Absent at ND, Greek system thrives elsewhere

Despite deadly hazing incidents and poor pop culture image, fraternities and sororities exist on some Catholic campuses

By KATIE PERRY Assistant News Editor

Editor's Note: This is the first of a three-part series examining the absence of fraternities and sororities at Notre Dame.

"Fat, drunk and stupid is no way to go through life, son." Fraternities and sororities have long been a staple on college campuses across America — even before becoming a cult phenomenon with the release of "Animal House" in 1978 — but never at Notre Dame. Freshman Casey McNeill, who moved to campus three weeks ago, was hard-pressed to find a Victorian-style mansion proudly donning a set of Greek letters among the University's grandiose buildings, colossal stadium, prominent monuments and lush quads.

In the context of college life, the words "fraternity" and "sorority" connote large-scale single-sex social organizations with a network of nationwide chapters. Though founded on principles of charity, tradition and membership, today's image of frats and sororities is largely dominated by嬉戏, kegs and hazing.

Pop culture portrayals in films like "Animal House" and "Old School" might have dirtied the reputation of the Greek system, but Notre Dame students may soon have facilities and services to help those in need at the proposed Family Justice Center.

By KELLY MEEHAN Saint Mary's Editor

Continuing the tradition of giving back to the greater South Bend community, Notre Dame students may soon have additional volunteer opportunities to help those in need at the proposed Family Justice Center. Approximately 75 community members gathered Tuesday night in the Carey Auditorium of the Hesburgh Library to discuss the proposed center, which would be located in the First Source Bank Building on the corner of Main Street and Jefferson Street in South Bend.

"These centers fulfill a common vision ... it is not just for kids, not just adults, but a center where the whole family can come to combat criminal justice and receive the help they need," Gwinn said.

Gwinn is the founder of the San Diego Family Justice Center, which is one of the most successful domestic violence support centers in the country and serves as a model for the creation of similar programs throughout the nation.

Facility to help abuse victims

University will play major role in Center

LAURIE HUNT/The Observer

Alliance for Catholic Education director John Staud prepares for a meeting with accepted applicants Tuesday.

By KATLYNN RIELY News Writer

Senior Jessie Maciejewski opened her mail Monday to discover her post-graduation plans have been sealed — she will have a teaching job for two years after graduation and at the end of that period, a master's degree in education.

Maciejewski is one of 87 people who have been accepted into the competitive Alliance for Catholic Education program. This year 380 people applied — four people for each spot.

One-third of those accepted are Notre Dame students and their letters, mailed March 15, were waiting for them in their mailboxes when they returned from spring break. The remainder come from other universities, Staud expects to fill three more spots before the close of the acceptance process.

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Survey examines relationship obstacles

By AMANDA MICHAELS News Writer

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Youngstown, Ohio

Long before Jim Tressel became notorious amongst Notre Dame fans for leading the Buckeyes to a Fiesta Bowl victory, or even before he won the 2002 National Championship for The Ohio State University, he was a hometown hero for a city nestled on the border of Ohio and Pennsylvania. This is a city that was put on the map after he led the Buckeyes to six national championships... or was this city already on the map for other reasons?

If you travel 300 miles east on 80/90 you will arrive in Youngstown, Ohio. A place nationally known to some as "Moh-town U.S.A." or the Steel City; Youngstown is a very special place securely located between the two much more well-known cities of Cleveland and Pittsburgh. Its convenient location allows residents an easy shopping or sporting escape to either of these cities.

But is an escape really necessary? Upon arrival in Youngstown, you will immediately notice its striking skyline of rusted out steel mills from its more economic times. Youngstown days of yesteryear. Chances are, however, you know someone from Youngstown, own something from Youngstown, or the city has in someway touched your life.

The name DeBartolo obviously rings a bell or two, but did you know this family of donors hail from this great steel city? Or do you remember that goofy Congressman Jim Traficant? The fashion police would have arrested him for his animal like funk hair if the government hadn't gotten to him first, and although he was expelled from Congress and went to jail for taking government bribes, he was my state representative.

Natives have a special place in their heart for two penguins named Pete and Paty. Mention these two names and even a non-native knows who you are talking about, the infamously well-known Youngstown State University mascots. Yes, the penguin proves to be an intimidating choice for a mascot. Perhaps it was chosen in light of our frigid winters or because it ever so slightly edged out the more popular State Buckeyes.

Youngstown's large Italian population means that cuisines will never go hungry. With a vast array of authentic Italian restaurants, going out to eat becomes more of a hobby than a means of filling your stomach. The city is vast well known for its one of a kind wedding soup. You may think that you have consumed this spinach and dough ball laden soup, however I promise that if it was not prepared in the Youngstown vicinity it was a mere imitation.

Shopping cart? I don't think so. In Youngstown, these plastic grocery-holding crates on wheels are simply called a buggy. This is not in reference to a horse and buggy, nor is it implying a sighting of the city's nearby Amish neighbors. Youngstownians always refer to them as buggies, always. My friends think it is weird, others find it funny, but I will never change my ways, it is always a buggy.

Youngstown may not be a prime destination, but hey it is the title and subject of a Bruce Springsteen song which I personally find very impressive. So maybe Youngstown is no New York City, Chicago or even Cleveland, but that does not mean it is not a special place.

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

QUESTION OF THE DAY: DO YOU THINK NOTRE DAME NEEDS A GREEK SYSTEM, WHY OR WHY NOT?

Patrick Lopez
fresman St. Ed's

Andrew Knutson
fresman Stanford

Jorge Castro
fresman Stanford

Jim Hang
fresman Morrisey

Victor Saenz
fresman Lewis

Eileen Zander
fresman Lewis

"Yes, to further tradition."

"No, because it's somewhere we could relax with brothers."

"No, because all the dorms are too close to Greek life."

"No, because all the dorms are so close to campus."

"Yes, because I think it would be a fun addition to campus."

In Brief

Haitian writer and musician Jean-Marc Pasquer will discuss his latest novel, "Libre toujours" in a lecture titled "Shamanic Poetry: Magical Realism, Voodoo, and Creole Literature in Haiti" today at 3:30 p.m. in C-103 Hushberg Center.

A conference titled "The Liturgy of the Hours: Public Prayer of the Church as Foundation for Christian Spirituality" will take place from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday in rooms 100-104 of McKenna Hall.

The film "The Rocky Road to Dublin," which documents daily life in Ireland, will be shown at 7 p.m. Thursday in room 129 DeBartolo Hall. A discussion, led by English professor Luke Gibbons will follow.

"Harry Potter and The Goblet of Fire" will be shown Thursday at 10 p.m. in room 101 DeBartolo Hall.

The Chicago-based country band Strait Shooters will perform at Legends Friday at 10 p.m. Admission is free with a NO, SMC or IHC student I.D.

The Notre Dame Accountancy Department will host a Recruiting Workshop for faculty from 3-4:30 pm Thursday in room 339 of the Mendoza College of Business.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obnews@nd.edu

Offbeat

Cross-dressing robber given away by nylons

MONTEREY, Calif. — A man's pantechnicon led to his arrest, authorities said. An unshaven man wearing a black evening gown, fishnet stockings, calf-high boots and a black wig robbed a USA Gas station Monday morning, authorities added. The armored man stuffed $290 in cash into an ensemble-matching black purse.

'I've been with the department for 22 years, and this is the first time I've heard of this happening anywhere here,' police Lt. Phil Penko said.

About 35 minutes after the robbery, police officer Chad Ventimiglia spotted a black Saab with fishnet pantechnicon hanging from the front driver's side door, dragging on the ground, investigators said.

Student volunteers find stash in New Orleans home

NEW ORLEANS — Trista Wright was spending her spring break cleaning out hurricane-damaged homes when she discovered some unusual papers among the muddy plaster board and debris.

'I started raking it out of the air conditioner vent. I thought it was garbage and I was going to shovel it up, but I bent down to pick it up, and it was a stack of $100 bills, and then more and more kept coming,' the 19-year-old said Tuesday on CNN.

By an unofficial count, it was more than $20,000.

Wright and fellow students notified the organizers of their church mission, who told the St. Bernard Parish Sheriff's office.

The woman who owned the house, who has asked that she not be identified, was as shocked as Wright.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.
McCafferty family members organize first Father Mike Run

Event commemorates former law school professor, University presidential candidate Father Michael Dillon McCafferty

By RYAN SYDLIK
News Writer

Notre Dame students, faculty and administrators will lace up their running shoes Saturday to honor the memory and contributions of Father Michael Dillon McCafferty in the first-ever Father Mike Run.

The run will be held in conjunction with the Fr. Mike Show on Friday, a sketch comedy and talent show produced by Notre Dame Law School students. McCafferty was serving on the law school faculty when he died at the age of 40 in 1987 of lymphatic cancer. He was a "triple D"omer" having received a bachelor's degree in government and international studies in 1969, a juris doctor in 1973 and a master's degree in theology in 1974 from the University. He was ordained a priest in 1974, and he was appointed assistant dean of the law school in 1979 after joining the law school faculty in 1978. He was also responsible for the Sunday evening Law School Liturgies, and he was even a finalist to succeed University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh as University President before his death.

The run is a three-mile race that snakes through campus, beginning and ending at Notre Dame Stadium. Registration for the event can be done online by e-mailing bveith@nd.edu or by showing up at the stadium at 9 a.m. Saturday morning.

