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Hamilton: U.S. still has work to do

Vice Chair of 9/11 commission discusses threat of terrorism

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

Lee H. Hamilton, Vice Chair of the 9/11 commission, spoke at Notre Dame Tuesday about a topic that sits four in the minds of all generations — the threat of terrorism.

Hamilton, who resides in Arlington, Va., spoke to members of the South Bend community in DeVis Main Stage Theater at the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

Hamilton was a representative for the state of Indiana for nearly 34 years and is currently a member of the president’s homeland security advisory council. Yet despite his prestigious position, he admitted that he, like so many others, was stumped by international relations, he stood before his audience and admitted that neither he, nor any of the others who worked on the commission report, could promise that the United States is capable of freeing itself from the threat of terrorism.

“There have been twice as many terrorist attacks worldwide since September 11 than in the three years preceding the attacks,” Hamilton said. “I doubt very much if we will ever elim­inate terrorism.”

Hamilton repeatedly admitted that, though many measures have been taken to prevent future attacks, the United States “still has a lot of work to do.”

In his 55-minute speech, Hamilton outlined four measures.

Champions return to campus

Fencing team holds press conference

By ERIC RETTER
News Writer

Head coach Janusz Bednarski insisted assistant coach Zoltan Dudas join the team on stage as the Irish held their press conference Tuesday afternoon upon returning from the NCAA finals after winning the program’s 23rd title.

“I would like to mention that Zoltan Iwellast is my partner. He made a tremendous job working with us,” Bednarski said. “Zoltan was very special and I would like to mention this during this conference.”

Dudas, however, respectfully declined, choosing — much like he had all season — to stay behind the scenes.

“It’s not about the coaches I think. It’s about the fencers mostly. They are on the stage, they have to fence, not the coaches,” Dudas said.

The press conference marked the first time the entire team had appeared since winning the national title in Houston, Tex., coming back from a 24-point deficit and defeating perennial rival Ohio State atop the podium.

OIT alerts community as spam fills inboxes

By JEN BOWLING
News Writer

Spam mail, in the form of bank and company impersonators, has been infesting e-mail boxes of members of the Notre Dame community in recent weeks, some soliciting personal and credit card information and then scamming customers.

The Office of Information Technology (OIT) alerts students and faculty when OIT receives new spam or virus threats.

“This is not just a scare. People have been victimized by this problem,” said Gary Dobbins, director of OIT. He said he was unable to release the names of specific individuals who were targeted by the spams.

Notre Dame Security/Police (NISP) had one such case report­ed March 9, according to the NISP crime report.

OIT does not interfere with mail delivery to campus Webmail users, but in order to lessen the recurring problem of spam mail, the technology center provides access to filters for the Notre Dame community.

“People would like not to receive spam mail, and have [OIT] block it,” said Dobbins. “It is a very tricky thing to do and not to jeopardize legitimate mail.”

Dobbins said that spam does not leak into the system; rather,
Living in 'travel size'

Have you ever walked through the aisles of a warehouse store like Costco or Sam's Club and wondered who would buy a jar of mustard a foot and a half tall? I mean, if you really stop and think about it, a giant jar of mustard is a bit excessive. Such a large jar of mustard (fetish) would be the assumption that one, along with one's family, will consume said amount of mustard before the expiration date.

Such a self-righteously misconceived idea is most easily met in a household of stability — mortgaged, rented or purchased — or in a flat or apartment of similar stature. Such a large jar of mustard isn't transportable, so whoever buys it probably doesn't plan on moving soon, furthering the idea that a large jar of mustard symbolizes and reinforces the emerging notion of permanence in our society.

In contrast to this 'economy size' is the 'travel size,' which is just as readily available for those who do not have the luxury of permanence. College students, travelers and others have learned to carefully choose what size mustard bottle they will buy, because they can be sure of how much they can consume within one semester or one month.

The juxtaposition of 'economy size' to 'travel size' really reveals the emotional difficulty of living in a mindset of transience. As exciting as it is to live away from home, on your own, or around the world, as soon as you realize that everything in your fridge (assuming you have one) is short of a can of coke and no wider than a slice of American cheese, you can help but miss the huge pantry full of Costco-purchased supplies at home.

Furthermore, once you have left your old residence of permanence to venture into the world of college (for instance, you come to the realization that the next time you'll live in such a permanent situation is when you build your own home, and with your own closet of Costco products).

So whilst I drift through my transient college years, I have come to understand that you can still buy a jar of mustard now on, I won't be living at home long enough to see the emptying of the next giant jar of mustard my mother buys from Costco. This is a sad concept, but an eye-opening one. Soon, I will have my own Sam's Club card with my own Saturday morning mug-club on it, and the next time I see a giant jar of mustard up close will be when I'm schlepping it home for my family to enjoy for the next six months. So perhaps in the end, it's not so bad to live in 'travel size' — for now.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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IN BRIEF

Notre Dame's softball team plays its first home game today against Western Michigan at 4 p.m. at Ivy Field.

Gerhard Bloemer, S.J., professor of Islamic Studies at Yale University, will give a lecture entitled "Islam and Christianity: Pluralism and Fundamentalism in Tension" today from 5 p.m. to 6:15 in C-109 Hesburgh Center. The lecture is sponsored by the Erasmus Institute.

A panel discussion entitled "The Future of Secular Security: A Non-Partisan Panel Discussion on "Prospects for Reform" will take place today from 6 p.m. to 8 in 102 DeBartolo Hall. The panel will feature Teresa Ghinarducci, associate professor of economics and policy studies; Bob Walsh and Doug Nguyen, representatives from the Social Security Administration; and Lance W. Waters, doctoral student researching Social Security and pensions.

Notre Dame's baseball team has a doubleheader Thursday against Georgetown from 12 p.m. to 4 in the Eck Stadium.

The film "The Passion of the Christ" will be shown in the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts Thursday at 7 p.m. and 10.

The film "Ben Hur" will be shown at 7 p.m. Friday in the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observernd@gmail.com.
Speaker addresses media biases

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Senior Staff Writer

Jennifer Pozner, founder and director of Women In Media & News (WIMN), spoke to a crowd at Saint Mary's Tuesday about the exclusion of women from the news and about the American public being fed biased and sometimes false war coverage.

In a lecture entitled "Media, Women and War: How does this Invisibility of Women's Voices in War Coverage Shortchange America?" Pozner cited examples of how women appear unidimensional on television and in newspapers.

Pozner said no women sit on boards of major media conglomerates:

\[\text{FOX News, MSNBC, and CNN Channel. Editorial boards are equally male-dominated.} \]

Pozner said, and minorities fare even worse, composing "just three percent of daytime newsroom jobs."

Pozner admitted that women have made strides in journalism and make up roughly half of all local news anchors. Still, the typical nightly news team consists of an older white man paired with a much younger, attractive woman.

"We are not calling the shots in the news," Pozner said, "Progress shouldn't be confused with equality."

A follow-up of women's issues and the portrayal of women in news stories is regularly manipulated to garner ratings, Pozner said. She said facts such as dress size and childhood personality are included in news reports about significant female figures such as Hillary Clinton and Goodwill Berlin.

Pozner also cited the media blitz surrounding the capture and homecoming of U.S. army Lieutenant Jessica Lynch. According to Pozner, Lynch made for great news coverage for the American press because of her blue-eyed, blonde-haired-girl next door image. Army Specialist Shoshanna Johnson, a black woman who endured the same trauma as Lynch, received virtually no attention when she returned to the United States.

Lynch was celebrated as an American hero, Pozner said, and the negative details of the women's story were purposely left out.

"While the media used Jessica ... to whip up support, what we didn't know was that Jessica was raped," Pozner said.

Mass media, Pozner said, aided the Bush administration in its publicity campaigns for the invasion of Afghanistan in the months following Sept. 11 and later in Iraq.

The conflict in Afghanistan was presented by the government, and subsequently distributed by television, newspapers and radio, as a fight against terrorism and the liberation of Afghan women, Pozner said.

Media outlets also played up the image of the burka as a symbol of oppressive and ignored more critical issues, she said.

"What our media chose not to focus on was the serious and violent repression of women," Pozner said.

In Iraq, she continued, news programs continually picked up sound bites and news clips of the president indirectly associating the perpetrators of the Sept. 11 attacks with women.

"What is most disturbing, though, is the more people paid attention to broadcast news ... the less they knew, the more misinformed they were," Pozner said.

Pozner cited a study that said 80 percent of those who watched Fox News held one or more major misconceptions about the United States invasion of Iraq. Viewers of other major networks followed close behind, she said.

Disseminators, Pozner said, were slamed in the media as "unpatriotic" and "treasonous." Women were especially subject to sexist and misogynist insults, she said.

Lynch is recovering from injuries that included a broken back. She still walks with a cane. She has been honored at West Virginia University and hopes to become a kindergarten teacher.

With proceeds from a book deal, Lynch created the Jessica Lynch Foundation to help Pesoewa's two children. She later expanded the foundation's mission to educate children of military veterans and casualties.

"We love her like a daughter," said Terry Pesoewa, Lori's father. "We know she was blaming herself for what happened. She was blaming herself that she didn't bring Lori home."

"She wants to be there for the kids. It's good for her, helps her heal."

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- Lance Wescher, Notre Dame doctoral student in Economics
- Nancy Griffin, Indiana State Director of AARP

**Dean Baker**
"Social Security: The Phony Crisis"

Baker is co-director of the Center for Economic and Policy Research in Washington, D.C. and co-author of a widely read policy book on Social Security, also titled "Social Security: The Phony Crisis."

