A day for dreaming

In commemoration of Martin Luther King, the Notre Dame community plans a week of activities that stress understanding, unity and reflection.

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SMC/ND honor Martin Luther King

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
News Writer

While students at many public and private universities will take today off from school to honor Martin Luther King Jr., students at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's will remain in class.

According to Chandra Johnson, assistant to the president and assistant director for Campus Ministry at Notre Dame, the policy is to save up the days from Monday holidays such as today and allow for a longer semester break and a weeklong fall break.

"Notre Dame never takes the Monday holidays because of fall break and Christmas break. It's an option that we get as a private school," Johnson said. "We just save up those days."

"I've even thought the students at both schools will remain in class today, events are planned at both campuses to mark the holiday and remember King and his legacy."

At Notre Dame, the activities center around the theme "Operation Love: Making a Difference Piece by Piece." A committee of six students and five staff members chose this theme because of the continued situation in Afghanistan, and the need for peace around the world.

"I thought a good segue into our theme would be a peace quilt," Sorrell said. "The different squares represented what Dr. King and his legacy meant to different people."

Johnson, Sorrell and three other students and staff members also decided to include the South Bend community in the project.

"I invited 40 odd South Bend elementary schools, Catholic and private, and all Notre Dame residence halls and dorms to participate," Johnson said. "They have kits for quilts and I got a quilt packet with all the colors of the rainbow. We mailed a patch to all the elementary schools and residence halls with instructions."

After three-and-a-half weeks, Johnson stated that they had received half of the patches, completed, from the elementary schools and about 15 or 16 from the residence halls at the University.

"Susan Good, a technology specialist in the law school, offered to sew [the patches] together over the Christmas holidays," Johnson said. "Her uncle, a Holy Cross priest, constructed a stand for it."

According to Johnson, the quilt will be unveiled Tuesday, and members of all the participating schools are invited to the unveiling and will receive a certificate of appreciation for their participation.

"I think this quilt is a very strong reminder of how far we've come," Sorrell said. "The quilt is a reminder of what they have done and what we can do."

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Panel: Symbols illustrate beliefs

♦ Interfaith celebration unites community

By SARAH NESTOR
News Writer

Hoping to bring the community together, the Saint Mary's students and faculty held the second annual interfaith celebration Sunday.

Five different speakers discussed the importance of symbols in Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism and Bahá'í as part of the theme "Sacred Symbols, Sacred Objects." Symbols such as Sabbath candles, robes and calligraphy were displayed during the talk.

Edith Barky spoke first on the relationship of symbols in the Jewish faith.

"Judaism uses lots of objects and lots of symbolism," she said. "The objects themselves are not sacred but the use of the objects are so that we become closer in our mind to God."

Imam Waliyyuddin Beyah spoke about the Muslim faith. He explained that there are not objects used in Muslim, but what is most sacred is the written word or the Quran.

He further explained that as a Muslim there are certain expectations, such as a pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia.

Beyah also touched on the subject of the war in Afghanistan and the concept of jihad in Islam. Beyah said that Osama bin Laden was not conducting a jihad.

"Jihad or ijtihad, is not fighting with guns, it is an internal fight within ones self to become closer to God. Ummah is the term for war and fighting with others," Beyah said.

Tom Brown explained Buddhism and what it is to be a Buddhist. As a Buddhist there are three goals, to avoid evil, do only good and purify your mind. Any object can be scared because Buddhists believe that everything is, and of, God.

"You can be a Buddhist and still attend Catholic Church," Brown said. "In Buddhism you depend on experience and not on what is taught."

Professor Alexis Brooks De Vita shared the Bahá'ís believes with the panel. There is no clergy but each person takes it upon himself or herself to study and attend to their own belief in God.

Symbols in the faith are the five-pointed and nine-pointed star and an object called the ring stone. The ring stone consists of three different vertical bars, the top bar represents God, the middle is manifestation and the third represents the human world.

"It reminds us that we cannot understand the mind of God," De Vita said.

Professor Beth Newman finished the discussion with an interpretation of Christianity and the use of icons and the idea of idolatry, which goes against the Commandments. Those who did not want to use

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REMEMBERING A HISTORY

The Notre Dame community joined to celebrate the Snite museum exhibit "Mask and Figures, Form and Style: The Christensen Family Collects African Art," Sunday. Above, Chandra Johnson, assistant to the president and assistant director of Campus Ministry performs a libation ceremony honoring African culture.
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Rams prove to amuse**

With the start of the new semester, I like most have been more engaged in the NFL playoffs than in academic work. After following the Los Angeles Rams, the Green Bay Packers and the Chicago Bears all season, this year's playoffs have been more energetic and entertaining than they have been in awhile.

Everyone knows the Rams are good, have been good and have the potential and talent to remain good, however, who would have thought the Rams would have made it to the playoffs and gotten a first-round bye? Courtney Boyle, a Penn senior who would have thought the Packers would have received a home field advantage in the first round and been paired with the unstoppable Rams in the second round back when the season started?

It was only a matter of time before the Bears were dropped out they proved to have earned their trip to the playoffs and their home field advantage. Maybe. But next year will be their year.

For me after the first round of playoffs the excitement began to wane. After following the Rams and the Packers throughout the season it was bittersweet to be able to watch these two teams finally get a chance to play each other.

The Packers have talent, even though they did not show much of it on Sunday. The last two weeks were looking a little brighter and a little more intimidating for Green Bay with Kurt Warner's throat injury and his recent case of excitement. But the Rams reappear as Superbowl Champions. Five years ago with little to no talent, the Rams proved they had a chance to prevail and prepare their strategy in hopes of Warner not returning for the game. However, it was obvious Sunday that the Packers were not prepared to meet the unpredictable Rams in their house.

Sunday's game was an incredible site to watch. After a slow first quarter by both teams the second quarter was explosive and the Rams got a chance to play their tricks — the third quarter was amusing to say the least. While Warner did not shine to his ability, the Rams did and Warner left the showing this week.

Watching this team it is hard to believe just four years ago these same Rams were one of the laughed at teams in the NFL. From a team with no talent to a team that has earned their trip to the playoffs and a chance to prevail and prepare their strategy, the Rams have come out in favor of patriotism and specifically ROTC, writing in a Veterans Day letter to "Harvard Cadets and Midshipmen" that "he and many others deeply admire those of you who choose to serve society in this way."

Yet Summers has come out in favor of patriotism and specifically ROTC, writing in a Veterans Day letter to "Harvard Cadets and Midshipmen" that "he and many others deeply admire those of you who choose to serve society in this way."

