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SMC hires non-unionized workers

♦ South Bend business reps rallied at new maintenance building's ground breaking

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As ground breaking began on Saint Mary's new maintenance building, South Bend business representatives called against Saint Mary's decision to contract with non-unionized workers. The College's Board of Trustees signed a contract with the non-union company Majority Builders Incorporated Feb. 16, a decision that came after months of deliberation.

Bidding to find a contractor started last semester and included offers from four unionized companies that Saint Mary's had worked with in the past. Even though Saint Mary's had used these unionized companies in the past, none of their initial proposals were accepted.

"Four contractors presented proposals that were much higher than the product budget," said Saint Mary's financial director Keith Dennis. "When the four unacceptably-high bids were returned, the Board restructured the parameters of the proposal and opened up bidding again. The new proposal not only entertained the bid of non-unionized companies but also did not make it mandatory that all the company's workers had a specified benefit package, or pre-qualification. Under the parameters of this new proposal, Saint Mary's signed with the contractor Majority Builders Incorporated Feb. 16, a decision that came after months of deliberation.

By JASON McFARLEY
New Editor

Conor Murphy would have turned 21 on Tuesday. A small plaque in front of a freshly planted tree on North Quad relates that fact. In neat block lettering, it reads simply "In memory of Connor Murphy March 20, 1980 to January 31, 2001." The Notre Dame community honored Murphy, a University junior who died of complications of leukemia, with an intimate tree-planting ceremony Thursday, just minutes before what would have been a larger turnout remembered him at a memorial mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

The Mass brought together Murphy's family, friends and other well-wishers who gathered to celebrate the former Zahm Hall resident's life and contributions.

"It's hard to know what to say when a good person dies young," University President Father Edward Malloy said to a crowd of several hundred that included Murphy's parents and two sisters and filled nearly all of the church's pews. "And yet we are sure that Conor has been welcomed into the loving, consoling arms of God."

Murphy, of Lakewood, Ohio, was diagnosed with leukemia last March. He underwent a bone marrow transplant in the summer but didn't return to campus in August. By late-January, Murphy had developed pneumonia, to which he eventually succumbed.

At Tuesday's Mass, Father Jim Lies, Murphy's former rector, praised Murphy as a model of courage and faith. "There was tremendous bravery and trust in God during his battle with leukemia, and that touched something in all of us," said Lies, who remained in close contact with Murphy's family throughout Murphy's final days. "In some sense, we gathered here to thank Conor for that, to thank God for the gift that Conor was to us." Never was Murphy's faith and strength of character more evident than when he was diagnosed with the disease, Lies said.

He said after learning of his illness, Murphy first's step was to see a priest in confession. Murphy then contacted Lies and asked him to light a candle for him in the Grotto. Lies said Murphy also showed a profound maturity when he was concerned about break the news to his friends.

"It amazed me how much courage he showed and how much he thought about others after he was diagnosed," Lies said.

In light of Murphy's 21st birthday and the season of Lent, Lies said it was fitting that the community remember Murphy now. He called Murphy's death "a defining moment in the lives of many, and called on gatherers to recognize the need for each other and God.

"Recall how greatly blessed you were to have known him. Let his life charge you to live your lives with courage and faith," Lies said.

The Mass followed the brief service of readings and playing frisbees on North Quad on the warm afternoon. About 60 people attended the ceremony on the Zahm Hall lawn.

Community members sang "You Are My Sunshine" and "The Star Spangled Banner" for Murphy and then lined up to sprinkle holy water on the leafless tree.

The services for Murphy on Tuesday March 23 did not represent the first time the community has shown its support for him.

Following word of his declining health, on Jan. 30 several hundred students attended a Mass in the Zahm Hall chapel. After his death, the University provided transportation for students to his funeral in Ohio.

At Murphy's urging, last March more than 600 people attended the National Latino Donor Program at a drive held on campus.

Murphy was the second member of the Class of 2002 to die of complications from cancer this year. Brionne Clary, also a leukemia victim, died Sept. 21.

Cardenas named among influential Hispanics

By ALISON HEINZ
News Writer

Sociology professor Gilberto Cardenas leads a busy life. In addition to teaching and serving as the director for the Institute for Latino Studies, Cardenas was recently named one of the 100 most influential Hispanics by Hispanic Business magazine for the third time.

"It's nice to be recognized. I'm pleased to be in the company of so many people on the list, but it's not something I go seeking," said Cardenas.

Cardenas was honored with this distinction because of his endless pursuit for scholarship money and improvement of educational opportunities for minority students.

"There's some real big gaps," said Cardenas in reference to minority representation at science, technology, and computer institutions. "A lot of students that get accepted to top institutions opt not to attend because they cannot afford it.

Cardenas was recruited by Notre Dame to head the Institute for Latino Studies in 1999, which got off the ground quickly; Cardenas was a graduate student at Notre Dame from 1969-1975 and it was this personal experience that convinced him to leave a similar position at the
Violence hurts

When high school kids get angry these days, they no longer vent to their friends or even arrange a shooting at the school. They bring a gun to school and shoot other kids.

Last year, my main concern every time I stepped into my public high school was whether I would make it to first period on time. I didn’t worry about my personal safety, didn’t consider what an upset student might do.

Students are losing this peace of mind about their safety with each person who brings a gun to school. Their learning is threatened by disgruntled students. They not only have to worry about their safety, but are also required to act as detectives.

Many schools now have special protection against school shootings. Students should be the only line of defense against school violence. School officials should not make any threats or neglect something just went horribly wrong and didn’t detect it. School shootings continue to be especially disturbing because they do not occur in a violence-ridden area. They happen in the suburbs, schools that were expected to be safe. They happen in the type of schools that the majority of Notre Dame students attended. They aren’t isolated to public schools, one of this year’s shootings was at a small Catholic high school. The kids are coming from stable family structures in which they weren’t abused or neglected. Something just went horribly wrong and didn’t detect it.

As school shootings continue to get closer to home, all people should become involved in trying to stop school violence. This issue needs to come to the national arena, and studies need to be done. Changes need to be made so that never again will students’ days be shattered by violence. The atmosphere in the filing of a complaint is concers for a few months, taking seriously all threats or intended threats. Eventually the memory of tragedies fades away and schools return to normal. Then another school shooting happens and the cycle begins again.

Where will this cycle end? It won’t unless people take action, permanent action that outlasts the memory of a tragedy.

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Harvard discrimination decision overturned

"We will file an appeal in the next few days," she said. "I plan on fighting the case to the very end." She added her hope that the appeals court will rule in her favor.

Students oppose honor code

The lawsuit against the University of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania State University was settled in favor of the student. The court will rule in my favor," said the judge. "We feel this is a great moral victory. We have great hopes that the appeals court will rule in my favor," Awerbuch-Friedlander said.

The investigation into the death of University of Pittsburgh student Jamie Penich continued yesterday in Seoul, South Korea, where police are busy interviewing friends with whom the 21-year-old traveled to Seoul on a weekend sightseeing trip. New information obtained by the Associated Press indicates that one of Penich’s friends heard “angry shouts in a male voice” the night before Penich was found dead in her motel room. The investigation is concentrating on the Yi Tae Won district of the city, where Penich and five friends had rented rooms in a motel. According to police reports, Penich and a fellow female student named Kenzie were dancing at a club on the night Penich died. When police officials have enlisted the help of U.S. Army personnel, after reports that Penich and Kenzie may have been involved with a bomb threat at the University Library is scheduled for a pre-trial hearing on Wednesday. An investigation led police to believe he was responsible for the bomb threat and other threats toward a faculty member, said Capt. John Skipworth of University Police. "We have a positive identification by the victim," she said. "We have positive identification by another witness, and we have an interview with Mr. Hasan that indicates [him] very strongly, in our opinion." University Police received a call two weeks ago from a male stating he had planted a bomb on the third floor of the Library. Officials then announced a volunteer evacuation of the premises as police and Library employees searched for anything suspicious. Hasan was arrested in front of the Long Beach Municipal Court the Friday following his arrest and was released on his own recognizance.

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Real World star to talk about faith
By ALLY JAY
News Writer

Looking for love? Matt Smith from New Orleans' Real World will speak as a part of No Greater Love, Campus Ministry's half-day retreat, tonight at 7 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library auditorium.

"Matt's the unofficial kickoff of No Greater Love," said Frank Santoni, Coordinator of Special Events for Campus Ministry. Smith was a cast member on MTV's reality show, The Real World, and is now the spokesperson for Life Teen, a national Catholic youth organization.

"Matt's a remarkable guy who's tough to put in any category. His exposure on the show let us know his name, but it's his approach to life and faith that lets him cross a lot of boundaries. On the show he stuck with what he believed and he was not considered weird. He was considered likeable and approachable and those are the characteristics he brings to Notre Dame," said Father Bill Wack, who will lead the kick off prayer service.

No Greater Love is open to all, registration is not required and students may come and go as they please. A schedule of events is available at http://www.nd.edu/~nglove.

Real World, how his faith was impacted by the show and his faith now that the show is over. After the talk, he will take questions from the audience in a conversational style.

Before Smith's talk, Gary Daigle and Danielle Skorich will perform. Daigle is a music producer and composer of Catholic music and folk music. Skorich is a junior at Notre Dame and will be playing songs from the CD she recently recorded.

"Music is an integral part of this weekend and it'll be a great treat to hear Danielle. She's heartfelt about what she believes and puts that into her music," said Father Wack.

A New Orleans-style reception will follow Smith's talk.

The main events of No Greater Love will be on Saturday. Workshops will be held throughout the day at Dining Hall and the new Coleman-Morse Center and Father Mike Baxter will deliver a keynote address.