He writes the Economic Reporting Review, a weekly online commentary examining economic coverage in The New York Times and Washington Post, and is the author of "Getting Prices Right: The Battle over the Consumer Price Index," which was selected for the Choice Outstanding Academic Book list in 1998.

**Keeping the Conversation Going About Social Security Reform**

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102 DeBartolo Hall

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126 DeBartolo Hall

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Community reacts to shootings

Local police and FBI search for motive in school shooting while town mourns

Associated Press

HEID LAKE, Minn. — Authorities were trying to determine Tuesday what caused a teenager to gun down his grandfather, put on an officer’s police-issue belt and bulletproof vest, and drive his marked squad car to high school where he began shooting his classmates at will.

Jeff Weise, who authorities said was 16 or 17, killed four people and wounded seven Monday before trading gunfire with a police officer and apparently shooting himself. His motive still wasn’t clear Tuesday, but the FBI said the shootings appeared to have been planned in advance.

It was the nation’s worst school shooting since the Columbine massacre in April 1999 that ended with the deaths of 12 students, a teacher and the two teen gunmen.

The killings on this northern Minnesota Indian reservation began at the home of Weise’s grandmother, Daryl Lussier, 58, who was shot to death with a .22-caliber gun, according to Michael Talbom, the FBI’s special agent in charge for Minneapolis. Also killed was Lussier’s companion, Michelle Sigana.

Lussier had worked as a tribal police officer for decades. Weise then drove the old couple’s squad car to the school, where he gunned down security guards as it drove into the main door and spent about 10 minutes inside, targeting people at random.

Hearing the shots, students and faculty had barricaded themselves into offices and classrooms and crouched under desks, authorities said. Five students were in grade 7 and two 15-year-olds remained in critical condition at a Fargo, N.D., hospital with gunshot wounds to the face.

“Right now we are in utter disbelief and shock,” said Floyd Jordein Jr., chairman of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa.

Authorities were investigating whether Weise, who dressed in black and wrote about zombies, may have posted messages on a neo-Nazi Web site expressing admiration for Adolf Hitler.

Tilting the handle of his .44-caliber "Todesengel" — German for "Angel of Death" — the writer identified himself as Jeff Weise of the Red Lake Reservation. In April 2004, he referenced being accused of "a threat on the school I attend," though it says he was later cleared.

Talbom said Tuesday he couldn’t confirm whether Weise was the person who made the postings. School board member Kathryn Beaulieu said Weise had been placed in the school’s Homebound program for a policy violation.

She did not elaborate. Relatives told the St. Paul Pioneer Press that Weise was a loner who was often teased by others. They said his father committed suicide four years ago and his mother was living in a Minneapolis nursing home because she suffered brain injuries in a car accident.

Residents at the home where Weise was believed to have lived with his grandmother declined to comment Tuesday. School was canceled for the day as investigators scoured the building for clues.

At the Capitol in St. Paul, several hundred people attended a prayer ceremony for victims of the shooting and religious leaders joined Indians in drumming and chanting.

"Once again our people have been hit ... but our people are strong," said Ona Kingbird, a Red Lake tribal member. "We’ll come out of it."

Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty expressed his condolences for the families of the victims and said it appeared the school had "very rigorous security." "It looks like you had a very disturbed individual who was able to overcome a lot of precautions to do a lot of damage," the governor said.

But a school secretary and a cousin of the slain security guard said that Brun and a female security guard who fled from Weise did not carry guns. Brun’s cousin, Nancy Richards, said Brun had not wear a bulletproof vest.

It was the second fatal school shooting in Minnesota in 18 months.
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"We've been really happy to have an Internet radio station — most people don't listen in their cars, Notre Dame is a campus where most people live on campus and can listen from there on their computers," she said. "The idea was that we would be free from FCC regulations and be available to the entire world. Our funding is from SUB and Student Activities, and then a lot of station business is Internet-donated, so we don't have to abide by the official rules that govern FM stations."

The format allows WVFI to reach out to the national base of Notre Dame alumni and fans hungry for news of life under the dome.

"Our sports broadcasts have done really well," Case said. "We have really solid coverage, and alums like that it's student-run so you get a more intimate perspective."

Case and McGeeney both said they want to encourage students to tune in online.

Freshman Laura Miller said she has heard of the station, but has never actually listened to any of the shows. "I have not ever listened," she said. "I haven't been motivated to very much. I've heard about it... but I don't know very much about it."

The station, available at http://wvfi.nd.edu, plays a wide variety of independent-label music including hip-hop, folk and indie pop. The station has over 125 disc jockeys (DJs) who are all allowed to choose what music to play during their shows. There is a diverse mix of DJs working at the station — football players, freshmen, ROTC cadets, seniors who have had four years of shows and many other lovers of music.

Music co-director Catherine McGeeney, a junior, said the station receives an average of 50 new CDs per week from independent labels and artists — leading to a wide range of available music for DJs to spin.

"We get in a wide variety of music," she said. "We have a variety of shows that include some talk-only shows. Basically, DJs have a choice about what kind of show they are going to have. The vast variety of shows are music, but just like on the radio the DJs will talk to each other or talk about the music."

McGeeney said the station plays many big-name indie bands like Stars, Iron and Wine and The Decemberists. Students can request songs by their favorite artists by calling the station any time from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m., or can send the DJ an instant message (IM), while their show is on — an option McGeeney said has become increasingly popular.

"We get a lot of IMs, and a lot of people request songs by IM," she said. "We're in the process of actually putting our entire vault of albums on the Internet so that people can look at what they can choose from."

McGeeney said this is one reason the online format is a benefit to WVFI, which was previously an AM radio station.

McGeeney, who will serve as next year's station manager, said the station is great for those who are "interested in finding ways to learn more about independent label music or indie rock" and get to know others with the same interest.

"The reason I'm involved is that I love the community of the radio station and the exploration of music," she said. "It really encourages individuality."

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Kimmelman to lecture at Snite

New York Times chief art critic to speak at opening reception

Special to the Observer

Michael Kimmelman, chief art critic for The New York Times, will present a lecture titled "The Accidental Masterpiece: On the Art of Life and Vice Versa" at 2:30 p.m. April 3 in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art. The talk is free and open to the public.

A finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in 2000 and a regular contributor to The New York Review of Books, Kimmelman is the author of a forthcoming book with the same title as his lecture, as well as of "Portraits: Talking with Artists at the Met, the Modern, the Louvre and Elsewhere," which was named a best book of the year by The Times and The Washington Post.

Kimmelman, a former senior fellow in the National Arts Journalism Program at Columbia University, was graduated from Yale University in 1980 and earned his master's degree from Harvard University. The lecture will be part of an opening reception for the Snite's annual student thesis exhibition, featuring video, industrial and graphic design projects, as well as paintings, drawings, photography, prints, ceramics and sculpture.

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**FOX exec leaves for Paramount**

**LA TIMES** — Gail Berman, president of entertainment at the Fox Television network, is leaving to take an unspecified role at Paramount Pictures.

 Paramount confirmed Tuesday it is in discussions with Berman about a "senior creative role at the studio" and hopes to reach a deal soon.

 A Fox spokesman declined to comment.

 Berman is "one of the most talented executive producers to ever work in entertainment," Greg Mady, senior vice president of business affairs, said in a statement Thursday.

 Berman was the first high-profile hire of studio chief Brad Grey, who himself took the top entertainment job earlier this month.

 Grey came to Paramount with extensive television experience. He had run the talent agency Brillstein-Grey Entertainment and produced films and television shows, most notably the HBO series "The Sopranos."

 Berman has led Fox for five years, a relatively long tenure in the pressure-cooker job of network entertainment.

 Voneage sued for misinforming

 **AUSTIN** — Texas sued the nation's largest Internet-based phone service provider Tuesday, saying Vonage failed to clearly inform customers they cannot automatically dial 911 when they hang up.

 The lawsuit follows a case last month in which a 17-year-old girl was unable to call 911 on her family's Vonage service during an armed robbery in which her parents were shot and wounded. The girl ran to a neighbor's house and called 911.

 The lawsuit was filed under the Texas Desertic Trade Practices Act and seeks to require Vonage Holdings Corp. to more clearly inform consumers that they must specifically signal Vonage to dial the 911 feature.

 The lawsuit also seeks $200,000 in penalties. Vonage's lawsuit also includes many people more than its Internet-based service.

 Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott said information about the type of emergency service Vonage offers is found only in the fine print on the Web site.

 **FRANCE**

 Limit on 35-hour work week-lifted

 Associated Press

 PARIS — France's 35-hour work week, popularized by workers but despised by many investors and employers, has now been extended by a referendum on the issue. The vote comes as many people may have more time for their families, for vacation, and for work in general.

 The referendum, which was the result of a campaign to extend the hours, has been a failure for the Socialist administration.

 The government has proposed an extension to the 91-hour work week, calling for a vote to be held at the end of the year for larger businesses. The vote is expected to return to the issue in the future.

 President Jacques Chirac's government has said it would like to extend the hours for a vote to be held at the end of the year. The vote will also be considered by the Senate.

 Almost 3 million people joined thousands of others in demonstrations earlier this month to defend the 35-hour week and protest other perceived threats to their working conditions and pay. The anti-payment could spill over into a May referendum on the new EU constitution, in which the government is campaigning for a "yes" vote.

 The new law endorses an increase in the extra hours employees can work to 200 every year from the previous limit of 180. It also allows them to go further with "optional overtime" in return for extra pay and lets them sell part of their holiday entitlement.

 **WORLD**

 Leaders prepare trade security pact

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IRAQ

Frustrated civilians kill three in street shooting

Militants fire at shoppers, wounding three

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Shopkeepers and pedestrians were wounded as three in a row of 13 assailants Owed hooded men began shooting at passers-by, giving a rare victory to civilians increasingly frustrated by the violence bleeding Iraq.

