ND professors note unique nature of Iraq War

Editor's Note: This the fourth in a five-part series examining issues in the Iraq War

By KATE GALES
News Writer

Smart missiles have replaced muskets and atomic bombs and a "coalition of the willing" has taken the place of a truly global battle. Conflict in Iraq has been full of firsts and, according to experts, several lasts. The crossroads reached in military technology marks the Iraq War as different not only from wars before 2003, but also proves that it will be unique from future conflicts.

Notre Dame political science professors offered a variety of analyses on the Iraq War but agreed on one thing — the battle that began one year ago in the Middle East was truly

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NCA reevaluates University accreditation
Committee visits campus, conducts 10-year evaluation

By JOE TROMBELLO
Assistant News Editor

Sixteen representatives from the North Central Association have descended on campus this week to re-accredit the University — a process that occurs once every 10 years — and members have been meeting with numerous on-campus constituencies at McKenna Hall to gather information and provide feedback.

Any university that wishes to receive federal funding for student financial aid or faculty grants must be formally accredited. The NCA, an organization which accredits over 800 institutions in the North-Central United States, conducts the accreditation process on five criteria, including such stipulations that the university must have a 10-year-old constitution rapidly approaching, student financial aid or faculty grants will be unique from future ones.

"We've been working day and night," said Member of the North Central Association, right, and student Saleem Ismail attend the open student meeting.

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ND professors note unique nature of Iraq War

A U.S. Army tank secures a street in Baghdad's Shilte neighborhood of Kazemlya. Notre Dame professors said that a variety of factors have made the Iraq War different from others.

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continues
file-sharing
lawsuits
Notre Dame OIT officials say they are receiving more take-down notices

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
Senior Staff Writer

The Recording Industry Association of America announced it is filing a new wave of lawsuits against computer users illegally sharing copyrighted music, including 89 individuals at 21 universities. While none of the individuals sued attend Notre Dame, officials here are concerned the RIAA could sue a student in the future.

RIAA president Cary Sherman said in an online press conference that college campuses are an attractive place for illegal file sharing because of free and unlimited bandwidth.

"Obviously, college students are a big part of the problem, and therefore it was only a question of time before university users would be named as defendants," Sherman said. "And we hope that it will send a message to students across the country that this activity is illegal and that engaging in it can have consequences."

Sherman said the RIAA filed lawsuits against 532 illegal file sharers and the average number of files shared by each was 837. Universities with users being sued include Georgetown, Indiana, Michigan, Stanford, USC and Villanova, among others. The RIAA has sued a

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COUNCIL OF REPS
Constitution deadline approaching

By MATT BRAMANTI
Senior Staff Writer

With the March 31 deadline for student government's new constitution rapidly approaching, student leadership leaders said they are optimistic that the changes will be finalized in time.

"We'll get it done," student body president Jeremy Lao said. "We've been working day and night.

Lao commended the progress of members of the Council of Representatives, the body that is charged with revamping the 10-year-old constitution.

"The committee has come a long way," Lao said. "We know what we want to create and we're just coming to an agreement about it.

He said that agreement has been assembled more rapidly as of late, due to frequent COR working sessions.

Vice president Emily Chin likewise praised the council's work.

"Even though COR has been a

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STUDENT SENATE
Members discuss GSA resolution

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

The student government term may be winding down towards the April 1st transition, but the Student Senate is showing no indication of it, as was witnessed by Wednesday's one hour and fifteen-minute meeting that dealt with, among other issues, a resolution concerning Senate support of the Gay/Straight Alliance.

Senior Joe Dickmann took the open podium representing the Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA), an organization representing students of all sexual orientations that was denied club status under the name of United in Diversity by the Office of Student Activities on March 4th. Dickmann presented an open letter addressed to the administration and members of the Office of Student Activities and endorsed by the Senate Committees on Diversity Affairs and Gender Issues that detailed concerns about the status denial and its implications.

Dickmann said the only

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INSIDE COLUMN

Coming home

I'm home — but don't tell my mom I said that.

A couple of weeks ago, I let it slip; I explained to my mom that I had to make a quick run back to my house because I forgot my coat. It took me a second to realize why she sounded so disappointed after I had recounted such a minor detail of my day.

All mothers like to believe they provide their children with the things they love and want, and no mother ever wants to hear stories of something she did not provide for her child. The only kind of thing I ever wanted was Notre Dame. My family visited campus at least once a year if not more. The only kind of real estate outside the area of prospective students who had already decided to attend Notre Dame legends in my bed­time stories. I was raised Notre Dame.

Over break, I explained to my friends that I couldn't understand why anyone would choose to apply anywhere else. They, of course, smiled and agreed, knowing that I had always dreamt of attending Notre Dame. The last week in March marks the time that Notre Dame­fuls receive news of their acceptance. Each of them brings dreams for the future and a genuine love for the school.

Little time has passed since we were in the same position. About this time, we each found our daydreams centering around Notre Dame and acceptance. We had heard of the overwhelming masses of prospective students who had applied and also those who had been waitlisted or rejected. At that time, many would have given anything for a spot in the freshman class.

Too often this year, I've found myself stuck in a rut. I forget that I'm not just going to school — I'm going to Notre Dame. But all it takes is a walk past the Dome or a quick visit to the bookstore to remind me how lucky I really am. Each time I look up at the Dome, I still get the chills.

Remember how fortunate we are to call Notre Dame home, as much as the parents might be surprised with that description. There's no place like it.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Ann Loughery at lougheran6@nd.edu.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR LEAST FAVORITE CLASS AT ND AND WHY?

Bonneke Gonzalez Sophomore Psychology "Physics. I remember it as penguins."
Chris Henschen Junior Off-Campus "Pemmanship, because I hate pens, men and ships."
Matt Dvorsky Sophomore Stanford "Freshmen chemistry. Bring another laser pointer for a good time."
Meredith Sweeney Junior Lewis "Physics. It is just torture."
Tim Chion Freshman Siegfried "Spanish. Que ridiculo!"
Ting Nl Freshman Parley "Calculus. It's math, need I say more?"

How lucky I really am. Each time I take a spits In cop's burger.

In Brief

Join the Knights of Columbus in commemorating the Day of the Unborn Child on the Feast of the Annunciation with a rosary following today's 5 p.m. mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

The Irish Inquisition is sponsoring an informational meeting tonight in the Foster Room on the third floor of LaFollette. The meeting will take place from 7 to 9 p.m.

Author Patricia Stacey will present a lecture on Autism entitled "Opening the Heart and Mind of a Child Threatened with Autism." The event will take place tonight from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in DeBartolo Hall 101.

Teology professor Bill Matthison will present a lecture tonight entitled "Sexuality and Your Faith" from 7 to 9 p.m. in DeBartolo Hall room 102.

Visionary Carolyn Kwiecinski will visit Notre Dame Sunday. On Oct. 1, 1997, the Blessed Mother and St. Therese appeared in a vision to her while a freshman college student. She will speak on-campus this Sunday from 7 to 8.5 p.m. in the Hesburgh Auditorium room 107.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obnews@nd.edu.
33 organizations show up at Non-Profit Career Fair

By K. AARON VANNOOSTERHOUT
New Writer

At the last minute, six additional non-profit organizations signed up for the first annual Non-Profit Career Fair, bringing representatives from 33 organizations to campus Wednesday speak with students and drum up interest for their programs. Around 150 students attended the fair, according to Alexandra Lewis, Law School Career Center administrator, which took place from 5 to 8 p.m.

Anita Rees, associate director of the Career Center, said she was expecting a higher attendance.

“It was a little slower than I had thought it would be,” she said.

Despite the low turnout, however, Rees said she does not expect representatives to ignore future non-profit fairs.

“Employers — liked this opportunity to talk to students who were specifically interested in them,” she said.

Those employers included the Alliance for Catholic Education, Teach for America, Lawndale Christian Health Center and the Groton Center.

Representatives from New York-based Crotone, an institution “working to improve the lives of boys in the Bronx,” according to their brochure, spoke with 15 to 20 students last night.

They also accepted resumes for two new directorial positions. Representative John Seogengerger, a Notre Dame senior said the company was “looking to expand” from their current six employees in eight.

Karen Poulsen, human resources coordinator at Lawndale, explained she did not expect to find any potential employees at the fair. Instead, she was “looking for exposure.”

Poulsen said the majority of the 250 employees at the Chicago-based health center found their job by word of mouth, and that is what she hopes will happen as a result of her presence at the fair.

“It’s not easy working there, it’s way more than just a job,” she said. “It’s a calling, kind of.”

Victor Iheard, another representative for Lawndale, seemed more optimistic.

“Student[es] need to venture out, (and) we feel that Chicago would be a good place for people to venture out in,” he said. “There are a lot of job openings, because we’re busy growing.

Approximately 60 of the 85 jobs and internships offered at the fair were full-time, paid positions, catering to those graduating seniors and post-graduate students looking for an alternative to the for-profit sector.

“I need a job, and I’m not the 9 to 5 type,” Saint Mary’s senior and philosophy major Natalie Hock said.

With her particular field of study, Hock worried that jobs might be scarce. Last night’s fair brought hope, however, she said.

“I think that these organizations are interested in someone that’s a little bit of everything, instead of so focused on one aspect of study,” Hock said.