The Father Mike Run was started by members of his own family, off-campus junior Brian Veith, Welsh Family sophomore Tricia Cronin and Farley freshman Courtney Dorger. Veith is McCafferty's nephew while Cronin and Dorger are his nieces. Some other of McCafferty's 22 nieces and nephews are Notre Dame graduates.

"We felt we should get something together to celebrate all of McCafferty's gifts," Veith said. "Veith hoped at least 200 people will show up.

"We realize that it might not start as big," Veith said. "Hopefully, we get the snowball rolling and maybe it will just get bigger."

Veith, Dorger, and Cronin all expressed that they intend for the run to become yearly event.

"It is nice to have a potential tradition to remember him," Veith said.

Because most current students are not familiar with McCafferty, Dorger viewed the event as a way to introduce him to a new generation of students.

"I think it's nice that someone like that is still going to be recognized," she said. "Veith, Dorger, and Cronin were all very young when their uncle died and they see the run as a way to become closer to him." "We never actually got to know him personally," Cronin said.

University administrators, including University President Father John Jenkins, Senior Executive Assistant and counselor to the President father Jim McDonald and Law School Dean Patricia O'Hara, all lent their support in organizing the event. Veith said.

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Perry to be 'knighted'

Special To The Observer

Catherine Perry, associate professor of Romance languages and literatures at Notre Dame, will be decorated with the insignia of the Ordre des Palmes Académiques at a presentation ceremony at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Morris Inn.

Richard Barbeyron, French consul general from Chicago, will conduct the ceremony.

Perry was appointed a Chevalier ("knight") in the Ordre des Palmes Académiques earlier this year by the French Ministry of National Education. Created in 1808 by Napoleon I, the Palmes Académiques originally was designed to honor outstanding members of the faculty of the University of Paris. Membership later was expanded to include people beyond the French academic system, including other nation­als and French scholars living outside the country whose work promotes French language, culture and educational activities.

Perry, who specializes in French literature of the 19th and early 20th centuries, also serves as undergraduate advisor for the Program in French and Francophone Studies at Notre Dame. She is a faculty fellow in the Nanovic Institute for European Studies and in the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.
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the freshman foreign service fraternity Delta Delta Epsilon, the local fraternity Delta Sigma Pi and the community service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega, which are all widely popular on campus, in addition to African American, Latino, Greek and other special-celled fraternities and sororities. Since the organizations have no official affiliation with college, they are entirely fund- ed by dues and alumni donations.

“Our relationship with the university is a gray area,” Delta Phi Epsilon president Robert Hoppnaby said to The Hoya and Georgetown’s student-run news-paper. An Feb. 25, 2000 column in The Hoya by theology professor Father Christopher Stock slammed Delta Phi Epsilon and other Greek organizations, asserting they have no place at a Jesuit institution like Georgetown. Stock singled out Delta Phi Epsilon because it had recently attempted to become an official social fraternity at the University. Stock described his own experience with fraternity and sorority life as an undergraduate at Louisiana State University to argue why “Georgetown students don’t need the Greeks.” Adolescence sexuality, racial exclusion, elitism and partying exemplified “the worst stereotypes” of the Greek system at LSU, he said.

“Of course, many of these same groups pulled themselves out of bed on the weekends to engage in community service,” Stock said in the column. “That was always the enigma for me. So much human and monetary good could be used together with genuine human concern.

Steck said he knew of students who were "genuinely wonderful" people on their own, but underwent a negative "transformation" when placed in the context of a Greek social arrangement. "We're members of a subdivision of society, and deltas," Stock said in the column. "It makes me wonder what the point of that is..." 

The decision at Santa Clara followed a five-month study of the university's Greek organizations by a committee with faculty, students and alumni and recommended that the university's Greek organizations be dissolved. To date, the president hasn't made a decision on the future of the Greek organizations. If the decision goes ahead, the Greek system on campus would be dissolved.

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**Professor Catherine Perry**

Nonavic Fellow and Associate Professor, Romance Languages & Literatures

On March 22, Professor Perry will be awarded the insignia of Chevalier (knight) in the Order of the Palmes académiques for her contribution to the development of French culture and education in the world.

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International News

Iran agrees to talk with U.S. on Iraq

TEHRAN, Iran — Supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said Tuesday that he approves of talks between U.S. and Iranian officials on Iraq, but warned that the United States must not try to "hurly" Iran.

It was the first confirmation that Khamenei, who holds final say on all state matters in Iran, is in favor of the talks.

His comments came hours after President Bush spoke in favor of such a meeting, saying American officials would show Iran "what's right on the issue of Iraq." Khamenei said that "if the Iranian officials can make the U.S. understand some issues about Iraq, then it will be forbidden," he said in a speech in the northeastern city of Mashhad, according to local media.

Protesters defy Belarus authorities

MINSK, Belarus — Several hundred defiant demonstrators who have camped out in a central Minsk square during the past ten days for a third day Tuesday to protest the re-election of authoritarian Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko.

Opposition leader Alexander Milinkevich, who has denounced the election that gave Lukashenko a new five-year term as a fraud and called for a new vote, urged demonstrators to keep up daily protests and called for a major show of strength Saturday.

"Let's come here to speak of freedom," Milinkevich said, speaking in the glow from TV cameras after the lighting on Oktjabrska Square was shut off, dividing protesters into darkness and adding to concerns of a crackdown by security forces.

National News

Dog handler guilty on six counts

FORT MEADE, Md. — An Army dog handler at Abu Ghraib was convicted Tuesday of tormenting prisoners with his snarling animals and competing with a comrades to make the Iraqis feel humiliated.

A military jury convicted Michael J. Smith, 24, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., of six counts, including four that carried up to 8 1/2 years behind bars.

Prosecutors said Smith let his unmuzzled black Belgian shepherd bark and lunge at several prisoners for his own amusement.

Missing children case concludes

NEW ORLEANS — The largest child-recovery effort in U.S. history is complete after more than six months, with 5,192 children missing after hurricanes Katrina and Rita reunited with family members, officials said Tuesday.

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children worked with the FBI, Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Postal Service, Red Cross and other agencies to find the thousands of children separated from their parents or guardians when floodwaters hit Aug. 29 and Hurricane Rita hit just a few weeks later.

Local News

Three hurt in detonator accident

CRANE, Ind. — Several hundred detonators explode almost simultaneously at a scene of devastation and carnage — 20 dead policemen, burned-out cars and a smoldering jailhouse.

At least 12 other law enforcement officers were wounded in the dawn assault on the Mudplahytaj prison, officials said. The raid showed the murky Sunni militias can still assemble a large force, capable of operating in the region virtually at will — even though U.S. and Iraqi military officials said last year that the area was no longer an insurgent stronghold.

The insurgency's strength, spiraling sectarian violence and the stalemate over forming a government in Iraq have led politicians and foreign policy experts to say Iraq is on the brink or perhaps in the midst of civil war.

In all, 33 prisoners were freed, including 18 insurgents who were detailed Sunday during raids by security forces in the nearby villages of Sarsal and Arab, police said. It was the largest such operation since the show of force a month ago.

The claim was posted on the Iraq News Web site. Neither the higher command nor the insurgents claimed responsibility for the operation.

Presidential statement issued Tuesday that American forces will remain in Iraq for years and it will be up to a future president to decide when and if to withdraw them all. But defying critics and plunging polls, he declared Monday that we'll succeed. If not, I'll pull our troops out.

The president rejected calls for the resignation of Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, chief architect of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. "Listen, every war plan looks good on paper until you meet the enemy," Bush said, acknowledging mistakes as the United States was forced to switch tactics and change a re-construction strategy that offered too many targets for insurgents.

He also rejected assertions by Iraq's former interim prime minister that the country had fallen into civil war amid sectarian violence that has left more than 1,000 Iraqis dead since the bombing last month of a Shiite Muslim shrine.

"This is a moment the Iraqis had a chance to fail apart and they didn't," Bush said, crediting religious and political leaders with restraint.

President Bush speaks during a news conference Tuesday in the Brady Press Room at the White House. Bush said there would be more "tough fighting ahead" in Iraq, that "it will be possible to consider" additional reductions as the political process moves forward and as Iraqi security forces gain experience. More than 2,300 American troops have died in Iraq. At home, nearly four of five people, including 70 percent of Republicans, believe civil war will break out in Iraq, according to a recent AP-Ipsos poll.

"I am confident — I believe, I'm optimistic we'll succeed," the president said. "If not, I'd pull our troops out. I didn't believe we had a plan for victory I wouldn't lose our people in harm's way."
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ly informed decision," Staud said.
Assistant Director of ACE, Colleen Garvey said an appli-
cant's talents and skills are strongly considered in the appli-
cation process.

"Let's say Nashville calls us up
and says, 'I need a math teacher,
who will also coach basketball
and help-out with an after-school
Spanish program,'" Garvey said.
"So then we go through every
single applicant and whoever
best fits that match is who we
select.

Jessica Maciejewski will be
becoming a teacher in a Catholic school in
Rio Grande City, Texas next year. She
believes her placement is
based on her experience
studying abroad in Chile, her ability
to speak Spanish and her interest
in working with the Latino com-

munity.
In addition to possessing certain
skill sets, Staud considers it neces-
sary for ACE teachers to have a
desire to be teachers in a Catholic school setting.

