Notre Dame prepares for Easter weekend

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

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Speaker clarify Social Security

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Straightforward Weis addresses Mendoza

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In a signature showing of his gutsy language, the class of 1978 Notre Dame alumnus and former offensive coordinator of the New England Patriots advised audience members to "seize the moment" and make the most of life's fleeting opportunities.

"What if the day I met my wife I wouldn't have talked to her? Well, I would have a lot more money, but I would be unhappy," Weis said.

Further illustrating his point, Weis discussed the ambitious move in 1989 that would eventually catapult his career as a football coach. It was in this year that the determined Weis offered to work for the New York Giants without pay. Nine months later, Weis was hired as an assistant by legendary coach Bill Parcells.

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Still to say, it took me a while to understand what was so great about the Dome. But I roomed with a girl whose dad was a double Domer and whose three sisters were Domers. She breathed Notre Dame. By my first hall. My roommate’s dad, a double Domer, started to ramble on about how we were lucky to have room 435 because he believed it was the closest women’s room to the Dome. In his eyes, we were privileged—we could wake up and look at the Dome.

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A student watches in delight as two of her classmates race around on South Quad, gathering easter eggs in their backpacks.

Offbeat

Woman charged in hugging murders

WEST MIFFLIN, Pa.—A woman was charged with stealing money and other items in recent weeks by walking up to elderly victims, giving them a big hug and then stealing their wallets or other loose items in the process.

Mary Ann Johnson, who pretended to know the victims who are too polite to refuse her hugs, is accused of committing the thefts.

Johnson has an attorney. N.Y. Teacher found guilty of exam hoax

NEW YORK — A Bronx schoolteacher was charged with coercing a former homeless man into taking his state certification exam for him, authorities said.

Wayne Brightly, 38, allegedly bullied the former college classmate into taking the exam in July, using a fake identification and Bronx’s Social Security card, the city Department of Education said Tuesday.

Authorities said Brightly’s stand-in was Rubin Leitner, 58. Leitner had met Brightly when the two were students at Brooklyn College in the late 1980s and had tutored him for the exam beginning in 2001 after Brightly failed at least twice, authorities said.

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In Brief

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The 2004 film The Passion of the Christ will show at 7 p.m. and 10 tonight in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. For tickets, call the DeBartolo box office at 1-2800.

The men's tennis team will take on Michigan at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The 1959 film Ben Hur will be shown Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. For tickets, call the DeBartolo box office at 1-2800.

Professor Kathleen Pyne will give a talk entitled "Georgia O'Keeffe: Visions of the Sublime" in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art Tuesday at 3 p.m.

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A student watches in delight as two of her classmates race around on South Quad, gathering easter eggs in their backpacks.
Security guard credits other with saving life

By ANGELA SAOUD
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Almost 110 Saint Mary's students and faculty members met last night to honor Professor Mary Connolly as the winner of the Student Academic Council's (SAC) third annual Women Honoring Women award.

Connolly was recognized for her dedication to students both in and outside the classroom, as well as for instilling a strong sense of spirituality into each of her students.

Coordinator of SAC Mary Pauline Moran said Connolly's dedication to the women of Saint Mary's sets her apart from the crowd.

"Professor Connolly is someone whose students can go to any time they need her — for academic questions or for personal reasons," Moran said in her introduction speech. "She helps us to take a step back and realize the beauty all around us.

Three other candidates were also nominated for the award — director of the Office of Civic and Social Engagement Carrie Call, professor Astrid Henry and Athletics Director Lynn Kachman.

Moran said each woman was exceptional in her own way.

"These four finalists always go above and beyond their calls of duty at Saint Mary's, and students have noticed that and would like to recognize them this year," Moran said. "They deserve recognition for all they do for the College."

In February, students were asked to submit a letter of recommendation for female faculty or staff they felt best encompassed the mission statement of the group — including furthering women's achievements by encouraging students to grow intellectually, spiritually and personally. Of the recommendation letters submitted, four women moved on to the Nominations Committee, where the winner was chosen by secret ballot.

In addition to having some of the outstanding faculty and staff members present at the dinner, other award nominees and top college administrators, including College president Carol Munsey, were also in attendance.

Students in attendance were nominated by department chairs to represent their major at the event.

"These students are considered exceptional within their department and the campus at large," Moran said. "It is only fair that they receive recognition as well."

After senior Molly Welton announced Connolly as this year's recipient, Connolly thanked everyone in attendance for allowing her to be a part of their lives.

"Each person has a part in shaping the women around them," Connolly said. "No one at Saint Mary's earns an award by herself."

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Attention Graduating Seniors!!

Notre Dame's Office of Undergraduate Admissions anticipates hiring Admissions Counselors this spring!

As part of the Undergraduate Admissions staff, the counselor is expected to make an important contribution to the recruitment and selection of the first-year class by managing relations with the prospective applicants, their parents, high school personnel and alumni in an assigned geographic area.

Responsibilities include extensive planning, travel, communication within the geographic area, assessment and evaluation of applications and conducting group/individual information sessions on campus.

Additional responsibilities will be assigned by the Assistant Provost for Enrollment.

Candidates should possess a bachelor's degree and strong familiarity with all aspects of student life at Notre Dame.

Essential qualities include strong communication and organizational skills, enthusiasm, diplomacy and the willingness to work long hours, including many evenings and Saturday mornings.

Preferred start date is July 1, 2005.

Please send or deliver a cover letter and resume to: Admissions Hiring Committee, 220 Main Building
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from the department of economics and econometrics, Bob Walsh and Doug Nguyen of the Social Security Administration, and Nancy Griffin, the state director of the American Association of Retired People (AARP) of Indiana. The discussion was moderated by Rob Montgomery of WSBT radio, the South Bend CIBS affiliate.

Panelists tried to clarify aspects of the Social Security system that cause frequent confusion and underscored the controversy surrounding President Bush's plan to introduce private personal savings accounts into the system.

Professor Ghilarducci, the first speaker, presented on "Social Security Funding: The International Experience." "I am going to lay out the facts and let you all make up your own mind," she said.

Ghilarducci compared Social Security in the United States to equivalent programs around the world, noting elderly Americans currently have a higher poverty rate than their counterparts in many industrialized nations.

She called America's stance on poverty among the elderly either "just not that successful" or "just aggressive." Ghilarducci also said many nations have lower worker-to-retiree ratios than the United States, whose current ratio is approximately three to one.

"Many believe that the fact that we are moving from three to one to two to one is the problem... it isn't," she said. "The problem is economic growth."

Forty percent of retirees' income comes from the public sector, which includes Social Security, and 10 percent comes from the private sector, Ghilarducci said. The government funds the program, specifically a payroll tax.

Ghilarducci briefly discussed Chile, a nation with a privatized retirement system.

"We're making choices about the distribution of risks," she said.

Ghilarducci finished by saying the United States can solve any Social Security funding concern simply by increasing taxes, decreasing benefits or increasing the rate of return on trust funds.

"The solution to Social Security and unemployment is the same solution," she said. "You have to have a healthy economy."

Nguyen, of the Social Security Administration's regional office in Chicago, and Walsh, of the office in South Bend, spoke next about the structure and history of Social Security in the United States.

"Over 47 million Americans receive a monthly benefit," he said. "Social Security is the only income for 20 percent of these retired workers."

The Social Security also helps to administer the Medicare and Supplemental Security Income Programs, Walsh said.

Walsh offered words of caution concerning Social Security benefits.

"There is only a 40 percent (average) replacement rate for earned wages. People should try to replace 70-80 percent of their earning capacity," he said. "If it's the only source of income for 40 percent of today's African-American seniors..."

Citing the size of the Social Security trust fund, Walsh said Social Security is "doing very well today."

Nguyen discussed the structure of the Social Security administration, focusing specifically on the Board of Trustees and its most recent report, released Thursday afternoon. He also reviewed recent demographic trends in the United States, including birth rates and life expectancy.

"There's a projection that birth rates are on the decline," he said. "Immigration also plays a factor."

Nguyen reviewed projections for the Social Security trust fund. By 2017, he said, "the outflow will exceed the incoming payroll. Nguyen said by 2042 the only approximately 74 percent of benefits will be paid if nothing changes in the current system."

"There is a full range of options that we could use now (to maintain Social Security)," she said.

Grimm said there is a necessity to preserve the program as an insurance policy for retirees, survivors and disabled.

"Social Security is designed to be there for all Americans," she said. "It's the only thing that is." The panel concluded with a question-and-answer session.

Questions focused largely on the structure and practices of the Social Security system, its purpose and the proliferation of ideas on how to keep the program solvent in years to come.

Kate Antonacci contributed to this report.

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Views of death are changing

Associated Press

First came Karen Ann Quinlan. Then there was Nancy Cruzan. Now there's Terri Schiavo.

Each time, a young woman was left in a horrible limbo between life and death following a personal disaster: the faultless mixing of alcohol and a tranquilizer; a car accident; a collapse at home and heart failure, possibly from an eating disorder.

Over 30 years, their tragedies not only captured the nation's sympathy and attention, they have spurred new laws, new medical practices and, ultimately, changes in the ways that society views death.