On the other hand, Dan Lavrisha, an undeclared sophomore at Notre Dame, did not attend the fair to find a future career, but rather said he was only looking for a job.

He said he “wanted to make a difference” during his four years at school, “so have that rah-rah spirit out of college.”

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Misercamble speaks at first ‘Breaking Bread’ event

By MATT BRAMANTI
Senior Staff Writer

Fear isn’t a topic people generally like to talk about, but a talk by Father Bill Misercamble, a history professor and superior at Moreau Seminar, entitled “Fear and the Christian Life” drew more than 100 attendees Tuesday.

The event, held in the press box at Notre Dame Stadium, brought students and faculty together for the address, followed by candid discussion over a catered meal.

Senior Jennifer Bradley, who organized the event, said it was the first in a “Breaking Bread” series, to be held once per semester.

The title of the series was inspired by a passage from Luke’s gospel: “They recognized (Jesus) in the breaking of the bread.”

Bradley said the dinner was an opportunity to engage students and professors in a setting outside the classroom.

“We wanted to create a forum for informal student-faculty interaction, particularly on faith issues,” she said. “Talking over a meal is a very natural setting, and it makes people very comfortable.”

Each attendee was given a copy of “Following Jesus: Biblical Reflections on Discipleship” and a collection of short vignettes by theologian N.T. Wright, the Anglican bishop of Durham, in northeast England.

Bradley said a particular reflection in the book inspired her choice of the evening’s topic.

“I just happened to read the reflection on fear, and I thought it was so powerful,” she said. “I’m not be afraid is the most repeat­ed commandment in the Scriptures.”

During his speech, Misercamble said fear pervades most aspects of human life. He cited “the big ones” — fears about relationship­ships, careers and growing old and dying — but said he fears are also present in smaller matters.

“There are fears at every stage along the journey of life,” Misercamble said. “I suspect that each of you have your own special fears.

“It seems a part of the human condition,” Misercamble said the antinome to fear is a life of Christian faith.

“As our trust and hope in the Lord increases, our fears will decrease,” he said.

“When we have resolved to follow the Lord, we have fewer things to worry about.”

However, he said a certain amount of fear is healthy — but often absent — in modern society.

“In the age of Enron and WorldCom, we should be afraid to lie, to cheat, to slander and so on, because of the damage it does to others, to ourselves and to our community,” he said. “We may fear things but we have lost the fear of Satan, the fear of hell.”

Bradley praised Misercamble as a person­able, caring professor who enjoys interacting with Notre Dame students.

“He really connects with students well because he’s so on point but he’s not over­bearing,” she said. “His manner is just per­fect.”

Following the 30-minute talk, 14 faculty members from the philosophy, theology and history departments, as well as the Law School and the College of Engineering, dined with students and dis­cussed the topic of fear.

The event was sponsored by the Center for Ethics and Culture.

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Mezzo Methods to hold social work fair

By TERESA NOWAKAWSKI
News Writer

In order to better educate students about the major and field of social work, Saint Mary's Mezzo Methods social work class will hold a social work fair today to both inform underclassmen about the major and to integrate the information that current students have learned in the course.

Students said that many peers remain uninformed about what the field entails, and they said they hope to change this attitude.

"A lot of people don't know what social work is about," said Erin Heidkamp, a junior social work major. Students said that the fair, which will be held in the LeMans Lobby from 7 to 9 p.m. today, has also helped to educate them.

"It's a learning experience for us too," junior social work major Theresa Ulrich said. In the field of social work, the "mezzo" level works with small groups and families, and is an intermediate level between the fields of micro social work, which works one-on-one, and macro social work, which deals with larger groups and organizations. In demonstrating that they have understood the information that current students have gained, they will be able to provide information to those who may gain experience in the field. Social work majors will be available, along with course professor JoAnn Burke, to answer any questions students may have. Students who attend the fair will have the opportunity to fill out a questionnaire to inform the social work majors if the fair was a good idea, if it helped them to acquaint themselves better with the social work major, and to suggest what can be done in the future to improve the event.

As an extra incentive, participants will participate in a raffle of $100 worth of different gift certificates. Breadsticks and soda will be available for refreshment, and all Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross interested students are invited and encouraged to attend.

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dynamic group of people, the passion behind everyone's motives will get it done," she said.

Olin said that the once the new structure of student government is implemented, students will see benefits.

"We have more efficiency and more communication," she said.

The new system will split student government into two major divisions -- the Campus Programming Council and the Campus Affairs Council. The CPC will coordinate events at the campus and dorm levels and will have representatives from each residence hall. Members will effectively take over SUB duties.

The CAC, which will likewise be compromised of representatives from each dorm, will constitute the other side of student government.

Members of the CAC, which is analogous to the current Student Senate, will tackle policy issues. Olin said he expects the new constitution will fulfill the needs of the student union in the years to come. "My plan is to have it stick around for a while," he said. "We foresee this to be a constitution for the future."

President-elect Adam Istvan, whose term begins April 1, will likely have challenges in adapting to the new structure, but Olin said his successor will handle them well.

"Judging from the commitment he's shown, and the individuals he has around him, I have confidence in the whole team," Olin said. "Transition is all part of the process."

Chief of staff Pat Corker agreed, saying Istvan has been actively working to prepare for the new constitution.

"He's been at all the meetings, trying to familiarize himself with the new system." Istvan said he and vice president-elect Karla Bell are enthusiastic about the prospects for the upcoming year.

"Karla and I are really excited to get going on our new projects," Istvan said. "Now we can move on to getting some things for the students."

He said his administration will focus on diversity projects, particularly those dealing with ethnicity and sexual orientation.

The new system sets itself up for educational initiatives like Martin Luther King awareness week and GLBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender) issues, he said.

Istvan said the overhauled constitution will encourage communication among leaders from across student government and lead to a more effective student union.

"We expect all the best people working together," he said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.N.: Malnutrition hurts world IQ

UNITED NATIONS — The brainpower of entire nations has diminished because of a shortage of vitamins, according to a new report. "People generally have enough to eat, said the report released Wednesday.

"However, the iron lowers children's IQs by an average of five to seven points, the report said." 

EU levies $163M fine on Microsoft

BRUSSELS, Belgium — The European Union slapped Microsoft Corp. with a $163 million fine Wednesday for abusively wielding its Windows software monopoly and ordering system integrators what it could and could not do.

"Microsoft called the EU's decision "unwarranted and ill-considered," and said it would ask a judge to suspend the order pending appeal.

"The EU antitrust office said it sought to alleviate antitrust concerns that Microsoft feared losing in five-year investigation found that the software giant has used its dominant position to block competitors out of Windows-related markets and "the illegal behavior is still ongoing."

NATIONAL NEWS

Scientists find evolution gene

To touching a scientific frontier, researchers say they may have discovered the mutation that caused the earliest humans to branch off from their ape-like ancestors — a gene that led to smaller, weaker jaws and, ultimately, bigger brains.

"Smaller jaws would have fundamentally changed the structure of the skull, they contend, by eliminating thick muscles that worked like bungee cords to anchor a huge jaw to the crown of the head. The change would have allowed the cranial to grow larger and led to the development of a bigger brain capable of tool-making and language.

The mutation is reported in the latest issue of the journal Science by anthropologists, but by a team of biologists and physical anthropologists led by the University of Pennsylvania and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Deadly riptides threaten bathers

PALM BEACH, Fla. — Trescherous rip currents along the Florida coast in the past week have killed at least four beachgoers, led to dozens of rescues and forced life-guardians to issue an unpopular warning in the middle of spring break. Many of the deaths were actually suicides, becoming tired and drown as they try to swim back to shore.

STATE NEWS

O'Bannon will not cut gas tax

INDIANAPOLIS — When gas prices were this high in Indiana four years ago, the late Gov. Frank O'Bannon made big news by suspending the state sales tax on gasoline.

"Do what is necessary," O'Bannon told lawmakers in 2000. "Governor Kernan shares the nationwide concern about rising gas prices, and suspending the tax would be one way to help out."

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"O'Bannon, his friend, political partner and successor — Gov. Mitch Daniels — does not share that view.

"Daniels said Tuesday, "The governor is not considering a suspension at this time.""

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Ex-adviser: Bush weak on terror

Former terrorism aide testifies Clinton had no 'higher priority' than al-Qaida

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush White House redoubled efforts to undermine terrorist threats while the Bush administration made it "an important issue but not an urgent one," according to a Sept. 11 intelligence failure, which the commission has been investigating Wednesday.

The commission said it had been "obsessed" with the release of a commission staff report that showed bureaucratic disarray within the CIA's counterterrorism efforts to eliminate al-Qaeda's most active strategy. The CIA was involved in the commission's investigations that discussed the CIA's authority to kill Osama bin Laden as the commission concluded.

"Your government failed you," Richard Clarke, a former Bush adviser, told reporters the day before the release of a commission report that said bureaucratic disarray within the CIA's counterterrorism efforts to eliminate al-Qaeda's most active strategy. The CIA was involved in the commission's investigations that discussed the CIA's authority to kill Osama bin Laden as the commission concluded.

Former Illinois Gov. Jim Thompson, a Republican, took up the president's defense of the commission's handling of the al-Qaeda attacks. "We have your book and we have your press briefing of Aug. 2002. Which one is true?" he challenged the commission.

