Alums recruit Bush for ND Commencement speech

White House has yet to confirm that President will address Class of 2001

By CHRISTINE KRALY
Senior Staff Writer

The University is awaiting an official White House announcement that President George W. Bush will deliver the keynote address at this year's May 20 Commencement, said Dennis Brown, associate director of Notre Dame Public Relations and Information.

Several unconfirmed reports suggest that the president has accepted the invitation and that he'll follow in the White House's lead from here, said Brown. "Typically they do all of their commencement announcements at the same time. Past practice has been a gang announcement." The White House will deliver a list of five to six of the president's scheduled speeches, although there is no telling how the new administration will handle the announcement.

According to Chris Mehl, press secretary for Indiana Third District Congressman Tim Roemer's office, there is no confirmation yet that Bush will speak. On Dec. 22 Roemer traveled to Austin to meet with Bush, armed with a letter urging him to accept the invitation to speak at Notre Dame.

Five Notre Dame alumni congressmen, including Roemer, sent a letter to Bush Feb. 21 encouraging the president to make a trip to South Bend.

"We urge you to give this invitation your favorable consideration," the congressmen said in their letter to the president. Roemer also paid a visit to the White House this past Thursday and reportedly pulled Bush aside to lobby again for the commencement speech.

Bush would be the fifth president to accept an invitation to speak at Commencement; his father, George Bush Sr. was the most recent in 1990.

Bush would also receive an honorary degree from the University, as did Dwight Eisenhower, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan and Bush Senior, who have all spoken at Notre Dame.

Franklin Roosevelt and Gerald Ford received honorary degrees at times other than Commencement.

ND 2001-2002 tuition hike lowest since 1959

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

In what Notre Dame officials are touting as the lowest tuition increase in more than 40 years, the University recently announced a nearly 5 percent increase in undergraduate tuition, a change that will ring up average costs at $30,530 for the 2001-2002 academic year.

The 4.9 percent hike, announced in a recent letter to the parents of freshman, sophomore and junior students, translates to a $1,430 increase in current tuition and fees. It raises tuition to $24,320 and room and board to $6,210.

The current cost of a Notre Dame undergraduate education stands around $29,100 after last year's 5.2 percent jump.

For about the past four decades, the University's Board of Trustees has approved annual increases in tuition. This year's increase is the lowest since 1959, when there was no increase from the previous year.

"Quality higher education is expensive, and we are determined to maintain the level of excellence which has given a Notre Dame degree its special value," said University President Father Edward Malloy in an early-March letter to parents.

"At the same time, we benchmark with peer institutions to make sure we are in touch with best practices in cost control and efficiency," officials said Notre Dame charges remain far below those of similar private institutions.

Dennis Moore, director of Notre Dame Public Relations and Information, said the most recent tuition increase is tied to the record-breaking fundraising success of the Generations campaign and continued growth in the University endowment.

"There's no doubt the Generations campaign was instrumental in this record low increase," Moore said of the three-year venture that raised more than $1 billion. "The growth of the endowment also played a large part.

Moore said the endowment and Generations have also contributed to the University's ability to meet students' need. He said increased resources now allow Notre Dame to meet the full financial need of undergraduate students.

According to a 2001 annual report prepared by the Office of Financial Aid, the amount of scholarship aid awarded annually by the University to undergraduate students increased by 21.5 percent in the past year.

In addition to undergraduate costs, the Board of Trustees at a recent meeting approved other tuition increases. Graduate school tuition is up 4.9 percent to $24,220, and tuition for the Law School and Masters of Business Administration program is up 4.8 percent to $24,920.

Bit of Italy

Students gather in front of South Dining Hall to check out a representation of Bernini's Four Rivers Fountain, located in the Piazza Navona in Rome. The sculpture was part of a display in the lobby of Bond Hall during Expo Roma, and architecture students decided to reassemble it on South Quad for fun.
A Sage King of our time

It all started with an email. Prior to break, I wrote my professor an email addressing a problem I was having with our class' courseware. I felt frustrated with the constant "Access Denied" box that appeared with my every attempt to enter my dropbox. I was slightly frustrated.

In his reply, my professor offered to talk to OIT and get my courseware problem straightened out. He assured me that everything would be fixed in just a few days.

However, unlike most replies from professors, my professor closed his with a genuine — and quite unusual — question: "How are you?"

I was stunned. I could not remember the last time a professor asked me how I was doing. Without reference to the class or the homework or even the courseware, he sought to make a connection with me. He showed legitimate concern for me and my well being. He cared!

There are more than 70 students in our class, and he knows everyone's name. Since day one, he has made an honest effort to be our friend.

Unfortunately, in the mad rush to get as much done as possible in little time possible, we students often feel like we are just a number. We forget how to interact with each other.

My professor remembers — and everyday he reminds us to interact with the humans around us. Perhaps it is only fitting that he is a professor of ancient Chinese philosophy, a study that focuses intensely on the perfectibility of the human being. In a sense, he is living his own daily lessons.

For example, the philosophy of Xunzi urges followers to imitate the example of "the right person." My professor is the best example on this campus of "the right person." He represents the link between teaching and leading. In congruence with followers of the Mohist tradition, my professor extends love and compassion to everyone. His heart has no limits.

And unlike Mengzi, who recognizes that all humans have the capacity to harness The Way (although most will not attain it), my professor faith that we all will find truth. Today after work, I spent an enlightening 20 minutes with my professor discussing plans to host a three-on-three basketball tournament and tug-of-war matches. Crusaders mingled with the beach crowd that gathered March 14, striking up conversations and filling out surveys.

Syracuse students join evangelism group

The Crusaders converged on the Florida panhandle for the Big Break 2001 conference, a week of evangelizing on the beach. The conference includes colleges groups for three consecutive weeks in March. Twenty-five students from Syracuse University attended the second week of Big Break, staying in Panama City Beach from March 10 to 16.

The SIU group took a 27-hour trip on a Fullington Trailways bus named "Making Memories." On the ride down to Panama City Beach, they stopped to pick up three Crusaders from Ithaca and four from Susquehanna, and fast food for nourishment. Along the way, they prayed many times for the trip, for the people they would meet, for each other.

Each carried a well-worn Bible, the pages marked with Post-it notes and selections from the fine print underlined.

In the mornings and evenings, they gathered in the resort's balcony with all the other Crusaders for two-hour praise and worship sessions.

ANN ARBOR, Mich.

According to the recent University of Michigan study “Monitoring the Future,” adolescents are increasingly abusing methlyphenidate, the drug more commonly known as Ritalin, in order to study longer, party harder and support their apetites. Ritalin is a mild stimulant most commonly prescribed to school-age children to control Attention Deficit Disorder. But the drug is sold for about $3 to $5 per pill on the black market. University students, like many across the country, are willing to pay Ritalin’s varied effects including appetite suppression, wakefulness, increased focus for studying and euphoria. Abusers either consume Ritalin in pill form, crush the pill and snort it or mix the pill in water and inject the mixture. "I would not be surprised to see Ritalin at any frat party or house party. It is really prevalent," said an LSA sophomore who requested that her name not be printed. "Ritalin can do whatever you want it to," she added.