Now every state in the nation recognizes a person's legal right to define how far they want medical care to go if they become very ill — and where they want to set limits.

Many doctors make sure to talk with seriously ill and elderly patients about how their life might end. A community of surviving families, lawyers and doctors has been pushing for years to create a path for the end of life that gives as much thought to dying as society does to life's beginning.
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Associated Press

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campus at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.
Before the conclusion of Holy Week, Russel will have held more than 15 services and wel­comed thousands of worshippers through its large wooden doors. Though the pews typically hold 800 people, additional seating will be added to accommodate the crowds. Each of the three Sunday masses is attended by 1,200 individuals, Russel rector Peter Peter Rocca said.

Rocca believes to the large influx of people during Easter weekend, Basilica staff must meticulously plan serv­ices in advance. "You've only got 48 hours to prepare," Rocca, provisions like the incum­bent of an additional mass, the designation of certain doors as entrances and exits and the use of security staff. In fact, traffic flow will work in tandem to ensure Basilica events run smoothly.

The celebration of the Passion is what Rocca calls a "central heritage" of Catholicism. "It's a very liturgical, religious service," Rocca said. "It's a time where people come together with a love of Christ." Indeed, the inherent importance of religion to the University is reflected in the liturgical, religious events and the cancellation of classes to allow the students to celebrate with their families on this weekend.

"Experiencing the great love Christ has for us all, even to suf­fering, dying and rising for us, is a transforming mystery in the lives of believers," Rocca said. "It goes to the heart of what it means to be a believer." Law student Courtney Eschbach has been a part of Easter services at Notre Dame for two years as a member of the women's liturgical choir and a teacher in the filio of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program.

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Ruckus currently offers downloads only to original music or movies to original music or movies to non-graduates who plan to establish a space within 17 business days at Notre Dame.

"The tenor of a student group's questions was the practicalities of recognition, saying the University's rejection of the club "speaks very loudly" and does not help undo any of the negative press on the sub­ject.

Frequently emphasized during the conversation was the existence of similar organizations at other institutions, like Georgetown and Marquette, and the resolution was that the University include Saint Mary's on the list.

"It disgusts me when every year they reject the club status," O'Neil senior Matt Walsh said. "It's a really beautiful language, it makes me mad. Correct me if I'm wrong, but I haven't heard anyone say that the existing system works great.

Though no one spoke out against recognition, Committee on Academic Affairs chair Vijay Hamanan cautioned that, when applying for recognition, administra­tion, students should be sure to "get in touch with the obvious matters at hand or they will gain little ground in the discussions.

Royce said while student government does not have any official area of recognizing clubs, the resolu­tion should be "more visible to those in the know" and likely more necessary publicity.

The resolution passed with no opposition and will be sent to the Senate's Committee on Academic Affairs, which will be sent to head of Student Activities Brian Coughlin and the Campus Life Council. Ironically, one of the first acts this group of sena­tors performed after taking office last year was passing a similar resolution.

A representative from the faculty of aliens from across the nation — are also expected to attend Easter services at the Basilica, Rocca said.

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need opportunities and make the most of them.

Weis expressed a desire to "make the most" of the opportuni­ties Notre Dame has to offer. Once the system is put in on a trial basis to gauge usage, it will run at 10 cents per copy.

In other Senate news:
• Senate approved Sieg­fried student James Leito and student union secretary Nancy Walsh as this year's Irish Clover Award winners, an accolade that recognizes outstanding service to the students of the Notre Dame community. The Senate also approved political science professor Alvin Tillery as the recipient of the 2002-2003 O'Malley Undergraduate Teaching Award.

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A Marine Corps pilot is coming to Notre Dame on Wednesday, March 30, to take you on trial flights.

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**Market Recap**

**Stocks**

| Dow Jones | 10,456.02 | -14.9 |

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**Treasuries**

| 30-YEAR BOND | 0.57 | 0.28 | 48.63 |
| 10-YEAR NOTE | 0.07 | 0.03 | 46.07 |
| 5-YEAR NOTE | 0.42 | 0.18 | 42.94 |
| 3-MONTH BILL | -1.40 | 0.41 | 27.61 |

**Commodities**

| CRUDE | -2.22 | -2.05 | 80.00 |
| GOLD (per oz) | -5.20 | 455.40 |
| PORK BELLIES (per cwt) | 6.20 | 92.80 |

**Exchange Rates**

| TEN | 103.9200 |
| EURO | 0.7470 |
| POUND | 0.5346 |
| CANADIAN $ | 1.2160 |

**In Brief**

**Ford trucks under investigation**

WASHINGTON — The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said Wednesday it would investigate more than 3.2 million Ford Motor Co. pickups and sport utility vehicles for a defect in a cruise control switch that led to a recall last year.


NHTSA officials said they have received 218 complaints of engine fires from the cruise control system in those vehicles, no injuries or fatalities have been reported.

The new investigation does not include the 2000 model years of the vehicles, which was covered by the January recall of nearly 800,000 vehicles. Ford said the cruise control switch could short circuit and cause an engine compartment fire when the vehicle was parked or being driven, even if the cruise control was not being used.

**Brokerages fined for concealment**

WASHINGTON — In three unrelated cases, federal regulators fined Citigroup Inc. and Putnam Investments $20 million and $40 million respectively and a smaller brokerage from $100,000 to remove allegations that they concealed from customers the fact that brokers were paid to recommend certain mutual funds, creating a conflict of interest.

The Securities and Exchange Commission announced Wednesday it was reaching settlements with Citigroup, the biggest U.S. financial institution, Putnam, the largest fund manager in the world, and Bear, Stearns, co-owner of Class B shares to certain large-scale customers who could have earned a higher return from another type of share.

Capitol Analyst, a brokerage firm based in Redmond, Wash., agreed to pay a civil fine of $100,000 and $350,000 in restitution plus interest.

**Treasuries Secretary John Snow, who is also chairman of the board of trustees for Social Security and Medicare, stands by a chart detailing future Social Security Cash Flows.**

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Mike Leavitt, the new Health and Human Services secretary and another trustee, said that Medicare and Medicaid — the health insurance program for the elderly at the state level — face daunting financial problems.

The trustees estimated that the premiums for Medicare beneficiaries pay for doctor visits will increase about 12 percent next year — from $75.20 a month now to $87.70 in 2005. This year's premiums are 17 percent above what they were in 2004.

Leavitt said the administration had begun to address Medicare in 2003 with new performance standards for doctors, as well as programs that encourage better health through things as simple as an annual physical.

Senator Harry Reid of Nevada, the top Democrat in the Senate, disagreed with Snow, declaring, "Today's report confirms that the so-called Social Security crisis exists in only one place: the minds of Republicans." Reid also argued that enacting the key feature of the president's program — allowing younger workers to invest up to 4 percent of their income subject to Social Security taxes — would make the fund insolvent in 2030, some 11 years earlier than the trustees projected.

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called candidates, who have already been introduced but are seeking full association with the Church.

The catechumens will be celebrating their sacraments this Holy Week, while the candidates will be initiated into the Church on April 10.

Each of the candidates and catechumens has a sponsor, many of whom are Notre Dame students. Sponsor Eileigh Radigan said she takes this role very seriously.

"Because Christ is present to us only in community," Radigan said, "and because we believe that the Church is the institution of Christ and his community on Earth, the role of sponsor/candidate, or sponsor/catechumen, is essential in the faith journey.

Many students elect friends as sponsors so as to experience their new journey with a comfortable guide.

"A person experiences the love of God through others," Radigan said, "and if that love is powerful enough to call them into a deeper life of faith within Holy Mother Church, then it is not hard to see how such a person would want to choose a friend to walk with them.

Candidate Sarah Roseberry said that their "faith-centered" friendship inspired her to choose Radigan as her sponsor.

She was instrumental in answering my many of my initial questions," Roseberry said.

Each sponsor participates in different activities to best fulfill this role of spiritual mentor.

"I go to RCIA with Spence [McSorley, a catechumen] and basically my job is just to walk with him," Chris Scaperlanda, another sponsor, said. "We have lunch weekly just to talk about life and stuff, and if he has any questions, he comes and talks to me."

Radigan and Roseberry said their RCIA group meets every Sunday and meet an additional few times a week to go over mass or just to talk over a cup of coffee.

Many of the sponsors and their candidates or catechumens are making a special effort to meet during Holy Week.

"During holy week, he [Spence] and I are trying to go as far as many of the services we attend together as possible," Scaperlanda said.

The candidates view these next few days as a final preparation and a last-ditch effort to deport him to the United States.

Fischer, sporting a long, gray beard, jeans and a baseball cap pulled down low to cover his face, left the immigration detention center in this city on Tokyo's outskirts early Thursday morning.

The iconic chess icon was taken into custody by Japanese immigration officials in July when he tried to leave the country using an invalid U.S. passport.

As he was taken away in a black limousine provided by the Icelandic government, this viable was mobbed by a dozen photographers and reporters.

Fischer did not emerge from the car or make any comment.

Fischer was accompanied by his fiancee, Miyoko Watanai, the head of Japan's chess association, and an official from the Icelandic Embassy. They were headed for the airport to try and catch a afternoon flight to Denmark on route to Iceland, where he has been granted citizenship.