Despite the flare-up, commission members worked to maintain the sort of bipartisan spirit that could undermine the credibility of the final report they are expected to release this summer.

"Nobody has clean hands in this one," said former New Jersey Gov. Thomas Kean, a Republican and the commission chairman, referring to the Bush and Clinton administrations. "It can be said of individual commission members. The question now is whether or not we learned from our mistakes.

Clarke began his appearance with an apology for the "the loved ones of the victims of 9-11. ... Your government failed you. Those entrusted with protecting you failed you and I failed you," he added, as some relatives of those killed in the attacks dabbed at their eyes with handkerchiefs.

"The presence of a white-haired former official overshadowed the release of a commission staff report that said bureaucratic disarray within the CIA's counterterrorism efforts to eliminate al-Qaeda's most active strategy. The CIA was involved in the commission's investigations that discussed the CIA's authority to kill Osama bin Laden as the commission concluded."

Sandy Berger, Clinton's national security adviser, testified that the former president gave the CIA "every inch of authority that it asked for" to kill Bin Laden.

"There could have been no doubt about what President Clinton's intent was after he fired 60 Tomahawk cruise missiles at Bin Laden in August 1998," Berger said, referring to strikes at a camp in Afghanistan where the al-Qaeda leader was believed to be present. Bin Laden escaped. Tenet, who preceded Berger in the witness chair, was also asked about the issue of authorization to kill Bin Laden.

Gaza Strip

Hamas vows to assassinate Sharon

Associated Press

GAZA CITY — The militant group Hamas backed off its initial threats against the United States, saying Wednesday that it would focus on killing of Hamas founder Ahmed Yassin on Monday.

"We have an obligation to release the prisoners that remain in Israeli jails and to face the costs of this failure," Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh said in a show of contempt. Shaul Mofaz is Israel's defense minister.

Despite Hamas' threats, militants appear to have trouble carrying out immediate revenge attacks. Israel has been on the highest possible alert since the killing of Hamas founder Ahmed Yassin on Monday.

Hamas has killed hundreds of Israelis in suicide bombings and other attacks in recent years. Altogether, since violence erupted in 2000, more than 2,700 people have been killed on the Palestinian side and more than 650 on the Israeli side.

Wednesday, several Israeli tanks moved back into an area of the Khan Younis refugee camp in southern Gaza, where some structures were razed a day earlier, residents said. A policeman was wounded by Israeli fire, they said. Palestinians said 15 buildings were wholly or partly demolished.

Early Thursday, Palestinian security sources said Israeli forces had withdrawn from the area. The Israeli army said it was checking the report.

In the West Bank, a 16-year-old Palestinian was killed at a roadblock with a bomb strapped to his body. Soldiers jumped behind barricades, and a dramatic standoff ensued. After persuading the youth that he did not want to hurt anyone, they sent a robot to deliver scissors and he cut off the fuse. The teen's brother said the boy is gullible and easily manipulated.
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prayer for peace in Iraq

Campus Ministry, in collaboration with the Center for Social Concerns has been offering the Friday 5:15 p.m. mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart for peace in Iraq.

On the 1st Friday of each month, the mass will be followed by a reception at the CSC which will include a discussion of a topic relating to seeking peace in the conflict in Iraq.

Also on those Fridays (next Friday April 2), Campus Ministry will publish in the Observer the names of friends and family of the Notre Dame community serving in Iraq for whom we are praying. If you would like to have someone included on that list, email fsantoni@nd.edu. (subject: "peace").

mass schedule

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Saturday Vigil Mass
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10:00 a.m.
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Rev. Peter Rocca, c.s.c

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11:30 a.m.
Spanish Mass
St. Edward's Hall Chapel
5:00 p.m.
Law School Mass
Law School Commons

7:00 p.m.
MBA Mass
Mendoza COB Faculty Lounge

10:00 p.m.
Rejoice! Mass
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Sunday's Scripture Readings
1st: Isaiah 43:16-21
2nd: Philippians 3:8-14
Gospel: John 8:1-11
Bill Kirk lays down the law
ND's discipline czar dodges 'bad reputation' in popular business law course

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COMPANY BRIEFS

Business law professor Bill Kirk, who also serves as associate vice president for residence life, uses his dual roles to make his class interesting for students.

"The things that make Kirk was modest, praising the other professors who teach the course.

"Everyone that teaches it gets pretty good student reviews," he said. "It's a real meat-and-potatoes course."

But a stimulating discussion of business law might not be the only thing that draws students to the course. Kirk — who is engaged — blushed at suggestions that female stu- dents flock to the class to see the professor one student described as "really handsome."

"I'm happy to hear that," Kirk laughed. "But I'm spo- ken for.

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U.S. ECONOMY

Durable-goods orders surged in Feb.

The rebound in durable-goods orders in February was led by stronger demand for transportation equipment, including cars and airplanes. Orders for the goods jumped by 9.9 percent in February, compared with a 10.5 percent decline in January. Last month's rise was the largest since July 2002.

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"We are not in danger of losing our accreditation," Ryan said. "This visit is ... really a chance for them [the committee] to help us look objectively at how we're doing ... and how we may do it better," she said.

As part of the preparation process, the University has written a thorough self-study that provides the committee with information on its departments and programs, among other information. Because the accreditation process has traditionally occurred around the University's own 10-year strategic plan, the plan plays a vital role in the creation of the self-study.

"The strategic planning process is a good base for the self-study," Ryan said. "The processes are distinct but not separate. [The committee] are not doing this in isolation." Barbara Walvoord, coordinator of the NCA self-study and fellow of the institute for educational initiatives, said that the creation of the self-study, an over 400-page document, came about through the help of numerous people. Walvoord said 176 faculty, staff, administrators and students either directly sent text or responded with suggestions.

"A number of other people provided other information and answered queries," she said.

As part of their fact-finding process, over 50 meetings have been conducted this week with various groups on-campus. Some meetings have been open and have encouraged students or faculty members to provide feedback, while others have been more specifically targeted toward groups such as department chairs or administrators.

Walvoord said that meetings have gone smoothly from the point of view of both parties. The team has been very appreciative; they are gleaning information about Notre Dame as fast as possible," she said. "Our own people have been very cooperative in meeting ... and being candid."

Of particular concern to the committee during the 1994 report was the process of the assessment of learning and teaching.

"Assessment is really difficult to approach," said the Provost's assistant dean of the College of Arts & Letters. "No institution has a really good handle on it."

In order to address the concerns of the 1994 committee, Walvoord said that the University has taken a number of measures to improve. Walvoord noted that an assessment advisory committee was appointed by Provost Nathan Hatch to focus on the process of the academic review of departments. She said that departments were asked to more clearly articulate their goals for student learning.

She also noted that the institution of programs such as the scholarship of teaching and learning program or the series of annual grants provided by the Provost have better enabled faculty to study how students learn in their classroom.

This year, a new Core Curriculum Committee (was formed) whose charge is to review all core courses and state the kind of student learning that we want," she said.

A number of faculty and administrators who attended portions of the committee meetings said they found the process helpful.

Procher said that she attended discussions on numerous topics ranging from women's and minority issues to the structure of faculty governance and the University's sexual harassment policy.

"For the most part, everybody in the room knows where the discontent is, but I don't think there's a sense that the institution is on the wrong track," she said.

She said that she believes the University has made great strides in women's issues, such as women faculty hiring, promotion and retention, but said she also believes more work needs to be done.

"We've got a whole lot better ... but we've still got a long way to go. The University has made a good faith effort to hire, promote and retain women, but we still have some things to do," she said.

Robert Norton, chair of the department of German and Russian languages and literatures, said he attended a discussion with selected chairs of community departments. He said that discussion focused primarily on issues that the University may face in the future, "ensuring its efforts to enhance its reputation as a research institution.

"I found them [the two members of the committee] to be eager to listen carefully to what we had to say ... engaged and very well-informed about the university and concerned to help us improve," he said.

Norton said his department has taken steps to improve the quality of student education and assessment of knowledge learned. He said his department remains one among a "minority of departments" within the College of Arts & Letters to offer senior capstone project option to its majors and is currently in process of considering whether to administer an exit survey to graduating seniors to gauge their satisfaction with the major and their education, as "we are asking what students have learned.

"The process itself [accreditation] is also part of a larger question of accountability — the University needs to be held accountable of some sense. And the NCA is an example of how accountability is done," he said. "The very process of examining practices and asking questions ... in and of itself is salutary."

The committee's findings and recommendations were published in the Notre Dame Review last year.

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total of 1,977 individuals and has settled with over 400 who paid fines averaging $3,000. No suits have gone to trial and Sherman said that the RIAA was likely to continue issuing lawsuits in the future.

"This is an ongoing program. It won't end with the settlement of these cases," he said.

Notre Dame has seen an increase in the number of take down notices from the RIAA which require the user to stop sharing copyrighted material but, unlike a lawsuit, do not seek financial damages.

Chief Information Officer Gordon Wishon estimated that before January, OIT received four or five take down notices a month, but since the start of this year, they are seeing four or five notices each week.

"So far the RIAA has been, I think, pretty accommodating in allowing us to, rather than issuing a subpoena and taking the kid to court or suing the kid, allowing us to notify the student and voluntarily take care of the issue," Wishon said.