"Ultimately, we are looking for people
... who are passionate about
serving through teaching, who want
to change the world one child at a time," Staud said.

Maciejewski, who has spent
many years in Catholic school
and whose mother is a Catholic school teacher, wanted to begin
her teaching experience in a Catholic school.

"It's more of a service aspect I
think ... I want to give back
because I know a lot of the
Catholic schools are understaffed
right now," Maciejewski said.

Notre Dame graduate Jim
Kilroy is currently working as an
ACE teacher. He too was eager to take advantage of the opportuni-
ty to serve as a teacher in a Catholic school after a lifetime of
Catholic education.

"ACE was more attractive than
Teach for America, for example,
because its mission serves
Catholic schools, which I had
attended all my life," Kilroy said.
"You can say that I felt compelled
to give back to the system which
had the greatest influence on my
life outside of my parents." Students accepted this year
will begin eight weeks of educa-
tion classes at Notre Dame on
June 2. During this time, they
will also student-teach at schools
in the South Bend area. When
the school year begins in August,
the new ACE teachers will go to
their respective locations and
begin teaching for one year, while they
continue to take on-line courses.
The following summer, students
will take additional classes at Notre
Dame and then return for a sec-
ond year of teaching.

During the school year, ACE
teachers live together in houses
of four to seven people.

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graduate John
Bascik, who teaches second
grade at Saint
James School in
Savannah, Ga.,
said the living sit-
uation gives him a
chance to share
his initial teaching
experiences with
others who face
similar chal-
gen

"Living in a commu-

nity of teachers
provides a unique
sense of support," Bascik said.
"Every day, you know that
you have people who are ready
and willing to listen to your
stories and have great advice to
share."

Staud said that many people
coming into the program are not
sure whether or not they want to
make teaching their career. The
experience of teaching, plus a
master's of education degree can
be a benefit in most fields, Staud
said, but he estimates about 60
percent of ACE teachers stay in
the education field.

Maciejewski believes the ACE
program will be a good stepping-
stone to the opportunities she
will pursue when the two-year
program ends.

"I definitely want to teach for a
while," Maciejewski said. "But I
can definitely see myself going on
a different career path for a
while and then maybe coming
back to it and ... maybe getting
another degree and teaching at
the college level or something
like that."

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U.S. ethanol supply insufficient

After much good fortune, fuel industry braces for some unwanted attention

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A huge drop in energy costs helped push retail prices at the wholesale level down last month by the largest amount in nearly three years. But with the cost of gasoline soaring, the reprieve could be short-lived.

The government reported Monday that the average retail price of gasoline soared by 42 cents per gallon since mid-February as food and energy both recorded big declines.

The decision not to sue the oil majors "is a possibility by summer," said Jim Allchin, co-president of the Microsoft division that includes Windows.

The report showed that the wholesale market for gasoline price spiked, costing motorists an extra 5 cents per gallon at the pump.

High prices will spur more ethanol production — but some near-term complications can be expected due to the rapid increase in demand, said Bob Dinneen, president of the Renewable Fuels Association and the author of the letter sent to the Energy Department.

Dinneen said the industry is taking steps to mitigate the problems, such as filling ethanol storage tanks on the East Coast before summer arrives and constructing new plants that can ship ethanol down the Mississippi River and then up the Atlantic seaboard.

Energy analysis said it is unclear whether ethanol producers can manufacture and distribute enough supply once U.S. refiners phase out the use of a petrochemical called methyl tertiary butyl ether, or MTBE, which enables gasoline to burn more completely, and thus more cleanly, but carries some public health risks.

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Guntz, who also sits on the Cyber Vice Task Force, said the purpose of the survey is to provide the data needed for a ground-up in the empirical evi­dence of student experiences in regards to the issues each group is addressing.

Second Vice President for Student Affairs Bill Kirk said the group is using the survey to collect more infor­mation about the nature of the "high-risk online-behaviors" such as viewing pornography, instant messaging and using sites like Facebook, and come up with strategies for solutions.

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American authorities suspected former president Estrada was receiving government secrets from FBI agent

Former Philippine president Joseph Estrada takes an oath at the beginning of his plunder trial at an anti-graff court in Quezon City Wednesday. A popular revolt removed Estrada from power in 2001.

Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — Former President Joseph Estrada said Tuesday he has received information from Aragoncillo, a 21-year Marine veteran who became an FBI intelligence analyst in 2004.

"The notice said that my telephone calls with Aragoncillo were wiretapped," Estrada told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "The wiretapping was authorized by the court."

Aragoncillo was arrested in the United States last year. He has been charged with conspiring to reveal government secrets, acting as a foreign agent and improperly using FBI computers. Those charges carry a maximum sentence of 25 years.

He has not been charged with espionage, which carries a maximum penalty of capital punishment.

Michael Drewniak, spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Newark, N.J., has refused to comment on the alleged wiretapping, which was first reported by the Philippine Daily Inquirer, citing government sources.

"Even if that were so, I would not comment on it," Drewniak said last week.

Estrada is under house arrest while on trial for corruption charges and was to testify on Wednesday. Prosecutors say he amassed $77 million in illegal gambling payoffs, tax kickbacks and payments stashed in secret bank accounts under an alias.

"There will be nothing extraordinary in my testimony because I only have to tell the true," Estrada told the Associated Press by phone Tuesday. "I'm confident that this history will vindicate me from these charges by a conspiracy of elite church leaders and thieves politicians."

The New Jersey court indicated it authorized the wiretapping as part of an investigation into Leandro Aragoncillo last year, Estrada said, adding that there was no suggestion he was under investigation.

Estrada, who was toppled by a popular revolt in 2001, previously acknowledged receiving American government assessments of Philippine political events from Aragoncillo.

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"Enjoyed," the players' wives, friends, families and other White House staffers of the elite turned the Malacanang presidential palace and in a hospital where Estrada was once confined.

Estimating Washington has invoked its Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty with Manila to get files on a number of Filipinos who might have received information from Aragoncillo, the government has said it will not turn these files over.

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It just so happens that the finest professor I ever had while I was a student at Notre Dame taught the two-semester Arts and Letters Core course. Not coincidentally this course was also the occasion of significant and lasting personal and intellectual growth on my part (you know, the kind that is always advertised in admissions brochures, but that no one honestly expects to experience). This professor no longer works for the University — to its loss — nor does Core now exist as anything but a fading echo of its prior aims. It has since been meditated upon and expanded into a submission by a coalition of undergraduate students unable to understand its value and of professors lacking the skill and insight to teach it properly. What passes for Core these days (the “College Seminar”) is really just an excuse for professors to once again teach to their own disciplines and perhaps a few pet interests.

This is very much a sign of the times, because Core in its uncompromised form was one of the University’s most demanding courses in terms of professorial ability. It required a special kind of instructor — one who could step outside of the narrowness of his own discipline, possessing no appreciation for skill and interest relationships and holding no small amount of life-world. But what should have been an occasion for the University’s greatest minds, those who incarnate Notre Dame’s mission, to step forward (the late Robert Varca, who was among these and who did teach Core, notwithstanding) more often fell on the shoulders of those who happened to be of lowest departmental rank.

The rage of Core is regrettable (and a sore point for me, as you may have surmised, but I draw your attention to it now because it is instructive of the greater and self-exacerbating trend of academic specialization, where each disciple strictly isolates itself from its neighbors (like in no small part to their steep learning curves) and of the consequential losses to our society and culture.

Computers, and their maintainers, are an excellent practical case study of the phenomena since almost everyone interacts with computers on a daily basis, but rarely think twice about it. Consider programmers — the men and women whose chosen task it is to mediate between the world of information, communications and algorithms and the normal people who try to use these processes to improve their daily lives. Programmers are typically trained in advanced math, computer architecture, methodology, a half-dozen programming languages (ideally) of varied properties and if they are lucky project management and team coordination. With hard work and about seven years of practical experience, a programmer with this foundation can become adept enough to produce very high quality work — as long as its intended audience is another programmer. You will never find a Computer Science student — even at the most advanced schools — studying art, architecture, psychology, sociology and politics as part of her primary training. Even in schools that take a stab at requiring courses in other disciplines — like Notre Dame with its philosophy and theology — there is almost no one in the Computer Science department who makes any attempt at linking these ideas. So colleges churn out programmers who are very good at the mechanics of their art, but who nonetheless miss the point of the entire endeavor. After all, how can someone design software for humans lacking a sound understanding of how people relate to the world around them?

It is any wonder, then, that most software programs create more problems than they solve? Or that so many user interfaces — for all the quality the code beneath them — are garbage? I have encountered individuals who feared their computers, because the machines behaved in ways that they could not understand, and demanded that users bend to their needs rather than the other way around. And so, while the computer does indeed have the potential to completely reshape the way we work with information, because almost no one in the field the vision to take it to this point, the modern computer is stagnating as a glibbering electronic desk.

Of course, the program of study that I have outlined above is impractical in the unforgiving business of higher education. If we understand the problem, then we must also acknowledge that some influencing factors will change more readily than others and that the threat of runaway specialization is too difficult and far reaching to propose a simple solution to it. However, we must nonetheless demand that the University cease to ignore it, and that the rich resources of this institution and of its many departments be put to the task of seeking a better way to embrace interdisciplinary study, lost the quality of a higher education itself altogether.