Fischer has been held in detention since his arrest, claims his U.S. passport was revoked illegally and sued to block a deportation order to the United States, where he is wanted for violating sanctions imposed on the former Yugoslavia by playing an exhibition match against Russian Boris Spassky in 1992.

This week, Iceland's Parliament stepped in to block the standards for traveling citizenship to Fischer. Iceland is where Fischer won the world championship in 1972, defeating Spassky in a classic Cold War showdown that propelled Fischer to international stardom.

President, 62, could still face extradition to the United States - Iceland, like Japan, has an extradition treaty with Washington.

Thorodd Asarsson, Iceland's ambassador to Japan, said before Fischer's release that "there is no question of disappointment" to the Icelandic government over its vote to grant Fischer citizenship.

Despite the message, the decision was put through Parliament on humanitarian grounds," Asarsson said.

In Washington on Tuesday, the State Department said it officials asked Japan to hand over Fischer because of "his conduct against him."

"That's what we've asked for," said Adam Ereli, deputy spokesman for the State Department. "Mr. Fischer is a fugitive from justice. There is a federal warrant for his arrest."

Japan's Foreign Ministry, which has denied that there has been any pressure from Washington, had no immediate comment. The U.S. Embassy also declined to comment.

Tokyo initially refused Fischer's request to go to Iceland, saying Japanese law only allows for Fischer's deportation to the country of his original citizenship.

"We need to look into the nature of his decision Monday, Japanese Justice Minister Chieko Nonaka said officials would consider the possibility of allowing Fischer to go there."

Fischer became an icon in 1972 when he dethroned Spassky in a series of games in Reykjavik to claim America's first world chess championship of the century.

But a few years later he forfeited the title to another Soviet, Anatoly Karpov, when he refused to defend it. Then he fell into obscurity before resur- facin to play the exhibition rematch against Spassky in the former Yugoslav in 1992.
Planned Parenthood charges state officials

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Planned Parenthood officials charged Wednesday that efforts by two state attorneys general to seize patient medical records from the organization's clinics are aimed at discouraging women from seeking abortions and other reproductive health care.

Kansas Attorney General Phil Kline and his Indiana counterpart, Newt Carcic, deny that's the case. They say the documents are needed for investigations of child sexual abuse and — in Kansas — possible illegal late-term abortions.

Kline is seeking the medical files of about 90 women and girls from two abortion clinics, which are contesting on privacy grounds.

Planned Parenthood sued the state of Indiana last week to stop the seizure of medical records there, saying investigators were on a "Dancing expedition," possibly to identify the partners of sexually active 12- and 13-year-olds. None of the records requested in Indiana involved abortion.

The state action follows an unsuccessful attempt last year by then-U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft to subpoena abortion records from several Planned Parenthood affiliates as part of the government's defense of a new law barring certain late-term abortions.

Karen Pearl, interim president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, called the efforts to get access to the records an "attack on medical privacy."

"Politicians with rigid anti-choice agendas are trying to rip apart the covenant that we have as providers with our patients," she said at a news conference.

Kline, attending a seminar in Washington, held his own news conference to rebut the allegations.

"Our investigation has been going on for a year and it's been going on until the clinics actually sought to open it up before the Kansas Supreme Court," Kline said.

"So it's a teacher who used to take her students on picnics along the banks of the Tigris. Now they hold picnics in the school courtyard."

That could change if the major has his way, and the government comes through with its promised funds. Work has already started in some areas, where residents are rebuilding homes and shops.

Once dubbed the "City of Peace," Baghdad was founded in the eighth century by Caliph Abu Jafar al-Mansur as the capital for his rising Muslim Abbasid empire. The city soon became the heart of medieval Muslim civilization — a mecca of arts, culture and architecture.

Forming half-circles on the two sides of the Tigris, its suburbs, parks, gardens, mosques and marble mansions earned it the reputation as the richest and most beautiful city in the world.

Since then, Baghdad has survived the 13th-century mayhem inflicted on it by the Mongols, the 16th-century marginalization by the Ottomans and two decades of war and sanctions under Saddam Hussein.

Saddam himself didn't help with beautification — most of the apartment complexes, government buildings and palaces built under his orders would not have won any architecture prizes.

And though there were the dozens of statues and oversized portraits of Saddam that decorated those buildings.

After the U.S.-led invasion in March 2003, the city of 5 million became one large military barricade: Humvees and tanks roaming the streets, helicopters rattling above, checkpoints and roadblocks everywhere.

A two-year insurgency attacking homes and government buildings compounded the scars on the city's face, further diminishing its calling infrastructure and tattering the remaining grace.

Beautiful date palm groves that lined the 10-mile-long air-port road — a visitor's first impression of Baghdad — had to be removed to prevent gun­ muns from hiding in what has become one of the city's most dangerous battlegrounds.

The rampant lawlessness has also encouraged people to take over buildings previously occupied by government offices and construct squat­ter settlements.

Voters have already taken its toll on Baghdad. Posters and banners of candidates running in the landmark Jan. 30 elections — a collage of mismatched colors — are still plastered everywhere, tainting traffic cir­ cles and walls two months after the vote. Huge black banners of religious invocations and pho­ tos of Saddam once again, a break through for the country's majority, which had been suppressed under Saddam — are randomly scattered around the city.

United Nations
France proposes prosecution plan

International Criminal Court will try Sudanese war crimes suspects

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — France on Wednesday introduced a draft resolution allowing for the prosecution of Sudanese war crimes suspects at the International Criminal Court, forcing the United States to choose between accepting a body it opposes or casting a politically damaging veto.

The Security Council has been deadlocked for weeks on the issue of holding people accountable in Sudan, drawing criticism that the United States has been "sitting on the fence while conflict continues to rage in the country's western Darfur region."

The United States circulated three Sudan resolutions Tuesday — one authorizing a peacekeeping force, another imposing sanctions and a third tackling the

issue of where to punish those responsible for atrocities. It said a vote on the final issue would have to be put on the table for the Security Council divisions in the council over the court.

But France, Britain and others were determined to handle the issue at once.

At a closed council meeting Wednesday, the United States first introduced the resolution to deploy peacekeepers on which there is broad council agreement. France's U.N. Ambassador Jean-Marc de LaSabliere then introduced a draft resolution that would refer Darfur cases since July 1, 2002, to the International Criminal Court. That was the re­ commendation of a U.N. panel that had found crimes against humanity — but not genocide — occurred in Darfur.

"We've gone to great lengths to make sure that the text on the table is one that was most likely to be acceptable or at least not vetoed by the United States," said Britain's U.N. Ambassador Emyr Jones Parry.

In a clear concession to the United States, the resolution said citizens of countries that have not ratified the treaty establishing the ICC who take part in operations in Sudan wouldn't be sub­ ject to prosecution by the court.

The United States is not party to the court, and objects to the world's first permanent war crimes tribunal in part because it fears its citizens could face politi­ cally motivated prosecutions. "The United States position on the International Criminal Court is well-known and unchanged," said Richard Grenell, spokesman for the U.S. Mission, refusing to elaborate.

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Workers began erecting scaffolds the following Monday, when even fewer students were around to see it. All subsequent student reaction, therefore, has been that of surprise — rightfully so — and of resentment, due to the university’s responsibility to the community.

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This year’s process is definitely different from the work done on the building 17 years ago. This spring and summer, workers are not only regilding the dome. They are also taking on necessary additional projects, such as making structural repairs and sealing cracks in the statue of Our Lady.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Dome repairs needed now**

On March 4, 2005, the University administration said we would be undertaking a major effort to rebuild the Golden Dome atop the Main Building, beginning March 7. The project, as originally articulated, outlined the need to rebuild the Golden Dome for the first time in 80 years; a means to redress and refresh our campus landmark. The project, however, is far more significant than cosmetic correction and renewal, and could not be delayed until after Commencement.

On behalf of the University administration, we hear and understand your disappointment surrounding the scaffolding and construction. We appreciate and sympathize with the visual impact it will have on you as graduation approaches. Unfortunately, there is no way it could be avoided.

Although the Main Building is safe for continued use, the domes suffer from spiritual damage and water leakage that are impacting the integrity of the landmark. While the reglazing process itself will be lengthy, the project also encompasses structural and waterproofing of the finish from the base of the dome prior to repainting, repairing and sealing of cracks in the statue of Mary, and, finally, the building of a protective dome roof. This process will take at best six months due to the structural and base repairs. This was a factor in the last Golden Dome façade and could not be delayed to a May start because weather plays such a critical role in restorative architectural projects of this sort.

The Golden Dome remains our University's most cherished landmark. We must continue to protect the integrity of the structure as well as its beauty. We ask your understanding and cooperation in recognizing the need to assure the Golden Dome remains bright and future.

Thank you all for your patience, understanding, and most importantly, your unyielding passion for Notre Dame.

John A. Benefic-Graves
Executive Vice President
March 23

**Hope for Schiavo on Good Friday**

"I begging you, don't let my daughter die of thirst," Terri's mother said in her heart. This is exactly what is happening to Terri Schiavo - she is dying of thirst. It is piercing her mother's heart like a sword.