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Grand jury probes into murders

HANOVER, N.H.

A 19-member investigative grand jury heard testimony Monday from two hometown friends of Robert Tulloch and James Parker — the two teens charged with two counts of first-degree murder of Half and Susanne Zantop. A friend of Tulloch and Parker, Gaelen McKee, 15, had little to say after the long grand jury session, which took place behind closed doors. "Yeah, it was tiring," McKee said after leaving the investigative proceedings or any aspect of the investigation. "I cannot make any comment on today’s activities." McLaughlin said after the hearing. The investigative grand jury, which will reconvene for a second day this morning, apparently questioned at least one of the witnesses about the suspects’ familiarity with knives.

DARTMOUTH UNIVERSITY

General health fair

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Internet service fails again

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

An outage that barred Notre Dame Internet users from accessing Web sites outside the campus network remained in effect early this morning, marking at least the fourth server failure this academic year.

Administrators in the Office of Information Technologies said Tuesday night that they were unsure of the cause for the disruption and were unclear about when the problem would be resolved.

Computer operator Brandon Bauer, who was working to fix the failure Tuesday, said the problem was likely linked with a downed router at Genuity, the University’s Chicago-based service provider.

“We don’t have a specific cause yet, the router that’s down in Chicago carries our service,” Bauer said.

The outage began around 9:30 p.m. and prevented users from accessing Web pages outside the nd.edu domain and sending e-mail to anyone outside the University community.

“The local campus network is fine, but if you try to contact a Web site past campus, you’re not going to get anything,” Bauer said.

Genuity officials said Tuesday they were still trouble-shooting but it would not take long to restore the router, according to Bauer.

Tuesday’s interruption in service was the fourth in a string of Internet outages dating back to the beginning of the academic year.

On Sept. 12, an extended outage of the University’s e-mail server brought campus online communications to a standstill for nearly a full day.

On Nov. 6 and 7, a 36-hour failure posed problems similar to the Tuesday outage.

Scattered outages — both scheduled and unexpected — have also disrupted campus Internet access throughout the year.

Most recently, a planned outage of the University’s Websmall server shut down e-mail usage on March 11 and 12. Bauer said that event was unrelated to Tuesday’s outage.

Project engenders discussion

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

A mock newspaper distributed Tuesday and a set of two banners to be hung today are part of a project intended to raise awareness about campus gender relations.

The efforts are tied to the Dave Clark Bachelor of Fine Arts Project and kick off a half-semester-long undertaking of a Notre Dame senior.

The project will be addressing various social factors at Notre Dame which contribute to the poor state of gender relations,” Clark said in an e-mail to The Observer.

Today Clark said he expects to hang the first set of two banners on academic buildings in prominent locations on campus. The banners will hang for a week and introduce the Notre Dame community to the topics the project will address.

On Tuesday, Clark distributed “The Observed” to each Notre Dame’s 27 residence halls.

An obvious imitation of The Observer, the two-page paper featured articles on single-sex halls and gender divisions between the sexes as well as the University’s alleged lack of female faculty and seemingly male-dominated environment. The articles quote campus students and faculty members and are apparently written by authors under assumed names such as radio personality Howard Stern, feminist Gloria Steinem and Playboy magazine publisher Hugh Hefner.

“By addressing single-sex dorms, parties, etc., the imbalanced faculty ratio and Notre Dame’s male-dominated atmosphere, the DCBFA project might shed some light on topics which shape the sad state of gender relations at Notre Dame,” one author writes in the flyer.

A DCBFA exhibit opens in the Snite Museum April 8 and will be on display through May 20.

Clark said he will speak about the project at a conference on peace and social issues before the exhibit opens.

Following the banners that will run on campus buildings this week, another set of banners will be hung from March 28 to April 8.

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Walk stimulates third world hunger problems

Student Diversity Board to begin new program to sponsor Mexican children

By MYRA McGRIFF
Saint Mary’s Editor

The newly formed Student Diversity Board (SDB) presented students with a walk through the reality of a starving nation Tuesday, kicking off one of its first major events of the month of March.

Through interactive stations students got a glimpse into the lives of famished people, the station depicted how starving children become malnourished to the point of losing their eyesight and forming other vitamin deficiency diseases. Other stations gave detailed information on the contaminated water third-world nations consume and their lack of resources.

Along with showing the hardships of starving nations, the interactive walk also presented potential solutions to the problem. One of the stations was designated to provide information on groups and organizations students can get involved with to stop the hunger problem.

SDB, working along with the Student Volunteer Advisory Board, hopes to jump start a program to sponsor a child from Guadaloupe, Mexico. The Los Hijos and Las Hijas de Santa Maria would eventually pair Saint Mary’s students with one of the 60 children involved in the program. Sponsorship includes letters writing and fundraisers, in hopes the children involved will be able to stay in school.

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**Fugitive man-hunt shuts down mall**

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. — Police shut down the biggest shopping mall in the country for eight hours Tuesday to search hallways, bathrooms and broom closets for a man wanted in three states.

Anthony Zappa, 29, apparently escaped on a motorized cart, Bloomington Police Chief Roger Willow said. Zappa is believed to be driving a car, registered to one of Zappa’s relatives, who looked like Zappa near the area.

The hunt was called off just before 5 p.m., and the mall was reopened about an hour later.

"I am convinced people can safely return," Willow said. "He’s shown himself to be an astute escapee."

Ron Whitehead
Deputy Police Chief

In the afternoon, police found a sweat shirt and cap believed to be Zappa's on a cart left at a stopping point for taxicabs, shuttles and buses. Surveillance video recorded someone who looked like Zappa near the area.

"We don’t know where he might be," Willow said.

Police converged on the Mall of America in suburban Minneapolis Tuesday morning after a motorist spotted someone who looked like Zappa driving a car.

During a police chase, the car, registered to one of Zappa’s relatives, went over a 4-foot embankment at a hotel. It was later found in a mall parking area.

More than 100 officers and a police dog conducted a search of the mall, which covers 4.2 million square feet and gets 100,000 daily visitors on average.

Nearly 1,000 people were evacuated, including store employees, people who walk around the mall for exercise, and students who attend two schools at the shopping center.

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**More people claim Indian heritage**

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. — As two American Indian-run casinos were built in eastern Connecticut during the past decade, the number of state residents claiming Indian ancestry increased 50 percent.

There may be several reasons for the jump in the latest Census figures, but tribal leaders say the lure of casino riches is a major factor.

"Money is the greatest attraction in the world," said Ralph Sturges, longtime chief of the casino-owning Mohegan tribe. "I think that’s one of the reasons I really do. Because Indians are making money, now it’s a privilege to become one."

Under federal law, the nation’s tribes make their own rules about who they consider a member. Some require a certain blood quantum, or proportion of Indian lineage, while others — including Connecticut’s tribes — use old census reports and other historical documents.