"This will be a great opportunity to reframe our faith. As spring is bringing new life, this is a chance to breathe new life into our faith life," said Father Wack, who will lead the kick off prayer service.

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Organizers said this week that ticket sales fell as a result.

"Ticket sales definitely fell in the junior and senior classes," said co-chairman Janel Miller. "It's disappointing that we couldn't sell more tickets.

The policy, drafted by administrators in an effort to control drunk driving during off campus, college sponsored events has made planning a dance quite a challenge for the Formal Committee. Considering that last year's formal tickets sold out, this year's dance committee wanted to accommodate at least 2,000 students. Finding people who may have to take a bus to and from the dance caused a major problem for organizers.

As of Thursday night, the committee reported sales of only 750 tickets — 1,250 shy of selling out.

"It has been a challenge. We booked a room for 2,000 people but it's difficult to figure out how to get people there," said Nina Rennaker, president of Residence Hall Association.

Students attending the formal this weekend signed up for a specific bus as they bought their ticket. Buses will be leaving from each residence hall at staggered times. Holy Cross, McCandless and Regina have buses leaving each half-hour, while LeMans Buses will leave every 15 minutes.

Although the committee was able to sell 750 tickets in spite of the new policy challenge, they did say that they thought more tickets could have been sold. The bus policy certainly played a factor in low ticket sales, said all school formal committee members.

Furthermore, minimal cooperation from administration made the planning process for the buses difficult to enact.

The official policy was not received from vice president for student affairs Linda Timms until the Friday before Spring Break, organizers said. The policy was left for students — not administrators — to figure out, said Rennaker.

"The policy isn't clearly defined," she said.

Some members of the organization feel that the policy is worth the effort because it will insure safety while still having an event off campus.

"It's definitely a good idea in that people who may have been drinking will not be driving to the dance. It may not be the most convenient, but it is practical and a safer way for people to get there," said sophomore HBA member Adrienne Dorbish.

Amy Green contributed to this report.
MCAT practice tests move to Web

By MAUREEN SMITH

Tiffany Colon knows her stuff—almost.

After months of attending Kaplan sessions and taking daylong practice exams to prepare for the MCAT, the Notre Dame junior knows what to expect when April 21 rolls around.

"I took Kaplan because I knew it would be hard for me to prepare for the MCAT on my own," Colon said. "I needed the motivation."

However, a new Web site may offer students like Colon an alternative to the $1000 Kaplan fees. For $60, pre-med students can take the MCAT practice test online at www.mcat.com.

With the added convenience of immediate, automated scoring and diagnostic feedback, the new site strives to appeal to the more than 55,000 people who will take the medical school entrance exam this year.

"We thought students would find it useful. It will not replicate the real test, but there is more flexibility in building your own test on the fly," said Ellen Julian, director of the MCAT.

In addition to providing practice tests, the site also offers on-line registration. Since the introduction of the site on Feb. 12, more than 15,000 people have registered on-line for April's test.

Students can also purchase official MCAT publications at the site, including the paper version of the on-line test.

Due to the immediate success of the site, Julian said there are plans for additions.

"We're hoping to add other practice tests to the site," she said.

"I like what we do for Kaplan because it is more like what the actual test is going to be like," she said. "I can go there to study and learn, but I can certainly see the appeal of a Web site."

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where he had been for 23 years. While at Notre Dame, he noticed how few professors had significant experience with both American and Latino culture, something he describes as U.S./Latino.

"When I was here as a student there was only one U.S./Latino faculty member," said Cardenas. "There has been progress, but Cardenas estimates that there are still fewer than 10 faculty members who have had a significat U.S./Latino experience."

The Institute for Latino Studies is working to change this statistic by giving the University incentive to continue hiring people with an interest in that area. Cardenas said the Institute currently offers several classes but will eventually expand into an undergraduate concentration or second major.

Another reason the Hispanic Business magazine recognized Cardenas is his involvement with the Gates Foundation. Bill Gates and his wife Melinda have donated $1 billion for scholarships and Cardenas is one of six members of an advisory committee that distributes $50 million of scholarships a year.

"It's a great commitment by Bill and Melinda Gates," said Cardenas. "They did a lot of research determining where their money would be best used, and they chose this."

A self-described troublemaker in high school, it wasn't until Cardenas became an educator himself that he focused on helping students pay for an education. Although well recognized, he is humble about his accomplishments.

"I'm just thrilled to work with these people," said Cardenas of his fellow committee members and the Institute for Latino Studies.

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"Saint Mary's represents a main moral force and they are well respected. They carry a lot of clout and when they do something like this it influences others to follow," said Mike Kruk, business representative for the carpenter union.

"People want to have the edge so it becomes a race for the bottom," said Kruk. 

"We are not pursuing any previous prevailing wage agreement. We want to keep our options open," said Dennis.

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Rwanda denies allegations of forced labor: Rwanda strongly denied allegations that it was using prisoners as forced labor for mining activities in neighboring Congo. Jovenel Moise, the central African country. He also said the government had no mining interests abroad.

Peru candidate says he was drugged: Former leftist presidential candidate called a report that he had been kidnapped and drugged "absolutely false," adding that the government had not kidnapped or drugged anyone.

Theme park wary of foot-and-mouth disease: Toledo was responding to a report Thursday saying he had been kidnapped and drugged after being involved in a smear campaign, never sent prisoners out of the central prison, and the government had never engaged in forced labor for mining activities.

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Officer killed in crash may not have been wearing seat belt: An Elkhart policeman was not wearing a seat belt when he was fatally injured in a crash between his cruiser and another police car, a conservative legal group said.

Mexican President Vicente Fox, waves on stage with California Governor Gray Davis, during a three-day diplomatic visit to California. The visit's theme is "Two Peoples, One Future."

Fox praises California field workers

Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. — Often scorned at home and ignored in the United States, migrant laborers found themselves celebrated as heroes Thursday by Mexican President Vicente Fox.

Nears 3,000 people crowded into a convention hall to hear Fox, who praised field workers and pointed to work on issues that matter most in their lives. About 2,000 more listened outside through loudspeakers.

Fox pledged to push Mexico's Congress to allow people to vote from outside the country, to work with U.S. officials on a solution to long-standing disputes over immigration and to make it easier for expatriates to return to Mexico.

"You are important, believe me, very important," Fox said, as cheers drowned out his words.

Such talk is a change for Mexican leaders. Money sent home by expatriates is one of Mexico's largest sources of income. But past leaders did little to court the men and women who fled their homes to work long hours and difficult jobs in the United States and said he would devote more money to rural Mexico so people might not have to leave.

After Thursday's rally with agriculture workers, Fox planned to visit an elementary school in San Fernando with first lady Laura Bush and attend a town hall meeting in Los Angeles with Gov. Gray Davis.

About two dozen anti-immigration protesters lined the street outside the Century Plaza Hotel in Century City where Fox was due for a town hall meeting.
Sophomores plan dance, spirit week

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

Faced with the challenge of replacing a scrapped class tradition, Notre Dame’s Class of 2003 will see a year-long project culminate next week with Spirit Week activities and the Sophomore Class Ball.

It’s part of the Sophomore Signature Event, a first-year initiative that began after last year’s cancellation of Sophomore Siblings Weekend. The weekend was a longstanding part of sophomore programming before being nixed due to safety concerns for students’ visiting brothers and sisters.

Organizers of the project, which includes a week of dress-up days, sophomore-only activities and a class dance, are excited to see the preparations end and the fun begin Monday.

“All the planning is set, and we’re hoping for a lot of participation from our classmates,” said Karen Lysaght, who chaired the committee that oversaw arrangements for the dance.

The dance will be held Saturday, March 31 at the Century Center in downtown South Bend. Dance tickets are $20 per person or $40 per couple, and the cost includes a formal dinner.

Sophomores can purchase tickets at the LaFortune box office, and sales last through 8 p.m. Monday.

“We’re encouraging people to come with dates or with a group of friends,” Lysaght said. “The dance is unique; it’s different from the average hall dance.”

The ball wraps up a week of events aimed at boosting class spirit.

Beginning Monday, each weekday will be assigned a dress-up theme and a special activity, according to Geoff Polk, chair of the class council’s Spirit Week committee.

Monday is Pajama Day, and the committee is organizing a Grab ‘n Give service project from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in both dining halls. Proceeds from the food-drive-type endeavor will benefit South Bend’s Center for the Homeless.

Tuesday is Decade Day, when members of the campus community can dress in clothes from their favorite past decade. The Class of 2003 will also sponsor a class breakfast from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in front of Bellerntolo Hall.

People can sport their favorite Notre Dame apparel on Wednesday, which is pegged as Blue and Gold Day. A karaoke contest from 9 p.m. to midnight at Reckers is planned. Campus athletes and other personalities will serve as judges for the event.

Thursday is Costume Day. A movie night, with a showing of “Remember the Titans,” is the day’s featured activity, and the first 100 students to the Bellerntolo screening receive free admission.

Hawaii Day is Friday’s theme. Free sign-ups for the day’s photo scavenger hunt run through Thursday in the Class of 2003 office on the second floor of the LaFortune Student Center. Winning teams in the scavenger hunt receive gift certificates to the Hammond Notre Dame Bookstore.

On Saturday, buses begin transporting students to the class ball around 6:30 p.m. Students will not be admitted to the dance after 7:15 p.m., and dinner is served at 7:30 p.m.