Last Thursday, Summers asked Harvard's yearbook staff to make ROTC an exception to their policy of excluding activities that are not official student groups from mention in the book. Summers met with yearbook editors Dec. 13 and made a "personal request" to honor students by recording their participation in ROTC, yearbook presi­dent Kyna Feng said.

At the study break Summers attended that night, he polled students in the audience and asked if they would support Harvard changing its policy to fund ROTC through official channels. Harvard's current policy stems from a Faculty Council vote in 1994 that Harvard money should not be used to support students who participate in ROTC, at MET, former vice president for alumni affairs and development Fred Gilman said.

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**STANFORD UNIVERSITY**

**Online essay services spark concern**

The increasingly competitive college admissions process is driving high school students to new lengths, such as high-priced personal counselors and schedules packed with extracurriculars. But one trend, in particular, is sparking worries among admissions officials at Stanford University and nationwide — the use of online essay editing services. According to Dean of Undergraduate Admission and Financial Aid Robin Mamat, although the admissions office does not "keep count of the number of applications [they] feel have been 'supported' by others, we are becoming increasingly concerned about this." Students at Stanford vary in their opinions about whether or not the use of such services, such asEssayAdvisor.com, MyEssay.com, and EssayEdge.com, is fair. Some students, such as foreign student Ying-Ying Chou, said hiring a service to help with an admissions essay is "out of the question. It's not ethical or morally just." Other students, such as foreign student Gang Wu, think students "should have an equal chance of getting into college based on their efforts alone."
Treatment of terrorists stirs global concern

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The photos, released by the U.S. Defense Department before the arrival of the latest detainees, showed the men with masks over their mouths and noses, hats, and mitrones on their hands.

After prominent display in many British newspapers — and one tabloid accusation of torture — Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said he had told British representatives at Guantanamo to ask American officials for an explanation.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said in Washington later that he had "no doubt" that the detainees were being treated humanely.

U.S. military spokesman Robert Nelson, at Guantanamo Bay on Sunday, said the pictures were taken shortly after the prisoners arrived from Afghanistan on a C-141 cargo plane. "It gets pretty cold on a C-141, hence the blacked-out goggles, as well as the protective headgear and nose and hand cuffs and mittens on their hands.

The prisoner are being transported to the Guantamano to ask American officials for an explanation.

"Of course the prisoners have human rights, and those we believe should be respected. We have had assurances from the Americans on that." - Prime Minister Tony Blair

Tony Blair
Prime Minister

Baroness Shirley Williams, the Catholic intellectual who helped to reshape the landscape of British politics, leader and foreign-policy spokesperson for the Liberal Democrats in the House of Lords

The Second Annual Notre Dame Erasmus Lectures

Shirley Williams

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All lectures are held on consecutive Tuesdays and Thursdays in the auditorium of the Husburgh Center for International Studies and begin at 4 p.m.

Initial funding for the Erasmus Institute comes from the generosity of individual contributors, The Pew Charitable Trusts, the William J. Carey Endowment, and the University of Notre Dame.
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Dr. King’s legacy, and illustrates how we can come together to work for a common cause. It reflects what struggles we have endured as human beings.”

As to the future of the quilt, Johnson stated that the quilt may travel around the University, and that no concrete decision regarding its final location has been made.

“The Snite has offered to hang it, or it may travel,” Johnson said. “We are still in the process to decide.”

Other events at Notre Dame will include “From the Inside Out,” an artistic showcase of student talent, with poetry readings, singing, and music. “This event will show how students feel about themselves inside themselves what they contribute to the community.” “From the Inside Out” will take place on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Junior Kat Walsh has coordinated “Speaking the Truth,” a fireside chat between students and student leaders taking place on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Coleman-Mores Center.

Finally, observance of the holiday will end with a prayer service, “The Peace Quilt: Tied Together in the Single Garment of Destiny.” Johnson will facilitate the service, which will take place in Keenan-Stanford Chapel at 7 p.m. Thursday.

“Voice of Faith and Celebration will sing, and Pasquarella East Musical Company will also sing,” Johnson said.

At Saint Mary’s, students can celebrate Martin Luther King Day at a Networking continental breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. today in 303 Haggar. Free “We are ALL Special” buttons will be available to wear in honor of the holiday. Campus Ministry will also hold its annual Interfaith Prayer Service at 4:30 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge. The Sisters of Neferititi cosponsored the event.

“It is a day of service, a day of, not a day off,” said Terri Johnson director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs. “The important part about the celebration of this holiday is all of the events scheduled throughout the community and the (many) opportunities for everybody to make a difference. All of the events that OMA has scheduled are so that the students can attend and schedule them around their classes.”

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Icons believed that since no one knows what God looks there cannot be prayer to draw icons. Others believed that since God allowed himself to become man and can be drawn in the symbol of Jesus that icons can be used.

“God cannot be pictured, cannot be understood but we all as humans reach out,” Newman said.

To bring the faith together there was then an interfaith prayer service in which all the religions took part. Readings were taken from the Baha’i faith, the Qur’an, in Arabic, the Prophet Isaiah from Judaism in Hebrew, and from 1 John from Christianity. The service included music from the First AME Zion choir. Students from Saint Mary’s also participated in leading a number of songs and incorporating dance into the program.

“We are bringing the community together to educate and share our faiths,” said Mana Derkashani, a co-planner.

“What we [the Saint Mary’s community] have in common is a faith. A belief in God, and so humbly we are the same,” Beyah said.

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Two Marines die in Afghan crash

Associated Press

A U.S. helicopter crashed in the rugged mountains of Afghanistan on Sunday, killing two Marines and injuring the other five on board. It was the third fatal crash of a U.S. military aircraft in the campaign.

The CH-53E Super Stallion crashed about 40 miles south of Bagram air base after taking off from the former Soviet base outside the capital, Kabul. It was flying with another helicopter to resupply American forces, military officials said.

Marine spokesman 1st Lt. James Jarvis said there was no initial indication of hostile fire. And Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said the cause of the crash appeared to be a mechanical failure.

In Washington, the Pentagon identified the dead as Staff Sgt. Walter F. Colee III, 26, from Wimicau, Mich., a communications navigation systems technician, and Sgt. Dwight J. Morgan, 24, from Mendorin, Calif., a helicopter mechanic.


Also Sunday, the leader of Afghanistan’s interim government arrived in Tokyo for an international aid conference to gather funds for the massive task of rebuilding after more than two decades of war.

“I am hoping very much that I’ll go back to my country, my people with full hands,” Prime Minister Hamid Karzai said. The United Nations says it could cost $1.7 billion for the first year and possibly $15 billion over 10 years to repair the Afghan infrastructure and get the new government moving.