The Mohegan Sun opened in 1996, four years after the Mashantucket Pequot opened Foxwoods Resort Casino, one of the most profitable in the world. Last July, both casinos reported their best months ever for slot machine revenue: Foxwoods with $72.2 million, the Mohegan Sun with $52.2 million.

The Mashantuckets list some 600 members and the Mohegans about 1,600. Neither tribe will discuss how casino profits are distributed to members — but they are distributed.

The Indian population also has increased in Connecticut as members of other tribes around the country arrive to find work. The casino-owning tribes give preferential hiring treatment to fellow Indians.

Even Indians who aren’t members of the two tribes agree that some people are just out to strike it rich by claiming membership. But, they said, today’s diversity-celebrating culture has encouraged people to be counted as Indians.

"There’s no heightened awareness about Native American ancestry here in Connecticut," said Chief Standing Bear, who leads a faction that is not recognized by the American Indian Policy Development Association, which helps tribes develop businesses, get calls all the time from people seeking information about tribal membership, said Daryl Wright, chief of staff for the group.

"Personally, I don’t find fault with tribal people who have been lost and disenfranchised by the American government, who are trying to find a way to reclaim their status," Wright said.

"What makes an Indian is not just being of Indian blood, but what’s in your heart, and are you following ways that have been handed down generation to generation — the culture and way of life," he said.

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Vatican denies claims of abuse: The Vatican on Tuesday denied a report in the National Catholic Reporter saying sexual abuse of minors by priests — especially in South Africa — is a serious problem. The magazine article is based on five reports compiled by sex crimes investigators and a priest and dating to 1994. Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls acknowledged there were isolated cases of priests sexually abusing nuns, but said the problem is “restricted to a limited geographic area.”

Explosion sinks oil rig in Atlantic: After an explosion last week, one of the world’s biggest oil rigs sank in the South Atlantic on Tuesday, and the state oil company Petroleos warned that more than 300,000 gallons of diesel fuel on board was likely to spill.

Fire burns chicken plant down: Fire broke out at a poultry processing plant in a small Mississippi town Tuesday, forcing the evacuation of much of the town of about 5,000. Three people were reported injured. Firefighters contained the blaze at the Choctaw Maid Farm plant by mid-afternoon, although some areas containing chlorine gas on and around the plant still emitted clouds, out of reach, police investigator Tray Rogers said.

Internet filter meets opposition: Civil liberties groups and the American Library Association filed suit Tuesday to block a federal law that would require schools and libraries to install Internet filters on computers to keep youngsters from seeing smut. The groups said the Children’s Internet Protection Act would censor constitutionally protected information — a cyberpace equivalent to tearing pages out of encyclopedias or removing books from shelves.

Government releases Reagan tapes: On the day President Reagan was shot 20 years ago, his top advisers shut themselves away in the White House Situation Room and nervously debated who was in command, all while keeping a wary eye on Soviet military posture, according to newly revealed tape recordings. The tapes show that then-Secretary of State Alexander Haig’s famous remark to reporters that he was in charge was preceded by similar comments in the Situation Room. After being told that Reagan was on the operating table, Haig said, “So the...the helm is right here. And that means...”
Sub skipper discusses regret at hearing

Waddle admits responsibility in submarine collision

Associated Press

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii

By turns apologetic and defensive, the skipper of a submarine that sank a Japanese stowaway on the stand Tuesday, blaming errors by himself and his crew for the accident as a Navy court of inquiry into the collision ended.

"These mistakes were born of honest and well-intentioned errors," said Cmdr. Scott Waddle.

In a closing statement, Waddle, a former Uploaded attorney, Charles Gittins, implied he replaced the three admirals presiding over the inquiry as a court-martial.

Gittins blamed the accident on a series of extraordinary circumstances that he said could not be duplicated.

"Commander Waddle exercised his judgment, and he did his level best. He may have brushed away tears as Waddle spoke.

Outside the hearing, Ryosuke Terata, whose son was among those killed, said the families welcomed Waddle's testimony as "keeping his promise that he made to us when he apologized." Waddle's boat, the USS Greeneville, smashed into the Japanese fishing vessel Ehime Maru while demonstrating a rapid-surfacing drill for 16 civilians. Notably, including four teen-age boys, were killed.

Waddle said he was "truly sorry for the loss of life and the inestimable grief." As commanding officer, I am solely responsible for this truly tragic accident, and for the rest of my life I will live with the horrible consequences of my decisions and actions that resulted in the loss of the Ehime Maru," he said.

But he also told the admirals presiding over the court, "I was trying my best to do the job that was assigned" and appeared to shift some of the blame to his crew for failing to provide sufficient backup.

The inquiry has focused on whether Waddle rushed preparations for surfacing, and whether he performed an inadequate periscope search before taking the Greeneville up.
Senate votes for exceptions to McCain-Feingold

Amendments would exempt opponents of wealthy, self-financed candidates from rules

Associated Press
WASHINGTON

The Senate voted Tuesday to ease campaign-finance restrictions on candidates battling wealthy, self-financing rivals, overriding objections that the move would run afoul of the Constitution and undermine an effort to reduce the role of money in politics.

Sen. John McCain said limits would be raised for all candidates before debate on campaign finance legislation was through. "The only question is how much," he said.

Supporters of the amendment relating to millionaires said it was necessary to equalize an advantage that flows to any candidate able to use a personal fortune to finance a campaign. Four Democrats did so last year — Sens. Jon Corzine of New Jersey, Mark Dayton of Minnesota and Maria Cantwell of Washington, all first-termers; and Sen. Herb Kohl, D-Wis., who was re-elected.

Kohl and Corzine supported the amendment; Dayton and Cantwell opposed it.

The vote on the provision was 70-30 and came as lawmakers plowed ahead with a two-week debate that laid bare stark philosophical differences at the core of the issue.

"Both parties are ensnared to those who give" campaign funds, said Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va. "We're beholden to the special interests when we go around the country holding out a tin cup saying, 'Gimme, gimme, gimme.'"

A few hours later, Sen. Robert Bennett, R-Utah, said the bill would infringe on the First Amendment. "It has to do with freedom of speech. It does not have to do with getting money out of politics, because the reality is in the big picture: We never have had money out of politics... and we never will," Bennett said.

The legislation would ban "soft money," loosely regulated, unlimited donations that unions, corporations and individuals make to political parties. It also would restrict certain types of political advertising broadcast within 60 days of an election or 30 days of a primary. "Together, the Republican and Democratic parties collected more than $480 million in soft money in the last two-year election cycle. At the same time, candidates of both parties were unsettled by attack ads financed by outside groups, commercials that escaped disclosure because they did not expressly advocate the election or defeat of an individual politician.

The millionaires amendment was advanced originally by Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., and while McCain and Feingold helped kill an earlier version Monday night, it was refined in overnight negotiations to the point that they deemed it acceptable.