When OIT receives a take down notice, it is forwarded to General Counsel and the student is notified that there has been an allegation made. The matter is also forwarded to the Office of Residence Life for possible disciplinary action.

"Typically the student takes the infringing material off and the student promises (never to do it again and that's all that's ever said and done about it)," Wishon said.

Sherman said that the take down process is separate from litigations and that the RIAA sends take down notices when its crawler finds infringing activity, with more egregious infringers more likely to be targeted for litigation.

Wishon cautioned that while public statements from the RIAA indicate they are only targeting egregious violators, he has seen action taken against students sharing a small number of copyrighted files.

"I know I have seen notices issued or subpoenas issued, where the student was responsible for files in the dozens rather than in the hundreds or thousands," Wishon said.

Wishon urged students not to download or share illegal copyrighted material and to be aware that they could be used if they continue.

"We are urging students to be aware of the risks that they incur when they engage in this activity and know that it is a violation not only of University policy but of law," he said.

"There is no shelter here at the University for those who are subject of lawsuits or other actions," Sherman said.

Sherman said users also should not count on peer to peer file sharing services to mask their identity.

"People who rely on promises of anonymity from P2P providers are likely to get just what they paid for," he said. "These people are in business to make money, not to deter users from illegally downloading copyrighted material. He said that the music industry lost one-third of its sales in three years to illegal downloads and was being "downloaded to death." He encouraged students to use legal online music services instead, such as iTunes, Napster 2.0 and iRhapsody.

At Notre Dame, Wishon said that OIT is not taking any additional action to seek out users who are illegally downloading music. Currently, an application called a Packeteer is used to limit the amount of bandwidth that peer to peer software can use, but Wishon said it is not the right solution to stop illegal downloads in the long term.

The OIT is not the police. We've got enough work to do without trying to police the activities of students on the network, except where it is obviously in violation of policy or law," Wishon said.

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distinctive. "The revolution in military affairs has advanced a lot," said Dan Lindley, a political science professor. "Communications integrated with targets are more effective than ever before. However, the classic problem remains ... the classic problem of battlefield intentions."

Keir Lieber, another political science professor, agreed that while it is only natural to see war evolve as military education improves and technology advances, the differences in intentions and goals of the two Iraqi conflicts were especially significant.

"There was a major difference in objectives," said Keir Lieber, referring to the situation between the first and second Gulf Wars. "The first was similar to the war against the Iraqis out of Kuwait, the second was regime change. The result was the same, a quick and decisive victory in conventional war."

Lieber said that despite the speed of the United States' victory in Iraq, he didn't anticipate the use of similar tactics in the future.

"In some ways, this was the last war of the 20th century," he said. "What else is going to fight a conventional war?"

Lieber explained a conventional war as "total conflict, such as World Wars I and II, with two sides fighting in traditional combat ways, with only a military victory through defeat of military forces."

Indeed, war has changed in the last half-century — both in its technology and its intensity.

Since 70 to 80 percent of the missiles used in the Iraq War were "smart munitions," Lieber said, the death toll in the conflict was far lower than in the past.

"Many predicted a huge number of U.S. military and Iraqi civilian casualties," he said. "Neither of these things came to pass."

However, George Lopez, a professor with the Kroc Institute for Peace Studies, pointed out that although many war supporters called today's weapons technology "magnificent," the collateral damage number could be misleading.

"You go from high-intensity war to low-intensity war," he said, noting that the already weak Iraqi infrastructure suffered — a trial that has taken its toll on civilians.

The toll on civilians remains in sight. But the end is in sight on the home front. Twenty-four-hour access to press coverage about the war has changed the public perspective on fighting.

"The pliability and availability of the media gives military and political people a [public relations] potential they haven't had before," Lopez said. "Since Gulf War I, we live in a media-frenzied age."

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support structures the University provides for homosexual students are the Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs, Campus Ministry and the counseling center, and he said that these were not able to suit the needs of the student population.

"There is no point at which (the three support structures) can say your friends are here to help you," said Dickmann. "We need a way for students to get more involved, because the Standing Committee only allows for six students, none of which are straight. This is how the GSA comes in.

The letter elaborates on Dickmann's statement.

"The letter of denial was signed, so students who run a student-run club have to deal with these issues as a community," reads the letter, obtained by The Observer at the meeting.

Cavanaugh senator Jordan Bongiovanni questioned whether the senators should sign the letter without first discussing the issue with their dorm constituencies.

Events have happened since January, when Dickmann first addressed the Senate, and I have a very strong feeling about having my dorm's backing before I sign something specific on paper," Bongiovanni said.

The Senate moved to table the resolution until next Wednesday's meeting in a vote of 14 for tabling, seven against and one abstaining.

In other Senate news:

• The Senate passed a resolution expanding the Pharo Student Printing Access System to the printers on the first floor of the Hesburgh Library that do not currently charge students for their use.

The reasoning behind the change is that toner takes up 80 percent of the library's budget, and many students abuse the privilege when printing is not charged to their account, O'Neill senator David Ousburn said.

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This Sunday at the 11:45am Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, we will celebrate the Rite of Reception into Full Communion. At this liturgy, Candidates for Full Communion will complete their initiation into the Catholic Church by receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist. Please keep them in your prayers and help us to welcome them into our Catholic community.

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WTO rules against U.S. on gambling

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration said Wednesday it would vigorously fight a preliminary ruling by the World Trade Organization that could open the United States to offshore Internet gambling.

The preliminary decision came in a trade dispute with Antigua and Barbuda. The tiny Caribbean nation had contended that U.S. restrictions on Internet gambling violated trade commitments the United States has made as a member of the WTO.

Antigua and Barbuda brought the case before the WTO last year, contending that U.S. prohibitions on Americans placing bets in offshore Internet casinos represented an unfair trade barrier.

The losing side in any WTO case has the right to appeal the decision to the WTO's seven-member appellate body of trade judges.

"We intend to appeal and will argue vigorously that this deeply flawed panel report must be corrected by the appellate body," said Richard Mills, a spokesman for U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick.

Mills said the preliminary ruling by the WTO hearing panel had not taken into account the negotiating record in the Uruguay Round of global trade talks, which created the WTO in 1995.

"We believe that the language on U.S. service commitments used by the Clinton administration clearly intended to exclude gambling when the United States joined the WTO in 1995," Mills said.

Antiguan authorities had argued that restrictions that barred U.S. residents from betting at offshore casinos were harming Antigua's efforts to diversify its economy. The country has been promoting electronic commerce as away to end the twin-island nation's reliance on tourism, a sector hurt by a series of hurricanes in the late 1990s.

The current legal status of Internet gambling in the United States is in dispute. Some site operators have been prosecuted under the 1961 Wire Communications Act, which was written to cover sports betting by telephone.

The General Accounting Office has estimated there are 1,800 Internet gambling operations. Virtually all of them are based outside of the United States, posing an enforcement problem for U.S. authorities.

Appeals court allows Interior Dept. online

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Interior Department will go back online after an appeals court Wednesday blocked a judge's ruling that ordered most of the department's computers disconnected from the Internet.

It took the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit just three hours to grant the government's request to restore the Interior's Internet access. It had been shut down since March 15 to protect money owed to American Indians from computer hackers.

The shutdown disrupted public access to Interior Department Web pages, land managers' communications, disbursement of mineral royalties to states, and education of children in Bureau of Indian Affairs schools.

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Interior Secretary Gale Norton said she was pleased with the preliminary court decision and will continue pushing for a permanent reversal of the Internet shutdown.

"Meanwhile, tonight we have begun to restore our Internet communications with our regional and field offices, with prosecutorial agencies of the department and will work quickly to restore them to pre-March 15 levels," she said.

U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth ordered the shutdown after the Interior Department failed to show it had fixed security problems that left vulnerable Internet security breaches millions of dollars in royalties from oil, gas, timber and grazing activities on American Indian lands.

Lamberth also blocked fishing and other emergency systems and those that had fixed the security problems were allowed to remain online.

On Monday, the Minerals Management Service sent letters to the governors of 36 states, informing them they would not receive roughly $90 million in monthly royalty payments until the computers were reconnected.

The order also had prevented American Indian landowners and Indian tribes from receiving their monthly royalty payments for oil, gas, timber and livestock activity on their land. It had left 50,000 children attending 184 Bureau of Indian Affairs schools in 23 states without Web access, and environmental groups had complained they were unable to collect key information on department policy proposals.

It was the third time the Internet connections had been cut since 2001, when a court monitor, Alan Balarant, found security holes could allow even a novice hacker to penetrate the system. To prove the point, Balarant repeatedly hacked into the system and created a bogus account in his name.

Lamberth is presiding in a class-action lawsuit, filed on behalf of more than 300,000 American Indians, alleging that since 1887, the department lost, stole or never collected tens of billions of dollars in royalties that should have been paid to Indian landowners.

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During a morning run through Hyde Park, I couldn't help but stop in the warm and time-sensitive Blair propaganda commemorating the one-year-anniversary of the war with Iraq.

As I continued through the paper jungles of various signs displaying, "Blitz" — complete with mock blood streams and bullet wounds — I couldn't help but wonder if the prime minister deserved this much criticism.

I had just survived a hard night and I realized that whether or not to not support another Blair election was like one I had just made. Indeed, it was like the decision many of us make at least once.