The U.N.’s top priorities are filling the government’s coffers, getting farmers back in the fields for spring planting and establishing an Afghan police force.

Armed men backing regional warlords are the nearest thing to a police force in most towns and there are complaints of abuses. The poor security raises concern that Taliban and al-Qaida figures are not being caught.

Officer speaks about Columbine suit

Associated Press

DENVER

An officer accused by parents of accidentally killing their son during the Columbine High School massacre says he is disappointed a coroner’s inquest won’t be held because he believes it would exonerate him.

“I want this in the public eye. I’m sick and tired of this conspiracy label,” Police Sgt. Dan O’Shea said in an interview published Sunday in The Denver Post.

A sheriff’s report said Rohrbough was killed by student gunman Dylan Klebold. On Thursday, the Jefferson County coroner denied a request to call an inquest, saying the evidence supports the official finding that Klebold killed Rohrbough.

But Rohrbough’s parents claim he was accidentally killed by a police officer during the massacre.

Two days after the shooting, O’Shea told former school administrator Geline Mareques about fears he may have shot a student. Marquez’s statements were included in a motion filed by the family Dec. 26 seeking to reinstate their wrongful-death and negligence lawsuit against the Jefferson County Sheriff’s office.

“It wasn’t a single shot. It was every single one of them that I fired into that school that concerned me,” said O’Shea, a 16-year Denver police veteran and former SWAT member.

He said he fired his 9mm submachine gun into the school to provide cover for rescue workers removing injured students from outside the school.

O’Shea said that his fears were eased when he learned that investigators discovered that students killed in the library where shot at close range.
U.S. sends financial aid to Afghanistan

Associated Press

The United States will pledge $290 million in reconstruction assistance for Afghanistan, a Bush administration official said Monday.

The figure was to be announced at an international conference on rebuilding the war-torn nation.

More than 60 countries are gathered in Tokyo for two days of talks aimed at rebuilding Afghanistan after 23 years of devastation.

The United Nations, the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank have said $1.7 billion would be needed for the first year.

The U.S. pledge represents about 17 percent of that total.

Among those attending is Afghanistan's interim leader Hamid Karzai, who along with Secretary of State Colin Powell was to address the gathering.

At a briefing Sunday, U.S. officials, speaking on the condition they not be identified, said the American efforts in Afghanistan would focus on rural development, education and removing land mines.

Afghanistan is one of the most heavily mined countries in the world.

While U.S. officials said the $290 million figure may not seem generous given Afghanistan's need, they pointed out that the United States has spent $4.5 billion on the war effort in the country since early October.

Powell is on the final leg of a five-nation tour that included a five-hour stop in Kabul, Afghanistan, where he promised Karzai that America's commitment to the country is long-term.

Powell's diplomacy also included a major effort at easing tensions between Pakistan and India, nuclear powers on the brink of war.

He also made a stop in Nepal before traveling to Japan.

The United Nation says the cost of rebuilding Afghanistan's infrastructure and getting the government up and running could reach as much as $15 billion over the next 10 years.

Top priorities including returning law and order to the largely lawless country and getting farmers back into their fields.

Health care, education, infrastructure and clearing land mines are also expected to head the agenda at the conference, organized by Japan, the United States, Saudi Arabia and the European Union.

The meeting is seen as a test of the world community's commitment to helping in Afghanistan's recovery.

COLOMBIA

Rebels resolve cease-fire talks

Associated Press

TOKYO

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Residents of this war-scarred central African nation voted Sunday on a new constitution, paving the way for the first elections since fighting ended two years ago.

The vote took place at 3,224 polling stations across the country. Voting took place at 3,224 polling stations across the country. Voting took place at 3,224 polling stations across the country.

"Everything is taking place peacefully, without trouble and without disorder," he said on the radio.

The draft constitution would do away with the prime minister and existing Parliament, providing for an elected president and a bicameral assembly with a House of Representatives and a Senate.

The new legislature would not have the power to remove the president from office as the current Parliament does. The president would serve seven-year terms, but could run only twice.

A constitutional court and a national human rights commission would also be established.

Republic of Congo has had only a provisional constitution since Sassou-Nguesso seized power in 1997, ousting elected President Pascal Lissouba in fighting just weeks before a presidential vote in which both men were to have run.

Sassou-Nguesso in turn faced a rebellion in 1998 launched by militias loyal to Lissouba and Bernard Kolelas, a former prime minister. Cease-fire agreements were signed by all sides at the end of 1998 and the country has been mostly calm since.

A draft of the new constitution was approved by delegations to a national peace conference in April called by Sassou-Nguesso.

Neither Kolelas nor Lissouba—who have both been convicted in absentia for crimes committed during the 1997 war—were present, and both men say they oppose any elections organized by Sassou-Nguesso's regime.

Kolelas called on his supporters to boycott the vote altogether. Other opposition figures called on their backers to vote against the new constitution.

Sassou-Nguesso and his supporters, however, say the referendum heralds a new era of peace and development.

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The gradual U.S. military buildup in Zambanga and Basilan is part of preparations for a six-month training exercise in which small teams of American Special Forces are expected to enter combat zones to assess their Filipino counterparts and their needs.

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SARG's focus is to sponsor events and interaction with ND alumni. Attend the first joint meeting of SARG and NAR on Wednesday, Jan. 23, at 8:00 PM at Reckers.

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Make resolutions you don’t mind breaking

New year, new disappointments. It’s January again. The time when we willingly make New Year’s Resolutions that we know we can’t keep, setting ourselves up for failure and depression. Personally, I have a very difficult time accepting failure, so I’m making resolutions that will actually cause me happiness if I break them. I plan to weaken my faith life, drink more, start smoking, eat babies and gain weight (babies have a wicked calorie count). I would also like to fail out of school and live off my Enron stock. So, I’m set, but others still might be having trouble deciding on their resolutions. Of course, not everyone is like me, and some actually think that their attempts to improve themselves will not end in absolute failure. For those people, I’ve provided some slightly more realistic resolutions. However, I think they have as much of a chance of keeping these goals as I do of finding my AbSlide underneath the minute forecasts. At first hand, I can say confidently that they all broke his 1991 resolution to graduate on the last such occasion, Rufus, who on the last such occasion, Rufus, who

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

SATS do not answer cloning question

Recently, the U.S. Federal government has begun discussing legislation regarding cloning. A bill outlawing human cloning, which has already passed in the House, currently occupies the attention of the Senate. Concurrently, a presidential council has been assembled to discuss the pertinent issues regarding the delicate topic. According to the New York Times, on the first day of debate "the conversation can get racist, from debate over whether parents seeking egg donors should take the donors’ SATs tests into account, to whether making babies the old-fashioned way — by sexual intercourse between a man and a woman — has any intrinsic worth.”