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### **U-WIRE**

Last week, Sen. Russ Feingold of Wisconsin brought a resolution to the Senate floor. To cen­sure the president for condemning the NSA wire and oral and electronic surveil­lance as the main tool to publicly expose Communists or sympathizers in America.

Sen. Joseph McCarthy was censured following his reckless attempts to identi­fy accused communists and anti­Semitic slur of Jews as “worse than a rabid dog.” But Feingold dis­agrees. He believes that the president is guilty of ridicule and humiliation.

Feingold feels that the president’s rhetoric is inflating the perception of his authority and undermining the democratic process. He claims that the president’s actions are harming the country’s national security.

Feingold argues that the president’s comments are not just mean­s of rallying support for his foreign policies, but are also a way of intimidating his political opponents. He believes that the president is using his power to silence dissenting voices.

Feingold’s motion creates a divide in the Senate. Some senators support Feingold, arguing that the president’s actions are un­constitutional and violate the rights of American citizens. Others, including the president, believe that Feingold is mis­understanding the president’s intentions.

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Filmmaking duo redefines action genre boundaries

By TAE ANDREWS
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The box office is back in town. Like broccoli made famous by the rock band Thin Lizzy, the hotshot duo of brothers Larry and Andy Wachowski made their triumphant return to the big screen with the recent release of "V for Vendetta.

Known for both the intricate nature and show-stopping action sequences of their films, the Wachowski brothers exploded onto the filmmaking scene with the 1999 release of the critically-acclaimed film "The Matrix." Written and directed by the two brothers, "The Matrix" was an incredibly innovative film that somehow managed to pair philosophical overtones with did-you-just-see-that sequences.

In this manner, the Wachowskis cooked up a way to deliver the epistemology of Plato and Descartes to the dot-com generation — start with a base of tumbling techno music, stir in generous amounts of bullet shells and explosions and top off with some special-effects wizardry. Add in some sunglasses to taste, and voila — behold the intellectual blockbuster.

They brought provocative philosophical elements not only to provide the staple fare of the "Matrix" films, let’s be honest — everyone probably thought they were going to come to shooting action, no one puts the icing on the cake better than the Wachowskis. "V for Vendetta" is a perfect example of what it is to action what Eomer is to the cooking channel — don’t let it kick it up a notch with unbelievable fight scenes. The revolutionary minds invented bullet-time, a film technique in which lightning-quick sequences are shown by filming the action in slow-motion. Fans have grown accustomed to watching people dodge bullets, run off of walls and breaking skulls together with the Wachowski brothers’ incredible visuals, which combine poetic martial arts and staccato pulp.

Andy and Larry followed up their breathtaking hit with two sequels, "The Matrix: Reloaded" and "The Matrix: Revolutions." Despite the fact that the philosophical undertones of the sequels felt contrived to many, the Wachowskis managed to rake in cash along the way. Their groundbreaking sequences of emerald computer coding which make up the Matrix.

According to the International Movie Database, the two films combined to make over $400 million at the box office. But it is their latest and greatest success has allowed the Wachowskis to have the best of both worlds — the brothers have been able to reach a rare happy medium in which they can make high-octane movies that are smiling successes both at the box office and with the critics. In doing so, the pair has crafted an entirely new genre — the thinking man’s action flick.

After their joint "Matrix" hits, the brothers Wachowski again teamed up with another famous pair of WBs — the Warner Bros. — to creating "V for Vendetta." In keeping with their revolutionary nature, the Wachowskis wrote the script and produced "V for Vendetta," which follows a one-man rebellion against a Big Brother-like government. While they may have missed the mark in terms of philosophy in the "Matrix" sequels, "V" marks the spot with their latest offering. Although the Wachowskis coded the director’s chair on "Vendetta" to James McTeigue, they wrote the script and produced the film. "V for Vendetta" is sprinkled with their indelible fingerprints.

Also, McTeigue was the first assistant director on both of the "Matrix" sequels, and is undeniably schooled in all things Wachowski when it comes to standing behind the lens.

In addition to their penchant for breathtaking fight scenes, the Wachowskis’ obsession with the antithesis is another emerging theme throughout their films — in "The Matrix," the brothers somehow managed to turn professional man- nequin Keana Reeves into the "One," the black-clad, messianic figure who is a driving force of virtual-reality enslavement through his mastery of control.

I n "V for Vendetta," Hugo Weaving plays the controversial V, a Manchurian insurrectionist who uses terrorist tactics to undermine a fascist government. After starring opposite Keana Reeves as Agent Smith in the Matrix trilogy, Weaving makes the transition from antagonist to protagonist here and is tremendous as the masked V.

In addition, Natalie Portman stars as Evey, a woman whose chance encounter with V inescapably winds their fates together. In a summarizing torture sequence, Evey’s long locks of hair are shorn off. While most would question the decision to shave Natalie Portman’s head, the gambit pays off in the apt hands of the Wachowskis. Portman turns out to be the hottest star to rock a shaved head since Demi Moore in "G.I. Jane."

The distinctive features of Wachowski cinema are all over "V for Vendetta." The brothers’ unique character design that challenges the audience to think a little bit more than usual.

The pair is famously mysterious. For the "Matrix" movies, they had a contract clause that precluded their having to do any press interviews, saying they preferred their films to stand for themselves. While audiences can’t be certain when the pair will film next, there is certain — when the Wachowski brothers are in the kitchen, something smells good.

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THE AMAZING ALAN MOORE: A PORTRAIT

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Alan Moore stands with Frank Miller as one of the pioneers of the modern graphic novel. Before their respective seminal 1986 works "Watchmen" and "The Dark Knight Returns," comic books were regarded as trifling children’s fare. Moore’s sophisticated and literate approach, however, elevated them into the status of genuine art and brought critical acclaim and commercial success to comic books. He remains one of the medium’s most respected writers and continues to produce work to this day.

Moore started as a writer for DC Comics by lifting one of the company’s most obscure heroes, Swamp Thing, out of the muck and grime of obscurity. His work on the series elevated its status and brought the maverick writer critical acclaim, which allowed him to branch out into new ideas. 1981’s "V for Vendetta" was among his first major works, bringing to life a dystopian vision of the future that Moore would explore in depth throughout the 10-part series. Like "Swamp Thing," "V for Vendetta" was essentially a serial, though it was one of the writer’s first forays into a more defined narrative.

Moore’s most famous and well-renowned work is undoubtedly 1986’s "Watchmen," which was originally released as a monthly 12-part series. Often cited as the "Citizen Kane" of comic books, Moore’s complex work raised the standards in depth, sophistication and social awareness, altering the public perception of what a comic book could be.

At the same time that Miller was returning atmospheric breadwork to the character of Batman (in "The Dark Knight Returns"), Moore was creating a startling well-conceived and executed work — "Watchmen" combines cross-media styles (like fake newspaper clipping) and filmic tendencies in its complex, arching narrative. Each chapter is bookmarked by passages from everyone from Nietzsche to Bob Dylan to Einstein, demonstrating the breadth of Moore’s cultural (and pop-cultural) knowledge. "Watchmen" remains the gold standard of graphic novels, and remains a powerful and pertinent work two decades later.

Since then, Moore has worked on various projects. He has written stories featuring mainstream characters like Batman ("The Killing Joke," a disturbing but insightful reinterpretation of the Joker’s origin) and Superman ("Whatever Happened to the Man of Tomorrow?"). His new graphic novel, which has also been translated into a number of languages, is a series of short stories, each following a different political approach to the question of what a comic book could be.

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Unfortunately, none of Moore’s graphic novels have been satisfactorily translated into a film version. Until "V for Vendetta," the Hughes brothers’ take on "From Hell," the 2001 film starring Johnny Depp, was probably the best of them. But even that film lacks the consistent narrative focus and depth of research evident throughout Moore’s work.

Most egregious, however, was 2003’s "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen," directed by Steve Norrington and starring Sean Connery. While the literary conceit and basic concept of the original graphic novel is present, much of the creativity and irony that Moore infused was stripped away in favor of standard summer blockbuster trappings.

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Regardless of his disdain for Hollywood adaptations of his books, Moore remains one of the torchbearers of the modern graphic novel and one of the medium’s most respected scribes.

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Life’s a stage for V and this is his dressing room as envisioned by writer Alan Moore in the original 10-part graphic novel "V for Vendetta," published in 1981.

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The shadowy vigilante V (Hugo Weaving) crosses swords with a dystopian government in the pursuit of liberty in "V for Vendetta," Natalie Portman stars opposite Weaving as Evey Hammond, a woman sympathetic to his cause.

**MOVIE REVIEW**

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA

Scene Critic

Imagine a world in which the most powerful country of its age, asks — say, demands — complete obedience from its citizens. Strict curfews are under order every night. "Those caught breaking curfew will be prosecuted without leniency or exception," barks High Chancellor Adam Sutler, the totalitarian regime's leader, over giant video screens and televisions wired into every home in the country.

This is the reality faced by citizens of Great Britain in director James McTeigue's "V for Vendetta," a film architected by Larry and Andy Wachowskis — the masterminds behind "The Matrix" and its two sequels. Based on a graphic novel of the same name written by Alan Moore, "V for Vendetta" offers a dark dystopian vision of a corrupt government that wills its subjects to act, think and feel in line with their respective roles and share an undeniable chemistry. Portman's character exudes intelligence and strength, yet maintains a naively innocent touch. This is her story as much as it is V's, and she never once lets the audience forget that.