In one way or another, we all know a Tony Blair. And who is he? I'll tell you. Tony is the friend that proposed that bad night out. For you, it may be the weird kid sitting next to you, here, in London. It's my optimistic friend that lives in the flat 22.

Now, you trust this friend and you think that everything is going to run smoothly if you just take his advice on where to go for a fabulous night out, sometimes he just lets you down. Let's recap the last disappointing night out.

The proposal. Your friend declares a state of emergency. He alerts you that apparently the quintessential hang out spot has acquired weapons of mass destruction. You and all your friends recognize the threat and see the need for immediate disarmament.

The decision. After painstaking deliberation, your good friend convinces you that the threat is real and delaying action another night could prove detrimental to your future. You feel you have no logical choice but to proceed and enter dangerous territory.

The preparation. This requires foresight. Funds must be acquired and bought ahead of time. You prepare to embark on your mission and search for weapons of mass destruction. The proper equipment is needed and the closet must be ransacked for the proper gear.

The inquiry into weapons of mass destruction and the questioning of the prime minister is serious stuff and I'm not oversimplifying — just levining things up from the mock blood-stream over the anti-Blair signs in Hyde Park. Mistakes happen. The absence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq was a particularly terrible one; however, let us not make matters worse by re-inacting support from a friend who has proved himself in the past.

Ultimately, we must learn to forgive and re-invest our faith in Prime Minister Blair in the same way that we remain friends with "that kid" that screwed up. Just as our friend was acting to the best of his own personal knowledge, so was the prime minister unaware of any wrongdoing. And the dossier in question. We may be a little wary the next time our friend suggests a night spot, but then again, that's nothing more than the caution we should have initially instilled in such an ambitious venture.

Show your support for Prime Minister Blair. Moreover, let no one tell you what happens over the Atlantic isn't a matter of personal importance for you. You're more than emotionally invested in the issue.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Observer.
Finding 'Passion' in the real world

This is the true story of fifteen Notre Dame students picked to travel to Cuba for a week to find out what happens when people stop being silent and start acting Christian.

For my theology class, I traveled to Cuba over Spring Break to study the Catholic Church. While staying one night at a retreat center, we saw some people watching a movie—"The Passion." Those fifteen seconds that I watched Jesus' feet being nailed to the cross stuck with me for the rest of the week as we trav­eled around listening to the stories of religious and lay peo­ple both on and off the island talk about life and the Church. Before going to Cuba and for the first couple of days I was there, I had the opinion that the Church in Cuba was not doing enough. I was disappointed by the lack of public protest and anti-Castro sermons from the pulpits. However, I now think differently. The Church is the only body in Cuba outside of the government that is recognized; this is both amazing and dangerous.

On one side of the fence, the Church is allowed little freedom to work, and on the other the freedom can be taken away in a heartbeat by the government. The Church today in Cuba is able to provide social services for people that are not politically threatening like the elderly and AIDS victims. It also provides educational and social services to other groups in need. The Church is working to restore fami­lies separated by 90 miles and 45 years. It works in a country that just arrested 25 political prisoners, where workers make $8 a month, where people don't have free speech, press or assembly.

Those religious people who do speak against the government have their homes literally threatened. This is suffering for love's sake. I realized that while I was pointing my finger at the Cuban Church, four fingers were pointing right back at me. I realized that while we are talking about "The Passion" over here, Cubans are living it. Americans often say they are thankful that they have the freedom to do and say what they wish. However, when I think about it, we don't exercise these rights.

Freedom of speech: how many of us, religious and lay people, fail to speak up about Iraq, homosexuality, women's rights, migration and homelessness.

Freedom of press: when was the last time you wrote an editorial article or contacted your senator or university president?

Freedom of assembly: have you ever attended a protest or a city council meeting?

I have not; I have failed. I think the Church has failed too. Rarely have I heard a controversial homily or seen a Catholicism. Remember, there is a word for Catholics who self-inter­pret Church teachings: Protestants.

The Observer's use of the word "solidarity" is quite puzzling. How can the news editors allow a head­line that over 86 percent of the student body with a call for solidarity even be published by any allegedly intel­lectual publication? I am shocked that The Observer can take such a precocious idea such as solidarity and debase it by equating it with an ambiguously defined notion of toler­ance. I am even more shocked at the administration's unwillingness to provide the freedom of speech that the students are demanding.

On a positive note, I was encouraged to see the numerous letters to the editor in this week's Observer. Whether or not students approve of the administration, it is good to see that people care enough to voice their opinions. Finding 'Passion' in the real world.
Simpson goes beyond chicken and tuna

By REBECCA SAUNDERS
Scene Music Critic

Everyone knows that Jessica Simpson is a musician, not just a star of the hit reality show "Newlyweds." However, how many "Newlyweds" fans actually know the singer really sings? The chance to learn comes in Simpson's third album, In This Skin. While the album will not get her invited to the Grammy's without the "Newlyweds" camera in tow, Simpson seems to be on her way towards genuine recognition. In This Skin has been re-released with three new tracks and fans eager for the first time in awhile, Simpson is seeing some musical success.

In This Skin is an album that allows the listener to hear Simpson's true voice — for the most part. Although there are a few attempts at Brinney Spears-esque songs, overall the album is very good. In a recent Rolling Stone interview, Simpson admitted, "My dream is to be like Jewel, to sit on a chair in my blue jeans and sing my heart out."

Simpson knows where she stands, but could somebody please tell her producers? In This Skin is basically a good album, but the bad songs are blatant. The enjoyable songs that will get stuck in a listener's head and let one appreciate the sheer talent that Simpson holds are the tracks where she is allowed to be herself and mimic her vocal talent. Tracks like "My Way Home," "Forbidden Fruit" and "Living Love" sound like Simpson is trying to sound like Spears, when there is no need for that emulation. Simpson will wow audiences with her voice alone — if only they could hear it through the over-produced tracks.

Simpson has re-released her 2003 album with the addition of three new tracks and a DVD.

El-P succeeds in fusion of jazz and hip-hop

By KENYATTA STORIN
Scene Music Critic

In the past few years, rapper/producer El-P and his crew at Def Jux have slowly established themselves as one of the premier underground rap labels of the new millennium. They are best known for their intellectual, nonconforming brand of hip-hop, often going where other artists have not gone before. El-P and fellow Def Jux artists such as Aesop Rock, Mr. Lif and DJ DQ are not well known by the general public, but they have been embraced by many members of the underground rap community for their critically-acclaimed albums of the past few years. El-P, himself, is best known for his groundbreaking, gritty and distorted production style and his technical rhymes.

But High Water: Mark is a completely different entity, unlike anything El-P has ever done before. In it, El-P teams up with the Blue Series Continuum, a group of six jazz musicians managed by pianist Pat Thomas, to create a fusion of jazz and hip-hop. This is not an entirely new idea by any means, since famous hip-hop artists including A Tribe Called Quest, De La Soul and Gang Starr have all done various forms of jazztrap, and Guru's "Jazzmatazz" series even implements live jazz with rap. But unlike these artists, El-P does not rap at all on High Water: Mark, instead focusing on combining his hip-hop producing skills with live jazz instrumentation. In essence, it is more of a jazz album than a hip-hop album.

El-P is essentially a composer on High Water: Mark, arranging the parts of the six musicians, while throwing in some production of his own. The Blue Series Continuum is made up of Pat Thomas on piano, Guillaume Brown on drums, Roy Campbell on trumpet, Daniel Carter on reeds and Dutes, William Parker on bass and Steve Swell on trombone. The combination of these six with El-P's production results in a trip to the world of the hop, but also soulful sound that is reminiscent of a laid back jazz jams, only thrust into the middle of a sci-fi flick. It is also rather dark and mysterious due to sinister piano melodies and ambiguous, alien samples that are maintained throughout. Those that are familiar with El-P will recognize his unique production style through the disjointed, often chaotic sound of the jazz musicians along with El-P's own trademark space age effects and samples. However, El-P does not overload the album too much with his effects, but rather allows the Blue Continuum to have their moments to shine as well.

With just eight tracks, High Water: Mark does not suffer from having any filler, which allows listeners to forget that there is a fast forward button on the remote control. El-P does a good job of switching things up, occasional and a few moments of jazz trap beats on tracks like "Get Your Hand Off My Shoulder, Pig," and "Intrigue in the House of India." Even "Surprise Over Bklyn," by far the longest track at over 10 minutes, maintains a high level of energy by gradually building up to a satisfying climax.

El-P maintains his excellent track record with another impressive outing in High Water: Mark. Trip-hop fans with a liking for jazz, and jazz fans with an appreciation for the unconventional will both take much pleasure in it. High Water: Mark is perfect chill music when hanging out with friends, or for those weeknights when you have nothing to do and just want to lounge on the coach for a while. El-P is already established as a fine producer, but this latest work demonstrates just how versatile he is as a musician.

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A soundtrack of the year

The school year is winding down and we can now begin looking back at all the fond memories we have accumulated from the previous year. Whether it was "Bally in the Alley" where we saw Guster and Black Eyed Peas at Turtle Creek, the Spring Break road trip with all of our roommates, or one of the two top-40 bands to grace the University with its presence, music has no doubt played a huge role in how we will remember this "academic" year.