Now, I took the SATs once and apparently did well enough to slip by the Notre Dame admissions department. In fact, the life of a student in this country is inundated with standardized tests. After having experienced them first hand, I can say confidently that they mean nothing. They simply act as an arbitrary way of assigning a number to the millions of people applying for college each year. All too often, now, the SATs may determine your ability to live forever. Yes, that’s right. If you score a 1680 on the SAT’s you too may be able to clone yourself, ensuring your genetic code will exist in perpetuity. And, Vanna, what do we have for those runners up who score below an 800? Well, we will clone them too, using their “stupid” cherns for organ and tissue donors. Everybody wins.

This talk is ridiculous and only acts to characterize our complete ignorance about our own human existence. Before we begin discussing the pragmatics of cloning, we have some other issues to solve. Like abortion. When does human life begin? Whose rights are more important: the parent’s or child’s, the organs or child’s? Does respecting human life mean protecting unborn babies or harvesting T-cells to treat the sick?

I know that life starts at conception. I know that abortion is evil. I also know that cloning are human life. I scored a 1450 on the SATs.

Andrew Henrick

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Do you plan to participate in activities celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. day?

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Knowledge must come through action; you can have no text which is not faince, save by trial."

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GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — When President George W. Bush took office one year ago, he vowed to reme­ dy a serious crisis in the U.S. justice system: the lack of federal judges. Few deny it is a crisis. The 6th circuit court of appeals, which has jurisdiction over the Western United States and has seen its caseload rise 95 percent in the last 15 years, also has five vacancies.

During the Clinton years the federal courts had, at any one time, between 80 and 100 vacancies, resulting in a massive backlog of cases. Yet despite his good intentions, at the end of Bush's first year in office, the number of vacancies on the federal bench has risen to 110. So what gives? The President has — as we have come to expect from him — held up the end of his bargaining, nominating 80 judges during the past year, enough to seriously alleviate the crisis.

The problem is this: only 28 of those nominees have gained the requisite confirmation by the Senate, and there are only 90 Senate votes. Of those 28 nominees, many have been rejected on political grounds. Perhaps the most effective argument for Democrats has been to point out that Bush's nominees have been confirmed by the Senate, while Leahy himself has refused to consider President Clinton's nominees for Democrats.

Perhaps the most effective argument for Democrats has been to point out that the Republicans did the same thing to President Clinton's nominees throughout his tenure. True, that certainly doesn't make the Democrats' inactions good for the country. The hypocrisy of Democratic leaders is evident when one considers that when Clinton was trying to push his nominees through the Senate when there were only 75 vacancies, Daschle claimed that "there is a dire shortage of judges". With some truth, Leahy has pointed out that the Senate is failing to address the vacancy crisis.

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Alberta Christine King. "Daddy" King changed his name in 1935 to Martin Luther King. Jan. 15, 1929

King leaves Booker T. Washington High School without graduating at the age of 15.

1948

King graduates from Morehouse College with a bachelor degree in Sociology. The same year, he is ordained a Baptist minister and appointed as a pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. He begins Divinity school at Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pa. He begins to study the writings of Gandhi.

1949

King receives his license to preach.

1951

King graduates from Crozer. Enters Boston University for graduate studies in theology.

1953

King marries Coretta Scott.

1954

King is appointed to Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala.

1955

Graduates with a Ph. D. in Systematic Theology from Boston University. King is elected to the president of the Montgomery Improvement Association on Dec. 5 after the Dec. 1st arrest of Rosa Parks for refusing to give her seat to a white man.

1956

The United States Supreme Court declares bus segregation unconstitutional. Busses are integrated on Dec., 20.

1957

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference is founded in February.
dreaming of events honoring the life and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The finale of "Operation Love" is the focal point of the entire celebration.

"The Peace Quilt: Tied Together in the Single Garment of Destiny" began with an idea from a sophomore committee member to make a quilt, an old African-American tradition that symbolized history. Quilts were sacred items in the home because of the stories and sentimental value sewn into the finished product.

The Peace Quilt required the time, effort and coordination of not only the MLK committee, but also the rest of Notre Dame and the surrounding community.

The process began with a kit to make a rainbow quilt. The committee approved of the colorful pattern, which was ideal for a week about harmony and diversity.

The next part of the quilt-making procedure involved the residence halls and more than 40 Notre Dame elementary schools. All dorms and schools were asked to design their own patch.

Susan Good, a technology consultant at the law school, sewed the decorated patches together. Although there were plenty of money in the budget, Good voluntarily gave her time and skill in the creation of the Peace Quilt without payment.

Her uncle, Holy Cross priest Steve Gibson, constructed a stand to display the final quilt. Chandra Johnson, a committee administrative co-chair, watched the development of the quilt from pieces of cloth to a work of art.

"I saw it, and it is the most beautiful thing I've ever seen," Johnson said.

She sees the quilt as a symbol of coming together, of connecting squares with glitter or doves or a big Z. A breathtaking representation of an entire community's interpretation of peace.

As one of the leaders of the MLK committee, Johnson admits that she was uncertain about the quilt idea at first because of the amount of organization and work involved. All the components eventually came together, however — especially when the patches began returning to her with vibrant and special pictures of peace.

"I'm going to explain the process of the quilt-making spiritually and theologically at the prayer service on Thursday, so that the community who comes can understand something that looks very, very difficult to do in the beginning actually becomes a divine work of art — it's the process of putting forth the effort," Johnson said.

The quilt, not easy to make but spectacular to see, is an appropriate way of honoring and the adversity he overcame to realize his famous dream.

The committee hopes the quilt can be prominently displayed on campus so that everyone who views it will see the importance of looking at not only each singular patch, with its solitary modes of love and peace, but also stepping back and seeing how each distinct square connects on all sides with the others to become even more impressive. Johnson emphasizes the importance of joining together in the midst of incredible changes in our world.

"We've been trained to see an aesthetic reality of a person and to immediately put them into a category," Johnson said.

The Peace Quilt was crafted in memory of King's ideals of acceptance and tolerance, to encourage that judging of people based on appearance and the pushing away of those who are different.

Just like in African-American tradition, the Peace Quilt is indeed a sacred item — for its meaning, its stories, and its beauty.

Keln Seifert is the chairperson of this year's MLK committee, which is hand selected by the administrative co-chairs. The committee is comprised of students and faculty from a diverse array of departments and backgrounds.

The result is a group of individuals who bring varied perspectives to the weekly meetings. For example, Notre Dame students Jourdan Sorrell, Darius Stewart and Habibah Bell even witnessed last spring's KKK rally firsthand as they and many others staged an opposing rally. They brought this experience with them in meeting discussions.