The clash in the capital's southern Doura neighborhood erupted when militants in three cars sprayed bullets at shoppers, Interior Ministry officials said. Three people — a man, a woman and a child — were wounded.

The motive was unclear, but there have been previous attacks in the ethnically mixed neighborhood. Earlier in the day, gunmen in the same quarter killed a policeman, as he was advertising a new police Lt. Col. Hafidh Al-Ghrayi said.

The citizen response is rare, but not unheard of in a country where conflict has become commonplace and the law allows each home to have a gun. Those killed were an official said townsmen in the province, west of Baghdad, attacked a group of he believed planning to raid the town and killed seven.

Tuesday's gunning battle as came as U.S. congression­al delegations paid a half day­long visit to Baghdad, and the em­phasis was on the anti­Iraqi prime minister, Shiite politi­cian Ahmed Chalabi, who reportedly told the group he is in no hurry for U.S. troops to leave.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, a Democrat from California who visited Baghdad, said the Bush administration is not the Iraqi prime minister, an Arab minority spokesman said Al-Jaafari didn't seem as the quality of the Iraqi police force.

"My sense was he was certain in no rush to hand over security to his new police force."

Barbara Boxer senior

Sistani, but it doesn't have enough voters to select a prime minister, he added, negotiating for the support of the Kursi bloc's second-largest group in the National Assembly.

The vote ensures an agreement to return the oil-rich northern city of Kirkuk to the autonomous Kurdish region.

In one violent Tuesday, Iraqi commandos backed by U.S. forces and air fire attacked an apparent insurgent training camp near Lake Tharthar in eastern Iraq, killing an unidentified number of insurgents and capturing 20, the U.S. military said.

Seven commandos were reported dead and six wounded.

And in the northern city of Mosul, the deputy police commander, Col. Faris Bashir Ali, said 17 militants were killed and 14 captured late Monday after during an assassina­tion attempt on police officer.

"I don't think they are serious about Iraq's future," said a U.S. congression­al delega­tion that held a one­day visit to Baghdad, and the em­phasis was on the anti­Iraqi prime minister, Shiite politi­cian Ahmed Chalabi, who reportedly told the group he is in no hurry for U.S. troops to leave.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, a Democrat from California who visited Baghdad, said the Bush administration is not the Iraqi prime minister, an Arab minority spokesman said.

"I'm personally the happiest person in Iraq by this decision, because every session of this trial will be a chance to meet our people and supporters," he told The Associated Press. "The regime will stand trial in this court."

Egypt

Candidate charged with forgery

Associated Press

CAIRO — The only man who has dared to challenge Hosni Mubarak for the presidency was charged Tuesday with forgery for signing a petition for his party — an escalation in the government's confrontation with the opposition

Mubarak was in town for negotiations on forming a coalition government to resume the operation of the nation's ambassador to the United States, which demanded his release. The dispute came at a time when Washington was pressing Egypt to lead democratic reform in the Middle East.

After Mubarak opened the door for multi­party elections last month, Nour announced from jail his bid to run in the September presidential election, then repeated it last week in front of hundreds of cheering supporters after his release from custody.

He had been one of many call­ ing for open elections, but the arrest put the savvy politician at the center of the increasingly vocal Democratic movement in the country.

"We will continue to fight this dictatorship," said Nour, who maintains police planted by the government forged the papers to frame him. He vowed to expose them in court — and to expose those who "forged the will of the nation" during the past half cen­ tury of elections in Egypt.

"We will call into this trial all the symbols and officials of those forged referendums and put them into the court to testify," Nour said, adding that his defense team would seek testi­mony from previous interior ministers who helped run elec­

Foundry pleads guilty to felonies

Associated Press

TYLER, Texas — A Texas foundry with a history of safety violations pleaded guilty Tuesday to two federal felonies and agreed to pay a $4.5 million fine for violating environmental laws and hiding information from government regulators.

In the plea, officials at Tyler Pipe acknowledged concealing information when they rebuffed a 60­foot, pollution­emitting fur­

nace in violation of federal law and did not seek permits.

The foundry also received a five­year probationary term that includes a compliance agreement with the U.S. Clean Air Act that requires modernization of factory emissions, according to Arnold Spencer, an assistant U.S. attorney.

Safety violations at the foundry led to amputa­ tions and deaths among work­ers.

Federal officials declined to comment on whether they are investigating or have plans to prosecute individuals at Tyler Pipe.

E.F. "Buck" Files, an attorney for the company, said Tyler Pipe was required to turn over 400 boxes of documents.

"The plant has now turned the corner of environmental compliance and is working to become a model for other com­ panies," Files said.

Tyler Pipe president David Green said the company has been making environmental improvements since 2001 and plans to spend at least $55 million on pollution controls and other improvements.

FLY FOR FREE Next Week!

If you've ever dreamed of being behind the controls of an airplane, this is your chance to find out what it's really like.

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Juror to decide fate of immigrant smuggler

Williams continues to wait as jurors deliberate

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A juror in the trial of Tyrone Williams, who is charged with 58 counts of conspiracy, harboring and transporting immigrants, has been excused due to a personal matter. The trial is now scheduled to resume after the excused juror is replaced.

Tax company charged with theft

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Six employees of a company that processes federal income tax returns were indicted Thursday on charges of tax fraud.

Catholic Q&A

What are Holy Week & the Sacred Triduum?

Catholic Missionary Society

The Triduum is the three days leading up to Easter Sunday, and it includes Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. During these days, Christians recall the events of Jesus' passion and resurrection. Holy Thursday is the day of the Last Supper, Good Friday is the crucifixion, and Holy Saturday is the day of the tomb. The Triduum is a time of fasting, prayer, and reflection on the events of the passion and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Two weeks ago, I received a call I never imagined would come. A friend and colleague phoned me to say the Taco Bell Boycott — a four-year campaign within an 11-year struggle — had ended in victory for the Coalition of Immokalee Workers. About 11 years ago, migrant farmworkers — Americans, Mexicans, Haitians and other nationalities — started to organize around their joint suffering in the Florida tomato fields. Paid starvation wages of 40 to 50 cents per 32-pound bucket of produce, denied the right to organize, unable to have pensions, overtime, health insurance and other labor benefits, and even (in at least five known cases) held against their liberty and forced to work like slaves, farmworkers saw themselves imprisoned in a cycle of oppression and poverty and were ready to fight back. By crossing ethnic and language barriers, they organized the Coalition of Immokalee Workers.

Four years ago, after discovering the bulk of their tomato labor going to thriving Taco Bell restaurants, the workers decided to launch a consumer boycott of the company and sought allies. My story in this began when, as a first year student, I attended a Progressive Student Alliance meeting and learned about the boycott. Never having eaten at a Taco Bell before — combining Mexican cuisine and fast food never seemed right — I figured I should participate in the organizing component. By sophomore year, I found myself organizing our weekly protests — Fair Food Fridays at the LaSalle Taco Bell, going to meetings with administration lawyers about the boycott and our contract with the company and talking with Student Farmworker Alliance members from Florida to California. While I have never been to Immokalee and seen the conditions, nor do I have personal ties to migrant farmworkers, I was drawn to the movement. Seeing people standing up for themselves, asserting their right to receive a livable wage inspired me to work in solidarity with them. Additionally, it angered me that growers abused these vital workers through forced labor to no other end but higher profits. I did not want to live complicity in a country that allows such exploitation.

About a year ago, the local campaign to get Notre Dame to take a stance for justice with the Immokalee farmworkers seemed bleak. Our meetings with administrators were not going anywhere. Then, unexpectedly during PSA's Student Week of Action, a friend and colleague phoned me to say the seven day hunger strike to call attention to the ways our University was out of step with Catholic Social Teaching principles, especially in terms of the Taco Bell contract and campus labor policies. His stand for justice and self-sacrifice ignited a fire under our student organizing project. Our core of students began arranging a larger contingent of 147 student justice fasters, wrote letters to newspapers, organized protests and a sit in at the administration building. As one of the lead organizers, I saw courage and resolve in others around me that we only dream of experiencing. We never had time to say it, but we all felt we were making history. Winning our Notre Dame campaign was an added bonus to an already great accomplishment.

Now that the boycott nationally has ended with YUM! Foods/Taco Bell agreeing to pay the coveted "one more penny per pound" and to work with the CIW to enforce labor codes of conduct and make industry wide changes, I feel we must all puzzle to not only celebrate this enormous victory, but also view this event in the context of a larger and longer fight for justice denied by people forgotten. Companies must follow Taco Bell's example to enforce labor and wages codes for workers in their supply chain. Labor makes our lives possible from the food we eat, to the buildings we live in, to the stores and restaurants we frequent. However, labor is not a commodity — labor is people — living, working, loving and deserving recognition. Whether in the Florida fields or Notre Dame's campus, workers ought to have a living wage and a means to organize for changes in working conditions.

This feat is a step along the way for me. Robert F. Kennedy once spoke of victories like these: "Few will have the greatness to bend history; but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all those acts will be written the history of this generation." No one could have seen a group of workers, students, religious and community folk joining together to bring a major corporation to act justly. I know I have been changed and as the struggle for worker justice continues, I would take up its mantle any day with the hope from this victory in my pocket.

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From the depths of sorrow to the joy of new life

During this week, we will celebrate moments of deepest grief and sorrow, as well as occasions of great hope and unbridled joy. This week, we accompany Jesus from the Last Supper through the days of his passion and death and to his resurrection tomorrow, with our celebration of the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 5 p.m., we will join hundreds of millions of Catholics around the world to celebrate the Easter Triduum.