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"V" meets his meet when he rescues Evey Hammond (Natalie Portman) from the British secret police and takes her back to his lair. A timid but open-minded girl, Evey was perfectly cast as the two protagonists. Portman and Weaving both shine in their respective roles and share an undeniable chemistry. Portman's character exudes intelligence and strength, yet maintains a naively innocent touch. This is her story as much as it is V's, and she never once lets the audience forget that.

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Remarkably, Weaving channels every fiber of V's emotionally solely through his powerful voice — and still manages to command every scene he appears in. The film never reveals V's true face, trapping Weaving behind a fearsome version of a Greek comedy/tragedy mask. Fortunately, the script grants Weaving his character plenty of meaty lines and he capitalizes on every opportunity.

In one segment early in the film, V launches into a conversational salvo, dropping every imaginable word beginning with the letter "V" into a string of prose to explain his presence and his motivations. It's enough to make a lesser man's head spin, but Weaving delivers it with such eloquence that the audience can't help but gawk and strain to make out every word of the speech. Weaving's V is charming, erudite and cultured in a country where conformity is the only valued attribute. He quotes Shakespeare, swashbuckles against a suit of armor while watching "The 1812 Overture" while blowing up a building — a renaissance man if there ever was one.

The Wachowskis' screenplay has been deemed one of the closest interpretations of Moore's 1988 graphic novel. Self-proclaimed fans of Moore's work, the Wachowskis wrote a first draft of the script in the 1990s, before starting work on "The Matrix." Several changes — mostly in the third act — have been made to the plot to update it for the early 21st century, as well as for purely dramatic reasons when translating the original story to the screen.

And while David Lloyd, the graphic novel illustrator, has voiced his support for the project, Moore has retreated and asked for his name to not appear in the film's closing credits — just as he did for the overly commercialized interpretations of his previous works, including "From Hell" and "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen."

"V for Vendetta" was originally slated for a Nov. 5, 2005 release date, exactly 400 years to the day from Guy Fawkes' plot to blow up Parliament. But it was pushed back, presumably to create some separation from the July London bombings. Although the film's producers denied this speculation, controversy still surrounds the film's apparent glorification of terrorist actions. It's hard to watch the events unfold on screen without associating them with those of 9/11 or the London bombings.

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"Watchmen" has a troubled production history. At one time sought by "Brazil" director Terry Gilliam, it eventually became attached to "Requiem for a Dream" director Darren Aronofsky. Aronofsky detached himself and the film rights were picked up by Paramount, director Paul Greengrass ("Bourne Supremacy") and screenwriter David Hayter ("X2"). Paramount lost the rights to Warner Bros., who are forging ahead without Greengrass or Hayter.

"V for Vendetta" director James McTeigue has expressed interest, though no director is currently attached.

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From Hell (2001)

A well-intentioned effort from Albert and Allen Hughes and starring Johnny Depp and Heather Graham, this gothic horror film only marginally resembles the original graphic novel. Framed against real historical events, it follows Scotland Yard investigator Fred Abberline's (Depp) search for the mysterious serial killer Jack the Ripper, though it lacks the rigorously researched evidence of Moore's original.


Steve Norrington's train wreck of an adventure film was a disappointment for casual and devoted fans alike. Though the original concept of literary characters as a superhero group is kept intact, poor plotting and pacing meant that even the presence of Sean Connery couldn't save this one.

Constantine (2005)

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Cinematic crusaders leap from comic page to screen

By SEAN SWANEY
Scene Writer

Some of the most popular films and movie franchises of all time find their origins in comic book superheroes and villains leap from the comic page to the silver screen, stories develop that can engage the largest and smallest of comic book fans or not.

Batman (1989)

This Tim Burton film is often described as cheesy, yet it remains important because it ushered in the modern era of comic book films. Michael Keaton plays a respectable Batman, but Jack Nicholson's performance as the Joker makes this film truly memorable. The box office success of the caped crusader set the stage for numerous Batman sequels and sparked the genesis of many other comic book movies to take advantage of the new market. Burton's imagination keeps the proceedings enjoyable and has the audience bracing to see the varied aspects of the comic book world makes the film world seeing.


This adaptation of the Marvel Comics franchise is the second in the series, which concerns the struggle between mutants and humans. Director Bryan Singer crams "X2" into a fine film by combining extraordinary and coherent story. Well known characters like Wolverine and Professor X are well acted by Hugh Jackman and Patrick Stewart and a large group of supporting actors adds interest to the story and nuances to the complex story. "X2" stands out as a good comic book film because it blends action and story into a serious movie, and because it prompts thought and discussion about the place of different from everybody else.

Sin City (2005)

An adaptation of Frank Miller's graphic novels, "Sin City" is a movie with a very distinct and violent style that is hard to forget. The movie has a large cast of talented actors, including Jessica Alba, Clive Owen, Benicio Del Toro, Bruce Willis, Mickey Rourke and Edward Wood. The stories of all these characters intertwine almost seamlessly thanks to Frank Miller's writing and the directing abilities of Robert Rodriguez. Almost completely in black and white film except for certain moments, "Sin City" has such a unique style and method of storytelling that it becomes a must-see in the genre.

Batman Begins (2005)

The most recent Batman adaptation, this film depicts the Dark Knight in a different light for a new generation. Christian Bale gives a dark, troubled performance as Bruce Wayne/Batman. His portrayal is sympathetic to the conditions that shape his path towards becoming Batman. Overall, this is a much darker film than any of the previous Batman installments and brings a serious, adult tone to the series. Director Christopher Nolan is already planning a sequel to follow the same lines of realism set forth in "Batman Begins."

Superman (1978)

This film version of the Man of Steel stands out as one of the greatest comic book movies of all time. Filmed in an era before digital effects, "Superman" withstands the test of time and remains a benchmark for the genre. Christopher Reeve put on one of the best superhero performances ever as both Clark Kent and Superman. Reeve became the face of Superman and embodied truth, justice and the American way for countless fans. "Superman" spawned three sequels starring Reeve and a new adaptation coming to theaters this summer.

Spider-Man (2002)

Rising above all the rest of the comic book films to set the bar for any future movies is "Spider-Man." This film gets it right on every level and is truly what a comic book film should be. Director Sam Raimi gave attention to every detail to create a fantastical world for the comic book characters to inhabit. Tobey Maguire stars as Peter Parker/Spider-Man and earns the sympathy of the audience for the fate that befalls him. The film's slick combination of action, humor, drama, and tragedy leaves the audience craving more of the web-swinging hero.

These big screen versions of popular comic books are some of the most loved and successful movies. Films adapted from comic books will continue to dominate the box office, sparking the imaginations and inspirations of viewers both young and old.

Remember, remember Fawkes day in November

By MARTY SCHROEDER
Scene Writer

The tagline for "V for Vendetta" implies moviegoers everywhere to, "Remember, remember the 5th of November?" Asking many American audiences if they have probably seen this date - the official State Opening of Parliament in 1605. Not only would both the House of Commons and Lords be full, but the then King James I of England (V of Scotland) would also be present.

This was Fawkes' way of protesting the Protestant religion of England and presenting his own Catholicism. But who was Guy Fawkes?

Fawkes was born in England in 1570 in York, according to his interrogation after his capture in 1605, converted to Catholicism in 1595. He enlisted in the army of the Archduke of Albert of Austria and fought in the Netherlands until recall - returned to United Provinces. During his career in the military, he gained knowledge in explosives. This knowledge - coupled with his general military experience - would allow him to become the mastermind behind what would come to be known as the infamous "Gunpowder Plot."

This "Plot" was intended to blow up Parliament during its official opening. Fawkes, along with other English Catholics, was angry about the English government's persecution of Catholics. On the 5th of November it shocked the nation as the day's festivities were to begin. The traditional British poem was written to commemorate the event.

The aforementioned holiday commemorates the day that Guy Fawkes and his band of conspirators attempted to blow up the Palace of Westminster, more commonly known as the Parliament building. The story about Guy Fawkes is true, but the story behind the infamous day in 1605 is lost.

The day of his arrest, Nov. 5, 1605 has since become a holiday celebrated in Britain, parts of Canada and in other countries around the world. The day's festivities usually include some of the largest professional and amateur fireworks shows, accompanied by bonfires and the eating of barbeque. The day is one where parents urge their children to use go to door to door before the 5th and ask for a penny for the gifts.

The holiday no longer has any political or sectarian motivations and every year now is a chance to shoot fireworks and revel with the rest of the country — in essence, much of the original meaning of the holiday has been lost.

V, Hugo Weaving's anti-hero in "V for Vendetta," operates within a similar mentality, as the now infamous Guy Fawkes. Violent action, in the mindset of both V and Fawkes, is the only way to succeed in promoting their agenda — this obviously taken on a different context due to the current geo-political climate. Though it should be noted that "V for Vendetta" is a fictitious story that is taken as entertainment, it still deals with complex issues and places them in a relevant socio-historic context.

As V Implores people to "remember, remember, the fifteenth of November," so too should audiences remember the infamous day in 1605 — its importance resonates as strongly as ever four centuries later.