Seifert, who is heading the committee for the second year in a row, stresses the importance of self-analysis. Participants will be encouraged to assess their own responsibilities in seeking answers to the problems of society through King's message of tolerance and non-violence. He hopes that the events will help individuals look at their personal behaviors and prejudices, which is the first step to improving race relations.

Most importantly, Seifert wants every single participant to walk away with a positive feeling.

According to administrative co-chair Pricilla Wong, the focus will be on inspiring kindness.

"Our goal is to challenge the Notre Dame community, especially in light of the Sept. 11 incident, to examine our role and response to uplifting humanity," Wong said. Each MLK committee member has been working since fall to achieve this goal, hoping to elevate spirits in South Bend.

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The Irish held the Friars to 17.9
percent shooting in the second half and
allowed only one 3-point shot in
entire 40 minutes. Although Providence
managed to hold Notre Dame's leading 3-point
shooter, Alicia Ratay, to only six points,
one of which came from a 3-point shot, the
bench stepped it up from the
outside. Wicks hit three shots from
outside the arc in the second half, wrapping
up the outside effort. Bystamante began in the first half.

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tie. The Wildcats then
scored on two consecutive
plays with a quick fast
break and a midcourt
steal, increasing their lead
to five with less than a
minute leading Jackie Bateaft. She
also grabbed four rebounds and
two steals.

Joyce was hampered by pain
most of the game and asked to
come out in the first half.

"She's hurting and she's limited
at practice," McGraw said. "She's
playing very well, but you can tell.

Berton came on their bench with
her first double of the season,
scoring 10 rebounds and
then 11 points.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish hope to rebound against UConn

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

HARTFORD, Conn.
The Connecticut Huskies enter this afternoon's game against Notre Dame with a perfect 20-0 record, a 6-0 mark in the Big East and the No. 1 ranking in both the Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today polls.

The Huskies haven't just beaten all their opponents; they've annihilated them — winning by an average margin of 38.65 points, including a 112-43 drubbing of Pittsburgh on Jan. 2.

The Irish, on the other hand, may be the defending NCAA Champions, but without Ruth Riley, Kelley Siemon and Niele Ivey, have proved to be mortals. Notre Dame comes into its only nationally televised regular-season game as an unranked, with a 10-6 record (4-1 in the Big East). So when Notre Dame's Ruth Graw looks at today's game, she is realistic.

"It's not about what we do
defensively or what we run on
offense," McGraw said Sunday after practice. "It's just about facing up against the best team in the nation and not
backing down. That's what we want
to do. We could play a great game and lose by 15 and
that's the way it is. We just
want to not lose the game feeling
that we did our best."

McGraw makes a good
point. Connecticut's list of
players reads like a who's who of the
country's top teams. UConn
beat No. 7 Vanderbilt 66-50 on Nov.
18, No. 3 Oklahoma 86-72 on Dec.
22, and No. 2 Tennessee 66-72 on Jan.
5. So if the Irish can stay within 20
points of the Huskies today, they'll be pretty good
comparing.

"When the No. 1 team beats
the No. 2 team by 20 [actually
14] on their home floor, you
really kind of think this team is
the best in the country," McGraw
said. "I think people are probably
starting to compare scor­
groups."

Connecticut has put together
its perfect record with an
experienced starting five — a
manner not much different
than that employed by the
Irish last season. Notre Dame's Riley, Siemon and Ivey
used the experience of playing
together for four years to their
advantage.

Connecticut seniors Sue Bird, Tamika Williams, Swin Cash and Asja Jones join sophomore Diana Taurasi in a starting five where every player averages at least 10.5 points per

"I don't think anybody
comparably to them just because
they have five people who are
so versatile and do so many
tings well," McGraw said. "I
think their transition game is
the best in the country. I think
they have the best backcourt
in the country and it's coming
down to who's the best player
in the country — Sue Bird or
Diana Taurasi.

What makes the Huskies hard to
guard is their balance on offense.

"With every other team you
play there's usually someone
that you can sort of lay off and not worry about and
matchup with everybody else," McGraw
said. "With this team, we real­
ly don't have any good backcourt player and
it's going to be hard for us to
play through that."

While the Huskies have been
led by the veterans all season
long, the Irish have rebounded
from a 2-4 start to win eight of
their last 10 games behind the
Irish's scoring just one less than
their average. "This is a game
where every player averages

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Thomas, Irish will overcome recent struggles

By ANDREW SOUKUP
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The frustration on Chris Thomas' face revealed more about the young point guard than the black-and-white numbers on the stat sheet. Midway through the second half, Notre Dame's prize freshman stood clutching the basketball behind the 3-point arc without a Kentucky defender in the same zip code. Although he had missed six shots from downtown already, Thomas didn't hesitate to pull the trigger again.

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Tipped around by several players, the ball flew through the air and returned to Thomas' hands. This time, he took a step to the left, hesitated for an instant and launched another 3-pointer.

And as Thomas ran into the North Carolina State defense, the ball behind the 3-point line with two minutes on the clock, he knew it was going in, too.

"You know I was going to shoot that," the freshman smiled after the game. "And you knew it was going in, too."

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SMC Basketball
Belles’ upset of Adrian falls short

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s was on the verge of an upset until the final minutes of their game Saturday afternoon against Adrian College. The Belles lost to the Bulldogs 81-76.

Coming off a home win over Olivet, the Belles were expecting the short, but physically strong Adrian squad to present a formidable challenge.

And for the most part, the Belles rose to meet that challenge.

The Bulldogs and the Belles were neck and neck for most of the first half, and the Belles led 44-41 at the half. They proceeded to hold the lead for the first 14 minutes of the second half. It was then that the Bulldogs increased their shooting accuracy, while Saint Mary’s got into foul trouble, the Belles are pleased with the their overall performance.

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Saint Mary’s senior

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Saint Mary’s sophomore

“I’m just thinking upset.”

“We were just thinking upset. We know that we were a good team from last year. Last year they beat us by a considerable amount,” said Belles senior Elizabeth Linkous.

“We just decided if we went in there and played our game we would beat them. And we played our game, but I think if we would have made our foul shots we would have won.”

Saint Mary’s shot 46.7 percent from the line, a drastic change from its 87.5 percent shooting Wednesday night versus Olivet. Adrian sank 20 free throws out of 23 attempts, and the Bulldogs’ Ra’Shida Edwards, the MIAA Player of the Week, went 5-5 from the line, adding to her 19 points and seven boards.

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“I’m not upset at all because we played really well,” said Katie Miller. “It would have been better if we had won obviously.”