On Holy Thursday, we celebrate our call to loving service of all people as the liturgy center on the example Jesus gave us when he washed the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper. That night is very special to us as well, for it was at the Last Supper where Jesus instituted the Eucharist and established the priesthood so that what he did could be repeated in Christian communities until the end of time.

When we celebrate the Eucharist remembering the life-giving death of Jesus, the effects of this saving mystery are made present to us. On Good Friday at 3 p.m., we will gather for the Celebration of the Lord’s Passion. The liturgy includes the song Passion according to John, the great prayers for the Church and for the world asking that the saving death of Jesus might assist all believers to come to know God’s love expressed through the cross, the veneration of the Cross and reception of the Eucharist.

The Stations of the Cross will be celebrated Friday evening. After a day of prayer and waiting, the great Easter Vigil will be celebrated on Saturday night. Through the use of symbols, song and readings from Scripture, salvation history is recounted until a moment when the resurrection of Jesus from the dead is proclaimed and celebrated. The Basilica comes to life as it is bathed in light, and as the sounds of the organ and bells, and alleluias fill that sacred space. The newest members of our Notre Dame community will be welcomed as members of the Catholic Church as they receive baptism, and the end of Lent is marked by the renewal of baptismal promises by joy-filled believers.

Easter Sunday Masses will be celebrated at 9 a.m., 10 and noon. And as is our tradition on campus, an unattended Mass at 9 p.m. will bring hundreds of Notre Dame students to the Basilica for a great celebration with the Notre Dame Folk Choir.

Throughout these holy days, there will be many opportunities for communal and private prayer, as well as for sacramental re-conciliation. The Basilica will be open for all of us to simply enjoy a few moments of silence at the end of Lent, and to think about our relationship to Jesus Christ, the Church and our community of believers.

Notre Dame has always been a place where the Eucharist is treasured by the members of our community and where liturgy is celebrated in a beautiful and moving way with the assistance of many members of the staff of Campus Ministry and the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. And thanks, as well, to the generous service of hundreds of students who provide music for our ceremonies and who serve in the many different ministries.

If you are away from Campus with family and friends, know that you will be remembered in our prayers this week, and to see how beautiful the Basilica is when you return. If you will be on Campus, please join us for as many of these moments of prayer as you can during the holiest days of our faith.

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Quality of ‘Tekken’ series continues

By MARK BEMENDERFER
Scene Writer

Very few games have the longevity to endure through the years — many of them hardly last longer than a few weeks. A lot of the original Nintendo games fall under this category, as well as “Halo” and “Super Smash Brothers Melee.”

But now, another year has come around and another “Tekken” has been released. The general principle has remained the same as previous “Tekken” games. The player first chooses his virtual avatar from a rather large assortment. The player then proceeds through many rounds of a fighting tournament in hopes of becoming the victor. Not entirely original, but there weren’t any elements that really needed to be improved a great deal in the first place.

“Tekken 5” is the latest in a long line of fighting games. Actually it is the sixth game of the series. Actually it is the sixth game of the series. Actually it is the sixth game of the series. Actually it is the sixth game of the series. Actually it is the sixth game of the series.

Roundout the group of commandos is Delta 07, Delta 40 and Delta 62. Although these names may seem bland, “Delta” is given a distinct nickname and personality within the squad. Delta 07 is referred to as Sev and at times is downright psychotic. He’s the violent hunter of the group and needs to charge headfirst into the enemy to try to mole them to death. Delta 40 is referred to as Fixer and is the intelligent one in the group. If there’s a terminal anywhere that needs hacking, or a task that requires any level of refinement, his clone. Delta 62 is known as Scorch and is the comedic relief. He’s a loose name through his penchant for explosives and numerous close shaves with them.

Even though most of the characters you work with are clones of a single man, each has a distinct personality that helps drive the game. Being a squad-based game, they are often by the side of the player. Using them for support and guiding them commands is an often vital for success in the second game, even on the easiest level. The squadmates are often the only source of help for the player. Their constant banter makes the player begins to think of them according to their personalities, instead of just computer generated and controlled characters.

Giving them commands is not very complicated. Every command in the game is done through pushing the ‘A’ button, sometimes accompanied by a hit of the directional pad for specific directions. This aspect handle intuitively from the very beginning, even from anyone from the game.

The player can give any command or give him help. They can also help wounded, all without stopping input. However, the player can utilize the game in a variety of ways, including some of the squad and commands. Like leader, you’re actually taken individually mental and physical based on your control. The player is drop down a suppress command, or to the squad and in instant. However, they are probably inter盐城i

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Ancient History

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Fast, cheap and fun — if that’s your preferred style, think about spending time with “Ancient History” tonight. Just a little over one hour and only two dollars, “Ancient History” is a fying of a plot about relationships that are sort of like your life, but funnier. For all its laughs, it carries a deeper message about commitment, memories and how passing time affects both.

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“It seems too good to be true — and it is. Little problems spring up like bad seeds in a garden. Jack has a tendency to repeat stories and to refer to his ‘horrible ex-wife.’ A birthday present immediate to relate anyone who has ever opened someone’s letter in a pretty box, and discussion of the past creates rip-pins on the surface of the monopole. The scenes play like memories, acted out one way and then in a slightly altered version. Proposals shift the aimlessly immediately, as they are likely to do in real life. Cynicism starts to sneak up on the blind optimism of the opening scene, and kids, Germans and the general storyline to understand the game. Before the movie arrives in May, join the Republic Commando. You won’t regret it, although it does run to the short side lengthwise.

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“It seems too good to be true — and it is. Little problems spring up like bad seeds in a garden. Jack has a tendency to repeat stories and to refer to his ‘horrible ex-wife.’ A birthday present immediate to relate anyone who has ever opened someone’s letter in a pretty box, and discussion of the past creates rip-pins on the surface of the monopole. The scenes play like memories, acted out one way and then in a slightly altered version. Proposals shift the aimlessly immediately, as they are likely to do in real life. Cynicism starts to sneak up on the blind optimism of the opening scene, and kids, Germans and the general storyline to understand the game. Before the movie arrives in May, join the Republic Commando. You won’t regret it, although it does run to the short side lengthwise.

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HOUSTON — Finally someone found a way to stop the Miami Heat.

Aging center Dikembe Mutombo gave Houston a huge lift with 11 blocks, Tracy McGrady scored 26 points and the Rockets grabbed the Heat's 12-game winning streak with a 101-93 victory.

"Just have to be prepared from a mental standpoint and you have to be focused," McGrady said of O'Neal. "You have to find a way to challenge his face, his head and not give him any easy dunks. That's something that I think I always do well against him."

David Wesley scored 14 points, and Yao Ming and sel-dom-used forward Clarence Weatherspoon added 12 to keep the NBA's top-scoring twosome in check.

McGrady, who scored a total of 37 points and shot just 27 percent in the previous two games, struggled again to find his stroke. But he made all the clutch plays down the stretch.

During one late sequence, McGrady scooped up a loose ball on the sideline, gained the crossover dribble and dribbled a close defender into the post before spinning in for a 74-62 lead with fewer than 6 minutes left. He followed that with another 3-pointer and then passed a crosscourt pass to Mike James for a three that put Houston up 80-72 with 40.5 seconds to go.

But the Rockets nearly fum­bled away the victory with a couple of silly mistakes in the waning seconds.

James missed four straight free throws and Miami's Dwayne Jones made 3 and completed a four-point play, cutting Houston's lead to 84-79 with 1.4 seconds left.

But they saved the victory by making a couple of free throws, and McGrady made one to finish off the Rockets. Houston won its 19th straight game.

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COLUMBIA, S.C. — Playing some of its best basketball of the season, South Carolina is one victory away from reaching the NIT semifinals for the second time in four years.

Carlos Powell scored 15 points and Brandon Wallace matched his career-best with 13 points to lead South Carolina to a 77-66 victory over UNLV in the second round of the NIT on Tuesday night.

The Gamecocks (17-13) reached the NIT for the first time since 2002 Tuesday. Wallace, who had arguably his best game of the season. He had eight points in just seven minutes in the first half.

But every time it looked as if South Carolina was going to blow the game away, the Rebels hit a timely 3-pointer. The Gamecocks were able to shoot 56.3 percent of their points from the field in the first half and used transition defense to force eight steals and limit the Rebels to 33 percent shooting.

"I was very pleased with the way we came out with," Odum said. "Anytime they made a run, I think we made clutch baskets.

UNLV (12-14) shot just 2-21 from behind the arc in the opening period, but shot 39.1 percent for the game.

The key run was highlighted by Kelley's steal off an inbounds pass, which led to an easy basket for South Carolina. The Gamecocks led by as many as 16 points in the first half and were up 37-24 at halftime.

Kelley finished with a career-high nine assists and four points.

Romel Beck led UNLV with 21 points.

"They played great defense. They're real long and athletic. Everything we were used to seeing," said Beck, whose team finished with 18 turnovers. "We didn't do a good job of taking care of the ball and making plays and losing patient.

South Carolina scored the first four points of the second half, but two 3-pointers by Odartey Blankson and Beck trimmed the lead slightly. UNLV got within 10 points on Michael Umoh's 3-pointer with 10.08 remaining.

But Tarence Kinsey countered with a 3 on the Gamecocks' next possession and Kelley made a layup to put South Carolina ahead 60-47 with 7:44 remaining.

"We're one of those teams you know you can never count us out," Beck said.

Earlier this year the Rebels came back from a 10-point deficit with less than 30 seconds to go to force overtime with San Diego State and went on to win.

This one didn't end with those dramatics, however.

Kelley's no-look pass to Trice under the basket gave the Gamecocks their biggest lead at 41-24 about two minutes into the second half.