Other supporters of their campaign finance bill expressed unhappiness, though, and members of the Democratic leadership said that if there were many more changes like it, support for the bill itself could start to unravel.

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Tom Daschle Democratic Senator, South Dakota

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Bush to repeal new safety law

Associated Press
WASHINGTON

President Bush said he will sign Tuesday a repeal of new workplace safety regulations — making the business-backed move measure the first substantive policy that he turns into law.

"There's a change in ergonomics regulations that I believe is positive and I intend to sign today," Bush told an approving assembly of women business leaders in the East Room.

The measure, which would revoke ergonomics rules issued late in the Clinton administration, whisked through the Congress earlier this month with help from business interests who criticized the cost and scope of the regulations.

Bush held the legislation up as a victory for him and the Republican-controlled Congress. Last week, in his first Rose Garden signing ceremony, Bush put his signature on a bill naming a Boston courthouse for retiring Rep. Joe Moakley, D-Mass.

"The Congress is beginning to get a sense of accomplish­

ment. There is a culture of accomplishment in Washington," Bush said Tuesday.
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Gas prices skyrocket, experts say rise may continue

Natural Gas Heating Up

Natural gas prices have soared four to five times what they were a year ago, President Bush's energy plan, expected to be unveiled this month, will encourage expansion of gas production in an attempt to meet the increasing demand that is expected to continue to rise.

Demand for Gas Keeps Climbing

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Price Spikes

The price of natural gas saw an increase last March and spiked to almost $11 over Christmas.

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Paying more for natural gas

Natural gas prices have sharply risen over the past year, and experts say the rise may continue.

For a decade, natural gas has been the fuel to love. It's clean, plentiful, and found close to home. Most important, it was cheap.

As natural gas prices have soared to as much as five times what they were 18 months ago, consumers — from the elderly trying to heat their homes to executives who are shutting down chemical plants because of high gas prices — are wondering what happened.

Are producers profiteering? Maybe. At the very least, they're raking in billions of dollars.

Will the high costs, which have eased in recent weeks, rebound this summer and into next fall? Supplies remain tight. If the summer is a hot one, prices could again soar.

Can future production meet growing demand? Most experts say there's plenty of gas developing that will depend on price and building new pipelines.

Should the government reinstate price controls? A few advocates say yes; the Bush administration and most economists, no.

Government regulations produced "a couple of real disasters" — gas shortages in the 1970s and a gas "bubble" of too much supply in the early '80s, says Paul MacAvoy, a Yale economist who has followed the industry for 30 years. Despite greater risks of occasional price spikes, MacAvoy argues, a free market provides lower prices and adequate supplies in the long run.

President Bush's energy plan, expected to be unveiled next month, will stress expanding natural gas production and building new pipelines, but experts agree it will be years before those efforts significantly influence the gas market. Meanwhile demand for the fuel will continue to rise, especially for generating electricity.

It may be some time, perhaps never, before prices again will be as low as they were over a 15-year period covering the late 1980s and all of the 1990s, energy economists say.

During that stretch the wholesale price of gas hovered around $2 per 1,000 cubic feet. After accounting for inflation, natural gas prices actually declined by almost a third between 1985 and 1999, according to the American Gas Association.

Then in the first six months of last year, the price doubled, then doubled again. By Christmas and into the new year it had spiked to nearly $11 for the same 1,000 cubic feet. It's been even higher in power-plant terms.

The surge in gas prices that drove up home heating bills by 50 percent or more in many areas, businesses and industrial plants saw energy costs cut into profits. Some chemical plants using natural gas as a feedstock have seen foreign competitors grab business because of the high U.S. energy costs.

Redland Brick Inc. of Williamsport, Md., has seen the cost of firing up its kilns at four plants soar. An expected energy bill of $4 million is twice what it was in 1999, says James Vinke, the company's president.

In recent weeks, wholesale prices have begun to fall back to about half what they were in December and early January. But at $5 per 1,000 cubic feet, they remain more than double what they were in the winter of 1999.

"The length of time that gas prices have remained so high is what is so startling," the government's Energy Information Administration said in its latest energy forecast. It predicted prices will not ease much this year or next.

Energy experts say prices could just as easily spike again if supply growth does not keep up with demand. Jumps over a hot summer or unusually cold weather next winter could push prices to unusually low for the end of winter, raising some concerns if demand this summer is strong.

"It is becoming clear with each passing month that we grossly underestimated the demand pressure facing natural gas," says Matthew Simmons, a Houston-based investment banker and energy analyst who frequently has warned of an impending natural gas crisis.

Simmons helped craft a National Petroleum Council report at the end of 1999. It predicted that over the next 15 years natural gas consumption would increase by 40 percent to 31.5 trillion cubic feet annually. With power plant construction at a fast pace, that demand would add up to five or six years, says Simmons.

While the council, an advisory panel to the government, said enough gas exists to meet the demand, it warned that production will have to increase dramatically, including in some areas that long have been off limits or restricted for environmental reasons.

Ironically, the report assumed that even with higher demand, prices would stay under $3 per 1,000 cubic feet, saying that was enough of an incentive to spur development.

Of all fossil fuels, natural gas is a natural.

It is by far the cleanest. Compared to coal and oil, natural gas emits far less smog-causing and toxic air pollution or heat-trapping greenhouse gases when burned. Environmentalists embrace it as an impetus to transition away from fossil fuels to solar technology or hydrogen fuel cells that are still decades away from wide use.

Natural gas also is plentiful. An estimated 2.449 trillion cubic feet of reserves in the United States and Canada is enough to meet today's demand for 100 years, and there is no worry about cutoffs from unfriendly nations halfway across the globe.

Nevertheless, the price explosion of the last year has prompted more than a few energy experts to wonder, only half jokingly, whether the OPEC oil cartel had captured the natural gas market.
Dorm life does offer benefits

I'm trapped but my prison is self-imposed. Come next year I will be staring out into the world through the bars of my golden cell and I'm ready for it. While most of my friends will move to the exotic locales sprinkled around South Bend / Mishawaka by the off-campus housing fairy, all grown up and ready to take on the world, I'll see things from my single in Zahn Hall. And I say that's fine — fine indeed. I have studied both sides of the issue and I have determined that the only rational choice one can make is to remain on campus. I hope I can convince you of this in about 800 words. And maybe along the way we can share a smile or two. Okay, first of all, isn't it kind of a hassle to park your car around here? I mean, I've gotten three tickets in the past month (somebody has to pay the salary of those ND security guards... I mean police). Then every time I try to get on campus, I hear the tired old refrain: "Let me check your trunk, let me look under floor mats, let me perform a body cavity search." What the hell am I going to do with every fiber of your being. Eventually you want to move out of the house, don't you? Stay on campus and graduate!

