before the first-half buzzer, Chalmers, Anthony Myles and Romain Sato missed a 3-pointer with 12.2 seconds left and Chuck Hayes' tip rolled off the rim just before the first-half buzzer, Chalmers, Anthony Myles and Romain Sato missed a 3-pointer with 12.2 seconds left and Chuck Hayes' tip rolled off the rim just before the first-half buzzer, Chalmers, Anthony Myles and Romain Sato missed a 3-pointer with 12.2 seconds left and Chuck Hayes' tip rolled off the rim just before the first-half buzzer, Chalmers, Anthony Myles and Romain Sato missed a 3-pointer with 12.2 seconds left and Chuck Hayes' tip rolled off the rim just before the first-half buzzer, Chalmers, Anthony Myles and Romain Sato missed a 3-pointer with 12.2 seconds left and Chuck Hayes' tip rolled off the rim just before the first-half buzzer, Chalmers, Anthony Myles and Romain Sato missed a 3-pointer with 12.2 seconds left and Chuck Hayes' tip rolled off the rim just before the first-half buzzer, Chalmers, Anthony Myles and Romain Sato missed a 3-pointer with 12.2 seconds left and Chuck Hayes' tip rolled off the rim just before the first-half buzzer, Chalmers, Anthony Myles and Romain Sato missed a 3-pointer with 12.2 seconds left and Chuck Hayes' tip rolled off the rim just before the first-half buzzer, Chalmers, Anthony Myles and Romain Sato missed a 3-pointer with 12.2 seconds left and Chuck Hayes' tip rolled off the rim just before the first-half buzzer, Chalmers, Anthony Myles and Romain Sato missed a 3-pointer with 12.2 seconds left and Chuck Hayes' tip rolled off the rim just before the first-half buzzer, Chalmers, Anthony Myles and Romain Sato missed a 3-pointer with 12.2 seconds left and Chuck Hayes' tip rolled off the rim just before the first-half buzzer, Chalmers, Anthony Myles and Romain Sato missed a 3-pointer with 12.2 seconds left and Chuck Hayes' tip rolled off the rim just before the first-half buzzer, Chalmers, Anthony Myles and Romain Sato missed a 3-pointer with 12.2 seconds left and Chuck Hayes' tip rolled off the rim just before the first-half buzzer, Chalmers, Anthony Myles and Romain Sato missed a 3-pointer with 12.2 seconds left and Chuck Hayes' tip rolled off the rim just before the first-half buzzer, Chalmers, Anthony Myles and Romain Sato missed a 3-pointer with 12.2 seconds left and Chuck Hayes' tip rolled off the rim just before the first-half buzzer.

Nothing like the crazed crowds in the Big East, said Chevon Troutman, whose 14 rebounds helped fuel the house. "These people are really nice up here," he said. "We've been in hostile environments before. It's just basketball," said sophomore guard Carl Krauser, who led Pitt with 16 points. The third-seeded Panthers (31-4) will play Oklahoma State (29-3) in the regional semifinals. The Cowboys beat Memphis 70-63 earlier Sunday.

Pittsburgh was a bit chafed at having to play what amounted to a home game for the sixth-seeded Badgers, who only had to travel 75 miles up Interstate 94. "The Panthers needn't have fretted. They improved to 12-3 away from home, a record that includes victories over Syracuse in front of more than 31,000 at the Carrier Dome and over Georgetown at the ear­splitting MCI Center.

"Truthfully, I was surprised. They weren't boo­ing us as loud as playing against Syracuse or Providence," was the reason I don't want to get the pro­gram back to. Jack finished with eight points, six rebounds and six assists. B.J. Elder led the Yellow Jackets (25-9) with 14 points, while Anthony McHenry scored 10.

Vanderbilt 75, North Carolina State 73

With a shout to the raters, Matt Freije rocked his slumping game. He then carried Vanderbilt to victory.
No. 16 Loyola hands Irish third straight loss

Slow start again dooms Irish

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Call it a slow start. Regardless, the Irish have lost their third consecutive match and now find themselves at 1-3 on the season.

Early in Saturday’s match against No. 16 Loyola in Baltimore, Notre Dame was in a position that was all too familiar—behind.