“We’re really encouraging people to come and support the Sophomore Signature Event,” Lysaght said. “It’s the first year, and hopefully it will take off and become an annual event.”
Irish begin slaughter to curb foot-and-mouth disease

Associated Press

BALLYMASCALON, Ireland

Officials slaughtered the first of thousands of doomed livestock Friday, a day after the Republic of Ireland confirmed its first cases of foot-and-mouth disease, which is ravaging neighboring Britain.

Confirmation of the first cases in a rural peninsula on Thursday sent shock waves through the country, and stocks slumped more than 5 percent on the Dublin exchange.

Prime Minister Bertie Ahern called the outbreak a "national challenge for our country." British Prime Minister Tony Blair telephoned Ahern late Thursday to express his "support and solidarity." Blair's Downing Street office said.

For three weeks, Ireland's 3.7 million citizens had restricted their travel and canceled other activities — even their St. Patrick's Day parades — in hopes of deterring the livestock disease, which is already hurting the country's vaunted Celtic Tiger economy.

"After all these nervous weeks, we were just starting to believe we'd beat it," said John Elmore, a cattle farmer about 10 miles from Thursday's confirmed outbreak on a sheep farm next door to Northern Ireland.

The entire Cooley peninsula, about 50 miles north of Dublin, had been subject to special restrictions and monitoring since foot-and-mouth was confirmed March 1 in a sheep herd near Meigh on the northern side of the border. That triggered fears the microbe would spread to the republic and its $6 billion-a-year livestock industry.

Officials said Thursday they feared the disease had crossed the border with a third group of infected sheep.

Authorities moved quickly to try to restrict the disease to the Cooley area of County Louth. They announced that 3,000 sheep and 1,000 cattle within a half-mile of the infected farm would be slain first, and that about 40,000 livestock on the whole peninsula would be destroyed within the next few days.

At the infected farm, 130 sheep were paled up after being killed Wednesday night.

Department of Agriculture workers in white coveralls monitored the scene as construction workers cut a dirt road into the field. Journalists weren't permitted to leave their cars for fear of spreading the disease.

In Dublin, Agriculture Minister Joe Walsh announced that Ireland would maintain its ban on exporting live cattle and sheep and impose a temporary ban on exports of all meat and dairy goods.

Walsh said he hoped the European Union would reward the country's exceptional efforts to prevent the disease's spread by forgiving any ban on Irish meat and dairy products to those from around County Louth.

"We then have the difficulty, of course, in convincing the markets that the produce from Ireland is safe," he said.

It's a major problem for Ireland, which exports 90 percent of its farm production.

Agribusiness accounts for 12.7 percent of the gross domestic product and tourism, which has also been hurt by foot-and-mouth restrictions, accounts for nearly 5 percent.

Don Walsh, economist at Goodbody Stockbrokers, estimated the disease would knock 1.4 points off the firm's current forecast of 8.1 percent growth in Ireland's economy this year.

The government ordered more soldiers to enforce sanitary measures at Irish ports and border checkpoints with Northern Ireland. Since March 1, soldiers have been backing up police on many of the more than 100 border roads connecting the two parts of Ireland.

Police established more checkpoints Thursday, including on both sides of Dundalk, the largest town near the Cooley Peninsula. Long lines of traffic were just starting to believe they could carry on.

In the Netherlands, the second country in continental Europe to confirm cases of the disease, farmers appealed for vaccinations to save their herds. People cleaned supermarkets shelves of milk and meat, anticipating a prolonged ban on food from farm areas as the country struggles to contain the disease in two areas in the east and south.

A 72-hour ban on transporting dairy and meat products was immediately declared after the government confirmed the outbreak on Wednesday.

In Britain, where the outbreaks began, a leading epidemiologist warned that the epidemic would not be over for at least five months.

Foot-and-mouth will not be eliminated before August, with new outbreaks unlikely to start falling until May, Roy Anderson, a University of London epidemiologist, told the BBC late Wednesday.

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Washington A day after President Bush signed legislation repealing Clinton-era workplace safety rules, lawmakers on Thursday discussed ways to negate some of the former president's other actions, including his attempt to fence off millions of acres of land.

A House Judiciary subcommittee, led by Rep. Bob Barr, R-Ga., opened a hearing into presidential executive orders and began questioning whether Clinton legally used his power to create 18 national monuments during his term.

"Former President Clinton's designation of millions of acres as so-called national monuments under the purported authority of the Antiquities Act raises a host of legal questions Congress has a responsibility to address," Barr said.

The GOP-controlled Congress and White House have moved quickly to negate several other Clinton actions, including his ergonomic regulations and placing abortion restrictions on U.S. military as aid funding international-family planning.

Barr questioned why Bush had not moved to challenge even more of Clinton's executive orders.

"This administration has not acted as promptly as some people would have expected because they may well see there will be a time when they will use all of this centralized power in their own ways," said Rep. Melvin Watt, D-N.C. "That's just an observation."

"I think it's an accurate one," Barr said.

Also Thursday, Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., said he had written the heads of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Interior Department and the Agriculture Department seeking information about their decisions to set aside Clinton administration regulations.

Lieberman, the Democratic vice presidential nominee, said he was beginning an investigation into "the method behind this madness, that is the decision-making process leading to these damaging actions."

He cited actions by the Bush administration on Clinton administration's steps dealing with arsenic levels in drinking water, protection for hard-rock miners in the West and a ban on roads in one-third of the national forestland.

Legal experts were split on Clinton's use of the power.

"History will show that President Clinton abused his authority in a variety of ways and that his disrespect for the rule of law was unprecedented," said Todd Gaziano, director at the Center for Legal and Judicial Studies the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank. "Given this pattern, no one should be surprised that President Clinton sometimes abused his executive order authority as well."

Gaziano said he thought many of Clinton's national monument declarations could be illegal and that Bush probably could overturn them with another executive order.

Kenneth Mayer, a University of Wisconsin-Madison political science professor, said Clinton broke no new ground with his executive orders.

"In my view, the previous administration's use of executive orders and proclamations was not exceptional," he said. "Although many of President Clinton's orders were controversial... his administration was actually continuing a longstanding practice among presidents, both Republican and Democratic, who have used executive orders to assert control over administration and policy.

Westerner lawmakers have been complaining for years about Clinton's use of his executive authority to expand federal monuments.

"I can't find one member who had a hand in the monuments, " said Rep. James Hansen, R-Utah, chairman of the House Resources Committee.

Meantime, a House Resources subcommittee took the first step to curb one of Clinton's monument designations, applying a bill to change part of Idaho's Craters of the Moon National Monument into a national preserve so hunters could continue using the land.
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CCE/McKenna Hall Center Lobby

Friday, March 23
MORNING WORKSHOP: Discussion of issues related to campus climate, minority recruitment and retention, academic affairs, and curriculum at 8:00am

BROWN BAG PRESENTATION
The Role of Administrators, Departments, Programs, Centers, and Institutes in Furthering the Diversity Agenda at Notre Dame
(10:00-11:00am) Hesburgh Center Room 103

GRADUATE STUDENT WORKSHOP
Diversity and the Contemporary Scholar-Teacher Strategies for Academic Development
10:30-11:00am Hesburgh Center Room 103

INFORMAL CHAT
Diversity in Light of the University's Catholic Identity and Mission
(12:00-1:00pm) Hesburgh Center Room 103

EVENING PRAYER SERVICE
(5:45-6:15pm) Hesburgh Center Room 103

U.S. ousts 50 Russian diplomats suspected of spying

Associated Press
WASHINGTON

President Bush sought to keep U.S. relations with Russia on an even keel Thursday, but a furiously Kremlin was threatening to match the scenario of more than 50 Russian diplomats suspected of undermining undercover intelligence activities.

The warning was conveyed privately as well as publicly by Russian authorities. "Naturally, we will find you," U.S. diplomats are to be expelled in a more painful form to the U.S. than it was in our case," Sergey Ivanov, chief of Russia's influential Security Council, said on Polish state television during a visit to Warsaw.

The Bush administration countered that there was no computable contingent of U.S. undercover agents in Russia and no American there had infiltrated Russia's counterintelligence operation as FBI agent Robert Hanssen stands accused of doing, a senior U.S. official said.

At day's end, it was not clear how Russia would retaliate, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

In Moscow, Russia's foreign minister said the expulsions, the most since the Cold War, were political. But Bush said he was simply dealing with facts, and the two nations could maintain a good relationship.

"I made the decision. It was the right thing to do," Bush said.

Six Russians assigned to Moscow's embassy in Washington were linked by U.S. officials to the case of Hansen, a longtime FBI agent arrested a month ago on charges of selling secrets to Russia. Two of the six have left the United States; the four others must depart within 10 days.

At the same time, Bush ordered the Russian diplomatic contingent sharply reduced, officials said. A total of 46 Russians, at the embassy and at consulates across the country, will have until July 1 to leave, they said.

"I don't think any U.N. employees are involved among the 50," U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Thursday night.

A top foreign affairs aide to President Vladimir Putin expressed regret.

"Any campaign of spy manhunts and searching for enemies brings deep regret, and this is a fallback to the Cold War epoch," Sergei Ivanov said in Moscow during a visit to the country.

"I'm confident we can have a good relationship with the Russians," George W. Bush U.S. President.

addressing the National Newspaper Association. "We've got some areas where we can work together."

Along the same lines, Condoleezza Rice, his assistant for national security, called the expulsions an isolated incident.

"We see Russia as a potential partner in many parts of the world and we look forward to getting on with a positive agenda," Rice said.

Reducing the number of dis­guised intelligence agents "has been an issue on the agenda for some time with the Russian government," Rice said.

Asked if the Kremlin might retaliate, the White House official replied: "I certainly hope not. This should go to the end of it." In Moscow, Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov left no doubt it was not the end of the matter.