In the first half, UNLV went 4-22 without a basket, and finished the opening period with 11 turnovers. Blankson, who is averaging 17.7 points, scored five and finished with 10.

This is the second time in three years that UNLV and South Carolina have met in the second round of the NIT. In 2002, the Rebels also advanced after a first-round win over Arizona State, but then fell to the Gamecocks in Columbia 75-65.

South Carolina holds a 5-1 record over the Rebels and is unbeaten at home at 4-0. UNLV had won eight of its last 10 games, losing only to Utah and New Mexico, which both made the NCAA tournament.

Robets coach Lon Kruger said he was proud of the way his team finished the year.

"The guys hung in there," Kruger said.

Georgetown 74
CS Fullerton 57
Freshman Jeff Green dominated the paint with 18 points and six blocks, and Georgetown took advantage of an unusual home court advantage to beat short-handed Cal State Fullerton Tuesday night and advance to the quarterfinals of the NIT.

Green scored eight of Georgetown's first 13 points and essentially had his way against the Titans' undersized frontcourt, making 8 of 11 shots in 23 minutes before fouling out with 4:57 to play. Brandon Bowman made 8 of 10 shots and scored 21 points for the Hoyas (19-12), who shot 55 percent.

Preparations for a circus made unavailable the Hoyas' usual home, the cavernous MCI Center, so Georgetown hosted the game on campus in its small McDonough Gymnasium. A standing-room-only crowd of 2,604 packed the gym, and their chants and roars tested the limits of decibel tolerance in a way never heard at MCI.

Georgetown hasn't lost at McDonough since a 63-52 loss to Connecticut in 1982, but the Hoyas usually host only one or two games a year at the gym — and usually early in the season against heavy underdog opponents.

Bobby Brown scored 16 points, and Jamahl Brown had 14 points and 11 rebounds to lead Cal State Fullerton (21-11), which dressed only eight players and listed five players out for the season with injuries. Ralph Holmes, the Big West's leading scorer and rebounder, became the most recent casualty when he injured his knee in Friday's win at San Francisco.

The Titans finished with their first winning season in 12 years and had to play all three of their NIT games on the road, visiting seven airports over eight days. The game was on ESPN, marking it Cal State Fullerton's first nationally televised game in 15 years.

The visitors kept the game close for about 10 minutes. Green led his defender fullcourt with a hesitation move to put Georgetown ahead 11-12, and the Hoyas took the lead for good with a 12-0 run that made the score 27-18. Bowman's stumbling baseline drive turned into a three-point play to get the lead to double digits, and Jonathan Wallace's 3-pointer at the buzzer gave the Hoyas a 41-26 halftime lead.

Green picked up his fourth foul with 12 1/2 minutes to play, but Georgetown was leading by 18 at the time.

The Titans managed a 7-0 run without Green in the game to cut the lead to 11, but a three from the Hoyas' Asphalt Cook stopped the momentum.
Men’s NCAA Tournament

All three Triangle schools in Sweet 16 for first time since 1989

Wolfpack joins Blue Devils, Tar Heels on tournament trail

Associated Press

RALPHING, N.C. — Reaching the round of 16 is nothing new for Duke and North Carolina, two programs that have a total of six national championships between them. North Carolina State? That’s a different story.

Hobbled by various injuries during the regular season, the Wolfpack stumbled to a seventh-place finish in the Atlantic Coast Conference and needed a pair of victories in the conference tournament just to secure an at-large bid. The selection committee did them no favors, either, giving them a No. 10 seed in the Syracuse Regional.

N.C. State survived two close games in Worcester, Mass., to reach the regional semifinals for the first time since 1989. That’s also the last time the three teams from the Triangle region of the state made it that far — until now.

The Blue Devils are there for the eighth straight year and the Tar Heels snapped a five-year drought with two easy victories in Charlotte, N.C. Three schools, separated by about 30 miles, all two games away from a trip to the Final Four.

"I think it’s great. I think it’s just beautiful for the recruiting," Rashad McCants, North Carolina guard, said.

The Denmot Deacons lost in double overtime to surprising West Virginia in the second round, but N.C. State was made up for that upset with one of its own, beating second-seeded Connecticut in the final seconds on a three-point play by Julius Hodge. If the Wolfpack can win one more game, they would play North Carolina in the regional final.

"Quite a change from early February, after a three-game losing streak dropped N.C. State to 3-7 in the ACC,“ Coach Sendek said.

"In the middle of the season, not everything was so proud of the bandwagon," Hodge said. "Now, the bandwagon is crazy. Everybody is on the bandwagon."

Duke and North Carolina each had tabs on each other in Charlotte, playing in the same arena on the opening weekend for the first time since 1979, and they also closely followed the Wolfpack. After the Blue Devils beat Mississippi State in the second round of the Austin regional, coach Mike Krzyzewski took time publicly to congratulate N.C. State coach Herb Sendek.

"I’m really excited, of course, for us," Coach K said. "I talked to Roy and said it would be great for both of our teams to make it. But the guy I’m really happy for is Herb. We should all just say, ‘Thank you,’ for the great college basketball we have in this region."

Sendek, who faced rumblings of discontent on Internet message boards and sports talk radio during the regular season, denied being inspired by the success of this past weekend. He has N.C. State to the tournament for the fourth straight year, the longest run since the late 1980s.

"I’m busy coaching our team," Sendek said. "I’ve been grateful all along for the people who have given us their unwavering support."

With all three teams playing Friday, TV stations around the state were scrambling this week to make sure each game was covered. The Wolfpack and the Blue Devils start their games 17 minutes apart, so CBS affiliates were forced to look for other options.

In Charlotte, WBTW will air Duke against Michigan State, with the N.C. State-Wisconsin game will be carried by UPN affiliate WYZY, which has a news partnership with WBTW. The Raleigh GSN affiliate, WRAL, is located across the street from the N.C. State campus, and it will show the Wolfpack’s game.

"I think it’s great." North Carolina guard Rashad McCants said. "It’s great for the state and the programs, I think it’s just beautiful for the recruiting."

North Carolina State coach Herb Sendek laughs with Julius Hodge after the Wolfpack defeated Connecticut 63-62 Sunday.

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Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame men's rowing club faced sunny weather and freezing temperatures at the annual Lubber's Cup regatta in Grand Rapids, Mich. this weekend. Despite the cold weather, the Irish kicked off their spring season with a successful showing against tough competition from the Michigan, Michigan State and Western Ontario.

In the men's eight races both the junior varsity boat did well in the morning prelims and 2x4 crews to put them in the petite final in the afternoon.

The junior varsity boat had a strong race in the final and improved its time from the morning from 6:55 to 6:50 in the 2000 meter race. The varsity boat was led out in a neck-in-neck race against Western Ontario to take second in the petite final with a time of 6:23. Western Ontario won the petite with a time of 6:20, and Michigan's A boat won overall with a time of 6:11.

The men's novice team also had a strong showing in their first race of the season. In the novice two crew, they rowed a great race, coming in fourth in a field of 30 boats. Also in the novice prelimary row to post at 7:07, Michigan's novice A boat won the event with a time of 6:40.

The Irish looked forward to building on their successes this weekend when the varsity or novice boats did well in the San Diego Crew Classic on April 9.

Men's Volleyball
The Notre Dame men's volleyball team traveled to Penn State-Erie in a varsity tournament.

Women's Water Polo
Last weekend the women's water polo team traveled to Penn State-Erie to compete in a varsity tournament. The squad held their own against tough competition, finishing with a 4-1 event.

The first game was a rematch with the temple in last year's national tournament at Owatonna. This year the Irish prevailed with a 17-10 victory. On Saturday, the Irish opened with a 10-5 victory over Maryland, the nation's 10th-ranked varsity team. The Irish swept through the rest of the day's competition with a 9-6 win over Pitt and a 6-2 loss. The Irish closed a close 4-7 game to Villanova's varsity team on Saturday, to complete the tournament action.

Thursday, the women's water polo team competed for both men and women, as did an alumni team in each division.

Friday night pool on Saturday, the men's A team got off to a slow start in their first game of the weekend, but later surging to take the game, 11-7.

Having settled down and adjusted to the windy and rainy conditions on Sunday, the Irish won their next two games against Western Michigan and Grand Valley State, 10-7 and 7-4 respectively. This set the Irish in second place in the meet.

The men's A team scored 3-0 in the final and taking third place overall.

The women's A team compiled a 2-1 record, losing once to Division I powerhouse Michigan State, 13-7.

Ultimate
This weekend, the Ultimate Club hosted "Whitesmoke," the Notre Dame Invitational, competition.

The Irish went 4-3-1 against tough national club teams, three top ten ranked DI. III varsity teams, and a powerhouse DI. II varsity.

The Irish came off the loss of last year's final game against Michigan State, scoring enough difficult goals to defeat Michigan State A, 9-8, and Lehigh 9-7 en route to a perfect 3-0 day.

Two day had the men playing in a second round, after a win over other undefeated teams from the field. In losing conditions, the Irish opened with a come-from-behind 13-10 victory over Bethel, and followed up with a dominating performance against UNC Greensboro, 22-19, and then went on to clinch a place in the men's DI. III tournament.

The Irish faced Michigan State A, 13-7, with a win in the men's DI. III single-elimination tournament.

The men started the day by defeating New York Wesleyan in the quarterfinals, 14-12, advancing the Irish to the semifinals.

Once there, a poor start and second round defeat to Michigan State, allowed the Irish to jump out to a 14-8, one point short of victory. The Irish then defeated the defending champion, 14-13, making a dramatic comeback.

The Irish were ranked 8th in the nation for the week. Following three key reserves.