“We were trying to stay positive after the first quarter,” Pat Walsh said. “We felt we could come out ready and intense at the beginning and they did, so they were able to get an early lead on us.”

Pat Walsh
Irish attack

The Irish continued the comeback in the second half with Owen Mulford scoring his first goal of the season with 5:05 left in the third quarter. However, after cutting the Irish lead to three, Loyola scored 40 seconds later.

But by the end of the match, the Irish ran out of steam and were only able to produce two of the final six goals of the game, giving Loyola the 13-7 victory.

“Our previous two losses came from two top-10 ranked teams, so it isn’t anything to be ashamed of,” Walsh said. “We still have eight games ahead of us and it isn’t about who is playing their best lacrosse at the beginning of the season.”

Not only was it the third straight loss for the Irish, but also the third consecutive loss in ground balls, as Loyola edged out the Irish 43 to 33. D.J. Driscoll and Matt Ryan each registered four ground balls to lead the Irish.

“We haven’t played 60 minutes of hard lacrosse. We have had spots of it, but not a whole game,” Walsh said. “We had more talent than both teams, but that doesn’t win games.”

Although the Irish are off to a slow start, their focus is on the next game and learning from their mistakes rather than dwelling so what could have been.

“We were disappointed at the end of the match but we knew what we did wrong,” Walsh said. “It is much better that we catch our problems early in the season so we can fix them.”

The Irish will have a chance to prove what they have learned when they face Hofstra Wednesday at the Loftus Sports Center. Hofstra is fresh off of a loss to No. 6 Princeton.

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ND WOMEN’S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Pair set Irish records in championship

By MATT PUGLISI
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It was a weekend of firsts for a pair of Notre Dame athletes and Irish swimming and diving.

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ND SOFTBALL
Irish sweep after rain delay, slow start

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After a nail-biter in game one of their doubleheader this weekend, the Irish found their bite in game two.

Notre Dame coach Deanna Gumpf picked up her 100th and 101st victories Saturday as the Irish (19-9) swept Eastern Michigan (6-16, 2-0 and 9-1). A late start due to a rain delay may have caused a slow start offensively for the Irish, who scored a key insurance run in the bottom of the sixth inning to get the shutout victory in game one.

Starting pitcher Heather Booth picked up the win, allowing just two hits to the Eagles while picking up nine strikeouts in a complete game shutout. Booth improved her record to 10-3 on the season.

"Heather did a great job today," Gumpf said. "She kept them off their toes. Her changeup was working, and when that's the case she can have a great game. We knew we didn't need many runs, we just needed to get enough runs for the win."

Game one started out as a pitcher's duel between Booth and Eastern Michigan's Nikki Denman. The Irish were able to finally strike against Denman in the bottom of the fourth inning, using an error by the Eagles to help.

After Stephanie Brown and Nicole deFau were retired, Megan Coilli put down a perfect bunt single in front of the plate. Meghan Booth followed with a hard single to left field that dribbled under the glove of the Eastern Michigan left fielder, allowing Coilli to score from first base.

deFau began the sixth inning with a sharp single to center, and Coilli bunted her over to second base. The Eastern Michigan third baseman made an errant throw toward first, however, and both Coilli and deFau were able to advance.

Ruthrauff loaded the bases with a little dribbler in front of the plate, and Hartmann scored deFau from third on a fielder's choice.

Both shut down the Eagles in order in the top of the seventh to preserve the victory. "We really just were able to come in and keep going after it," Hartmann said. "It was a really good team win. I knew that our bats were strong and that eventually we'd get our offense going."

That offense got going in game two, as the Irish collected a season-high 13 hits and ended the game in the sixth on the eight-run mercy rule. Lenz collected her first home run of the season with a solo shot in the second inning, and Hartmann belted a two-run home run that bounced off the top of the fence before going into the parking lot in the bottom of the sixth.

"I was just looking to try to drive the ball to the opposite field," Hartmann said. "Every now and then they throw the pitch inside, so I was just looking to keep my hands in and I was able to get it out."

Although the Irish came away with a big offensive victory in game two, the score could have been much higher, with the team leaving nine batters on base in the contest. "I was not happy about that," Gumpf said. "I told the girls after the game that they had done everything I'd asked them to do except score more of those runners. We have to be able to get those girls in somehow."

Notre Dame's doubleheader against Western Michigan Sunday was cancelled due to inclement weather.