"Naturally, as it was before, Russia will firmly and steadfastly defend its national interests and will adequately respond to this unfriendly step by the United States," Ivanov said in Moscow as he somberly read a statement on government-controlled ORT television.

At the same time, the Russian leadership assumes that in Washington, the policy and logic of those who try to push Russia and the United States (back) to the epoch of the Cold War and confrontation won't prevail," he said.

Complaining about the public way the Bush administration went about the situation, Ivanov said, "This could easily have been settled along... special channels and by special contacts."

Sen. Bob Graham, R-Fla., vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said he assumed Russia would make a request "for some of our most experienced to leave."

"That is the expected way in which these counterintelligence agents work with us, long after they go, " he said.

Secretary of State Colin Powell called in Russian Ambassador Yuri M. Ushakov on Wednesday to inform him of the expulsions and then talked by telephone to Ivanov, John Beyridge, who heads the State Department office that deals with Russia and other former Soviet republics, had a follow-up meeting with the ambassador Thursday.

"We consider this matter closed. We have important interests in maintaining cooperative and productive relations with Russia, and we intend to continue working to advance those interests," Powell said.

And while Powell and other top officials publicly indicated they considered the dispute to be over, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said: "The department made clear to the Russian side that any other Russian officials who may be adversely affected in the Hansen case will not be wel-

Some diplomats Fifty Russian diplomats are being ousted from the United States over concerns about the number and level of intelligence officers that Russia has in the country, according to a White House announcement. Russia has the second-largest diplomatic presence in Washington, D.C.
Associated Press

Space station on course for a fiery plunge into the South Pacific.

cargo-ship engines putting the aging ed its return home on Thursday, its second scheduled 90 minutes later — over the Indian Ocean. This burn — and a circled the globe just below the Equator, elliptical orbit.

were meant to slow Mir and put it in an where they would power the final descent early Friday. But the remaining chunks, the equivalent of 20 Volkswagen Beetles, were expected to reach the Earth’s surface, scattered over a long swath. Some 1,500 fragments of 40 pounds or more were expected to fall over the zone.

Space officials voiced confidence that they could carry out a safe descent, pointing to their experience in dumping dozens of Progress ships and other spacecraft into the same area of the Pacific. But Mir was by far the heaviest spacecraft ever dumped, and its size and shape made it difficult to exactly predict the entry.

A fleet of fishing boats in the zone insisted on staying put because the tuna were biting, said Wayne Heikkila, general manager of the Western Fishboat Owners Association.

Thirty-five space buffs and scientists were in the South Pacific to chase the plunging station; participants were optimistic that they would catch sight of Mir in a 200-second window of opportunity. And Taco Bell set up a 40-by-40 foot vinyl target — emblazoned with the company’s logo and the words “Free Taco Here!” — 10 miles off Australia. In the extremely unlikely event that Mir hit the target, the company promised free tacos to all 281 million Americans if the core of Mir hits the floating target, similar to the one displayed in this photo.

To Russians, Mir’s demise was no joke. Mir came to symbolize the Soviet empire, and just two months before the reforms that doomed the Communist empire, and just two months before the Chernobyl atomic reactor exploded in the world’s worst nuclear accident.
Today is the 50th birthday of one of an elite group known as the "Black Leprechauns." The Black Leprechauns were an ad hoc group of Notre Dame students residing on campus during the 1970s. It was a secret group who carried out their missions in the black of night after sundown. Their mission — terror and mischief.

For fear that today's University officials might ban this birthday boy's children from future admittance, I shall call him "Mike."

He and a half dozen others were students at a time when the military draft and a tour of Vietnam awaited them after graduation. They were not the type who would burn Notre Dame buildings in protest of the war, but they, like every student during that time, needed to release their frustrations and fears. It was an early spring evening when the ducks on the lake were more chatty than usual. Boredom had overtaken class section before someone discovered several M-80s from the previous summer. The first act of terrorism was a simple delayed explosion when the ducks on the lake were more chatty than usual. Boredom had overtaken class section before someone discovered several M-80s from the previous summer. The first act of terrorism was a simple delayed firecracker explosion in the stairwell. Attach a lit cigarette to the fuse, place under an old steam heater and sit with your friends when the charge ignited several minutes later. Plenty of witnesses for an alibi and none for a conviction.

Following several dorm bombings, boredom set in again. It was time to recruit commandos for campus-wide missions. One evening at dinner, someone complained that the Saint Mary's shuttle bus was never on time, nor did the women on it ever seem friendly. The first external target had been identified. That evening a team assembled that the tunnel between the Rockne putting green and the golf course was the perfect strike area with several escape options. Vehicles were timed as they passed the target area. The operational profile evaluated wick burning ratios to the sounding distance of firecrackers to maximize simultaneous explosions. Tactical intelligence demanded that participants wear black to hinder detection. The team assembled about 10 p.m. looking like the Mission Impossible cast. At 10:20, with Leprechauns in place, the bus passed the target area. The team practiced a mock run of the operation and worked out the minor bugs of the plan. At 10:50, the operation went live without a hitch as the riders screamed and ducked behind their seats. The adrenaline rush fueled another planned mission.

That weekend, the Leprechauns again targeted the bus, but in more dramatic fashion. Moving to the roadblock, the Leprechauns launched their fiercest barrage of firecrackers to date. Again, riders ducked and screamed as packs of Chinese firecrackers exploded at a furious rate around the bus.

Bang, bang, bang, bang! One firecracker pack exploded on the roof as the driver floored his pedal and crashed through the barricade into the darkness and safety. Boy had the Black Leprechauns exacted revenge against SMG chicks! Terrorists soon discovered that supplies are the lifeline of success. Alas, the Leprechauns had exhausted their means of terror. However, one of the Leprechauns worked in the dining hall and recalled the crosses of eggs stored in the basement. Appropriate eggs and the Leprechauns would fight the snobbishness of their sister school another day.

After dinner the following week, a Black Leprechaun turned the latch of a South Dining Hall window so that later that night it could be opened from the outside. At 2 a.m. a commando team entered the building, found a gross of eggs and exited without detection. The new supply demanded a new operational profile. That Friday evening, the Leprechauns shimmed up the flagpole of what is now the Notre Dame Security Building and laid in wait behind the bright floodlights on the roof. Eggs showered the shuttle bus during several runs by the location. Eventually Notre Dame police arrived, but to the Leprechauns' delight, the police could neither see the roof nor could they figure the physics of the trajectory. Since the egg splatter appeared across the street from the building, they searched the trees and Lyons Hall. It took everything the Leprechauns had to muffle their laughter from the police.

In the 1970s President Nixon's campaign treasurer walked the streets of Washington with a million dollar cash in a briefcase. It was a time when the war was waged in Vietnam. Fellow students had been killed at Kent State, and life was unlike anything before or since. At Notre Dame, a group known as the Black Leprechauns coped with life and their possible deaths following graduation. So to my good friend, "Mike." happy 50th birthday from one of your fellow Leprechauns... er, I mean Domers.

Gary J. Caruso, Notre Dame '73, served in President Clinton's administration and denotes deny ever having to resort to firecrackers in his role as a congressional and public affairs director. His column appears every other Friday, and his internet address is hotliner@att.com. The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Fundraising allows Notre Dame to lead in tuition freeze

One billion dollars! No, that isn’t a line from an Austin Powers movie. Notre Dame has raised over $1 billion through the Generations fundraising campaign. So why is tuition increasing at all? Before spring break the University announced that tuition was going to increase by a record low 4.9 percent. This translates into another $1,430 per student. The cost of going to Notre Dame now stands at $30,530. My question is why.

Notre Dame is blessed with an incredibly large endowment and I’m not here to criticize that. What I am here to criticize is the fact that tuition is increasing. Notre Dame stands to gain approximately $13 million from this increase, according to an In Focus article by editor-in-chief Mike Connolly. This is just over 1 percent of the amount of money raised by the Generations campaign. It’s really comforting to know that the University is not flinching its financial burden on our parents so it can pad its bottom line by $13 million.

Let’s put this increase into the perspective of a college student. I work at a University Bookstore. I make just over $1 an hour. It pays very well but it can be tough. I’ve seen some of the most awful things imaginable. I’ve been yelled at, spit on, bled on, and at any single moment I have about 27 things to do at once. It is so stressful that I have, more than once, considered walking out to save my sanity. I am on my feet hustling for eight hours or more a day. At the end of the day, though, I know that I’ve helped a lot of people and that I’ve earned every cent of my paycheck.

The tuition increase stands at $1,430. To make enough money to cover that increase, I have to work approximately 140 hours. This translates into three and a half weeks of working full time, before taxes. When you consider the taxes taken out, it translates to over a month of work. Isn’t it depressing to consider that Notre Dame is downplaying this “smallest tuition in decades” while I would have to work a whole month to cover this “record low increase”? Does anyone else see how much of an effect this tuition increase could have on families and students?

Here’s an idea. Cover the $13 million gained by this increase with a measly 1.3 percent of the Generations campaign. It’s also comforting to know that, compared to last year, we are saving $19 compared to last year’s increase, according to Mike Connolly’s article. I guess the $75,000 or so the University is losing by this decrease is a big deal.

No one is denying that higher education is expensive. Let’s use the money we are given in the best way possible. Let’s be a leader and go against the trend of increasing college costs. Use the Generations money to freeze tuition.