The men's team compiled a 4-3 record, posting convincing victories over Illinois and Valparaiso, 11-7 and 13-7, respectively. They also put forth a strong effort against the alumni team and the men's varsity team in their final match up. The team then went on to an impressive holding by an early goal lead.

Winning with poise and making most of their team's shots were Tristan Butterfield and Andrew Hamilton, while cutters Jesse McGannon, Dave Farley, Braden Meehan and Walsh ran well all weekend long.

The Notre Dame Invitational was the second of the weekend for the women's squad which, for the last time in the tournament's history, claimed 1st place.

With 24 players the team was able to enter two teams. A 9-5 win for the Notre Dame alumni team started off the weekend with great momentum. Following a 9-9 loss to long time rival Michigan State following, but conference was gained with 13-2 victory over Michigan.

Notre Dame's B team was defeated by Amanda Schramm, Rashelle Simpson and Elizabeth Pfister played extremely well against the Ohio Northern, 9-2, and Oberlin, 13-2, with Tristan Palm outplaying opponents in the long field.

The scores were not representative of the team's play, as several new players stepped up as future leaders on the field.

Lara Casey, Tara Stover, Nicole Devine and Elizabeth Lee prove themselves to be invaluable handlers.

Anne Kroeger, Mary Boyer, Loren Town and Colleen Stiehl gained experience. Sunday's games were truly momentous for this team.

In the quarters, ND's B team defeated Oberlin, 10-2, advancing to the semifinals. The Irish defeated Oberlin, 13-2, setting up a match with defending champ, Michigan State for the championship.

The Irish emerged triumphant, 12-10, as Christina Hesse and freshman Elizabeth Shiel and Jennifer Pruett scored four goals each.

The Irish defeated Oberlin, 9-7 on a block by Lizzy Summerville.

Playing better as the weather improved, the Irish defeated Baldwin, 6-2 with all three opponents the next day.

Kaile Hoss led the attack and Shields was stellar in goal as the Irish came from behind, 9-8 to 8-6. The second was a shutout of Wesleyan 8, and the third was a 6-3 win over Michigan State 15-2, behind the passing of Alejandro Meeks.

After pool play the Women's were ranked 9th in the A bracket.

For the second consecutive year, the Irish were eliminated from the tournament, defeated by Michigan State in a 7-6 thriller.
In Brief

NCAA president knocks new Title IX standard

INDIANAPOLIS — NCAA president Myles Brand criticized the Education Department's new Internet-based survey schools can use to show they are accommodating the athletics interests and abilities of women on campus.

Brand also said the new Title IX standard should have been debated publicly. Title IX prohibits discrimination based on sex at any school that receives federal money.

"The e-mail survey clarification will not provide an adequate indicator of interest among young women to participate in college sports," Brand said in a written statement. "Nor does it encourage young women to participate, a failure that will likely stymie the growth of women's athletics and could reverse the progress made over the last three decades."

Bonds said he was tired before getting surgery last week. "I'm 40 years old, not 20," Bonds said.

Bonds, who set the single-season record with 73 home runs in 2001, underwent a similar operation on the same knee on Jan. 31, but had a setback after workouts in camp earlier this month.

He returned to the Bay Area on March 16 and had surgery last Thursday to repair cartilage. Conte said last Thursday the second operation put Bonds back at "square one."

Conte said Bonds went through a "normal rehab six days out of surgery" on Tuesday, and that his knee looked as expected.

Mlb

Giants outfielder Barry Bonds, left, returns on crutches to spring training Tuesday with his son Nikolai in Scottsdale, Ariz. Bonds is undergoing rehabilitation after a second arthroscopic surgery on his right knee last week.

Bonds may take entire year to rehab knee

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Coming off knee surgery and caught up in baseball's steroids scandal, Barry Bonds said he may not play at all this season — despite standing on the doorstep of reaching Hank Aaron's record.

The San Francisco Giants slugger also said he was physically and mentally "done," and blamed the media for at least part of his troubles.

"I'm tired of my kids crying. You wanted me to jump off a bridge, I finally did," Bonds told reporters Tuesday, shortly after returning to training camp. "You finally brought me and my family down. So now we pick a different person."

Bonds, whose 703 career home runs are 13 short of Babe Ruth's total and 52 behind Hank Aaron's record, was back in camp following last week's arthroscopic surgery on his right knee.

Sitting at a picnic table outside the Giants' clubhouse with his 15-year-old son, Nikolai, at his side, Bonds said, "My son and I are just going to enjoy our lives. You guys wanted to hurt me bad enough, you finally got me."

Bonds said he was tired and disappointed following a winter in which he was accused of steroid use, his grand jury testimony was leaked and he had two knee operations.

Leaning his head on a crutch and repeatedly saying he was tired, Bonds spoke after a 1/2-hour session with Giants trainer Stan Conte.

"Right now I'm just going to try to rehab myself to get back to it. I don't know, hopefully, next season."

Bonds added, "I don't know. Right now I just going to take things slow."

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Indiana AD gives ultimatum

Fred Eichhorn, president of Indiana's Board of Trustees, has given Coach Mike Davis a March 16 deadline to provide a detailed plan for trying toretain the school's basketball team.

"I think there is an urgency to the situation. The Board of Trustees has made no commitment to continue the men's basketball program," Eichhorn said Monday.

"The Hoosiers are the jewel of the University of Indiana, the pride of the Midwest. University and athletic directors have a responsibility to the university and the alumni to do what is necessary to achieve the best in every program."
City abuzz as UW-Milwaukee prowls through NCAAs

Panthers in Sweet 16, will face off with Illini in Chicago Thursday

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Before last weekend, Wisconsin-Milwaukee was best known for being the school where the late Israeli prime minister Golda Meir went.

For "Happy Days" aficionados, it's where Richie Cunningham, Potsie Weber and Ralph Malph all hit the books when they weren't hanging out at Arnold's Drive-in.

Now, the No. 12 Panthers are the lowest seed remaining in the NCAA tournament, holding the banner for all the mid-majors who dream of knocking off the big basketball schools like Alabama and Boston College, both of which fell to Bruce Pearl's pressuring Panthers, champions of the Horizon League, last week in Cleveland.

UWM is a commuter school of 25,000 that has gone from NAIA Division II to NCAA Division I in a little more than a decade.

When athletic director Bud Hilpert was hired in 1988, he counted 65 fans at his first basketball game and many of them mistakenly handed back the pom-poms he gave them on their way into the arena.

Now, UWM is taking some of the sting out of the 6 miles away, which went to the Final Four two years ago, and the University of Wisconsin in Madison, where the Badgers, under former Panthers coach Bo Ryan, are also in the Round of 16.

There wasn't a lot of buzz on campus Monday, however, because spring break just started.

"We only have one dormitory but I still feel the support," Ed McCants, a 50-people, mostly friends and family, greeted the Panthers at Mitchell International Airport upon their triumphant return Sunday.

On Monday, players entering the Kieloch Center to practice weren't met by a throng of fans but by two men seeking autographs on four deflated basketballs, items that might very well end up on eBay.

"It's quieter than usual today except for you guys," forward Adrian Tigert said of the 30 or so reporters who converged on the campus.

Some students did gather at the campus bookstore to buy commemorative T-shirts, among them Nicole Dzomha of Milwaukee.

"It's real exciting, it's very cool," she said as she picked out a yellow T-shirt. "I think everyone's happy but nervous, too."

Other students raced to the ticket office to put their names in for the 1,250 tickets made available to the school for the Panthers' next game, against top-ranked Illinois on Thursday in the Chicago Regional.

Pearl hoped the biggest crowd of reporters to gather at one of his practices would ask about the Dave vs. Goliath story line. He wanted to rave about his stars, McCants and Josh Tucker. He preferred to talk about how no No. 12 seed has ever beaten a No. 1 seed.

"We're trying to do something that's never been done. We're trying to make history," he said.

He even pitched a story about Illinois coach and Milwaukee native Bruce Weber playing his alma mater, where he unsuccessfully tried out for the UWM basketball team.

But what just about everyone wanted to know was Pearl's latest thoughts on the Deon Thomas scandal at Illinois 16 years ago.

Pearl was an assistant at Iowa when he secretly taped a conversation with Thomas during which the player appeared to confirm that Jiminy Collins, then an assistant at Illinois, had offered him $80,000 and an SUV to sign with the Illini.

Thomas has always denied the allegations and the school was cleared of them, but the 16-month investigation found other infractions and Illinois was barred from post-season play by the NCAA in 1991.

ESPN's Dick Vitale criticized Pearl for committing "career suicide."

To this day, Collins, now the coach at Illinois-Chicago, refuses to shake Pearl's hand. But Pearl said he would do what he did again.

"Regrettably, I would because of principle and I'm a bit of an idealist," Pearl said. "But a lot of people got hurt in that situation and it's unfortunate. I just knew what was happening and the folks at the University of Iowa wanted me to document it."

Pearl said his only regret is "if it's taking away from UWM and those players."

This will be the first time Pearl has faced Illinois as a head coach, but he doesn't think that will put an end to all the talk about his role in the scandal.

"It's never going to go away," he said.

Weber is aware of the acrimony many Illini fans and supporters still feel toward Pearl.

"We've heard some things I can't even say in the press conference," Illinois coach Bruce Weber said Monday. "I understand it and I'm not downplaying it. But at the same time, we need to beat them to advance. That's the most important thing."

Pearl said being a whistle-blower hasn't affected his ability to recruit in Chicago, however, and "we're still winning basketball games. Again, it's just not something new. Can you find one thing that's been reported new about this?"

At that point, Pearl was shown a copy of Monday's Chicago Tribune in which Thomas, who is now 34 and plays pro basketball in Israel, said Pearl was evil and called him a snake.