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FENCING
Orlando to compete in at-large slot

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There is good news and there is bad news.

The good news for the Notre Dame fencing team is that epeeist Amy Orlando, one of the two at-large fencers for the Irish, secured her position to compete in this week's NCAA Championships. The selection committee's decision to award her a spot increased the total number of team competitors to 11, one short of the team maximum of two at each weapon.

Men's epeeist Aaron Adjemian, the other fencer hoping for an at-large bid, was not selected.

The bad news is that the Irish will have to replace an experienced top fencer for the tournament in foilist Derek Snyder. The junior broke his right hand Wednesday and may not compete in the NCAA championships. Snyder broke the bone during practice after slamming it against the metal of an opponents foil.

"The injury is a difficult one for both the team and the individual. Fresh off an NCAA regional championship, Snyder said he had been fencing the best of his career. "Just this year I started fencing older, more wise as far as what to do in certain situations," he said. "Everything [was] just starting to click for me."

Snyder was the only Irish fencer to defeat the highly-touted Rose Etcheverry from Ohio State, doing so both at the Notre Dame dual meet in January and again for the regional in Orlando. The possibility of having to sit out the final collegiate event of the season is a tough pill to swallow for Snyder.

"It is pretty frustrating," he said. "One of my goals was to win an NCAA championship."

Additionally, because the team did not qualify the full allotment of four fencers individually, they need every position to be in top form if they have any hope of successfully defending their national title. Fellow foilist Frankie Bontempo is an at-large bid, so if Snyder is out, top fencer like Snyder is a big hurdle to overcome.

"I think if we're in the best rays we have we get on the entire team, any weapon," he said. "He's fenced a lot of really difficult bouts and he's won a lot of really difficult bouts. Losing him would make things a lot more difficult."

Irish coach Janusz Bednarski will still be allowed to compete his allotted 11 fencers as he will fill a spot at sabre for the 2011 NCAA championships. freshman. However, for as successful as Bontempo's rookie campaign has been (44-16 record), he will have a tremendous challenge ahead of him trying to replace an experienced fencer who was arguably on the top of his game.

"Stepping in for Derek, that's a lot of pressure," Bontempo said. "But that doesn't bother me at all."

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Torrian Jones drives around his former teammate, Ivan Kartelo, during Notre Dame’s first-round NIT win against Purdue Wednesday. The Irish travel to Fort Wayne to play Saint Louis tonight.

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somewhat interested in basketball the last time I checked.”

How the Irish ended up in Fort Wayne shows the complex nature of scheduling NIT games. Because the Joyce Center was being used for NCAA first-round tournament action, the Irish couldn’t play in South Bend. But the arena where Saint Louis eked out a thrilling 70-69 win against Iowa wasn’t available, either.

Thus, the Fort Wayne Coliseum became an option—meaning the Irish will most likely be playing in front of a Joyce Center-sized, highly-partisan crowd.

“The NIT is flying blind a little bit because you’re not sure how you’re going to win,” Brey said, adding, “I heard a little bit about Chicago and other options, but I didn’t know until after the game that Fort Wayne could be an opportunity.”

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made a run to cut the gap to 33-27 at the half. It was doing this that the Irish were held to zero field goals in the first 12:11 span, including the last nine minutes. "We were standing around shooting jumpers and we really needed to attack the basket and be more aggressive," McGraw said. "We didn't do a good job of that. I was a little frustrated with our shot selection for a while."

The Bears pulled to within two and finally tied it at 46 with 9:45 to go on a Busbey layup. But the Irish responded, and the game went back and forth until LeTania Severe hit a driving layup with 3:41 to play to tie the game at 55. Southwest Missouri State coach Katie Abrahamson-Henderson, in her second year with the Lady Bears, was then whipped for a technical foul, and Severe knocked down both free throws to put the Irish ahead with 3:21 remaining.

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Colgate for 13th in the PairWise rankings at the time of the annual Coaches' All-America

championship winners —

Harvard, Holy Cross and

Niagara — received automatic bids to join Notre Dame in the top 16 in the PairWise rankings.