Stephen Carroll
fresman
Keanan Hall
March 22, 2001

Women’s Boxing Club responds to allegations

As captains of the Women’s Boxing Club and judges at this year’s Bengal Bouts, we would like to respond to Mr. Bravo’s letter to the editor on Tuesday. While Mr. Bravo and Brian Horowitz collaborated on writing a retrac­tion, many students have expressed disappointment with the decisions made in the finals of this year’s Bengal Bouts. Therefore, we feel it is necessary to clarify the judging process.

Five judges officiate each fight. At any one time, no more than two of these judges are women’s boxing captains. The other three judges, some of whom are alumni of the boxing program, are brought in from off campus. All judges sit ringside for every fight.

From such a short distance, we are able to see each boxer’s scoring blows. The minimum match is to count the number of punches that each boxer legally lands on his opponent. This eliminates any personal biases that a judge may have before or during a bout. For these reasons, we score each bout based on the rules set forth by the U.S. Amateur Boxing Association. The rules and scoring system are clearly explained to all of the boxers at practice just before the tournament.

While it is possible that a judge could “miss a few punches here and there,” the team of judges is strategically placed around the entire ring so that the bout can be judged from every angle. If one judge’s view is momentarily blocked, the other four judges are still able to accurately score the blows landed.

“The majority of the spectators” in attendance cannot see everything that happens in the ring. What the crowd perceives as “one fighter dominating the other” is often one boxer throwing sloppy punches. Boxers often throw a flurry of punches in which only one or a few may legally land on his opponent. Spectators in the bleachers cannot always distinguish between a legally landed punch and a skillfully blocked one. Again, this is why judges have the seats that they do.

Ideally, every bout would result in a unanimous decision. However, as we have mentioned, judges are human and their view may be obstructed at times. Any decision that is unanimous can hardly be questioned, especially by a spectator seated up high in the stands of the JACC. Such a decision demonstrates that every single ringside judge was in agreement regarding the outcome of a match. Any boxer who wins by a unanimous decision can be comfort­able with the fact that he out-scored his opponent.

Mr. Bravo “saw the student judges screaming in support of one of the fighters during a fight, a time when they should have been just judges.” We would like to correct this misunder­standing.

During the fights in which a student is serving as an official judge, that student has no conversation with anyone. Nor does he scream or cheer. All of the student judges take their responsibilities very seriously, and they would not think about doing anything less. The integrity of the tournament by behaving inappro­priately. Students who even begin to do so are swiftly sent out during the time.

Every year the tournament is criticized for its “bias” towards the men’s cap­tains and the returning champions. None of the captains are guest judges or have a bias towards any team in the tournament; they actually have to win their bouts on merit, just as every other boxer must do.

It is unfortunate that Mr. Bravo believes that the only way a boxer could win a bout “was to knock out his opponent.” In reality, the only way to win a bout is to — move around the ring, to successfully throw and land combinations and to defend against the punches thrown by an opponent.

In the spirit of the Bengal Bouts, no boxer’s goal should be to inten­tionally hurt another boxer. That would not be a sign of generosity or charity. It wouldn’t even be a sign of good sportsmanship. Each boxer who has the courage to endure a season of demanding practices and to step into the ring to help raise money for the people of Bangladesh is a winner. No judge’s decision can change that.

Jack Watkins
freshman
Keanan Hall
March 18, 2001

Failure to run ad violated principles

I have read many times this year about The Observer’s function as an independent newspaper and about how that function allows a forum for free speech on Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s campuses. I have also read several editorials and letters to the editor in The Observer relating to free speech issues, even in the case of controversial mate­rials. All this I applaud, since I feel it is important that students and faculty at a university be free to exchange ideas. I was therefore disappointed to read in the Wall Street Journal that The Observer was one of many college newspapers to refuse to run a paid advertisement by David Horowitz, a prominent conservative.

It is a pity that The Observer fails to see the contradiction between expect­ing freedom from University-enforced speech codes and censoring unpopular views like those of Mr. Horowitz.

Jack Watkins
freshman
Keanan Hall
March 18, 2001
A little rock, a little...
Sizing up the competition

The Cyclones advanced to the Sweet Sixteen for the third straight season with a 85-70 win over Florida on Monday night. Their second seed this year is the highest in school history. In last season's NCAA tournament, Iowa State was seeded third and lost in the Sweet Sixteen. A year earlier, the Cyclones upset Connecticut before losing in the Elite Eight. Center Angie Welle and guards Lindsey Wilson, Megan Taylor, and Tracy Cahan averaged 18.3 points per game, scoring 10.3 points per game, rebounding (10.1 per game) and ranks second in the nation with a 66.2 percent field goal percentage. Welle was recently named a third-team Associated Press All-American, Iowa State won all 16 games on its home court this year but lost to Duke, Baylor, Colorado, Kansas and Texas Tech.

Point guard Niele Ivey drives over a Georgetown defender in a game earlier this season. Ivey was recently named the nation's top player at height 5 feet, 7 inches or smaller.

The Mountain West conference school is known for its stifling defense. Opponents have averaged just 50.5 points per game and have shot only 33.7 percent, on average, from the field. The Utes are making their first-ever appearance in the Sweet Sixteen. In the first two rounds, Utah beat Fairfield 78-57 then defeated No. 4 seed Iowa 78-69. Lauren Beckman's 12.3 points per game and Kristina Andersen's 10.2 points per game are tops on the team. Utah has won 17 of its last 18 games, with the lone loss coming against BYU, on March 9.

Utah provides defensive test for Notre Dame

The Irish hope not to hit a bump in the Rocky Mountains in their road to the Final Four. The women's basketball team travels to Denver this weekend to compete in the third and fourth rounds of the NCAA Women's basketball tournament.

Two wins will send the Irish to their first Final Four appearance since 1997. In fact, McGraw speculated Wednesday on her current team's abilities compared to that 1997 squad. A visit from 1997 star forward Beth Morgan prompted the debate. "I think this team would win," McGraw said with a laugh. "We were talking about that the other day. You look at the balance we have with Alicia and Ruth, as good as Katriina [Gaither] were then, I think the other players are better. I think Niece is a better player. I would give the edge to this team."

The first obstacle on the road to St. Louis is the Utah Utes (28-3). Elaine Elliott's team is coming off an 78-69 upset win over Iowa in the second round of the tournament and competing in its first ever Sweet 16. McGraw compares Utah to her 1997 squad, the first Notre Dame women's team to reach the Final Four.

"I think they'll be loose," McGraw said. "You know, I think they're a Cinderella team and they have a chance to do something they haven't done in the program yet. I think this is a great opportunity for them to show everybody because they're probably very similar to us when we went to the Final Four."

Utah is lead by senior forward Amy Ewert, who earned co-Mountain West Conference player of the year honors earlier this season. Ewert scored 13 points in the win over Iowa.

Ewert averages 9.6 points and 3.5 assists per contest. Lauren Beckman averages 12.5 points per contest for the Utes and Kristina Anderson puts in 10.2 per game. McGraw was impressed with the offensive balance Utah has, a characteristic she compares to her own team.

"They're very much a balanced team," McGraw said. "They have a couple of players that they like to go to, but overall I think their strength is similar to ours in that they have great balance."

Utah's strength is their defense. Notre Dame battled Utah all season long for the nation's top spot in terms of least points allowed per game. McGraw expects the game to be a defensive battle.

"I think it's going to be a challenge for our offense," McGraw said. "We do like to score. Our defense is as good. I'm more of a coach that likes to see an offensive game, but I think this one is going to turn out to be a big defensive battle."

All-American senior center Ruth Riley realizes that the game is going to be a battle, but says that the team is approaching the game as if it would any other.

"I think we're going to have to be focused on what we want to do," Riley said. "We've going to have to play the same game we've played all year. I don't think we're going to change that going in there."

Should the Irish advance to the Elite Eight, they will be on the winner of a game between Vanderbilt and Iowa. Both teams have strong defenses. Vanderbilt leads the nation's top spot in terms of greatest strength of schedule. McGraw has connections to both teams, as she has faced them both in the past.

"I'm glad we only have to play one of them if we win," McGraw said. "I think to have to get by both of them would be really, really hard for me."

Saturday's game will be televised on ESPN. Tip-off is at 8 p.m.
Superstar Riley remains humble on, off court

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

The best women's college basketball player in the nation is a junior. Outside Gampel Pavilion, snow fell faster than the NCAA.

The University of Connecticut's on-campus arena, scribes listened while Kelley Sawyer, Amanda Barkdale and Muffet McGraw spoke. It was March 5 and Notre Dame had just defeated Virginia Tech in an advance to the Big East tournament championship game.

Then Ruth Riley arrived.

Due to the snowstorm, the Irish were to receive a police escort back to their hotel immediately following the press conference. So Riley decided to take a quick shower before answering questions.

"I want to apologize for being late," Riley said when she reached the podium. "I'm sorry about that."

Think anything, the scribes apologized to the dreaded media without first being prompted by her or her counterpart.

"With her stature," assistant coach Carol Owens said, "she's got to be the most humble person I've ever been around."

Unassuming Star

She recently won the Naismith Award as the country's best player; is the reigning Big East Player of the Year; is a two-time first-team All-American and Academic All-American; is a three-time Big East Defensive Player of the Year; is a certain top pick in April's WNBA draft and is now compared to Bill Walton.

This is what Riley thinks of her achievements.

"I think it's kind of expected to out of post players," Riley said. "To lead your team in rebounding and stuff like that. I think my teammates have always done a great job of getting me the ball, which speaks a lot about them. Obviously, I'm not the one bringing the ball up the court or shooting three-pointers.

Another typical Riley story — Before this season, she had a history of getting into foul trouble. During her first three years, Riley fouled out of 15 games. In the 69-65 Sweet Sixteen loss to Texas Tech, Riley fouled out and played only 27 minutes.