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Timberwolves squeal Heats’ 5-game winning streak

Double-doubles by Davis, Garnett lead Minnesota to 100-96 triumph; Shaq sits out contest due to sore thumb

MINNEAPOLIS — Ricky Davis had 26 points, a season-high 10 assists and seven rebounds Thursday night to lead the Minnesota Timberwolves to victory over Miami, snapping the Heat’s five-game winning streak.

Shaquille O’Neal was held out because of a sore right thumb he injured on a dunk attempt Sunday night and missed four weeks of game action due to a total of five fouls.

Kevin Garnett had 23 points and 1 rebound for Minnesota, which has won two straight games.

Marko Jaric had four assists and seven rebounds for the New Orleans Hornets, who had scored in double figures for the first time since a 15-0 run in the second quarter of the Timberwolves’ 100-96 victory Tuesday in Minneapolis.

In a season where little has gone right, chalk up one huge wrong for the New York Knicks.

Rookie Channing Fowy left the Knicks in overtime with an apparent left foot ligament — the same type of ailment that teammate Nate Robinson, who appeared to knock Andre Barrett into him. Barrett was racing upcourt with a ball with a little more than 9 1/2 minutes left when Robinson, chasing him from behind, appeared to try to swing the ball away. Barrett fell to the floor and fell into Fowy’s legs.

New Jersey 112
Washington 100

Richard Jefferson scored 21 of his 27 points after halftime, and the New Jersey Nets broke open a tight game in the fourth quarter, beating the Washington Wizards on Tuesday night for their sixth straight victory.

Jefferson was 11-for-15 overall, including 4-for-4 in the final period when New Jersey outscored Washington 41-30. That’s the most points the Wizards have allowed in a quarter this season.

Vince Carter scored 28 points and 10 rebounds for the 11th game in a row — while Jason Kidd had 14 points, nine assists and seven rebounds in his matchup with Washington’s All-Star point guard, Gilbert Arenas.

Arizona 57
San Diego 55

Derek Fisher scored 27 points to lead the Warriors, who have lost 15 of 17 road games.

The Spurs were at home against Golden State on Tuesday night, but barely surpassed its season low of 70 points while losing its sixth straight since a four-game winning streak. The Rockets struggled so badly that they never even scored on three straight possessions.

Memphis 105, Indiana 75

Fau Gos had 23 points, eight rebounds and seven assists to help the Memphis Grizzlies beat the Indiana Pacers Tuesday night.

Six players scored in double figures for the Grizzlies, who won their fourth straight game. Memphis increased its lead to double digits in the second quarter and led 64-84 after three hours.

Jeff Foster and Anthony Johnson each scored 15 points for the Pacers, who had only three points in the first eight minutes of the second quarter. Peja Stojakovic and David Harrison had 13 points and 11 rebounds apiece.

The Grizzlies closed out the first half with an 8-0 run to take a 53-36 lead at the break. Gasol, who had 10 points in the half, finished off the rip-in with 19 seconds left.

San Antonio 107
Golden State 96

Tony Parker scored 29 and Tim Duncan had 21 points and 13 rebounds to lead the San Antonio Spurs to victory over Golden State on Tuesday night.

San Antonio has a half-game lead over Dallas in the Southwest Division and owns the best record in the Western Conference.

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Spurs coach Gregg Popovich drew two quick technical fouls and was ejected by referee Scott Foster for arguing and leaving the bench area 4-54 into the second half. Foster also could have a technical on Duncan, which led to a 65-38 lead for the Warriors with 5:39 left in the third quarter.

Sacramento 105, Seattle 96

Ron Artest scored a season-high 34 points and the Sacramento Kings beat the Seattle SuperSonics Tuesday night for their 14th straight home win.

The Kings’ 17-game winning streak is the second longest in franchise history.

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**NFL**

**IN BRIEF**

**Iowa State hires McDermott as new hoops coach**

AMES, Iowa — Northern Iowa coach Greg McDermott was hired Tuesday by Iowa State, jumping from the Missouri Valley Conference to the Big 12 after three straight NCAA tournament appearances with the Panthers.

McDermott, 41, was at Northern Iowa for five seasons. Before his arrival in 2001, Northern Iowa had made one appearance in the Division I NCAA tournament.

McDermott replaces Wayne Morgan, who was fired Friday after the Cyclones missed the postseason with a 16-14 record. The terms of McDermott's contract were not immediately available.

Iowa State athletic director Jamie Pollard interviewed two candidates: Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Rob Jeter and McDermott.

McDermott is a native of Cascade, Iowa, and played at Northern Iowa.

**Abraham sent to Falcons in three team trade**

NEW YORK — John Abraham finally got what he wanted Tuesday night when the Jets traded the Pro Bowl defensive end to the Atlanta Falcons in a three-way deal with Denver.

The Broncos had to get involved for the much-anticipated trade to finally take place. Denver and Atlanta swapped No. 1 picks, with the Broncos getting pick 29. Then the Falcons sent that pick to the Jets in exchange for Abraham, the player's agent told The Associated Press.

Atlanta also got middle-round picks in 2006 and 2007. The Jets had placed the franchise tag on Abraham for the second straight year. Both sides made it clear they wanted to part ways.

Last week, the Jets and Falcons started working on a trade, but Atlanta was only willing to give up a second-round pick.

**Germany anxious to take on the U.S.**

DORTMUND, Germany (AP) — It's only an exhibition soccer match, with the undermanned United States squad as the opponent. Still, Germany is filled with angst.

German fans, stinging from a 4-1 loss to Italy, are antsy heading into Wednesday's World Cup warmup against the Americans. So Germany coach Juergen Klinsmann and his players — who have been heavily criticized on several fronts — are treating the game in bumblebee-colored Signal Iduna Park as much more than a prep match.

"It's a very important game for us," said German forward Michael Ballack, who scored the goal that eliminated the United States from the 2002 tournament. "It's a decisive game for our confidence, for the mood in the team.

**Associated Press**

The Indianapolis Colts are switching from the NFL's most accurate kicker to the best in the clutch.

Taking a key piece from its rival New England, Indianapolis agreed in principle to a deal with Adam Vinatieri, a person close to the Colts said Tuesday night. Vinatieri, who twice hit winning kicks in the Super Bowl for the Patriots, replaces former Pro Bowl kicker Mike Vanderjagt.

Terms of the deal were not immediately available. The source confirmed the signing with the AP on condition of anonymity because an official announcement had not yet been made. Messages left with the Patriots and agents for Vinatieri by The Associated Press were not immediately returned Tuesday night.

The Patriots allowed Vinatieri to test free agency rather than putting a franchise designation on him, which would have cost the team $3 million next season.

"It just didn't feel like the right thing to do," coach Bill Belichick said last week at the NFL Combine in Indianapolis. "We considered all our options and decided not to tag anybody."

Vinatieri, 33, has been named the team's franchise player twice, including last year, when he was paid $2.5 million. Vanderjagt spent all eight of his NFL seasons with the Colts after playing in the Canadian Football League. He scored a franchise record 995 points and made 217 attempts, the highest accuracy rate (87.5) in league history.

In 2003, Vanderjagt made all 37 of his field goal attempts, all 46 of his extra point attempts and set the NFL record by extending his consecutive field goals streak to 42.

But twice in his career he missed critical field goals in the playoffs. In January, he badly missed a 46-yarder in the closing seconds, which would have forced overtime with eventual Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh. At Miami, in January 2000, he missed a 49-yarder wide right that would have won the game and sent the Colts into the second round of the playoffs.

Team president Bill Polian acknowledged last month it was unlikely the Colts would re-sign Vanderjagt, an unrestricted free agent.

**Adam Vinatieri, right, signs autographs following Patriots training camp practice in Smithfield, R.I., in this Friday, July 26, 2002 photo. Vinatieri agreed in principle to a deal with Indianapolis according to sources close to the Colts.**

Vinatieri close to signing with Colts

around the dial

**NBA**

Miami at Detroit 9 p.m., ESPN
Sacramento at Lakers, 10:30 p.m., ESPN
**NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament**

Eagles oust first No. 1 seed in second round of tournament

Dorsey hits six three-pointers, matches BC record in NCAA play — Associated Press

WESI LAFLAYETT, Ind. — Boston College made Ohio State the first No. 1 seed to exit the NCAA tournament.

Kindall Dorsey set a school record for an NCAA tournament game by hitting six three-pointers and finished with 24 points, leading eighth-seeded Boston College to a 79-69 second-round upset of top-seeded Ohio State.

It was the biggest surprise of the tournament as the Buckeyes (29-3), much-debated pick for the No. 1 seed, became the first top-seed to lose in the second round since Texas Tech in 1998.

Despite getting 21 points and seven rebounds from Big Ten player of the year Jessica Davenport, Ohio State fell one win short of tying the school record for wins in a season.

The Big Ten regular-season and tournament champs also saw the nation’s longest winning streak end at 20 in the same game.

Langhorne capped a 30-point effort with two late inside baskets and St. John’s went cold from the floor as the second-seeded Terps defeated No. 7 seed St. John’s Tuesday night in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

The Terrapins advanced to the second round for the third consecutive year and face either Georgia (23-8), who had 10 second-half rebounds, or top-seeded Virginia (31-4), who won 79-56 on Tuesday night in the Bridgeport Regional.