“I’m pretty happy. Last year we won six games. We’re not all the way through the first round of conference play.”

The Belles have also overcome another weakness, the loss of four key players.

“I think it affected us at first, but now, we’ve gotten past that and we know that the team we have now we are going to have to work with.” Linkous said. “Coach Smith thought we played excellent. It was a really big step up from the past games we’ve played.”

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The Belles will take on Kalamazoo on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

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Women win, men take third

By DAVID COOK
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Just how strong is Liz Grow this year? Liz Grow, a senior, was suffering from a stress fracture in her right foot right before winter break because of a string of intense workouts. Then she came back for the first Notre Dame home meet and won both the 500-meter run and the 200-meter dash, leading the Irish to a victory with a total of 136 points Friday night. Ball State finished second with 109.5 points and Western Michigan was third with 86.5 points.

If that's not impressive enough, consider that before this race Grow had never run in anything above 400 meters. Irish assistant coach John Miller put her in the 500-meter run so that she could take it easy on the foot. But Grow had different expectations from herself.

"I knew I could win," said Grow. "There was one other girl from Western Michigan, I knew if I could cut her off, I knew I could win if I just maintained my pace." Last year in the NCAA outdoor championships, Grow had taken 13th place overall in the 400-meter dash. This year, she has set her expectations even higher.

"I wasn't happy with last year at all actually," said Grow. "It was just a long season for me. But this year, every year obviously, I expect myself to win." Grow was not the only one with success for the women's track and field team. The team posted an impressive 13 first place finishes in 16 total events.

In other sprinting events, Ayesha Boyd and Kristen Dodd enjoyed considerable success. Boyd took first in the 60 meter dash with a time of 7.38 seconds and third in the 400 meter dash, while Dodd took third place in the 60-meter and second in the 200-meter dash.

In the women's pole vault, Notre Dame took the top three places. Jill VanWeelden took first with a height 11-6. Jaime Volkmer vaulted the same height, but she had more jumps. Natalie Halliet was in third with a height of 10-6. The men's team was led to a third place by the surprising leadership of two freshmen. Eric Morse, who took first place in the 800-meter run even though he was running in the second heat. His time of 1:54.29 proved to be better than any runner in the first heat.

"The 800 has always been my strongest race," said Morrison. "It's a relief to finally have a good race. I feel like I've had a pretty disappointing cross country season, so this is my first race that I consider to be a good race." Fellow freshman S el i m N u r u d e e n also claimed his first home collegiate victory Friday night, taking first place in the 60-meter hurdles. Nurudeen finished in a time of 8.11 seconds. Sophomore Napoleon Suarez, running in the second heat of the race, took second with a time of 8.30 seconds.

Western Michigan won the meet (123.5 points) with Ball State finishing second (111). Notre Dame earned 103.5 points.

Senior Luke Watson also claimed a first place finish in the 3000 meter run with a personal best 8:14.52, less than 4 seconds off the NCAA provisional qualifying time. Unfortunately for Watson, he had to run the final three laps with no competition.

The fourth victory was claimed by the men's 4x440 relay team. The team won the race with a time of 3:18.70, a commanding second-second lead in front of second place Western Michigan. Unfortunately for the Irish, they were without several top performers in high jumper Quill Redwine and distance runners Mark Striowski and Pat Conway. Junior sprinter and jumper Tom Gilbert was also not in action Friday night. The men's and women's track and field team will be in action again this Friday night in a dual meet against Michigan State. Events start at 6 p.m. on Meade Field.

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By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Sports Writer

Oakland head coach Pete Hoveland is starting to think that his team should swim Notre Dame in its own pool.

"That cliché — that old adage that it’s tough to win on the road in your home pool. After all, he’s lost the last three meets he’s had at Rolfs Aquatic Center. And after Notre Dame beat the Golden Grizzlies 162.5-133.5 Saturday in Irish waters, Hoveland thought a change of scenery might do his team some good.

"You love that home pool advantage," Hoveland said. "That cliché — that old adage that it’s tough to win on the road in the NCAA is true."

But the Irish are content in keeping the series where it is — in their home pool. After defeating Oakland for the second time this season, Irish head coach Tim Welsh seemed to think the Oakland squad could compete in his pool any time.

"We definitely want them to keep coming here every year," said Welsh.

The match-up — Notre Dame’s toughest dual meet competition of the season — was a battle for points from the beginning. Oakland captured the 200-yard medley relay, while Notre Dame teamed for a 2-3 finish in the first event of the meet.

In fact, Oakland swimmers captured first place finishes in three of the first five events of the meet. Oakland victories in the relay, the 200-yard freestyle and 100-yard breaststroke had Notre Dame just a little nervous their depth couldn’t overcome Oakland’s headliners.

But mid-session, Notre Dame answered with swimmers sweeping the top three places in the 200-yard butterfly. Sophomore J.B. Teddy led the Irish butterfly squad finishing first in 1 minute, 54.97 seconds, followed by sophomore Lucas Wymore in second and sophomore Brian Coughlan in third.

"That was a critical turning point for us," Welsh said. "That wasn’t something — looking at it before the meet — you’d have said was going to happen.

Butterfly continued to be a strong event for the Irish, when swimmers swept the top four places in the 100-yard butterfly later in the meet. Freshman Frank Krakowski won the event in 51.24, followed by senior David Horak, Coughlan and Wymore.

Depth proved to be the Irish’s strong point, with several Irish swimmers teaming for top finishes or two-three sweeps. Capturing enough of the runner-up finishes when Oakland swimmers grabbed first helped put the Irish ahead on the point spread.

"We wanted to break up their power, which we did," Welsh said. "And when we were able to win an event, we could back it up."

Junior divers Andy Maggio and Tony Xie combined to sweep the 1-meter diving, and Maggio also grabbed first in the 1-meter event.

Teddy combined with senior Jonathan Pierce for a claim on the top two spots in the 500-yard freestyle. Horak, junior Jason Coletis and junior John Hudson combined for second, third and fourth places in the 200-yard backstroke.

Junior Jason Fitzpatrick and senior Mike Koss teamed for second and third place finishes in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Pierce won the 1,650-yard freestyle, and Mohan won the 400-yard individual medley.

"We capitalized on all the places where they had holes," Pierce said. "This is definitely a big confidence booster."

The Irish, who improve to 9-3 on the season with the win against Oakland, return to the pool on Saturday against Villanova.

Sophomore Matt Obringer competes in freestyle at Rolfs Aquatic Center Saturday. Obringer competed in the 200-yard and 500-yard freestyle events for the Irish.