Another reason why no one should move off campus is because of food. Granted the dining halls aren't a great cuisine but they do the job and they do so wisely. I would like to leave that to the Delgadillo family. The Delgadillo family requested the following information to be an R.A. All I want to buy is Dinty Moore Beef Stew, Funyons and soda, and the occasional avocado. I don't want to buy milk, eggs, bread and other glamorous stuff. But what are these off campus meal plans? Flex Eight-and-a-half? Leonard Part 7? Okay, the last one is a Cosby movie (it ain't "Ghost Dad," let me tell you) and not an actual meal plan, but it might as well be.

No, I don't think living on campus is great. While I am here, I have to obey all of the state's laws and then some: no girls after two, no kegs, no candles, no throwing food in the dining hall. But I guess it's all worth it. This place rocks sometimes. For instance, when I got to go back to the dorm, or once a semester when the dining hall has chicken tenders, or when they turn Stonebongs on for the first time, or when I'm only staying on because I wanted to be an R.A. No, it's because I'm too apathetic to move off. Yes, that'll be it. I'll be cool precisely because it's unusual to do what I'm doing. Yes, it'll be great. No, I've tried to pull that new chick off my entire life, and it hasn't worked so far. I guess there are still places open in Turtle Creek.

Eric Long's column appears every other Wednesday.

The even expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

**Follow-up Information**

The Delgadillo family requested the following information be run with their letter yesterday. Due to an oversight the viewpoint section failed to include it. Please consider support for this cause.

**Donations can be sent to the newly established Cox Kids Foundation/Scott Delgadillo Fund to support research and treatment of blood related diseases such as leukemia:**

- The Cox Kids Foundation
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**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"No athlete is crowned but in the sweat of his brow:"

Saint Jerome
The idea that this country was founded by white people, for white people is a statement most people would consider to be senseless and repulsive. It implies that this nation is designed for the advancement of whites over everyone else. Even if the nation were built by a politician, who would probably signal the end of his or her career.

But let me ask you this: How much different is the above statement from this: "I didn't wake up this morning to talk to you as an English speaker, for English speakers," Chris Edwards, Indiana Daily Student.

This is a statement many people support, although it is the same fundamentalism that is expected to conform to the predominant power. Historically, it's a good idea to speak the language of the person with a gun to your guts and population. But I don't even think it's a caviar. So, we think like businessmen, which means that how you present something is more important than what you present.

What's the difference between a redneck in a sheet with a burning cross and a redneck in a suit in a law degree?

The school system in areas with high populations of Mexican immigrants has taught us to speak Spanish, and I think all U.S. children should be taught the Spanish language along with the rest of the curriculum. Maybe I'm a hypocrite in saying this. After all, my proficiency in Spanish is limited to the phrase "I'd like a chicken burrito, please, amigo." There are only two Spanish words there, but I count three if I use an accent. But I'm willing to learn and try to change. After all, this isn't my country.

If that sounds strange, then you don't understand what the United States is. The United States is the greatest nation that ever existed. We are the most charitable, the most forgiven, and we have more national parks and are in the process of rethinking and deciding whether to claim over 30 countries actually gave them money to rebuild themselves?; we are the only nation to ever give people freedom because it was right. The United States is much more than a land set between two oceans. It is an idea.

Americans don't believe in having privileges that are intrinsic from the lack of birth. We change. Why should the location of one's birth take away his or her rights? Why should Mexican children be permitted to an immediate disadvantage just because they were brought up to speak Spanish? Is it just because it's different, or is it just too much of a hassle to change?

It is not my country because it isn't anybody's country. Our Constitution speaks not of American rights, but of human rights. An American is not one who lives in the United States, but is anyone who believes in the intrinsic rights of human beings to have freedom.

Opponents of bilingualism ask, "Where do we stop? When will it all end?" They cry, "We will have to rerepresent all the languages now to accommodate every single immigrant?"

To these very heartfelt and intelligent questions, I reply "No, you morons," I think it's obvious when we have enough people in this country speaking a certain language that it benefits us all to learn and implement that language into our language. I don't expect to see Finnish road signs any time soon.

Until we realize that American rights are in fact, human rights, and preserved for all men born on red, white and blue soil, we can't advance as a society. It is our duty to try and change with the times.

Spanish-speaking people are just as deserving of the self-evident truths that we hold for U.S. citizens as anyone. The right to freedom and speech is universal. We should be able to grant for other people the very rights that we desire ourselves. Giving people something less than the color of your skin or the "highbrow" of your birth regulated your place in society. We will change, and we will benefit from it.

And that's as American as baseball, mom, apple pie and a chicken burrito. Right, amigo?

Mary Rose D'Angelo, associate professor, department of theology March 20, 2001

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Bilingual U.S.A.

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Calculators and drug selling lessons

God bless Texas Instruments, the creator of the greatest of all academic aids, the TI-82. Honestly, where would we be without our TI-82s and 85s, with their big screens and graphs and other doodahs? Think about it — our calculators had profound effects on our academic careers. Mrs. Schenk, who liked to shower the first row of desks with spit, said that we all should get one, and we all did. I opened the package, and then Mrs. Schenk spit on my new calculator. I wiped it off really fast and stroked the calculator like it was my first born son.

And who ever could remember all those darn physics equations during senior year? I sure as hell couldn’t. So I popped those formulas into my calculator in cleverly disguised programs called “Chap 1 Notes” and went to town. Some people had whole chapter summaries in their calculators — it was insane. I remember when I got my first TI-82 in eighth grade. My friends and I couldn’t stop peering in the TI-82 on the ground class, some smartass, usually myself, would say “that was some sophisticated!”

And occasionally calculators would get stolen, and it would be a big scandal. This fat weasel kid that looked like Newman from “Seinfeld” in my high school stole about 20 calculators, and then he tried to sell them to the math department, then from him, and he got expelled — calculators were sacred.

We worshipped the calculator. It was never wrong. We said, “why learn how to do this problem? We’ll always have our TI-82s.” And the teachers never had a good answer for that, because they knew they couldn’t compete with the TI-82.

We got lazy. We put really easy problems like “40 x 3” into the calculator just to make ourselves feel better, like we couldn’t ever go wrong without it. It was like a second brain.

Now we’re in college and we don’t really use our TI-82s anymore. We have learned that professors test us on what we actually know, not just what we could put into our little wonderful electronic friends.

The calculator used to be a way of life, but now it’s just one of those things to have around for solving finance problems and doing addition. It’s a shame, but all things must come to an end someday, and eventually, we all will actually have to learn something, instead of relying on the TI-82.

So, for memories sake, I say everyone should give their TI-82s to the books out of sheer boredom.

By LAURA KELLY

Homework got you stumpin’

From dictionaries and encyclopedias to literature

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The Internet is a beautiful thing. Not only has it provided a generation of procrastinating college students with e-mail, Instant Messenger and MP3s, but students rarely have to exert more energy than moving a mouse to do research or find the answer to any question.

Our parents sang the virtues of a good dictionary and thesaurus, our older brothers and sisters reveled the secret of “Cliffs Notes.” But today it may actually be possible to graduate from Notre Dame without looking at a reference book or setting foot in the library. Why bother walking across campus when everything you need can be found online?