"That's not new," Pearl said. "I've had it (similarly) reaction 16 years ago, it's not new. I read it and I'm not going to respond to it, OK?"

Pearl does know that he'll get plenty of boos from Illini fans and he said he doesn't fault them for that.

"I'm a good man and I'm a good father and I'm a good person," Pearl said. "But I was involved in something that did them harm, so I understand if they don't feel like Bruce Pearl is their favorite coach in the country."
Connecticut center Jessica Moore, middle, is held back by Florida State guards Holly Johnson, left, and Ganiyat Adeyouna during Connecticut's 70-52 victory Tuesday.

Associated Press

**WOMEN’S NCAA TOURNAMENT**

Johnson can’t miss, helps Tigers tame ‘Cats

Point guard’s scoring aids top-seeded LSU in pursuit of title

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KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — LSU’s Temeka Johnson is making the most of her last chance for a national championship.

The Lady Tigers’ senior point guard scored all 14 of her points in the first half and had 10 assists to help LSU rout Arizona 76-43 on Tuesday night in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

LSU 131-21, the tournament’s No. 1 overall seed, will face 13th-seeded Liberty in the Chattanooga Regional semifinals on Saturday. Liberty upset fifth-seeded DePaul 88-79 on Tuesday night in College Park, Md.

"This is no time to leave anything," Johnson said.

Johnson had a perfect shooting night, going 4-of-4 from the field, including two 3-pointers, and 4-of-4 at the foul line. She did not attempt a shot in the second half, and it wasn’t needed.

"That just shows the type of player she is," said teammate Seimone Augustus, who often gets most of the attention as the leading scorer.

Augustus wasn’t bad herself, finishing with 18 points on 7-of-18 shooting before going to the bench with about 10 minutes left. Scholanda Hoston added 12 points to the lead and had a 20-point advantage with 7:22 left in the game.

"I thought from the very first possession on defense we established ourselves," LSU coach Pokey Chatman said. "They did a great job of making Arizona shoot difficult shots.

"The Wildcats made a dent in the lead after switching to a zone defense and had a quick 8-0 run to cut it to 14 before halftime, but that was as close as Arizona would get.

Johnson had six assists in the first 6 1/2 minutes of the game.

The shortest player on the court at 5-foot-3, Johnson scored inside and outside. She got one of her baskets before halftime driving the baseline and past 6-5 Shawntinice Polk in the paint.

"We came out of the blocks pretty strong," Johnson said. "If I bring the energy, it will trickle down.

Arizona trailed by 25 at the break, its largest halftime deficit of the season. LSU outscored the Wildcats 8-0 to open the second half to go ahead by 33.

Arizona’s set a season low with 43 points, and the margin matched the biggest loss of the season. Arizona also lost by 33 at Ohio State earlier this season.

Dee-Dee Wheeler led the Wildcats with 13 points and Polk had 10. Danielle Adedeso added 12 points.

Arizona had only four assists.

Arizona’s band tried to drum up support for the flailing Wildcats by playing Tennessee’s "Rocky Top," and Lady Vols fans who arrived early for the game chanted "Tennessee-Purdue" to cheer against the Southwestern Conference foe.

"I guess it didn’t work," Johnson said.

Tennessee 75, Purdue 54

Pat Summit stands alone at the top of NCAA basketball.

The Tennessee coach broke Dean Smith’s career victory record Tuesday night, getting her 880th and 881st top-seeded Vols’ win over Purdue in the NCAA tournament.

Summit tied Smith at 879 with an easy win over Western Kentucky in the first round Sunday night and passed the former North Carolina men’s coach with another convincing victory.

Summitt is 880-171, while Smith was 879-254 in 36 seasons with the Tar Heels.

"First and foremost, we’re going to the Sweet 16," Summitt said.

"We’re obviously in the company with Coach Smith, to think about all the people that were a part of these wins, I never thought I’d live this long.

After the game, NCAA officials presented Summit with the game ball and a plaque and the school said the court at Thompson-Boling Arena will be named "The Summit.

Tennessee (24-5), seeking its seventh national title under Summitt, will face fourth-seeded Texas Tech on Sunday in the Philadelphia Regional semifinals.

Tye’asha Fluker tied her career high with 18 points and had 10 rebounds for Tennessee, 46-0 in NCAA tournament games in Knoxville. Shyra Ely added 16 points, and Shanna Zolman had 15.

Shakira Weeb had 16 points and 10 rebounds for ninth-seeded Purdue (17-10).

Ohio St. 75, Maryland 65

Brandon Hoskins scored 22 points, and Ohio State advanced to the round of 16 for the first time since 1993.

Jessica Davenport had 15 points and nine rebounds, Caity Matter scored 16 points and Stephanie Blanton added 12 for the second-seeded Buckeyes (20-12), who will face Rutgers on Sunday in Philadelphia in the regional semifinals.

Crystal Langhorne had 22 points and 16 rebounds for seventh-seeded Maryland (22-10).

Rutgers 61, Temple 54

Cappie Pondexter scored 25 points to help third-seeded Rutgers end sixth-seeded Temple’s winning streak at 25 games.

Pondexter made 7-of-14 shots and hit all three of her 3-point attempts. She also had five of Rutgers’ 12 steals. Chelsea Newton added 11 points for Rutgers (27-6).

Cynthia Jordan led Temple (27-6) with 15 points.

Liberty 88, DePaul 79

Katie Feenstra had 29 points and 13 rebounds, and Liberty followed up its first NCAA tournament victory by shocking DePaul.

With Liberty’s chancellor, the Rev. Jerry Falwell, watching in a front-row seat, the Flames (26-6) weathered a 16-0 run in the second half to become only the second 13th seed to advance to the round of 16, duplicating Texas A&M’s feat in 1994.

The Flames, 0-8 in NCAA tournament play before beating fourth-seeded Penn State on Sunday, will face top-seeded LSU on Saturday in Chattanooga.

Khara Smith had 27 points for fifth-seeded DePaul (26-3).

Duke 70, Boston College 65

Menique Currie scored 21 points, and sophomore center Alison Bales scored 10 of her 16 points down the stretch to help Duke reach the round of 16 for the eighth straight year.

Mistie Williams added 12 points for the second-seeded Blue Devils (30-4), who will face sixth-seeded Georgia on Saturday in Chattanooga.

Clare Drescher scored 23 points for Boston College (20-10).

Connecticut 70, Florida St. 52

Ann Strother scored 19 points, and Jessica Moore had 11 points and 12 rebounds for three-time defending national champion Connecticut.

UConn (25-2), in the round of 16 for the 12th straight year, has won its last 20 NCAA games since falling to Notre Dame in the 2001 national semifinals. The Huskies will play second-seeded Stanford in the Kansas City Regional semifinals Sunday.

Noneeka Hedges had 28 points for the sixth-seeded Seminoles (24-8).

North Carolina 71, George Washington 47

Ivory Latta scored 17 points, and Nikki Bell added 16, nine rebounds and six steals for top-seeded North Carolina.

The Tar Heels (29-3), who have won 13 straight games since an overtime loss at Florida State in January, will play fifth-seeded Arizona State on Saturday in the regional semifinals on the Sun Devils’ home court.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish set to impress in opener

Team opens home schedule, taking on Western Michigan

BY THOMAS BARR
Sports Writer

After 21 away games, the Irish softball team (13-8) will open its season home schedule against Western Michigan. The team comes into its home opener on a hot streak, winning seven of its last eight games. The Irish were originally slated to play one game against the Broncos. However, due to several inclement weather cancellations, the Irish will play a double-header.

The likely starting pitchers for Notre Dame are Stoffany Stranglin, who is averaging just over 10 strikeouts per seven innings, and Heather Borth, who boasts an 8-4 record and 1.43 ERA.

The Broncos come into Wednesday's games with a 2-12 record. The likely starters are Tricia Vandervalk (2-7) and Kyla Sullman (3-5). Western Michigan will face a Notre Dame squad that has been hitting well as of late.

Irish third baseman Liz Hempel was named Big East Player of the Week after hitting .700 and recording 7 RBIs in the Buckeyes Invitational last weekend.

However, the Irish are not underestimating the Broncos. They are very scrappy, disciplined and well-coached, Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said.

"To be successful, we will need to have great defense, pitchers staying in their game and controlling hitters and getting hits when we need it with runners in scoring position."

The Irish have faced well-traditionally against the Broncos and are at home openers. They lead the all-time series 14-8.

The team has an impressive 2-7 record in their first game at home since the program started in 1976.

The Irish are happy to be home and want to maintain their recent play.

"It feels good to be home, and we want to maintain their recent play," Gumpf said.

"We have gotten good at hitting away since we are on the road so much, but it means getting everything in front of friends, family, and the students who support the team."

The first game will begin at 3 p.m. with the first 250 fans there will receive free t-shirts.

"It's great to finally play at home," Irish pitcher Kstyza Fuemmeler said.

"Playing at Joy Field enables us to show everyone what part of the fighting Irish is really about."

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Offense

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the New England Patriots offensive coordinator.

"Our philosophy has always been: throw it on the wall and see what sticks," he said.

As the leader of a revamped Irish offense, all eyes are on Brady Quinn, who returns for his third year at the Irish helm.

"I have a great deal of confidence in the offense and in our offense picking up where we left off," he said. "I really felt like we were gaining ground as far as how we were progressing through the offense and as a unit."

In the interests of learning a complicated new scheme, tight end Anthony Fassino said the team has been studying the playbook and getting to know the coaches in meetings.

"It's making everyone excited to get on the field ... I don't think we're nervous at all," he said. "Excited is the best word."