When the school year started, we were all happy to see our old chums, but who can forget the catchy collaboration of Allen Jackson and Jimmy Buffett on "It's Five O'Clock Somewhere." I remember it as though it was yesterday — the first time I heard the chorus as I made my way to a popcorn machine. As I look back at August, I could never have predicted that such a modest track would go on to become a staple at establishments such as Linebacker Lounge.

As the football season began, our expectations were as great as our love for "Shake Ya Tailfeather" by Nelly, P. Diddy and Murphy Lee. There were two certainties about Heartland on a Thursday night in September: you could expect way too much artificial fog and you could expect to hear "Shake Ya Tailfeather" about 10 times throughout the course of the night. So, when you got home after a late night out you might have forgotten the person's name you were dancing with, but P. Diddy's hook could never be forgotten.

During Fall Break, many people took road trips throughout the country. My roommates and I decided to head to a roommates, or one of the two top-40 bands to grace the University with its presence, music has no doubt played a huge role in how we will remember this "academic" year. The start of the spring season gave us midterms and Spring Break. There were a myriad of songs that were in the running for "Spring Break Anthem," but the clear winner would have to be "Toxic" by Britney Spears. It would take the greatest poets years to describe the appeal of this song, but the bottom line is that the music is catchy and the undeniable fact that Britney Spears is hot.

The remainder of the school year will bring songs that we will listen to if the weather ever gets warm or if we decide to study for finals. Those songs will remind us of the different events during this school year and perhaps school years of yore. Years from now we will hear a song on the radio and it will jog memories of our friends and good times we spent with them while in school. The time we have left during this school year is precious and that means time is running out to make a mix for the power hour for graduation.

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Big Bol and Andre 3000 of Outkast had two of the year's biggest hits with "The Way You Move" and "Hey Ya." Although these songs were released last semester, they continue to be a staple of every good party.
Men's NCAA Tournament
Martelli sees future in freshman guard

Defending champs are a surprise

Paul was the Atlantic Coast Conference rookie of the year and was selected in the league's all-defensive team after leading it with 2.7 steals a game. He averaged 14.9 points, 3.4 rebounds and 5.8 assists while shooting 50 percent from the field and 44 percent from the free-throw line.

Paul's most recent games — one in the ACC tournament and the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament — have been his most impressive. He has 81 points, 22 assists and just three turnovers in those games.

"He's done a great job," Nelson said, referring to Paul. "He seems to be a natural point guard. He's so calm out there and that's what a team needs a point guard to do.

Paul, 18, has spent the last few days getting ready for the 22-year-old Nelson.

"You can't make it all about them. We all have to guide Paul and they all have to guide Jameer," Martelli said.

Nelson, a unanimous selection for the All-American team, averaged 20.6 points, 4.6 rebounds and 5.2 assists while shooting 49 percent from the field and 80 percent from the free-throw line.

The Orangemen were in the first round — they lost by 28 at Mississippi State, lost by 13 at Mississippi State, then were beaten by 19 at home by Pittsburgh and had their home victory over Virginia Tech, they lost by 28 at Connecticut and by 13 at Providence.

When Edelin walked away on Feb. 10, Boston College faced a midseason rebuilding job. McNamara was moved to the team's top point, Josh Pace went from forward to guard. Freshman Deron Williams took over at small forward.

"We've really been together for about 12 games," Beoheim said. "Most teams have maybe 10 or 12 games."

Beoheim's new-look team crumbled down with Beoheim's trademark 2-3 zone.

"We won five straight games holding people to 54 points a game," Beoheim said. "It was really our defense that kind of got it going. Our offense was nothing special during that time.

Syracuse had another fist- back in the East Big tournament, losing to Boston College in the first round, after leading for all but the final three minutes of the game.

The Orangemen had earned a spot in the tournament, but only as a No. 5 seed, and they didn't look like a team that would survive for long.

"Jimmie is here with Syracuse, I wouldn't have told you that two or three weeks ago," Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said. "I wouldn't have told you that in the Big East tournament. I didn't think they were playing very well.

But McNamara scored 43 points, including a school-record nine 3-pointers, in an opening victory over Brigham Young. No Syracuse player had scored that many points in an NCAA tournament game.

In round two, Syracuse built a 16-point lead over Maryland, then barely held on for a 72-70 victory.

"They're a team that just finds ways to win," said former coach Mark Gottfried. "McNamara is every bit as good as advertised. He shoots them from deep. He shoots them from everywhere. I think we have some pretty athletic guys on our team, and I think Hakim Warrick is at another level athletically. He is just so long and so bouncy. He can go right over you."

After going on a late run to stun No. 1 Stanford, Alabama finds itself in a position against the defending champs.

"We approach both games the same," Crimson Tide point guard Antoine Pettiway said. "There is no opponent that we have to get to by reach our goal. We respect everyone, but no one on.

Alabama and Vanderbilt — not exactly league powerhouses — are the last teams standing from the Southeastern Conference.

Vanderbilt will try to slow the tempo against the more athletic Huskies.

"We are an extreme underdog, but people don't have much belief or thought out there that we can win," Commodores coach Kevin Stallings said. "Connecticut is a great basketball team, probably the most talented team in the tournament.

That's a real problem of Conn all season, a team loaded with talent but mad-

edly inconsistent. Center Emeka Okafor said his sore back has been a problem. He's healthy and the Huskies are expected to roll. But they insist they are not taking anything for granted.
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Women's College Basketball

Georgia coach pursues elusive nationals title

Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — Andy Landers leans back in his chair, managing a defiant smile as he pondered the question that always seems to pop up this time of year.

Sure, he'd like to win a national title. No, he's not consumed by the quest.

"That's the one thing in basketball that I want to do the most," said Landers, the women's coach at Georgia for a quarter-century. "That desire and fire is still there. But will I feel unfulfilled if I don't do it? No. I don't think I'm a failure."

No one else does, either. Landers has 609 career wins. He's guided the Lady Bulldogs to seven Southeastern Conference championships. He's been to the Final Four five times. He's nurtured some of the sport's greatest players, including five-time Olympian Teresa Edwards, Katrina McClain, Saudia Roundtree and Kelly Miller.

But one thing — and one thing only — is missing from Landers' resume. A national championship.

This is his 21st trip to the NCAA tournament. He's 0-for-20. No coach has been to that championship more than anyone else in the program.

"The national championship is definitely something he's got his eyes set on," senior center Christi Thomas said. "That's what it's all about — championships. He's imbedded that in us. He holds that dear to his heart. I know it's an important thing for him."

Landers literally built the Georgia program from scratch. He arrived in 1979, only 26 years old when he took over as the full-time women's basketball coach in school history.

Before Landers, the Lady Bulldogs had spent six pitiful seasons as a varsity program, compiling a record of 37-85. By his fourth year, they had reached the Final Four. In 1985, Georgia lost to Old Dominion 70-65 in the final game.

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"I think we were very unfortunate with a couple of our teams," Landers said. "I don't want to cop out on anything, but everyone in this business says you've got to have a little luck sometimes. Just being good isn't enough. I know we were good enough two or three times."

Will Landers finally break through? Or will he remain linked to the teams such as the Buffalo Bills (four straight Super Bowl losses) and the Atlanta Braves (12 straight division titles, only one World Series championship).

The Georgia players know Landers is always passionate about winning, whether it's a December game against some overmatched team or a March showdown with the season on the line.

Then again, they all know he would appreciate a championship more than anyone else in the program.

"The better question might be: Does anyone want to add a national title to their list. Once again, he's taken the Lady Bulldogs (24-9) deep into the tournament, one of just 16 teams with a chance to win it all. They'll meet Purdue on Saturday in the West Regional semifinals.

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NHL
Sabres continue push for playoffs with win

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Buffalo coach Lindy Ruff thinks the Sabres can win their final six games of the season. They might just have to in order to make the playoffs.

J.T. Dumont and Adam Mair both scored in the second period to lift the Sabres to a 2-1 victory over the Montreal Canadiens.

Buffalo closed the gap to six points on the New York Islanders in the race for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

"I liked every aspect of our game," Ruff said. "We want to play each game very well and get points.

But the Sabres’ postseason hope remains to be slim at best. If the Islanders play .500 hockey in their final six games, the Sabres have to win their last six contests to qualify for the postseason.

Still, Wednesday’s victory gave the Sabres plenty of hope.

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Nash moved into a tie for the NHL goal-scoring title, but it isn’t for lack of effort.

"It’s one of those things where I’m here, I said Mair. "It’s not for lack of effort. I don’t really expect it. It isn’t for lack of effort."

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MLB

Chicago Cubs, Houston Astros set for a heated arms race

It's easy to envision the marquee matchups: Roger Clemens vs. Greg Maddux, with first place on the line.

Or Andy Pettitte against Kerry Wood for a trip to the World Series.

Maybe Mark Prior and Roy Oswalt in Game 7 of the playoffs.

Packed with pitching, the Chicago Cubs and Houston Astros appear headed for a heated race in the NL Central this season — and their budding rivalry could carry into October.

"We're hoping to do some great things," said Clemens, who came out of retirement in January to join his good pal Pettitte with their hometown Astros.

The Cubs won the division by one game over Houston last year and came within five outs of their first pennant since 1945. Looking to get over the hump, they signed Maddux, 11 wins shy of 300 and destined for the Hall of Fame.