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The Irish dropped two home games to conference rival Nebraska-Omaha — 3-2 on Friday and 4-2 on Saturday — and missed an opportunity to pick up points in a very tight CCHA race.

The losses were quite tough for the team, because in both games the Irish played well enough to win, but on both nights Irish shooters were consistently foiled by Maverick goaltender Dan Ellis.

"It was frustrating. We played well over the last two games and outshot them," Irish center Connor Dunlop said. "We got 40-plus shots each night, but we couldn't solve Ellis." The Irish outshot their opponents 90-45 in the two games. However, Ellis managed to turn away 86 of those 90 shots in leading his team to victory. In addition, the Irish failed to take advantage of several key opportunities to score, while their opponents made the most of their opportunities.

"It's interesting because we had our chances to win," coach Dave Poulin said. "It comes down to them making plays and us not making plays. We had great chances, but it's just good fortune because they didn't go in." The Mavericks came out firing at the beginning of the game Saturday, taking the role of the early aggressor against the Irish, but 10:48 into the contest, the Mavericks grabbed the lead when right wing Scotty Turner put back a rebound from a shot by center Andrew Wong. Irish goaltender Morgan Cey made a lunging kick save to stop Wong's shot, but was unable to do anything about the Turner goal.

Nebraska-Omaha added to its lead three minutes later when Maverick captain David Brison turned most of the Irish defenders down the rink and took a shot on Cey. The freshman goalie stopped the first attack, but Maverick Anthony Adams quickly followed with a rebound that got by Cey.

"Both the first and the second goals were rebound goals, and there were missing opportunities for us," Poulin said.

The Irish got their first goal back just 13 seconds later when center Rob Globke blasted a shot past Ellis. Defensemen Evan Nielsen and Neil Komadzie were credited with assists on the play.

The best scoring opportunity in the second period came about eight minutes into the period during an Irish power play. Irish defenseman Brett Lebda fired a shot from the blue line that got past Ellis, but bounced off the cross bar. The puck then got back to Lebda who blasted another shot that was stopped this time by Ellis. Dunlop, however, had an opportunity to put in the rebound with Ellis flat on the ice, but his shot also struck the bar and bounced away.

"We moved it around pretty well tonight (on the power play)," Dunlop said. "We ended up getting one power play goal, but we've got to make sure we get those chances and take advantage of them because that's really the difference in this league." Over the course of the two games, Notre Dame was 2 for 17 in power play opportunities, whereas Nebraska-Omaha was 3 for 8.

In the third period, penalties again hurt the Irish when Wong took a pass from left wing Jeff Hoggan and slapped a one-timer past Cey during the Maverick power play to build a 3-1 advantage.

Late in the third period, the Irish chipped away at the Maverick lead. During an Irish power play, Lebda slipped a pass from behind the net to left wing David Imman, who knocked a one-timer by Ellis.

The nail in the coffin for the Irish came at the 17:37 mark when Shane Glover took a crossing pass from Hoggan and shot it past Cey for the Mavericks' fourth and final goal.

In the context Friday night, it was the Irish who came out firing, but many of their bullets missed the mark. In that first period, the Irish outshot the Mavericks 17-2, but only managed one goal for their efforts.

With 4:50 left in the first period, center John Wrrleslawski snuck one past Ellis with assists from Nielsen and left wing Brad Wachukal to give the Irish the early lead.

Just two minutes into the second period, it appeared that the Irish would add to their lead, but with the Maverick goalie down, right wing Michael Chin misdrot on his shot from close range.

Instead, Nebraska-Omaha would tie the game at the 5:31 mark of the second period when Irish defender Tom Galvin lost the puck right in front of the net. Brison was able to put the puck past Cey on the easy breakaway.

Midway through the period, Nebraska-Omaha got its first lead of the night on a power play. Defender Greg Zanon took a one-timer from the blue line and fired it into the net.

The Irish defense locked down the Mavericks after those two early second period goals and prevented the Mavericks from opening up their lead.

At the 13:02 mark of the third period, Dunlop managed to tie the game for Notre Dame by knocking in a rebound after shots from Lebda and Imman, who were both credited with assists.

With just over a minute left in regulation, it appeared the teams were headed for overtime.

After a couple of Irish defenders got entangled in front of the net, Maverick wing Shane Glover was able to shoot the puck past Cey for the game-winning goal.

The weekend proved to be the first this year that the Irish were shutout in earning points towards the conference standings.

"It's frustrating because it's the first CCHA weekend that we failed to take away points," Poulin said. "At this point in the year, every point is going to be absolutely critical."

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HOCKEY

Irish unable to solve Maverick goaltender

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RACEDAY

BY JON STRANGE
Managing Editor

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Responding positively to the news of its No. 7 pre-season ranking, the men's tennis team opened its season on Saturday by blanking both No. 75 UC-Irvine and No. 64 Furman, posting 7-0 victories against each squad.

With support from the entire lineup, Notre Dame starts the season 2-0 for the sixth time in the last seven seasons. Twelve different players notched victories for the Irish in doubles and singles action.

"We had a good week of practice here before everybody got back to school," senior Casey Smith said. "By the way I've seen everybody playing, I was kind of expecting everybody to come out strong like we did.

In their first match-up of the day against UC-Irvine, Notre Dame sped to an early opening lead with wins from 83rd-ranked Luis Haddock-Morales at No. 3 singles and 88th-ranked Smith at No. 1 doubles. Aaron Talarico then notched a victory at No. 5 singles, while 95th-ranked Javier Taborga clinched the Irish win by defeating his UC-Irvine opponent at No. 1 singles.

Wins by Matt Scott and Andrew Laffin at the respective Nos. 4 and 6 positions secured the singles sweep for Notre Dame.

Evidenced by wins from each level of the Irish lineup, depth is a key attribute in recognizing Notre Dame as a national contender, leading to its early success and an optimistic outlook on the unfolding season.

"We think we have a very solid team," Taborga said. "We have so many guys that can play at the bottom of the lineup. I think all of the guys are starting to realize that every match is going to be tough, and we have to play really well in every position to win. I just hope that we can hold it up and keep on building as the year goes by, because the goal is the NCAA's.

The Irish had no difficulty keeping the wins coming against UC-Irvine, taking all three doubles matches to win the doubles point and complete the 7-0 win. The pairing of James Mahalme and Ashok Raju won handily at No. 1, upsetting UC-Irvine's 27th-ranked team of Jonathan Endrikat and Brian Morton. The duo of Brien D'Amico and Brian Farrell and the team of Ben Hatten and Paul McNaughton won at the second and third positions respectively.