Offensive lineman Ryan Harris agreed that the team was eager to take the field and start to put the system into practice.

"The excitement's just unbelievable because we've been looking at the playbook for so long, and we have new plays and we have new terminology and we just can't wait to get out there together, make the call, and just really go out there and play football again," Harris said.

"And especially on offense, now we're a veteran group, there's really no room for excuse and it's about time we start to play at that level," he said.

Running back Ryan Grant was the only starter to leave the lineup going into spring 2005. However, freshman Darian Walker is ready to take on any and all responsibilities in the backfield. Walker rushed for the national spotlight with 115 yards on 31 carries that included two fourth-quarter touchdowns against then-No. 8 Michigan.

Walker said the team has a considerable amount of work to do before players can analyze their development.

"We've just kind of got to sit back and take this as it comes," he said.

"As we get further along in the playbook and farther along in the offense, we'll know when we're ready to go.""}

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Irish gave up the lead. Joey Williamson faced six batters and surrendered two runs, one of them unearned. Williamson started out shaky, hitting the first two Bearcats and giving up a first-inning single to McCabe. The first two Bearcats, and Senior Mike Dury takes a cut at a pitch in Tuesday's home opener against Cincinnati. The Irish won 7-0 on the mound the rest of the way.

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Weis said. “I think right now (that is) one of the biggest goals I’m trying to accomplish, is to get us all to where we want to be.”

Notre Dame went 6-6 in the 2004 season. November 30, head coach Tyrone Willingham was fired after three seasons.

Controversy surrounded the firing, and the administration hired Weis – a 1978 Notre Dame alumnum – to alter the direction of the program.

In the spring game, Montana and Zorich will help coach the Blue team in the spring game, while Theismann and Brown will pace the sidelines with the Gold squad.

Weis said he checked with NCAA compliance officers to make sure the former Irish greats could help coach the spring game and received permission.

“They can be involved and they will be involved,” Weis said.

Weis recognized his own purpose Tuesday, announcing his intention to make tradition a part of the present.

“All I do know is that I don’t have all the answers,” he said.

There’s a lot of rich tradition at Notre Dame that I’d like those players to be a part of. . . . just know that I feel I’m just a part of Notre Dame. I’m not Notre Dame myself.”

Meanwhile, the coach spoke of looking toward the future and not evaluating his team based on past performances.

It would not be fair to judge players on the past when the coaching staff and schemes will be new, Weis said.

The only assistant coach not available to media Tuesday was former University of Mississippi head coach David Cutcliffe.

The Irish assistant head coach of the offense and quarterback coach underwent triple bypass surgery recently and is currently recovering at his home in Mississippi.

“I flew down to see him,” Weis said. “I was at his house on Sunday. He looked surprisingly well. He was in good spirits and was happy somebody from the staff was there shortly after he had gotten home. I told him I don’t want to see him any time soon.”

Weis will fill in for Cutcliffe in coaching quarterbacks, meaning he will have a more hands-on opportunity with starting quarterback Brady Quinn in the learning curve of a new and complicated offense.

“Coach Weis is somebody who’s been through it all, having expectations and having success, and at times been through some difficult experiences,” Quinn said.

“He’s someone I think this program needs and needs to have in the future.”

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Lauren Connelly also found little difficulty in toppling Purdue’s Brooke Beier and Stephanie Wooten in their 8-4 victory.

However, it was the final pairing of senior captain Sean Smith and junior Jen Smith at No. 3 that showed an impressive comeback.

After falling behind early 2-0, the doubles partners rallied back and picked up straight points to secure the 8-2 win.

“We started a little slow, but we played a lot more impressive than we did against Tennessee,” Sarah Jane Connolly said.

“But we just focused on the basic serve and return to get the win.”

Focusing on the key elements of the game is what has helped the doubles team adjust to several lineup changes after losing Christian Thomas to the national team for a season.

“Because you never know who you’ll be playing with,” Connolly said.

“Since we switched with the same person for most of the year, you begin developing a rhythm. You just have to be really adaptable for any changes (right before the match).”

“But we are hoping to get Christian back because she is a real anchor for our team.”

In singles, playing at the No. 1 position for the Irish was No. 44 ranked Catrina Thompson, who topped No. 74 Sufi 6-4, 6-3, 7-5.

The losses came at the Nos. 5 and 6 positions from Smith and junior Liz Donohue. Smith lost to the Bollemaker’s Beier 3-6, 0-6 and Donohue fell to Amy Wallach 6-3, 4-6, 0-6.

Notre Dame will next hit the courts when the Irish travel to Stillwater, Oklahoma this Saturday to face Oklahoma State at 1 p.m.

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Women’s Lacrosse

Win over California builds confidence

By ERIC RETTER
Space Writer

Going into Tuesday’s game against California, Irish head coach Tracy Coyne wanted to turn things around.

“Our mindset was that we were 1-4, and we wanted to go out and have a good game today and play the way we knew we could play,” Coyne said.

Notre Dame certainly did that against California, topping the Golden Bears 18-8 at the Loftus Sports Complex.

Junior midfielder Cristy Foutz led the Irish offensively, scoring four goals and two assists, including the first goal of the game at 3:49 into the contest.

Notre Dame never trailed, jumping out to a 6-1 lead at 18:47 behind two goals by both Foutz and freshman midfielder Caitlin McKinney. California cut the lead to three with goals by senior attacker Molly Brady and sophomore midfielder Laura Cavallo.

However, two goals by junior midfielder Brittany Fox within two minutes and a goal by junior defense player Lena Zenggraf at 27:06 gave the Irish a 9-3 cushion going into halftime.

After halftime, California found itself in a rhythm, scoring four goals inside the first 10 minutes of the half while shutting out the Irish in that span, cutting the lead to 9-7 with goals from sophomore attacker Liz Relfsnyder, Brady, sophomore midfielder Jocelyn Paul and Cavallo. Relfsnyder, Cavallo and Brady each finished the game with two goals, tying for the team lead.

“They made a little bit of a run in the second half, but I think we were able to shut that down. The team responded to that,” Coyne said.

The Irish shut down the Golden Bears but streak, holding California scoreless for the next 18:41 while going on an 8-0 run of their own in that period to put the game out of reach.

Pooie got the Irish going again, scoring her third goal 11:38 into the period to kick start the Irish offense.

“With Cristy stepping up and scoring, that answer gave everybody else confidence, and then they (Cal) only scored one after that,” Coyne said.

Ten seconds later, freshman midfielder Heather Ferguson, who finished with two goals, scored again for Notre Dame, getting the assist from senior attacker Jackie Flowers before beating sophomore California goalie goalkeeper Haley Lynch to give Notre Dame the 11:17 lead.

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Sneak peek

Weis reveals Brown, Zorich, Montana and Theismann will coach Blue and Gold game

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Charlie Weis made himself, his assistant coaches and selected players available to reporters Tuesday afternoon for Spring Football Media Day.

While the function served as a standard preview to spring practice—which begins on Tuesday, March 29, six days away—the Notre Dame head football coach also divulged some unexpected information.

Former Notre Dame football players Tim Brown, Joe Montana, Joe Theismann and Chris Zorich all will return to campus the weekend of the Blue and Gold game (April 23) to serve as assistant coaches in the spring contest.

"Those players ... are four good representatives and alums of Notre Dame that were part of this football program, that matriculated through here, that could help restore the image of Notre Dame," Weis said. "They're going to be a big part of this University.”

Freshman running back Darius Walker makes a run at the Insight Bowl in December. Walker will be a big part of Charlie Weis’ offense.

Victory over Purdue boosts team's morale

Irish snap two-match losing streak, collect much-needed win

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

After dropping their last two matches, losing one of their key players to an injury and falling to No. 29 in the team NCAA rankings — the Irish were in desperate need of a win.

Fortunately for Notre Dame (7-7), it found little trouble in achieving this feat by defeating No. 61 Purdue (2-8) 5-2 at the Eck Tennis Pavilion on Tuesday.

Despite losing key matches to No. 24 BYU and No. 23 Tennessee last week, the Irish looked confident against the Boilermakers as they began the contest with a sweep in the doubles matches.

Playing at No. 1 for the Irish were sophomores Catrina Thompson and junior Kiki Stastny. The pairing defeated the team of Lara Burgarello and Shawna Zucarlini 8-4.

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Baseball

Pitchers prove pivotal in 10-4 win

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

On a chilly, blustery evening at Frank Eck Stadium, an armada of Notre Dame pitchers shut down Cincinnati in the Irish home opener.

Notre Dame used eight pitchers on route to a 10-4 win Tuesday — giving some of the less experienced hurlers an inning or two of work. The Irish improved to 8-9 on the year.

The Irish jumped on the board early with a run in the bottom of the first. Leadoff batter Alex Nettey alertly sprinted to first base after a dropped third strike. Nettey advanced to third when first baseman Brent Lilley Hard-hitting first baseman Matt Edwards then hit a sacrifice fly to dead center field.

Notre Dame pitchers Derik Bickford set the tone early when they faced a combined nine Bearcat batters through three innings. The two controlled the game, holding the ‘Cats to one hit and no runs.

Bickford appeared for his sixth time this season. After a successful previous week, including his first win of the season against Northern Illinois, he is gaining poise.

“I feel extremely comfortable out there,” Bickford said. “A big part of it is that my confidence has gone up. I’m a senior and I haven’t thrown much in the past in four years. It’s good to get out there on the mound frequently. That helps a lot with confidence. Once your confidence is up, everything goes well.”

All eight Notre Dame pitchers held Cincinnati’s top two hitters — shortstop Mark Haske and third baseman Jon DeLaire — to one hit apiece.

In the top of the fourth, the