"Ruth Riley let you score on her because she was the country's best player, is the reigning Big East Defensive Player of the Year, is a certain top pick in April's WNBA draft and is now compared to Bill Walton." Her senior class at North Macy, Indiana) could have all the comforts of a big city. No gas stations, no banks, no schools. But I won't."

"There was n't a lot of extras," Sharon said. "I was her, I wouldn't be able to be around so many people, you know? I'd have to tell her to stop shooting."

"When she arrived the next fall, she did not start for the first few games. She had some trouble adjusting to the college game but the work ethic never wavered. Before and after every practice, Riley and Owens worked out together.

"Two or three days that we would technically have off, she would be in here shooting," Owens said. "Sometimes we would have to tell her to stop shooting."

Riley also worked on her body. She weighed or ran a minimum of three times per week under the guidance of assistant strength coach Tony Rolinski.

The skinny freshman transformed into a sculpted senior.

"Have you seen her arms now? She's got pipes," Rachel Riley said. "I can't believe it."

"It was no big deal. It's kind of expected. It's funny to hear what they say to and get to know," Phillips said. "If I was her, I wouldn't be able to be around so many people, you know? I'd be like 'Get away.'"

A Typical Walk

Riley walked from DeBartholom Hall to the women's basketball locker room early Tuesday afternoon. During the short stroll, she noticed a fellow classmate whose family attended a recent practice. Because all sessions are closed to the public, the family was asked to leave.

"I felt really bad for them," Riley said. She then crossed Juniper Blvd and was greeted by Kevin Rogers, the football team's offensive coordinator.

"Hey Ruthie," Rogers said. "Nice game last night."

Seconds later, Riley opened the Gate 2 Joyce Center doors and peeked into the football office. She waved to strength coach Mickey Marotti.

"You're on the cover of Real Sports Magazine," Marotti said. "It's in my office."

Riley just shrugged. It was no big deal.
Irish face Mile High test on postseason road to Final Four

As a season of incredible highs moves closer to its end, the Irish reach their highest point so far this weekend — the Mile High City.

And when the team's plane lands in Denver Thursday, the Mile High hopes of Coach McGraw all hinge on being able to top two quality opponents in a less than ideal environment. Mission: possible, but not to be taken for granted.

The Sweet 16 tasted simply sour for the Irish the last year. Y2K saw the Irish blow a 17-0 lead and fall to Texas Tech. Ruth Riley got in foul trouble, and so did the Irish lead.

A year later the team from the American's Heartland travels to a Midwest Regional about 500 miles west of anywhere normally considered the Midwest.

Denver's atmosphere has about as much wholesome Midwestern goodness as Britney Spears on the MTV awards.

The air out there is thinner than Riley before she discovered her weight. Fatigue will be a factor, a serious one for a team that has all five starters averaging over 30 minutes per contest.

But not a factor the Irish cannot overcome. Playing at a high elevation is an old hat to Notre Dame's three key players. Riley, Kelley Siemon and Nicole Garrity do in his few NBA minutes.

No. 1 Notre Dame all season for the Irish, Garrity does in his few NBA minutes. The may be at the Pepsi Center, but Riley and Co. don't need any artificial stimulants to get ready to play.

Friday's opponent is Utah — a team as accustomed to playing in thin air as Riley is to blowing past opponents in the paint. The Utes held a talented Iowa squad to 30 percent shooting on Monday to earn their trip to Denver.

Furthermore, the Utes have nothing to lose. Unlike Rick Majerus' talented men's squads over the years, the Utah women are playing in their first ever Sweet 16. There are no ghosts of blown 17-point leads giving Utes' coach Elaine Elliott nightmares.

"They don't feel like they get a lot of respect," McGraw said. "They're playing out west, don't get on TV a lot. I think this is a great chance for them to make some strides for their program."

If the Irish are stride past the region's top team, it will be because of their aggressive defense. Elliott's team battled Notre Dame all season for the No. 1 spot in the nation in terms of limiting opponents scoring.

The aggressive defense poses a threat to an Irish transition game that moves faster than the Irish move through the Big East.

At the same time, forcing the Irish to play in the half-court slows the game down, keeping any atmosphere-enthusiastic fatigue to a minimum. And no defensive scheme changes the fact that Utah's center is three inches shorter than Riley.

If the Irish can withstand Utah, the road to the Final Four should be just flashing at the mouth at the chance to upset a No. 1. Still, the Irish aren't looking past Saturday's game.

No. 1 Notre Dame

Sweet Sixteen

Notre Dame (1)

Utah (5)

Vanderbilt (3)

Iowa State (2)

Elite Eight

2001 NCAA Women's Final Four

East

NCAA Title is in hand.

Still, the Irish aren't looking past Saturday's game.

"We're not overlooking anyone," Riley said. "I think when that match-up comes, we'll probably think about it a little more."

One game at a time. Four more and the goal of a national title is in hand.

The Irish forward Kelley Siemon moves past Miami defenders in a game earlier this season. Siemon's offense in the post will be key when the Irish take on Utah Saturday night.

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Roll, a lot of NAZZ

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"A nice blend of indie rock and power pop," is how Oiseaux describes its music. Sophomores Tim Bradley and Bill Taylor performed at last year’s NAZZ in the now defunct band Moonshine, and the two joined with freshman Matt Dowling about six months ago to form Oiseaux’s current line-up.

All three members have distinctive taste in music. Bradley counts Weezer, the Pixies, Sloan and the Alkaline Trio as big influences. Taylor likes Reel Big Fish and Dowling gets inspiration from the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

The name "Oiseaux." "It looks cool and sounds sophisticated," says Bradley.

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Unlike many NAZZ bands, 7 Pounds of Groove says they are quite serious about playing post-college. The band, which has been together for a year and a half, is made up of junior Alan Maginn and seniors Kevin Bruce, Chris Corr and Mark Miller.

Everyone’s listening background is quite different as well," says the band, "which melds numerous different styles together, giving us a really unique sound.

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"A nice blend of indie rock and power pop," is how Oiseaux describes its music. Sophomores Tim Bradley and Bill Taylor performed at last year’s NAZZ in the now defunct band Moonshine, and the two joined with freshman Matt Dowling about six months ago to form Oiseaux’s current line-up.

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NAZZ performers flying solo

One night, one voice: 7 brave soul-oists will perform at Senior Bar

8:10 p.m.

"I think my style is a reflection of a blend of Ani DiFranco, Joan Osborne and something else that I can't quite put my finger on," says Vinita Olalapally. A self-described "energetic singer/songwriter," Olalapally's style is folk music with a kick. She considers DiFranco to be a strong influence in her work and performance, although she feels that she has a different influence for every song she writes. The senior performed at NAZZ last year, as well as at parties and events around campus like AcousticCafe and Amnesty events.

8:50 p.m.

Luke Mueller says his music is inspired by "living and dying and everything in between." The junior from Knott Hall has been playing the guitar for a little more than two years. In this, marks his first appearance at NAZZ. Mueller will also be playing in a rock band for the first time this summer. Mueller counts his influences of several artists, most notably Pearl Jam and Ben Harper. "I would say my music attempts to capture meaning in the way that Pearl Jam, Ben Harper, Bob Dylan, Bruce Springsteen and various other artists have done, but with a unique sound and style," says Mueller.

9:30 p.m.

Shawn Storer's greatest inspiration is God's grace, which he experiences through the people and the world he encounters each day. Storer has been singing since he was a child, playing varied instruments for almost nine years and writing songs intensively for the past few years. The senior theology major credits many varied influences, from the Psalms and Francis of Assisi to Bruce Springsteen and the Beatles.

Storer describes his style as "folk rock" (it's "rawks"). Now Storer says he "would most likely "shoot? Yippee!"

Joel Ebner says his music is inspired by "living and dying and everything in between." Ebner considers his style "singer/songwriter/pop music," but says he tends to play songs that are sometimes forgotten or unnoticed. "I'm really into experimental rock and underground music," says Ebner. "But I prefer to play pop-oriented music because pop music tends to work with themes to which most people can relate— love, happiness, friendship, youth and rocking out." Ebner may start a band with his twin brother after graduation, but he says he "will most likely only dream of rock stardom."

10 p.m.

Since he began playing at the age of five, Pat Wittliff has recognized his love of music. "I don't know how good I was, but I have always considered myself a guitar player," says Wittliff. "It's not pop, it's not blues and it's not country, but it has a tint of all of these." Friday marks Wittliff's first NAZZ performance, but he has played at various other events around campus like AcousticCafe and Amnesty events.

10:40 p.m.

"I gravitate toward [music] that is introspective and bittersweet, but still has a catchy silver lining," says Joel Ebner, a junior from Keough Hall. The ALPP/Graphic major has been performing and singing in various rock bands for about seven years, but has been playing the six-string acoustic guitar almost exclusively for a year. Ebner considers his style "singer/songwriter/pop music," but says he tends to play songs that are

11:20 p.m.

"There is nothing that brings me more joy than to play mellow folk songs with my acoustic guitar in order to share a piece of God's love with the world," says Danielle Rose Skorich. Since Skorich began playing the guitar seven years ago, the focus of her music has been on her faith. "I really love life, God and writing music about it," says Skorich. "Heck, if the angels sing for joy unceasingly, why can't we give it a shot? Yippee!"

Danielle Skorich describes her style as "folk pop acoustic music about my faith." She has played at various sites around campus, and this Friday night will bring a double dose of her music.

Skorich will be playing a concert for the Campus Ministry's kick off of "No Greater Love," and then will bring her acoustic sound to NAZZ later that night.

12 a.m.