Georgia, in Bridgeport.

The Lady Vols (31-4) into the regional semifinals. Tennessee advanced to the second round of the NCAA tournament.

The Lady Vols started fast and led throughout in victory over George Washington on Tuesday night.

Tennessee advanced to the second round of the NCAA tournament.

The Lady Vols (31-4) also reached 30 victories for the 16th time in Pat Summitt’s 32 years as coach.

Adria upright scored 19 career-high 22 points and blocked six shots and the top-seeded Blue Devils took command early...against Southern California, on their way to victory in the second round of the women’s NCAA tournament.

Monique Carrié added 14 points, nine rebounds and four assists for Duke, and fellow senior Minka Williams had nine points and eight rebounds. Both rested plenty.

Eshaya Murphy led Southern Cal with 16 points and Chloé Kerr had 13. The Women of Troy shot just 30 percent and missed 17 of their 20 three-point attempts.

Connecticut 79
Virginia Tech 56
Connecticut’s star seniors came up big to get the Huskies back to the NCAA regional semifinals in a familiar place: back in house in Storrs.

Are Steinfeldt had 22 points and six three-pointers, and Barbara Turner dominated inside with 18 points and 16 rebounds as the second-seeded Huskies routed No. 7 seeded Virginia Tech 79-56 on Tuesday night in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

The win sends the Huskies (31-4) into the regional semifinals for a 14th straight season.

UConn stands a good shot at getting to a ninth Final Four because the Huskies will play their next game, against Georgia, in Bridgeport, Conn., about a 90-minute drive from the UConn campus in Storrs.

UConn led by double digits for most of the game thanks to a 20-2 run in the first half that included three three-pointers, and seven turnovers by Virginia Tech.

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**SMC Golf**

Defending conference champs tee off season

Mattia caps with final round 74, places 20th overall in tournament

By BECKI DORNER
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's golf team shot a final round 339 to finish 13th this past weekend at the Shamrock Invitational hosted by Winthrop University.

The tourney, which took place at the Par 72, 5,842 yard Tega Cay Country Club in South Carolina, was the first of six spring events for the Belles, who won the 2005 MIAA championship during the fall season with an average of 342.6 and placed sixth in last year's NCAA Championships.

Elen's Samantha Widmer shot an individual best 223 (+12) in the 72-player field, leading Elan to the overall team victory with a combined score of 934 (+70). The Belles' M e g a n Mattia shot a team best 243 in rounds of 82, 87 and a low round of two-over par 74 to finish tied for 20th in the three-round event.

"Mattia's performance was the finest round I have ever seen a Saint Mary's player have when considering the conditions and time of year," Mark Hamilton, Saint Mary's head coach.

Motia was named MVP of the entire MIAA League in the fall for her third all-conference appointment.

Nicole Bellino, Kirsten Fantom and Katie O'Brien were named to the all-MIAA second team as well.

Despite a below average result for the team based on past performances, Hamilton acknowledged the strength of the rest of the field.

"The competition level was high," Hamilton said, noting that quite a few of the teams were in Division I. "The golf course was very penal. Once we got comfortable and figured out how to attack the course we played much better."

One individual who displayed marked improvement over the course of the tournament was Bellino, whose 81 on the third day earned her 50th place — the second highest finish for the Belles.

The Belles' next contest is a dual meet versus Northern Kentucky this weekend at NKU's home track Perry Park Golf Course, a long par 72.

Hamilton stressed the need for the team to work on its short game, especially greenside play. This is one aspect of the game that the Belles have not been able to work on thus far due to the recent cold weather.

Mattia, one of four graduating seniors joined by Bellino, Fantom and McQueen, emphasized the need for the team to have the "confidence to go out and perform the way we know that we can.

The seniors hope that confidence helps them perform well enough to earn the Belles' fourth consecutive berth to the May NCAA Championships in Orlando.

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Office of Campus Ministry

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Contact: Fr. Dick Warner, C.S.C., at I-9704

University Counseling Center

(Individual counseling)

Contact: Dr. Maureen LaFertey at LaFertey.J@nd.edu

For more information, check out our web site: http://www.nd.edu/~scglsn/
new restrictions for media covering Notre Dame sports.

Notre Dame athletic assistant director Mike Frank said the policy change was a necessity.

="Their issue is that ... Irish Illustrated is making money by showing games, and they want to make money by showing this, too," Freeman said.

Both Irish Illustrated.com and IrishEyes.com, a member of the Scout.com recruiting network, most videos are limited to only those users who pay a monthly or annual fee.

Subscribers to both Irish Illustrated.com and IrishEyes.com pay $9.95 a year or $9.95 a month.

Freeman said the athletic department was trying to direct traffic away from his and other Web sites toward the official Notre Dame site (und.com), which features an "All Access Pass" for $6.95 a month that allows subscribers to watch streaming video and audio of Notre Dame sporting events.

At Southern California, the issue was less about public relations in regard to potential recruits and the recruiting sites and more about the University's rights to control the press conferences.

"I'm sure the Notre Dame staff thought we were trying to steal their media rights," Heisler said. "And they were trying to see what we were doing.

"I think we have an understanding with them. We're not going to watch their press conferences and if they have a certain format we will follow that, too," Heisler said.

Irish Eyes founder and editorial director Kenny Mossman, associate athletic director for media relations at Boston College, said the issue at Notre Dame was the same category as newspapers and college athletic sites.

"I think if Notre Dame is successful, those sites and premium services, a lot of the Notre Dame staff will say, 'That's my property,'" he said. "But we believe in the open principle of information. It's a Notre Dame athletic department policy statement that goes up to the legal department, but a news gathering event is fine obviously once the policy is in place, but a news event or a press conference, I can't agree with applying the same logic. That's why the athletic department focused on the press conferences and some other Web sites when making the decision."

"But other events, there's a commodity of some sort - we're running a Web site and we're running a Web site and we're running a Web site and we're running a Web site. On Notre Dame's part because they're limiting putting one out of their own sites releasing all their own sites releasing all their own sites releasing all their own sites."

"Our feeling is in the same sense NBC has some rights to our media rights, he said. "And to the extent that we're not using that, we don't know if that's any different for a thing a like a press conference," Heisler said.

"That's kind of a Notre Dame event, a Notre Dame sports event," Heisler said. "That might be something that nobody ever really thought of before."

Heisler said full video of one-on-one interviews with players and coaches would be exempt from the new limitations.

Mike Frank, who runs Irish Illustrated, said the Department of Athletics at Notre Dame understands where the University is coming from, as pirating football games has become a staple in sports journalism and on recruiting Web sites.

"I think like everybody, you're a little disappointed, but at the same time, I fully understand why they did it," Frank said.

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Response

The statement sparked criticism and concern among members of the media who cover the press conferences, who feel their subscribers will not get as much vital information.

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ND Women's Swimming

Swimmers battle injuries and tough competition in tournament

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

There was no extra luck for the Irish on St. Patrick's Day when they competed in the NCAA championships held in Athens, Ga. from March 16-20.

On the famed Irish holiday, two of the team's three swimmers qualified for the championships, junior Katie Carroll and Claire Hutchinson, fell victim to a virus that spread throughout the teams at the tournament. It couldn't have come at a worse time for Notre Dame.

Carroll was forced to swim two of her three events, including her best event — the 400-meter IM — under the influence of the virus. Carroll was a favorite to earn All-America honors in the 400-meter IM and with good reason as she held the fifth seeded time in preliminaries. The effect of the sickness was obvious, however, as Carroll's final time was over 16 seconds slower than her preliminary time, dropping her all the way to 38th place in the pool on Saturday.

"Tough is the perfect word to describe what they did, and it really shows the quality of their character," Nixon said. "It was a very inspiring thing, and it got a lot of compliments from other coaches and swimmers."

Jolita Quinn, the only Irish swimmer not affected by the virus, turned in an impressive performance as she finished in 20th place in the 200-meter breast stroke with a time of 2:15.24. Her time was the seventh fastest for the event in school history and just off her season best time of 2:14.27. Quinn also finished in 33rd in the 100-meter breast stroke with a time of 1:03.63.

Although Notre Dame was hoping for a better performance at last week's NCAA championships, they walk away from it knowing they can improve and are motivated to show just that.

"We're capable of so much more than we showed last weekend," Carroll said. "I think we're going to show a lot of people that next year."

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Lacrosse

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Wildcat standouts included Lindsay Monday, who had two goals and five assists, Aly Josephs, who scored six goals, and Kristen Kjellman, who added four goals and two assists for Northwestern. The goalies on both sides of the ball, Irish keeper Carol Dixon and the Wildcats' Morgan Lathrop, had stellar performances, with 12 and six saves, respectively.

Senior attack Crystal Foote extended her scoring streak with four goals.

"I know this is my final year to play," Foote said. "I have been more confident and been a captain. I know that my teammates are always looking to me to make plays and get the team going, so I have a lot more responsibility this year. Basically, I have been taking more risks and just letting the game come to me."

Despite their loss to the Wildcats Sunday, Notre Dame fared well in its previous two contests against James Madison and Loyola Maryland.

The Irish showed physical and mental vitality with their March 12 win over No. 16 James Madison as they rallied in the final minutes of the game to secure a 12-11 win. Foote scored three crucial second half goals against the Dukes.