Thus the smart student — or the student who knows how to get by on the least amount of work — has to know where to go to find answers to life’s big questions. Questions like, why bother reading Hamlet when someone else can write me a synopsis? Or, how can I fail out of my Spanish requirement without ever actually learning to write in the language?

Of course, the dedicated intellectuals at Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s would never be the type to slack off in their studies. But occasionally, drastic times call for drastic measures. And it’s always better to know where to look for help. Among the many Web sites that claim to have the answers to all your college-related questions, we found out in terms of quality, ease of use and completeness.

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At the rate the Internet continues to grow and become mainstreamed into American households, the trend of the future will continue to place books and reference materials online. While librarians may bemoan the dwindling numbers of students that walk through their doors, the resources available online for college students makes it all too tempting to work from the comfort and ease of a dorm room.

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So if your eyes are bleary from an all-nighter and you start to panic because you know you'll never finish that seven page paper in two hours, fire up the Internet and start searching. Fast. But don't always rely on those supposedly brilliant Harvard writers to do your work for you.
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NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament

Top seeded Huskies dominate Rams, advances to Sweet 16

Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. — For the Connecticut Huskies making quick work of yet another overmatched NCAA tourna-
ment opponent.

Cash, who led the Huskies with 17 rebounds and 11 points as the team routed the Rams 89-44 Monday night on the road to reach the round of 16 for the seventh straight year.

"Everything goes back to our defense," Cash said. "We were getting in, pressing in the wing, trying to make them go back door. Our defense took care of everything, basically." Connecticut (30-2) will play North Carolina State on Saturday in Pittsburgh in the East Regional semifinals. It will be the second meeting for Cash, who grew up in the Pittsburgh area and played for McKeever. She anchored the Huskies' strong post play and combined with Asjha Jones, Tamika Williams and Kelly Schumacher for seven points, 33 rebounds and five blocks.

They were an imposing four.

"They are huge," said Lisa Leslie, who led the Rams with 14 points. "You try to block them out and it didn't look like we were blocking them out. I don't think they moved very much at all.

UConn outscored the Rams 53-27, getting 29 on the defensive end. The Huskies scored 31 points off Connecticut State turnovers.

"I thought we had a fabulous day," coach Geno Auriemma said of his team. "We got to take advantage of that. We don't have as many automatics

The Huskies put together the back-to-back victories without
All-Americans Shea Ralph and Svetlana Abrosimova, out with season-ending injuries. Ralph, who shot a career high with 14 points and 10 rebounds and five blocks.

Cash said she's had to step up her game to fill part of that void in the starting lineup.

"I don't think I put enough pressure on myself to really get after the ball. And I know now right now that I have to be active" Cash said. "Svetlana's not here and she was a big rebounder for us this year, so I have to do that for her as well.

The win assured the defend-

ing Champion's eighth straight season in eight years. UConn beat Long Island University 16 points, and will face the Rams in the first round, setting a tournament mark for the least points allowed.

The Rams (25-7) entered the tournament 16th in the nation in 3-pointers, averaging seven a game. The Huskies man-
tournament defense gave them few open looks. Midway through the second half, the Rams had just eight field goals. Colorado State State finished with three 3-

In "my 20-year career, I don't think we've ever taken a beating like this," Rams coach Tom Collins said. "My hope is that it doesn't reflect badly on this particular game of this season or the team as well.

The Rams won the Mountain West conference title to earn their eighth tournament berth.

"Now we know what to shoot for," Oklahoma State guard Heather Haasen said.

Jones opened the game with a 3-pointer to start a 13-3 run. The Rams were unable to hit a basket the rest of the quarter and finally trailed 44-26 at the break.

Cash cashed back up the second half as UConn ran off with an 18-2 spurt.

All-American Freshman Diane Dixon had 16 points, six assists and six rebounds.

Heather Haasen, who shot 0-for-8 from the field, was held scoreless against Oklahoma State.

"We really struggled in that area," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said.

Cash expects to be bombarded with questions from the media when she returns home.

"I feel like there's a lot of messages in my room waiting for me," she said. "Everybody expects us to do a whole lot more, but I can't talk about the tickets or anything like that until we won both games."

Oklahoma 67, Stanford 50

The Oklahoma women's bas-
ketball team didn't let a size mismatch get in the way of a second half as UConn ran off with a 10-1 lead to take control for good.

LaNeesha Caufield scored 18 points and 13 rebounds, and cashed off the second half, but didn't give up the lead and used a 10-0 run later to take control for good.

Oklahoma coach Sherri Coale and LaNeesha Caufield revel in their victory over Stanford.

Oklahoma had more than one advantage at every position, but Oklahoma outscored the Cardinal by 18 and won in the round of Western on Monday night.

"Every player on our roster is smaller than them," coach Sherri Coale said. "That should give you some indication of why I'm so proud of these kids.

The Sooners (28-5) missed their first six shots while Oklahoma went off, including 3-pointers by Caufield and Hill, to take an 11-2 lead.

Stanford started getting the ball inside more often and got back into the game. Enguhsev said the Sooners have five inches taller than any Oklahoma player, scored 10 in a seven-minute span in which Stanford cut the deficit to 28-26.

"It just came down to coming out and being aggressive, and they came out and were aggressive than we did," Enghusen said. "They came out like they were able to do defense then we did and they came out more like they really wanted.

Stanford has not made it past the second round of the tournament since 1997.

Louisiana Tech 80, Texas Christian 59

Aya Walker was up with second half shot that would have put Tech (25-4) behind to 87-58 after four quarters.

"I didn't want to have a game like that ever again," Walker said. "I have good luck and bad luck when it comes to me and... and great coaches.

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The victory was the eighth straight for the fifth-seeded Lady Bears (27-5), who will play top-seeded Duke in the West Regional semifinal at Spokane, Wash., on Saturday. The Blue Devils beat Arkansas 75-54 Monday.

Fourth-seeded Rutgers, which had made at least the round of 16 the last three years, finished 23-8 after losing at home for the first time in 14 games this season. "I'm in shock," senior Linda Miles said. "We had the opportunities. I just can't believe we didn't execute." Stiles was the main reason Rutgers fell short this season, scoring the final six points for the Lady Bears. The senior guard hit 8-of-16 from the field and 16-of-19 from the foul line in sending Southwest Missouri State to the round of 16 for the first time since 1993.

"My hat's off to Jackie Stiles," Rutgers coach C. Vivian Stringer said. "She is the hardest working player." No other player scored in double figures for Southwest Missouri State, although Carly Deer hit two go-ahead free throws and Nikki Jett added a key baseline jumper for a 49-45 lead with 2:25 to play.

Tasha Pointer had 15 points for Rutgers, but the senior point guard had a crucial turnover with about 12 seconds left and the Scarlet Knights down 56-53. "I was bit, and then it went off my foot," said Pointer, who kept Rutgers in the game until the late mistake.

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Rutgers coach

The Blue Devils beat Arkansas 60-53 in the second round of the NCAA Tournament by beating the Scarlet Knights down 56-53.