On the cross, Jesus vocalized the words, "I thirst." (John 19:28) You may recall that this was physical, but it was also spiritual. He thirsted for water and for some sustenance, and also for love, for something to drink and for a people to accept him. Like Terri's mother, the mother of Jesus probably said in her heart, "I'm begging you, don't let my son die of thirst." Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta used those two words - "I thirst" - as a driving force behind her ministry. She knew she was quenching the thirst of Jesus as she quenched the various thirsts of others. Today, we find before us a woman slowly dying of thirst because her feeding tube was removed five days ago.

I have the saddest feeling that Terri will die this Friday, on Good Friday. If so, she would die from same hardeness that caused Jesus' death: our inability to see the beauty of this woman and to recognize her true self. To me, it seems as though the question of Terri's life really cannot be answered in medical or legal terms. Instead, this brings to light one of the key areas where religion helps us inform society. How can doctors, nurses, lawyers and judges determine when someone is, in their very essence and at their core, alive and when they are not? How can we, using medical and legal terms, define such a thing?

Somehow, though, we have ruled that Terri Schiavo - the true Terri Schiavo - is dead, and what we are left with is a patently artificial and inaccurate shadow of her. Because our society thinks that the real Terri is dead, we are will­ ing to let this shadow die, too. In fact, we are willing to cause the death of this "shadow".

As it was with Golgotha, I find myself to be driven from the nails and hanging on the cross. I feel sadness, I feel pain with Terri, while I know that I am part of the culture that is slowly driving her out of life. I am thirsting and causing the thirst. It is a tragic tension to find oneself both persecuting and being persecuted.

I hope against hope that Terri will live, and that her feeding tube will be reinserted. I am praying for a miracle - maybe she will, somehow, find words, speak, or else our hardened hearts will soft­ ened. I thirst for Friday to come and go without Terri dying; maybe life in the stead of death on Good Friday.

Isn't that what he being, if resurrection came before death? Is it possible, you key the broken and ongoing connection have to come after death.

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**VIEWPOINT**

**East, Easter, Eastest**

Holy Week consists of seven days culmi­ 
inating with the most significant feast on the Catholic Church’s calendar: Easter Sunday. The week is filled with traditions — carrying palm Sunday, Mass; the washing of the feet on 
Thursday and the Stations of the Cross on Good 
Friday. As a Catholic, I regularly observe the almost unchangeable tradi­ 
tions. However, from recent conversations with other students regarding the upcoming Easter break, it has become apparent that most families have also incorporated plenty of secular traditions into their Easter expe­ riences. By partaking in both religious and non-religious rituals, we can observe Easter as both a Church holiday and a family holi­ day.

So most of the secular traditions is, of course, the Easter Bunny. The histori­ cal origins of the Easter Bunny are derived from the pagan festival "Oster," a celebra­ tion of spring and fertility. As we all know, the bunny is among the most fertile animals known to man, which caused 17th century Germans to incorporate the Easter Bunny into the holiday, to involve children in the celebration. The Germans are also credited with another tradition rooted in fertility, the custom of children receiving colored eggs. In my own family, we have always had the tradition of the Easter Bunny, even though we have not always believed in him. One of the memorable nights in Acker Family lore occurred on Holy Saturday night when I was four years old. I refused to go to sleep, because I was strongly opposed to the idea of having a large rabbit hopping around my house, even if he was going to bring me treats. Despite not wanting to spend some sleep, my par­ ents finally assured me that no animals would be coming into the house that night. Furthermore, they gave me the opportunity to thank them in advance for any candy or presents they might bring me. The following morning, nearly two decades have now passed since my parents confessed that, aside from the Cadbury commercials, bunnies don’t have anything to do with Easter candy. Still, my mom continues to hide Easter baskets for both my brother and me every year, despite the fact that he is now 24, and I am 21.

Another time-honored tradition that will be renewed this weekend is the Easter bon­ net. As a little girl I always needed to have an "Easter bonnet," with all the frills upon it! (the Irving Berlin song goes), but, I had just as little success convincing the costume department that I was 11 years old. However, after I beat my older brother in our Easter tennis match

that year, I found the bonnet to have a sec­ ond purpose. Never one to be praised for his good sportsmanship, my brother threw the rackets in disgust after he lost, and it hit me square in the head. The bonnet was the per­ fect way to hide the helmet that resulted from his little "John McEnroe moment." Luckily, there have been no such incidents in recent years, seeing that I no longer wear bonnets.

Another favorite Easter activity of ours was following the Easter egg hunt that was held near my grandparents’ house in Florida. In order to keep all of the chil­ dren happy, there were special golden eggs for everyone. One of my most vivid Easter memories occurred when I was hot on the trail of my golden egg, only to have my bonnet warped when a lizard crawled up my dress.

Because Easter is the most important Catholic holiday, we were always taught to celebrate with an eye towards the religious aspect of the feast. In my house, this meant that every year during Holy Week, my dad would make us sit with him and watch Ben­ Hur and The Ten Commandments, two bibli­ cal epics starring Charlton Heston. Perhaps this one has more to do with my dad’s taste in movies rather than any religious message, but it is nonetheless part of the family tradition.

This is not to say that my family loses sight of the true meaning of the holiday. On Easter Sunday, we all pile in the car and go to Mass, where we encounter another of our holiday traditions: our inability to find an empty seat. No matter how early we checked, there is never a place to sit. I typically blame my lack of a seating arrangement on the so­ called "Osteras" — the people who only go to Church on Christmas and Easter. Still, all the standing usually helps us work up our appetites, which is perfect for the large family meal that we always share after Mass.

Like all holidays, our family celebrates in its own way with a unique set of customs. After reflecting upon some of the rather unorthodox rituals that occur within my family during the Easter season, I have come to realize that while it is important to keep sight of the fact that we are celebrating Jesus’ resurrection and our salvation, we can also recognize Easter as an opportunity for families to gather and spend quality time together.

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Stroke 9 evokes sentimental emotions

By CHRISTIE BOISEN
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The first bar Saturday to reach maximum capacity was not State. It was Legends, which achieved one in, one out status and left a line of people waiting on the steps outside, straining to hear chords of their high school and junior high memories floating from the stage as Stroke 9 played inside.

Even though the band's newest album, "All In," was released in November, it is safe to say the eager audience was mostly interested in reliving a time when they wrote notes in study hall and wore mini backpacks in lieu of old lady purses.

Stroke 9 did not disappoint, playing its biggest hits from its 1999 major label release, 1999's "Nasty Little Thoughts," as well as other hits and new material.

Speeding further down memory lane, the set list included a cover of the terrible dance phenomenon, the Macarena, which conjured visions of those awkward days when the audience would congregate to be seen performing the moves in public.

The good-natured fans who danced onstage deserved applause, even though seeing it again was like a big neon sign: "What were we thinking?"

Stroke 9's treatment of other covers fared much better — an especially rocking performance of Smoke's "Gin and Juice" necesitated the outburst of the audience's heart. The band also paid tribute to the quintessential alt-rock band Weezer, with a rendition of "My Name is Jonas," although one disgruntled fan yelled out, "Play your own songs!"

Unfortunately, for both former and current Stroke 9 fans, it probably would have been better for the group to continue with Weezer covers than its own brand of less infectious, albeit similarly quirky pop-rock from its latest album. Just like most junior high boyfriends and girl friends, the music is admittedly fun but probably will not stick around when something better comes along. If a listener does not take himself or his music too seriously, though, "All In" deserves a fair chance.

Inexplicably, one of the most enjoyable tracks is the seemingly random and possibly annoying "Words To Live By." True to the band's "songs about girls" genre, but with a twist, it plays like an AMD get-to-know-you question game but prettier. "Do you like to party? Do you wanna make a bet? Did you surf the morning set?" Another standout track is the acoustically glittery "My Advice," which slows the pace and spotlights the group's fun penchant for spelling bee vocabulary. "It's cold, I know I resuscitate my feelings daily for you / It necessitates this healing, not to bore you."

The rest of the album hones this along brightly. "Set You Free" is a lyrical paradigm of the band: "She stops talking to me / With spiraling eyes that keep on swirling / And that ring, does it shine for me? / Like you said when I was shaking my rusty tambourine around your head."

Its songs still scream "Total Request Live," but if you like parties and you hate goodbyes, Stroke 9 still has what it takes.

To the delight of the packed crowd at Legends Saturday night, Stroke 9 played all of the biggest hits from its 1999 debut, "Nasty Little Thoughts."

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The Updogs rekindle spirit of rock 'n' roll

By JULIE BENDER
Scene Music Critic

People used to live, breathe and bleed rock 'n' roll. There was a time when rock music was at the forefront of existence, causing generational divisions and stirring social movements along the way. Music used to be more than just entertainment — it used to matter.

These days, fans are hard-pressed to find that former passion for rock. The best music out there is heard in small clips on Cadillac and Buick commercials. If you are lucky enough to see a band's reunion tour, you can sometimes catch a glimpse of what rock used to be. But even the concert experience has been soured with a seemingly random and often prettier.

Dispiriting though the times may be — especially for those of us born a generation too late — there are moments now and then when the original spirit of rock is resurrected.

One of these moments was Friday night.