The other three conference winners — Ohio State,

Syracuse and Ohio University — were already ranked in the top 16 of the PairWise, so basically came down to Notre Dame fighting its way to the final at-large bid. Because of a bonus that was added this year that rewarded teams for wins over tough opponents, a few of those bonus points the Irish were able to get in over Notre Dame. Notre Dame defeated then-No. 1 Boston College and then-No. 4 Wisconsin on back-to-back days, but lost to then-No. 3 Maine at a neutral site.

"During the regular season, when we went into those games after playing a tough CCHA series the weekend before, you'd almost have to ask for a little wriggle room," Poulin said. "Well, that's exactly what you're doing, is giving yourself a chance to win those big games that get into the top 16 in the PairWise."

"It's one thing to play, but you have to win those games, too. We really played very well against those teams."

As strange as it sounds, Notre Dame's fate may have come down to a championship on the 16th of the month, the Big Ten/Big East Challenge, which was played Saturday night between back-to-back winners from Massachusetts and Maine. Maine came away with the win, defeating Massachusetts, 2-1 in a three-overtime thriller, with Maine goalie Jim Hennig making an amazing 63 saves in the victory. Had Massachusetts won the game, the Minutemen would have received an automatic bid. Because Maine was going to lose that game regardless — either as a tour-

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Notre Dame's Megan Duffy defends Southwest Missouri State's Jennifer Batteast during Notre Dame's overtime win against the Bears. Duffy finished with 16 points.

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But the Irish - led by point guard Walter - responded to the adversity and now live one victory away from a super fourth round.

Severe can exhale for a little longer - at least until Tuesday and second-round opponent Southwestern Michigan State arrives.

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Baylor journey sees Irish again falter

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"I think I've talked to everybody that will listen that Southern Illinois has a good team," Mainieri said. "Their record is extremely misleading. They had trouble a little bit, but I'm not worried about Chris Niesel - not at all."

The Salukis jumped out to a 4-1 lead Saturday with a four-run fourth inning, highlighted by Eric Alvarez's two-run single and RBI singles from designated hitter Nick Raughtman and third baseman Nathan Boldt.

Southern Illinois put two more across in the sixth on Alvarez's two-run homer, which chased Niesel from the mound in favor of freshman Derek Olvey. Alvarez finished the day 3-5 with five RBIs and three runs scored.

The Irish would fight back in the top of the seventh with back-to-back solo home runs from third baseman Matt Macari and designat ed hitter Matt Brandfield to narrow the Saluki lead to 6-3.

But Southern Illinois would put the game out of reach in the bottom of the eighth with leadoff back-to-back home runs off freshman Dan Kapala from Greg Andrews and Alvarez — his second dinger of the day.

A solo home run fromshortstop Greg Lopez in the top of the ninth would be all the offense the Irish could muster, as Southern Illinois held Notre Dame to three runs in 6 2/3 innings pitched Saturday to improve to 3-1 on the season.

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**DILBERT**

"TO DEFEND AGAINST LALIBULTA: OUR RECORDS RETENTION POLICY HAS BEEN UPDATED TO INCLUDE THIS..."

**FIVES**

Well tellas, it's officially spring and I'm heading out to the quad to check out the tennis and maybe try to round up some tennis clothes... who's with me?

**BRETTR CAMPEL & DAN ZYCHINSKI**

**SHUT UP!**

Maybe we should wait till it's warmer...

**JUMBLE**

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

**SCOTT ADAMS**

**THE RECORDS RETENTION POLICY.**

**HENRI ARNOLD MIKE ARGINION**

**Horoscope**


Happy Birthday: Your unique way of viewing things will win you favors this year. You will be able to present your ideas in such a manner that you will receive the support you require in order to reach your goals. The more you take on, the more versatile you will become. You will be altered for your abilities and sought after for your advice. Your numbers: 1, 11, 24, 30, 41, 44.