Pat McKeever has never considered himself a solo artist. "I've always written songs for 'my band' regardless of whether or not I had a band at that particular time," says the junior from Morrissey Hall. But McKeever says he is coming to realize that he doesn't necessarily need a band to play some of his songs.

A first-time NAZZ performer, McKeever names as his strongest influences indie rock artists like Sebadoh and Seam and "folkier" artists like Ida and Jen Wood. In the future he says he would like to sing and play for "a really mellow band, with a lot of delicate instrumentation."

McKeever has been playing the guitar for over five years and prides himself on being self-taught. "I like the fact that sometimes I don't know why certain chords or notes sound good in certain places," says McKeever. "It keeps a sense of mystery about playing music. It keeps it from becoming too scientific."
USC upset Kentucky 80-76, will play Duke in regional final

Stanford, Maryland advance to West regional

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

With the game on the line, Southern California seemed to be making every shot. The Trojans hit 12 of 22 and built a 31-10 lead in the first 10 minutes. Meanwhile, second-seeded Kentucky (24-10) was staggering, sinking in a sea of air balls, missed shots and turnovers.

With coach Tubby Smith stamping his foot on the sideline, the Wildcats seemed unable to make the three-pointers that would hang on to the ball. Kentucky managed just four baskets in the first eight minutes and one of them by Marvin Stone bare­nedly avoided the backboard.

"We felt we were getting control, and then we started hitting," said point guard Saul Smith, who finished with five points and four assists. "We dug ourselves into a big hole by not doing enough on the defensive end when we needed to.

Duke 76, UCLA 63

Jason Williams took over in the second half, scoring 19 points as sixth-seeded Duke ranked Duke reach the region­al finals for the 10th time in 12 years.

The sophomore guard, one of six Blue Devils' two All-Americans, matched his career high with 34 points and 14 rebounds, both career­bests. UCLA's only other double­figure scorer was Blue Devil (32-4) will play sixth-seeded Southern California, which beat second­seeded Maryland, a 76-66 winner over 10th-seeded Georgetown. Cal finished the day by downing the freeway from his hometown of Georgetown in the second half, scoring a career-high 27 points and two 3-pointers to tie the single season-bests of 30.

Jason Collins had 15 points and eight rebounds, and 7-foot junior Jason Allen added 14 points and seven rebounds.

The Cardinal controlled the boards 36-25 and forced Cincinnati into 39 percent field­goal shooting.

Kenny Satterfield led the Bearcats (25-10) with 27 points. Steve Logan added 11 points. Using its quickness, Cincinnati fearlessly drove inside for baskets against Stanford player to go over 10 points and a 47-2 lead, and the Cardinal were not in control.

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Maryland 76, Georgetown 66

Finally, in its 23rd year of coaching top­level college bas­ketball players, Maryland had a good player on teams who have reached the Sweet 16, "I'm not trying to low­key it," he said. "But that's some­thing you think about later. We've got a lot of good guys in our league, I always play against bigger people," said Layton.

It ended with a drive that brought the Bruins within three points, a layup by Taj Holden and two free throws by Xavier Terps ahead 63-56 with 5:10 remaining.

A 3-pointer by Kevin Braswell drew the Hoyas with­in five points of Maryland in the second half and the Terps didn't score again until two minutes left.

Bryon Menden added 16 points, hit a 3-pointer to start the second half for Stanford, and the Cardinals twice combined for Stanford's next 10 points and a 47-2 lead, and the Cardinal were not in control.

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Smoltz may be out for season opener

Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Atlanta Braves pitcher John Smoltz, trying to come back after missing last year because of surgery on his right elbow, will "probably" open the season on the disabled list with tendinitis in the elbow, he said Thursday.

Smoltz was passed over for his scheduled start on Wednesday. He had asked team physician Dr. Joe Chandler to check out his elbow Monday after feeling some soreness following his previous start against the New York Yankees.

"He told me it was tendinitis. There's a little inflammation there," Smoltz said. "I've just got to let it settle down."

Smoltz has not pitched more than three innings in any start this spring.

"My goal was to pitch five, six innings and that's not going to happen," he said.

Asked if that meant he would likely open the season on the disabled list, Smoltz replied: "Probably. But that's their [the club's] decision."

Manager Bobby Cox said a decision would not be made until the end of spring training, but tried to remain optimistic.

"I think he'll be fine. I'm not thinking about it right now," he said.

Smoltz, who is coming back from "Tommy John" surgery exactly one year ago on Friday, said he had some pain after each of his three spring starts, but it lasted longer each time.

"The surgery took. The elbow is great," he said. "But there's going to be other issues and I just have to learn to deal with them."

He said he would take it slow.

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Ankiel gets off to wild start

Associated Press

JUPITER, Fla. Rick Ankiel, who threw nine wild pitches in four anguishing postseason innings last fall, walked his first three batters Thursday before giving up a grand slam to Montreal's Vladimir Guerrero.

"I'm just trying to get it right," Ankiel said.

Ankiel, the St. Louis Cardinals' 21-year-old left-handed phenom, walked eight in his previous spring start against Florida.

"I had a little more feel for my fastball but my curve wasn't working like it was the last time," Ankiel said. "I felt like I battled after a tough first inning. I was able to come back and throw strikes."

Ankiel threw only one strike to the first three batters, walking Peter Bergeron, Milton Bradley and Fernando Tatís on 13 pitches to open the game.

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"Our goal as a team is to win the rest of our matches, it is very feasible to go the rest of the season undefeated," said Vaughan.

The team is on a roll after another undefeated weekend with wins against Miami and West Virginia down in Florida. The Irish improve their record to 14-3 with the impressive wins, losing only one singles match.

"I thought we did very well, it was a big adjustment to playing inside and outside but we did a good job," said junior Nina Vaughan after another great weekend.

Head coach Jay Louderback sees last weekend's performance as a positive step as the season winds down.

"Our goal as a team is to win the Big East Tournament and the regional," said Vaughan. "We go into every match confident in our abilities," said Vaughan.

"I thought we did very well," said coach Louderback. "Everyone played well, Becky [Varnum] has been playing better and better as the spring has gone along, she has really stepped it up at number two and Nina Vaughan at three has played well for us."

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Women's Tennis

No. 7 Irish face hard road trip this weekend

By STEVE KEPPEL

SPORTS Writer

This weekend, the women's tennis team will have its work cut out for it as the Notre Dame takes on Kentucky and Tennessee, two solid teams who will be looking to knock off the No. 7 Irish.

"Kentucky and Tennessee are always a tough road trip," said head coach Jay Louderback. "Both are very good teams who play well at home."

Junior Nina Vaughan knows the weekend trip to Appalachia provides a challenge.

"We have to respect that they are two very tough teams but we are confident in our abilities," said Vaughan.

"We go into every match thinking that we can win," Vaughan said. "But every day, Rick has a feel for the mound, a feel for his legs. He was in a fastball mode today and executed all his pitches well," she said. "He showed me something the way he got out of the inning. Let's face it, that's a really good hitter hitting the ball good. And he was the only one who hit the ball hard."

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Azinger takes lead; Woods misses par

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Paul Azinger finally found The Players Championship to his liking Thursday, thanks to a relatively soft Stadium course, a one-stroke lead and his best score at Sawgrass in 49 rounds.

Azinger's best finish at The Players Championship was a tie for third in 1991. Azinger started with three consecutive birdies, had a similar stretch in the middle of his round, and kept it straight and simple down the stretch for a 6-under 66 and the lead over Vijay Singh, Scott Hoch and Jonathan Kaye.

"When the greens hold, it's a manageable golf course," Azinger said.

Not everyone felt that way. Tiger Woods said he hit only a couple of bad shots but signed for a 72, the 19th time in 17 career rounds in the tournament that he has failed to break par. One of those shots was his 3-wood on No. 18 that started left and into the water and led to a double-bogey.

"I didn't get a whole lot out of the round," Woods said. "I only hit two or three bad shots all day, which in these conditions is pretty good. The golf course is going to keep playing harder and harder as the week goes on."

Even with greens that allowed certain pins to be attacked, the Stadium course is no pushover. The average score was 73.37, the highest first-round scoring on the PGA Tour this year.

"If we had to play a golf course this difficult every week, there would be a lot of guys retiring of heart failure at age 40," said Billy Mayfair, who was at 68 along with Robert Allenby and Skip Kendall.

Three of the top four players, including Azinger, started in the afternoon, a rarity in golf because the course tends to get dry and crusty as the day goes on. Thursday was an exception because of rain that soaked the Stadium Course earlier in the week, and wind that only gusted hard in the morning.

Azinger noticed the difference right away, especially when he kept bending over to replace pitch marks. In years past, when the rough was ankle deep and the greens were like cement, he figured he had no chance because he hits the ball low and hard.

"When the ball hit the green, you could hear it from 150 yards out," he said. "That favored a certain type of player, and that wasn't me. It just didn't fit my style."

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Big surprise there. Singh is one of the most tireless workers in golf, and it has begun to pay off. He is the only player who has not had a round over 70 this year, with a 65 in the first round of official competition. There has been some casual rounds, even though Singh lives about five miles away.

"If you drive the fairways and greens, you've got a lot of chances to make good approaches to the green," Singh said. "From tee to green, I was really solid. And when you do, you're supposed to play a good round."

So how to explain Hoch? He likes The Players Championship now because the rough is like a jungle and keeping the ball in play is a priority. On Thursday, Hoch missed six fairways and six greens, and had a 67 for his best score of the year.

"I was very fortunate," he said. "When I do play well, I keep the ball in play. And I did not do that today. But I made a whole lot more."