The former Atlanta ace began his career with the Cubs and won the first of his four straight NL Cy Young Awards with them in 1992. A crafty control artist, he slides into a hard-throwing rotation that already featured Wood, Prior, Carlos Zambrano and Matt Clement.

"What makes it so good is it's so deep," Maddux said. "It's five solid pitchers. When you can go that deep, you have a chance to win every day. That's something special."

They hope it's enough to hold off Houston, which added a clutch performer in Pettitte when he left the New York Yankees as a free agent.

He'll be the No. 2 starter behind Oswalt in an imposing rotation that includes Clemens, Wade Miller and Tim Redding.

"I see five aces," Oswalt said. "I know in a card deck you only get four, but I see five right now."

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College Basketball

Barkley: Hire black coach

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Auburn's best-known name in basketball, Charles Barkley, said the Tigers should hire a black coach to replace Cliff Ellis, a move the interim president said was under consideration.

"It's time for Auburn to step up to the plate. It would do so much for the state of Alabama," Barkley, a black native of Leeds, said in an interview published Wednesday in The Birmingham News.

Auburn interim President Ed Richardson said the university is "looking heavily" at hiring a minority coach.

Richardson confirmed that the preliminary list of candidates to replace Ellis includes UAB coach Mike Anderson; Indiana's Mike Davis, who played at Alabama; Jeff Capel of Virginia Commonwealth; Gonzaga coach Mark Few, and Tennessee-Chattanooga coach Jeff Lebo.

Anderson, Davis and Capel are black.

Barkley, a retired NBA star turned-TV commentator, likes Davis, who is under pressure at Indiana after a 14-15 season.

"It's not often you get a chance to hire a guy of his character and coaching ability," Barkley said. "If you can coach at Indiana, you can coach at Auburn. I don't think Mike's ever going to get a fair chance at Indiana. He's not Bob Knight. That's his only flaw.

Davis declined on Monday to comment on the Auburn job. Calls to his cell phone on Wednesday went unanswered.

Anderson said he was flat- tered to be mentioned but was concentrating on the Blazers' game against Kansas in the NCAA Sweet 16.
PGA

Players Championship to decide front runner

Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Twelve tournaments. Twelve winners.

The first three months on the PGA Tour were similar to last year, when the biggest names were on top of their games, but no one — not even Tiger Woods — dominated golf.

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The Players Championship, which starts Thursday, has its strongest field ever with 80 of the top 100 in the world.

The Stadium Course on the TPC at Sawgrass looks as tough as ever, especially given the firm greens during practice rounds and dry conditions that are expected to last through the week.

"I can only imagine what they're going to be like on Sunday," Chad Campbell said.

"It's going to be a hard test." Adding to the luster is the announcement Tuesday night at a players-only meeting that the richest purse in golf got even richer — $8 million, with $1.44 million going to the winner.

“There was a gasp in the room," Love recalled. "I don't think we were expecting that number.

Love achieved rare separation last year, when he had a superb closing round of 8-under 64 in cold, blustery conditions to win by five shots.

But he has been reminded that no winner in the 30-year history of The Players Championship has ever repeated.

"I'm just trying to get lost in the process of golf and not think about results, not think about what I've heard for the last three weeks — that no one has ever won the championship back-to-back," Love said. "I've won twice. I just have to put the years together." Told that 12 players won the first 12 tournaments of the year, Love replied, "I know there's 13 different winners after this week."

Love is among the top 10 players without a victory this year, although he is No. 4 on the money list. The others are Retief Goosen and Jim Furyk, who showed up Wednesday with a plastic brace on his left wrist from surgery Monday. Furyk will be out for at least three months.

Of the dozen winners this year, only Woods has to answer questions about what's wrong with his game, although his performance last week at Bay Hill was peculiar — after four straight years of winning, he went three straight rounds over par and tied for 46th, 18 shots behind Campbell.

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Ex-Irish cornerback Taylor signs with Seahawks

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Bobby Taylor agreed to a four-year deal with the Seattle Seahawks, reunifying with former Eagles coach Ray Rhodes.

The cornerback, who spent all nine of his NFL seasons with the Philadelphia Eagles, replaces Shawn Springs, who signed with the Washington Redskins this month. Taylor should bolster a pass defense that finished 27th in the NFL.

His agent, Jason Medlock, said Wednesday the deal is a four-year contract worth $11.8 million with a $3 million signing bonus. With performance incentives, Taylor could earn up to $11.75 million.

Also Wednesday, the Green Bay Packers were granted permission by Cleveland to talk with quarterback Tim Couch, whose days with the Browns appear to be dwindling.

Browns spokesman Ted Stewart said the team had no comment.

Couch's agent, Tom Condon, could discuss a deal outside the AFC North for his client. Stewart said the Packers were the first team to call.

In Brief

Yankees' Rodriguez hurt in game against Red Sox

TAMPA, Fla. — Alex Rodriguez left the New York Yankees' exhibition game against Boston on Wednesday night after being hit in the face by a deflected ball at third base.

And it was against the Red Sox, the team that tried and failed to land him this winter before the Yankees managed to work out a deal to land the reigning AL MVP and move him to third base from shortstop, his natural position.

Brian Daboch was on first base when Kevin Millar doubled to left field. Hideki Matsui fielded the ball and threw to third, but the ball hit Daboch on the leg as he slid and ricocheted into Rodriguez's face below his left eye.

Yankees trainer Gene Monahan ran out to tend to Rodriguez and lead him off the field.

The team said Rodriguez had a bruised left cheekbone and was taken for precautionary X-rays.

The Yankees were scheduled to leave Thursday for a series in Tokyo. They will play the Tampa Bay Devil Rays in two exhibition games March 28-29 and two regular-season games March 30-31.

Davis expected to stay at Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana athletic director Terry Clappes expects coach Mike Davis to still be in Bloomington next season.

Even though Auburn interim president Ed Richardson confirmed that Davis was on his list of candidates for the Tigers' head coaching job, Clappes said Wednesday he had not been contacted by the school and believed Davis would remain with the Hoosiers.

"This is where he wants to be," Clappes said of Davis. "He tells me that all the time."

Davis, 43, just completed his fourth season as the Hoosiers coach. He has an 81-53 career record and led the Hoosiers to a share of the Big Ten regular-season title and into the NCAA championship game in 2002. But Indiana went 14-15 this season, posting its first losing season since 1969-70.

Davis declined on Monday to comment on the Auburn job. Calls to his cell phone on Wednesday were unanswered. Davis still has four years left on his contract at Indiana.

Pacers place Bender on injured list

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Pacers placed guard/forward Jonathan Bender on the injured list Wednesday because of a strained right shoulder.

Bender, injured Friday night against Sacramento, has played in just 18 games this season.
Yao leads Houston to a 90-89 OT victory

HOUSTON — Yao Ming scored 27 points and had 17 rebounds, leading the Houston Rockets to a 90-89 victory against the Toronto Raptors.

Steve Francis had a follow-up slam dunk to give the Rockets an 88-86 lead with 1:04 left. The Raptors,Nashar hi two free throws with 51 seconds to play for a 90-86 advantage in overtime.

Francis and Custudio Mobley each had 17 points as Houston won its fifth straight from Toronto. Which has made players and more overtime and won more than any team in the league this season, slipped to 6-4 in overtimes when Donyell Marshall missed a driving layup at the buzzer. A three-pointer from Chris Bosh with 33 seconds to play had closed it to 90-89.

Vince Carter scored 26 points and Jalen Rose had 20 for the Raptors, who won only once in nine games in Houston.

Houston led 64-59 after three quarters, but an 8-0 run gave Toronto a 75-74 lead with 6:16 to play in regulation. A three-pointer by Bosh and then two baskets by the Raptors up 82-80 with 1:43 to go. The Raptors' layup tied it with 1:27 to play.

Nuggets 101, Timberwolves 92

Carmelo Anthony had 25 points and a key steal in the closing seconds, and reserve Earl Boykins added 21 points to lift the Denver Nuggets to a victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Denver shot just 30 percent in a 21-point loss to Minnesota on Sunday, and wasn't much better this time. The Nuggets spent a good portion of the game taking around Offered to a win over the Dallas Mavericks. They made up for it with just five turnovers — none in the first half — to stay within reach of Utah for the final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

Minnesota closed out 95-92 on Kevin Garnett's 3-pointer with 23 seconds left, but couldn't get any closer. Andre Miller hit two free throws to put Denver up 97-92, then Anthony stole an inbounds pass and called time out before falling out of bounds with 14 seconds left.

Garnett finished with 24 points and 14 rebounds, but was clearly frustrated by the Nuggets' physical play. Denver fronted him in the post with plenty of help on the weakside, then knocked him around when he did get the ball.

Pacers 103, Mavericks 99

The Indiana Pacers were just fine without Jermaine O'Neal. Ron Artest had 20 points, eight steals and eight rebounds and Jeff Foster added 12 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Pacers to a win over the Dallas Mavericks.

The Pacers' next home game will come against the Spurs, their first double-digit lead. That play came late in the first quarter, and Memphis never let up. Demonstrating their league-leading proficiency in forcing turnovers, blocking shots and coming up with steals, the Grizzlies defeated the Knicks.