With Reckers as a venue, friends, fans, family members and a few hangers-on gathered to experience a campus cover band known as The Updogs. Comprised of five musicians originally from Zahn Hall — Chris Davis on lead guitar, Joe Harris on bass, Jon Jahr on keyboards, Kyle Chong on percussion and Drew Updike on lead vocals — The Updogs played a set list echoing the best of the decades from the 1960s up to the present.

Scheduled to begin at 10 p.m., the band warmed up for 25 minutes before catalyzing into their opener, AC/DC's "You Shook Me." Raw energy radiated from the stage as Davis tore into the famous Angus Young riff, and that energy never let up once during the non-stop set of guitar-driven rock.

Next on the list was an early Who song, "I Can't Explain," which saw Updike do his best Pete Townsend windmill impressions on air guitar. Luckily for the audience, however, no instruments were destroyed in the typical "Who" fashion this early in the evening.

The third song of the night brought the band into their element with The Doors' "Roadhouse Blues." Strutting the stage like a young Jim Morrison, Updike proved a major presence with the band musically counterpointing every other group's exuberance was contagious, and the audience became the necessary sixth man of the band, singing and dancing to the driving rhythm.

For nearly two hours, the band continued in this manner, tearing through the likes of The Five-Man Electrical Band, The Kingsmen, Jon Bon Jovi, Journey and Led Zeppelin. More recent bands were not ignored as the group touched on the latest garage rock sounds of The Strokes and Jet.

Closing the night, the band played the classic, "Old Time Rock 'n' Roll" sung by Bob Seger. The lyrics, "Today's music ain't got the same soul / I like that old time rock 'n' roll," never rang truer as the audience, pulled from their seats, demanded an encore presentation. Though mildly unprepared for such enthusiasm, the band responded with the ever-appropriate "Piano Man.

Jahr's keyboards set the mood, and the band followed suit for the evening's final number. And, right there, as the last notes faded out, with the band and the fans linking arms and swaying to this classic sing-a-long, for a moment the missing element of rock 'n' roll was found, just one more time.

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The Updogs covered some of the best rock songs from the 1960s up to the present at Reckers on Friday night.

CONCERT REVIEW
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Handwriting

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Postal Service, Blonde Redhead deliver

The Secret Society of Butterflies
Blonde Redhead
4AD

Although Knorcon’s wails are not the best, his electronic arrangements are excellent.

I loved the swells of distortion and relative lack of verse-chorus structures placed "Handwriting" in a realm decidedly far from that of radio-groomed pop music.

Although vindicated to an extent by his youth, Knorcon blunders from time to time, particularly when he marks otherwise gorgeous arrangements with needless high-pitched vocal distortion. However, I’ll enjoy through these very shortcomings that Knorcon avoids the ultimate tragedy—releasing a perfect record at age seventeen.

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ALBUM REVIEWS

‘Handwriting’ is a transcendent experience

By MATTHEW SOLARSKI

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We Will Become Silhouettes
The Postal Service
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inspired dust "Nothing Better," the heartful "Clark Gable" or even crowd-favorite "Brand New Colony." Nonetheless, "We Will Become Silhouettes" sounds as fresh as ever, removed from its context medled toward the \"art\" of "Give Up.\" The song mangon superficial charm with its lilte electronics, while the diacritic created between lyrical content and delivery is nothing short of a postmodern masterstroke.

The gym here is "Be Still My Heart," a thoroughly satisfying non-album track, that is on par with the finest moments on "Give Up.\" Gibbard’s characteristic thrash-shop romanticism is in top form as he beseaches his amorous organ against overtreatment, for this could be a brand new start with you. If "Be Still" proves indicative of the material on the inevitable sophomore effort, Postal Service fans have good reason to rejoice.

After two solid numbers and a passable remix of "Nothing Better," Matthew Dear’s remix of "Silhouettes" comes as something of a disappointment. While a decent rendition in its own right, the track contains virtually none of Dear’s signature moves — the clip-oop beats and layered, hooped vocals that have made him a prominent presence in techno. In place of blips and beeps Dear provides a mere disembodied, hollow voice upon a strummed acoustic guitar loop. It works, perhaps, on a subversive level, but falls flat on its face on the dancefloor.

Blonde Redhead dazzles with "Butterflies."

Having garnered listeners with the mesmerizing "Misery Is a Butterfly" just last spring, it comes as a welcome surprise to find a follow-up EP on shelves during this season of love and flowers. "The Secret Society of Butterflies" collects the B-sides from the New York-based art rock trio’s UK Singles, including a new song and remixes of three of "Misery’s" standout tracks. Also included on this 4AD release are two music videos, for "Iquidus" and "Melody." Blonde Redhead treats the eyes as well as the ears, adhering this release with an exquisite paper cover that perfectly complements the aesthetic sensibility set by "Butterflies’s" gorgeous letterpress packaging. The images also testify to the sounds enshrined within, a kaleidoscopic melding of the band’s early distortion-laden leanings and a newfound penchant for the baroque and the cinematic.

The result, a dazzling neo-orchestral concoction, at times eerie, and continuously mesmerizing.

"Butterflies" opens with a new version of "Mesmerong," featuring vocals from David Sylvian, one-time frontman for 80’s glam rock icons, Japan. Sylvian does swell justice in Blonde Redhead’s arrangement, and on the occasion he reinterprets the words, lending the band a folky quality that distinguishes it from the sophisticated musical arrangement and breadth of coheson through contrast. Listeners are next treated to a new song, "Tori Confession," a hypnotic number constructed from waltzing guitar layers overlaid spectral synthesizer tones that recall Boards of Canada. Blonde Redhead rounds out this stellar release with a French version of "Melody" and an alternate rendition of "Misery" in a Butterfly’s title track.

As though culled from a music box in a dust-bedecked attic, an old Victorian mansion in which the notion of misery itself was conceived, the four songs here are bound to happen even the most world-weary of listeners.

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3) ELLIOT SMITH - From a Basement on the Hill
4) FIERY FURNACE - EP
5) TORI AMOS - The Beekeeper
Wisconsin-Milwaukee coach Bruce Pearl celebrates with his daughter Leah after upsetting Boston College on Saturday.

"It's surprising we've never played in the NCAA as many times as he's been there and as many times as we've been there," Sutton said. "Sutton is 740-255 in 32 years, including 22 years at Arizona where he won a national title in 1997. The Wildcats have been to the NCAA tournament 20 times, Sutton's record is 781-298 in 36 years, and he's led the Cowboys to 13 NCAA appearances, including the Final Four a year ago when the Cowboys knocked off top-seeded St. Joseph's in the regional finals. A national title has eluded him as long career winds down. Sutton and Olson are currently 2-3 among active Division I men's coaches in victories, trailing Bob Knight.

Both started their coaching careers at high schools and worked their way up to junior colleges. After a series of stops along the way, both have worked their way up to the NCAA's premiere programs. Sutton's stoppages included Creighton, Arkansas and Kentucky before Stillwater. Olson was at Long Beach State and Iowa before Tucson.

"I've known Eddie for probably 30 years, a fine gentleman," Olson said. "I think a good coach will adjust to talent. They have him and I think Eddie has done that very well."

"He's still a very strong disciplinarian. Guys are not going to do anything crazy in the full-court offense or they will have a seat next to him," Sutton said. "Just as Olson earlier worked out rough spots with star guard Salim Stoudamire, one of the nation's top-long range shooters, Sutton is hoping to find a way to get one of his top players Joey Graham, out of a two-game funk."

"I said yesterday if my hair had been black four years ago, Salim would have turned my team over in a heartbeat. Now, I've never dealt with a non-black guy who changed as much as Salim has."

"Give me the Cowboys' second-leading, totaled just 15 points in the Cowboys' wins over southeastern Louisiana and Southern Illinois. And that won't do it Thursday night against the Wildcats."

Wisconsin-Milwaukee coach Bruce Pearl celebrates with his daughter Leah after upsetting Boston College on Saturday.
Coaches match wits with season on the line

No. 1 Washington and No. 4 Louisville clash in Sweet 16

Associated Press
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — To learn more about the coaching icon from his first marriage.

The subject of the special: Louisville's Rick Pitino — of the slicked-back hair, the movie-star looks, the 447 career victories, the four Final Four appearances and, yes, the one made-for-television documentary.

Little-known Lorenzo Romar is in charge of trying to oust Pitino in the Albuquerque Regional with a Thursday clash. Thursday Romar has 151 wins, is making his third trip to the NCAA tournament and coaches a team that hasn't been to a Final Four in 52 years. The country's only coach to watch a movie a few years ago. Jefferson.

"The Sixth Man," in which the Huskies won it all.

It was fictional, of course.

"I think there's such a perception of, 'Isn't that cute, Washington is in the Sweet 16,'" Romar said. "I think every game we've played, there has always been some doubt about us."

Just good reason, Romar doesn't want to make the semifinal — the winner will face Texas Tech or West Virginia — by himself and Pitino. And honestly, it figures that the most balanced team in the nation is that far in the tournament six times before — five with Kentucky, where he won the national title in 1996, and once before that with Providence.