"This is your senior year and you go for it with everything you got," said Stiles, who missed the final 10 minutes of Saturday night's first-round win over Yale after being knocked woozy running into a pick. "My athletic training staff and the doctors traveling with us did a great job of getting me healthy for this game," she said. As soon as Stiles finished the sentence, Southwest Missouri coach Cheryl Burnett quipped, "She plays like this, we're going to knock her in the head again."

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At 14-3 the Irish are playing the best they have in years and show no sign of slowing down. They have been ranked as high as fifth in the country and now sit at No. 7. They are gearing up to make a strong showing to end out the season. After a little trouble dealing with their demanding schedule and high ranking, the Irish have bounced back and are playing tougher than ever.

"This is probably better than we’ve even been," said Louderback.

"Early on it (the rankings) effected us some because we hadn’t really been ranked that high before," said Louderback. "But as the season has gone on we are pretty much used to it and have quit thinking about it."

The Irish will have their work cut out for them this weekend as they travel to Kentucky and Tennessee to take on the Wildcats and Volunteers who are both in the top 30.

"We have the talent and fire power to beat anyone in the country but we need to take each match one at a time and we can’t take anyone for granted," Louderback said.

The road trip marks the second weekend in a row that the Irish are traveling and the team feels they need to stay focused and concentrate on every match.

"They are both very good teams who play very well at home," said senior Matt Daly.

"Kentucky and Tennessee are always a tough road trip but we’ve gotten used to playing a lot on the road."

Men’s Tennis
No. 26 Irish win Blue and Gray Classic

By KATIE HUGHES
Sports Writer

The Irish men’s tennis team found their pot of gold the day after St. Patrick’s day.

The Blue and Gold came home with a big Blue and Gray National Tennis Classic title on Sunday, continuing a spectacular run of victories that the Irish have not seen the likes of in over a decade.

The 26th-ranked Irish beat 22nd-ranked Fresno State 4-2 by dominating in singles action.

Go in, we were pretty fired up. The day before, we had had a big crowd from Auburn, cheering against us, and that actually motivated us a lot," said senior Matt Daly.

The Irish went into their match against Fresno after defeating Tulane and Rice 4-0, and then beating 18th-ranked Auburn to reach the finals of the tournament.

They really took it to us in doubles," Daly said. "We were kind of lackadaisical in doubles, and that was kind of a disappointment. But I think that might have been a good thing for us in singles."

Then the Irish gut crazy in Alabama, denying a Fresno triumph with their unstoppable singles. Junior Aaron Talarrico led the match by beating David Mullins 6-2 6-1 at No. 4 singles.

Freshman Luis Haddick-Murales then defeated Nick Fustar 6-4 7-5 at No. 3 singles. Junior Javier Taborga, ranked 15th, kept the momentum of the match going, beating Sean Cooper 6-4 7-6 in No. 2 singles.

"I think as a team, we’re really better outdoors," Daly said. "Indoor tennis favors quick points and big serves. What we have is a lot of scorable 40s."

Fresno State’s 35th-ranked Peter Luczak defeated Notre Dame junior Casey Smith at No. 1 singles, but then sophomore Brian Farrell increased his winning streak to nine in a row by beating the Bulldogs’ No. 5 singles. Daly didn’t even have to finish his match against Alex Menichini in No. 6 singles after Farrell’s victory.

"Right down the line, from one to six, everyone came out really fired up and played really well," said Daly.

The Blue and Grey victory brings the Irish winning streak to 10 in a row, the longest streak since winning 14 straight in 1990.

"Ever since Duke we’ve been on a roll," Daly said. "This is a really important part of our season. Our next four matches are against top 20 teams, and we’re not looking for a letdown."
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NASCAR
Earnhardt autopsy photos spark debate

Associated Press
ORLANDO, Fla.
A Daytona International Speedway doctor reviewed Dale Earnhardt's autopsy photos before they were sealed, an action that may jeopardize an agreement between the driver's widow and the Orlando Sentinel.

Sentinel attorney David Bralow said he hasn't decided whether the disclosure that Dr. Steve Bohannon looked at the photos puts the agreement in jeopardy but added: "We're looking at our options."

The deal reached last week limits access to the photos, which are public records under Florida law.

The Sentinel had tried to have its own medical expert review the images. Instead, an independent medical expert will look at the photos and then submit a report to the newspaper and the Earnhardt family on the cause of death and an explanation of certain head injuries. The photos then will be permanently sealed as requested by the Earnhardt attorney because of privacy concerns.

"Do you think we would have been as accommodating had we known that NASCAR had an opportunity for its own expert to review them?" Bralow said Tuesday. "As far as I'm concerned, when something is private, it's private."

But Earnhardt attorney Thom Rumberger said the Sentinel should think twice before trying to get out of the agreement.

"As far as I'm concerned, the Sentinel has pledged their honor, their faith and their fortunes to that agreement," Rumberger said.

Earnhardt died at the Daytona 500 Feb. 18 after crashing into a wall at an estimated 170 mph. Halton Medical Center where he was pronounced dead.

Volusia County officials had contended that nobody other than the medical examiner's staff had viewed his autopsy photos. But a visitor's log obtained by the Sentinel showed that Bohannon looked at the photos for 35 minutes on Feb. 21, three days after Earnhardt's death.

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Thom Rumberger
Earnhardt attorney

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Steve Bohannon looked at the photos in his role as attending physician, not a NASCAR medical expert.

"I have no reason to believe that she would be concerned," Rumberger said. "It was done by the attending physician and not an intruder or outsider, someone trying to inveigh with Mrs. Earnhardt's privacy."

Sentinel executives had said repeatedly they had no intention of publishing the photos but only wanted a medical expert to review them for an investigation into NASCAR safety.

But Mrs. Earnhardt's attorneys argued that other news organizations would be able to have access to the photos if the Sentinel was granted permission.

The sentinel has pledged to review them for an investigation into Earnhardt's death.
Knish, freshman Belles sizzle in Arizona road trip

By KATIE McVOY

The weather wasn't the only thing that was hot in Arizona last week. The Saint Mary's tennis team smoked its competition, winning four matches to start the season.

"The weather was great," head coach Dee Stevenson said.

The Belles won 29 sets during their four victories in Phoenix as the freshman players stepped up to fill the spots left by graduating seniors Katie Vales and Becky Kremer.

"Our freshmen played pretty well," Stevenson said.

The freshmen finished the week with combined record of 15-2, with the only losses coming in No. 3 singles and No. 3 doubles.

On Thursday, the Belles ended the week with an impressive 6-3 victory over Div. II Colorado Christian College, which boasted several scholarship athletes. The Belles took five of six singles games and one of three doubles. The only loss in singles came as Annie Knish fell to Colorado's Katie Fitzgerald 8-0.