Aries (March 21-April 19): You can gain a vast amount of information if you keep an open mind and discuss your plans with established individuals. Travel should be on your agenda. **

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Your concern about financial security will lead you toward real estate investments. Look into creative projects for the whole family. You need an outlet for your stress. **

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Your emotional ups and downs will be felt by your mate. Your quarrels will cause your partner to get suspiious. Try not to be fickle. Honesty will be your best bet. **

Cancer (June 21-July 22): You will want to help those less fortunate. Your own past experiences will contribute to your understanding. You must make changes within you if you wish to benefit. **

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You will be stubborn and hard to live with if you can't see the other side of a debate. You should be concentrating on making changes in your home or actually moving to another place. **

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Let go of the past and be prepared to make changes that will make your life better. Your creative talent should be developed. **

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't jump to conclusions or make unwise demands. Get out with friends and work on improving yourself rather than changing others. It's time to do a little re-evaluation. **

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't let your moods twist your words. Deception is apparent. Try to be as precise as possible. Problems with older family members may cause disagreements. Do what's necessary. **

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will get angry with your partner if your freedom is being curtailed. You are a free spirit, and you will have to be able to do your own thing. You can expect to face changes. **

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Romantic opportunities will be plentiful if you get out and mingle with friends. Your open attitude will attract others. Look into joining a fitness club. It's time to get into shape. **

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Get out with friends or lovers tonight. You will discover that if you combine social activity with a little work, your love life will be enhanced by your reputation with others who can grant you favors. **

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Expect to have some setbacks in your plans. Try to view family matters which need to talk. You can help with their problems if you are willing to listen and put things into perspective for them. **

Birthday Baby: You were born with great strength and stamina. You have what it takes to be a leader and will always be alert to the new, exciting ways to solve any problem that you face. You thrive on a challenge and will never back down from anything or anyone.

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Hockey

Can Cinderella skate?

Irish earn first-ever NCAA tournament berth, will face Minnesota Saturday

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
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Now Notre Dame will get to see if Cinderella can skate.

The Irish advanced to the 16-team NCAA tournament for the first time in the program's history, earning the No. 4 seed in the Grand Rapids, Mich. regional. They will face No. 1 seed and two-time defending national champion Minnesota Saturday.

"There's been so much time and energy over the years put into this program," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "Certainly there's LEFTY Smith, who played for, and then the next head coach Ilc Schafer and all the work they've put into over the years.

"There were all the great teams in the late '70s and early '80s that never achieved this and my first thought is that it goes out to all of them and all the work that they put into this program. I know this will be a proud day for both of them."

The Notre Dame hockey team watched the NCAA Selection Show at Legends Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. with ESPN2 camera crew present to record Notre Dame's reaction. The Irish clapped and cheered in a boisterous celebration when their name flashed across the screen.

"This is probably the best feeling I've had since I've been here," senior defenseman Brett Lebda said. "I can't even explain to you how I feel right now.

"We've got a lot of work to do, and we're anxious to get back to the rink tomorrow and start preparing for Minnesota."

While their teammates danced around the rink tomorrow and start preparing for Minnesota.

Notre Dame's tournament fate came down to the wire, as the Irish were tied with Colorado College and

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NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Survive and advance

Fifth-seed Irish need overtime to slide into second round

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
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Seconds after the Irish edged Southwest Missouri State, there was a sense of relief in the air for a team that had lost at home this season and for a crowd that had just witnessed an upset in the previous tournament game.

After being up 23-9, fifth-seeded Notre Dame (20-10), did not score a field goal for a 12:11 stretch and needed overtime to defeat twelfth-seeded Southwest Missouri State, 69-65.

"Now we know what they mean by survive and advance," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "This was a game of survival for us. I thought SMS played an outstanding game."

Jacqueline Batteast had 17 points and 11 rebounds for the Irish, and Megan Duffy added 16 points and three assists. Meanwhile, Courtney LaVere added another double-double, pulling down a game-high 13 rebounds, including 7 on the offensive end, to go along with 11 points.

For the Lady Bears, Jenni Lingor and Kari Koch each scored 15 points, and Stephanie Huskey came off the bench to score 10 points in just 12 minutes.

But the game wasn't always as close as the final score indicated. Notre Dame jumped out to a 23-9 lead behind eight points from Duffy, including two 3-pointers. But the Lady Bears

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

2 hour trip for round 2

By ANDREW SOUKUP
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To say that Notre Dame's second-round NIT game tonight is being played at a neutral site stretches the definition of the word.

Because just after tournament officials announced that the Notre Dame-Saint Louis game would be played in Fort Wayne (a two-hour drive from South Bend) instead of St. Louis, tickets sold out in less than 24 hours.

"In the state, we're the only team playing," Brey said with a smile. "Nobody else is playing, and we know this state is