The 13-9 victory over No. 19 Loyola Maryland March 14 was less harrowing, as the Irish swept through the Greyhounds in front of a crowd of 1,492 at CTV's annual "Spring Fling" tournament. Caitlin McKinney led the Irish assault with three goals and two assists. Freshman Jillian Byers tallied three goals in the contest.

"It was awesome," Byers said after the game. "I mean, to play the way we did, with such heart in front of two thousand people and on TV, it was just a great way to end our week in Florida."

The Irish face Canisius on Saturday at 1 p.m. at home.

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Baseball

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dipped into the twenties and
many of the 1,842 fans who
braved the cold had left early.
"The conditions were really
difficult for both teams to play in," Mainieri said. "It was rea­

cally cold and windy out there.
"Notre Dame struck first, scor­
ing a run in the bottom half of
the first inning. First baseman
and lead-off hitter Craig Cooper
doubled to right center field,

moved to third on a sacrifice
hit by designated hitter
Danny Dressman and scored on a
wild pitch by Wright State
starter Erich Schanz.

The lead would not last. The
Bayes scored three runs in
the top of the second, all with
two outs. With one out, Kori
walked centerfielder John
Kopilchack, then struck out
shortstop Justin Parker. First
baseman Jeremy Hamilton then
doubled to left, where Irish
outfielder Matt Brandfield
misplayed the ball and allowed
Kopilchack to score from first.
"When there's a runner on
first base and two outs, your
outfielder's only job is to keep
the runner from scoring from
first on an extra base hit," Mainieri said of the play. "He
got to the ball okay, but then he
dropped it. Maybe his hands
were cold."

Leftfielder Justin Wilson
scored in Hamilton with a sin­
gle, then stole second and
scored on a single by second
baseman Ross Oder to increase the lead to 3-1.

The Raiders increased their
advantage again in the seventh
inning. Third baseman Ivan
Biedenharn led off the inning
against Notre Dame reliever
Joey Williamson and walked.
Then, designated hitter Brian
Shoup laid a bunt down the
first base line. Both Williamson and
Cooper went for the ball, leaving first base uncovered and

allowed second baseman
Brett Bresnowsky to cover
to the bag. Williamson's throw
ended up bounding into right
field. Bresnowsky was advanced to
third on the error.
"We had a miscommunication
between our pitcher and our
pitcher, which created a bad
situation," Mainieri said.

The next batter, rightfielder
Amin Abusaleh, singled, driv­
ing in Biedenharn and pushing the
Bayes up to 4-1.

The Irish got a run in the bot­
tom of the eighth on a sacrifice
fly by Bresnowsky that drove in
catcher Sean Gad, but were
unable to get anything going in
the ninth inning against flame
reliever Joe Smith.

"He's really good. There were
a lot of pro scouts here to see
him. He pretty much over­
matched us," Mainieri said of
Smith.

The Irish will be back in action
again at Frank Eck Stadium
against Central Michigan.
Freshman David
Phillips is expected to start for
Notre Dame. The weather is
expected to be slightly warmer, possibly
reaching the lower 40s.

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Football

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As a coaching staff and as a team,
we have to do a much better job of
playing to our strengths and mini­

mizing our weaknesses."

His final major objective is to fill
in lingering questions about the
defense, to make more complica­
ted by injuries to return­
ning players.

Weis said starting outside
linebacker Maurice Crum and reserve
linebacker Joe Brockington will see
Saturday's limited repetitions in
the spring after each under­
went back procedures after last
season ended.

Weis said that while the injuries
will limit the depth of the line­
backering corps during the spring,
they also open new doors for

younger talent. After senior
linebackers start Cory Mays and
Brandon Hoyte both exhaust­
ed their eligibility this fall, Weis
said freshmen and sophomores on
the defense will have the chance
to earn a spot in the starting line­
up.

"I think this is an opportunity for
some of these guys that back­
up to make a statement for them­selves," Weis said. "If they don't
make a statement for themselves
this spring, when the new guys
get here, they're gone in."

Notes:

• Six starters and two backups
will return to Notre Dame next fall
for a fifth season, Irish coach
Charlie Weis announced Tuesday.
Defensive tackle Derek Landri,
right end Chris Frome and corner­
back Mike Richardson return on
the defensive side of the ball, as
all three started for the Irish in 2005.
The team started six games for
Notre Dame before suffering a
knee injury in the team's 34-31
loss to USC Oct. 15, 2005. Landri
and Richardson started all 12
games for the Irish.

On offense, Notre Dame's group
of returnees is highlighted by vet­
eren receiver Rheu McKnight,
who suffered a knee injury in
week three against Michigan State
and was awarded a medical red­
shirt season. McKnight led the
Irish in receptions in 2003 and
2004 with 47 and 42 catches,
respectively. He has 103 recep­
tions for 1,370 yards in 38 career

McKnight is joined by
offensive line starters Bob Morton and Dan
Santucci, backup tight end Marcus Freeman and reserve linemen
Brion Mates.

• Weis said several Irish players
are injured and will see limited
repetitions in the spring or be held out of practice altogether.

Freshman receiver D.J. 
Hartford had an abdominal surgery and
likely will miss all of spring prac­
tice, Weis said.

"He might be back by the end of
the spring," Weis said. "But he's
going to be back for a while. So,
I figured I'd just go ahead and
list him as a doubtful for the

spring."

Frome's knee injury will keep
him out of spring practices, and
sophomore reserve linebacker
Aldab Ilanda also suffered a knee
injury that will prevent him from
practicing.

Starting left end Victor Abiamiri
had a triceps injury during the
Fiesta Bowl, and Weis said he
is "close to 100 percent.

A might pull off of him a little hit,
but he's ready to go," Weis
said of Abiamiri.

Weis said he will keep offensive
lineup John Sullivan out of con­
tact drills after the junior under­
went a shoulder operation in the

offseason.

Sophomore running back Justin
Hoskins and freshman
cornerback Kyle McCarthy will be limited by
shoulder injuries, and Mattes has
a foot injury that will limit his
practicet ime.

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FOOTBALL

Questions, optimism mark start of spring practice

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Irish head coach Charlie Weis kicked off the beginning of the spring football schedule Tuesday at Notre Dame's annual spring media day. The schedule is tentative for the coming weeks but will be raised to the team's expectations.

"I think that last year the football team just didn't know at this point whether they were going to be any good or not," Weis said. "I'm hoping they're not satisfied with the season they had last year. I know that I'm not satisfied with the season that we had last year."

Weis said he installed a large banner in the Guglielmino to help motivate the Irish players. The sign reads, "9-3 is not good enough."

"I'm hoping this time around that raising the expectations should be a rather simple task," he said. "We return 17 guys that are basically starters — nine on defense and eight on offense. We should expect a much higher level of performance this spring."

The goal was one of four Weis highlighted for the team's 15 practices before the opening up to the annual Blue-Gold game April 22. The first practice begins today at 5 p.m. at Cartier Field. He began by saying he will concentrate on dividing his time equally between different aspects of the game in the coming weeks, not solely focusing on the offense.

"I probably didn't do a very good job being a head coach [last] spring," he said. "I think I did a pretty good job being an installer of the offense, but I don't think I did a very good job as a head coach. This year, I think I'll be able to spend more time on special teams and more time on defense than I did last year."

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BASEBALL

Team falls in home opener to Wright State

Irish leave eight men on in close loss; veteran Cooper extends hitting streak to eight games

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish dropped their home opener Tuesday 4-2 to Wright State at Frank Eck Stadium. Notre Dame (9-7) mustered only four hits in the contest, wasting a solid outing from starting pitcher Wade Korpi. The sophomore allowed three runs in 6-plus innings, including none after the third frame.

Irish coach Paul Mainieri credited the Raider pitchers for shutting down his team, which had scored nearly eight runs per game over spring break.

"I thought they pitched unbelievable," Mainieri said. "I told their coach 'you keep pitching like that and you'll win a lot of games this year.'"

The weather at the start of the 5:05 game was a brisk 34 degrees. By the time darkness fell, the temperature had led the Irish in the second stanza.

The Wildcats outplayed the Irish in the second stanza. Northwestern unleashed an offensive fury during the last part of the game, executing their offense flawlessly.

With their win over the Irish, the Wildcats extended their winning streak to 27 consecutive games.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish take first loss of season

Team registers wins over JMU and Loyola

By CHRIS WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

All good things must come to an end.

On Sunday, the Irish felt the pain of defeat, as they succumbed to the Northwestern Wildcats 21-12 in their first loss of the season.

The Irish came out of the gate on fire, quickly gaining 6-2 and 4-4 leads early on in the game. It seemed that the Irish were ready to exercise the ghosts of seasons past — most notably last season — and win against one of the nation's top teams.

But the tables turned as the Wildcats showed the world why they are the defending NCAA women's lacrosse champions.

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Changing regulations

Athletic department restricts outside media

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Subscribers to Notre Dame recruiting Web sites used to enjoy the privilege of downloading unabridged, 65-minute press conferences with Notre Dame football coach Charlie Weis. But as Spring football practices begin today, an hour with Weis has become "Three Minutes with Charlie."

IrishIllustrated.com, a member of the Rivals.com recruiting network, is calling video highlights from press conferences just that, as Web sites are now packaging highlights of Weis' press conferences into condensed versions for viewers after the University announced

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