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Annie Knish, Cook and Basinski dropped their opponent in two sets (6-1, 6-1).
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BASEBALL

Surging Irish to take on Cleveland State

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

Fresh off of a successful road trip to California in which they went 7-0-1, won the Pepsi/Johnny Quick Classic and earned Coach Paul Mainieri his 600th career victory, the Notre Dame baseball team looks to continue its streak with its first home game against Cleveland State (6-8) today.

The eighth-ranked Notre Dame squad (13-2-1), which is off to its best start since 1959, is set to finesse its skills against the Vikings before kicking off play in the Big East on Friday at Pittsburgh.

So far this year, the Irish have been extremely successful with a combination of masterful pitching and clutch hitting. The Irish pitching staff has held opponents to a .229 batting average while posting an impressive 2.88 team ERA.

Meanwhile, Irish batters have fared much better than their counterparts, hitting .303 as a team and scoring 5.43 runs per game.

"Coach Mainieri always tells us that anyone can hit with nobody on base," junior Steve Stanley said. "But good hitters are the ones that hit just as well with runners on."
Notre Dame loses in semis of Kia Klassic

Special to The Observer

The 14th-ranked Notre Dame softball team lost in the semi­finals of the 2001 Kia Klassic to ninth-ranked Cal State Fullerton (24-8, 10-5) as the 20th-seeded Irish state­fully fell just one run short in the bottom of the seventh inning.

The Irish are still 3-0 on the season and complete the most successful spring break trip in the program's his­toric. Notre Dame posted a 7-2 record on its traditional Spring Break trip.

The matchup with the Cal State Fullerton Titans had everything a spectator could expect when two of the best softball teams in the nation square off.

Dramatic home runs, late-inning errors, rallies by both teams and numerous close calls throughout the contest left the 7,000 softball fans at the Titan Softball Complex in Fullerton, Calif., begging for just one more inning when the game ended.

Fullerton jumped on the board in the top of the second inning. Monica Lucatero was hit by Jen Sharron's first pitch of the inning, the first of three batters the Irish starter would plunk in the game. Gina Oaks followed with a single to center and pinch runner Krissy Halagarda was advanced to third base. Sharron recorded the first out of the inning by striking out Amanda Hockett, but lost control of the first pitch to Amy Larocque to load the bases on another hit­by-pitch.

Jennifer Holt followed with a tough at bat, eventually drawing a walk to score the first run of the game. Sharron worked out of the bases loaded jam when Julie Watson grounded into a fielder's choice and Oaks was forced out at home plate. Jenny Topping followed with a streaking lineout to right-centerfield on which Notre Dame's Jenny Kriech made a spectacular diving catch, ending the Titan scoring threat.

Typical of the pattern the Irish have set for the season, when the opposing team gets a lead in the game, Notre Dame does its best to play catch up but usually falls short. Lizzy Lemire led off the bottom of the second with a single, but was out at second when Andrea Loman's long single down the leftfield line was caught by Titan starting pitcher Amanda Hockett. Oaks then threw away a routine groundball off the bat of Andria Bledsoe, allowing Lemire to come around and tie the game.

Kris Hoag lined out to third base for the first out of the inning. Alexis Madrid then laid down a bunt for the squeeze bunt play, but CSUF defended the play perfectly and threw Loman out at the plate. With runners on the corners, Madrid stole second when Lucatero grounded into a fielder's choice and Oaks was forced out at second base. Jen Sharron was unable to keep the Titan offense off the scoreboard in the fifth inning and fell victim to another hit-by-pitch. Her fifth pitch of the fifth inning struck Jodie Cox, marking the fourth of five innings that CSUF placed the lead off batter on base. Yasmin Moadseghein single and eventually moved to second when Lucatero grounded out to second base. Oaks delivered a sacrifice fly that scored Cox on a close up play at the plate and then put up her team's third run of the contest with two runs with a BII single.

Kristin Schmidt relieved Sharron to start the sixth inning and made just one mistake in two innings of work. The Irish freshman gave up one hit and picked up another strikeout. The Irish were able to break up the Titan pitching effort in the second inning for a solo home run. Notre Dame was suddenly faced with a three-run deficit with only one out in the inning and Hockett put her team up by four hits in the 3-1 win over St. Joseph's College and Martin showed her versatility by delivering three hits for the Bells.

It was a little bit of a slow start because we didn't hit very well, but once we got into the swing of things and started hitting, we started to win," Senger said. "Our defense is really strong and we just need consti­tuency of the close, competit­ive game.

Typically, Bethel has a good defense," Senger said. "They will be a good match for us."

Although Martin suffered a slight injury to her knee over the trip, she is expected to start one of the games along with Senger.
**Fourth and Inches**

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University suspends Jones for spring practice

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

Julyus Jones led the Irish with 657 rushing yards, 1,169 all-purpose yards and seven rushing touchdowns last season.

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Tony Fisher
Running back

Julius Jones will not participate in spring practice after he recently violated University rules. The sophomore tailback is suspended for the 15 practices but will be able to return in the fall.

"I'm basically doing everything that the team is doing except I won't be participating in contact drills," Fisher said.

"They say rehab usually takes about six months but right now I'm way ahead of that. In my mind I feel good enough to play in the spring. But they (the coaches and trainers) don't want to risk it."

With Jones and Fisher out, junior Terrance Howard will likely receive the bulk of carries this spring. Howard ranked third in the nation in rushing yards last season.

"Terrance will already be a step ahead of me and Julius," Fisher said. "He'll have to take his opportunity and try to run with it."

Women's Tennis

Irish improve to 14-3 by beating Miami, West Virginia

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

Like many Notre Dame students, the women's tennis team traveled to Florida for spring break. But instead of partying and laying out on the beach, the seventh-ranked Irish were busy

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Jay Louderback
Tennis coach

The Irish swept the doubles against Miami with solid victories from Michelle Dasso/Becky Varnum, Katie Cunha/Kim Guy and Lindsey Green/Nina Vaughan who all won decisively.

The Irish then went on to win five singles matches in straight sets as Lindsay Green clinched the win with a victory over Miami's Katie Bogolomova 6-1, 6-2. The match was highlighted by the play of Varnum 99th-ranked Nina Vaughan and All-American Michelle Dasso who won in doubles and singles despite battling an aching back.

"Everyone played well," said Louderback. "Becky Varnum has been playing better and better as the spring has gone along. She has really been stepping it up at the No. 3 spot and Nina Vaughan at three has played very well for us."

Later that afternoon the Irish showed that they are still the team to beat in the Big East by shutting out the Mountaineers without two of their top players, Dasso and Guy both rested because of nagging injuries.

Once again the Irish won the doubles point in easy fashion and then swept the singles matches. Cunha and freshman Alicia Salas showed a little of what is to come in the future as they filled in quite nicely, winning in straight sets.

"Michelle [Dasso] hurt her back before the Michigan match and Kimberley [Guy] had a little arm trouble so it gave us a chance to let them rest a little," said Louderback.

"Katie Cunha stepped in and played very well and Alicia Salas did also."

A Notre Dame tennis player competes earlier this season. The No. 7 Irish dispatched Miami and West Virginia in Florida.

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