When asked whether the Stadium course was there for the taking, Hoch scoffed.

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Woods misses par...
Bryant reluctant to play triangle

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Phil Jackson likes to hand out books to his players for inspiration. Apparently, he’s still trying to find the right one for Kobe Bryant.

It has been well documented that the Lakers coach and his All-Star guard don’t share the same philosophies of offense. Specifically, Bryant is unhappy with his role in Jackson’s vaunted triangle offense.

Bryant’s season-long feud with Shaquille O’Neal about who should be the focus of Jackson’s vaunted triangle offense has been the biggest problem he’s still trying to find the inspiration. Apparently, the triangle offense — which is to distribute the ball among teammates — isn’t getting along.

The point apparently is lost on Bryant. Jackson said, “Kobe’s having a hard time with the triangle offense this year. Not last year. Last year he could hardly wait to get to the spot on the floor where Michael Jordan had been. He wanted to be Michael. But it’s a different team this year. We don’t have a Scottie Pippen for him, the guy who allowed Michael to be Michael. That’s the cross Kobe has to bear.”

Jackson then added: “Someone told me that in high school, Kobe used to sabotage his own games. So the game could be close. So he could dominate at the end. To sabotage the team process, to be so self-centered in your own process — it’s almost stupifying.”

Jackson said that recent on-court disturbances with Bryant might not reflect their total relationship.

“I’m not butting heads at all,” Jackson said. “I thought the book would be a good look at the culture he’s attached to. It’s a beautiful book. Tragic. But he didn’t like it. Last year I gave him a book by Paul Beatty, White Boy Shuffle, about a black youth who grows up in a white community. But Kobe had no affinity for it. He’s not willing to let someone else’s ideas penetrate his mind.

“Tie the point of the book was that you can’t always dictate the terms of what your life is going to be,” Jackson said. “Those Greeks are going to be overrun and organized by the Italians. So they learn how to win by losing, in a way. We are going to be occupied, now how do we get along?”

The Associated Press

Martin breaks leg in 113-98 loss to Celtics

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.

Kenyon Martin, the No. 1 pick in last year’s NBA Draft, fractured his right leg in the New Jersey Nets’ loss to Boston on Thursday night.

The right leg is the same one Martin broke around this time last year while playing for the University of Cincinnati.

“Kenyon has a non-displaced fracture of the right fibula,” Nets spokesman Aaron Harris said about an hour after the Nets 113-98 loss. “It’s a completely different injury than last year.”

The bone is the same, but the location of this injury is different, Harris said. The break Martin sustained in last year’s Conference USA tournament was near his knee.

This injury is in a different location and will not require surgery, Harris said, noting it was the same type of break that Nets forward Keith Van Horn suffered in training camp. The Nets didn’t want to leave the court but was eventually taken to the locker room by trainer Tim Walsh.

“'I've never seen anything like this,'” Nets All-Star guard Stephon Marbury said. “It's amazing. It really is.”

Martin had 22 points on 10-of-16 shooting in 28 minutes.

One of the leading contenders for the Rookie of the Year award, Martin is second in scoring and rebounds among rookies and first in blocks.

Paul Pierce scored a career-high 44 points and the Boston Celtics hit a season-high 14 3-pointers in defeating the New Jersey Nets 113-98 on Thursday night.

Antoine Walker added 29 points as the Celtics (30-35) won their third straight road game and moved within a half-game of idle Indiana (30-37) in the race for the eighth and final playoff berth in the Eastern Conference.

Keith Van Horn added 19 and Stephon Marbury had 17 points and 11 assists in returning from a hip injury which forced him to miss two games.

The Celtics broke the game open in a 35-point third quarter, during which they hit five 3-pointers.

Pierce, who has six 40-point games this season including three in his last five games, then ignited a back of his leg midway through the third quarter.

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BASEBALL

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By JEFF BALTRUZAK
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Fencing
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“Our first match was against them and I wasn’t really ready.”

A chipped bone in his foot is also bothering Debic. He injured it a week ago and the recovery has been slow.

“It is getting better but I am definitely not fencing the way I would usually,” Debic said. “I am much more static.”

Despite his painful foot, Debic still picked up a few impressive victories including a dominating 5-1 defeat of Columbia’s Jed Dupree. The loss to Debic was Dupree’s only defeat in the first four rounds.

St. John’s 12-point lead after the first day poses a threat to Notre Dame’s victory plan. With a men’s team that is much stronger than the women’s team, the Irish hoped to build a bigger lead after the first two days of competition and protect the lead on the last two days. Now they that are trailing after the first day, the Irish must re-evaluate their strategy but still think they can overtake the Red Storm.

“I wouldn’t say we are going to catch them (Friday) but we are definitely going to close the gap,” Viviani said. “They had a lot going for them today and we had a lot going against us today but hopefully that will change (Friday).”

The Irish will benefit from an easier schedule in some weapons. Epee has already fenced St. John’s and Penn State. Foil has already faced Columbia’s Jed Dupree. Sabre has the toughest schedule today with matches against St. John’s and Wayne State but Notre Dame’s best fencers are looking forward to the greater challenge and the chance to deal with their first loss.

“My and Andrzej have been fencing really hard and I think tomorrow we are going to show them up,” Crompton said. “I know Keeth is undefeated but hopefully after he meets us he won’t be.”

The large deficit and strong performance by St. John’s on the opening day, however, has led some Irish fencers to re-evaluate their chances for a team title.

“Anything is possible but when you get to the logistics of it, it is pretty much a greater challenge and the Irish are going to show them up,” Bednarzski said.

Men’s foilist Ozren Debic, left, scores a point during Thursday’s NCAA competition. Debic is in sixth place after one day of competition.

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As the Irish approached their rank- ing Saturday against Hofstra, they will learn for the first time what it is like to play as the favorite. "I kinda get worried about us getting over-confident and lazy," said Corrigan. The Irish have made three NCAA Tournament appearances, and Corrigan says getting the Irish to this year's tournament is the goal. "We want to get there, and if we do, I think we can go far," he said.

While the 2001 team rose to the Tournament, the 2000 team, which finished No. 1 in the country, was a more trying experience. "Going from being ranked No. 1 to being on a team with a losing record, it was really a shock," Todd Ulrich said. "We almost forgot what it was like to be on a team with a losing record."

The Irish's 5-6 record was a far cry from the team's 2000 season, when it went 12-4 and made the NCAA Tournament. "Going from being ranked No. 1 to being on a team with a losing record was really a shock," Ulrich said.

Corrigan said the 1998 team, which finished the 1997 season ranked No. 1 in the country, was a team the seniors on the field keep in mind. "Senior midfielder Todd Ulrich and Tom Dame did not make the NCAA Tournament, Notre Dame the next August, so they had to start between the pipes for the Irish."

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This year it seems like everyone expects to win. That's the biggest difference between this year and other years.

David Ulrich senior

The Tennessee-native Howell, unlike most of the players on this year's team, does not come from a state known for lacrosse. The sport is played mostly by the private schools in the East, especially in Baltimore and New York. When the Ulrichs and Glaziel decided to come to Notre Dame rather than a traditional powerhouse like Princeton or John Hopkins, it surprised many people in the East.

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NHL

Penguin superstars to play on new lines

Associated Press

CANONSBURG, Pa. - Mario Lemieux and Jaromir Jagr are splitting up.

The Pittsburgh Penguins stars agreed before practice Thursday to try playing on different lines for at least three or four games.

Lemieux, the team's owner and Hall of Famer who ended a 3 1/2-year retirement in December, will play with Kevin Stevens and Wayne Primeau, while Jagr will skate with Jan Hrdina and Alexei Morozov against Carolina on Friday.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame confident heading into home opener

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

Ask the Big East player of the week how the women's lacrosse team matches up with its weekend opponent, Denver, and she just laughs.

"We're heads above them," said Lael O'Shaughnessy.

That's not to say that the Irish are looking past Denver. They've just been preparing for their inaugural season competing in the Big East conference.

"We're not going to try to run them up, and we're certainly not going to underestimate them," O'Shaughnessy said.

"We're just going to work on some things for our upcoming games." 

Already the women's lacrosse team is off to a red-hot start. After a season-opening loss to No. 8 James Madison, the Irish have won their last three games, including a pair of wins over Big East foes Virginia Tech and Boston College.

"We're very confident at this point in the season," O'Shaughnessy said.

The women's lacrosse team has a different attitude this season. Joining the Big East conference has given the Irish a new focus. Before this year, the Irish played whatever team would schedule them and didn't have a clearly defined team goal. Now, they have plenty of opponents and a brand new purpose — winning in the Big East.

"We have more of a point to our season," said O'Shaughnessy. "We have other, new goals, like winning the Big East tournament. It makes it seem more official."

Already, O'Shaughnessy and her teammates are excited to have earned Big East recognition. The senior was named the Big East player of the week following her sensational spring break performance.

Against Virginia Tech, O'Shaughnessy scored one goal and five assists in Notre Dame's 19-8 win. Four days later, she helped the Irish edge Boston College 8-7 by scoring one goal and assisting on two more.

Notre Dame's Sunday afternoon match against Denver is their first home contest of the season. O'Shaughnessy said the women's team is happy to finally be competing at home this weekend, and they're hoping for some support from the students.

"We get a little tired of being on the road," she said. "Hopefully we can get a little people out."

Notre Dame's match against Denver will take place Sunday afternoon at Moose Krause Stadium. The match is slated to begin at 1 p.m.

Lael O'Shaughnessy senior

Sophomore Jen Berarducci looks to pass during a match last season against Colgate. The Irish are off to a 3-1 start this season and are 2-0 in Big East play.

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