Romar made it out of the first round minutes before giving his perspective on the Huskies. Casual fans may still recognize him more for his five seasons of journeyman's work with the Warriors, Bucks and Pistons than for what he's done in eight years as a college head coach.

"I never felt like it was me against them," Romar said of the way he approaches coaching matchups. "At the same time, when I was in the NBA, I'm playing against Julius Irving, you know your role in that deal."

Rushmoe and Bob Conroy, Tr Tim Knight, the Associated Press

Bob Knight has said. "And not the just the score at the end of games, but a model of how to do things as a program."

That wasn't Pitino's challenge.

He followed Jackieatum, who turned the Cardinals into one of the nation's top programs over a remarkable, 30-year run. They slumped a bit, but was there anyone who really doubts Pitino could get them back up to par — and quickly?

"You're always hoping that by the time your first graduating class leaves, you can turn around your program," Pitino said. "We were very lucky. We improved right away."

Led by Francisco Garcia (15 points a game) and Taquan Dean who made a Louisville record 103 3-pointers this season, the Cardinals come into The Pit having won 20 of 21.

"Pitino, always known for his presssing, pressuring style, has had to adjust this year, as injuries and illnesses left Louisville short-handed. Last week, for instance, the Cardinals smothered Georgia Tech with a 2-1 zone — about the last thing you'd expect from a Pitino team."

"We've played some games in the 50s and 60s, we've played some games in the 90s. It all depends on our health status," Pitino said.

Washington would prefer this game to be in the 80s. The Huskies have been running all season and more than making up for the lack of a dominant big man. At 6-foot-8, forwards Bobby Jones and Mike Jensen are the team's tallest major contributors.

Who will win the matchup of Xs and Os?

Rumor is concocting anything.

"At this point, not much is going to change with the Xs and Os," Romar said. "We are what we are, and Louisville is what they are."
**Inside Lacrosse Top 20**

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**NCAA Men's Basketball**

Andrew Bogut celebrates during Utah's win over Oklahoma in the second round of the NCAA tournament on March 19. Bogut led the Utes in scoring this season with 20.4 points per game.

Utah's Bogut leads All-American voting

Associated Press

Andrew Bogut was just another international player when the college basketball season started, not even meriting an honorable mention in the preseason All-America balloting.

That has changed now for the 7-foot sophomore from Australia. The Utah center was the leading vote-getter on The Associated Press’ All-America team announced Tuesday.

Bogut, who averaged 20.4 points and was second in the country in rebounding at 12.4, was joined on the first team by senior forwards Wayne Simien of Kansas and Hakim Warrick of Syracuse, junior guard J.J. Redick of Duke and sophomore guard Chris Paul of Wake Forest.

The voting was done on a 5-3-1-0 basis by the 72-member national media panel that selects the Top 25 each week. The balloting was conducted before the NCAA tournament began.

Bogut received 60 first-team votes and 330 points, 22 more than Redick, who had 53 first-team votes.

Simien and Paul each had 239 points with Simien getting 45 first-team votes, one more than Paul. Warrick also had 44 first-team votes and got 283 points.

Bogut was the only member of the first team not to have received any recognition after last season. In fact, he was the only one of the five not to have been at least an honorable mention selection in the preseason All-America balloting.

Now Bogut is considered a sure lottery pick, and the possible top pick, if he decides to declare for the NBA draft.

"The thing that impresses me the most about Andrew is his ability to get better," the year went along," first-year Utah coach Ray Giacoletti said.

"I've never seen a guy his size with the versatility he has and the will to win he has.

Redick is one of the best shooters in the game from long range — 40.5 percent on 3-pointers — and the free throw line — 93.7 percent. The 6-4 Redick averaged 22.1 points and played 37.3 minutes per game for the short-handed Blue Devils, who won the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament for the sixth time in seven years and are in the round of 16 for the eighth straight year.

Redick is the first Duke All-American since Jason Williams was selected in 2001 and 2002.

**In Brief**

**NASCAR's suspensions for crew chiefs overturned**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Hendrick Motorsports insists it's a by-the-book organization that plays within NASCAR's rules.

If Jimmie Johnson and Kyle Busch failed inspection, then it had to be a mechanical issue, not cheating.

An appeals panel agreed.

The National Stock Car Racing Commission on Wednesday rescinded the two-race suspensions NASCAR levied against crew chiefs for Johnson and Busch, and instead placed both on 90 days probation.

Chad Kaunz and Alan Gustin were penalized 10 days ago because the cars they prepare for their drivers failed post-race inspection in Las Vegas.

George Silbermann, chairman of the three-man appeals committee, said the decision was by majority vote and was not unanimous.

"This decision pertains specifically to the evidence presented in this appeal," he wrote. "The commission’s rulings do not have a bearing on existing or announced NASCAR enforcement policies.

Super Bowl in New York may become a reality

KAPALUA, Hawaii — The Super Bowl is coming to the Big Apple in 2010. Maybe.

Now all the New York Jets have to do is get approval for their stadium project on the West Side of Manhattan, which is no slam dunk. NFL owners voted 31-1 Wednesday to award the 2010 game to New York, provided the 75,000-seat stadium, whose cost now has reached nearly $2 billion, is built.

"Today is a landmark day," Jets owner Woody Johnson said, and the 2010 Super Bowl in the New York Sports and Convention Center will be a historic event. We're thrilled about this announcement."

Sorenstam starts year off rolling

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. — Annika Sorenstam came to the California desert last year with a big goal: belying her status as the dominant player in women's golf. She wanted to do what no one had ever done — win all four LPGA major championships in one year.

By the final round of the first major of the year, that goal was history. Sorenstam was never in contention in the Nabisco Championship, and she would go on to win only one major, the LPGA Championship.

With a new year, though, comes new opportunity. And this year brings even more. Sorenstam begins play Thursday in the Nabisco with a shot at all four majors once again, but the way she's been playing this week is too modest. After all, Sorenstam has won her first two tournaments so far this year.
Pistons were unable to defend title against surging Sixers squad

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson toyed with Detroit's unusually anemic defense, finishing with 39 points and 10 assists in the Philadelphia 76ers' 107-84 win over the Pistons.

Andre Iguodala played 42 minutes and was in the game until the final buzzer, long enough to get a triple-double with 10 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists. It was the first triple-double by a rookie since Kirk Hinrich on Feb. 28, 2004.

Coach Larry Brown can't come back soon enough for the Pistons, who looked downright sluggish in their second road loss in two nights after winning five straight.

The Pistons entered the game ranked second in the league in fewest points allowed with 89.4. Detroit's opponents were shooting 43 percent. That all went out the window early against the Sixers, who made their first eight shots, then nine of their first 10 and led by 14 points in the first quarter.

Iverson was at his best, getting involved in every possible way. He had some hustle steals, nifty passes and crowd-pleasing fastbreaks.

He picked off one pass at the top of Detroit's 3-point arc and finished with an easy layup. He also got out of double-team in the lane with a hard pass around one defender to Samuel Dalembert for a reverse dunk.

Iverson stretched over two defenders for a running layup that left some Pistons shaking their heads, and he lobbed a high pass to a streaking Iguodala on the left side for a thunderous alley-oop.

Iverson and Iguodala had some help in keeping the Sixers in the eighth spot in the Eastern Conference playoff chase. Chris Webber had 19 points and Samuel Dalembert added 11. The Sixers shot 54 percent and had 27 assists on 41 baskets.

Detroit was without leading scorer Richard Hamilton, who was out with a sprained left ankle. Rookie guard Carlos Delfino made his second start in place of Hamilton and scored three points.

Rashied Wallace scored 17 points and Chauncey Billups had 15 for the Pistons, who were coming off a 91-76 loss Tuesday at Cleveland.

Phoenix 120, Charlotte 105

Shawn Marion had 26 points and 10 rebounds to help Phoenix win a franchise record 28th road victory by beating the Charlotte Bobcats on Wednesday night.

The Suns are now 28-7 on the road, besting the mark of 27-14 set in 1993 and 1995. The victory was also Phoenix's ninth straight on the road, which tied the club record.

More importantly, the victory kept Phoenix ahead of San Antonio in the race for the Western Conference's best record.

Joe Johnson also scored 26 points for the Suns. Amar'e Stoudemire had 23 points and 14 rebounds. Jim Jackson scored 15 and Steve Nash finished with 11 points, 10 assists and no turnovers.

It was clear from the opening tip that the Suns are a far better team than the expansion Bobcats, who trailed by double digits less eight minutes into the game.

Stoudemire opened the game with a 19-footer, then Nash stole the ball from Bernard Robinson, who was making his first start of the season, and used a crowd-pleasing behind the back pass to feed it into Marion for a dunk.

Before the Bobcats knew it, Stoudemire had added a dunk and Quentin Richardson hit a 3-pointer for a 9-2 lead that had them gasping for air during a frustrating timeout.

The Suns stretched their lead to 29 in the second quarter, and took a 70-47 lead into the break.

Mathematically, it wasn't the worst Charlotte lost of the season, that was a 112-90 loss to Philadelphia on March 11. But it had the makings to be just as bad until a strong second-half effort made it respectable.

The Bobcats cut it to 13 in the third quarter while many of the Suns' starters were on the bench. Then Jason Hart hit a 3 to cut it to 91-81 with just over 10 minutes to go.