The easy wins for the Irish came to a dead halt in the opening doubles action against Furman in the second dual-match of the day. Furman's John Chesworth and James Cameron, ranked 14th, stunned Notre Dame's sixth ranked Taborga and Smith at No. 1 doubles, beating the Irish duo 8-3. However, the Irish came back to clinch the doubles point and secure a 1-0 lead with wins from the team of Haddock-Morales and Talarico at No. 2 and the pairing of D'Amico and Mahalme at No. 3. Despite the early setback, the Irish proved to be an experienced squad — a characteristic Taborga identifies as a reason for their No. 7 ranking.

"I think the experience is one (reason for the No. 7 ranking)," Taborga said. "So if you take all the six guys that have played last year, we are more experienced than what we were. And if we got to be No. 10 with that team, than I think now we are a top 10 team, because we have built on what we had last year.

"It's a big challenge because if people think we are that high that they are going to come after us harder than prior years. We just have to be ready to take that challenge," Taborga continued.

Notre Dame accepted such a challenge in the singles play against Furman, as each Irish player came off the court with a win. Farrell increased Notre Dame's lead to 2-0 with a win at No. 6, followed by Scott who downed his opponent at No. 2. Taborga clinched the second dual-match victory for the Irish of the day, winning at No. 2, while Smith triumphed at No. 1 and Haddock-Morales at No. 3.

Standing at 2-0 at the beginning of the much anticipated spring season, the Irish already knew this team stands apart from teams in the past.

"I think there are a couple things that make us special," Smith said. "First, the fact that we have a lot of seniors on the team. We've been playing with each other for a long time, and there's a good chemistry there. Also, everybody is very hungry. We haven't been able to have some of the success that we've envisioned in the past, and because of that we are very hungry to realize our goals. And with the talent, the chemistry, and the desire — that makes us pretty strong.

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Irish senior Lindsey Green was victorious Saturday in the consolation semifinals of the National Collegiate Tennis Invitational.

Green defeated UNLV's Agnieska Abram 7-5, 6-4. She did not compete in the consolation finals originally scheduled for Sunday due to their cancellation.

On Friday, Green lost her first-round singles match to UNLV's Tracy Chang 6-3, 6-2. She then came back for a victory in the consolation bracket by defeating Ashley Roberts of Tennessee 6-3, 6-1, 6-1.

Green, the only Notre Dame player to compete in the first event of the Irish spring schedule, has won four of her last five matches dating back to the fall season.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can reach your goals if you are working too hard and it’s time to reward yourself. Consider taking a break or doing something different.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your intuition is strong today. You are open to new ideas and experiences and are ready to take on new challenges.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take time to step into a new phase that offers greater interaction with others. You should consider getting involved in activities that will help you meet new people.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may not get along with everyone at work today, but don’t let your job get you down. If you are happy at work, you might want to consider looking for a new position.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You are ambitious and motivated today. You will attend events that will be a great chance to make new connections and make new friends.

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Wildcats claw past Irish

By KERRY SMITH
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In the end, the Wildcats were just too deep for the Irish. Down by 12-65 at the Joyce Center Saturday afternoon, the No. 12 Wildcats played on rested legs for most of the game, while the unranked Irish struggled to keep up.

"Depth is a plus for them," senior forward David Graves said. "They know their roles. They'll rotate in five guys just as good as the five starters."

Nine Kentucky players logged double-digit minutes on the court, as guard Keith Bogans led the squad with a game- and season-high 23 points. No other Kentucky player scored more than nine.

Bogans, who had been hurting all season, scored more than nine. "That's why they're so good. Someone unexpected can just pull up with a 20-point night," Graves said.

But as usual this season, the Irish did not let their opponent go home with an easy win. Paced by guard Matt Carroll's deadly first-half shooting behind the arc, the Irish kept the score close.

Midway through the first half, Carroll took control of the offense, scoring 13-straight Irish points. The junior hit a jumper in the lane to give the Irish a one-point 12-11 lead and then followed through with two 3-pointers to give the Irish their largest lead of the game, 18-14.

But the Wildcats soon stiffened their defense on Carroll, as he finished the game with only five more points.

"His arm was probably tired," Kentucky head coach Tubby Smith joked about Carroll's streaky shooting.

But in reality, the Wildcat defense hadn't tuned in on their biggest threat. Wildcat defenders kept a close eye on Carroll and his teammates.

"They didn't hop off at all," Carroll said.

With the help of Carroll's first-half performance, the Irish had a chance to head into halftime with some momentum, but failed to capitalize on key opportunities.

Trailing by three with less than two minutes to play, reserve Irish forward Jordan Corzette scored and drew a foul, but failed to convert on the free throw attempt to bring the Notre Dame within one instead of a

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ND Women's Basketball

Irish overcome slow start to defeat Friars

By KATIE McVOY
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While most of the country was focusing on what the Irish could do against the sup­ranked Connecticut Huskies today, the Irish were focused on taking care of business on Saturday. A strong Notre Dame bench came out against Providence and took home a solid 69-41 victory, marking just the second time the team has won a road game this season.

"I think the bench just played a great, great game," said Irish head coach Muffet McGraw. "We had five people off the bench just play a great game. That's obviously what we needed."

Six minutes into the first period, things were not looking good for the Irish. The Friars jumped out to an early 12-4 lead as the Irish were shooting just 2-10 from the field. But that wouldn't last for long. Following a time out, freshman Allison Rustamuto, who arguably had her best game of the season, turned things around with a 3-pointer that began a 19-2 Irish run.

"It's always great to start off with a 3-point shot," said the forward, who totaled a season high 12 points and five rebounds during her 31 minutes of play. "Whenever you hit a big three like that, it pumps up the team."

"I think she's really been getting ready and today was maybe her break-out game," McGraw said.

The 19-2 run gave the Irish a 23-14 lead, a lead that they never relinquished. With help from bench players Le'Tania Severe, Kelewy Wicks, Teresa Borton and Katy Flecky, Notre Dame headed into the locker room with a five-point lead at halftime. After trailing early, the Irish found the inspiration they needed to step up play.

"Coach McGraw has been talking about a sense of urgency," Wicks said. "Finally today, maybe it clicks a little bit more. We were down, we were just like, 'Listen, we have to pull out of this.'"

In the second half of play, the Irish did more than just pull out of it. Providence scored only 14 points in the second half as compared to Notre Dame's 37.

Although the Friars, who hit seven of 10 3-pointers the last time they faced the Irish, this time they couldn't seem to hit a shot from the outside. The strong Irish 2-3 zone shut down the Providence offense. The last time these two teams faced off, Providence managed to pull Notre Dame out

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Irish freshman Jacqueline Batteast leaps for the ball during the tip-off at the start of the game against Providence. The Irish won 69-41.