"That's been our bread and butter all year long," Grizzlies forward Shane Battier said. "We had very good pressure in the first quarter which led to a lot of steals, and it was working well for us tonight. It was good for us to start well. Last couple games we've started down in the first quarter. Memphis scored 27 points off 16 first-half turnovers, taking control early against an injury-ravaged Knicks team that was without Allan Houston (bruised quadriiceps) and Tim Thomas (strained groin).

Samuel Dalembert was so physically dominant that even his teammates were complain­ ing. Dalembert had 23 points and 14 rebounds to lead the Philadelphia 76ers to a victory over the Phoenix Suns.

"You elbowed me like four times tonight," Sixers forward Kenny Thomas told Dalembert. Dalembert threw plenty of elbows while patrolling the paint, blocking three shots and grabbing a career-high 10 offensive rebounds.

"How big was Sammy tonight?" Sammy was outstanding," interim coach Chris Ford said. "I don't know how many blocked shots he had, but he certainly changed a lot of shots and was just relentless on the boards."

Joe Snow had 19 points and three key free throws with 20.6 seconds remaining (for the Sixers, who were without injured All-Star Allen Iver­ son) for the second straight game.

Iverson was out because of a sore right knee and was not on the bench during the game.

Philadelphia moved to 6-1 in its last seven games without Iverson. When second-leading scorer Glenn Robinson also is out, Philadelphia is 8-2.

"Our mindset is that we have to play every game like it's our last," Dalembert said. "That's what we did tonight. Everybody stepped up, I was really excited."

Johnson scored 27 points for the Suns, who had won two in a row. Shawn Marion and Amar'e Stoudemire had 24 apiece.

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"For us, if we are able to get back to New York, there are only eight teams playing college basketball that week, all on national TV," Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said. "That will make a lasting impression on a lot of people, your fans, yourself, recruiting, all of those things."

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tive out there on the field and especially at the plate," Mainieri said. "We've just been kind of in a little bit of a rut right now swinging the bats. We manufactured a few runs here and there."  
The Irish got out to an early lead with a three-run first as both center fielder Danny Dressman and second baseman Steve Sollim drew walks. An error on a ball hit by Matt Edwards allowed Dressman to score. After a walk by left fielder Steve Andres loaded the bases, Cody Rizzo and Macri hit sacrifice flies to score a pair of runs.  
The Irish matched a third-inning run from Detroit in the bottom half of the frame when Bransfield smacked an RBI single to left to score Andres for the 4-1 lead.  
Notre Dame would blow the game open, however, with three runs in the fifth and four more in the sixth for the 11-1 lead.  
With the game in hand, Mainieri began to clear his bench and bullpen as several Irish position players and six pitchers saw action.

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**ND SOFTBALL**

Stenglein is perfect in win over Valpo

By HEATHER VAN HOOGARDEN  
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Perfect.  
That is the only way to describe Steffany Stenglein's performance Tuesday night.  
Stenglein struck out 14 of 18 batters in six innings, good for a perfect game in a 9-0 Irish win at Valparaiso (3-8).  
"It was one of those days when everything was working," Stenglein said. "I had confidence in all my pitches and stayed focused on the next batter while trying not to think about the situation too much."  
With the win, the Irish improved to 20-9 on the season after a tough early season schedule.  
"We are preparing ourselves for the Big East and for our home season," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said.  
Offensively, Notre Dame was led by Meagan Ruthrauff, who was 3-for-4 with five RBIs, and Liz Hartmann, who was also 3-for-4. Ruthrauff, Mallorie Lenn and Nicole Wicks all homered against the Crusaders.  
But while the Irish offense was on fire, Stenglein was the story. It was her second career perfect game, and her third career no-hitter.  
"She has had her ups and downs this season, but she was outstanding," Gumpf said.  
"She needed that game."  
So what was the difference for Stenglein in the win?  
"She got ahead," Gumpf said. "When she gets ahead, she can use her best pitches and throw some out of the zone. This makes the hitters fish for pitches they don't want to hit."  
The Irish got on the board early, scoring three runs on a Ruthrauff home run after Nicole deFau reached on a walk and Megan Ciolli singled.  
Wicks added another solo home run in the third to put the Irish ahead 4-0.  
In the fourth, deFau was doubled in by Ruthrauff after reaching on a single, and Ruthrauff scored on the two-run homer by Lenn.  
More insurance came in the top of the sixth when deFau doubled in Lenn, scoring with a two-run triple.  
Stenglein continued to dominate the hitters throughout, striking out 14 in six innings and allowing one run.  
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Ideal start to the season for the Irish righty side-armer.

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on its home field and snaps the Pride's five-game winning streak over Notre Dame.

The Irish rank No. 8 in the nation in scoring with an average of 15 goals per game, though in recent games an explosive offense has not meant a victory.

"One of the biggest things about being an offensive team is it's a lot tougher to play from behind," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "The team can hold the ball and slow the game down. But we played hard enough tonight. We played hard enough to win and as hard as we need to play to be a top 10 team."

Giordano's fifth goal with 5:30 remaining in the game put him one goal short of tying the record for most goals scored in an Irish home game, a record held by three different players in Notre Dame history. The most recent player to score six goals at home was Jon Harvey in a 2000 game versus Villanova.

The Irish led 11-5 at halftime due to three first half goals from the junior Giordano and a goal and an assist from preseason All-American Pat Walsh. The Pride were down 14-8 at the end of the third quarter and traded goals with the Irish at the beginning of the final period, but four consecutive goals — two from Giordano and two from Hubschmann — put the game away.

Dan Berger added two goals and an assist, and a slew of Irish players tallied a single goal.

Hubbschmann, midfielder Steve Claggett, Giordano, midfielder Matt Ryan and senior defenseman Mickey Blum put the Irish up 7-0 in the first quarter, and the team never looked back.

"I think we're learning it takes more than ability to win games," Corrigan said.

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FENCING

In search of a repeat

Irish have a steep road to climb in defending their title

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

Every fencer on the Irish roster has gone through the season with one word in the back of their mind — “repeat.” After winning the 2003 NCAA Championships, the next big test was to defend it the following year. Today the Irish begin their quest to do just that.

Notre Dame brings 11 fencers to participate in the 2004 national championships held at the Gosman Center on the campus of Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass. The championships will take place over a four-day span from March 26-28.

The women will fence for the first two days, and then men will conduct their bouts over the remaining two. The national championship is awarded based on the best combined score of both the men’s and women’s teams. Each fencer will compete in 23 round-robin bouts to determine the team score.

Defending the title this year poses many challenges which the team did not face a year ago. Aside from the wearing of the target of “defending national champion” this year, every fencer competing at last year’s NCAA Championships had at least one year of collegiate fencing under their belts.

This year, over half of the Irish competitors will be freshmen, including both saber squads, which are composed entirely of freshmen.

Notre Dame also lost top foilist Derek Snyder for the season when he broke his hand March 17. Snyder had just won a regional championship.

Irish epeeist Aaron Adjemian competes in a match Feb. 1. The Irish will try to defend their national title this weekend.

BASEBALL

Irish get 1st home victory

By CHRIS FEDERICO
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The Irish bats woke up a little bit Wednesday night, but Detroit gave Notre Dame a lot of help too.

The Titans walked 12 Irish batters, hit three others and committed four errors as No. 6 Notre Dame (14-3) knocked off Detroit (1-10) 16-6 at Frank Eck Stadium.

For the Irish, who had scored just 10 runs over their last three games, the free passes issued by the Titan pitchers stimulated the Notre Dame offense to score 16 runs, the most since a 19-6 win over Winthrop Feb. 27.

"When you’re not getting a lot of hits, it helps when the other team does some things for you, like walking batters and throwing a lot of wild pitches, but that’s not something you count on going on games,” Irish coach Paul Mainieri said. “We need to start hitting a lot better than we did these last two days.”

Designated hitter Matt Bransfield was 2-for-3 with three RBIs and hit his second solo home run in as many days. Shortstop Matt Macri had a homer, three RBIs and three runs scored, as he went 1-for-1 on the night with three walks and a sacrifice fly.

“We just seemed very tentative,” see IRISH/page 29

MEN’S LACROSSE

Irish take Pride, top Hofstra by 8 goals

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

The problem was obvious. The Irish gave up early goals in recent games and could not erase the deficits.

The solution was simple — score the first seven points of the next game.

Brian Giordano tallied five goals and Brian Hubschmann added four more and an assist as No. 15 Notre Dame (2-3) jumped on top of No. 13 Hofstra (3-3) early and often, winning 19-11 in its final non-conference game of the season at the Loftus Sports Center Wednesday.

The win moves the Irish to 2-1 playing right now, and we are fighting to play another day.”

Another NIT game and another game with major implications for the Irish.

Notre Dame doesn’t have any geographic connections to tonight’s opponent Oregon but coming out victorious over the Ducks gets the Irish two things — 20 wins for the fourth year in a row and a trip back to Madison Square Garden.

Add in the fact this game is undoubtedly the last at the Joyce Center this season, and once again, it’s not a boring game in “that other postseason tournament.”

“It’s definitely been fun, that’s because we are playing against great teams and players who don’t want their season to end,” Notre Dame guard Chris Thomas said. “It’s great because we are one of the few teams still