Then Phoenix sent its starters back in, and promptly outscored the Bobcats 24-13 in the fourth quarter on the way to a 120-105 victory.

Hart led Charlotte with 21 points off the bench. Gerald Wallace returned from a seven-game absence with bruised ribs to score 17 points in 30 minutes.

Chicago 94, Toronto 85

Eddy Curry scored 16 points and the Chicago Bulls defeated Toronto for the eighth straight time.

Rookie Andres Nocioni added 10 points and eight rebounds for the Bulls, who have won three straight overall.

Chicago led by as many as 21 points, but Toronto got back in contention by taking advantage of seven turnovers in the fourth quarter. The Raptors used a 12-1 run to close within eight points, but Antonio DAVIS' three-point play pushed the Bulls advantage back to 91-80 with 3:56 left.

Tyson Chandler pumped his fist after giving the Bulls an 11-point lead with 2:12 left.

Jalen Rose scored 30 points for Toronto, which shot a season-low 32 percent.

Toronto point guard Rafer Alston scored 15 points on 6-for-21 shooting, while Rose shot 8-for-22. Chris Bosh, slowed by foul trouble through most of the game, scored nine points on 3-for-10 shooting.

The Bulls opened the second quarter with a 19-0 run and outscored Toronto 40-20 in the period for a 64-41 lead at the break. The 40 points were the most by Chicago in a quarter this season.
Tony Hudson scored 12 of his 25 points in six straight games, but was a liability on defense.

New York 107, Boston 82

The New York Knicks were in no mood to be swept in the season series by the Boston Celtics, and they summoned some unusual finesse in getting that point across.

In a game that featured seven technical fouls and a flagrant foul in the first half, the Knicks made one of the NBA's hottest teams look rather ordinary in a victory that boded well for Boston.

It was just the second loss in 13 games for the Celtics since they reacquired Antetokounmpo Walker, and they looked nothing like the offensive juggernaut that had surpassed 100 points in six straight games.

Walker shot just 5-for-9, Paul Pierce was 2-for-5 and Ricky Davis shot 2-for-10 as Celtics, who had scored 100-plus points in all but one game this season, were held to a season-low total point total.

In the first half of the game, keeping that slim playoff hopes alive. A couple of things emerged during that run: the ball to himself off the backboard, caught it and dunked. The only Milwaukee cut just five points, but it wasn't enough to keep New Orleans from losing for the seventh time in nine games.

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SMC TENNIS

Conditions force Belles to postpone

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

Wednesday was a chilly day for Saint Mary's tennis. The Belles' match against Otter College was cancelled due to frigid weather conditions. Coach Dee Stevenson said the match against the Owls will be rescheduled for next Thursday.

"It's NCAA rules that if it is lower than 45 degrees, then you're not allowed to play the match," junior co-captain Kristen Palombo said. "That's a general rule for our safety." Safety is particularly important to the Belles after finding out sophomore Grace Gordon will miss the remainder of the season. Mills results on her knee came back Wednesday showing a torn anterior cruciate ligament, Gordon said. Gordon currently has a 4-2 record playing number five singles, and, with her partner Palombo, they have a 4-2 record as number two doubles.

"We're really going to miss her," Palombo said. The Belles' next match is next Wednesday at home against the University of Chicago.

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Irish lacrosse

Road trip to include games against both Hofstra, Villanova

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

Notre Dame will hit the road this weekend, taking on Hofstra on Saturday and Villanova on Monday. However, none of the players will miss out on an Easter family meal. With ten Irish players hailing from Long Island, a home game atmosphere is assured.

"So many of our players are from the area," Notre Dame coach Kevin Corrigan said. "A lot of them will be able to spend the Easter holiday with their families. It really works out well."

No. 9 Notre Dame will need every advantage possible when facing No. 13 Hofstra. The Pride lost to the Irish 19-11 last season but they are not being overlooked.

"I really don't expect to score as much as we did last year," Corrigan said. "Last year's game was a lot like our win [22-6] last week over Butler. It was just one of those days where everything went right for us."

Irish defendant D.J. Driscoll agreed the Pride pose a stiff challenge.

"I really don't think we'll have an easy day against them this year," Driscoll said. "They return a lot of players, including one of the best defenders in the nation in Brett Moyer. It should be really competitive. We'll have to be at the top of our game."

Moyer was named a pre-season first team All-American by Inside Lacrosse magazine. He leads the team with 24 ground balls and is a two-time All-Colonial Athletic Association player.

"They were very focused and practiced really well this week," Kevin Corrigan Irish coach

The Hofstra match will be the fourth game the Irish have played against a top-25 opponent so far this season.

"I told you the truth, we've had great practices this week," Corrigan said. "I thought the guys might come in with big heads because of the win over Butler last weekend. But they were very focused and practiced really well this week."

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D.J. Driscoll Irish defender

Juniors

The match against Villanova will take place Monday at 1 p.m. in Villanova Stadium. The Wildcats have not played the Irish since 2000, when Notre Dame won 17-9 in South Bend. The teams have not played against each other since 1999, a game the Irish won 14-10.

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Sprinters, distance runners and throwers split up

By JOHN EVERETT

Much like a baseball team playing a split-squad game in spring training, the Notre Dame men's track and field team will be sending athletes to two different meets this weekend. A group comprised of distance runners and hammer-throwers will head west to the Stanford Invitational in Palo Alto, Calif., while a diverse contingent of sprinters, hurdlers and field competitors will travel south to Waco, Texas for the Dr. Pepper Invitational, hosted by Baylor University. The Stanford Invitational will be held on Friday and Saturday. The Dr. Pepper Invitational will take place on March 26.

Those competing in Palo Alto include Eric Morrison and Brett Adams in the 1500-meter race and Kurt Bemninger in the 5000 meters. The Stanford Invitational attracts teams from all over the country. Irish runners present will compete against runners from USC, UCLA, California, Washington and Washington State. There will also be a large number of unattached performers at the meet. Among the Irish traveling to Waco will be hurdlers Sunni Nurudeen and Austin Wechter, javelin thrower Derek Goguen and pole vaulter Justin Oppel. For Nurudeen and Oppel, the meet will be a homecoming of sorts, as both are from the Lone Star State. Nurudeen hails from Friendswood, Texas, while Oppel is from Amarillo. Many of Notre Dame's opponents will also be from Texas, as Baylor, Texas A&M and Texas Christian University will all be heavily represented.

Irish assistant coach Tim Connelly explained the rationale behind splitting up the team. "Stanford is usually a good meet for distance runners, and with the favorable conditions we're hoping to get a bunch of NCAA regional qualifying marks out of the way," he said. "The weather (in Palo Alto) doesn't favor sprinters, so they'll go down to Baylor."

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ND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Irish to compete at Stanford and Baylor on break

Team hopes to smooth transition into spring outdoor competition

By RYAN KIEFER

So much for easing into the outdoor track season. A core group of Irish women's distance runners will compete this weekend in one of the most competitive meets of the season — the Stanford Invitational Friday and Saturday in Palo Alto, Calif. This will be the first outdoor meet for these runners who rested last weekend. The field is expected to be large and extremely competitive this weekend. This meet is considered one of the premier events in the country, as it will attract several track powerhouses from the West Coast. This includes the host Cardinal, who finished 8th as a team at the NCAA indoor championships.

The Irish are expected to send the same distance squad that ran to a second-place finish at the Big East meet last month. These athletes include Stephanie Madia, Sunni Olding, Kaie DeRusso, Amy Kohlmeyer, Elizabeth Webster, Jackie Carter and Brianne Schmidt. Coach Tim Connelly defended his decision to run in the meet, showing confidence in his athletes. "I wouldn't bring these girls unless I thought they could compete," he said. "There are only a handful of opportunities to run in a top meet like this. We want to take advantage of this NCAA-level competition."

While the distance runners are at Stanford this weekend, a limited number of sprinters, hurdlers and throwers will be at Baylor University for the Dr. Pepper Invitational. This meet will feature many of the athletes who competed at the University of Arizona last weekend, including NCAA regional qualifier Maryann Eriglia and long sprint standout Okechi Ogbohukiri. Coach Tim Connelly explained that the transition to outdoor is usually more difficult for distance runners and hurdlers. "They're running different races outside," he said. "Instead of the 60, they are running the 100; instead of 100-meter hurdles they now run 400-meter hurdles. It's the same for the throwers. Outside we add the javelin and the discus. These athletes need the outdoor experience."

The goal for all athletes this week is to achieve standards that will qualify them for the NCAA regional meet. Connelly felt confident that these marks were within the reach of several of his athletes. "If you look at the standards, they are reasonable. Regional teams are regional because of an athlete's ability to compete at that level. Those not competing this weekend are expected to make their outdoor debut at either Stanford or Baylor, as both meet attract teams from all over the country. We qualified 15 women across all events last year, and I think we can have a similar number go this year," said Connelly.

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Seimone Augustus plays with dazzling skill, a crowd-pleasing flair and, according to her coach, plenty of smarts.

With that combination, it's no wonder the LSU star was a unanimous All-American.

Augustus led The Associated Press women's basketball All-Americans into the national media panel that also votes in the weekly AP poll.

"People marvel at her mid-range jumper. I marvel at the fact she's always wide open when the opposition has practiced all week to stop her," LSU coach Pokey Chatman said. "This is an extra-terrestrial. She understands what cuts to make and when to pick up the pace."

Augustus, a 6-foot-1 junior, received the maximum 225 points in the voting and was joined on the first team by Kansas State's Kendra Wecker (192), Duke's Monique Currie (180), Ohio State's Ivory Latta (163) and TCU's Sundora Irvin (153).

Currie received 38 first-team votes, Davenport 29, Davenport 22 and Irvin 20.

Augustus and Wecker were voted team selection each of the past two years and both were on the preseason All-America team.

"It means a lot to me to be picked and have everybody select me to be first team," Augustus said. "I am very appreciative of this honor." Chatman and the rest of the Lady Tigers certainly appreciate having Augustus around.

A year ago, Augustus led LSU to its first Final Four. This season, the Lady Tigers were ranked No. 1 longer than any one, won the Southeastern Conference regular-season championship and earned the top overall seed in the NCAA tournament. And it all started with Augustus.

She averaged 20.1 points and 4.5 rebounds while shooting 55.4 percent in the regular season, complementing that mid-range jumper with an ability to take the ball to the basket, post up and find an open teammate when double-teamed.

Augustus also is talking more, according to Chatman.

"She has become a more vocal leader. Not loud, but vocal," Chatman said. "I think I heard her whisper ... when they were working on getting back indoors, taking the ball early, which is a component of indoor play," he said, noting that the team was also focusing on ground stroke drills.

"We've been watching the weather day-to-day," said Bayliss. "Monday we went outside and practiced ... Now it looks like we're going to be indoors (at Ann Arbor)." The lineup has featured a rotation of eight singles players this year.

"I've felt like we have eight players who are capable of playing singles and winning," Bayliss said. "If someone looks particularly good in practice, I might be so inclined [to alter the lineup] ... We are tinker­ ing with doubles and possibly mixing in some with singles in terms of combinations."

Bayliss is unconcerned with the team's drop in the ranking from No. 16 to No. 20.

"At this point, the rankings are not particularly important," he said. "They only become important during the NCAA tournament." On Easter Sunday, the team will travel to No. 6 Florida for their second match of the break.

"That'll be a pretty quick turnaround after the Michigan match," Bayliss said. "We can handle that -- we played three days in a row in Montgomery. The Irish will take the Big Ten title. The 6-4 sophomore averaged 19.3 points and 9.1 rebounds, shot 39 percent and blocked 109 shots.

She scored 36 and 32 points in back-to-back games in late January and was durable, playing the final 40 minutes in five straight games in February.

"This has been a great year," Bayliss said. I am excited about the recognition. My teammates and I have worked hard this season to accomplish all that we have. I am thankful for everything we have done."

When it comes to blocking shots, Irvin has no peer. The 6-3 senior, the niece of former NFL star Michael Irvin, broke the NCAA's single-game and career records for blocks and averaged 20.1 points and 12 rebounds.

Irvin set the game record while putting up an eye-popp­ ing double-double: 20 points, 18 rebounds and 16 blocks against UAB. She is TCU's first All-American in women's basketball.

"That's what everybody keeps telling me -- that I'm the first in women's basketball," Irvin said. "I'm a big accompl­ ishment and definitely something I wanted to do. TCU gave me a chance to make that hap­ pen."
The Hoyas are coming off a 1-2 loss to Mount St. Mary's Tuesday. The Hoyas gave up three runs in the top of the first and third innings, forcing the team to play catch-up all game. Senior Jim Supple leads Georgetown with a .446 batting average and an on-base percentage of .575. Edwards has committed 32 errors and yielded 33 untimely runs. For Notre Dame, the Irish have committed 32 errors and yielded 33 untimely runs.

If Notre Dame's regular starting position players, Lilley leads the team with a .400 batting average and an on-base percentage of .575. Edwards leads the team with 24 RBIs and five home runs.

### Backs

Bill Lewis, assistant head coach (defense)
defensive backs

**I'm not concerned about what happened in the past. We cannot control that.**

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**BIG EAST**

**Big East action starts today at Eck Stadium**

The defense of their regular season Big East championship starts today. Hosting Georgetown (12-8) this afternoon, Notre Dame (8-9) returns to FitzGerald Stadium for a conference doubleheader, with first pitch scheduled for 12:05.

Notre Dame has won its last 23 games against Georgetown — a streak dating back to April 20, 1996. The Irish are coming off a 10-4 win on Tuesday against Cincinnati. Second baseman Brett Lilley became the first Notre Dame freshman to ever collect five hits in a home opener. A leadoff homerun from Craig Cooper in the bottom of the fourth against the Bearcats setup a five-run inning where the Irish broke the game open, turning a 2-1 lead into a 9-4 win Wednesday.

Sophomore strong safety Tom Zbikowski played his first full season as a sophomore in 2004. That was only a few months ago, when the Buffalo Grove, Ill. native was considered one of the younger players on the defense due to a lack of experience at the college level.

But with four senior defensive backs graduating and a fresh start under head coach Charlie Weis, Zbikowski could become the tone-setter for the Irish secondary heading into spring football. "We're looking to be the strength of the defense and one of the best in the country," he said of the defensive backs unit. "It's up for the challenge, and I think the [younger guys] are up for the challenge, to prove... we can play with any­one."

Such a task would be a far cry from what Notre Dame accomplished last season. The Irish surrendered 281 yards passing per game and were hit by numerous quarterback sacks, including Purdue's Kyle Orton (385 yards, four touchdowns). Pitt's Tyler Palacios (334 yards, five touchdowns), USC's Heisman Trophy-winning Matt Leinart (400 yards, five touchdowns) and Rutgers, and were 27-6 on the road.

Senior Staff Writer

By MATT LOZAR

**SPORTS**

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

The primary secondary

Young defensive back unit eager to start this spring

By PAT LEONARD

Sophomore strong safety Tom Zbikowski returns a fumble for a touchdown against Michigan State last season.

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Batteast, Duffy named Associated Press All-Americans

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN

Senior Jacqueline Batteast and junior Megan Duffy were the leaders of this year's Irish and have received national recognition as a result. Batteast and Duffy earned Associated Press All-American honors Wednesday, with Batteast earning third-team honors, and Duffy chosen as an honorable mention, one of 27 players to earn that honor.

The awards were chosen by 45 members of a national media panel who also conduct the weekly women's basketball poll. Batteast earned honorable mention honors last year, and this year earned a spot on the team after what was arguably the best season of her career. She was named the Big East Player of the Year and was MVP of the Preseason WNIT. The finalist for the John R. Wooden Women's Award and Naismith Award, Batteast averaged 16.9 points and 6.6 rebounds per game. The senior was also named first-team All-Big East for the second straight year, and this is the fourth time she has been named to an All-Big East team.

Duffy was named first team All-Big East for the first time in her career after averaging 12.3 points and 5.4 assists per game. She led the conference in steals per game with 2.73, and in free throw percentage, shooting at an 89.5 percent clip. The point guard also had a 1.73 assist to turnover ratio, sixth in the Big East.

The duo ended their season Monday night with a loss to Arizona State 70-61 in the second round of the NCAA Tournament in Fresno, Calif. The Irish finished second in the Big East, behind Rutgers, and were 27-6 on the road. The 27 wins are the third highest in school history.

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Junior Alex Nettie swings at a pitch in a game against Cincinnati Tuesday. Notre Dame won 10-4.

**MEN'S TENNIS**

Big Ten matches await

By KATE GALES

It's another big weekend against the Big Ten. The Irish, who have had a week to rest their racquets from a 4-1 loss to No. 2 Illinois, face Michigan on Saturday and Purdue on Monday.

"Illinois just moved up to No. 2 this week, and I think we have to be realistic and understand that that wasn't a terrible loss," coach Bobby Bayliss said.

Michigan, ranked No. 56 in the ITA poll released Tuesday, defeated Michigan State 6-1 last weekend.

Earlier this season, No. 20 Notre Dame narrowly escaped with a 4-3 score in East Lansing.

"Michigan is the better team, I think, but Michigan State's a very difficult place to play," Bayliss said.

The Irish came out flat against Illinois, a team featuring two highly-ranked doubles players. Brent D'Amico was dangerously close to an upset of Ryley Deheart, ranked No. 4 in the country, at the second spot in the singles lineup. Irackli Achvlediani posted the only score for the Irish at No. 5 with a three-set victory, and Patrick Buchanan's dramatic comeback attempt made the match closer than

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**BASEBALL**

Irish take on Hoyas in home doubleheader

By MATT LOZAR

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**FOOTBALL**

Sophomore strong safety Tom Zbikowski returns a fumble for a touchdown against Michigan State last season.

**ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

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By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN

Senior Jacqueline Batteast and junior Megan Duffy were the leaders of this year's Irish and have received national recognition as a result. Batteast and Duffy earned Associated Press All-American honors Wednesday, with Batteast earning third-team honors, and Duffy chosen as an honorable mention, one of 27 players to earn that honor.

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